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(All links have been tried in Nov. 2005 and should work)

On This Day in History: <http://dmarie.com/timecap/>

About Early Emigrants from the Torneå Valley (Tornedalen):

http://www.mfhn.com/houghton/finn/s_torikka/WhyDidTheyGo.asp

Norwegian Sailors during WWII: <http://www.warsailors.com/freefleet/index.html>

The Saskatchewan Homestead Index: <http://www.saskhomesteads.com/>

About the Sami people in North America: <http://home.earthlink.net/~arran4/siida/index.htm>

Small town Newspapers: <http://www.smalltownpapers.com/>

Born in Saskatchewan before 1905: http://www.health.gov.sk.ca/ps_genealogy_certificates.html

Passengerlists for Boston 1848-1891 (not complete):

<http://www.sec.state.ma.us/arc/arcsrch/PassengerManifestSearchContents.html>

Photos of tombstones in Iowa: <http://iowagravestones.org/>

History of the Erie Canal: <http://www.eriecanal.org/>

Naturalized citizens of the New York City's Eastern District: <http://italiangen.org/EDN.stm>

World War II Kansas Veterans Index:

<http://www.kshs.org/genealogists/military/wwiivetsindex.htm>

Database of Graves from the Civil War: <http://www.suvcwdb.org/home/index.php>

Database of the Seamen that took part in the Battle of Trafalgar:

<http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/trafalgarancestors/>

Land Agent Victor Rylander and Nebraska Free Churches (by David M. Gustafson):

<http://www.rootsweb.com/~nephelps/rylander.pdf>

A Nice Story

Recently when I was visiting my Dad's 2nd cousin, Helen R. Peterson, a young lady of 92, in Ishpeming in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan, I had the opportunity to visit with the local Swedish group. They meet about every two weeks and study some Swedish and have a good time together, under the qualified leadership of Ulla Carlson of Mariestad.

I was shown a copy of *Vetlanda-Posten* for 5 Aug. 2005, which had a story about a young German boy, Ragnar Pau, who was spending his summer vacation in Alseda, Smål., with his parents. He went fishing with his Dad, but after a while got bored, as young kids do (he is 6) and decided to explore the stone wall nearby. He was not afraid of snakes,

so he put his hand in the wall, and suddenly he found an object there. It was a small box and he took it out and showed it to his Dad. They opened the box and were much surprised when they found a couple of wedding rings in there.

There was also a note with an American phone number, which they later called.

It turned out that in 1887 Sven Magnus Petersson, his wife Carolina Charlotta Johansdotter, and their little son John Hildo had emigrated from a nearby *backstuga* in Alseda.

They made a new life for themselves in America, but Carolina often longed for her old home, but had no possibility to go back.

When her grandson, Paul Peter-

son, grew old, he had inherited Carolina's rings and he wanted, at the least, the rings to return to Sweden. So in 1992 he and his daughter Joanne visited the ancestral area, and one day hid the rings in the old stone wall, never expecting a little German boy to find them.

But unexpected things happen, and the rings are now in the museum in the little town of Ädelfors.

It turned out that the daughter Joanne now went to Swedish class and was the owner of the newspaper. She had a lot of stories about her and her husband's families' immigration, and some exciting records too. So maybe that meeting at Ulla's will spark more articles in SAG.

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