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Detailed Maps of Skaraborg län to be Published

A giant project, initiated by institutions in Skaraborg län such as the county government, the county museum, a leading bank, Föreningsbanken in Falköping, as well as Sweden's National Survey Board, concerns the publishing of a unique series of highly detailed maps of Skaraborg county, dating back to 1882.

These maps, known as "economic maps," in that they present the economic factors of the land, such as cultivated fields, pasture, forests, roads, lakes, streams and rivers as well as human habitations, were first proposed for all Swedish parishes in 1807. After many delays, it was not until 20 years later that the work began. Again there were delays, and it was not until 1859 that the work of mapping Sweden from an economic aspect began to function. The work continued until the end of the 19th century, when all of Sweden was mapped and the results published—except for a section of Dalarna and Skaraborg län.

The original maps for Skaraborg consist of 117 hand-drawn and hand-colored sheets, which have been reduced to an even 100, each measuring approximately 17×24 in. The maps are in the scale of 1:20,000 and since they date back more than a hundred years, they show in great detail parts of Skaraborg, now gone—such as soldiers' crofts, farms, small shops consisting of smithies, dairies, flour mills and home textile mills.

The maps are now being produced and will be available either bound in a handsome volume or loose in a folder. They will also be available singly. The price in the U.S. has not been determined, but as more information becomes available, it will be brought to the attention of *SAG* readers.

