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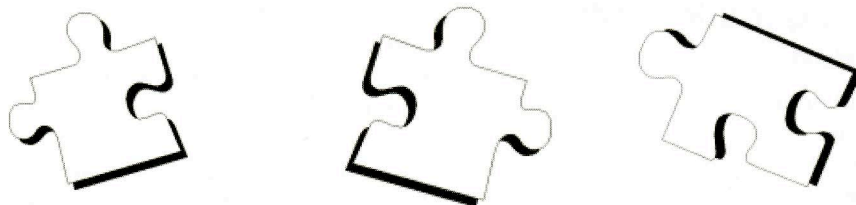
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New Genealogical Society born

On 31 January this year the Swedish Association for Genealogy (*Svenska Genealogiska Samfundet*) was founded in Stockholm. The society aims to start a quarterly journal of high quality and to generally help improve the standards of Swedish genealogy. One of the society's first projects is to publish a cd-version of the *Åttartal 1-14* by Victor Örnberg. There is a web site at www.sgsf.org but no info in English, yet.

Stockholm City Archives still closed

The Stockholm City Archives (*Stadsarkivet*) have been closed for about two years for repairs and rebuilding. Just before the scheduled opening in November 2003 they discovered mold in the new flooring. The institution remained closed, now for repairs, and it is still not known when it will open again, but hopes are that this will happen before summer 2004. In the meantime microfiche of records are available at a temporary research room in the National Archives (*Riksarkivet*) in Stockholm.

Chisago Lake Lutheran Church's 150th Anniversary

On 12 May 1854 Pastor Erland Carlsson organized the Chisago Lake Lutheran Church, 150 years ago. This is celebrated throughout the year, but the big day will be Sunday 9 May, when there will be a *Anniversary Celebration Sunday* with prominent guests.

More info can be found at

www.chisagolakelutheranchurch.org/

Swedish Genealogy Days

The annual Swedish Genealogy Days (*Släktforskardagarna*) will be held in Östersund in Jämtland 14-15 August. Details about the program and other info can be found at www.släktforskardagarna.nu This is usually the meetingpoint for many of the societies, as the Annual General Meeting of the Swedish Federation of Genealogical Societies is held in conjunction with the event. There are several lectures and exhibitions also.

Passenger Arrivals to New York

The formerly unindexed Passenger Lists for New York have now been indexed by Ancestry for the years 1850-1891 (when Ellis Island records starts). These indexes and many other lists form a special subscription database at Ancestry. The subscription is \$19.95 for a month and \$79.95 for a year.

Swedish Genealogist Got a Huge Scholarship!

Assistant Professor *Anders Winroth* of Yale University was named a MacArthur Fellow in September, an honor which also includes a scholarship stipend of about \$500,000 for his studies of medieval history. Dr. Winroth, who was born in Ludvika in 1965, got his doctorate at Columbia University as a Fulbright Scholar, and now has an assistant professorship at Yale.

Dr. Winroth is an ardent genealogist since his youth, and was one of the founders of the *Swedish Federation of Genealogical Societies*. He still spends time on untangling his Swedish roots, from Värmland, Dalarna, and other areas in Sweden.

42,000 Smiths on a CD

Kjell Åberg of Mellerud, Sweden, has been studying smiths for many years. The smiths' families can be difficult to trace as they move much more than other people, and tend to move longer distances, for instance from iron works in Värmland to Småland to Uppland. So Kjell has joined forces with the old smiths' expert *Sven Myhl* of Göteborg and digitized Sven's collections and also added his own research to a cd, which costs about 300 SEK incl. postage, and is easily navigated in IEExplorer or Netscape. Kjell's e-mail is <kjell.aberg@swipnet.se>

Woodcarvings in Minneapolis

If you have the possibility, do visit the *American Swedish Institute* in Minneapolis before May 30, as they have a new exhibition: *Stories in Wood: Scandinavian Master Carvers*. More than 300 exhibits of Swedish woodcarving of both Swedish and Swedish-American artists with a focus on Scandinavian-style flat-plane carving.

Vikings in Philadelphia

The *American Swedish Historical Museum* in Philadelphia and the *Leif Ericson Viking Ship, Inc.* are the sponsors of an all-day seminar on the Vikings, entitled *The Viking Legacy: A Symposium About Viking History, Culture, and Contributions to World Civilization*, that will be held on the 24th of April. More information is to be found on the Museum web site: www.americanswedish.org/index.html

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