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Through the efforts of SVAR and the Swenson Center, the Swedish parish records are now available and affordable on microfiche for purchase by individual family history researchers. This is an excellent way to have a permanent copy of individual records, from which you can make unlimited copies, even if you have the information.

Some of the records available include the following:

- Swedish parish registers, including records of births, baptisms, marriages, deaths and funerals, and household examination rolls (*husförhörslängder*), containing records of all parish members from the 17th century up to approximately 1895.
- Excerpts from Swedish parish records (births, marriages, deaths) for the years 1860-1920; indexes to emigrant data (1861-1940) for Swedish counties (*län*); and the national census records for the years 1860, 1870, 1880, 1890, 1900, 1910 and 1920. All this material is based on the originals at the Central Bureau of Statistics (*Statistiska Centralbyrån* or SCB) in Stockholm, Sweden.
- Emigrant passenger lists, that is, indexes listing names, places of residence, and dates of embarkation from Göteborg and Malmö, the main ports of departure for approximately 1.3 million Swedish emigrants.

Catalogs for the different Swedish counties (*län*) are available for purchase or, if you are only interested in one or two particular parishes, please contact us at the address below and we will gladly send you a photocopy of the available

fiche for those few parishes. Please include your postal address and the names of the parishes of interest (include the county or *län*).

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