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**Dear friends,**

The holiday season is over, and now the *Oxveckorna* start. That is an old expression from the time when it was common to work with oxen on the farms. What it really means is that there are so many weeks until there comes a new festive holiday period – Easter!

But until then we can enjoy the returning longer daylight, and perhaps do some more genealogy in between.

The DNA experience has grown a little bit. We noticed that the best match in my husband's matches was a woman from Leksand in Dalarna. We contacted her, and after some e-mails we found out that the closest match was from her paternal grandfather's mother. This woman was the older sister of my husband's paternal grandfather's mother *Lång Margareta Andersdotter* from Åkerö in Leksand (W).



*Lång Margareta Andersdotter (1840 – 1918.*

A nice thing is that the new handwriting book, *Vad står det?* (only in Swedish) that Ulf Berggren and I released in March 2017 has now been printed in the 2<sup>nd</sup> edition.

A major event is that the *Riksarkivet* (Swedish National Archives) will on 1 February open up their digital website SVAR (*Digitala Forskarsalen*) for free to everyone. Their pictures, however, are in grayscale, which is a big drawback, compared with *Arkiv Digital's* excellent full color photos.

This year the annual *Genealogy Days* will be held in Växjö 1–2 September.

If you are planning a trip to Sweden during the summer, try to visit Växjö then and meet 100s of Swedish genealogists!

<http://sfd-2018.se/>

*Till next time!*  
Elisabeth Thorsell

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