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# A New Great Tool for the Emigrant Researcher!

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A new important tool for emigrant researchers was released just in time for the annual *Släktforskar-dagarna* (Genealogy Days) in late August of this year.

This tool is called *Emibas*, and is the first public version of a database that has been in the works for a long time.

For many years, from at least the early 1980s, volunteers have been going through the *husförhörslängder* and *flyttningsslängder* (removal records) and excerpted all notes that had anything to do with emigration, which means that notes like "escaped to Amerika;" "said to be in Germany" are also excerpted.

Then the excerptors entered this information on special forms. These forms have since been entered into a huge database at the *Swedish Emigrant Institute* in Växjö. Lately the database was put into the capable hands of Anna-Lena Hultman, who corrected many errors and generally made it usable. Then the team, Johan Gidlöf and Carl Szabad, who are responsible for the successful CDs *Sveriges dödbok*, *Sveriges befolkning*, etc., also published by the *Sveriges Släktforskarförbund*, gave it a similar interface, easy to use.

*Emibas* has information on about 1.1 million individuals leaving Sweden for many countries. The most common one is *Norra Amerika* (the U.S. and Canada), but you can also find emigrants to South Africa, Australia, New Zealand, Denmark, and Germany. There are almost 5,000 different destinations listed – the Swedes are everywhere!

Around 25% of the emigrants are still missing, and will hopefully be added to the database in the next years and published. A new project

of the *Släktforskarförbund* is under way to get more volunteers to work on the parishes that have not been registered yet. The goal is to complement older registrations up to 1930, and in some cases also back to the 1840s. At the moment all parishes in Norrbottens län, Uppsala län and several parishes in Stockholm city are lacking information on any emigrants.

If you wish to see what is being done, you can go to the following web site:

[www.genealogi.se/emigrant/emibas/lan.htm](http://www.genealogi.se/emigrant/emibas/lan.htm)

and then choose the *län* you are interested in.

which contains a number of databases, including one that was also called *Emibas*. That *Emibas* only contained emigrants living in the city of Göteborg, but the new separate one covers most of the country.

The main database on *Emigranten* is called *Emihamn*, and is based on the tickets that the travellers showed at the Police Chamber (*Poliskammaren*) at the port of departure.

So now you first check your immigrant in the new *Emibas* to see when and from where he was leaving Sweden, and then you check *Emihamn* to see where he was going, and after 1892 you continue with *Ellis Island*, to find out more.

## What about *Emigranten*?

*Emigranten* is the double-CD that was released a few years ago, and

## How to use *Emibas*

After installation of the CD, which is autorunning, you will find an almost empty screen. Click on the

Emibas. Search

SEARCH CLEAR

Last name First name

cassel peter

Date of birth Title

Man Woman Unmarried Married Widow/-er Divorced

Place of birth Country/place County Parish Province

Place of residence County Parish/place Province

Date of emigration Destination (country/place)

Free search

GO!

Insert character å ä ö ü



American flag in the right hand corner, and the program is now speaking English! Everything is now translated except titles and occupations.

Click on the Search Window and fill in what you know about your immigrant. As usual, when doing database searches, fill in as little as possible, as that increases the chances of a hit. For instance, with a less common name, it might be enough to just enter the birth date and the gender. With a common name the given name might also help. Or you could just enter the name of the person you are looking for, as in this example, as he might be unique.

A nice little thing is that in the English search window you have the Swedish extra letters in the lower

righthand corner. Just click on the button and you will have a perfect "ä."

On the screen you will see a *large blue question mark* in the upper righthand corner. Click on that or on F1, and you will find a lot of useful information about the database and various ways of searching. For instance the very handy "list search" is explained in all places where it is possible to use this feature.

The "list search" button is the second button to the right of most of the search fields in the search window.

Don't be afraid to try various searches, you can not erase any information in the database!

There is a support page on the site *Rötter*, which is published by the *Släktforskarförbundet*. Unfortunately

ly it is still only available in Swedish, but an English version is in the works.

**[www.genealogi.se/forbund/emibas.htm](http://www.genealogi.se/forbund/emibas.htm)**

The price of Emibas is SEK 695 +postage and handling. It is advisable to e-mail the *Släktforskarförbundet* and ask about the correct price and the method of sending money before ordering. The e-mail is <info@genealogi.se>

You may also check out Genline North America eShop at **<http://www.genlineshop.com/>**

The new CD *Emibas* requires a PC with Windows 98 or later, High Color Graphics, 64 MB RAM and 175 MB free harddrive space.

The screenshot shows the EMIBAS software interface. At the top, it says "EMIBAS Version 1.00" and "Sveriges Släktforskarförbundet". The main window is divided into two panes. The left pane, titled "1 selected records", shows a list of names and birth dates. The right pane, titled "92692", shows detailed information for "Cassel, Peter", including his birth date, location, emigration date, and source. At the bottom, there is a section titled "Emigration group" with a list of names and birth dates. The interface includes a search bar, a print button, and an about button.

Name	Birth Date
Cassel, Peter	10/13/1790
Andersdotter, Ingeborg Catharina	9/3/1807
Cassel Petersson, Carl Johan	12/26/1821
Cassel Petersson, Anders Fredrik	12/3/1831
Cassel Petersdotter, Maria Mathilda	1/27/1834
Cassel Petersdotter, Catharina	2/4/1836
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Emigration group

Cassel, Peter  
Byggnästare (married man)  
b. 10/13/1790 in Asby, Östergötlands län (Östergötland)  
Emigrated 4/21/1845  
from Bjerkeryd, Kisa, Östergötlands län (Östergötland)  
to Nordamerika  
Source: Household Examination Roll, p. 15  
Emibas migration file ID: Kisa E 1845 011

SEARCH PRINT ABOUT

Same parish/year

EXIT

The Result Window of a successful search. Full information is found on the householder Peter Cassel to the right, and on the people he travelled with in the lower left. By scrolling through each name you will see the full information on each person in the group.