How to search for Swedish military, census records, passenger ship manifests and other collections in ArkivDigital

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OBJECTIVES

You will become familiar with the following index searches within ArkivDigital:
table of content general-muster lists, boatswain active list, military service cards, table of content census records, emigrants, Swedes in U.S. 1940, table of Content SCB and agriculture statistics 1944.

ArkivDigital continues to add indexes both name searchable indexes and indexes making it easier to navigate certain sets of records such as the general muster rolls, census records and SCB records or extracts of births, marriages and death records between 1925 and 1947.

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Boatswain active list	Military
Military service cards	Military
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Emigrants	Passenger Ship Manifests
Swedes in U.S. 1940	U.S. Census
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Agriculture Statistics 1944	Agriculture

TABLE OF CONTENT GENERAL-MUSTER LIST

The Table of contents General-muster list covers the general muster rolls for Swedish regiments. The general muster rolls *(generalmönsterrullorna)* are the primary records one uses to research Swedish soldiers who served in the military between the 1680's and 1880's. The muster rolls were kept by the respective regiments between every three to five years. In these rolls, you will find information about all soldiers and officers, regiment by regiment, company by company.

In the general muster roll, one can follow soldiers and officers from the time they entered the service until their discharge. Types of information you will find in the muster rolls include: soldier's name, both their soldier name and earlier name, birth date or age, number of years in the service, height and marital status. One learns if the soldier was promoted and sometimes one learns about commendations. At the end of the soldier's career, the reason for his discharge is often stated.

In order to search for a general muster roll, one must know the regiment and company that that soldier or cavalryman served in. Once finding this information, one can use the new Table of content General-muster list index to quickly find the correct muster roll.

You can search by year, regiment and company/page content. For more information, go to the following blog: http://blog.arkivdigital.net/easier-to-find-a-soldier-in-the-general-muster-

rolls-using-table-of-content-general-muster-list/

BOATSWAIN ACTIVE LIST

The boatswain active list is a name searchable index of the boatman rolls (*båtsmansrullorna*) created in the late 1800's for Navy seamen (*bätsmän*). For those who are interested in researching Navy seamen (*båtsmän*) in the late 1800's, the boatman rolls (*båtsmansrullorna*) are a real goldmine. In the late 1800's, a little book was created for each sailor and these books contain much more detailed information than the general muster rolls thus allowing one to easily follow the sailor's military career. Go to the following blogs for more information:
http://blog.arkivdigital.net/name-index-for-boatman-rolls-batsmansrullor
http://blog.arkivdigital.net/boatman-rolls-batsmansrullor-a-unique-source/

MILITARY SERVICE CARDS (1902-1950)

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 1950. Since there was universal military conscription at this time, most men who were born between 1881 and 1930 are found in this name index. The types of information that you will find in the service card include name, birth date and place, enrollment number, branch of service, basic and additional training periods, promotions, changes of duty, punishment record if punished and even occasionally home residence and civil occupation.

You can search by name, birth date, birth place or draft registration number. You will often find the draft registration number in the household/congregation record in the "*värnpligt*" column. The draft registration number consists of three parts: a serial number, a number for the roll-keeping area (*kompaniområde*) and year of enrollment. It was written inf the form **SSS RRR/YY** or 102 153/05. In this example, 102 is the serial number, 153 corresponds to a roll keeping area for a certain regiment and 92 is the year of enrollment (1905). For more information about military service cards and other information about Swedish military, go to Hans Högman's website http://www.hhogman.se/military.htm.

Go to the following blog for more information about the military service cards index:
http://blog.arkivdigital.net/additions-to-the-military-service-cards-stamkort-index/

TABLE OF CONTENT CENSUSES

The *Table of content censuses* makes it easier for you to search for a tax register for a parish and year. When the household records and other church books are missing, the tax registers (*mantalslängder*) become an important source for researchers. To easily find the correct tax register for a particular parish for a certain year has often been up until now a challenge.

Since there were three copies of the tax registers, there have been three places to search for these records:

- *Mantalslängder 1642-1820* found in the chamber archive (English version)

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- In the respective county archive along with the respective district court (for parishes in rural areas) or the city courts.
- *kronokamrers, crown treasurer (kronokassörs), census office (mantalskontors), taxation authority (uppbördsverks) or kommunalborgmästares archive* (for parishes in the city)

Once the desired volume was found, it was necessary to locate the records for the desired parish, not always the easiest task especially when there is no parish register.

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/

EMIGRANTS

The emigrant index is a name searchable of all the passenger ship manifests for persons leaving from the Swedish ports: Göteborg, Malmö, Helsingborg and Stockholm. There are nearly 1.4 million names and the coverage begins in 1869 up to the mid-20th century.

The following information is included in the register:

- Stockholm police (överståthållarämbetet för polisärenden): Approximately 38,000 posts from 1869 – 1940.
- Gothenburg (*Göteborg*) police: Approximately 1.24 million posts from 1869 – 1951.
- Malmö police: Approximately 169,000 posts from 1874 – 1939.
- Police in Helsingborg: Approximately 11,000 posts from 1907 – 1908, 1929 -1949 along with 1956 – 1964.

One tip is that you may wish to be a little creative in your search. Many names have been abbreviated so you should search with the full name and also use various abbreviations.

For many persons, only the age is shown on the manifest. We have calculated a birth year based on the mentioned age at departure. For persons who emigrated in the 1900's, sometimes a complete birth date is noted in the manifest. If you search by the exact birth date and you do not get a match, you can search by birth year and also by the year before and year after the birth year. For more information: http://blog.arkivdigital.net/search-passenger-ship-manifests-by-name/

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. The database includes approximately 447,000 entries. The register includes information such as name, age, marital status and where the person lived in 1940. In addition, it shows where the person lived in 1935. For more information: http://blog.arkivdigital.net/new-register-swedes-in-us-1940/

TABLE OF CONTENT SCB

ArkivDigital has photographed the *Statistiska centralbyrån* (Statistics Sweden) or SCB extracts for the years 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, *Table of content, SCB*, which makes finding a desired extract a simple search.

To search for a SCB extract, do the following:
- Select Index search.
- Select "Table of content SCB" in the index source list.
- You can begin your search by using the "Simple search" routine by writing in the desired year, parish and/or the type of record (*födda/vigda/döda*) or fill in the desired search terms in the "Advanced search" routine. For more information: http://blog.arkivdigital.net/table-of-contents-for-scb-records/

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. There were approximately 44,000 farms in Sweden at this time. 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. For more information: http://blog.arkivdigital.net/new-search-index-for-agricultural-statistics-1944/

SVENSKA GODS OCH GÅRDER

These are a series of books published between 1935 and 1966 giving detailed descriptions of farms within Sweden. Within ArkivDigital, you will find scanned copies of 19 volumes including for Gästrikland, Halland, Kristianstad, Kronoberg, Malmöhus, Skaraborg, Södermanland, and Västerbotten. To find these volumes, go to archive search, select archive type, *printed literature,* and then select *Svenska Gods och Gårder.*