

SWEDISH RESEARCH

Identifying Parish of Origin

1. Review family records and accounts about immigrant family
2. Census (Federal and State) Identify and print out..all of them (Iowa State Census may give place of origin)
3. Search for US Immigration Records
4. Search for Swedish and Hamburg Emmigration Records.
5. Find and print out Declaration of Intention and other citizenship records
6. Find the US marriage/children birth records; civil and if possible, in the US church which they attended
7. Search diligently for the *exact birthdate* and various names used by the immigrant family

Useful Swedish Databases include the “1880 Swedish Census”, “1890 Swedish Census”, “Demographic Database for Southern Sweden”, FamilySearch person search, online compiled family genealogies

Researching in Sweden

Swedish Lutheran Church Records are the most reliable and available online for births, marriages, deaths, confirmations. The parish Household Exams are most useful from about 1870 to 1920. Follow the mother of the family every 5 years from her beginning adulthood until her death. Thus one will see all the family moves and events and obtain more complete records.

Probate Records are also available in the County (Harad) initiated after the death of the first of a couple

Military Records are also available but more challenging; one especially need to properly identify the military unit and region represented.

Many times the Swedes use patronymics so they reference names by *birthdates* in the records. Many times there are frequent last name changes.

Of all the European Countries, these are the easiest and most complete!!

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