

**SWENSON SWEDISH IMMIGRATION RESEARCH CENTER
RESEARCH REQUEST FORM**

Please print this form and fill out as completely as possible. **BOLDFACE** items below are necessary to begin a search.

FULL NAME to be researched: (include any known changes) _____

Date and place of birth: _____

Year of emigration and from where: _____

Date and place of death: _____

DESTINATION CITY/SETTLEMENT IN AMERICA: _____

Name of U.S. Church Attended: _____

Family Information:

Name of spouse: _____

Spouse's birthdate and place: _____

Year of spouse's emigration and from where: _____

Date and place of spouse's death: _____

Date and place of marriage, name of officiant: _____

Children — Name, date, and place of birth: (please include details here)

Additional information about the family: (include details here) _____

INFORMATION YOU ARE SEEKING: (include details here & be specific): _____

YOUR NAME AND ADDRESS and e-mail: _____



Depending upon the information and sources available, we are able to spend a *maximum of four hours per request*. If we are unable to assist you, we will try to refer you to other possible sources

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- I enclose payment for _____ (1, 2, 3, or 4) hours
 Bill me for research beyond hour(s) paid for.
 Spend no more than _____ (1, 2, 3, or 4) hours (leaving this blank implies a limit of 4 hours)

Please send this form with your check payable to Swenson Center for \$40 per hour to the address above. (\$30 per hour for members of the Swenson Center --please see our "Support and Membership" web page) (*Canadians please contact us to ask how to pay if you do not have a U.S. checking account. Swedes please use our Swedish request form at www.bitly.com/SSIRCsvenskar.*)

Hints for Research Requests:

- Searches average 1-3 hours. To avoid paperwork delays at our end, we recommend that you send payment for no more than 1 hour and let us bill you for additional time spent so we do not need to send you a refund.
- Please fill out this form completely whenever possible, and refrain from writing "see attachments" instead. If we have to search your attachments to find simple details, it will take us longer to do the research.
- Refer to people by name and not by "my great-grandmother" or "my grandfather." This reduces time spent determining each person's relationship to you.
- Also, do not leave spouse/children information blank because you "already have that information." We may need details about them in order to look for the original person. Thank you!

Sources: Based on information you provide, we will start our search by using the following basic sources available at the Swenson Center (underline any specific sources you would like us to search, but we usually know where to start):

1. Swedish-American and -Canadian church records (founded in North America by Swedish immigrants). If the immigrant was only married or buried through the church and did not join it, it may not say much about him/her.
2. Emigrant indexes and lists from all counties (*län*) in Sweden 1861-1940.
3. Passenger indexes from the Swedish ports of Göteborg 1869-1930, Malmö 1874-1939, Stockholm 1869-1920, and Kalmar 1880-1893; many ports in Norway; and the port of Copenhagen in Denmark 1869-1908.
4. Indexes to New York and other port arrival records in various forms 1851-1924
5. Swedish parish records (ca. 1700-1940) using online subscriptions. We must first know the parish & county of birth to use them, but if we find the birth parish in our other records, we should be able to continue in Swedish records for you. These can be used to trace people back to find ancestry, & often forward to find living Swedish relatives.
6. Swedish-American and -Canadian newspaper obituaries, if exact date & place of death are known.
7. Swedish-American fraternal lodge records, including Independent Order of Svithiod, Independent Order of Vikings, Independent Order of Good Templars, and Scandinavian Fraternity of America.
8. 20,000+ books, including books about Swedish parishes, Swedish-American settlements and churches. Search www.augustana.edu/library for titles.

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