

The following helpful books are available for use in the genealogy center on the third floor of the Worcester Public Library:

Your Swedish Roots: A step-by-step handbook by Per Clemensson and Kjell Anderson Ancestry, 2004 (there are also several copies that can be checked out for home use)

Cradled in Sweden by Carl-Erik Johansson
Everton, 1995

Swedish Genealogical Dictionary, 3rd edition by Phyllis J. Pladsen, Eric B. Pladsen, and Joseph C. Huber
Pladsen Sveria Press, 1995

Available to borrow from the AMC Mondor-Eagen, Amherst Jones, or Springfield Main libraries (place a hold with your library card for delivery to Shrewsbury):

A History of the Swedish People by Vilhelm Moberg
Dorset Press, 1989

Other websites of interest:

www.dh.umu.se/media/1444990/introswe.pdf

Introduction to Swedish by Urban Sikeborg, Stockholm (1997-1998)

www.optilingo.com/blog/swedish/swedish-pronunciation-guide

Guide to Swedish pronunciation, includes a video

www.lantmateriet.se/en

Maps of Sweden, with an extensive selection of historical maps for sale

To find Swedish cousins once you have located a Swedish ancestor in Sweden:

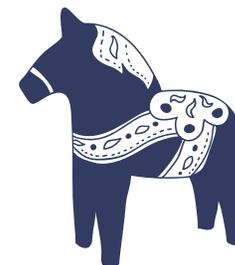
Send an email to info@cultureandkin.com (Gun-Marie Swesser). This service will put you in touch with your cousin(s) by email. If you plan to go to Sweden, meeting cousins can make the trip much more meaningful.



Lycka till och ha kul!
(Good luck and have fun!)



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Tips for Researching you Swedish Ancestors

The most useful records for Swedish genealogy research are kept by the Lutheran churches in Sweden. Although the original records are kept in book form by the local churches, they have been microfilmed and digitized. These records are accessible via Ancestry.com on the Shrewsbury Public Library's computers (in person). The biggest drawback to using these records is that they have not been indexed by individuals' names. However, if you know the location where your ancestors lived, you can expect to be able to find the records by following these steps:

1. Access Ancestry.com from the library website's genealogy resources section (on a library computer).
2. Once on Ancestry, go to "Quick Links" at the bottom left of the page and click on "Birth, Marriage, and Death Records."
3. On the right of this page, click on "View all in card catalog."
4. On the left-hand menu, choose "Filter by location," then "Europe," then "Sweden."
5. Scroll down the list and click on "Sweden Church Records, 1451-1943 (in Swedish)". (Although they are in Swedish, you will find key English words to help find what you need.)
6. On the right, choose "Browse this Collection," then choose the following from the drop-down lists: County, Parish, Record Type, Year Range. It is helpful to know where your ancestors lived, but you can use an educated guess to see what records are available. Record types include Födde (Births), Död (Deaths), Vigsel (Marriages) and Husförhör (Household examinations). The last contains a listing of all persons who lived at each home or farm, beginning with head of household. The record lists names, dates of births, marriages, & deaths, moving in/out dates & places, etc. You may see a notation which says your ancestor moved to "Nord Amerika" with a date-- this is when they left for North America. Know that information can help you find the passenger showing the ship that brought the person to America.

Other Ancestry.com Collections

After accessing the "Sweden Church Records, 1451-1943 (in Swedish)," below "Browse This Collection" on the right, you should see "Related Data Collections," which includes the following useful collections:

- Swedish Emigration Records, 1783-1951
- Gothenburg, Sweden, Passenger Lists, 1869-1951

Other useful websites for Swedish genealogy include the following:

riksarkivet.se

National Archives and the regional state archives of Sweden. The website is in Swedish, but there is a button in the top right which will translate it to English. Here you will find tips for using the archives, links to records, and information for visiting the archives if you go to Sweden to do the research.

www.arkivdigital.net

ArkivDigital is the largest private provider of Swedish church records and other historical records online. All images are newly photographed images of the original document. Color images covering various kinds of historical documents such as church records, court records, and inventory of estates are provided. The site requires a subscription, though you can try it for a short free trial. There are a few pages of tips on Swedish research which can be accessed without the subscription, and are worth checking out.

www.dis.se

The DIS Society is the Swedish Computer Genealogy Society. It was founded in 1980, and is the world's oldest computer genealogy society. It provides databases with access to Swedish records. If you become a member for around \$22 a year, you will not only have access to these databases, but you will be able to upload your Swedish family tree. By providing your email address, you may receive messages from other researchers who are researching the same lines.

www.rotter.se

Federation of Swedish Genealogical Societies. This website provides many "helps," including tips on getting started in Swedish research, explanation of the "patronymic" surname practice, Swedish language, history of Sweden, and more. Their online bookstore sells CDs and DVDs containing databases and some maps. Of special interest are "Begravda i Sverige 2," a database available in DVD or USB drive format, which includes burial information for over 5.36 million individuals buried in Sweden, which often includes birth, occupation, and address at time of death, and "Sveriges Dödbok," a list of more recent deaths in Sweden, available in USB drive format.