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New CD—*Svenska ortnamn* (Swedish Place Names)—Now Available

A new CD, *Svenska ortnamn*, which contains more than 400,000 Swedish place names is now available. The CD can be run on a PC with Windows 3.1 or higher and 8MB RAM or more. The graphics require a color monitor and a full installation requires 50MB of free space on your hard drive. Sorry, but a Macintosh version is not available.

The Swedish Federation of Genealogical Societies (*Sveriges släktforskarförbund*) purchased a copy of a database from the General Surveyor's Office (*Lantmäteriverket*), which contained all of the names that can be found on modern topographical ("green") maps in the scale of 1:50,000, and then had a modern search program made for it. The names are all in modern spelling but, with a little imagination, one can also find old places. For example, remember that "Hvetlanda" is now "Vetlanda."

With the CD, *Svenska ortnamn*, you can search for a place name and, as a result, you will find a blue-colored dot on a map of Sweden. At the bottom of the screen you will find the names of the parish and county in which the place is located. You will also get a reference to which topographical ("green") map you would need to buy to find more details. You will also get the exact coordinates on the grid for Sweden.

With multiple hits you get a number of red dots on the map. You can then scroll down the results list and see how the colored dot changes from red to blue for each place you are searching. You can search for place names, endings of names, middle parts of names, parishes, counties, special subjects (e.g., airfields, manor houses, churches, and lakes), or a combination of all of them.

This CD can be ordered from me, for a special *Swedish American Genealogist* price of \$50, which includes postage and handling. The ordinary price from the Federation is \$67 (members) or \$80 (non-members). Send me your order now, and I will mail you the CD with an invoice as soon as possible.

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