



Power Content in the FamilySearch Wiki for Swedish Genealogy

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The FamilySearch Wiki was launched in 2008 as a tool to make genealogical research easier. Today it has over 97,000 articles that offer information, guidance, and other resources that are sometimes hard to find anywhere else. The content for Sweden is amazing! It will help you solve a wide variety of problems when doing Swedish genealogy.

OBJECTIVE

To show how eight pages in the FamilySearch Wiki can help solve a variety of problems when doing Swedish genealogy.

- Parish Pages
- Counties and Provinces, History of Counties
- Feast Day Calendars
- Word Lists and Occupations
- Encyclopedias and Dictionaries
- Nordic Classes from the Family History Library

Parish Pages

There were about 2,840 parishes in Sweden before 1950. Most of the parishes were territorial meaning they had a geographic boundary. Some parishes were non-territorial meaning anybody with a common interest could attend regardless of where they live, e.g., a military parish, or the Finnish parish in Stockholm City. Between 1686 and 1991 the Swedish Lutheran Church was responsible for the keeping of vital records and population registration, so we use parish records the most when doing Swedish genealogy. But to use the parish records effectively, it helps to know the names of the farms, villages, etc. in the parish. Sometimes we need to look at other records such as tax, military, or court records. In these cases, you need to know the record keeping jurisdiction associated with the parish. The parish pages for Sweden in the Wiki have a jurisdictions info-box will help you know where to look. To find your parish either browse from the country, county, and parish by clicking on links. Or you can do a search in a web browser by typing the *name of the parish* and the words *FamilySearch Wiki* to choose the page from your hits list.

Counties and Province, History of Counties

From the Sweden Genealogy page, you can find a map of the counties in Sweden as they between about 1810 and 1997. Further down there is a link to the Provinces of Sweden page. The provinces date back to medieval times in Sweden. They are helpful to know because it is the record keeping structure before the county organization of 1634. Sometimes you will see a name of a county that is not represented on the county map. These are counties that existed in the past but were eventually merged into another one. The History of Swedish Counties page will help you understand those changes.

See Counties at https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/Sweden_Genealogy

See Provinces at https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/Provinces_of_Sweden

See History of Swedish Counties at
https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/History_of_Swedish_Counties

Feast Day Calendars

Many times, in the Swedish Church Records, a minister recorded the date of an event by the name of the Fixed or Moveable Feast Date which is based on the liturgical year (the church year) rather than the Julian or Gregorian date that we would recognize. This is especially true in Southern Sweden and areas that formerly belonged to Denmark. The Sweden Feast Day Calendars page in the Wiki provide information to convert moveable and fixed feast days. See Sweden Feast Day Calendars at

https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/Sweden_Feast_Day_Calendars

Word Lists and Occupations

The Swedish Genealogical Word list in the Wiki has over 1,000 Swedish words with English translations. The list is a great resource for key words found in the church records. The default list is in Swedish alphabetical order, but it can be sorted to English order to find a word faster. Another great tool is the Sweden Occupations list. We pay attention to occupations to help identify ancestors with common names in the records. The Sweden Occupations list has over 800 occupations from the past.

See Swedish Genealogical Word List at

https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/Swedish_Genealogical_Word_List

See Sweden Occupations at https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/Sweden_Occupations

Encyclopedias and Dictionaries

Languages evolve over time. The Sweden Encyclopedias and Dictionaries page in the wiki provides direct links to 6 historical Swedish/English dictionaries and 4 modern ones to help with language translation. See

https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/Sweden_Encyclopedias_and_Dictionaries

Nordic Classes from the Family History Library

There are many recorded classes and class handouts on a variety of subjects for Swedish genealogy on the Nordic Classes from the Family History Library page in the Wiki. See

https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/Nordic_Classes_from_the_Family_History_Library