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## A new Swedish project

Last year, the Swedish National Archives announced that they have started cooperating with the LDS church on scanning the Mormon microfilms. The idea is that the LDS church will scan the microfilms, and that the scanned images will be made available at the SVAR website.

The ambition is to scan .5 million images a month. With that speed all church records will be scanned within a couple of years. So far Örebro län, Uppsala län and Södermanlands län are ready.

The Swedish genealogy community has received the announcement with mixed feelings. On one hand, Genline has already scanned the Mormon microfilms. We would have appreciated if the LDS church had scanned other microfilms instead. On the other hand, competition will hopefully lower the subscription fee. The quality will hopefully also be slightly better. The Danish national archives have scanned the Danish church records, and provides them free of charge, but in Sweden there is a subscription fee to access the images.

It is too early to guess how this competition will end. In this issue of ROOTED IN SWEDEN, we will introduce the SVAR website. We will also compare the SVAR resource with the Genline resource.

## SwedGen Road Tour 2007

We are happy to inform you that a new tour to the US will take place in May. We will visit Minnesota, Illinois, Pennsylvania and New York state. Se pages 12-13 for more info!



# The SVAR website

The SVAR department of the National Archives has a website with databases and digital images from several sources.

The SVAR department was founded in 1982 with two purposes: to convert the microfilms to microfiches and to lend the microfiches to genealogists to do research. Normally, according to a Swedish Public Act, all public records should be freely accessible by the Swedish authorities. However, in this case the SVAR department was supposed to be financed by fees for the microfiche services. In the beginning, the local libraries paid the fees, but soon the genealogists had to pay the fees themselves.

In the 1990's, SVAR thought that digitizing the church records would be too expensive and accessing the images would be too slow. Instead a little company, Genline, started to convert

the microfilms to digital images. After the millennium, SVAR realized the importance of digitization of the church records. One reason has probably been a decrease in the borrowing of microfiches.

## Church records

Before the cooperation with the LDS church, SVAR had started to digitize church records. The Swedish Lutheran Church has been responsible for keeping the Swedish Vital records until 1991, when the record keeping was moved to the taxation authorities. The church records before 1991 have been moved to the Regional Archives (landsarkiven). To better preserve the original records, SVAR started to microfilm the records of Northern Sweden, but in the middle

of Östergötlands län they switched to digitizing the records instead.

## Newer records

Since the LDS Church in the 1950's only microfilmed the church records until 1860, SVAR has digitized the church records after 1860 until 1991. The church records older than 100 years, before 1907, are available on the Internet for a subscription fee. The church records between 70 and 100 years old, between 1907 and 1937, are freely available at all the Regional Archives. Information newer than 70 years (after 1937) are available after secrecy checking at the Regional Archives which have the original record. You are not allowed to browse church records younger than 70 years,

but normally you are allowed to get the specific information that you ask for.

### Current status

At present, the LDS church is as described above scanning the older church records. They have started with church records belonging to the Regional Archives in Uppsala (central Sweden). At present, Örebro län, Uppsala län and Södermanlands län are ready.

### Population indexes

SVAR has indexed population extracts from 1890 and 1900, and they are continuing to index extracts from 1860, 1870 and 1880. The population extracts are not a true census, but contains approximately the same information: full name for adults (first names for children), occupation, birth year and parish and current location.

The population indexes for 1890 and 1900 have also been published on CDs with more detailed search options. The indexes are very good to locate people living in Sweden. If you find the one you are looking for, you can then check the household examination roll (husförhörslängd) to get more information. The household examination rolls for 1890 are usually available at Gensline, and at SVAR both the rolls of 1890 and 1900 could be available.

### Taxation records

SVAR has also scanned microfilms of taxation records between 1642 and 1820. Normally, the taxation records report the head of household, but sometimes you may also find the names of other family members. More about the taxation records in a separate article.

### Other databases

There is a database with photos of 8000 convicts, who were released from prison between 1877 and 1925.

There is a database of seamen leaving from nine harbours in Sweden. Every time a seaman left a harbour, he paid a small fee, which was intended for retired sailors and widows of drowned sailors. The database covers info from between the 1840's and 1915.

The villages and farm database is an index to the husförhörslängd (household examination rolls). It covers the following läns: Blekinge län, Gävleborgs län, Hallands län, Jämtlands län, Kronobergs län and Västerbottens län. If you are doing research in these läns and there is no page index to the husförhörslängd, then this database is very useful.

OLOF CRONBERG

# Join the DIS Society

Are you still not a member of the DIS Society?

The DIS Society is the Computer Genealogy Society of Sweden and produces this e-zine Rooted in Sweden. As a member you will also get access to the DISBYT database with over 12 million records, which covers a third of the total population who lived in Sweden before 1907. You will also get access to DISPOS, which is a tool to make it easier to find indexes to sources. It also provides a fast link to the Gensline records.

### 25,000 members

We are already more than 25,000 members. You are also welcome to join the DIS Society. Annual fee: USD 15,- incl e-zine Rooted in Sweden. USD 20,- incl the Swedish magazine Diskulogen.

[www.dis.se/english/](http://www.dis.se/english/)

	SVAR	Gensline
Church records -1860	Three län (district) at present	Complete
Church records 1860-95	Partly	Only SCB extracts, but complete for vital records  Complete for husförhörslängder
Church records 1895	Partly	---
Taxation records 1642-1820	Complete	---
Census index	Partly (1860,1870,) 1880  Complete 1890,1900	---
Other databases	Convicts, seamen, villages and farms, ...	---
Fee - lowest fee	50 kr (7,- USD) for 3 hours	75 kr (11,- USD) for 24 hours
Fee - annual fee	895 kr (130,- USD)	1795 kr (260,- USD)
Web address	<a href="http://www.svar.ra.se">www.svar.ra.se</a>	<a href="http://www.gensline.com">www.gensline.com</a>



It wasn't easy to find Wilhelm Moberg, the famous author. He was born 1898 in Algotusboda parish. Since he is a child, his surname isn't in the database. So I had to search for children born 1898 in Algotusboda parish to find him.

Below is the digital image available for the 1900 census. As you can see, there is not much more info than in the index, but you can verify the transcription.



# Not real censuses at SVAR

Since the taxations records through the centuries have had excellent quality, there has been no need for censuses as in other countries. But...

SCB – the statistical bureau of Sweden – still wanted to double-check the population statistics and by the end of each decade from 1860 asked for a simple extract of the husförhörlängd. The records consist of information about name, birth year and birthplace for the complete population.

## 1890 and 1900 indexed

During the last decades, this information has been entered into computers mainly in unemployment projects. So far 1890 and 1900 are completely indexed. 1880 is also on its way. The 1900 census has digital images of the SCB extract.

## Children have no surnames

In this database, children have no surname. If you don't find what you are searching for at once, try to use just a

few search terms. For example, search on given name and birth year instead of full name or search on birthplace. When you get too many hits, limit the search in the next step.

Although, it seems that you can only search for people living in one län at a time, you can search the whole country. Select a län to start, and then in the search form, you select "all counties".

## Swedish census CDs

SVAR has together with the Federation of Genealogical Societies of Sweden produced two CDs with the census 1890 and 1900. On the CD you have a wider range of search possibilities, but it is the same info. You can search for different types of combinations, for example if you know the names of some siblings, you can enter them or you can enter a child's given name and the fathers surname.

## Be careful

As usual you should be careful to assume that this is absolutely correct information, because it has been transcribed twice – first from the husförhörlängd to the SCB census, and then entered into computers. For example, my great-grandfather is called Granberg instead of Cronberg. Those who have entered the information have been working in Northern Sweden, where there are a lot of granar (spruces). The name Granberg is uncommon in Southern Sweden.

If your relatives lived in Sweden at this time, there is a good chances that you can find them unless they have too common of a name.

OLOF CRONBERG

# A recommended web site: Find Swedish relatives living today

A new web site has appeared, which could be useful, if you are looking for relatives living today. The website is in Swedish, but I guess that you can manage to use it.

It is a website, where you are supposed to search for your friends birthdays. However, you can also use it in conjunction with a phone directory, such as [hitta.se](http://hitta.se) or [privatpersoner.eniro.se](http://privatpersoner.eniro.se), to locate the present address of a Swedish relative living today.

What you need is a birth date. Let's say that you have some info about your family, but have lost contact. Perhaps a daughter has married and uses another surname. If you have the first name and

a birth date, then you can see how many possibilities there are. To get the full search form press the link "Avancerad födelsedagssökning".

## My aunt

For example, if I enter the name of my aunt Sigrid and her birthdate Feb 1, 1933, I will get one match with info about her full name and the town where she lives.

## Björn Borg

Another example, I choose to search for the tennis player Björn Borg. I know that he was born 1956. I get to know his full name, his birthdate and the place where he lives.

## Full address at hitta.se

I can then use a website called

[www.hitta.se](http://www.hitta.se) to find the full address and phone number of my aunt. If there is more than one match, I can enter the address at [birthday.se](http://birthday.se) to see which one is the right one. In this case, I will easily find my aunt, but no Björn Borg. Apparently, he has a secret phone number.

## Soon to late?

The data to the site derives from the taxation authorities, and recently the authorities have said that they will try to stop these kinds of websites. So hurry up, and check your relatives.

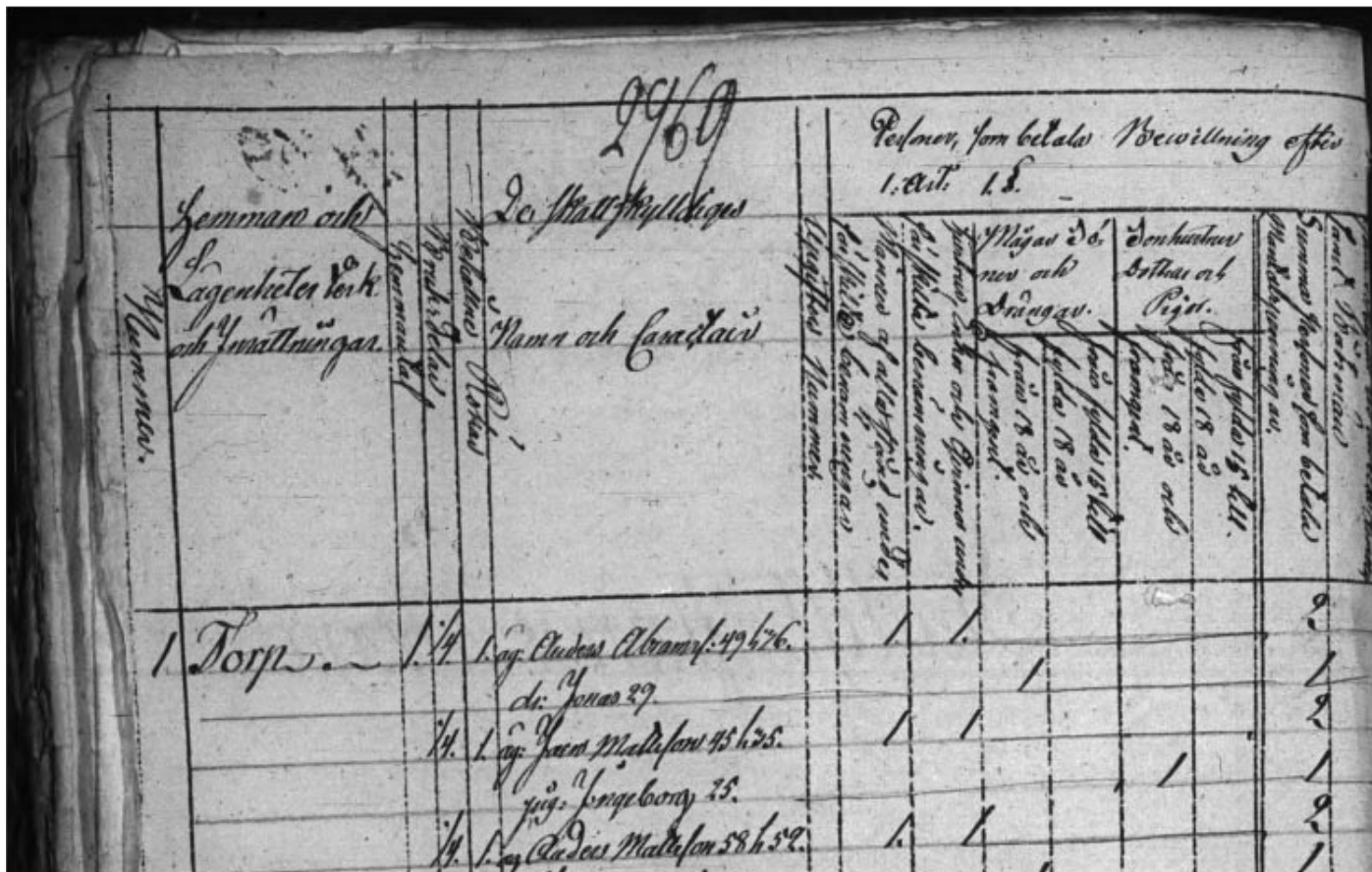
OLOF CRONBERG

## Short dictionary

- Födelsedag  
-> Birthday
- Förnamn  
-> Given name
- Efternamn  
-> Surname
- Gatuadress  
-> Street Address
- Postnr  
-> Zip code
- Postort  
-> Town or village
- Födelseår  
-> Birthyear
- Månad  
-> Month
- Dag  
-> Day
- Exakt sökning  
-> Exact spelling

[www.birthday.se](http://www.birthday.se)

The screenshot shows the homepage of [birthday.se](http://www.birthday.se). The site has a navigation menu with links for "Min kalender", "Gratuler", "Namnsagar", "Presentier", and "Tips & råd". A yellow tip box says: "Tips! Du vet väl att du kan se dina vänners hela adress och få e-postpåminnelser när de fyller år? Skaffa konto här >". The main section is titled "Födelsedagssökning" and shows "Hitade 1 träffar." Below this, a search result is displayed for "1. Björn Rune Borg, Ingarb", born "Född 6 jun 1956 - 51 år om 74 dagar - Tvilling". There are links for "Påminn mig", "Upplysning", "Gratuler", and "Blommor". To the right, there are advertisements for "Såvälslisar för 149:-" and "Ffilm, böcker och musik". At the bottom, there is a link to "Sök privatpersoner". On the right side of the page, there is a red search form titled "När fyller DIN VÄN ÅR?". The form has fields for "Förnamn" (filled with "Björn"), "Efternamn" (filled with "Borg"), "Gatuadress", "Postnr", "Postort", "Födelseår" (filled with "1956 (fyller 51 i år)"), "Månad", and "Dag". There is also a checkbox for "Exakt sökning".



# Thanks to tax collectors

Sweden has a very long tradition of effective tax collectors. Already, in the 16th century, the king Gustav Vasa invented personal taxes in order to collect more taxes. Today, the taxation pressure is claimed to be highest in the world, where more than 50 % of your salary is used for taxes. Thanks to this tradition we have very good taxation records.

Last year, SVAR scanned the taxation records 1642-1820. Since then they have added parish indexes to the records, so now the records are really useful. I remember the time when you had to order microfilm rolls to read the taxation records, and you had to wind through the whole microfilm roll just to read a few pages in one or two volumes. Now you can switch between years with just one or two mouse clicks.

It is also positive that other sources than the church records are available in a digital form. Up till now the scanning has meant that the church records have become more easily available, but at the same time other forms of records have become harder to access. Who would order a microfilm today?

## Mantals taxation

The mantalskatten (mantal taxation) was a personal tax. One mantal was from the beginning the size of a farm that could feed a man and his family. All inhabitants between 15 and 65 years should pay an annual tax. Some inhabitants were excluded from paying this tax, for example soldiers (but not the soldiers wives) were excluded since they were in royal service, the nobility was excluded because of privilege. Also, sick people, disabled and poor people didn't have to pay the taxes. Normally, the taxation records were written in November for the coming year. This tradition has survived until today. Some parts of the civil registration are updated by November 1st. If somebody died between November and the time of tax collection, the tax

was deducted, which was noted in the deduction records.

## Records in three copies

The taxation records were written in three copies: one copy stayed at the local office, one copy in the district office and one copy went to Stockholm. SVAR has scanned the Stockholm copy, which is preserved at the National Archives. Sometimes when taxation records are missing at the National Archives, then there could be a copy at the Regional Archives. Since the taxation records are kept together at the län (district) level, they are difficult to search. However, SVAR has now produced an index on parish level, which makes it easy to browse through the records.





## Different ambitions

The quality of the mantal taxation differs depending on the ambition of the local county writer and on different instructions throughout the years. Normally, the name of the head of household is registered as well as the persons living in the household paying mantal tax. The columns with numbers often mean husband, wife, sons, daughters, farmhands, maids and inhyeses (normally older people living under the same roof, not paying tax). Only sons and daughters older than 15 years old are counted. Sometimes only the given name of the head of household is mentioned, sometimes the full name of all taxpayers. The amount of information can differ between the volumes, so it could be worth it to check every year not to miss useful information.

## Good records

Example of good mantal taxation records are: in Skåne 1765 where names of all adults and children are mentioned; in Kullings härad in Älvsborgs län in the beginning of the 18th century where changes between the years are explained, for example in Åby it says that the son Bengt is married to Bråttensby and in Bråttensby it is said that Bengt moved

there from Åby; in the beginning of the 19th century, there is interesting information about sinful habits, which I partly recognize from today's health profiles. The use of coffee, tea, tobacco and silk as well as the production of vodka is noted. In the example of Svenarum from early 19th century, the age is also noted, which could be useful if the husförhörslängd (household examination roll) is missing.

## Be careful

I have spent evenings to check my information about my ancestors living during the 17th century and early 18th century. It is a way to double-check the information from the church records, which at that time could be sparse. Sometimes you get to know that a person has died. If a person is disappearing from the taxation records, you can't assume that the person has died. He or she could simply have become too old or sick and exempted from tax. You can also find who preceded an ancestor at a farm. Although the predecessor has the right given name as compared with your ancestor's surname, you should be careful assuming them to be father and son.

OLOF CRONBERG

*This is the 1703 taxation of Svenarum. This has the standard seven columns with numbers meaning: husband, wife, son, daughter, farmhand, maid, and exempted.*

*To save paper the writer has entered three families on the first line.*



# A word from your representative for DISBYT

It's to me you send your file when submitting to the DISBYT database. When you send your submitting files to DISBYT, I run it thru the database. The result, you will get back from me, is a file of DIS members having the same persons in the database as you have.

## Checking of data

I also do the manual corrections and changes if necessary so the most persons and their data will be included in DISBYT. You don't have to worry about the spelling for a place, parish or county, since I usually can figure out the correct name.

## Living people are omitted

If you have living people in your material, you don't have to worry about removing them. Our program for DISBYT takes care of that.

## Use correct fields

I would appreciate that you use the right field in your software for what it's intended for. It's common that there is occupation, relation to some one, travelling information, cause of death and other things, where there should be place names. This wrong usage forces me to do manual corrections and it takes a while to go thru to erase so it won't show up in DISBYT.

## American descendants wanted

Lots of Swedish members are looking for relatives who had emigrated and many of them married in the new country and not always with Swedish people. We are very happy if you will submit not only your Swedish ancestors but the American descendants, so DISBYT will grow and increase the possibility to find connections with more than Swedes.

*Charlotte Börjesson is taking care of your files when you are submitting data to the DISBYT database*

## Common questions

Sometimes I get questions like "How many people do I have to submit to DISBYT?" or "I'm not finished yet so I must wait until I have more people". To them I say: Submit what you have and whenever you like you can make a new submission when you have more people. With less people you get less chance to get a connection with someone else who already has submitted to DISBYT. If a member doesn't get any connection or just a couple, I look in their file to see if I can find something for them in my own private sources. It's usually a tip or a link of where to start the search. It can be parents, siblings, places, time of an emigration, another spelling of the name they had in Sweden. It has also happened that I have found living people in Sweden for them and that makes me very happy.

## Who I am

About me – I was born 1951 and grew up in Lidingö, Stockholm. Married and living in Gothenburg. My mother was

Swedish and started the genealogy that I'm continuing with. My father was born in Cambridge, MA by Swedish parents and is living in Kingston NH today.

I have always been interested in my relatives and the last ten years I have been doing family research. I have joined DIS and I am a member of the board for DIS-VÄST. In school I liked geography and maps and those are good interests to have since I 'm your representative for DISBYT.

My ancestors came from Bohuslän, Gästrikland, Södermanland, Västergötland and Östergötland so I do my most of my research in these läns.

## Submit to DISBYT

I'm looking forward to taking care of your files to DISBYT and my e-mail address is –

**disbyt@dis.se**

CHARLOTTE BÖRJESSON



# A Swedish Genealogy Angel

I had never done any genealogy until nearly ten years ago when I decided to try to find out more about my mother, Lindeblad and Bergström grandparents. I began with a serious handicap. I had no family records and my mother, only aunt, and grandparents had died long ago. I was left with only the knowledge that my great grandfather August Bergström had come from Varmland, and I had no information on Henry Oliver Lindeblad. I also had moved to Georgia from my home in Illinois and Swedish research help was not to be found.

I posted a message on a Swedish message board without much hope for any help, but one day I received a message from a wonderful woman in Sweden

*Photo of Maria and August Bergström. It was taken about 1935 in La Grange,*

who said that she wasn't researching my surnames, but was going to the Swedish archives and would see what she could find. A short time later I received a wonderful message saying that she had found both of my great grandparent,s families. It turned out that Henry Oliver Lindeblad was born Henrik Olausson in Lur. Further messages told me what specific microfilms to order at my local family history center. I also received a letter in Sweden that included a postcard photo of Varmland and further information.

This information started me on a wonderful genealogy journey to discover my roots which now goes back eight generations and culminated with a trip to Sweden to meet several Swedish relatives.

I shall be forever grateful to my genealogy "angel" Anna-Lena Hultman.



**KATHY GNAS**  
COLUMBUS, GA

## Interview with Anna-Lena

When I read Kathy's letter, I thought that you would want to know who this angel is, so I made an interview.

Anna-Lena Hultman lives in a small village called Hössna in the center of Västergötland. Hössna has today 450 inhabitants and was one of the places with the highest emigration rate per capita during the 19th century. She has been interested in emigration research for many years. Already in the 70s, she was involved in projects together with the Swedish Emigration Institute in Växjö. Since her parents had already done genealogy for her own family, she had to look at her husband's family tree instead.

### Research center

For a year now, Anna-Lena runs a research center in Hössna, where there is a large library, a computer lab and even possibilities to stay over night if necessary. Many Swedish-Americans come every summer, and she often arranges family

history safaris. She has then traced the origins, arranged meetings with people still living at the places and made sure the churches are open for a visit.

### Projects, projects...

For five years, she has been working in



*Anna-Lena Hultman on tour in the Northwest corner of USA in 2005*

different projects for the Federation of Genealogical Societies in Sweden. She has been responsible for preparing the data for the Emibas CD. At present, she is busy with preparing the next issue of the Swedish Death Records CD. The next issue will cover 1947-2006. She is also a moderator of the discussion forum at the Federation's website.

### Emigration speaker

She is also a well-known speaker when it comes to emigration research. She has participated in the earlier SwedGen Tours, and will participate in the next tour in May 2007.

### More queris wanted

Apparently, she is quite busy, so I asked her if she still has time to answer queries like Kathy's. She tells me that she tries to answer, but sometimes there isn't time enough. So, I asked her if she still wants Swedish-Americans to send emails, and she told me she would be happy to continue to get emails. So if you have a tricky emigration query, you are welcome to email to Anna-Lena at [annalena@genealogi.se](mailto:annalena@genealogi.se).

OLOF CRONBERG

## Your story is wanted!

As usual for e-zines like this, there is a need for new articles.

I would appreciate more submissions of articles to Rooted in Sweden. It could be your family story, how you solved a research problem, information about sources or anything else related to Swedish heritage research. One or two pages and some illustrations would be good.

Contact Olof Cronberg at [editor@dis.se](mailto:editor@dis.se)

# FROM THE READERS

## \* and ! in Disbyt

Q: In the Disbyt database, what do the ! and the \* mean?

ALLEN L. THUNBERG

R: Some Swedish software uses ! or \* to denote the name normally used. If you have more than one given name, it is not necessarily the first given name that is normally used. For example, my full name is Stig Olof Cronberg, but I am called Olof Cronberg. The order of the given names normally depends of the rythm of the names. It is easy to say Stig Olof, but Olof Stig would be strange to pronounce in Swedish.

OLOF CRONBERG

## Naming traditions

About the naming procedures, it might have been useful to add that tradespeople, ie. smeds, snickare, etc. may have started using surnames when they became mästare, but perhaps that does not apply to many people? With so many smeds/masmästare in my family, it is all important for me. For instance, Brita Larsdotter married Olof Andersson Grönberg. Though most of her life she was known as Brita Larsdotter, when she got older, she was Mad. Brita Grönberg - unusual for her to have used the name or been called by it as well as her husband, but interesting.

mvh,  
KELLY KEEGAN

You may want to keep reminding people that Swedish wives did not take on their husband's surname until 1901 with a royal decree concerning the taking of surnames. Fortunately I knew what my g-grandmother's maiden name had been, but still had to make a couple of passes through the ship's manifest [1883] before knowing that I had found them, as the family was separated on the manifest due to the way the tickets had been purchased. They were listed with different surnames and some names were misspelled.

Ex: Christina Magnusson became Christis Magneson. Her two children were listed directly below Christina's name which was how I caught it and

then looked deeper to find the other three people traveling together, their names also misspelled but the ages, etc. were correct. This very much involves the way people should do their research.

Thank you,  
KAYE WACHTER

R: Thank you for your comments.

- Yes, it was common for tradespeople to adopt a surname, either when starting or finishing the learning years as *lärling* or *gesäll*.
- The wife could in some records be mentioned with their husbands' surnames. It is rather uncommon, but you always need to keep it in mind.
- The spelling of names wasn't fixed until the name law 1901. To translate or attempt to translate a name used in America to a Swedish equivalence is almost the most important thing to do when starting to try to locate ancestors in Sweden.

OLOF CRONBERG

## Colonial Swedes

I'm Dave Emmi the Senior Deputy Governor of the Swedish Colonial Society ([www.colonialswedes.org](http://www.colonialswedes.org)) here in Philadelphia. I recently came across some old audio and video footage of the 1938 Swedish American Tercentenary. Crown Prince Gustav, Princess Louise, Prince Bertil and other Swedish dignitaries left Gothenburg on the "Kungsholm". They retraced the voyage of the first Swedish settlers to America in 1638. They were greeted in Wilmington, Delaware by President Roosevelt. In his speech, FDR proclaims, "Swedish blood runs in my veins!". Here is the link to a short video clip I made from the source footage. I thought you might enjoy it. The link is:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tWuCZdNLF20>

Feel free to forward it this link to anyone who may enjoy it. It is a great way to use the power of the internet to promote Swedish heritage.

Hälsningar,  
DAVE EMMI

# SwedGen Road Tour 2007

We are happy to announce that there will be a SwedGen Road Tour in May 2007. We are going to visit Minnesota, Illinois, Pennsylvania and New York state.

In September 2001, we were supposed to visit the FGS Conference in Davenport, Iowa and also visit Rockford, Illinois. That year, the flight never left the airport in Paris. We will try to repair that this year. We are going to visit Minnesota, Illinois, Pennsylvania and the state of New York.

## Lectures and workshops

We will participate in lectures and workshops to help and assist Swedish-Americans finding their Swedish roots. We will have access to several Swedish databases with genealogical data, some of them not yet published. With the expert knowledge from the SwedGenTour group, we hope to help you be able to start your search for your Swedish roots or to solve your problems if you don't know how to proceed.

## Participants

On this tour, four well-known Swedish genealogists will participate: Anna-Lena Hultman, Anneli Andersson, Charlotte Börjesson and Olof Cronberg. Kathy Meade of Genline North America will also participate. The tour is sponsored by the Computer Genealogy Society of Sweden (the DIS Society) and by Genline.

## Databases

We will have access to a full range of different useful Swedish databases, such as:

Emigranten - passport index for emigrants from Sweden

Emibas - extracts from Swedish church records of emigrants

Swedish population CDs 1890, 1900, 1970 and 1980

Swedish Death Index 1947-2003

Regional Vital records Indexes

## Online resources

Genline - Church records online

SVAR - Swedish National Archives online

- Church records, Population census,

Taxation records and more

Disbyt - database - 12 million records from family trees

Indiko - database - Regional database for northern Sweden and Östergötland

Släktdata - Vital Records Online

## Third tour

In August 2002, SwedGenTour visited Ontario (California), Kingsburg (California) and Salt Lake City (Utah). In September 2005, the SwedGenTour visited Salt Lake City, Seattle and Vancouver. At both tours, we were able to solve many mysteries and find the roots in Sweden. Since then the possibilities to find the Swedish connections have become even better. The number of databases has increased and the amount of data as well.

## Prepare yourself

You can find further information at [www.dis.se/swedgentour/](http://www.dis.se/swedgentour/). The purpose of these web pages is to prepare you and to prepare us for the tour. In order to save some time at the meetings, you will

have the possibility to submit your query before the tour. We will then do some check-ups beforehand and hand over the result at the meetings. The better data you are able to provide, the better is the probability that we can help you to find your Swedish relatives. The two main questions we will try to answer are

Where in Sweden was your immigrant born?

Is it possible to find somebody related to you in Sweden?

Look for the blue and yellow flag at the meetings and you will find us.

Further questions, please send an email to [swedgentour@dis.se](mailto:swedgentour@dis.se)

Welcome!

OLOF CRONBERG

## Swedgen Road Tour 2007

May 2nd, Minneapolis, Minnesota

May 3rd, Cambridge, Minnesota

May 5th, Rockford, Illinois

See posters on the next page!

## Stops in Pennsylvania and New York State not yet confirmed

If you have suggestions of a stop please contact us. To do a presentation or have a workshop, we need a lecture room (or two), internet access and an audience.

[swedgentour@dis.se](mailto:swedgentour@dis.se)

As soon we know more, we will publish info at

[www.dis.se/swedgentour/](http://www.dis.se/swedgentour/)



Sponsored by The Swedish Genealogical Society of Minnesota

## Swedish Genealogy Road Tour 2007

At The American Swedish Institute

Address; 2600 Park Avenue, Minneapolis, MN

May 2, 2007 · 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

## Have you hit a brick wall in your Swedish family history research OR don't know where to begin?

Join the Swedish Genealogical Society of Minnesota (SGSM) for a research day with the Swedish Genealogy Road Tour for 2007!

On May 2nd, the Swedish Genealogical Society of Minnesota will sponsor a research day with the SWEDGEN Road Tour 2007. They are a group of four renowned Swedish genealogists touring the United States for the sole purpose of helping Swedish-Americans learn more about their heritage. These four individuals participated in previous SwedGen tours and have decided to continue the tradition with the new SWEDGEN Road Tour 2007. In 2002, the group visited Salt Lake City and Kingsburg, California and in 2005, visited Salt Lake City, Seattle, and Vancouver, British Columbia. On both of these trips, the group was successful in helping many individuals get started with their research as well as breaking down many brick walls. This year the group will make two stops in Minnesota: Wednesday, May 2nd at the American Swedish Institute in Minneapolis and Thursday, May 3rd at the Isanti County Historical Society in Cambridge.

The group will lead a Swedish genealogy research day that will include presentations and demonstrations on how to use the various resources for Swedish genealogical and historical research. There will be presentations on Swedish genealogical online resources, Swedish genealogical CDs and Swedish emigration.

The tour participants will assist individuals with their personal research. The group will have access to Swedish online and CD genealogical resources including resources specific to regional areas such as Kalmar, Jönköping, Halland, Jämtland and Stockholm. In addition the group will have access to the Dalsland project (70,000 names from Dalsland including emigrants), index of names for the Swedish American churches and additional names of emigrants not yet included in the Emibas CD.



Sponsored by Isanti County Historical Society

## SWEDGEN ROAD TOUR 2007

May 3, 2007 · Two Sessions · 1:00 to 10:00 p.m.

Isanti County Historical Society Heritage Center

(Located in the northwest corner of the Isanti County Fairgrounds, Cambridge, MN)

### Have you hit a brick wall in your Swedish family history research OR don't know where to begin?

Join ICHS for a research day with the SWEDGEN Road Tour 2007! A group of renowned Swedish genealogists who are touring the United States to teach and assist Swedish-Americans in how to find their roots and how to do Swedish research.

- **Presentations** on Swedish genealogical online resources, genealogical CDs and emigration.
- **Demonstrations** on how to use the various resources for Swedish genealogical and historical research.
- **Individual assistance** provided by SWEDGEN team during 30-minute personal research sessions (must be reserved at time of registration on a first-come basis). Individual assistance will be given in areas separate from the presentation room.
- Bring your questions and your laptop—*wireless access* will be available.

### The SWEDGEN Road Tour 2007 Research Day will be a great opportunity to get assistance with your Swedish genealogical research.

AFTERNOON SESSION		EVENING SESSION	
Time	Topic	Time	Topic
1:00-1:30 pm	Opening	6:00-7:00 pm	Swedish Genealogy CD Resources
1:30-2:30 pm	Swedish Genealogy CD Resources	7:00-8:00 pm	Swedish Genealogy Internet Resources
2:45-4:00 pm	Swedish Genealogy Internet Resources	8:00-9:00 pm	Swedish Emigration or Open Research
4:00-5:00 pm	Swedish Emigration or Open Research	9:00-10:00 pm	Open Research (if scheduled)
5:00-6:00 pm	<b>Dinner Hour (meal by reservation)</b>		

#### REGISTRATION FORM

Complete form and return with payment to:

ICHS Swedgen Road Tour 2007  
33525 Flanders St. NE (Delivery) - P.O. Box 525 (Mail)  
Cambridge, MN 55008

<b>ADVANCED REGISTRATION:</b> (Received no later than May 1)	<b>\$20</b>
<b>ICHS MEMBER REGISTRATION:</b>	<b>\$15</b>
<b>ICHS Senior/Student Member:</b>	<b>\$10</b>
<b>REGISTRATION AT THE DOOR:</b>	<b>\$25</b>

Name \_\_\_\_\_ If you would like a one-on-one session, indicate time preferred:  
Address \_\_\_\_\_ 1:00-2:30 \_\_\_\_\_ 3:30-4:00 \_\_\_\_\_ 6:00-6:30 \_\_\_\_\_ 8:00-8:30  
City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_ 2:00-2:30 \_\_\_\_\_ 4:00-4:30 \_\_\_\_\_ 6:30-7:00 \_\_\_\_\_ 8:30-9:00  
Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ 2:30-3:00 \_\_\_\_\_ 4:30-5:00 \_\_\_\_\_ 7:00-7:30 \_\_\_\_\_ 9:00-9:30  
Email Address \_\_\_\_\_ 3:00-3:30 \_\_\_\_\_ Dinner Hour \_\_\_\_\_ 7:30-8:00 \_\_\_\_\_ 9:30-10:00

Make appropriate selections and enclose payment.

Advanced Registration: \$20 \_\_\_\_\_  
ICHS Member Registration: \$15 \_\_\_\_\_  
ICHS Senior/Student Registration: \$10 \_\_\_\_\_  
Optional Boxed Dinner Meal: \$8 \_\_\_\_\_  
ICHS Membership: \_\_\_\_\_

#### ICHS Membership Rates

Student/Senior (Over 60) . \$15     Patron . . . . . \$100  
 Individual . . . . . \$20     Bronze Patron . . . . . \$200  
 Family . . . . . \$30     Silver Patron . . . . . \$300  
 Sustaining . . . . . \$40     Gold Patron . . . . . \$400  
 Supporting . . . . . \$55     Platinum Patron . . . . . \$500  
(check one and enclose with registration)

TOTAL ENCLOSED: \_\_\_\_\_ Questions? Call 763-689-4229 - maureen@izoom.net or ichsdirector@izoom.net

**May 2nd** Minneapolis, Minnesota  
at American Swedish Institute  
Workshop 9 am – 4 pm

**May 3rd** Cambridge, Minnesota  
At Isanti County Historical Society Heritage Center  
Two sessions 1-5 pm and 6-10 pm

**May 5th** Rockford, Illinois  
At Rockford Public Library  
Workshop sessions 9:30-11:30 AM, 1:00-3:00 PM, or 3:30-5:30 PM  
Presentations 9:30-11:30 AM, 1:00-3:00 PM, or 3:30-5:30 PM

**Registration required**  
**Click on posters to register**



## Rockford Public Library

### Swedish genealogy presentation

Saturday, May 05, 2007  
Register for 9:30-11:30 AM, 1:00-3:00 PM, or 3:30-5:30 PM  
Main Library, Classroom B  
215 N. Wyman St.  
Adult Programs  
Ages: 13 and older  
Registration Required: Yes

Powerpoint presentation by genealogists from Sweden on methods of researching Swedish genealogy. Participants are also encouraged to register for a computer workshop presented on this same day.

### Swedish genealogy computer workshop

Saturday, May 05, 2007  
Register for 9:30-11:30 AM, 1:00-3:00 PM, or 3:30-5:30 PM  
Main Library, 2nd Floor Computer Room  
215 N. Wyman St.  
Computer Classes  
Ages: 13 and older  
Registration Required: Yes

Genealogists from Sweden will teach the use of various online databases and CD products that persons can search for information on Swedish genealogy. Participants are also encouraged to register for one of the powerpoint presentations on Swedish genealogy during the same day, in Room B.

[www.rockfordpubliclibrary.org](http://www.rockfordpubliclibrary.org)



### New president of the DIS Society

On March 14 at the annual meeting of the DIS Society, Olof Cronberg (left) was elected new president after Sture Bjelkåker (right), who had been president for 19 years. Olof Cronberg declared he will try to continue to run the society in a successful manner. It is important to further develop the website and the databases. There is a need of to involve more members in working for the society. Engage and meet the coming generations. Contacts and co-operations with other organisations must be further developed. Finally, the contact with the members through the Diskulogen magazine, Rooted in Sweden e-zine and the regional societies are more important than ever.

# DIS Society

## Computer Genealogy Society of Sweden

The DIS SOCIETY was founded in 1980 to "to investigate methods and develop computer tools to support genealogy research, and in general stimulate Swedish genealogy". DIS is an abbreviation of *Datorhjälp i släktforskningen*, which means *Computer Aid in Genealogy*. The abbreviation DIS is used in the Scandinavian countries, where there are sister societies. The DIS SOCIETY is a non-profit organization. There are seven regional DIS Societies working actively throughout Sweden and arranging meetings about several topics in Computer Genealogy. We also have a force of sixty *faddrar*, which are members that are experts giving support and help in the use of different genealogical softwares.

Since 1980, the DIS SOCIETY has developed a genealogical software called DISGEN, which is the leading software in Sweden. The current version is 8.1. Currently, the software is only available in Swedish, but print-outs can be made in several languages including English. The software is easy-to-use and has a good support for source registration, producing print-outs and family books. It also has a unique possibility to link your data to a Swedish map.

Since 1989, the DISBYT database has been used to find connections and exchange data between genealogists. In 1998, the database appeared on the Internet, making it even easier to find relatives. With more than 5000 participants and over 12 million records, the DISBYT database covers a third of the total population who lived in Sweden before 1907.

The DIS SOCIETY publishes a quarterly magazine called DISKULOGEN in Swedish. From 2005, we have extended our efforts to also publish a newsletter in English called ROOTED IN SWEDEN, which is published as a pdf newsletter.

At present (April 2007), the DIS SOCIETY has more than 25,000 members. More than 600 are overseas members.

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