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What is new in ArkivDigital?

Kathy Meade

ArkivDigital provides online access to newly photographed color images of Swedish historical records. We have added many searchable indexes, so there are now more church books and probate records that you can search by name. In addition, we have added some more Swedish-American church books. We will show how these updates make researching your Swedish heritage simpler and faster.

Digging deeper in the Swedish church books!

Kathy Meade

Swedish church records are a gem for researching your Swedish family history. But obstacles do occur. Sometimes, the ministers would use abbreviations or record notes in the *comments* column in the household record. What do these notes and abbreviations mean? Sometimes the minister did not note the birthplace in the household book. Where is the birth record? Sometimes we lose a person, and we can't trace him backward or forward? Is it possible to find this person? In the presentation, we will look at some case studies highlighting stumbling blocks researchers have experienced over the years and present strategies and solutions.

Filling in your Family Tree with ArkivDigital: Starting Out Right or Stepping It Up

Angela Martinson

Do you feel overwhelmed keeping track of what you've learned about your ancestors? Learn how to document your sources well as you research your ancestors using ArkivDigital, whether you are a beginner or a more experienced researcher. This presentation will also introduce you to an exciting resource available through ArkivDigital: Gods och Gårdar, which can give you additional information about your ancestors' homeland and possibly some of their houses (with photos).

How to Travel Trouble-free and Absorb Your History in Sweden

Jan Carlson

Janet will be sharing hints regarding the ins and outs of traveling in Sweden and will explore how to find help in ancestral parishes so you can glean the most about your family's history

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.

Angela Martinson Bio



Angela Martinson is an English as a Second Language teacher and a mother of 3 young children. In her spare time, she enjoys doing Swedish research to learn more about her husband's ancestors. She has been doing Swedish research for only 3 years, so she can relate to others who are just beginning on this journey. She is always working on creating digital scrapbooks so that her family has copies of their stories to look at and remember

Janet Carlson Bio



Jan Carlson is a long-time member of the Swedish Genealogical Society of Minnesota, serves on their board, and is a frequent contributor to their quarterly newsletter, “Tidningen.” She is also part of their research and translation team. She has been to Sweden eight times, often for extended periods. She worked for ArkivDigital for several years photographing Swedish-American records for inclusion in ArkivDigital’s database. She also spent 30 years from the 1970s-1990s doing programs of Scandinavian folk and emigrant music in the Upper Midwest beginning with the Snoose Boulevard Festival in Minneapolis.