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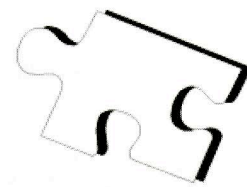
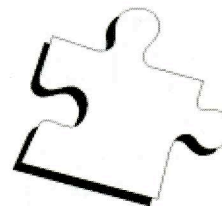
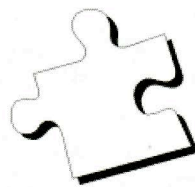
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Kyrkhult is Closing

The microfiche research center in Kyrkhult, Blekinge, will close its doors forever on **April 27th**.

This sad event is caused by a decreasing number of visitors and growing costs.

Unfortunately, this important information is lacking on its English-language web page, but found on the Swedish pages.

It is possible that the microfiche collection, which was rented from the Swedish National Archives, may be placed in the Regional Archives (*landsarkivet*) in Lund, and thus available to researchers in southern Sweden.

Canadian Records Online

Ancestry.com, the huge database provider, has now opened a special portal for Canadian researchers at www.ancestry.ca. At the moment they have, for instance, a number of Censuses:

- * 1911 Canada, Census
- * Ontario, Canada Census Index, 1871
- * Durham County, Ontario, Census, 1861
- * Blenheim, Chatham, and Harwich, Kent County, Ontario, Census, 1881

and also some military records, passenger lists, and more coming at a fast pace. They are also promising a French language version soon.

A subscription for a year costs CDN\$ 99:95, and for one month CDN\$ 14:95.

There are also other options for subscribing, so check out their web site.

Canadian Passenger Lists to Be Available in March

The National Archives Canada originally planned to start placing digitized images of passenger lists online by the end of 2005. The project has slipped to March. It will include almost every port of entry for the years 1865 to 1921. Currently there are no plans for the Archives to include a name index to these records. The Nanaimo Family History Society of British Columbia plans to index all passengers at Halifax and Quebec (Montreal is included in the Port of Quebec) from 1900 to 1921. (*Nu, What's New?* 22/1-06)

A Wise Man

Thomas Overbury, 1581-1613 said: *The man that hath not anything to boast but his illustrious ancestors is like a potato: the only good belonging to him is underground.*

A New CD Database

Just before Christmas many genealogists finally got the CD:s they had long been waiting for.

The *Person- och Lokalhistoriskt Forskarcentrum Oskarshamn (PLF)* has for many years had volunteers all over Kalmar län who have been transcribing births, deaths, and marriages into a huge database. This database has now been released on four CD:s: one for northern Kalmar län with some parishes in Östergötland, one with the middle Kalmar län, one with the southern part of the län, and the fourth with the parishes on Öland. The database is a wonderful help, as long as one remembers to check everything in the original church records.

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The Bridge Conference

Plans continue to progress and excitement is building for the Swedish Bridge Conference to be held this fall in Karlstad, Sweden. Further information, including details about add-on tours both before and after the conference, is available on the Swedish Council website

<www.swedishcouncil.org>. Many workshop and networking opportunities will be offered – all in English, the official conference language.

(*News of Swedish America*, Feb. 2006)

[Ed:s note: Your SAG editor plans to be there, and hopes to meet with some readers]

Swedes in Franklin's Time

The American Swedish Historical Museum in Philadelphia presents the exhibition *Becoming Americans: Swedes in the Time of Franklin*. This exhibition explores some of the many ways in which the Swedish settlers adapted to their new environment, rapidly changing governments, and the evolving social expectations of the new American society taking shape around them. The exhibition opened on 9 March and ends 27 August.

(*News of Swedish America*, Feb. 2006)

The Swedish Genealogist's Days

The yearly *Släktforskardagarna* (Genealogist's Days) will take place in Nacka, just outside Stockholm on 12-13 August. For the first time there will be an entrance fee of about \$5 (40 SEK). There will be lectures and exhibitions from societies, archives, and commercial vendors.