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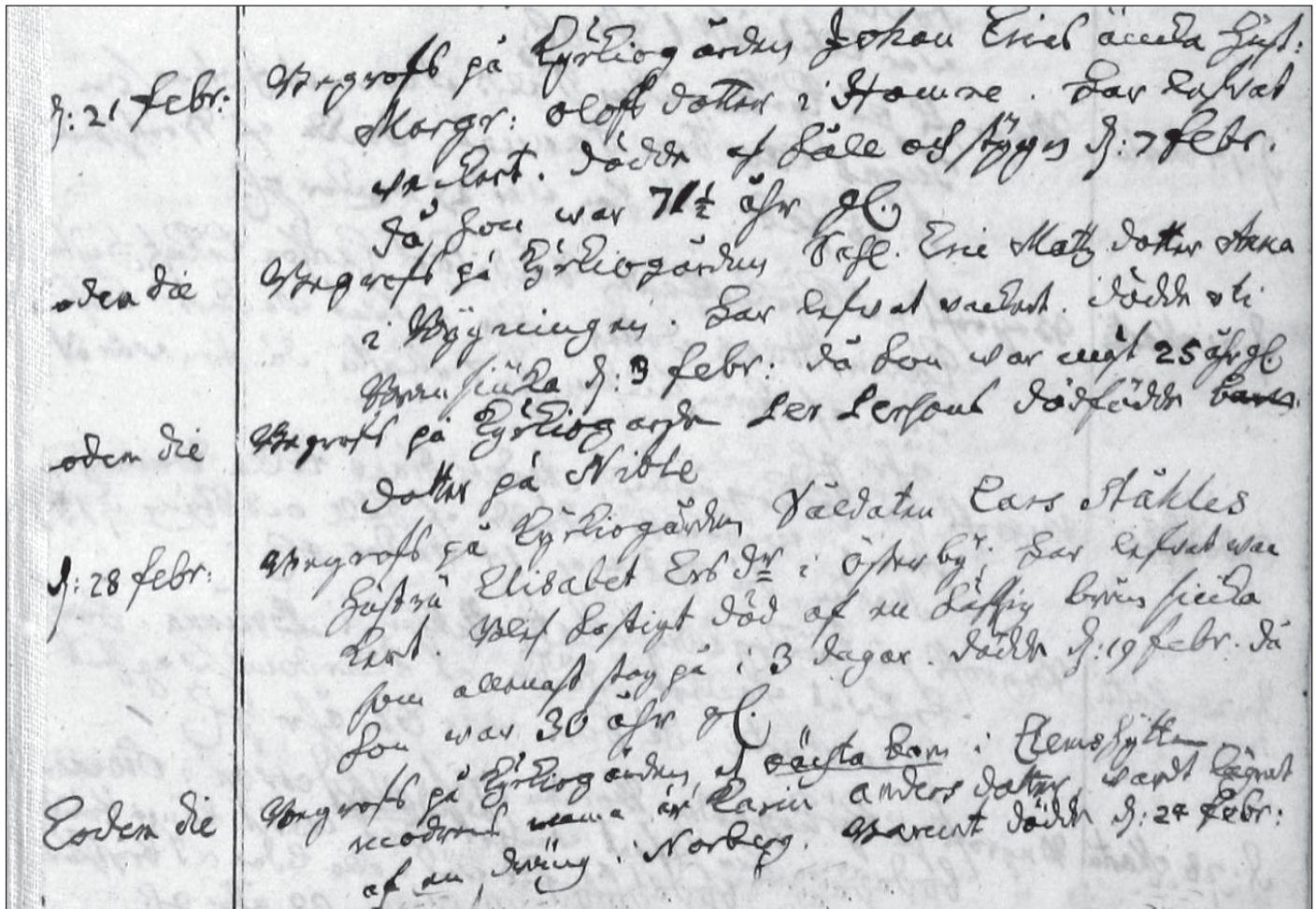
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Hedemora death records for 1742. (Hedemora [W] FI:1 [1720-1742] Image 90 [ArkivDigital]).

This is a part of the death records for Hedemora stad och landsförsamling (rural parish) in Dalarna.

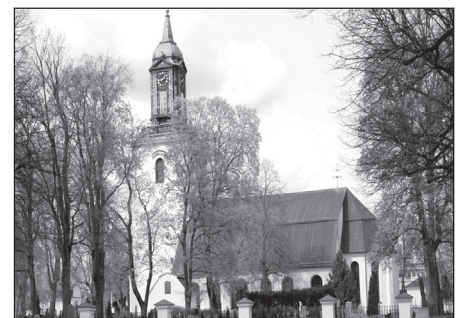
Hedemora was founded in 1446, the only medieval city in the province of Dalarna. It was an important market town for centuries. In the area there were several iron works, and later many furniture factories. Hedemora kommun now has around 15,000 inhabitants.

The city was never a large one, but was surrounded by a numerous rural parish, as the farmland was/is quite good.

Another occupation during the 1800s was the production of scythes, which were then sold by itinerant inhabitants during the winter.

During the early 1700s (1719-1748) Hedemora had a kyrkoherde (rector) with an unusual background. His name was *Andreas Sandel*, born 1671 in a clerical family in Hållnäs (Uppl.) and studied in Uppsala, and in 1701 was ordained to the ministry in the Church of Sweden. He was then sent to the Swedish Gloria Dei Church in America, where he served for 16 years. In 1719 he came back and was from then on the rector in Hedemora. Among the church records he started a special volume about "People that do not live correctly" in which he wrote about bullies, misdeeds of many kinds, unwed mothers, and much more. He also kept a diary from 1701 to 1743, which has been printed in Swedish.

Samuel Sandel, son of Andreas, was prominent in the Swedish mining industry, and was ennobled in 1772 with the name Sandels, a family that still survives.



Hedemora church, with roots from the late 1200s.