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(All links have been tried in April 2005 and should work)

Information on all Augustana churches in Chicago:
   http://www.elca.org/archives/chicagochurches/chicago.html
New blog with interesting articles: http://www.davidlambertblog.com/
What happened today in Massachusetts history: http://www.massmoments.org/
Guide to Chicago Church and Synagogue Records:
   http://www.newberry.org/genealogy/L3gabout.html
Guide to Chicago Neighborhood Research:
   http://www.newberry.org/genealogy/L3gabout.html
The rich and famous in the Census: http://www.rootdig.com/famouscensus.html
About Charles and Camilla: http://www.notablekin.org/camillabowles.html
Dictionary of Canadian Biography: http://www.biographi.ca
Database of people buried in Veteran cemeteries in the U.S.:
   http://gravelocator.cem.va.gov/j2ee/servlet/NGL_v1
Lots of interesting articles:
   http://www.familytreemagazine.com/ancestornews/previous.html
Database of Swedish soldiers in the Allottment system (indelningsverket): http://soldat.dis.se/
Database of victims in San Francisco earthquake: http://www.sfmuseum.org/perished/index.html
Deceased people in New York City until 1929: http://www.italiangen.org/NYCDensitySearch.stm
Marriages in New York for early 1900s (not complete): http://www.italiangen.org/NYMARRIAGE.stm

New and Noteworthy

(short notes on interesting books and articles)

There is a new book about tracing people in Chicago! Order Finding Your Chicago Ancestors, by Grace DuMelle, librarian at the Newberry Library in Chicago, for $16.95, plus $2.50 p/h, from many online booksellers and directly from the publisher, Lake Claremont Press, at www.lakeclaremont.com or call 773-583-7800.

Alberta Anderson Finke is a lady who lives in California, but has Swedish roots. A cousin of hers found a number of old letters in her attic, some 50 letters that Alberta’s great-grandfather wrote to his family in Småland in the 1860s. Other letters were found in a trunk in Chicago, as well as lots of pictures and poems. So Alberta decided to put together a family history book based on this material and the Swedish records. The book is very interesting, it is called In Their Own Words (1990, ISBN 0-945037-04-X), and can be bought for the modest!! sum of about $20 from the McHenry Museum Store, 1402 I Street, Modesto, CA 95350, phone: 209-491-4347. Parishes mentioned are Linderås and Marbäck in Småland, and Hulterstad and Segerstad on Öland.

A growing series of books is the Images of America, published by Arcadia Publishing. An example is the volume that is entitled Swedes of Greater Worcester, by Eric J. Salomonsson, William O. Hultgren, and Philip C. Becker (2002, ISBN 0-7385-1089-0). The book starts with some pictures from the Old Country, and then from various important parts of the immigrants’ lives, like church, work, family life, parades, and political meetings. The pictures are surprisingly sharp, so it might be possible to identify even the ones on the furthest benches in the view of the congregation of Salem Covenant Church.

If this kind of books interests you, check out their catalog at http://www.arcadiapublishing.com/