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GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE

The "lazy, hazy days of summer" have come to an end and your Council has begun planning the 1998-99 year. The important project of translating Gloria Dei Church records has continued to move forward. The Julmiddag and Forefather's Day Luncheon events have been arranged. Our concern over the conditions of the "Old Swedish Burial Ground" in Chester persists.

Now that the Council has approved loaning the painting of Johan Printz to the American Swedish Historical Museum, it is investigating what repairs should be made. Amandus Johnson's handwritten minutes of our Society for the first ten years of its existence — one of our contributions to the American Swedish Historical Museum's exhibition on Swedish organizations in America — are being appropriately rebound. Planning the next issue of the *Swedish Colonial News* is an on-going project and I am happy to report that the Thanksgiving Service at Gloria Dei "Old Swedes" Church was well attended. (See **Service** on page 8)

In every organization, membership growth and retention are perennial challenges. I could list many methods used to promote growth but none is more valuable than personal contact. The best and easiest solution depends upon you, the members. If every member enlisted one new member, our Society would have a phenomenal 100 percent increase in membership. In this organization there is not the handicap

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The Norseman crew manning the oars in the approaches to Stockholm harbor. Among the ten-member crew there were three SCS members: Dennis Johnson, Ulf Hammarskjöld and Gene Martenson.

PHOTO: DAVE SEGERMARK

Millennium of Leif Ericson's Voyage to North America

Each year on October 9th the Leif Ericson Society International sponsors a ceremony on the east bank of the Schuylkill River at the site of the Thorfinn Karlsefni statue dedicated to the early Viking settlers in the New World. It is the custom for a different Scandinavian country to host the event each year. Next year will be different. All of the Nordic countries will be represented to mark the kick-off of the Year of the Viking: an historic year-long period, October 9, 1999 to October 9, 2000, dedicated to the Viking voyage to North America 1,000 years ago.

The Leif Ericson Society has established a Millennium Committee (LEMC) to coordinate festivities in the Philadelphia area as well as serving as a clearing house

for activities elsewhere.

The Millennium Committee has established a website (www.Leif2000.org) which is receiving thousands of hits every week from the U.S., Canada, Nordic countries and around the world. The LEMC updates their news regularly and registration on-line is also possible for individuals and organizations.

The Leif Ericson Viking Ship Norseman, a separate local organization with its own web site (www.libertynet.org/viking), has recently arrived home with their own ship *Norseman* from a "Viking Invasion" in Stockholm, Sweden during their Kultur98 festival. Several SCS members were on board. What an experience!

FOREFATHERS

Sven Gunnarsson and his Swanson Family

In August 1639, the Swedish government, needing settlers for its New Sweden colony, sent word to the governors of Elfsborg, Dalsland and Värmland to capture deserted soldiers and others who had committed some slight misdemeanor and to send them to America.

Among the “convicts” rounded up in this effort was Sven Gunnarsson. When the *Kalmar Nyckel* left Göteborg in September 1639, he was aboard with his pregnant wife and two small children.

Initially, in New Sweden, Sven was stationed at the Fort Christina plantation, where he was found in 1644 working on the New Sweden tobacco farm. In October 1645 he was finally granted freedom from his servitude and joined other freemen residing at Kingsessing (now West Philadelphia). Here he was known as Sven the Miller, as he operated the first gristmill built in New Sweden on present Cobbs Creek.

Being a freeman in New Sweden was like being a peasant under the tyrannical rule of Governor Johan Printz. Like other freemen, Sven was required to work without pay at Printz’s Printzhof plantation whenever the Governor demanded, was prohibited from trading with the Indians and forced to buy all necessities at the company store. Like other freemen, he fell heavily into debt. Another such freeman, Lasse Svensson the Finn and his wife Carin had their plantation seized by Printz (who renamed it Printztorp). Both Lasse the Finn and his wife were forced to live

without shelter in the woods. Both perished, leaving several impoverished children.

It was not surprising, therefore, that Sven Gunnarsson was one of the 22 freemen signing a petition of grievances which they submitted to Governor Printz in the summer of 1653. Printz called it a “mutiny” and returned to Sweden.

Sven the Miller fared better under Governor Rising, 1654-1655. He even volunteered to help defend Fort Christina against the Dutch invasion. A pitched battle was averted when Rising decided to surrender the colony.

Conditions proved to be even better under Dutch rule. Stuyvesant allowed the Swedes living north of the Christina River to organize their own government. That government, known as the Upland Court, treated Sven Gunnarsson well.

In 1664, Sven Gunnarsson moved with his family across the Schuylkill to Wicaco, a former Indian settlement, where Sven’s 1125-acre plantation embraced what would become the future City of Philadelphia. Here, on his land, the first log church at Wicaco (now Gloria Dei Church) was built by 1677. Sven Gunnarsson died about 1678 and probably was one of the first to be buried at the Wicaco church.

In the spring of 1683, Sven’s three sons agreed to provide the northern part of Wicaco for William Penn’s planned new city, to be called Philadelphia. They were left with 230 acres apiece. Records prove that Sven also had two daughters. His family, in the order of their birth, included:

1. **Sven Svensson** (Swan Swanson), born in Sweden by 1636, married about 1658 **Catharina (Carin) Larsdotter**, the daughter of Lasse Svensson the Finn. Sven

was a justice on the Upland Court, 1681-1682 and served in the Pennsylvania Assembly in 1683. He died at Wicaco in 1696. His widow, born near Stockholm in 1638, was buried at Gloria Dei on 19 August 1720. Their known children:

- > **Lasse Swanson**, born about 1660, died unmarried between 1687 and 1692.
- > **Brigitta Swanson**, born c. 1669, died at Boon’s Island, Kingsessing, after 1753. Married **Swan Boon** c. 1688; 4 children.
- > **Margaret Swanson**, born c. 1671, died 1699 at Passyunk. Married **John Larsson Cock** in 1694; 2 children.
- > **Barbara Swanson**, born 1674, died at Calcon Hook, Lower Darby, after 1743. Married **Hans Boon** 1699; 5 children.
- > **Catharina Swanson**, born 1682, died at Wicaco 1711. Married **Peter Bankson** 1698; 2 children.

2. **Gertrude Svensdotter**, born c. 1638 in Sweden, married the New Sweden soldier **Jonas Nilsson** in 1654 and died in Kingsessing c. 1695, survived by eleven children:

- > **Nils Jonasson**, born in 1655, died at Aronameck in 1735. Married Christina Gästenberg c. 1683; 8 children.
- > **Judith Jonasdatter**, born c. 1658, died at Manatawny, Berks County in 1727. Married **Peter Petersson Yocum** by 1676; 10 children.
- > **Gunilla Jonasdatter**, born c. 1661, died in Gloucester County NJ. Married **Måns Petersson Cock** in 1680; 7 children.
- > **Måns Jonasson**, born 1663, died at Manatawny 1727. Married **Ingeborg Lycon** c. 1690; 6 children.
- > **Anders Jonasson**, born c. 1666, died at Aronameck 1728. Married **Catharina Boon** by 1691; 9 children.
- > **Christina Jonasdatter**, born c. 1668, married (1) **Frederick King** 1686; (2)

Swanson Family Myths:

Myth 1: Sven Skute was the father of the three Swanson brothers of Wicaco.

Relying on the self-styled historian, Betty Cosans-Zebooker, the recent book *The Buried Past; An Archaeological History of Philadelphia* (1992), pages 33 and 222, states that the three Swanson brothers were sons of Sven Skute, whose 1653 patent from Queen Christina embraced their land at Wicaco.

Facts: Sven Skute’s 1653 patent did not include Wicaco; it was also nullified by Governor Rising in 1654 because it

embraced lands west of the Schuylkill which had long been settled by others. Sven Skute had one son, Johan Skute, who lived on the west side of the Schuylkill. Patents for Wicaco, issued by the Dutch and English, confirm that Sven Gunnarsson was the father of the Swanson brothers. Peter Kalm confirmed the same in his 1748-1750 journal.

Myth 2: Claude A. Swanson of Virginia, (1862-1939), Secretary of the Navy under FDR, was a descendant of the Swansons of Wicaco.

This claim was most recently pub-

lished in Landelius’ *Swedish Place-Names in North America* (1985), page 228.

Facts: Claude Swanson’s earliest identified Swanson ancestor was William Swanson who was living in Virginia in 1750. Although Sven Gunnarsson had many descendants, the surname of Swanson was continued by only one of his great-grandchildren, Gunnar Swanson, son of Andrew Swanson, Jr. Gunnar’s son William Swanson was living in Southwark, Philadelphia County, at the time of the 1790 census.

Nicklas Lindemeyer 1700; 7 children.

> **John Jonasson**, born c. 1670, died after 1738. Married **Catharina Lock** 1693; 5 daughters.

> **Peter Jonasson**, born c. 1673, died after 1697; no known issue.

> **Jonas Jonasson**, born c. 1675, died at Kingsessing 1738. Married **Anne Amesby** 1702; 7 children.

> **Brigitta Jonasdatter**, born 1678, died in Blockley Township 1753. Married **Mårten Garrett** 1703; 5 children.

> **Jonathan Jonasson**, born c. 1681, died at Kingsessing 1748. Married **Mary**; 2 children.

3. **Olle Svensson**, born at sea on the *Kalmar Nyckel* in 1640, married an English woman **Lydia Ashman**. He served as a justice on the Upland Court, 1673-1680 and died at Wicaco in 1692. His widow **Lydia** died in New Jersey in 1730. Their eight children:

> **John Swanson**, born 1667, never married and died in 1736 in Gloucester County NJ.

> **Peter Swanson**, born 1668, died in 1737. Married **Anna Stille**; 1 child.

> **Maria Swanson**, born c. 1676, died at Wicaco in her youth.

> **Brigitta Swanson**, born 1678, died after 1747 in Gloucester County. Married (1) **Peter Gustafsson** c. 1696; (2) **Jacob Van Culen** 1700; 5 children.

> **Lydia Swanson**, born c. 1680, married **Josiah Harper**.

> **Swan Swanson**, born c. 1682, died at Wicaco 1712. Married **Maria**, but no issue.

> **Catharina Swanson**, born c. 1686, died in Burlington County NJ. Married **James Lacony** by 1712.

> **Judith Swanson**, born 1688, died after 1754 in Gloucester County. Married **Matthias Mattson** 1712; 6 children.

4. **Anders Svensson**, born in New Sweden c. 1642, died at Wicaco in 1688. He married **Anna** (parents unknown), who died in 1709. Seven children:

> **Gunnar Swanson**, born 1667, died 1702, leaving 1/3 of his 50 acres to Gloria Dei Church. Never married.

> **Catharine Swanson**, born c. 1669, died c. 1700. Married **Andrew Wheeler** c. 1689; 4 children.

> **Elisabeth Swanson**, born c. 1671, died after 1732. Married **Peter Larsson Cock** c. 1691; 4 children.



Malcolm Mackenzie has been negotiating with the state for the use of the cabin since March with the hope of restoring it. Since the cabin was moved to the park site in the 1950s, the windows have been boarded up and graffiti marks have marred the appearance of the historic building.

PHOTO: TINALASSEN

300 Year-Old Log Cabin Damaged in Fire

On September 14th, 1998, a spark from a neighboring boat yard set fire to the shingles of the Stallcup log cabin located on the south side of the Christina River Park in Wilmington, DE. The walls, built of solid logs, were scorched but remained standing.

The cabin was moved to the park in the 1950s from its original home on a Prices Corner farm. It was moved because

of new highway construction.

Historical preservation groups, including Malcolm Mackenzie's group the New Sweden Centre, had urged the State Department of Historical and Cultural Affairs, which oversees the park, to better preserve the cabin. Donald R. Johnson, former president of the Delaware Swedish Colonial Society, describes the cabin as a real treasure that needs to be salvaged.

> **Christina Swanson**, born c. 1673, died in Philadelphia's Northern Liberties 1750. Married **Måns Gustafsson** c. 1693; 8 children.

> **Margaret Swanson**, born c. 1676, died at Boon's Island by 1719. Married **Valentine Cock** c. 1696; 4 sons.

> **Christopher Swanson**, born 1678, died at Wicaco 1735. Married **Christina Keen** c. 1712; 5 children.

> **Andrew Swanson**, born 1686, died at Calcon Hook, Lower Darby Township, c. 1735. Married **Brigitta Boon** c. 1724; 3 children.

5. A daughter (name unknown), born in New Sweden after 1644, died in Cecil County MD by 1676. Married **Peter Månsson Lom**; 1 son.

Dr. Peter S. Craig

Swanson Descendants

Sven Gunnarsson had five proven children, 32 grandchildren and over 120 great-grandchildren. Among his many descendants today are:

1. All members of the du Pont family of Delaware, who can trace their lineage back to Christopher Swanson, son of Andrew.

2. Two officers of the Swedish Colonial Society: Deputy Governor Esther Ann McFarland (via Jonas Jonasson) and Historian Peter S. Craig (via Judith Jonasdatter who married Peter Yocum).

HISTORIC SITES

Gloria Dei Records: The Building of Christ Church of Upper Merion, 1763

For some time, the year in which Christ (Old Swedes) Church was built has been one of those undocumented events in history. In 1960, for the supposed 200th anniversary of Christ Church, Alice Lees Eastwick wrote a history of the church, claiming that it was built in 1760 and that Rev. Carl Magnus Wrangel gave the dedication sermon on 25 June 1760. However, no documentation for this claim was given.

The on-going Gloria Dei Records Project is providing an answer to this mystery. Contemporary reports by Pastor Wrangel to Sweden prove that construction of the church began in 1763, not 1760.

In Wrangel's letter to the Archbishop of Sweden in Uppsala, 5 November 1763, he enclosed a "Report on the Swedish Lutheran Congregation in North America," which included the following reference to the Swedish settlers living at Matsunk, the Indian name for Upper Merion Township:

"At Matson [Matsunk], which is a colony belonging to my congregation, situated 2 Swedish miles from here, I consider it quite important for the reasons I stated already in my former report, and as the people there never come to church here [at Gloria Dei in Wicaco, Philadelphia], so I have constantly visited them once a month on a weekday to preach for them, and several times a year on Sundays. The people there have a most commendable pious care for our Evangelical faith. There have been several attempts to draw them to the English church situated only a few English miles from their homes, but they are in this respect most steadfast. To also refrain their descendants from falling from the Lutheran church, they have decided to build a church among themselves, for which they have bought land and collected some money for the building, as the services are now held in their homes at great discomfort, as there is not room for everyone. The building of this church started this

spring and already the roof is raised. Every time I go there I also inform the children of the teachings of the catechism, and intend, as soon as the church is ready, to try to get a school established there, which I hope, with the help of God, will so much better come to be, as the people live close together and thus can send their children to one and the same school."

Dr. Peter S. Craig

Lost Landmark: Sven Gunnarsson's Log house at Wicaco

When the famous botanist, Prof. Peter Kalm of Sweden visited Philadelphia in 1748-1750, he recorded in his journal one of the historic sites of the town — Sven Gunnarsson's log house, located north of the Wicaco church (Gloria Dei). The house, owned in succession by his son Anders Svensson and Anders' son Christopher Swanson, was then owned by Christopher's daughter Margaret, wife of John Parham. Kalm's report was as follows:

"Oldest Building: A wretched old wooden building on a hill next to the river, located a little north of the Wicaco [church] is preserved on purpose as a memorial to the poor condition of the place before the town was built on it. It belonged formerly to one of the Swansons, from whom, as before mentioned, the ground was bought upon which to build Philadelphia. Its antiquity gives it a kind of superiority over all the other buildings in town, though in itself it is the worst of all. This hut was inhabited whilst yet stags, deer, elks and beavers at broad daylight lived in the future streets, church yards, and market places of Philadelphia. The noise of the spinning wheel was heard in this house before the manufacturers now established were thought of or Philadelphia was built. But with all these advantages the house is ready to fall down, and after a few years it will be as difficult to find the place where it stood as it was unlikely at the time of its erection that one of the greatest towns in America should in a short time stand close to it."

Elsewhere, Peter Kalm also comments:


"North of Wicaco Church there stands yet an ancient wooden structure, which belongs to the [Swanson] family, and which is now rented to some Germans. This house is older than Philadelphia, but now it is rapidly approaching its final doom."

Almost a century later, in 1847, the historian John F. Watson also visited the site and reported in his *Annals of Philadelphia*, as follows:

*"The original log house of the sons of Sven was standing till the time the British occupied Philadelphia, when it was taken down and converted into fuel. It stood on a knoll or hill on the N.W. corner of Swanson Street and Beck's Alley. * * * I ascertained the following facts concerning "the old Swedes' house," as they called the log-house of the sons of Sven. Its exact location was where the blacksmith's shop now stands, about 30 feet north of Beck's Alley, and fronting on Swanson Street. It had a large garden and various fruit trees behind it. The little hill on which it stood has been cut down as much as five or six feet, to make the lot conform to the present street. It descended to Paul Beck, Esq., through the Parhams, an English family."*

The street references may be a bit confusing to people today because of landfill along the Delaware River, the construction of Delaware Avenue (now Christopher Columbus Avenue) along the river and the destructive effect of Interstate 95.

When Sven Gunnarsson's log cabin was built in 1664 and when the log predecessor of Gloria Dei Church was built in 1677, both structures stood on hills overlooking the Delaware River. There was no road on the riverside. Sven Gunnarsson's house, later occupied by Anders Svensson and Christopher Swanson, was a small distance south of present Queen Street, on the west side of present Swanson Street. The southern boundary of Anders Svensson's home lot was the middle of present Christian Street (named after the wife of Christopher Swanson who was baptized as Christina Keen). Sven Svensson's home lot, which included present Gloria Dei Church, extended from the middle of present Christian Street down to Wicaco Lane (present Ellsworth Street), and Olle Svensson's home lot extended south from that boundary.

 *Dr. Peter S. Craig*

A CHECK LIST

New Sweden Settlers Qualifying as Forefathers for Members of the Swedish Colonial Society

Under the By-laws of the Swedish Colonial Society, Forefather Members are "active members who can prove descent from Swedish colonists in the United States prior to the Treaty of Paris, marking the close of the Revolutionary War, in 1783."

Larry S. Stallcup of Virginia Beach, VA, a Forefather Member of SCS, has suggested that the *Swedish Colonial News* publish a complete list of those settlers of New Sweden who qualify as Forefathers for prospective Forefather Members.

Currently, the author is publishing a series of articles, "New Sweden Settlers, 1638-1664," in the *Swedish American Genealogist*. That series identifies all known settlers of New Sweden, 1638-1655, as well as those arriving from Sweden when the Delaware was under Dutch rule, 1655-1664. Excluding persons named in these articles who died without issue and those who returned to Europe, I have listed on the following page each known Swedish immigrant, 1638-1664, who remained in America and left surviving children.

Further information on these forefather settlers is contained in my book, *The 1693 Census of the Delaware (1993)*, now in its third printing. Copies of this book may be ordered from the author for \$40 apiece. (See **Publications** on page 7)

A third source of information on many of these settlers is my article, "1671 Census of the Delaware," being published in the two 1998 issues of the *Pennsylvania Genealogical Magazine*. (See page 7)

The table is divided into two parts. The first part lists immigrants known to have had at least one son. The first column shows the family surname adopted by the sons or, in some cases, the grandsons, followed by the name of the immigrant and the year and place of the immigrant's death.

The second table lists immigrants who had no surviving sons, but who left one or more daughters who married and had children. In most cases these daughters married other Swedes.

Tracing descent from the original Swedish immigrants is difficult since most of the immigrants had no surname. They used the patronymic naming system, by which the sons and daughters took the first name of their father, adding "son" or "dotter" as appropriate. In some cases a family surname was not selected for two generations.

Thus, the immigrant Eskil Larsson arrived in New Sweden with his son Bärtil Eskilsson in 1643. Bärtil Eskilsson's sons were known by the patronymic Bärtilsson, which ultimately became the family surname with an English spelling, i.e., Bartleson.

Similarly, the immigrant Matthias Eskilsson, who settled in Swanwick, New Castle County, had a son named Peter Matthiasson, who had a son named Jöran Petersson, who became known as George Peterson, which became his family's surname.


Another such oddity is Pål Persson's descendants. He had four sons, Olof, Bengt, Gustaf and Peter Pålsson, founders of the Paulson families of New Castle County. However, one of Gustaf's sons named Paul chose to be called Paul Gustafsson, thereby launching the Justison or Justice family of Brandywine Hundred.

In a few cases the patronymic naming system led to third-generation males using surnames which were the same as the patronymic of their grandfather. Thus, Knut Mårtensson's son Mårten Knutsson of Marcus Hook had sons known by the name of Morton. Johan Hendricksson had sons named Hendrick Johansson, progenitor of the Hendrickson family of Ridley Township, and Johan Johansson, whose sons were named Johnson.

The table on the following page is not a complete list of potential Forefathers for SCS members. It does not include Swedes arriving in the Delaware after 1664, such as Charles Christophersson Springer, Anders Rudman, Jonas Aurén, Gustavus Hesselius. Neither does it include Swedes who came to America in colonial times who settled in other places, such as New York. The tables are limited to those who settled in New Sweden, 1638-1664.

For further help, members may also write directly to my home address, 3406 Macomb St., N.W., Washington, D.C. 20016. Applications for recognition as a Forefather Member may be obtained from the same address.

In most cases, Forefather Members have more than one New Sweden ancestor under whom they qualify as a Forefather Member. In such cases, the member is asked to choose which Forefather they want to be listed under.

 Dr. Peter S. Craig



Membership Procedure

An application card for new membership must be signed by an active member-sponsor and mailed to the Registrar with a check payable to the Swedish Colonial Society for the class of membership desired. Action will be taken at the next meeting of the Council.

Annual Dues: Individual \$25.
 Family (two adults, minor children) \$30.
 Life Membership \$300.

Mail to: Mr. Wallace Richter, 330 So. Devon Ave., Wayne, PA 19087-2927.

NEW PUBLICATIONS

Timen Stiddem Society Newsletter

Jack Stidham of Morristown TN, author of the genealogy of the Stidham family, his son David R. Stiddem of Worcester, MA and Richard L. Steadham of Woodbridge, VA have organized The Timen Stiddem Society, which features a quarterly newsletter, 8.5 x 11 inches, of 12-16 pages, featuring articles on Dr. Timen Stiddem and his descendants. The first two issues (Spring and Summer 1998) were high quality publications. Copies may be obtained by sending a check for \$12 to The Timen Stiddem Society, 14085 Ryon Court, Woodbridge, VA 22193. The check covers the first year's dues. Indicate whether you wish to be a Descendant Member (descended from Timen Stiddem) or an Associate Member (support the society's objectives).

The objectives of The Timen Stiddem Society are "to encourage and promote the accurate recording of family data, vital statistics, and individual accomplishments of Dr. Timen Stiddem and his descendants and to disseminate such at regular intervals to those interested. Further, to instill a feeling of kinship and pride in the descendants of Dr. Stiddem and his progeny through learning of their ancestors' history which can be gleaned from the recorded past."

1671 Census of the Delaware

Both 1998 issues of *The Pennsylvania Genealogical Magazine* are featuring a two-part article, "1671 Census of the Delaware," by SCS Historian Peter S. Craig. The first part, 35 pages, published in the Spring/Summer issue, identifies all persons residing in present Pennsylvania in May 1671, when the census was taken. The second part, 44 pages, will be published in the Fall/Winter issue. It will describe the families living in present Delaware and in West New Jersey. As one might suspect, a majority of the households on the Delaware were Swedish. Copies of the two issues containing these articles (volume 40, numbers 3 and 4) may be purchased from the Genealogical Society of Pennsylvania, 1305 Locust Street, Philadelphia, PA 19107-5405, for \$7.50 apiece.

New Sweden Settlers, 1638-1664

Culminating over fifteen years of research into New Sweden records, both in America and in Sweden, Dr. Peter S. Craig, a Fellow of the American Society of Genealogists, has been publishing a series of articles, "New Sweden Settlers, 1638-1664, in the March and September issues of the *Swedish American Genealogist*. These articles provide biographical sketches of each immigrant to New Sweden from 1638 until 1664, when the Delaware was captured by the English. After the series is finished in 1999, Dr. Craig hopes to combine the articles into a new book, which will supplement his book on the 1693 census of the Swedes on the Delaware.

This series provides additional facts on the lives of the Swedes found on the Delaware in 1693. It also includes the names of many other settlers who had died before 1693 or who had moved to northern Maryland and no longer attended the Swedish churches on the Delaware.

The noted Prof. Alf Åberg of Sweden, who has read the first six parts of this series, reports: "A lot of the names I recognized from his fine book, *The 1693 Census*, but others were quite unknown to me. Dr. Craig has given most of them new facts and made them more intelligible and living. I am sure that this new book will become a great achievement in New Sweden research."

A total of eight articles are included in this series:

Part 1 (1638-1640)	March 1996, 24 pp.
Part 2 (1641)	Sept. 1996, 30 pp.
Part 3 (1643)	March 1997, 22 pp.
Part 4 (1644-1653)	Sept. 1997, 20 pp.
Part 5 (1654)	March 1998, 23 pp.
Part 6 (1654, cont'd)	Sept. 1998, 22 pp.
Part 7 (1655-1656)	March 1999
Part 8 (1657-1664)	Sept. 1999

Copies of the back issues of the *Swedish American Genealogist* containing the first six parts may be purchased for \$8.00 apiece from The Swedish American Genealogist, Swenson Swedish Immigration Research Center, Augustana College, Rock Island, IL 61202-2273.

The 1693 Census of the Swedes on the Delaware

Dr. Peter Stebbins Craig has announced that this book, first published in 1993, is now in its third printing. This best seller is the authoritative compilation of family histories for those Swedes who were members of the Swedish churches at Wicaco and Crane Hook in 1693. 228 pages; hardbound. Copies may be ordered from Peter S. Craig, 3406 Macomb Street NW, Washington, DC 20016. Cost \$40.

OBITUARY

General William Buchanan Gold, Jr. 1914-1998

Brigadier General William Buchanan Gold, Jr., prominent Philadelphia attorney and civic leader, passed away at his home in Atco, NJ last August at age 84. He had served as an officer and Councillor of the Swedish Colonial Society and was active in numerous prestigious hereditary and fraternal organizations throughout his life.

Eric G. M. Törnquist, former two-term SCS Governor, described General Gold as tireless in his civic works and "an outstanding human being."

General Gold is survived by his wife, Marjorie Foerderer Tonner Gold and three daughters. He was an active participant over the past five decades in the Netherlands Society, The Continental Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution, the Society of Founders and Patriots, the Huguenot Society and 60 other organizations. General Gold was a member of the Free and Accepted Masons.

General Gold was a World War II veteran, a graduate of the Penn Charter School, Princeton University, where he was elected Phi Beta Kappa, and Harvard Law School. He remained on active duty with the Pennsylvania Army National Guard.

Evidence of General Gold's prominence in the Delaware Valley was his extensive obituary in the *Philadelphia Inquirer* written by David Iams, the newspaper's respected Society columnist.

Richard Scudder, a long-time friend, described the feeling of loss felt by so many of General Gold's friends and admirers, "He was a gentleman of the old school and one of the last of his generation. He will be missed."

Calendar of Events 1998 - 1999

December 6, 1998

SCS Annual Julmiddag - 11:30 am, social hour; 12:30 pm, luncheon. Merion Cricket Club, Montgomery Ave. & Gray's Lane, Haverford, PA. Special Speaker. For reservations call Clifford Holgren (610) 525-1636.

December 6, 1998

Trim a Swedish Christmas Tree - Swedish Cabin, 9 Creek Road, Drexel Hill, PA. Help trim the Christmas tree Swedish style and enjoy refreshments. For information call (610) 449-3577.

December 11, 1998

ASHM St. Lucia Julbord - 6:00 pm. Full Swedish smörgåsbord and formal Lucia procession at ASHM. 1700 Pattison Ave., Philadelphia, PA. Christmas Market opens! Reservations required, call (215) 389-1776.

December 11, 12 & 13, 1998

Gloria Dei "Old Swedes" Church Lucia 6:00 & 8:00 pm on the 11th & 12th; 2:00, 3:30 & 5:00 pm on the 13th. Columbus Blvd. & Christian St., Philadelphia, PA. Coffee and Lucia buns follow at St. Olaf's Hall. For further information call (215) 389-1513

December 12, 1998

ASHM Lucia Festival & Julmark-nad 6:00 pm. Continuing over 60 years of tradition, the ASHM Women's Auxiliary produces the St. Lucia Festival with Swedish Christmas Café, Julbord and the formal candlelight Lucia. For information call (215) 389-1776.

December 13, 1998

Road to Valley Forge Patriot's Lucia - 7:30 pm. Christ Episcopal "Old Swedes" Church, Rt. #23, Swedesburg, Upper Merion, PA. Reception following. Call (610) 265-1257.

December 13, 1998

Delaware Swedish Lucia - Holy Trinity Episcopal "Old Swedes" Church, 606 Church St., Wilmington, DE. For further information call Jo Thompson at (302) 652-5629. Early arrival strongly suggested. Parking readily available.

Thanksgiving Service

On June 14th the Gloria Dei Thanksgiving Service at "Old Swedes" Church was well attended, especially by members of the Swedish Colonial Society's Council. Malcolm Mackenzie, dressed in colonial attire, added color to the event. Rev. Kim-Eric Williams delivered an excellent message. On behalf of

the Society, Governor Neal presented Rev. David B. Rivers with a check of \$500 for Gloria Dei Church — an amount above the annual gift from the Society's modest Gloria Dei Fund.

Following the service, the Church hosted a lovely reception for all in attendance.



Council members attending the Gloria Dei Thanksgiving Service. Front row: David R. Anderson, Rev. Kim-Eric Williams, Barbara Almquist, William Neal, Gosta Baeckstrom, Rev. David Rivers, John Ramee. 2nd Row: Malcolm Mackenzie, Brian Daly, Cliff Holgren, Katerina Sheronas, Peter Sheronas.

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December 13, 1998

New Jersey Swedish Lucia - Trinity Episcopal "Old Swedes" Church, 208 King's Highway, Swedesboro, NJ. For further information, call (609) 467-1227.

January 23, 1999

ASHM "Artsoppa Och Punsch" - Pea Soup and Punch dinner. Reservations required. Call (215) 768-5325.

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of proving one's lineage. Anyone who wishes to contribute to the preservation of the colonial heritage of New Sweden, which included parts of four states, may join.

We also appreciate hearing from you with suggestions and ideas and will put them into action whenever possible. Wearing the Society's recognition pin helps to make others aware of our existence.

Recently I read a touching article of a Native American, Long Wolf, formerly part of Buffalo Bill's Wild West Show, who died in England over 100 years ago.

March 6 - 14, 1999

Philadelphia Flower Show - The Philadelphia Water Dept. exhibit features the "Kalmar Nyckel."

April 11, 1999

SCS Forefathers' Luncheon. Corinthian Yacht Club.

The grave was found by an English housewife who made the effort to track down the great-grandson who flew to London to bring home and bury his great-grandfather's bones in the land of his ancestors.

As I read this story, I could not help but draw an analogy between these events and our efforts to fulfill the goals of our Society. We all desire to preserve a continuity with our heritage — with our ancestors. As we preserve and maintain the artifacts, monuments, and records of our forefathers, we are perpetuating their memory and endowing the future with their inspiration.

 William Neal



The 360th Anniversary of the Founding of the New Sweden Colony



Photos clockwise from top left:

The Kalmar Nyckel is the authentic replica of the tall ship that sailed from Sweden to bring the first permanent European settlers to the Delaware Valley in 1638. Completed in 1998, she is anchored in the Christina River in Wilmington, DE. PHOTO: CHRIS QUEENEY

The crew in the launch man the oars as Royal Swedish Musketeers carrying the Royal Vasa Crest prepare to step foot in "Amerika".

After seeking the Lord's blessings and guidance, Commander Peter Minuit, portrayed by David Menser of the Kalmar Nyckel Foundation, tells Lenape brave Longtoe he comes in peace and seeks only friendship and trade with the Lenape people.

The 360th Celebration, sponsored by the Delaware Swedish Colonial Society and the SCS, was held in magnificent spring weather before an audience of 2,500 persons, the largest gathering for "Ancient Sweeds" since 1988. Delaware Governor Thomas R. Carper was honored for Distinguished Public Service for his role in the successful efforts to recreate the Kalmar Nyckel. SCS Historian Dr. Peter S. Craig was an honored guest and SCS Senior Deputy Governor Herbert Rambo, a DSCS Council member, served as master of ceremonies.

Malcolm Mackenzie appeared as Peter Hollander Ridder, Commander of the 2nd Swedish Expedition in 1640.

MEMBERSHIP



John Ramee



John Widtfelt

Newsletter Committee

Two faithful, long-standing members of the Newsletter Committee found it necessary to resign this summer from their responsibilities of mailing out the bi-annual *Swedish Colonial News*.

John Ramee, our oldest Councillor at 86, has joined his family in Maine. John Widtfelt is with his son in California for health reasons. These men together formed a steady, dependable team assuring the newsletter was sorted, stamped and mailed on a timely basis.

These gentlemen represent one of the things that is best about our organization - the willingness to volunteer unstinting service after retirement. Thank You!

Change of Address

Whenever members change their address it is their responsibility to notify in writing of such change in order to continue receiving the *Swedish Colonial News* and information about current events. We have lost contact with some of our Forefather and Life Members.

Don't let this happen to you!

New Members

John E. Archer
Claymont, DE

Katharine A. E. Campbell
Malvern, PA

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Wilmington, DE

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Duncan Ely
Spartensburg, SC

Janice Lee White
Moraga, CA

In Memoriam

William Buchanan Gold Jr., Esq.
Atco, NJ
(See *Obituary* on page 7)

Robert E. Greene
Hockessin, DE

Newsletter Notes

We are delighted to welcome Ron Hendrickson, a Forefather Member, who is now responsible for design layout and David R. Anderson, a long-standing Councillor, who will handle Delaware distribution. Councillors Brian Daly and Herb Rambo will continue to distribute in Pennsylvania and New Jersey, respectively.

Editor's Note

A sincere apology for the photo mix-up in the last issue of the SCNews.
Electronic wizardry gone haywire!

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