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3. The House of Genealogy

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The House of Genealogy (*Släktfors-karnas Hus*) is a private institution in beautiful Leksand, by Lake Siljan in Dalarna.

Being private means that they have to charge an hourly, daily, or yearly fee, which is shown on their web site.

The House of Genealogy, which started in 1992, is geared to be the researcher's best friend.

There are 40 research seats. There are microfiche of *all* Swedish church records, from the beginning to sometimes even into the early 1930s, depending on whether the parish has yet been microfilmed that far. When you work in a specific parish, you can have the folder with the microfiche for that parish right next to your reader. When your ancestor moves to another county, those records are on the next shelf, so you just follow him there.

They have microfiche of probates from the Göta and Svea Court of Appeals (*hovrätter*), and for 13 counties; more information is available on the web site.

They also have an extensive research library with the most common reference books. There are several computers with the various CD databases and Internet access to both Swedish and some American databases. You can also hook up your own computer to wireless access to the Internet.

You can also find information here on most emigrants from Dalarna.

The staff is very friendly and more or less English-speaking.

The House of Genealogy also takes on research assignments for a fee, and you can also book a personal helper during your visit there.



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Opening hours: Monday–Thursday 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.
Friday 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

It is advisable to book a research seat in advance.

Where to stay: check out <http://www.siljan.se/ny2004/eng/index.htm>
Moskogen is the closest hotel

To get there: Leksand is 3-4 hours northwest of Stockholm by road, and there is also train service.



Part of the main research room. In the back are some of the file folders with church records on microfiche.