

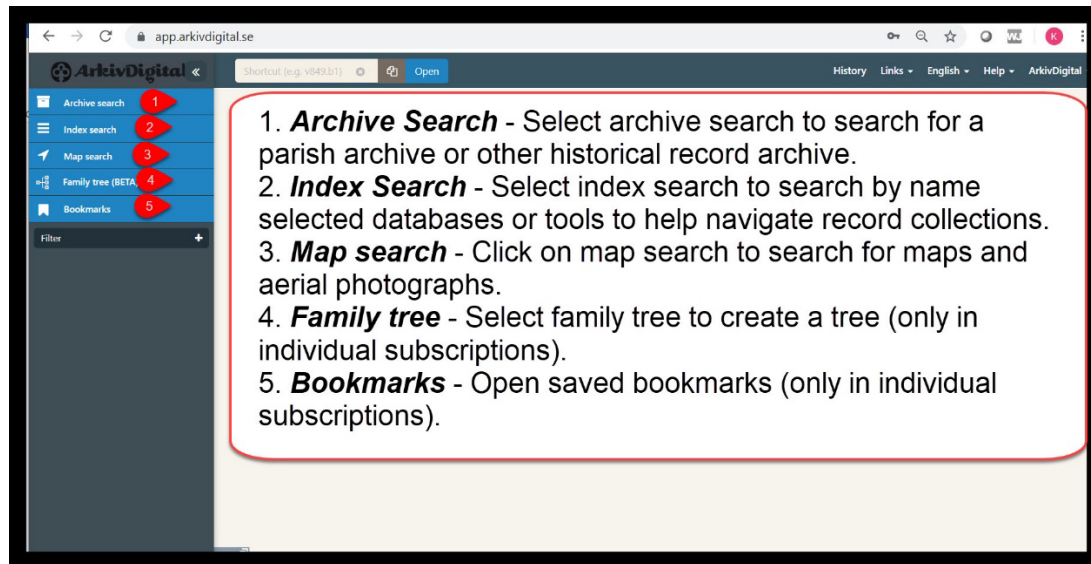
TRACING YOUR SWEDISH ROOTS WITH ARKIVDIGITAL

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INTRODUCTION

ArkivDigital is an online subscription service that provides access to Swedish historical records. Today there are over 94 million newly photographed color images in the service. Types of documents include Swedish church books, estate inventories, tax registers, military records, court records, Swedish American church books, maps, aerial photographs, and many others. The English public website is <https://www.arkivdigital.net/>, and you can access the application by going to the URL: <https://app.arkivdigital.se/>.

INTERFACE REVIEW



ARCHIVE SEARCH

ArkivDigital has more than 100 archive types. Many are very specialized. You find the archives by going to *Archive Search*. If you know the name of the archive, you can enter the name of the archive under the box, *archive holder*, and click search. You can then open the archive, and a volume list for that archive will appear.

You can also search by archive type and country. The default country is Sweden, and you can further limit your search in Sweden by county and province. For the United States, you can restrict the search by state. On the following page, you will find a table listing the most commonly used archives by genealogists.

COMMONLY USED ARCHIVES

Archive Name	Description
<i>Barnhus</i>	Orphanage
Chamber	National tax register collection
City Court	City court records and estate inventories
Country Office	County tax registers
Court Registrar	Land registration records
District Court	District court records and estate inventories
District Register	District tax registers
<i>Flygbilder</i>	Aerial Photographs
Military	Military records
Parish/Congregation	Parish church book archives
Police archives	Passenger ship manifests
Prison archives	Prison records
Printed Literature	Tryckt litteratur or published literature and Grill
Registers	Name and Emigration Registers

INDEX SEARCH

ArkivDigital regularly adds new indexes to aid the researcher. There are two types of indexes: name searchable indexes for specific collections within the Swedish church books, estate inventories, military records, and other types of documents, and also indexes that work as search tools in navigating an archive. These search tools make it easier to search tax records, general muster rolls, and the SCB extracts or extracts of birth, marriage, and death records from 1925 to 1947.

SEARCHABLE NAME INDEXES

Index Name	Category
Population of Sweden 1800-1947	Church Books
Census of Sweden 1940, 1950, 1960, 1970, 1975, 1980, 1985 and 1990 and Census of Sweden 1940-1990	Census
Population of Stockholm 1945	Census
Estate Inventories	Estate Inventories
Military Service Cards (1902-1950)	Military
General Muster Rolls	Military
Swedes in US 1940	U.S. Census
Emigrants	Emigrants
Births (Parts of Sweden)	Church Books
Marriages (Parts of Sweden)	Church Books
Deaths (Parts of Sweden)	Church Books
Move certificates	Church Books
Prison Portrait	Prisoner Photos
Portrait Collection	Stockholm Portraits
Agriculture Statistics 1944	Agriculture

Boatswain active list	Military
Employees at Papyrus	Employee List
Riddarhuset, Collection of Portraits	Nobility

SEARCH TOOL INDEXES

<i>Index Name</i>	<i>Category</i>
Quick Find: SCB extracts	Birth, marriage, and death extracts
Quick Find: mantals tax records	Tax
Quick Find: general muster rolls	Military

INDEX SEARCHING

To index search, one does the following:

1. Access app.arkivdigital.se
2. Select **Index search**
3. Click on the down arrow in the box under *index source* and choose the desired index. Then a search menu will open for the selected index.

POPULATION OF SWEDEN 1800 – 1947

This is a searchable name register of the household examination/congregation records within the Swedish church books between 1800 and 1947 for all of Sweden and was created via a partnership with MyHeritage. Also included are index records for the Stockholm *Rotemansarkivet* for the years 1878-1926, with a link to the original document.

ADVANCED SEARCH FUNCTIONS

You can search by name, birth, census or residence, and household. You can search by first name, last name, gender, or a combination of these fields in the birth section of the advanced search function. In the birth section, you can search by birth date or select between years (for example, between 1865 and 1870). The entry format for the birth date is YYYY-MM-DD. One can also search by birth parish, birth county, or birth country (if the birth country is not Sweden). The household search possibility is one of the most exciting and usable. Here one can combine information about persons living together in a family to find matches in cases where one does not have much information about the family. One can include multiple persons in the household in the search by clicking "Add person."

For more information on wild card searches, go to the following blog:

<http://blog.arkivdigital.net/name-searching-tips/>

CENSUSES OF SWEDEN 1940, 1950, 1960, 1970, 1975, 1980, 1985 AND 1990

There are name searchable indexes for the Population of Sweden in 1940, 1950, 1960, 1970, 1975, 1980, 1985, and 1990. Within these indexes, you will find personal information for all living in Sweden at the end of those years. With the Population of Sweden 1940, there is a direct link to the source. For the other years, only an index record is shown.

CENSUS OF STOCKHOLM 1945

In the index, *Population of Stockholm 1945*, you will find personal information about all persons who lived in Stockholm on December 31, 1945. There are about 672 thousand index entries; each index record has a link to the source.

CENSUSES OF SWEDEN 1940-1990

This index is a combined search of nine indexes within ArkivDigital: Census of Sweden 1940, 1950, 1960, 1970, 1975, 1980, 1985, 1990, and the Census of Stockholm 1945.

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, AND DEATHS FOR PARTS OF SWEDEN

Here you will find name searchable indexes for birth, marriage, and death records for parts of Sweden, a partially transcribed index record, and a direct link to the original document. The goal is to index by name all birth, marriage, and death records from the earliest times to at least the late 1800s and even later.

UPDATED LISTS OF BIRTH, MARRIAGE, AND DEATH, PARTS OF SWEDEN INDEX

Births: <https://www.arkivdigital.se/online/register/fodelseregister>

Marriages: <https://www.arkivdigital.se/online/register/vigselregister>

Deaths: <https://www.arkivdigital.se/online/register/dodregister>

INVENTORY OF ESTATE

The Inventory of Estate is a searchable name index for estate inventories. The building of this register is still in progress. You will find a list of the district courts (*härader*) and city courts (*rådhusrätter*) where estate inventories are currently named searchable by going to the following page: <https://www.arkivdigital.se/online/register/bouppteckningar>.

EMIGRANTS

The Emigrant Index is a searchable index of all the passenger ship manifests for persons leaving the Swedish ports: Göteborg, Malmö, Helsingborg, and Stockholm. There are nearly 1.4 million names, and the coverage begins in 1869 and goes up to the mid-20th century. For more information: <http://blog.arkivdigital.net/search-passenger-ship-manifests-by-name/>

SWEDES IN US 1940

The database is an extraction from the 1940 United States Census. The census was created on the 1st of April 1940, and the extract includes all the persons who stated their birthplace was Sweden. The database consists of approximately 447,000 entries. The register provides information such as name, age, marital status, and where the person lived in 1940. In addition, it shows where the person lived in 1935.

QUICK FIND: SCB EXTRACTS

ArkivDigital has photographed the *Statistiska centralbyrån* (Statistics Sweden) or SCB extracts for 1925-1947 (1930-1947 for Stockholm city). The SCB extracts consist of transcripts of birth, marriage, and death records that were sent yearly to the government department, Statistics Sweden (SCB). ArkivDigital has now introduced a new feature, *Quick Find: SCB extracts* which makes finding the desired extract a simple search.

To search for an SCB extract, do the following:

1. Select Index search.
2. Select Quick find: SCB extracts in the index source list
3. You can search by record type (*födda/vigda/döda*), year, parish, or county.

QUICK FIND: MANTALS TAX RECORDS

The *Quick find: Mantals tax records* index makes it easier for you to search for a tax register for a parish and year. The index consists of nearly 440,000 entries collected from approximately 9,200 volumes. For more detail, go to: <http://blog.arkivdigital.net/find-the-correct-tax-register-with-our-new-index/>

QUICK FIND: GENERAL-MUSTER ROLLS

The *Quick Find: General Muster Rolls index* covers the general muster rolls for Swedish regiments. You can use the Quick Find: General Muster rolls index to quickly find the correct year, regiment, and company. For more detail, go to: <http://blog.arkivdigital.net/easier-to-find-a-soldier-in-the-general-muster-rolls-using-table-of-content-general-muster-list/>

OTHER COLLECTIONS

SWEDISH AMERICAN CHURCH BOOKS

ArkivDigital's online library includes many Swedish-American church books from Iowa, Kansas, Nebraska, and Minnesota and a few from Colorado, Missouri, Oklahoma, South Dakota, and Wisconsin. While the record types will vary by parish, the most common sets of records found in the books include:

1. Congregation records or church registers (*Församlingsböcker*)
2. Birth and christening records (*Födelse- och dopböcker*)
3. Marriage records (*Vigselböcker*)
4. Death and burial records (*Död- och begravningsböcker*)
5. Catechetical records (*Konfirmationsbok*)
6. Protocols (*Protokoll*)
7. Accountings (*Räkenskaper*)
8. Member reception records (*Intagna medlemmar*)
9. Member dismissal records (*Utträdde medlemmar*)
10. Anniversary documents (*Jubileumsskrift*)

You can find these books by going to archive search, select country, United States, and then select state, and then you will see the list of congregations for that state. For more information, go to: <http://blog.arkivdigital.net/swedish-american-church-book-record-types/>.

SVENSKA GODS OCH GÅRDAR

These are books published between 1935 and 1966, giving detailed descriptions of farms within Sweden. Within *ArkivDigital*, you will find scanned copies of 52 volumes. To find these volumes, go to archive search, select the archive type, *printed literature*, and then choose *Svenska Gods och Gårdar*. For more information: <http://blog.arkivdigital.net/svenska-gods-och-gardar-swedish-estates-and-farms>

MAPS

Parish maps are now available on ArkivDigital. These maps make it easy for you to locate nearby parishes. There are two methods for finding parish maps:

1. *Method 1:*
 - a. Go to Map search.
 - b. Click on "Parishes."
 - c. Select the region you are interested in and then see what parishes are located there.
 - d. Click on a parish, and you will open up the church archive, and then you can directly select a book to browse.
2. *Method 2:*
 - a. Click on the archive info box for a parish.
 - b. Then click on "Show on a map."

AERIAL PHOTOS

There is now an interactive map that can help to search for aerial photos.

For more detail, go to: <http://blog.arkivdigital.net/search-for-aerial-photographs-using-an-interactive-map/>

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

BLOG

ArkivDigital publishes an English blog, usually once a week. There are now nearly 400 blogs. You can search by keyword or by category. Many contain tutorials on various types of records. You can access the blog directly at the URL: <http://blog.arkivdigital.net/> or if you like us on Facebook, you will be notified of new blogs in your newsfeed.

YOUTUBE CHANNEL

ArkivDigital has a YouTube channel where you can view instructional videos. While many are in Swedish, we do have some in English. Go to: <https://www.youtube.com/user/ArkivDigital/playlists?app=desktop>

RECOMMENDED BOOKS

- Johnson, Robert W., and Gomoll, Elizabeth Williams. *Husförhörslängder, Swedish Household Examination Records: Framing the Solutions to Your Swedish Ancestry Puzzles*. Minneapolis, MN, 2020.
- Morris, Geoffrey Fröberg. *A Practical Guide to Swedish Church Records for Genealogy and Family History*. Salt Lake City, Utah: Swedish Genealogy Guide, LLC, 2020.
- Skogsjö, Håkan. *Explore Your Swedish Heritage*. Lyrestad, Sweden: ArkivDigital AD AB, 2020