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(All links have been tried in May 2004 and should work)

How much is that worth today? http://eh.net/hmit/ppowerusd/dollar_answer.php
Examples of the cost to emigrate: http://www.theshipslist.com/ships/fares/index.htm
Viking Heritage Magazine: http://vikings.hgo.se/Newsletter/default.html
Probate Index for Delaware 1680–1925: http://www2.state.de.us/dpa/probate/result.asp
Swenson’s New Book Index (see p.15):
   http://www.augustana.edu/administration/swenson/books101-104-a-e.htm
A web site for New Sweden, Maine: http://www.aroostook.me.us/newsweden/
Another web site for New Sweden, Maine: http://www.geocities.com/maineswedishcolony/
Nordisk Familjebok (in Swedish) an encyclopedia: http://www.lysator.liu.se/runeberg/nfl/#preface
New York City Death Index 1891-1911: http://www.italiangen.org/NYCDDeath.stm
An easy way to search for names: http://expertgenealogy.com/free/search.htm
Old names of occupations (English): http://rmhh.co.uk/occup/b.html
Searchable database of Canadian soldiers from WWI:
   http://www.collectionscanada.ca/02/02010602_e.html

New and Noteworthy

(short notes on interesting books and articles)

Learning and Returning, Return Migration of Swedish Engineers from the United States, 1880-1940, by Per-Olof Grönberg, Department of Historical Studies, Umeå University, Sweden, 2003, 290 pp., paperback. This academic study is an expanded research report of about 6,000 Swedish Engineers who graduated between 1880 and 1919.
(The author had previously written a paper on the subject, one included in the book Swedishness Reconsidered, Daniel Lindmark, Ed., 1999.) Highly detailed, thoroughly documented, and technical, this study may be of special interest to those in the profession or as a resource for specific immigration patterns among professionals.

Tidningen, Winter 2004 (Swedish Genealogical Society of Minnesota) has a good story by Larry Oakes on his research for his Swedish roots and eventual success, and finally his visit to Sweden. See also SAG 2002:1.

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On a lighter note: Browsing the Crime stories section in a bookstore a series of books with a Swedish named heroine was found. The author is named Joanne Fluke and her heroine is cookie-baker Hannah Swensen of Lake Eden, Minnesota. She figures in the Lemon Meringue Pie Murder, Chocolate Chip Cookie Murder, Strawberry Shortcake Murder, Blueberry Muffin Murder, and the Fudge Cupcake Murder. At least the first one was nothing spectacular, but still a little feeling of smalltown Minnesota.