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A new CD: The Population of Sweden in 1980

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A few years ago a CD was published by Sveriges Släktforskarförbund (Federation of Swedish Genealogical Societies) called Sveriges befolkning 1970 (Population of Sweden in 1970), based on the first preserved countywide tax indexes in digital form. This CD has been of enormous help to many genealogists, tracing living relatives, and also, for instance, lawyers tracing heirs, cemetery offices tracing owners of grave lots, and many others.

Now the Släktforskarförbundet has published another similar CD with more recent information. The new Sveriges befolkning 1980 contains information on almost 8.3 million individuals residing in Sweden in November 1980. Due to a missing computer file, the information for Göteborg och Bohus län concerns either 1979 or 1981.

In the database you find the following information:
- Given name (all of them)
- Surname
- Street address
- Postal address
- Date of birth
- Parish of birth
- Parish of residence
- Land title (fastighetsbeteckning)

All these various pieces of information are searchable in any combination.

There are no family relationships mentioned, nor anyone's marital status. However, if you have a person with an unusual surname and click on the button “samma adress” or “samma fastighet”, you can often find a family.

The CD is sold by the Sveriges Släktforskarförbund, and you can e-mail them at <info@genealogi.se> and ask for the current price, depending on the value of the dollar.

The Search window. Fill in the fields that you know, and then click on the SÖK-button.

To be able to search spelling variations, click on the List-search button, chose one spelling after another and right click on them, so they get a little red tick-mark. When you are done, click on the traffic light in the lower left corner and you will be back in the Search window.

The result window. In the left half you see the possibles that the program has found. You can scroll up and down, and check the information in the right half, until you find your cousin.

Next, if you want to find this person’s family, click on [samma adress] or [samma fastighet].

The [samma adress] result window. Here you can also scroll up and down and get the information on all members of the family.

New search. To do a new search you always have to start all over again, there is no back-button.

To print-out. Use the [skriv ut] button in the lower left-hand corner and practise a little with the various possibilities.

To exit. Just click on the [klar] button.