



# SWEDISH GENEALOGY

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Sweden – Genealogy  
Swedes – [locality]  
Swedish Americans – [locality]  
Scandinavians – [locality]

## GUIDES AND BIBLIOGRAPHIES

Ander, O. Fritiof. **The Cultural Heritage of the Swedish Immigrant: Selected References.** Rock Island, IL: Augustana College Library, 1956. Call # lowercase f 8398.035. Lists a variety of works related to Swedish Americans.

**Guide to Swedish-American Archival and Manuscript Sources in the United States.** Chicago: Swedish-American Historical Society, 1983. Call # Z1361.S9 G85.

**Historical Background Affecting Genealogical Research in Sweden.** Salt Lake City, UT: LDS Church, 1976. Call # folio CS923.H57 1976.

Johansson, Carl Erik. **Cradled in Sweden: A Practical Help Guide to Genealogical Research in Swedish Records.** Logan, UT: Everton Pub., 1977. Call # CS2601.J6 1977 (2<sup>nd</sup> floor open shelf).

**Major Genealogical Record Sources in Sweden.** Salt Lake City, UT: LDS Church, 1974. Call # folio CS923.M36 1974.

Erickson, James E. and Nils William Olsson. **Tracing Your Swedish Ancestry.** New York: Swedish Information Service, 2000. Call # CS922 .E75 2000 (2<sup>nd</sup> floor open shelf).

## VITAL RECORDS

**Scandinavia Vital Records Index [Electronic Resource]: Denmark, Finland, Norway, Sweden.** Salt Lake City: Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 2001. Call # CS898.A1 S25 2001 (2<sup>nd</sup> floor reference desk). Also available online at <http://www.familysearch.org>.

**Genline** [online database]. Available within the library. Contains Swedish church records from the 16<sup>th</sup> to the 20<sup>th</sup> centuries. Arranged by parish; no comprehensive name index.

## ATLASES AND GAZETTEERS

Landelius, Otto Robert. **Swedish Place-Names in North America.** Trans. Karin Franzen. Carbondale: Southern Illinois University Press, 1985. Call # E155.L36 1985.

**National Atlas of Sweden.** Ed. Leif Wastenson. Stockholm: SNA Pub., 1990. Call # folio G2070.N38 1990. See pages 152-153 for information on using Swedish maps for genealogical purposes.

For an overview of the Newberry's map holdings:  
<http://www.newberry.org/collections/mapoverview.html>

## BIOGRAPHICAL AND HISTORICAL RESOURCES

Benson, Adolph and Naboth Hedin. **Americans from Sweden.** Philadelphia: J. B. Lippincott Company, 1950. Call # F8398.088.

Johnson, Amandus. **Swedish Contributions to American Freedom, 1776-1783.** Philadelphia: Swedish Colonial Foundation, 1953. Call # F8398.454.

Kastrup, Allan. **The Swedish Heritage in America.** St. Paul, MN: Swedish Council of America, 1975. Call # E184.S23 K37.

Nelson, Olof Nickolaus. **History of the Scandinavians and Successful Scandinavians in the United States.** 2<sup>nd</sup> ed. Minneapolis, MN: O. N. Nelson and Co., 1900. Call # F8398.62. Focuses on Iowa, Minnesota, and Wisconsin.

Norelius, Eric. **The Pioneer Swedish Settlements and Swedish Lutheran Churches in America 1845-1860.** Trans. Conrad Bergendoff. Rock Island, IL: Augustana Historical Society, 1984. Call # E184.S23 N8 1984. Selected chapters from Eric Norelius' 1890 book.

**Swedes in America 1638-1938.** Ed. Adolph Benson and Naboth Hedin. New Haven, CT: Yale University Press, 1938. Call # F8398.09. Includes chapters on inventors, lawyers, doctors, etc.

Westman, Erik G. and E. Gustav Johnson. **The Swedish Element in America: A Comprehensive History of Swedish-American Achievements from 1638-Present Day.** 3 vols. Chicago: Swedish-American Biographical Society, 1931. Call # F8398.853.

## IMMIGRATION

Also see Passenger List guide at:

<http://www.newberry.org/genealogy/passengers.pdf>

**Emibas** [electronic resource]. Call # Local History Ref CD-ROM E184 .S23 E54 2005 (2<sup>nd</sup> floor CD shelf). Contains information regarding almost 1.1 million emigrants.

Lagevik, Elsa. **The People of the Red Barns: Emigrants from Västmanlands, Kopparbergs, Gävleborgs, Västernorrlands, Jämtlands, Västerbottens, and Norrbottens län, 1851-1863.** Trans. Vicky Oliver. Ockelbo, Sweden: E. Lagevik, 1996. Call # folio E184.S23 L34 1996.

Olsson, Nils William and Erik Wiken. **Swedish Passenger Arrivals in the United States, 1820-1850.** Stockholm: Schmidts Boktryckeri AB, 1995. Call # E184.S23 O45 1995 (2<sup>nd</sup> floor open shelf).

**The Swedish Emigrant.** [Electronic Resource] Call # E184.S23 S94 2001 (2<sup>nd</sup> floor CD shelf). Contains approximately 1.4 million emigrant names. See CD booklet for Swedish ports and date ranges.

Uppsala. Universitet. Emigrationsforskningsgruppen. **From Sweden to America : a history of the migration.** Minneapolis : University of Minnesota Press, 1976. Call # 4A 22008.

## CHICAGO RESOURCES

**Swedish-American Life in Chicago. . . 1850-1930.** Ed. Philip J. Anderson and Dag Blanck. Urbana: University of Illinois Press, 1992. Call # F548.9 S23 S88 1992.

Beijbom, Ulf. **Swedes in Chicago: A Demographic and Social Study of the 1846-1880 Immigration.** Stockholm: Läromedelsforlagen, 1971. Call # HN80.C5 B413.

Nilson, Allan T. **An English Translation of Chapters Two and Three from De Byggde Jarnvagsvagnar: Emigranterna fran Ryfors hos Pullman i Chicago.** Trans. Raymond E. Johnson. South Holland, IL: South Suburban Genealogical and Historical Society, 2000. Call # folio F550.S23 N5517 1999. Relates to Swedes who lived and worked in Pullman.

Olson, Ernst Wilhelm. **The Swedish Element in Illinois: A Survey of the Past Seven Decades.** Chicago: Swedish-American Biographical Association, 1917. Call # F896.643. Includes biographical sketches, some church and industry information.

**Swedish Voters in Chicago, 1888: Based on the Voter Registrations of 1888.** Ed. Nils William Olsson. Winter Park: FL: SAG Publications, 1999. Call # F550.S23 O48 1999 (2<sup>nd</sup> floor open shelf).

## PERIODICALS

**Swedish American Genealogist.** Winter Park, FL: Swedish American Genealogist, 1981-. Holdings: Vol. 1 (1981) – currently received. Call # E184.S23 S88. Indexed yearly.

**Swedish American Historical Quarterly.** Chicago: Swedish Pioneer Historical Society, 1950-. Holdings: Vol. 1 (1950) – currently received. Call # F8398.856. Index for 1950-1969 only. Articles published between 1950-2002 are listed in Jan. 2003 issue.

## DICTIONARIES

**McKay's Modern English-Swedish and Swedish-English Dictionary.** New York: D. McKay Co., 1972. Call # Ref PD5640 .N613 1972 (3<sup>rd</sup> floor open shelf).

## ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

**The Swenson Center at Augustana College** (309-794-7024) is a major repository of Swedish-American resources. Visit the Center's web site at: <http://www.augustana.edu/swenson>

**The F. M. Johnson Archives and Special Collections at North Park University** 3225 W. Foster Avenue, Chicago, IL 60625 (773-244-6223), maintains the Swedish-American Archives of Greater Chicago. See the University's web site for more information: <http://www.northpark.edu/brandel-library/archives/>

**The University of Minnesota Library**, 309 19<sup>th</sup> Avenue South, Minneapolis, MN, 55455 (612-626-2227), collects materials related to Swedish-American heritage and history. See a list of the Library's resources at: <http://wilson.lib.umn.edu/reference/swe-gene.html>

**The Family History Library** in Salt Lake City collects Swedish-related materials. Explore the Library's online catalog (<http://www.familysearch.org>) to see what types of records may be available through the microform loan program. Ask at the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor reference desk for details.

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