The Swedish Colonial Society, founded in 1909, is the oldest Swedish historical group in the United States dedicated to preserving the legacy of the New Sweden Colony in America.

New members are always welcome. No Swedish relatives or ancestry is required.

Our Purpose is To:
- Collect, archive and publish materials.
- Make early colonial genealogical records broadly available.
- Acknowledge members’ proven descent from colonial forefathers.
- Increase awareness and preservation of monuments at historic sites.
- Commemorate historic and cultural events and accomplishments relating to the Swedes and Finns in America.

Brief History of Organization:
- Founded in 1909 at Philadelphia, PA, the Swedish Colonial Society is America’s oldest Swedish historical organization.
- Establishment of the American Swedish Historical Museum in 1926 by our founder, Swedish American historian, Amandus Johnson. The museum is the oldest Swedish museum in the United States.
- Renowned for its studies of the New Sweden Colony.
- Recent developments include archiving of the Peter S. Craig Collection of New Sweden historical and genealogical research (the world’s largest) and of the Ronald S. Beatty Collection on the Rambo and allied families, and extensive translations by Dr. Kim-Eric Williams, KNO, of the 17th century New Sweden records.

Social Links:
- Follow us on Twitter
- Like our Facebook Page

Contact Us:
Membership inquiries are encouraged to obtain additional membership information or to submit a membership application, please contact:

REGISTRAR, SCS
916 Swanson St.
Philadelphia, PA 19147

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www.colonialswedes.org
Highlights of New Sweden

Landing of Swedes in Wilmington DE 1638 after a 4 month journey from Gothenburg Sweden, 1st permanent European settlement in the Delaware Valley.

A total of 11 vessels and some 600 Swedes and Finns reached their destination.

The colony eventually consisted of trading posts, farms, and small settlements along both banks of the Delaware River in modern day Delaware, New Jersey, Pennsylvania and Maryland.

Royal Jubilee visits in 1938, 1988 and 2013 celebrating the 300th, 350th and 375th anniversaries of the landing of the Swedes.

Annual Events Include:

Spring Annual Meeting and Forefather Luncheon

Fall History Conference

Julumiddag Christmas Event

Swedish Colonial Society Membership

ACTIVE MEMBERS

Membership is available for everyone interested in the history of the New Sweden Colony and the early Swedes and Finns of America. The four classes of active membership and application fees are:

- Individual - $45.00
- Family - $52.50
- Organization - $52.50
- Lifetime - $600.00

FOREFATHER MEMBERS

Forefather Members are active members who can prove decent from a Swedish or Finnish colonist in the US prior to the Treaty of Paris, marking the end of the Revolutionary War, in 1788.

The one time application fee for Forefather membership is $60.00.

Benefits of membership include receipt of our semi-annual historical journal “Swedish Colonial News” and help in tracing ancestry to New Sweden. Your membership dues and donations to the Swedish Colonial Society, a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, are fully tax deductible.

Membership Application

The Swedish Colonial Society welcomes new members. No Swedish relative or ancestry is required - only the interest in the colonial history of our nation.

Date: ____________________________

Name: ____________________________

Address: ____________________________

Telephone: ____________________________

Email: ____________________________

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I (we) am interested in the following:

- Family History to a colonial Swede
- Seasonal Activities
- Swedish Language
- Swedish Colonial News (Newsletter)
- Swedish History & Culture
- Other

Please complete membership application and make check payable to SCS. Mail to:

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