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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 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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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.