



GENEALOGY VISITOR RESEARCH FORM

Fill out as completely as possible and bring to your research appointment. ***Asterisks and Bold** items 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: _____

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: _____



Please organize your information onto this form and bring it with you to your research appointment, being sure to fill in the “Information you are Seeking” lines. Having your information in this format will help us to make good use of your research time.

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Hints for filling out this form:

- Please fill out this form completely whenever possible, and try to refrain from referring us to attachments.
- 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.

Sources: Based on information you provide, we will point you to appropriate basic sources available at the Swenson Center (or those that you are coming here specifically to see). Below is a list of our most-used records; see a more comprehensive list and descriptions on our genealogy web page www.swensoncenter.org/genealogy.

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 or 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 1868-1908.
4. Indexes to New York port arrival records in various forms 1851-1924.
5. Swedish parish records (ca. 1700-1930, sometimes later) using online subscriptions. Must know parish & county of birth in order To use, but if we find the birth parish for you in our other records, we should be able to continue in Swedish records for you. These can often be used to trace people back to find ancestry, and occasionally forward to living relatives in Sweden. Parish records carry an additional hourly usage fee and are available only two mornings a week by special appointment, in-person or virtual, with a volunteer. Contact us for details.
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 about specific Swedish parishes, Swedish-American settlements, churches, etc. Search library.augustana.edu for titles. Search archival collections at augustana.pastperfectonline.com.