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## BEGINNING SWEDISH RESEARCH WITH ARKIVDIGITAL

### Where do I begin? Basics of Swedish Research

Learn how to trace your Swedish roots. The presentation will cover naming patterns, Swedish spellings, and Swedish geography. The presentation will focus on how to find the key facts about one's Swedish ancestor such as Swedish name, parish of origin and significant date such as a birth date that are needed in order to use the Swedish records. We will review the various personal records, U.S. public records, Swedish-American unique records and emigration records that can be used to discover these facts and how to locate these valuable resources.

### Introduction to the Swedish Church Books

The Swedish church books are usually the first Swedish records that one uses when tracing one's Swedish roots. These records are a "gold mine" because they are so complete and contain such detailed information. This lecture will give an overview of the Swedish church records: births, marriages, deaths, household examination records and records of movement. You will learn that one doesn't need to know Swedish to research your ancestor from birth to death or birth to emigration in these wonderful records!

### Researching in the Swedish church books using ArkivDigital

ArkivDigital is an online site that provides access to newly photographed images of the Swedish historical records. ArkivDigital's online archive includes all the church books from the earliest times (1600s) up until the mid-twentieth century. In this class you will learn how to research these records using both archival search methods and name searching. Learn how easy and fast it is to find your ancestor using the name searching indexes. Using a case study, a demonstration will show how one can use ArkivDigital to research in the Swedish church books.

### Putting it all together!

You have now heard what are the unique characteristics of Swedish research. You have learned about the different types of records in the church books such as birth, marriage,

death, household/congregation and moving records. You have seen a demonstration of a case study using ArkivDigital to research a Swedish family. In this session, we will answer questions from the participants. If no questions come forth, examples of questions submitted in advance will be answered along with a demonstration of the answer.

### Kathy Meade Bio

Kathy Meade is the North American representative for ArkivDigital AD AB, a company that offers online access to newly photographed color images of the Swedish church books and other historical records. She has been working with Swedish genealogy for almost twenty years. Ms. Meade serves on the advisory board for the Swedish American Genealogy Research Center at the Swedish American Museum in Chicago. She volunteers at the Swedish American Museum in Chicago and the Arlington Heights Memorial Library in Arlington, Heights, IL helping patrons with their Swedish genealogical research. In a prior life, she lived and worked in Sweden and Norway for 7 years during the 90's learning the languages.