

ArkivDigital Workshop

Saturday, October 10, 2020
Schedule 9 AM – 4 PM

Introduction

9 – 9:15 AM	Welcome and Introductions
9:15 – 10:15 AM	Introduction to the Swedish Church Books
10:30 – 11:30	Searching by name Swedish records using ArkivDigital
1 PM – 2 PM	Additional Indexes and historical collections in ArkivDigital
2:30 PM – 3:30 PM	Overcoming Obstacles in the Swedish Church Books
3:30 PM – 4 PM	Closing and Drawing

Introduction to the Swedish Church Books

The Swedish church books are usually the first Swedish records that one uses when tracing one's Swedish roots. These records are a "gold mine" because they are so complete and contain such detailed information. This lecture will give an overview of the Swedish church records: births, marriages, deaths, household examination records and records of movement. Using a case study, a demonstration will show how one can use the church books to trace one's Swedish heritage.

Searching by name Swedish records using ArkivDigital

Learn about the many new name searchable registers in ArkivDigital. Discover the power of name searching in the church books: household/congregation records 1840-1947, birth, marriage and death records as well as the population registers for 1940, 1950, 1960, 1975 and 1985. Both the simple and advanced search methods will be demonstrated showing the new name indexes can ease one's research as well as help break down brick walls.

Additional indexes and historical collections in ArkivDigital

This presentation will focus on additional updates to ArkivDigital such as application interface tools, quick searches for birth, marriage and death record extracts, general muster rolls and tax registers and the emigration index. The presentation will demonstrate how to find an estate or farm description in the scanned volume for the Swedish estates and farms (*Svenska gods och gårdar*) as well as point out updates to other collections such as the Swedish American records.

Overcoming Research Obstacles in the Swedish Church Books”

Swedish church books are a wonderful source for ancestor's birth, marriage, death and household records. However, sometimes the minister used abbreviations in the records. Other times he wrote the vital information in a different book than the actual parish book. What do the abbreviations mean? Where is that birth record? In this presentation, we highlight many of the stumbling blocks researchers have experienced over the years researching in Swedish church books and present solutions.