INTRODUCTION

This hand-out will familiarize you with the many electronic resources that are available for Swedish research. This list includes online resources both free and subscription sites as well as CDs that can help you in your Swedish research. These resources include research guides, dictionaries, maps, passenger ship registers, Swedish census records, church records, tax registers, military records and message boards. This list focuses primarily on resources that are unique to Swedish research.

TOOLS

RESEARCH GUIDES

Know nothing about Swedish research. Below are some excellent sites to help the beginner get started as well as providing additional tips for the experienced researcher.

1. Family Search Wiki – Sweden

   http://genealogy.about.com/library/authors/ucolsson1c.htm

3. Swedish Roots – Rötter
   The Federation of Sweden's Genealogical Societies' website - Most of the site is in Swedish but there is an English site with tips on Swedish genealogy and some very useful articles. There is also a message board where you can write queries in English.
   http://www.genealogi.se/roots/

SWEDISH GENEALOGICAL DICTIONARIES

1. SweGGate Online Dictionary
   This site contains an excellent medical dictionary. Click on dictionaries.
   http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~swewgw/index.htm

2. Demographical Database of Southern Sweden – Click on glossary
   http://www.ddss.nu/(S(2h3evl45c4jfkfazgzcjixwu))/english/default.aspx

3. Genline Resources
   http://www.genline.com/resources/dictionary_abbreviations.php?page=a

4. Ancestry.com – Genline dictionary is also on Ancestry.com
SWEDISH/ENGLISH ONLINE DICTIONARY
1. Google Translate can be helpful in translating websites. Type in the URL that you want to have translated. It can be very good tool for translating modern Swedish but one needs to be careful when trying to translate older texts or documents with names of places. Just remember that Google is not perfect but it is improving.

2. The best Swedish/English genealogy resource is the following printed book:

   You can order it at the following site:

   **Note of caution** – This book is excellent but sometimes persons have had problems ordering the book. Unfortunately, this is the only place where the book is available unless you find it in a used book shop or similar place.

TYPING SWEDISH CHARACTERS
Good site to show you how to type the Swedish characters on a PC or a Mac. [http://www.augustana.edu/x14886.xml](http://www.augustana.edu/x14886.xml)

SWEDISH MAPS
1. Swedish gazetteer
   [http://www.sna.se/gazetteer.html](http://www.sna.se/gazetteer.html)
3. View historical maps online
   [http://www.lantmateriet.se/](http://www.lantmateriet.se/)

SWEDISH-AMERICAN CHURCH RECORDS

**SWENSON SWEDISH IMMIGRATION RESEARCH CENTER**
The Swenson Swedish Immigration Research Center at Augustana College in Rock Island, IL provides Swedish genealogical research services. They have an excellent web site providing guidelines for Swedish genealogical research, genealogy links, listing of the microfilms for Swedish American and Canadian church records, listing of the microfilms of the Swedish American and Canadian newspapers, listing of microfilms for Swedish American lodge records and name indexes to books about Swedes in Illinois, Texas and California. Click on genealogy and then click on church records to see the list of microfilmed Swedish American church records.

[http://www.augustana.edu/x13917.xml](http://www.augustana.edu/x13917.xml)
Emigration Records

**PASSENGER SHIP LIST INDEXES**

1. **Swedish Emigration Records** 1783-1969 Records give information including name, departure port, destination city (where the person stated they were going), approximate age, and place were emigrating from in Sweden (parish name).
   Ancestry World Edition $  

2. **Gothenburg, Sweden Passenger Lists 1869-1951**. Images of the shipping manifests. Information includes ship name and destination port.
   Ancestry World Edition $  

3. **Norwegian Passenger Lists**. Many Swedes left from Norwegian ports.
   [http://digitalarkivet.uib.no/cgi-win/WebMeta.exe?sprak=e](http://digitalarkivet.uib.no/cgi-win/WebMeta.exe?sprak=e)

4. **Danish Passenger Lists**  

5. **English Ports**  
   Many Swedish emigrants left via Göteborg and traveled to Hull or Grimsby and then traveled by rail to an English port such as Liverpool, Southampton or Glasgow to board a ship bound for North America. You can find passenger ship lists for ships leaving English ports between 1890 and 1960 at the following subscription site.
   [http://www.findmypast.co.uk/home.jsp](http://www.findmypast.co.uk/home.jsp)

**SWEDISH EMIGRATION AND IMMIGRATION**

Emiweb - Swedish emigration and immigration records. Goal is to be Swedish emigration portal. Site information includes 1.1 million names of persons leaving Sweden between 1840 and 1930 – same information that is on the Emibas CD.
   [http://www.emiweb.se/](http://www.emiweb.se/) $Subscription site

**Emigration CDs**

1. **Emibas**  
   1.1 million names of persons leaving Sweden between 1840 and 1930. Source is the moving out records within the church books and the CD is 75% complete. The CD is searchable on various criteria including name, partial name, parish, birth date and additional criteria. Unfortunately, CD is no longer being produced. It is available at some libraries for use and the same content is available on the Emiweb subscription site. In Chicago area, the CD is available at Cook Memorial Library in Libertyville, Arlington Heights Memorial Library, Newberry Library and the Swedish American Museum.

2. **The Swedish Emigranten** - information is also on Ancestry except for photos that are on CD. – Swedish passenger ship list index from Swedish ports between 1869 and 1950. CD is available in English.

3. **Emigranten Populär** – Same information as the Swedish Emigranten CD but no photos and the CD is only in Swedish.
SWEDISH CENSUS RECORDS

**Online Resources**

1. **Swedish National Archives** – You will find the complete the Swedish Census for 1880, 1890 and 1900. Partial census for 1860, 1870 and 1910. The census records are name searchable.  
   [http://www.svar.ra.se/](http://www.svar.ra.se/) $Subscription site

2. **1890 Census Records for Norbotten, Jämtland, Värmland, Västerbotten, & Västernorrland** – free site  
   [http://www.foark.umu.se/census/Index.htm](http://www.foark.umu.se/census/Index.htm)

**Swedish Census CDs**

1. 1880 Swedish Census – also available online at subscription site SVAR  
2. 1890 Swedish Census – also available online at subscription site SVAR  
3. 1900 Swedish Census  - also available online at subscription site SVAR  
4. 1970 Swedish Census  
5. 1980 Swedish Census  
6. 1990 Swedish Census

**Swedish Death Records CDs**

**Swedish Death Index 1901-2009**

Includes death information for 2.5 million deceased persons between 1901 and 2009. CD has an English interface and is searchable by various criteria including first name, last name, partial name, birth parish, birth date (complete and partial) and death date plus other search fields.

The CDs can be purchased on the Swedish National Archives' site. Price is in Swedish kroner. Usually takes between 2 to 3 weeks for delivery. [http://www.svar.ra.se/](http://www.svar.ra.se/) - Click on English and go to bookstore.

**SWEDISH RECORDS ONLINE**

Today, there are several online sites where you will find Swedish records including church records, tax registers, probate records and other Swedish documents. Most are subscription sites and the prices do vary significantly. Before purchasing a subscription, verify that the site has the records that interest you.

   a. Swedish Church Records 1500 – 1940 (Records that are on Genline)  
   b. Indexed Birth Records (1880 – 1920)  
   c. Gothenburg Swedish Passenger Manifests (1869 – 1950)
2. **Genline.com** – Swedish Church Records (1500 – 1940)
Births, marriage, deaths, household examination, moving in and out registers and church accounts. These records are also on Ancestry.com. The site is still up and taking subscriptions but there is limited customer support.

[www.genline.com](http://www.genline.com)

3. **Swedish National Archives – Subscription site**
This site has images copies of the Swedish church records but not as complete as Genline or Arkivdigital.net, Swedish Census records, Tax Registers (1642-1820), Later Tax Registers for Stockholm, Military Records, Probate record indexes for four counties, Rosenberg database, registers for selected seaman houses. The site offers various subscription options. There are rumors that the National Archives are planning to make this a free site in the future but no date has been published.

[http://www.svar.ra.se](http://www.svar.ra.se)

4. **Arkivdigital.net** – Subscription
This subscription site has photographed images of the Swedish church records, probate records, military records and tax records for selected counties. Various subscription options are available. Usually, twice a year the site is open for all to research for no charge. One should sign up to be on their mailing list and you will be notified about the free week-ends.

[http://www.arkivdigital.net](http://www.arkivdigital.net)

5. **Familysearch.org**
You can browse records and you will be directed to an image at their partner site: The National Swedish Archives which requires a subscription.

**STOCKHOLM CITY ARCHIVES**
The Stockholm Archives site is a free site and has lots of wonderful indexes and search tools for the person researching within Stockholm. Unfortunately, the site uses Google translate versus having a professional translation for the English version so be careful when reading the site. Key search indexes:
1. Roteman Database 1878-1926
2. Orphanage House Registers
3. Population Registers with some images

TRANSCRIBED SWEDISH CHURCH RECORDS

Note – Remember these are transcriptions and you should always verify the information with the original source.

1. **Demographical Database of Southern Sweden** - Births, marriage, and death transcribed records for Skåne (Kristianstad and Malmöhus) and Blekinge. Click on English flag for English.
   

2. **Släktdata** - Transcripts of many Swedish Parish church records. Click on register & sökning and then registerlista. Site is in Swedish but transcriptions are in Excel files. Free site
   

SWEDISH MILITARY SITES

1. Military Archives of Sweden
   

2. Swedish Military Research Guide – Informative site on how to research your ancestor who was in the military
   
   [http://hem.passagen.se/mrwalker/howto.htm](http://hem.passagen.se/mrwalker/howto.htm)

3. Central Soldier’s Register – Free
   
   Site [http://soldat.dis.se/](http://soldat.dis.se/)

**BOUPPTECKNINGAR OR PROBATE RECORDS**

The following site includes translations of a few probate records as well as Swedish/English dictionary for many items found in the probate records. Excellent site if you research using the probate records.


CONNECT WITH OTHERS RESEARCHING YOUR FAMILY

**DIS**, contains over 20 million records of Swedes who lived before 1913 submitted by members of DIS – Computer Genealogy Society of Sweden. Great site to find out if someone is researching your family! Many people have found relatives in Sweden through this site. You can search free but in order to see the name of the person who submitted the information, you must pay an annual subscription fee of $18. If you upload your family data, you can view other family trees.

[http://www.dis.se](http://www.dis.se) – Click on the English flag.

HOUSEHOLD EXAMINATION EXTRACTION FORM

Below is a link to a site where you can download an extraction form for the household examination record that shows the common Swedish column headings with English translations.

MESSAGE BOARDS
On the message boards, you can seek assistance from other researchers.
1. Rootsweb – Swedish Genealogy Message Board
   http://lists.rootsweb.com/index/intl/SWE/SWEDEN.html

2. Genforum – Swedish Genealogy Message Board
   http://genforum.genealogy.com/sweden/

3. The Federation of Swedish Genealogical Sites – Message Board –
   Excellent site Click on Get Started with Anbytarforum
   http://www.genealogi.se/roots/

SWEDISH GENEALOGY JOURNALS
Below are two key Swedish Genealogy Journals. Both journals include many articles
focused on Swedish genealogy, history and culture. Both are subscription print editions
but many of the past editions are accessible online for no charge.

*Swedish American Genealogist*
Issues up to 2007 are online at this site.

*The Swedish American Historical Quarterly*
Issues between 1950 and 2005 are now available online.
http://collections.carli.illinois.edu/cdm4/index_npu_sahq.php?CISOROOT=/npu_sahq

Telephone and Address Directories
Use the following directories to find contact information for persons living in Sweden today.

1. www.hitta.se
2. www.birthday.se