

## Success Tips for Scandinavian Research

**FamilySearch:** Digital Images and Indexes Cost Free

<https://familysearch.org/search/collection/list>

**Step by Step:**

FamilySearch.org, click on Search > Records > Browse all Published Collections. 2243 collections Historical Record Collections will load, Scroll down to Sweden and select your county of interest.

Click on Browse through *thousands* of images

Scroll down and find your parish, click on it (församling means Assembly)

Chose your Record (Birth, Household exam, Marriage, moving in or out)

Choose the Volume and Year

Browse the film or enter the Image Number

**\$ MyHeritage: Digital Images and Indexes available at a FamilyHistory Center near you free of charge** <https://www.myheritage.com/research/category-Sweden/sweden-genealogy-vital-records?s=239172421>

**Step by step:**

MyHeritage.com > Research > Scroll Down to the Map and Click on Europe > Select Sweden> Click on Advanced Search > Enter Search Criteria

**\$ Arkivdigital: Digital Images available at a FamilyHistory Center near you free of charge**

**Step by step:** Click "Arkiv Digital." If the program opens in Swedish, you can change it to English > Search Archives> Parish> Record (Use Code) On the bottom-right corner is an identification number for the image. An image number (AID) may be typed in this box to quickly retrieve the image.

**DDSS:** Indexes <http://ddss.nu/> Demographic Database of Southern Sweden (DDSS) Cost Free

Step by Step: Click on the British Flag for English> Databases > Enter name to be searched > Search>

Click on the Date or Parish to open the record. (Notice how many hits and numbers of pages of results)

**\$ Ancestry: Digital Images and Indexes available at a Family History Center near you free of charge**

**Step by Step:** Click on Search> Type in Sweden & Click Search> Click on the top selection "Sweden Church Records, 1451-1943"> Under Browse the Collection: County, Parish, Record Type, Year Range> Browse the film (Enter page or image number if available)

**RootsMagic:** <https://www.rootsmagic.com/RootsMagic/Features.aspx>

*Free Version:* FamilySearch Family Tree certified synchronization; WebHints automatically search online and for records that match your people

*Full Version:* WebSearch Search using Web hints and Web Search

RootsMagic automatically searches your favorite genealogy record sites including Family Search, FindMyPast, Ancestry, and MyHeritage for possible matches to your data. As matches are found, a light bulb appears next to each person's name. Clicking on the light bulb opens up a web browser with the matching records (some records may require a subscription).

The WebSearch view makes it easy to search online for information about your family. Switch to the WebSearch tab and RootsMagic will do an online search for the currently selected person (if Auto-search is checked.) If you want to find someone else just click their name in the sidebar and RootsMagic will automatically search for them on the selected site.

When you find a website you are interested in, you can click the "Add WebTag" button to add a link to that website to the currently selected person.

Sometimes you may want to open your results in a standalone browser rather than the one built into WebSearch. If you click the "Use external browser" checkbox, RootsMagic will open the selected website in whatever browser is set as the default for your computer. One note, using the external browser method disables the "Add WebTag" button since RootsMagic has no way of getting the URL information from the external browser.

## NOTES:

- **Knowing what records are available** is so valuable. By default, one will search historical records when using the Search feature; however, one can also Search in the card catalog, browse digital images and browse all published collection list,
- **FamilySearch/FamilyTree** a free site. You can get registered with a free account. Family Tree is a single, universal pedigree that offers new ways to discover, preserve, and share your family story:
- I will be demonstrating how many places you can find the **birth records for this person (Nils Lindqvist MMCN-V8R)** Using a person not my family. .
- Search for a person in FamilySearch/FamilyTree. Go to FamilySearch.org> Click on Family Tree> Click on Find and Find by Name or Find by ID
- **Use dates first before names** in Scandinavian research. It's important to use the Church records such as household exam for dates, family, places, moving in and out. Use the information to find the vital information and follow the person or family if they move out of the village, parish or country.
- **New records are being added** to websites such as FamilySearch and Ancestry continually and not all records are indexed.
- **The DDSS** Demographic Database of Southern Sweden consists of three separate databases containing information extracted from the original Swedish parish church records of births and baptisms, weddings, deaths and burials and church censuses. Each of these sets of records constitutes a separate database. The databases do not cover the whole of Sweden, being limited to the counties (Southern Sweden) of Skåne and Blekinge. It has information in both Swedish and English. The databases contain a total of 1,254,484 people within the three sets of records. Times periods vary for each parish, some start in the late 1600's and are up to early 1900's. Other has a more limited time period of about 1850 to 1900. The site has excellent search capabilities with detailed directions on how to use the site.
- **<https://www.arkivdigital.net/>** With a ArkivDigital subscription you get: access to about 70 millions color images easy-to-use software to navigate among all the documents hopefully exciting stories about your Swedish ancestors Free at Family History Center
- **Find, Search, Source, and Preserve from the Family Tree:** Citing records is very important. It's the backbone of genealogy and leaves a more lasting legacy for those who follow you. It verifies/proves your research, finds more people, it is detective work and helps tell the person's story. It ties the entire genealogy community together it gives others more confidence in your research, and saves you time.
- **RootsMagic:** A partial family was imported into RootsMagic to help research. The database searches records that might not be found by a manual search or that you might not think of. You can attach those sources to your records automated through the system without typing them in manually. Information can be transferred and synced from between your personal database and the tree on a website. Webtags, Webhints, etc. The more sources you add to your tree on a website, the more opportunity that hints will pop up. FYI: I'm not selling any particular product. Other products have similar features. RootsMagic is a software package that provides organization tools for your family tree and family history. As you search for family records, RootsMagic will connect with FamilySearch and MyHeritage to find up-to-date information on your ancestors. You can document what you find and even print out detailed sheets of information.
- **Websites and programs have their own HELP** section or you can Google Search to find an answer.