

# POWER OF SWEDISH RESEARCH USING ARKIVDIGITAL

## INTRODUCTION

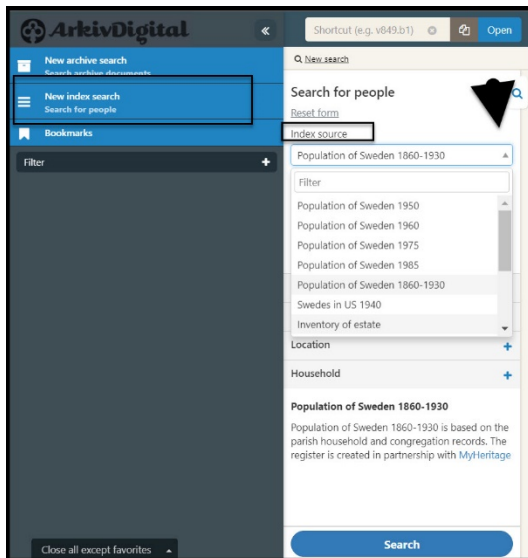
ArkivDigital (<https://www.arkivdigital.net/>) is an online subscription service that provides access to the Swedish historical records. As of November 2018, there are more than 80 million newly photographed color images or 160 million pages of historical records within ArkivDigital. Approximately 600, 000 images are added each month.

There are many types of records within ArkivDigital including the Swedish church books from earliest times up to the laws of privacy (70 years), estate inventories from the 1700's up to 1960, court records, prison records, tax registers, military records, passenger ship manifests from Swedish ports, aerial photographs, Swedish American church records and many other types of records. In this hour, we will introduce you to the powerful searchable name indexes as well as show you the breadth of records that can describe your Swedish ancestor's life from birth to death or emigration.

To access ArkivDigital's online archive, go to <https://www.arkivdigital.se/> and login with your user name (email address) and password. ArkivDigital is available at the Family History Library as well as most Family History Centers in the United States and Canada.

## DISCOVER THE POWER OF ARKIVDIGITAL'S SWEDISH NAME SEARCHABLE INDEXES

To access ArkivDigital's searchable name indexes, click on *New Index Search* and then click on the down arrow in the box below Index search to see a list of the indexes. Select the index that you wish to search and then enter the search criteria. Below is a table listing the indexes.



Population of Sweden 1940
Population of Sweden 1950
Population of Sweden 1960
Population of Sweden 1975
Population of Sweden 1985
Population of Sweden 1860-1947
Swedes in US 1940
Inventory of Estate
Portrait Collection
Births (Parts of Sweden)
Marriages (Parts of Sweden)
Deaths (Parts of Sweden)
Military Service Cards (1902-1941)
Agriculture Statistics 1944

## POPULATION REGISTERS OF 1940, 1950, 1960, 1975 AND 1985

These population registers are name searchable indexes of everyone living in Sweden at the end of each of these years. The sources for these records are the Swedish tax (*mantal*) records.

## POPULATION OF SWEDEN 1860-1947

This is a name searchable register of the household examination/congregation records within the Swedish church books between 1860 and 1947 for all of Sweden and was created via a partnership with MyHeritage.

## SWEDES IN U.S. 1940

The database is an extraction out of 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 birth place was Sweden.

## INVENTORY OF ESTATE

The Inventory of Estate is a name searchable register for estate inventories. The building of this register is still in progress. You will find a list of the district courts (*härad*) and city courts (*rådhusrätter*) where estate inventories are currently name searchable by going to the following link:

<https://www.arkivdigital.se/online/register/bouppteckningar>

## PORTRAIT COLLECTION

The database includes personal photographs from three Stockholm photography studios: Jaeger, Bergne and Welinder photographed from 1920 up to the 1970's.

## BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, DEATHS FOR PARTS OF SWEDEN

There are searchable names indexes for births, marriages and death records for parts of Sweden. The goal is to create name searchable indexes for birth, marriages and deaths for all of Sweden from the earliest times. To see an updated list of what parishes have been indexed, go to the following links:

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

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

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

## MILITARY SERVICE CARDS

The military service card is a name searchable index of draft registration and service cards of men who served in the Swedish military between 1902 and 1941.

## AGRICULTURE STATISTICS 1944

In 1944, the Swedish Central Bureau of Statistics conducted an agricultural census. Forms were mailed to the all agricultural properties or farming units. The owner or manager of the farm was required to fill out a form detailing the farm size, major tools and machines used on the farm as well as the presence of water pipelines, electricity and sewage systems on the farm.

## DISCOVER THE POWER OF THE POPULATION OF SWEDEN 1860-1947

This is a name searchable register of the household examination/congregation records between 1860 and 1947 for all of Sweden. The index record displays the following information about the person: name, birth date, birth place and current residence (time of the household record) 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. If the person died, often you will find a link to the death book.

Remember children had no surnames while they lived with their parents, so one should try searching in some cases only with given names.

**Note** – household/congregation records were not created for many parishes in Stockholm city beginning in the 1870's. Thus, there will be no record of persons living in those Stockholm parishes within this index. To search for persons living in Stockholm between 1878-1926, go to the Stockholm city archives free site and search in the roteman's archive.

<http://digitalastadsarkivet.stockholm.se/Rotemannen2012/Search.aspx>

### ADVANCED SEARCH FEATURES

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 name section of the advanced search function. In the birth section, you can search by birth date or select between years (for example births 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 in order to find matches in cases where one does not have a lot of information about the family. One can include multiple persons in the household in the search by clicking "Add person".

### COMMON SPECIAL SEARCH OPERATORS IN ARKIVDIGITAL INDEX SEARCH

Search Operator	Explanation
Asterisk (*)	Blom* - Shows all the names that begin with letters preceding the *. An asterisk at the end of Bergl* will find Berglind, Bergling, Berglund, etc.
Vertical Bar ( )	The vertical bar equals OR. The entry Stenquist   Stenkvist will show posts for both names.
Minus sign (-)	The minus sign equals NOT. If you enter -Västra Frolunda will find Östra Frolunda but not Västra Frolunda
Plus sign (+)	The plus sign equals AND. For example: Lundqvist+Lundberg will find all posts which includes both names in the record.
Parenthesis ( )	Searches for alternative spellings – For example aurora (concordia   konkordia   konkordia   koncordia) searches for all posts that includes Aurora Concordia, Aurora Konkordia, Aurora Konkordia and Aurora Konkordia).

## DISCOVER THE POWER OF ARKIVDIGITAL'S SWEDISH ARCHIVAL COLLECTION!

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

You can search for archives by archive type or country. The country default is Sweden. If you choose Sweden, you can further refine your search by county or province. If you select United States, you can further limit the search by state. Most of the records in the United States are Swedish-American church books. Other countries include: Argentina, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Norway, Ukraine and the United Kingdom.

Below are the most commonly used archives:

Archive Name	Description
<b>Barnhus</b>	Orphanage
<b>Chamber</b>	National tax register collection
<b>City Court</b>	City court records and estate inventories
<b>Country Office</b>	County tax registers
<b>District Court</b>	District court records and estate inventories
<b>District Register</b>	District tax registers
<b>Flygbilder</b>	Aerial Photographs (Only in All-in-one)
<b>Military</b>	Military records
<b>Parish/Congregation</b>	Parish church book archives
<b>Police archives</b>	Passenger ship manifests
<b>Prison archives</b>	Prison records
<b>Printed Literature</b>	Tryckt litteratur or published literature and Grill
<b>Registers</b>	Name and Emigration Registers
<b>SCB</b>	Extracts of birth, marriage and death records 1925 - 1947

In today's presentation, we will review images within ArkivDigital that show the life of Erik Ersson, a tailor, born on the 19<sup>th</sup> of February 1859 and died on the 26 of July 1938 in Rödön parish in Jämtland county. Among the records we will look at include: church books such as birth, household, marriage records, court records and prison records, photos and estate inventories. This will show the wide variety of records that are accessible for your Swedish ancestor within ArkivDigital.

### ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

- ArkivDigital Tutorials - <https://www.arkivdigital.net/swedish-genealogy>
- ArkivDigital Blog - <http://blog.arkivdigital.net/>
- ArkivDigital User Guide - [http://files.arkivdigital.se.s3.amazonaws.com/pdf\\_files/User\\_Guide\\_2.0.pdf](http://files.arkivdigital.se.s3.amazonaws.com/pdf_files/User_Guide_2.0.pdf)
- SwedishGenealogyGuide – Swedish Genealogy Tutorials using ArkivDigital examples - <http://swedishgenealogyguide.com/>