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# A new way to finding Swedes in the U.S. from Arkiv Digital

## Swedes in the U.S. in the 1940 Census

On 26 August 2016 ArkivDigital launched a new name searchable register, Swedes in US 1940. The database is an extraction from the 1940 United States Census. The census was created on the 1<sup>st</sup> of April 1940 and the extract *includes all the persons who stated their birthplace was Sweden*. The database includes approximately 447,000 entries. The register includes information such as name, age, marital status, and where the person lived in 1940. In addition, it shows where the person lived in 1935.

The register is now available in the new annual *All-in-one subscription*. To search in the index:

- 1) Open ArkivDigital 2.0.
- 2) Select *Index* search or *person* search.
- 3) Select the collection, *Swedes in US 1940*, under index source.
- 4) Enter a search query such as name or place name in the search box.
- 5) Also click on the “Approximative search” to get a wider search. You will get both Carl and Karl among the results.

This picture shows the search for Anna Heline, born 1897 in Sweden.

It is an unusual name, so there was only one hit.

If you are looking for a person with a very common name, Charles Johnson for instance, adding the state where he might have lived in 1940 may give a reasonable number of hits, as well as adding the year of birth.

Just entering Charles Johnson gives 1466 hits, adding CA gives 84 hits, and adding birth year 1872 gives just 3 hits.

Clicking on the hits gives you the second picture which contains transcribed information from the actual census page.

The most important part of the page is the link to that actual census page, where you will find more information: members of household with ages and marital status, professions, and much more.

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The screenshot shows the search interface for 'Swedes in US 1940'. On the left is a sidebar with 'Archives' and 'Index' sections. The main area is titled 'Search for people' and contains a search box with 'Anna Heline 1897', a dropdown for 'Index source' set to 'Swedes in US 1940', and a checked checkbox for 'Approximative search'. A large 'Search' button is at the bottom. Below the search area, the results are summarized as 'Swedes in US 1940' and 'Population in US 1940 that are born in Sweden'.

The screenshot shows the search results for 'Anna Heline, born around 1897 - Swedes in US 1940'. It includes a header with 'Print', 'Correct', and 'Shortcut' icons. The main content is a table of personal and household information:

|                              |                  |
|------------------------------|------------------|
| <b>First name</b>            | Anna             |
| <b>Last name</b>             | Heline           |
| <b>Age</b>                   | 43               |
| <b>Calculated birth year</b> | 1897             |
| <b>Birth location</b>        | Sweden           |
| <b>Civil status</b>          | M                |
| <b>Relation</b>              | Wife             |
| <b>Gender</b>                | F                |
| <b>Citizenship</b>           | NA               |
| <b>Accommodation (1940)</b>  |                  |
| <b>State</b>                 | Connecticut (CT) |
| <b>County</b>                | Hartford         |
| <b>Township</b>              | West Hartford    |
| <b>Incorporated place</b>    | West Hartford    |
| <b>Enumeration district</b>  | 2-227            |
| <b>Street</b>                | Acadia St        |
| <b>House number</b>          | 51               |
| <b>Household number</b>      | 87               |
| <b>Line number</b>           | 65               |
| <b>Accommodation (1935)</b>  |                  |
| <b>Same house</b>            | SAME PLACE       |
| <b>State</b>                 | Connecticut (CT) |
| <b>County</b>                | Hartford         |

Below the table are 'Links' and a 'Shortcut' section. The link is 'Source: Svenskar i USA 1940 CT:04 (1940) Image 50 at line 65'. The shortcut is 'r6.p62867243'. At the bottom, there is a note: 'Svenskar i USA 1940 is a second hand source, and it can contain errors. Source: Arkiv Digital AD AB'.