Discover your Swedish Roots in Living Color Using ArkivDigital

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Introduction

ArkivDigital (http://www.arkivdigital.net) provides online access to Swedish historical records. As of October 2016, the online archive consists of over 63 million newly colored photographed images or about 126 million pages of historical records. 600,000 new images are added monthly.

ArkivDigital Subscriptions

Base	All archives and Population of Sweden 1950
All-in-one	Base + Population of Sweden 1880-1920 and Population of Sweden 1960+ Swedish in US 1940

Search in ArkivDigital 2.0

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Archives – Search archive documents

1. You enter the name of the archive such as parish name, military regiment, district court name in the search box and click on search.

2. You can also filter by archive type such as parish/congregation for church books, county or province.

Commonly Used Archives

Archive Name	Description
Barnhus	Orphanage
City Court	City court records and estate inventories
Country Office	County tax registers
District Court	District court records and estate inventories
District Register	District tax registers
Military	Military records
Parish/Congregation	Parish church book archives
Police archives	Passenger ship manifests
Prison archives	Prison records
SCB	Extracts of birth, marriage and death records 1925-1945

Index – Search for people

1. This feature allows you to search by name.
2. Today, there are four index types:
    a. Population of Sweden 1880-1920 (This is a name searchable index of all the household/congregation records between 1880 and 1920).
    b. Population of Sweden 1950
    c. Population of Sweden 1960
    d. Swedes in US 1940

Case Study - Search in archive documents for Johannes Backman

EVENT	DATE	PLACE	RECORD
Birth	7 January 1847	Långserud, Värmland	Birth & Household
Military Service	1860-1880	Värmland Regiment	General Muster Rolls
Emigration	1880	Långserud, Värmland to North America	Household record & Passenger Ship Manifest

Search for birth record

1. Enter **Långserud** in the search box.
2. Search for birth book that includes year 1847.
3. Open volume Långserud (S) CI: 9 (1843-1860).
4. Check to see if a table of contents exists in the first few pages. Some books contain multiple types of records.
5. Image 4 – *Födelse – och dopbok 1843-1860   1-237 (book only contains birth records)*
6. Most birth books are in chronological order. Search for the year, 1847 then actual birth date.
7. You will find the record at the following reference: Långserud (S) CI:9 (1843-1860) Image 29 / page 49 (AID: v7887.b29.s49, NAD: SE/VA/13352)
8. Record contents are:

> Birth date 7th of January; Baptismal date 10th of January; Backa, Soldier Johannes Backman and his wife Cajsa Andersdottter child, witnesses Anders Johannesson and his wife Anna Petersdotter living at the same place; mothers age 34, child's name, **Johannes**.

Search for household record

9. Select household record volume Långserud (S) AI: 15 (1846-1851).
10. The household examination books are organized by place name. Usually, you will find a place name index in the beginning or back of the book. According to the birth record, we are looking for the place, Backa.
11. Open the volume and search for the place name index. You will find the place name index at the following reference - Långserud (S) AI:15 (1846-1851) Image 4 (AID: v12060.b4, NAD: SE/VA/13352). You will see that the records for Backa begin on page 3.
12. Go to page 3 to begin your search for the family. You will find the family on page 14 at reference - Långserud (S) AI:15 (1846-1851) Image 20 / page 14 (AID: v12060.b20.s14, NAD: SE/VA/13352)
13. Record contents – members of the household between 1846 and 1851

Search for military record

1. You usually discover that a person was in the military by a notation in the household record indicating that the person was in the military such as the title *soldat* (soldier). In this case, we discover that Johannes is a soldier in the household record. Reference - Långserud (S) AI:20 (1871-1875) Image 28 / page 21 (AID: v12065.b28.s21, NAD: SE/VA/13352)

2. The most commonly used military record are the general muster rolls. In order to find a soldier in the general muster rolls, you need to know the regiment and company the individual served in.
3. In order to find the regiment and company, the publication "Statistical Digest of the Swedish Army System" by Claes Lorentz Grill is a great help. Many researchers call this work the "Grill". You can find the scanned version of this publication in the "Printed Literature" archive in ArkivDigital.
4. In the search window, select archive type and select the printed literature archive.
5. Select "*Tryckt litteratur*".
6. Open the volume GrillReg: volume (parish index).
7. Search for Långserud and you will see "II 89" which directs you to page 89 in the volume Grill:2. Reference Tryckt litteratur (o) GrillReg:1 Image 490 / page 46 (AID: v792967.b490.s46, NAD: SE/AD/00001)
8. Open the volume for Grill II and go to page 89. There you will find out that Backa in the Långserud parish belong to the Värmland regiment and Gillbergs company.
9. Open the military archive for the Värmland regiment
10. Search for the general muster roll for the year near 1871. Open the volume Generalmönsterrullor - Värmlands regemente (S) 219 (1872-1876).
11. The muster rolls are organized by company. Currently, they are not indexed and you will have to browse for the Gillbergs company. Go to Image 318 or reference Generalmönsterrullor - Värmlands regemente (S) 219 (1872-1876) Image 318 (AID: v46612.b318, NAD: SE/KrA/0023).

Search for household record using name search

Swedish Household Examination Records (1880-1920)

This is a name searchable register of the household examination records between 1880 and 1920 for all of Sweden. The index record displays the following information about the person: name, birth date, birth place, sometimes marriage date and moving information. Members of the household are displayed along with a direct link to the original record. A link to the birth book for the person is also included.

1. Select new search.
2. Select index – search for people.
3. Select index source – Population of Sweden 1880-1920.
4. Enter the following in the search box – *Johannes Backman 18470107*
5. Click on search.
6. 1 record is found.
7. Click on link to household record link. Record shows Johannes Backman and family moving to North American on the 10th of July 1880.

Search for passenger ship manifest

Passenger ship manifests are located in the police archives. You will passenger ship manifests for persons leaving from the following Swedish ports: Göteborg, Norrköping, Helsingborg, Malmö and Stockholm.

1. Open police archives.
2. Select Göteborgs poliskammare.
3. Select second volume for year 1880.
4. You will find the manifest for the family at the following image: Göteborgs poliskammare (-1900) (O) EIX:15 (1880-1880) Image 2220 / page 439 (AID: v479739.b2220.s439, NAD: SE/GLA/12703)

Research Tools
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http://www.arkivdigital.net/swedish-genealogy - Swedish genealogy tutorials

http://blog.arkivdigital.net/ - ArkivDigital blog

Swedish Genealogy Guide (http://swedishgenealogyguide.com/)

On this site you will find two Swedish English dictionaries: 1788 and 1814. There are several learning guides as well as some videos showing how to interpret birth records from both the 1700's and 1800's. Excellent site – bookmark it!