

ArkivDigital Workshop

Saturday, March 20, 2021
Schedule 9 AM – 4 PM

Introduction

9 – 9:15 AM	Welcome and Introductions
9:15 – 10:15 AM	Introduction to ArkivDigital
10:30 – 11:30	Swedish Historic Maps and Property Records Available Online
1 PM – 2 PM	Searching by Name in the Swedish Church Books
2:30 PM – 3:30 PM	"Finding my ne'er-do-well, scoundrel Swedish great-grandfather
3:30 PM – 4 PM	Closing and Drawing

Introduction to ArkivDigital

Are you taking full advantage of ArkivDigital's navigational tools? This will be an overview of how to navigate within ArkivDigital and to use the various application interface tools. Among some of the tips that will be presented include tips for searching for an archive, searching in a volume, image settings, saving and printing records, filtering tools, creating bookmarks and other helpful hints. These tips will be helpful both for the beginner and the advanced ArkivDigital user.

Swedish Historic Maps and Property Records Available Online

This is an introduction to the digitized historic map collections and property records covering most farms and villages from the 1600s to the 1900s available at the Swedish Land Registry (Lantmäteriet) and other online resources. We will look at the various types of maps available, how best to understand them, and then go over the process of locating maps within the various collections.

Searching by name in the Swedish church books using ArkivDigital

Swedish research is becoming so much easier. ArkivDigital is indexing by name many of the church books with a link to the original record. Today, all of the household record/congregation books (similar to yearly census records) for all of Sweden from 1820 to 1947 have been indexed by name. Many birth, marriage and death records from the earliest times to about 1900 have been indexed by name. New indexes are added weekly. Learn about how to research your Swedish heritage using these powerful indexes. Both the simple and advanced search methods will be demonstrated showing how the new name indexes can simplify one's research as well as help break down brick walls.

"Finding my ne'er-do-well, scoundrel Swedish great-grandfather"

Greg Paris's great-grandfather emigrated from Sweden to central Pennsylvania in the late 1800s, sired his grandmother, then disappeared -- abandoning a young mother with an infant-in-arms, and leaving behind a puzzle. Who was he? Where did he go? Where did he come from? Why was he such a jerk? A century-old family puzzle and brick wall, finally laid to rest -- with the help of some DNA and ArkivDigital. A part of the larger story of one family's journey: the diaspora from Älvsborg to the wilds of Pennsylvania.

SPEAKER BIOS

Robert Johnson

Bob Johnson is an attorney and professional genealogist. He holds a Certified Genealogist® credential and specializes in Swedish, Finnish, and Norwegian genealogical research. Bob has been doing Swedish research for over 40 years. He studied in Växjö, Sweden and is active in several genealogical societies. Bob has recently been involved with two publications *Genealogy at A Glance: Swedish Genealogy Research* and *Husförhörslängder, Swedish Household Examination Records: Framing the Solutions to Your Swedish Ancestry Puzzles*.

Greg Parish

Greg is a published biomedical research scientist and software engineer, also trained in library science. Though he started family research in the 70s in his great-uncle's footsteps, it went on a long hiatus until retirement, when he translated his professional experience with DNA and big data into an obsession to trace his New England & New York English (Parish), Pennsylvania German (Myers, Kuhns), Swedish (Enbom) and French-Canadian (Magee) roots. He is vice-president of the Worcester chapter of MSOG. He and his (also retired) wife live on a sheep farm in Charlton MA where they run a herding dog training facility with livestock and several rambunctious Scottish herding dogs.

Kathy Meade

Kathy Meade is the North American representative for ArkivDigital AD AB. She has been working with Swedish genealogy for more than fifteen 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.