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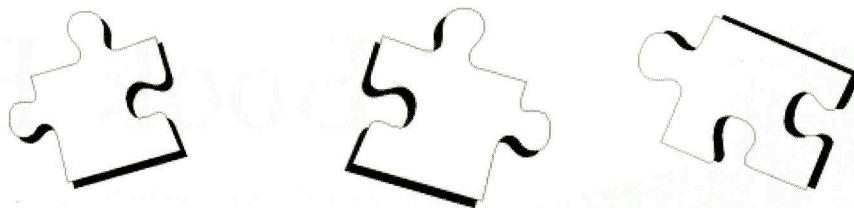
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Swedish Roots in Oregon

This organization collects information about the Swedes in Oregon, and has recently changed its board. The president is now *Lars Nordström*, vice president *Laurel Peterson*, secretary *Barry Peterson*, and *Ross Fogelquist* is the new treasurer. Its new web address is

www.swedishrootsinoregon.org/

The American Swedish Handbook in new edition

The Swedish Council of America has now produced a new edition of their well-known *American Swedish Handbook*, the 13th. It has now 761 listings, including a number of Swedish-Canadian ones. The regular price is \$19.95 USD + \$5 for shipping and handling (within the U.S.).

It can be ordered by calling 612-871-0593, or at the website:

www.swedishcouncil.org/Shop.htm

Genline keeps working

The Swedish on-line service *Genline* has announced that they are almost finished with scanning the following counties (*län*): Kalmar, Östergötland, Värmland, Kronoberg, Göteborg & Bohus, Jönköping, Malmöhus, Kristianstad, Blekinge, Halland, Västernorrland, Norrbotten, Skaraborg, and Västerbotten.

They are now working on Örebro, Sörmland, Kopparberg (Dalarna), Jämtland, Älvsborg, Uppsala, and Gävleborg. They plan to finish the whole country in 2005.

Genline has also opened an e-shop, where you, at the moment, can buy a few books and the *Emigranten* CDs.

www.genline.com

and

www.genlineshop.com/

Florida researcher in Uppsala

Mrs. *Marjorie Ragosta* of Tallahassee, Florida, started her Swedish research in 1986. Her research started with her father Bror Alexius Nyström's family and has since branched out in many directions. Marjorie has found a second home at the Provincial Archives (*Landsarkivet*) at Uppsala, where she for several years has spent a month each summer doing deeper and deeper research. Last summer she was interviewed by the local genealogical society's newsletter *Runslingan*. The article was published in issue 3/2004.

First recipient of Wayne Forsberg Scholarship

Bethany College senior *Ryan Holmquist* will study in Sweden this spring due to the generosity of Maleta Forsberg and her late husband, Wayne.

As the first recipient of the *Wayne Forsberg Scholarship for Swedish Studies*, Holmquist will take part in a Swedish exchange program for the spring 2005 semester. Holmquist, a fifth-generation Swedish American, traveled to Sweden in 2003 as part of the Bethany College Choir tour. In 1994, Holmquist traveled to Sweden with his father to visit relatives. His mother, Marlysue Esping Holmquist, and father, Tom Holmquist, are descendants of Swedish immigrants who settled in Kansas in the 1800s. The family lives on the farm near Smolan, KS, that Gust Holmquist homesteaded in 1868.

(Swedish Council Website 2005 Jan.19)

Anders Zorn exhibit in March

The American Swedish Museum in Philadelphia will open an exhibition of etchings by artist Anders Zorn on 31 March.

Most popular names in 2004

The *Statistiska Centralbyrån* (Statistics Sweden) just came out with a list of the top ten names for babies during 2004:

Girls

- 1 (1) Emma
- 2 (8) Maja
- 3 (3) Ida
- 4 (2) Elin
- 5 (6) Julia
- 6 (5) Linnéa
- 7 (4) Hanna
- 8 (9) Alva
- 9 (7) Wilma
- 10 (12) Klara

Boys

- 1 (1) William
- 2 (2) Filip
- 3 (5) Oscar
- 4 (4) Lucas
- 5 (6) Erik
- 6 (3) Emil
- 7 (10) Isak
- 8 (8) Alexander
- 9 (7) Viktor
- 10 (9) Anton

The number in parenthesis shows the position in 2003.

Central Soldier's Registry – update

The e-mail address listed in SAG 3/04, p. 18 is wrong! The correct one is [<bjorn.lippold@mil.se>](mailto:bjorn.lippold@mil.se)

The database of the Registry used to be searchable on the Internet, but was taken away in early 2004, for security reasons (people had tried to steal the database), but will hopefully soon re-emerge. This time it will be found on the DIS web site:

www.dis.se sometime during the late winter.

Swedish Genealogical Days in Göteborg

The annual *Släktforskarlagarna* (Genealogical Days) will be held in Göteborg 26-28 August. There will be lectures, exhibitions, bus tours, and much more. They are open and free to the public.

