

## FINDING RECORDS OF YOUR ANCESTORS, PART A

# SWEDEN

## 1860 TO 1920



Beginning Swedish researchers will also need: *Reading Swedish Records* (31028).

If your ancestor lived in Sweden between 1860 and 1920, follow the steps in this booklet to find the records of his or her family. These instructions will show you which records to search, what to look for, and what tools to use. One piece of information will lead to another until you have identified each family member and filled out a family group record.

1

Find your ancestor's **birth record** in **church records** or **civil registration**.

2

Find your ancestor's parents, brothers, and sisters in **clerical survey records**.

3

Find the **birth records** of your ancestor's brothers and sisters in **church records** or **civil registration**.

4

Find the **marriage record** of your ancestor's parents in **church records** or **civil registration**. This family is now complete.

Latter-day Saints:

Now see additional instructions for submitting names for temple ordinances.



The steps and tools you need are described inside. ►

# HOW TO BEGIN—PREPARATION

You should have already gathered as much information as possible from your home and family and filled out [family group records](#) and a [pedigree chart](#). You may have checked FamilySearch™ or other computer files to see if others have researched your Swedish family.

## To Begin:

A. From your pedigree chart, choose an ancestor who was born in Sweden between 1860 and 1920. You must know the birth date and birthplace ([parish](#)) in order to find your ancestor's family. It is helpful to know the county and district.

B. Write your ancestor's name in the children's section of a new family group record. Read through the instructions in this booklet. Then follow the steps below to find your ancestor's family.

## Tips:

If you don't know your ancestor's birth date:

- Start with a more recent generation. You will learn how to do research, and you will probably discover something you didn't know about your family.
- Find the records for the family in the example given. This will teach you basic research skills before you research your own family. This is a good class activity.

If you don't know the parish where your ancestor was born, see "Tips" on page 6.

**Pedigree Chart**

No. 1 on this chart is the same as no. \_\_\_\_\_ on chart no. \_\_\_\_\_

Mark boxes when ordinances are completed

Baptized  
 Endowed  
 Sealed to parents  
 Sealed to spouse  
 Family Group Record exists for this couple  
 Children's ordinances completed

**Erik Alfred Erickson**  
 (Father of no. 3)  
 When born 9 Dec 1863  
 Where Örebro, Örebro, Sweden  
 When married 2 Mar 1892  
 Where Logan, Cache, Utah  
 When died 5 May 1942  
 Where Smithfield, Cache, Utah

**Alfred Allan Erickson**  
 (Father of no. 2)  
 When born 18 Dec 1892  
 Where Smithfield, Cache, Utah

**Jeanette Low**  
 (Mother of no. 3)  
 When born \_\_\_\_\_  
 Where \_\_\_\_\_  
 When married \_\_\_\_\_  
 Where \_\_\_\_\_  
 When died \_\_\_\_\_  
 Where \_\_\_\_\_

**Alfred G. Erickson**  
 (Father of no. 1)  
 When born \_\_\_\_\_  
 Where \_\_\_\_\_  
 When married \_\_\_\_\_  
 Where \_\_\_\_\_  
 When died \_\_\_\_\_  
 Where \_\_\_\_\_

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A. Rolf's [pedigree chart](#)

**Family Group Record** # typing, set spacing at 1 1/2 Page of

See "Other marriages"

**Husband**  
 (Given name(s)) Last name  
 Born (day month year) Place Baptized LDS ordinance dates Temple  
 Christened Place Baptized  
 Died Place Endowed  
 Buried Place Sealed to parents  
 Married Place Sealed to spouse

Husband's father (Given name(s)) Last name  Deceased  
 Husband's mother (Given name(s)) Maiden name  Deceased

**Wife**  
 (Given name(s)) Last name  See "Other marriages"  Deceased  
 Born (day month year) Place Baptized LDS ordinance dates Temple  
 Christened Place Baptized  
 Died Place Endowed  
 Buried Place Sealed to parents  
 Wife's father (Given name(s)) Last name  Deceased  
 Wife's mother (Given name(s)) Maiden name  Deceased

**Children** List each child (whether living or dead) in order of birth. LDS ordinance dates Temple

1  See "Other marriages"  Deceased  
 Given name(s) Last name  
 Born (day month year) Place Baptized  
 Christened Place Endowed  
 Died Place Sealed to parents  
 Spouse (Given name(s)) Last name Sealed to spouse

2  See "Other marriages"  Deceased  
 Given name(s) Last name  
 Born (day month year) Place Baptized  
 Christened Place Endowed  
 Died Place Sealed to parents  
 Spouse (Given name(s)) Last name Sealed to spouse

3  See "Other marriages"  Deceased  
 Given name(s) Last name  
 Born (day month year) Place Baptized  
 Christened Place Endowed  
 Died Place Sealed to parents  
 Spouse (Given name(s)) Last name Sealed to spouse

4  See "Other marriages"  Deceased  
 Given name(s) Last name  
 Born (day month year) Place Baptized  
 Christened Place Endowed  
 Died Place Sealed to parents  
 Spouse (Given name(s)) Last name Sealed to spouse

**Erik Alfred** **Erickson**  
 (Given name(s)) Last name  
 Born (day month year) Place Baptized  
 Christened Place Endowed  
 Died Place Sealed to parents  
 Spouse (Given name(s)) Last name Sealed to spouse

**Jeanette** **LOW**  
 (Given name(s)) Last name  
 Born (day month year) Place Baptized  
 Christened Place Endowed  
 Died Place Sealed to parents  
 Spouse (Given name(s)) Last name Sealed to spouse

Select **only one** of the following options. The option you select applies to all names on this form.

**Option 1—Family File** Send all names to my family file at the \_\_\_\_\_ Temple.  
 and assign proxies for all approved ordinances.

**Option 2—Temple File** Send all names to any temple, and assign proxies for all approved ordinances.

**Option 3—Ancestral File** Send all names to the computerized Ancestral File for research purposes only, not for ordinances. I am including the required pedigree chart.

Your name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date prepared \_\_\_\_\_

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B. Rolf begins a [family group record](#) with Erik Alfred Erickson listed as a child.

## THE RESEARCH PROCESS

The following pages walk you through the research process. In the case study, Rolf is looking for the family of Erik Alfred Ericsson. He takes his family group records and pedigree chart to a family history center.

Here he looks in the Family History Library Catalog for the records he wants and orders the microfilms he needs. He makes several visits to the center. Follow these same steps to find your family.

# THE RESEARCH PROCESS

Case study: Erik Alfred Ericsson, born in 1863 in Örebro stadsförsamling parish, Örebro District, Örebro County, Sweden.

Your ancestor: \_\_\_\_\_, in \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, Sweden.  
 name birth date parish county

## 1 FIND YOUR ANCESTOR'S BIRTH (CHRISTENING) RECORD IN CHURCH RECORDS OR CIVIL REGISTRATION.

(See "Church Records: Birth" on page 10 or "Civil Registration" on page 11.)

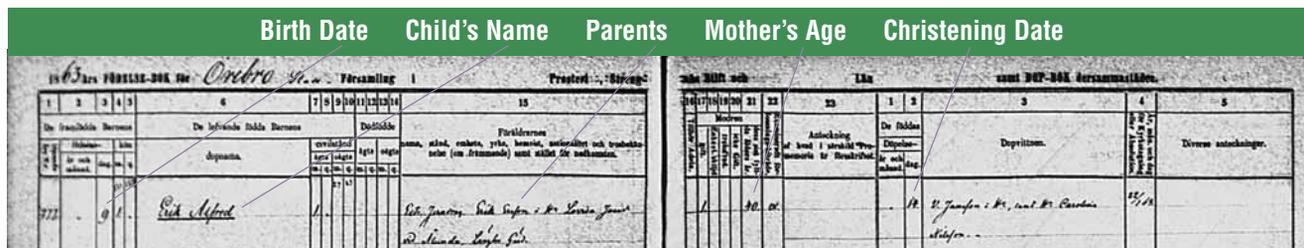
A. At the family history center, Rolf searches in the Family History Library Catalog for the parish in Sweden where his ancestor was born (Örebro stadsförsamling parish). If there are no birth records for the desired time period at the parish level, look under the county for "Civil Registration." (See "Using the Family History Library Catalog" on page 9.)

B. He finds the FHL film 1794844 and orders it. He finds Erik Alfred's birth record on the film. His surname is recorded as Ericsson. (See "Naming

Customs" on page 17.) He photocopies the record for his files.

C. Rolf makes note of the farm or village name listed on the birth record. He will need this information when he begins to search clerical survey records.

D. Rolf writes on the family group record: (1) Erik Alfred's birth information on the front, and (2) source information (such as parish name, film number, volume and years covered, and page number) on the back.



## 2 FIND YOUR ANCESTOR'S FAMILY IN A CLERICAL SURVEY (CHURCH RECORD). (See "Clerical Survey" on page 12.)

A. Rolf now looks for the clerical survey which covers the year of Erik Alfred's birth. Clerical surveys are listed under the parish. He looks in the Family History Library Catalog for Örebro stadsförsamling (where Erik Alfred was born), and then he looks for "Church Records."

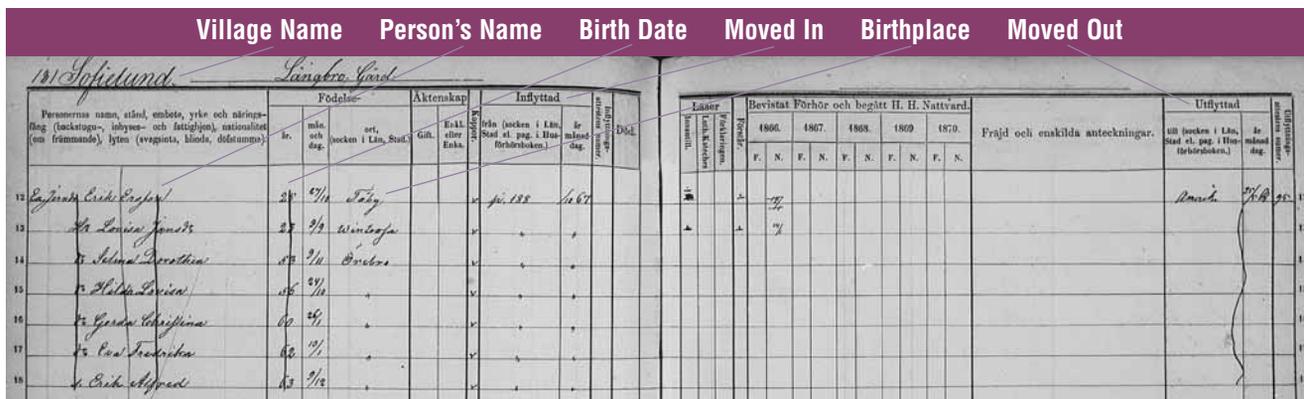
B. Rolf finds the clerical survey on FHL film 0424122.

C. On the film he finds the village of Ålunda, where Erik Alfred's family was living when he was born. The clerical survey lists the entire family. Sometimes more than one generation of the same family may be on the same page.

D. Rolf records birth dates and birthplaces for each member of the family. Because some birthplaces are abbreviated, he checks a Swedish gazetteer to determine the correct spelling.

E. Rolf writes on the family group record: (1) information about all family members on the front, and (2) source information on the back.

F. In the same way, Rolf searches earlier and later clerical surveys to see if there are any more children in this family.



## Family Group Record

If typing, set spacing at 1 1/2. Page \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_

<b>Husband</b> <i>Eric</i>		Last name <i>Ericsson</i>		<input type="checkbox"/> See "Other marriages"
Given name(s)	Place		LDS ordinance dates	Temple
Born (day month year) <i>27 Oct 1825</i>	<i>Täby, Örebro, Sweden</i>		Baptized	
Christened	Place		Endowed	
Died	Place		Sealed to parents	
Buried	Place		Sealed to spouse	
Married <i>7 Nov 1852</i>	<i>Örebro, Örebro, Sweden</i>			
Husband's father Given name(s)	Last name		<input type="checkbox"/> Deceased	
Husband's mother Given name(s)	Maiden name		<input type="checkbox"/> Deceased	
<b>Wife</b> <i>Louisa</i>		Maiden name <i>Jansdotter</i>		<input type="checkbox"/> See "Other marriages"
Given name(s)	Place		LDS ordinance dates	Temple
Born (day month year) <i>3 Sep 1823</i>	<i>Vintrosa, Örebro, Sweden</i>		Baptized	
Christened	Place		Endowed	
Died	Place		Sealed to parents	
Buried	Place			
Wife's father Given name(s)	Last name		<input type="checkbox"/> Deceased	
Wife's mother Given name(s)	Maiden name		<input type="checkbox"/> Deceased	
<b>Children</b> List each child (whether living or dead) in order of birth.				
			LDS ordinance dates	Temple
1	Sex <i>F</i>	Given name(s) <i>Gerda Christina</i>	Last name <i>Ericsdotter</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> See "Other marriages"
	Born (day month year) <i>26 Jan 1860</i>	Place <i>Örebro, Örebro, Sweden</i>		Baptized
	Christened	Place <i>Örebro, Örebro, Sweden</i>		Endowed
	Died	Place <i>Örebro, Örebro, Sweden</i>		Sealed to parents
	Spouse Given name(s)	Last name		
	Married	Place		Sealed to spouse
2	Sex <i>F</i>	Given name(s) <i>Eva Fredricka</i>	Last name <i>Ericsdotter</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> See "Other marriages"
	Born (day month year) <i>13 Jan 1862</i>	Place <i>Örebro, Örebro, Sweden</i>		Baptized
	Christened	Place <i>Örebro, Örebro, Sweden</i>		Endowed
	Died	Place		Sealed to parents
	Spouse Given name(s)	Last name		
	Married	Place		Sealed to spouse
3	Sex <i>M</i>	Given name(s) <i>Erik Alfred</i>	Last name <i>Ericsson</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> See "Other marriages"
	Born (day month year) <i>9 Dec 1863</i>	Place <i>Ålunda Örebro stadsförsamling, Örebro, Sweden</i>		Baptized
	Christened <i>14 Dec 1863</i>	Place <i>Örebro, Örebro, Sweden</i>		Endowed
	Died <i>5 May 1942</i>	Place <i>Smithfield, Cache, Utah</i>		Sealed to parents
	Spouse Given name(s) <i>Jeanette</i>	Last name <i>Low</i>		
	Married <i>2 Mar 1892</i>	Place <i>Logan, Cache, Utah</i>		Sealed to spouse
Select <b>only one</b> of the following options. The option you select applies to all names on this form.				
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Option 1—Family File</b> Send all names to my family file at the _____ Temple.				
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Option 2—Temple File</b> Send all names to any temple, and assign proxies for all approved ordinances.				
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Option 3—Ancestral File</b> Send all names to the computerized Ancestral File for research purposes only, not for ordinances. I am including the required pedigree chart.				
			Your name	
			Address	
			Phone ( )	Date prepared

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Front of family group record. Other children are listed on the back of the sheet.

<b>1</b>	<b>Sources of information</b> Add further information on attached sheets as necessary.
<b>2</b>	FHL Births of Örebro stadsförsamling, Örebro, Sweden, 1854–1875 Film #1, 794, 844 item 2–3 FHL Clerical Survey of Örebro stadsförsamling, Örebro, Sweden, 1866–1870 Film #424, 124 FHL Marriages of Örebro stadsförsamling, Örebro, Sweden, 1822–1861 Film #0149, 10B Same as #1 (sibling's birth)
	<b>Note:</b> Please take every reasonable step to see that the information on this form is as accurate and complete as practical. This will help maintain the integrity of Church family history files and reduce duplication of temple ordinance work.

Back of family group record



# HELPS FOR FINDING RECORDS

## Finding Places

To find records in the Family History Library Catalog and to search Swedish church and clerical survey records, you need to know the farm or village, parish, and county in Sweden where your ancestor lived.

### Place Levels (Jurisdictions)

Places are usually written from smallest to largest on family group records. The smallest place level can be either a village name or the name of a farm. The district (*härad*) is not usually listed.

Ålunda, (Village)	Örebro stadsförsamling, (Parish)	Örebro, (County)	Sweden (Country)
Nybble, (Farm)	Vintrosa, (Parish)	Örebro, (County)	Sweden (Country)

### Village or farm

- To search clerical survey records, you need to know the name of the village or farm where your ancestor lived.
- You can find the name of your ancestor's village or farm on the birth records.

### Parish

- To find births, marriages, or deaths in church records, you need to know the name of the parish where your ancestor lived.
- A parish is the area (jurisdiction) where a Lutheran minister served and kept records (similar to a Latter-day Saint ward). The parish is usually named for the largest village in the area.

### County

- Sweden is divided into 24 counties.
- To search clerical survey records, it is helpful to know in which county your ancestor lived.

### Tips

To find your ancestor's parish (*socken* or *församling*), see the following:

- If you know the county, see an alphabetical list of Swedish parishes in Carl-Erik Johansson's *Cradled in Sweden* (revised edition, 1995), FHL fiche 6030093–5.
- If you know the village or farm, see an index to all place-names in *Svensk Ortförteckningar* (1965 or 1970) (in Swedish), FHL film 0418349.
- If you would like to know the names of the villages and farms in a parish, see *Svenska Orter*, volumes 1, 2, and 3 (1932) (in Swedish), FHL films 087437–8.

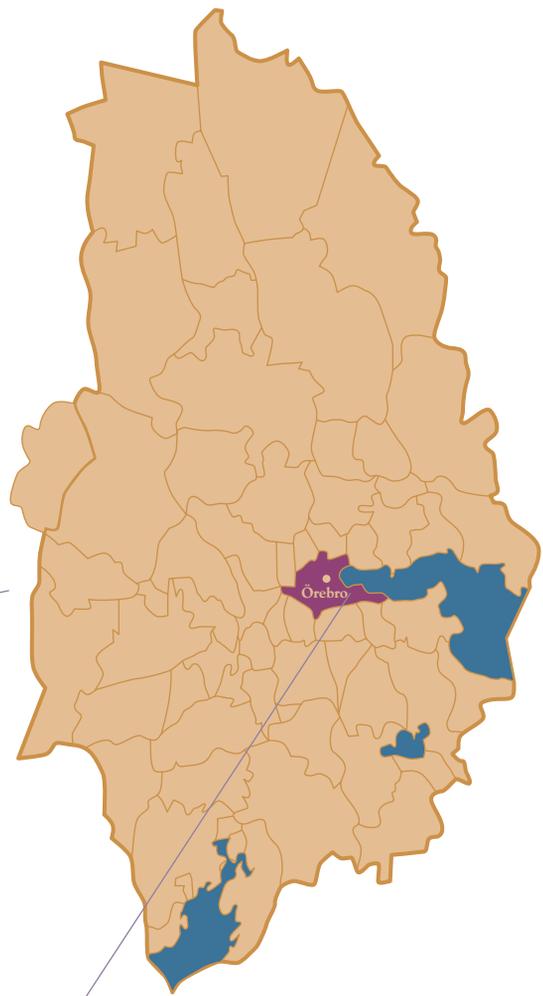
When using Swedish clerical survey records, first find the page with the name of the village or farm where your ancestor lived, and then look for your ancestor's name.

On family group records compiled by genealogists:

- If four places are listed, the second place is usually the parish.
- If only three places are listed, the first place is usually the parish.
- Before Sweden had counties, it was divided into provinces. Sometimes the name of a province (such as Skåne or Småland), instead of the county, will be used in family records. Always change province names to the correct county name.



*The counties of Sweden*



*Örebro County with parishes*



*Örebro stadsförsamling parish*

# HELPS FOR FINDING RECORDS

Map of Sweden, Counties

## Counties of Sweden, 1620 to 2000

- Sweden controlled Finland until 1809.
- Sweden is divided into 24 counties, each called a *län*.
- Sweden controlled Norway from 1814 to 1905.
- Sweden is also divided into 25 provinces, each called a *landskap*.

The [Family History Library Catalog](#) lists records by county, not province.

## The Counties of Sweden

Blekinge	Norrbottnen
Gotland	Skaraborg
Gävleborg	Stockholm
Göteborg och Bohus	Södermanland
Halland	Uppsala
Jämtland	Värmland
Jönköping	Västerbotten
Kalmar	Västernorrland
Kopparberg	Västmanland
Kristianstad	Älvsborg
Kronoberg	Örebro
Malmöhus	Östergötland



# HELPS FOR FINDING RECORDS

Using the Family History Library Catalog • Using Microfilm

## USING THE FAMILY HISTORY LIBRARY CATALOG

Use the Family History Library Catalog to find any record available from the Family History Library. In it, you can find the call numbers you need to order records. The catalog is available at [www.familysearch.org](http://www.familysearch.org) and at family history centers.

To find the information you need in the catalog, click **Library**, and then click **Family History Library Catalog**.

### 1. Click **Place Search**.

You will see:

Place	<input type="text"/>
Part of (optional)	<input type="text"/>

### 2. For the “Place,” type: **the name of the parish**

### 3. For “Part of,” type: **Sweden**

### 4. Then find a topic, such as **Church Records**.

### 5. Click on the title you want.

### 6. Click on **View Film Notes**.

### 7. Look for the kind of record you want—such as *Födde* (Birth)—for the years you want. Write the FHL film number.

For more help, see *Using the Family History Library Catalog* (30966).

## Tips

Use the place search to find Swedish church and clerical survey records.

To find Swedish church records, look in the parish.

To find Swedish clerical survey records, look in the parish.

If no records are listed when you type in the place:

- Look for spelling variations of the place-name.
- Make sure you type the name of the parish, not the village or farm.

When typing a place-name in the catalog, ignore diacritics (accent marks). For example, *Örebro* could be written as *Orebro*.

## USING MICROFILM

At this time, most of the Family History Library’s records are on microfilm. When you have found and ordered the microfilm you need, the family history center staff can help you find a microfilm reader and thread the film into the machine.

## Tips

When using the microfilm:

- If the image will not come into focus, make sure the film is between the two glass plates.
- Learn how to turn the handle to move the film backward and forward. Be careful not to roll the film off the reel.
- Make sure the years on the title page are the years you need. Three or four separate books may be on a single microfilm. If the first title page doesn’t cover the years you want, quickly spin through the film to the next black space. Then look for the next title page and the years covered.

**Each item or book on a film has a title page and an ending page.**

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ÖREBRO

FÖDELSE- OCH DOPBÖCKER  
1854-1861  
C: 7

RIKSARKIVET  
SVAR KLIMPFJÄLL 1995-02-06 GW

*This title page on microfilm introduces birth and christening records for Örebro stadsförsamling parish for the years 1854–61.*



*These pages indicate the beginning and the end of a section of Church records for Örebro stadsförsamling parish.*

# CHURCH RECORDS: BIRTHS (FÖDDE)

1686 to 1860

## Use Birth Records To:

- Find birth information for virtually every person who lived in Sweden.
- Verify the birthplace of an ancestor.
- Establish a time and place of a family's residence.

If you don't find your ancestor's birth in one parish, look in nearby or other likely parishes.

Birth and christening information are on the same record. The Swedish word *dop* means both baptized and christened. Genealogists usually call this a christening record.

## Content

- Child's name
- Parents' names, occupation, and residence (which is also the child's birthplace)
- Witnesses' (godparents') names
- Birth date
- Christening (baptism) date

## Tips

- Write down the names and residences of the godparents. These may be relatives, friends, or important members of the community whose names may lead you to other relatives.

- Other church records give marriages, deaths, burials, or movings.
- For help reading the records, see *Reading Swedish Records*. (See "[Where to Order Publications](#)" on page 17.) Look for English translations of the record headings.

## Searching Birth Records

Before searching, you must know:

- Your ancestor's name.
- The parish and county of birth or residence.
- The approximate birth date.

Located at:

- [Family History Library](#) or family history centers
- [Swedish National and Regional Archives](#)

Family History Library Catalog:

Place search:

Place

Part of

Topics to choose: **Church Records**

Search by:

- Date (day, month, year), from earliest to most recent.

For this family, all of these witnesses are uncles and aunts of this child.

1860	Gerda Christina	9. Eric Jansson, Eric Ersson & H. Lovisa Jansson	26. 29/1
1860	Tina Cornelia Fredrika	10. Eriksson Carl August, Eriksson Johan & H. Lovisa Jansson	27. 28
1860	Adolf Fredrik	11. Eriksson Carl August, Eriksson Johan & H. Lovisa Jansson	28. 29
1860	Johan Ludvig	12. Eriksson Carl August, Eriksson Johan & H. Lovisa Jansson	29. 30

Witnesses: Gustaf Lind and wife in Akerby, Gräfwä (Gräve) Sn (Socken: Parish), Dräng (unmarried male worker) Frans Joh. (an) Jansson, Piga (maiden) Anna Lovisa Ericsson, both in Örebro

1860 Birth Record of Örebro stadsförsamling parish (FHL film 1794844)

# CIVIL REGISTRATION: BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, AND DEATHS

1860 to 1920

## Use Civil Registration Records To:

- Replace parish (church) records after 1860. After 1860, if no parish records (of birth, marriage, or death) are listed in the [Family History Library Catalog](#), see the extracts of parish records in “Civil Registration.”
- Find birth, marriage, and death information for virtually every person who lived in Sweden.
- Verify the birthplace, marriage place, or death place of an ancestor.
- Establish a time and place of a person’s or family’s residence.

## Content

- Similar to the information found in Church records of birth, marriage, and death.
- Birth records:
  - Birth order of the child (sometimes).
  - Number of years the parents have been married (sometimes).

## Tips

- Look for the cities in each county at the end of each section of births, marriages, and deaths.
- Parishes are in random order. From the beginning pages of the film, write down the names of several parishes before and after the desired parish to guide your search for the parish.

- Before 1900, look for only one year of parish extracts (of birth, marriage, and death records) per microfilm.
- After 1900, look to see if the deaths for the previous year are on the next year’s film for births and marriages.

## Searching Records of Civil Registration

Before searching, you must know:

- Your ancestor’s name.
- The parish and county of birth, marriage, or death.
- The approximate date of birth, marriage, or death.

Located at:

- [Family History Library](#) or family history centers
- [Swedish National and Regional Archives](#)

[Family History Library Catalog](#):

Place search:

Place

Part of

Topic to choose: **Civil Registration**

Search by (in this order):

- County.
- Parish.
- Date (year) of birth, marriage, or death from earliest to most recent.
- Name.

blad.	Birth Year, Month, and Day		Child's First Name		Legitimacy		Stillborn		Parents		Mother's Age at Last Birthday		Remarks
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	
Utdrag ur 1863 års Födelsebok för Örebro församling i Örebro Prosteri, Skungus Stift, Örebro Jan. 17. blad.													
	1863		De levande födda barnens dopnamn.		civilstånd		Dödfödda		Föräldrarnas namn, embete, yrke, stånd, hemvist, nationalitet och religiösa bekännelse (om främmande) samt stället för moderns nedkomst (om ej i brudtöte).		Moderen		
	födelse-år och månad.	dag.											
176	Dec.	9	Carl Nilsen						Thunberg Jan Erik, Smågränd, och Lovén Maria Charlotta 22. 54. Låsa			31	
277	.	9	Erik Alfred						Carlson Erik, Lilla järngränd, och Jönsson Maria i Skungus			10	
	.	11	Christof						Andersson Larsen, Ardelshuset, och Färdström Ulrika 22. 42. 5. Smågränd			33	
278	.	11	Olle Nilsen						Carlsson Per Gustaf, Ardelshuset, och Östman Carolina, Ardelshuset, Smågränd			31	
279	.	13	Hjalmar Nikolaus						Thunberg Niclas Carlstedt, Smågränd, och Carlsson Maria Charlotta i Skungus			35	
280	.	15	Jenny Mathelin						Thunberg Carl Johan, Smågränd, och Östman Carolina i Skungus			31	

Civil registration, Extraction of Parish Records, Örebro County: Birth record for Erik Alfred, Örebro stadsförsamling parish, 9 December 1863 (FHL film 201142)

# CLERICAL SURVEY RECORDS (CHURCH RECORDS)

(Husförhörslängd) 1750s to 1895

## Use Clerical Survey Records To:

- Find family members and members of the household.
- Learn the names, ages, and birthplaces of brothers, sisters, parents, grandparents, and so on.

If you do not find your family in a clerical survey, look in nearby parishes.

The clerical survey will not list children who were born and died in the same year.

## Content

- Names of family and household members
- Ages
- Relationships
- Birthplaces
- Occupations

## Tips

- Reading the ages is usually easier than reading the names. Figure out how old your ancestor would be; then scan the age column for persons that age (give or take a year). Then try to read the names.
- If you only have a person's age, approximate a year of birth. Subtract the age from the year of the record. Search at least one year before the approximate birth year (in case the survey was taken before the person's birthday that year).

- Later clerical surveys have more columns and information than earlier clerical surveys.
- For help reading the records, see *Reading Swedish Records*. (See "[Where to Order Publications](#)" on page 17.) Look for English translations of the record headings.

## Searching Clerical Survey Records

Before searching, you must know:

- Your ancestor's name.
- The farm or village, the parish, and the approximate time he or she lived there.

Located at:

- [Family History Library](#) or family history centers
- [Swedish National and Regional Archives](#)

Family History Library Catalog:

Place search:

Place

Part of

Topics to choose: **Church Records**

Search for:

- The clerical survey for the year and parish.
- The farm or village within the parish.
- The age and then the name of a family member.

Person's Name	Village Name	Birth Date and Place	Moved In	Moved Out
12) <i>Erik Ersson</i>	<i>Långbro Gard</i>			
13) <i>Lovisa Jansdotter</i>				
14) <i>Selma Dorothea</i>				
15) <i>Hilda Lovisa</i>				
16) <i>Gerda Christina</i>				
17) <i>Eva Fredrika</i>				
18) <i>Erik Alfred</i>				

Family #	Name	Occupation	Birth Date	Birth Place	Moved In	Moved Out
12-18	Advanced iron worker, Erik Ersson		born 27 Oct 1825	in Täby parish		
	Hustru (wife), Lovisa Jansdotter		born 3 Sep 1823	in Wintrosa parish		
	Daughter, Selma Dorothea		born 9 Nov 1853	in Örebro city		
	Daughter, Hilda Lovisa		born 24 Oct 1856	in Örebro city		
	Daughter, Gerda Christina		born 26 Jan 1860	in Örebro city		
	Daughter, Eva Fredrika		born 13 Jan 1862	in Örebro city		
	Son, Erik Alfred		born 9 Dec 1863	in Örebro city		

Clerical Survey of Örebro stadsförsamling parish (FHL film 424122)

# CHURCH RECORDS: MARRIAGE (VIGDA)

1686 to 1860

## Use Marriage Records To:

- Find a couple's marriage date and place and their ages.
- Find bondsmen, who may be family members.

In large cities, marriage records may be in a separate book. In other places, marriages are in the same book as the baptism, death and burial, and moving records. Records are usually in this order: births, marriages, and then deaths.

## Content

- Groom's name, age, occupation, residence
- Bride's name, age, occupation, residence
- Bondsmen
- Marriage date

Two *bondsmen* are listed in these records. Bondsmen are similar to a *best man* in a wedding party. Bondsmen knew the bride and groom and attested that the couple was legally able to get married.

## Tips

- Because smallpox vaccinations were required for the bride and groom, there will often be a note about the vaccinations in the marriage record.
- Most couples were married in the area where they had been living. If you can't find the marriage record in the parish where the first child was born, look in surrounding parishes or the parish where the parents were born (as listed in the clerical survey records).

- For help reading the records, see *Reading Swedish Records*. (See "Where to Order Publications" on page 17.) Look for English translations of the record headings.

## Searching Marriage Records

Before searching, you must know:

- The names of the bride and groom.
- The approximate birth date of the first child.
- The parish of residence.

Located at:

- [Family History Library](#) or family history centers
- [Swedish National and Regional Archives](#)

[Family History Library Catalog](#):

Place search:

Place

Part of

Topics to choose: **Church Records**

Search for:

- The parish.
- The date, from earliest to most recent.
- The couple's names.

Engaged 26 September	Entry #25	Drängen (unmarried male worker) Eric Ersson and pigan (maiden) Lovisa Jansdotter both at #9 S(outh) in Örebro	Groom: first marriage, age 27, bride: first marriage, age 29	Remarks: the bride's brother, tenant farmer, Carl Eric Jansson in Kräcklinge parish, gave consent to act as the bride's witness and permission for the marriage to go forth
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The couple was married 7 November 1852 by P(astor) Ola Petterson

1852 Marriage Record of Örebro stadsförsamling parish (FHL film 0149108)

# READING GOTHIC SCRIPT • SUMMARY

## READING GOTHIC SCRIPT

Even if you know Swedish, reading the old-style Swedish script is one of the most challenging tasks for the beginning researcher. At first, it may seem overwhelming. However, you will find that although each scribe used a slight variation of the old-style script, all were quite consistent in their writing.

You will also find that after learning the most common given names and a few common terms, you will be able to read most of the documents you encounter.

The Swedish alphabet has three letters not found in English: Å, Ä, Ö. Look for these letters at the end of the alphabet:

. . . X, Y, Z, Å, Ä, Ö

Unlike German or French, these are considered separate letters and not just inflections of an *a* or *o*.

In records of the 1800s, an Ä was written as *e* (*Jämshög* as *Jemshög*).

F was often written in place of *v* (*Gefle* instead of *Gävle*).

Z was often written in place of *s* (*Zidsel* instead of *Sidse*).

C was often written in place of *k* (*Carl* instead of *Karl*).

V was often preceded by *h* (*Hvena* instead of *Vena*).

### Tips

- For help reading Swedish and understanding handwriting, see *Reading Swedish Records*. (See “Where to Order Publications” on page 17.)
- For help reading Gothic script, see *Danish-Norwegian Paleography* (FHL fiche 6030017) or similar books.
- Practice writing the names of your ancestors in the handwriting style shown in the above publications. This will help you learn to read old Swedish records much faster.
- Learn to recognize Swedish names. About a dozen male and female names are used repeatedly.

## SUMMARY: FINDING A SWEDISH FAMILY, 1860 TO 1920

For detailed steps, see “The Research Process” on pages 3–5.

1. Find your ancestor’s birth record in church records.
  - This verifies what you know.
  - Write down what you find, and record your source information.
2. Find your ancestor’s family in Swedish clerical survey records.
  - Look in your ancestor’s birthplace for the first clerical survey following your ancestor’s birth.
  - Look in earlier or later clerical surveys to see if there are other children.
  - Write down what you find (names, ages, birthplaces, etc.).
  - Estimate birth years from the ages.
  - Write down your source information.
3. Find birth records for your ancestor’s brothers and sisters in church records.
  - Using places and estimated birth years from the clerical survey, look for birth records.
  - Write down the information you find and your source information.
4. Find the marriage record of your ancestor’s parents.
  - Look in the parish where the oldest child was born.
  - Start with the date of the first child’s birth, and search backward and forward until you find the marriage. If you do not find the marriage record there, search nearby parishes.
  - Write down what you find, and record your source information.

Then follow the same steps to find a parent’s family.



# PEDIGREE CHART

## Pedigree Chart

Chart no. \_\_\_\_\_

No. 1 on this chart is the same as no. \_\_\_\_\_ on chart no. \_\_\_\_\_.

Mark boxes when ordinances are completed.

B Baptized

E Endowed

SP Sealed to parents

SS Sealed to spouse

F Family Group Record exists for this couple

C Children's ordinances completed

<p><b>1</b></p> <p>(Name) <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/> E <input type="checkbox"/> SP <input type="checkbox"/> SS <input type="checkbox"/> F <input type="checkbox"/> C</p> <p>When born Where</p> <p>When married Where</p> <p>When died Where</p> <hr/> <p>(Spouse) <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/> E <input type="checkbox"/> SP <input type="checkbox"/> SS</p>	<p><b>2</b></p> <p>(Father) <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/> E <input type="checkbox"/> SP <input type="checkbox"/> SS <input type="checkbox"/> F <input type="checkbox"/> C</p> <p>When born Where</p> <p>When married Where</p> <p>When died Where</p>	<p><b>3</b></p> <p>(Mother) <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/> E <input type="checkbox"/> SP <input type="checkbox"/> SS</p> <p>When born Where</p> <p>When died Where</p>	<p><b>4</b></p> <p>(Father of no. 2) <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/> E <input type="checkbox"/> SP <input type="checkbox"/> SS <input type="checkbox"/> F <input type="checkbox"/> C</p> <p>When born Where</p> <p>When married Where</p> <p>When died Where</p>
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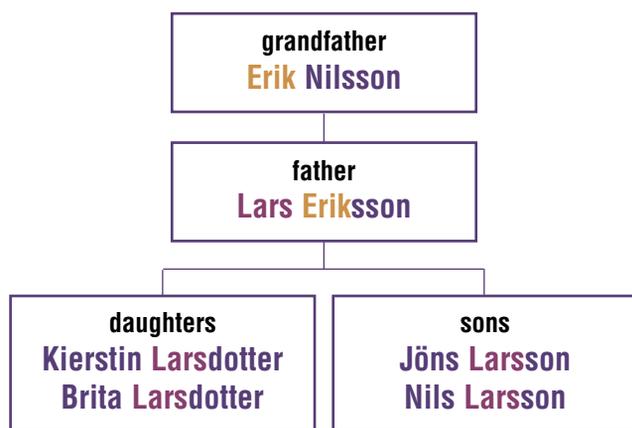
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# ADDITIONAL HELPS

## Naming Customs in Sweden

Until 1875 Patronymics.

- A boy's surname was his father's given name and the suffix *sson*.
- A girl's surname was the father's given name and the suffix *dotter*.
- The woman's surname did not change when she married.
- Sometimes a person used an occupation, town name, or other nickname in addition to his or her surname.



1875 Patronymic names began to be replaced by family surnames. Your ancestor's surname may change. There is no official registration of these name changes. This happened first in cities, then rural areas.

After 1901 End of patronymics.

- Families now passed standard surnames to their children.

## Time Line

- 1686 Swedish Parliament passed a law requiring the Lutheran clergy to keep parish registers.
- 1750 Clerical survey records began to be kept regularly.
- 1753 Sweden changed from the Julian to the Gregorian calendar.
- 1809 Sweden ceded Finland to Russia.
- 1814 Denmark ceded Norway to Sweden.
- 1820s Emigration from Sweden began.
- 1860 Civil extracts of birth, marriage, and death began. (The Family History Library has civil extracts up to the year 1920.)

- 1875 Patronymic names began to be replaced by family surnames.
- 1900 Over 1 million Swedes had emigrated to the United States.
- 1901 Families began using standard surnames. Patronymics ended.
- 1905 Sweden granted Norway independence.
- 1906 Sweden enacted language and spelling reforms.

## What's Next?

Sweden: *Finding Records of Your Ancestors, Part B, 1600–1900* (34716) describes strategies and records for more advanced searches.

## More about Swedish Research:

- Carl-Erick Johansson, *Cradled in Sweden*. 2nd ed. 1995. FHL book 948.5 D27j.
- Per Clemensson and Kjell Andersson, *Släktforskning, Steg för steg* (Guidebook to Swedish Genealogy) (in Swedish). 1993. FHL book 948.5 D27c.
- Elisabeth Thorsell and Ulf Schenkmanis, *Släktforskning—vägen till din egen historia* (Genealogy—The Road to Your Own History) (in Swedish). 1993.

## Archives and Libraries

Family History Centers

[www.familysearch.org](http://www.familysearch.org)

Tel. 800-346-6044

Family History Library

35 North West Temple Street

Salt Lake City, UT 84150-3400 USA

Tel. 801-240-2331

Swedish National Archive (Riksarkivet)

Fryverkarbacken 13–17, Fack 100 26

S-112 29 Stockholm, SWEDEN

[www.ra.se/](http://www.ra.se/)

## Where to Order Publications:

- Distribution Services:  
Tel. 801-240-3800

[www.familysearch.org](http://www.familysearch.org)

All Family History Library publications are described in: *Family History Materials List* (34083).

# Family Group Record

If typing, set spacing at 1 1/2. Page      of

Write date as: 4 Oct. 1896

Write place as: Tryon, Polk, North Carolina, USA or  
St. Martins, Birmingham, Warwick, Eng.

<b>Husband</b>		Given name(s)		Last name		<input type="checkbox"/> See "Other marriages"	
Born (day month year)	Place			LDS ordinance dates	Temple		
Christened	Place			Baptized			
Died	Place			Endowed			
Buried	Place			Sealed to parents			
Married	Place			Sealed to spouse			
Husband's father Given name(s)				Last name		<input type="checkbox"/> Deceased	
Husband's mother Given name(s)				Maiden name		<input type="checkbox"/> Deceased	
<b>Wife</b>		Given name(s)		Maiden name		<input type="checkbox"/> See "Other marriages"	
Born (day month year)	Place			LDS ordinance dates	Temple		
Christened	Place			Baptized			
Died	Place			Endowed			
Buried	Place			Sealed to parents			
Wife's father Given name(s)				Last name		<input type="checkbox"/> Deceased	
Wife's mother Given name(s)				Maiden name		<input type="checkbox"/> Deceased	
<b>Children</b> List each child (whether living or dead) in order of birth.					LDS ordinance dates	Temple	
<b>1</b>	Sex	Given name(s)		Last name		<input type="checkbox"/> See "Other marriages"	
	Born (day month year)	Place			Baptized		
	Christened	Place			Endowed		
	Died	Place			Sealed to parents		
	Spouse Given name(s)			Last name			
	Married	Place			Sealed to spouse		
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	Born (day month year)	Place			Baptized		
	Christened	Place			Endowed		
	Died	Place			Sealed to parents		
	Spouse Given name(s)			Last name			
	Married	Place			Sealed to spouse		
<b>3</b>	Sex	Given name(s)		Last name		<input type="checkbox"/> See "Other marriages"	
	Born (day month year)	Place			Baptized		
	Christened	Place			Endowed		
	Died	Place			Sealed to parents		
	Spouse Given name(s)			Last name			
	Married	Place			Sealed to spouse		
Select <b>only one</b> of the following options. The option you select applies to all names on this form.				Your name			
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Option 1—Family File</b> Send all names to my family file at the _____ Temple.				Address			
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Option 2—Temple File</b> Send all names to any temple, and assign proxies for all approved ordinances.							
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Option 3—Ancestral File</b> Send all names to the computerized Ancestral File for research purposes only, not for ordinances. I am including the required pedigree chart.							
				Phone (      )		Date prepared	

<b>Husband</b> Given name(s)		Last name	
<b>Wife</b> Given name(s)		Maiden name	
<b>Children</b> List each child (whether living or dead) in order of birth.			LDS ordinance dates
			Temple
<b>4</b>	Sex	Given name(s)	Last name <input type="checkbox"/> See "Other marriages"
		Born (day month year)	Place
		Christened	Place
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		Spouse Given name(s)	Last name
		Married	Place
			Baptized
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			Sealed to parents
			Sealed to spouse
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		Born (day month year)	Place
		Christened	Place
		Died	Place
		Spouse Given name(s)	Last name
		Married	Place
			Baptized
			Endowed
			Sealed to parents
			Sealed to spouse
<b>6</b>	Sex	Given name(s)	Last name <input type="checkbox"/> See "Other marriages"
		Born (day month year)	Place
		Christened	Place
		Died	Place
		Spouse Given name(s)	Last name
		Married	Place
			Baptized
			Endowed
			Sealed to parents
			Sealed to spouse
<b>7</b>	Sex	Given name(s)	Last name <input type="checkbox"/> See "Other marriages"
		Born (day month year)	Place
		Christened	Place
		Died	Place
		Spouse Given name(s)	Last name
		Married	Place
			Baptized
			Endowed
			Sealed to parents
			Sealed to spouse
<b>Other marriages</b> List other marriages and sealings of the husband, wife, and children on this form. List any necessary explanations.			
<b>Sources of information</b> Add further information on attached sheets as necessary.			

**Note:** Please take every reasonable step to see that the information on this form is as accurate and complete as practical. This will help maintain the integrity of Church family history files and reduce duplication of temple ordinance work.

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Other publications you will need:  
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*Using the Family History Library Catalog* (30966)  
For Latter-day Saints:  
Instructions for submitting names for temple ordinances.

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