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A new genealogy project is under way in Sweden's Province of Jämtland. The *Emigrantprojektet*, Ragunda Kommun, Jämtland, is building an archive about the emigrants who left Jämtland and settled in the United States and Canada. The *Emigrantprojektet* is one of 14 similar projects currently being conducted in Sweden to register the 1.2 million Swedes who left that country from 1850 until 1926. The data base will also map the emigrants' origins and their destinations in the New World.

Genealogist Jan Lindström, project leader, states that "We want to get in touch with descendants of the emigrants from the Province of Jämtland." Between 1850 and 1926, 25,000 people emigrated from Jämtland. Lindström predicts that by the turn of the century descendants of those emigrants "will number about 200,000 people." The *Emigrantprojektet* seeks the "link between the place where they were born to the place in America or Canada where they finally settled." The project hopes to learn where emigrants settled, what occupations they followed, and what Swedish culture has been retained. An important focus of the *Emigrantprojektet* is to assist descendants of a common ancestor to connect with living "cousins" residing in Sweden.

In addition to using sources familiar to genealogists, including passenger lists and church and government archives, researchers are also taking advantage of the internet. The *Emigrantprojektet's* new interactive home page invites visitors to submit information and to use the web site in seeking their own genealogical information. The web address is <http://w1.696.telia.com/~u69602136/Emigrantprojekt>. Web site visitors who don't read Swedish can click on the shortcuts beneath the American flag to bring up the home page in English.

The *Emigrantprojektet*, administered by Ragunda Municipality, derives economic support from the European Union and works in cooperation with the Swedish Emigrant Institute in Växjö, which developed the data base.

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