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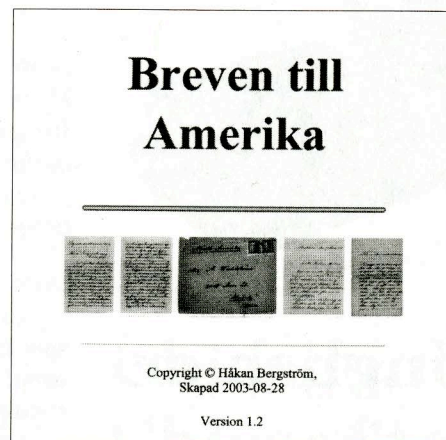
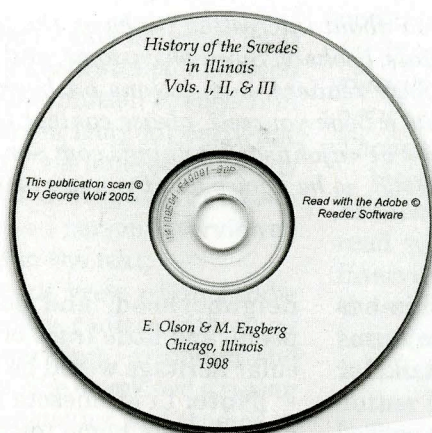
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Two Interesting CD:s



Surfing on the Internet I suddenly ended up on a web site, where the web master said he sold out-of-print genealogy books. That sounded interesting and I followed the links to "Other genealogy" and checked to see if there was anything of Swedish interest.

I found one book mentioned there, "History of Swedes in Illinois – 1908," originally published by E. Olsson and M. Engberg in 1908 in three volumes. Total number of pages was almost 1,500, and a great number of individuals were listed with biographies.

The first volume covers the general history of the Swedes in Illinois, and the second volume the Swedes in Chicago, with biographies like the one to the right. The third volume covers the various counties of Illinois, with similar biographies, mostly also with a photo of the person in question. There are even a few women listed.

All this has been scanned and made into pdf-files, and organized with hyperlinks, so it is fairly easy to navigate the CD. The indexes are also hyperlinked, so just click on the person you want to read about, and he/she will soon be on your screen. It is of course possible to print out pages, if you want to. It is necessary to use Adobe Reader 7™, which is a free download from

www.adobe.com

ANDREW HANSON,

contractor and builder, was born in Tyde parish, Skåne, Sweden, April 18, 1855. After learning the carpenter's trade he emigrated to America in 1878, reaching Chicago the same year. He was first employed by Bohman & Larson, organ manufacturers. The Carsley & East Manufacturing Co. then employed him for six years. Mr. Hanson started in business for himself in 1894¹ as a carpenter and builder, and has since made a specialty of erecting private residences in the northern suburbs.

Mr. Hanson was married in 1889 to Miss Mary Nelson. Their children are: Alice, born 1890; Mabel, 1891; Ellen, 1894; Jennings, 1896, and George, 1899.

Mr. Hanson is a member of the I. O. S.

The web site where you can find this CD, and others of local interest is

<http://geneo.sales.home.insightbb.com/>

The price of the CD was \$15 + postage, which was reasonable and the delivery very fast. The same book in paper format is more than \$100.

The Letters to America

The other CD I would like to present is called "Breven till Amerika" [Let-

ters to America] and is based on letters that Håkan Bergström found in a box, belonging to a distant cousin in Tennessee. All these letters have been scanned and transcribed and put on this CD. Håkan has also translated them, which gives you an opportunity to catch a glimpse of life in Sweden in the old days.

Among the letters, Håkan found a total number of 12 letters sent from the common forefathers in Sweden. The rest of the letters were written from other friends and relatives in Sweden and from friends in U.S.A.. All the letters were addressed to Anders "Andrew" Wahlström or to his daughters in Mobile, Alabama, U.S.A., where the family lived. They were all written in 1912 to 1931.

Anders Wahlström was born 13 Feb. 1841 in Film, Uppl., and died 3 March 1931 in Mobile, Alabama. His wife was *Maria Kjellström*, born 28 May 1839, also in Film, and she died 2 July 1918 in Mobile. Anders and his family immigrated in 1870, and their story is told on the CD.

These letters make fascinating reading, and the CD is well done and easy to navigate with Internet Explorer™ and Adobe Reader™.

Håkan Bergström has a nice web site, but as the address is very long, it is on the link page, p. 35.

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