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Preserving the legacy of the New Sweden Colony in America

Chief Justice Rehnquist at Forefathers Luncheon

The guest speaker for the Annual Meeting and Colonial Forefathers Luncheon on Monday, April 9, 2001, will be the Honorable William H. Rehnquist, Chief Justice of the United States. Chief Justice Rehnquist grew up in a Swedish household and was named the 1993 Swedish American of the Year.

The Banquet will be held at The Union League, 140 South Broad Street in

Center City Philadelphia beginning with a reception at 11:30 a.m.

Other distinguished guests include His Excellency and Mrs. Jan Eliasson, Ambassador of Sweden and Patron of the Society; The Honorable and Mrs. Axel Wennerholm, Lord Mayor of Stockholm; The Honorable and Mrs. Harris B. McDowell, III, Majority Leader of the Delaware State Senate; Janet S. Klein, Chair, Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission; Dr. Brent D. Glass, Executive Director, Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission; Dr. Marc Mappen, Executive Director, New Jersey Historical Commission;

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The Swede on City Hall

Just under the monumental statue of William Penn on Philadelphia's famed City Hall there is a 24 foot, bronze, 25,000 pound statue of a Swedish colonial woman. Facing southeast toward the Swedish precinct of Wicaco, she carries a child and a basket and is accompanied by a sheep. She is dressed in typical Swedish peasant manner and represents a sort of maternal image, a Mater Suecia, or Mor Sverige. The famed sculptor Alexander Milne Calder (1846-1923) honored the predecessors of William Penn on the four corners of the tower. The figures on the north side are both Native Americans, and the figure on the southwest is usually referred to as a "Pilgrim" and could represent either the earliest English or Dutch settlers, since both had the same sort of clothing.

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Olof Thorsson of Swanwick and his Tussey Descendants



*'Bomärke' of Olof Thorsson,
the legal signature for
an illiterate person.*

Among the men sentenced for some minor crime and ordered to go to New Sweden in 1641 was one Olof Thorsson. As yet, his place of origin in Sweden and the nature of his crime is unknown. But it is known that when he boarded the ship Kalmar Nyckel in Göteborg he was accompanied by his wife and children.

After three years of servitude at the Christina plantation, Olof Thorsson won his freedom and chose to remain in New Sweden. He was hired as an agricultural worker at a wage of ten guilders per year, the same wage as a common soldier. As the years wore on, however, he found working for Governor Printz increasingly intolerable.

Co-founder of Swanwick

A new opportunity arose for Olle Thorsson and other disgruntled settlers in 1651 when the Dutch built Fort Casimir at present New Castle, Delaware. This led Olle Thorsson and a number of other New Sweden settlers to move across the Christina River and live under the Dutch. They were not permitted to live within the Dutch fort but were allowed to build a community of log cabins north of the fort at Swan Cove (Swanwick). This was to be Olle Thorsson's home for the rest of his life.

In May 1654 the Swedes, under Governor Johan Rising, captured Fort Casimir from the Dutch, so Olle Thorsson and his Swedish neighbors once again were under the Swedish flag. But Governor Stuyvesant retaliated in 1655, conquering all of New Sweden and with it the young settlement of Swanwick.

Olof Thorsson would see four more changes in government before his death in 1678. In 1657, Stuyvesant surrendered jurisdiction over Swanwick to another Dutch colony, called New Amstel. In 1664 the English captured all of the Delaware from the Dutch, only to surrender it back to the Dutch in 1673. Finally, in 1674, the area was returned to English rule.

A Family Divided

These changes brought an international flavor to Olle Thorsson's family. Under Dutch rule, his daughter Maria married a Dutch gunner Hans Block. Under English rule, his daughter Petronella married Captain John Carr.

Rifts, however, occurred in the family over the political issues of the time. During the Long Finn Rebellion of 1669, when Pastor Lars Lock sided with those prepared to take up arms against the English if, as was expected, Sweden attempted to retake its lost colony, Olle Thorsson's two sons sided with the rebels, while their father stood fast with the English government and his son-in-law Captain John Carr. The incident also led to Olle Thorsson inviting a Lutheran minister in New York, Jacob Fabritius, to establish a church at Swanwick to compete with

Lock's church at Crane Hook.

Again, in 1675, there was a family split when the New Castle Court ordered every able-bodied man in the county to build a dike for Justice Hans Block's convenience. Rev. Fabritius was one of the leaders opposing this, and Olle Thorsson's two sons drew fines for refusing to work on the dike. This incident also led Olle Thorsson to withdraw his support for Fabritius and to return to Lars Lock's Crane Hook church. Fabritius had to look elsewhere and in 1677 became pastor of the new Swedish church at Wicaco.

Olof Thorsson died at Swanwick between May and November 1678. His widow Elisa (apparently short for Elisabeth) died after 22 December 1679, when she joined her eldest son Olle in agreeing to sell one of Olle Thorsson's properties at Swanwick to her granddaughter Barbara Block's husband, Peter Maeslander.

From Thorsson to Tussey

The name Thorsson was not a surname, but rather Olof's patronymic, meaning that he was Olof, son of Thor. However, in succeeding generations it became the family surname (spelled Toarson, or variants thereof), later evolving into Tossa, Tossava and finally Tussey.

Five children of Olof Thorsson and his wife Elisabeth have been identified:

1. **Olle Olleson Toarson**, born in Sweden c. 1633, married Anna Hendricksdotter, of Finnish descent, c. 1658 and lived at Bochten (also known as Verdrietige Hook, now Edgemoor, DE) in Brandywine Hundred. He was fined for his involvement in both the Long Finn Rebellion and the dike rebellion and died in 1687, survived by six children:

- > Hendrick Tussey, born c. 1659, became one of the first settlers at the Maurice River in New Jersey around 1700, but returned to St. Georges in New Castle County, where he died after 1720. He married and had at least one child (Margaret).

- > John Tussey, born c. 1661, married Anna, daughter of Måns Pålsson, and had six sons and two daughters before his death in Bochten in 1722: Annika, Maria, Olof, John, Peter, Måns, Elias and Hendrick.

- > Margaret Tussey, born c. 1664, married Benedictus Stidham and had five surviving children: Timothy, Sarah, Anna, Benjamin and Margaret.

- > Matthias Tussey, born c. 1673, married Sarah, daughter of Lucas Stidham, and had five children before his death in Bochten in late 1712: Ingeborg, Olle, Annika, Sarah and Maria.

- > Olle Tussey, born c. 1678, married Gertrude Petersdotter, widow of Johan Månsson, c. 1701 and died in Bochten in 1713, survived by at least four children: Annika, Christina, Stephen and Catharine.

- > Stephen Tussey, born c. 1680, married Cathar-

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and Ulf E. and Mette Barshund Martensson, Editor and publisher of Nordstjeman and Sweden & America.

In recognition of the beginning of a new relationship of full communion between the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and the Episcopal Church that began in January, we will be honored with the presence of the Episcopal Bishop of the Diocese of New Jersey, The Rt.

Rev. David B. Joslin and the Lutheran Bishop of the Southeastern Pennsylvania Synod, The Rt. Rev. Roy G. Almquist.

Business attire or Swedish national folk costume is encouraged. A mixed double octet from the Eastern Division of the American Union of Swedish Singers will present a few musical renditions. Reservations are due by April 2.

FOREFATHERS

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ina, daughter of Anders Stalcop, and died in Bochten in February 1715, survived by at least three children: Thomas, Anders and Catharine.

2. **Eliizabeth Ollesdotter**, born in Sweden c. 1635, married by 1655 Matthias Eskilsson, who also took up residence in Swanwick. Both of them were dead by 1677, when their minor children were placed under the guardianship of her father, Olof Thorsson, and her sister, Maria Block. They had four known children:

> Peter Matthiasson, born c. 1656, married Metje, daughter of Gerrit Sandersen of Swanwick [Dutch] and died in Swanwick in 1683. Their son George Petersson was progenitor of the Peterson family of Swanwick.

> Margaret Matthiasdotter, born c. 1658, still living in 1685; not further traced.

> Simon Matthiasson alias Cock, born c. 1660, still living in 1688, not further traced.

> John Matthiasson alias Cock, born c. 1663, still living in 1688, not further traced.

3. **Lars Olleson Toarson**, born in Sweden c. 1637, married Annika Clementsdotter, of Finnish descent. He lived at Bochten and was fined in both the Long Finn Rebellion and the dike rebellion. He died in 1685, survived by six known children:

> Olle Larsson Toarson, born c. 1659, married Sarah, daughter of Foppe Jansen Outhout and Sarah Neering [both Dutch] and died in Lower Penns Neck in 1695, survived by sons Fabius and Saffredus Toarson and two daughters.

> Matthias Larsson, born c. 1661, apparently never married and was last found working for John Williams Neering at Middle Neck in New Castle Hundred in 1698.

> Ellen Larsdotter, born c. 1663, married Abraham Van Heyst of Lower Penns Neck [Dutch] and had two children before the death of her husband in 1686: Abraham and Gertrude Van Heyst.

> Margaret Larsdotter, born c. 1665, married [1] Sicca Olleson, [2] William Simpson of Chester County, Pa., and died after 1702.

> Lars Larsson Tussey, born c. 1668, never married

and died in Lower Penns Neck c. 1699.

> Jacob Larsson Tussey, born c. 1674, whose wife was named Mary, moved to the Pennsylvania frontier where his family later provided the name for Tussey Mountain in Huntingdon County, Pa.

4. **Maria Ollesdotter**, born in Sweden c. 1639, married about 1659 Hans Block, a Dutch gunner and later a justice on the New Castle Court, who died in 1676. She was still living in 1692. She had one child:

> Barbara Block, born c. 1660, married [1] Peter Maeslander c. 1678, and [2] Adam Hikey alias Hay [both Dutch] and had two surviving sons: Cornelius and William Maeslander.

5. **Petronella Ollesdotter**, born in New Sweden c. 1645, married c. 1665 Captain John Carr, chief officer for New York's possessions on the Delaware. They lived in the town of New Castle. After the Dutch recapture of former New Netherland in 1673, they fled with their children and Patrick Carr (John's bachelor brother) to Cecil County, Maryland, where they were granted a 2,000-acre tract known as "St. John's Manor" on the west side of Elk River. After a prolonged illness, Carr died in 1676 and Petronella remarried George Oldfield, also English.

To handle their New Castle County affairs, the Carr family relied upon Hans Block and their Tussey relatives. In 1695, George and Petronella Oldfield and her son Richard Carr sold Carr's lands in Cecil County and moved to Chester in Chester County, Pa., where Petronella died after 1697. She had five known children:

> Richard Carr, born c. 1666, still living in 1716.

> Elisabeth Carr, born c. 1668, married Peter Clawson [Swedish] in Cecil County.

> Maria Carr, born c. 1670, married John Bristow, Jr., of Chester County, Pa.

> Petronella Carr, born c. 1672, married Peter Mainardo of Cecil County, Md.

> Susannah Oldfield, born c. 1677, married Lawrence Rawson [Swedish] of Marcus Hook, Chester County, and lived in Cecil County on George Oldfield's former land.

Julmiddag in Greenville

Greenville Country Club,
Greenville, Delaware, December 9, 2000

RONALD A. HENDRICKSON (ALL PHOTOS)



Clockwise from top left Agneta Hägglund Bailey receives her Associate Patron of the Society plaque from Governor Herb Rambo; Katarina Sheronas and Britt Apell model Swedish national costume; Dorothy Richter receives her Fellow of the Society award from Herb Rambo with her husband Wallace Richter; The delightful outdoor/indoor terrace dining; Nancy Cataleno Hendrickson and Jul tomte Andrew Hendrickson; Our hosts, Mary Ann B. Horning, Jayne Huntington and Frances Allmond.

Governor's Message

Greetings,

Each year Gloria Dei (Old Swedes') Church graciously hosts The Swedish Colonial Society at a Memorial Service for our Colonial Forefathers. This annual celebration of the Holy Eucharist unites a vibrant parish with the rich heritage of the "Ancient Sweeds and Forest Finns." We share with them the special bond of the centuries old foundation that is our Faith. I invite you to join the Officers and Councillors as we renew "the ties that bind," 11:00 a.m., May 6, 2001. A light luncheon reception follows. Optional afternoon activities are listed in the Events Calendar.

Throughout its 92 year history, The Swedish Colonial Society has benefited from outstanding individuals devoting much of their adult lives to our association. Often their service has lasted decades and is of immeasurable value. But just as each year moves through the seasons, so it is with our leadership. The changing of the guard continues in 2001.

Malcolm Lewis Mackenzie, father of the Kalmar Nyckel replica, founder of the New Sweden Centre and longtime Officer and Councillor of the Society, passed away November 27, 2000. His death is a great professional and personal loss to our community, and to so many others. Malcolm touched many lives. The Society has extended deepest sympathies to the family and he has been posthumously elected a Fellow of The Swedish Colonial Society (FSCS) for distinguished service.

Our faithful and devoted Junior Deputy Governor Esther Ann McFarland, FSCS, is stepping down from elected office. Fortunately, she will remain as a Councillor. To recognize our appreciation of her guiding influence, she has been elected Deputy Governor Emeritus.

Likewise, Honorary Governor Wallace F. Richter, FSCS, is retiring after many years of esteemed service as Registrar, one of the Society's most important and demanding positions. As an Honorary Governor "Wally" will remain to keep us on the straight and narrow as best he can.

Counselor Gordon L. Keen, Esq., is finishing his term and his tenure is much appreciated. Finally, we say good-bye to our hard working Color Guard Captain Peter M. Sheronas, whose career has taken him to Florida. Thank you to all.

The Nominating Committee did an excellent job in locating new leaders and I'll be telling you more about them in the next issue. We have high caliber leadership filled with enthusiasm.

Senior Deputy Governor Ron Hendrickson said it all recently when he remarked; "It's nice to be part of an organization where everybody does something." This is a working team. We also have enthusiastic membership with folks who step forward to volunteer, or pitch in when called.

In other matters-

WEBSITE: Webmaster Ron Hendrickson has taken our national award winning Website www.ColonialSwedes.org to a higher level with some terrific upgrades, including a search feature. Congratulations on a job well done!

LIFE MEMBERSHIPS: I know of no better way to impart our rich Colonial Swede heritage to our children, grandchildren and great grandchildren, than the gift of a Life Membership in The Swedish Colonial Society. Each issue of the Swedish Colonial News is a reminder of the person who provided the gift that will be with them throughout their lives. Membership Applications are available on-line at our Website or by calling me at (856) 768-5325.

Very truly yours,



Herbert R. Rambo



Recent Publications

Andreas Rudman, The First Lutheran Bishop in America by Kim-Eric Williams.

An introduction to the “builder” of Gloria Dei Church and his role in early church history. An article in *Lutheran Quarterly*, Volume XIV/Number 4, Winter 2000, pp. 459-462. Available from *Lutheran Quarterly*, 2715 Ray St., Spokane, WA 99223. Email Lqinc@aol.com or call 1-800-555-3813.

Hans Månsson and the Steelmans by James F. Steelman.

Featured in the *Atlantic County Historical Society Yearbook* Vol. 14, number 1 (October 2000) pp. 10-40. Order from the *Atlantic County Historical Society*, P.O. Box 301, Somers Point, NJ 08244.

The Journal of Isaac Wayne Holstein of Upper Merion Township by Barton B. Proger.

Isaac Wayne Holstein (1823-1884) lived his entire life at the ancestral property in Upper Merion Township. His diary with extensive notes chronicles life in ancient “Matsunk” between 1 December 1845 and 9 November 1848. At the time most of his friends were descended from the first Swedes who settled the area in the early 1700s and attended Christ Church, Upper Merion. Featured in the *Bulletin of the Historical Society of Montgomery County* Volume 32, Number 3, Fall 2000, at pp. 229-306. Order from HSMC, 1654 DeKalb Street, Norristown, PA 19401

Some Corrections for The 1693 Census of the Swedes on the Delawæ

Dr. Peter S. Craig

Research for this issue’s Forefather article on the Tussey family brings to light two rather embarrassing errors and one significant omission in my 1993 book, *The 1693 Census of the Swedes on the Delawæ*, caused by my unwarranted reliance on published genealogical works:

Christina Ollesdotter

At pages 99-100 and 119, I reported that Olof Thorsson had a daughter Christina Ollesdotter who married the Dutchman Walraven Jansen deVos. In so doing, I relied upon an article on the Walraven family published in 1951 by George V. Massey. Closer scrutiny shows there were no family ties between the Tussey and Walraven families. Evidence found in Sweden shows that Christina Ollesdotter, later the wife of Walraven Jansen deVos, arrived in New Sweden as an orphan girl in 1641.

Hendrick Olleson Tussey

At pages 119-120, I reported that Hendrick, son of Olle Olleson Toarson, had six children, the first of whom was also named Henry. Here I relied upon the only published genealogy on the Tussey family, written by the late Koert D. Burnham in 1984 for the *Delaware Genealogical Society Journal*. Examining the evidence more closely, I find that Burnham was led astray. As eldest son, Hendrick Toarson was granted a patent for his father’s land in 1688 and, 15 years later, that land was divided among six siblings, including Henry Toarson. Burnham assumed they were Hendrick Olleson Tussey’s children, but the 1703 deeds clearly show that the six children

(all then having reached adulthood) were the children of Olle, not Hendrick.

Christina Jonasdatter & Bartram’s Garden

At page 61 of my book, I report that Jonas Nilsson’s daughter married twice: first to Frederick Fredericksson King of Senamensing, who died in 1698, and then to Niclas Lindemeyer from Stockholm, who died in 1705. Close scrutiny of Tussey family records now discloses that Christina married a third time, to a German named Frederick Schaffenhause, and had an additional child, Anna Maria, who was born in Aronameck, Kingsessing, in 1707 or 1708 and married by 1727 Olle (William) Tussey, son of Matthias Tussey and Anna Stidham. Christina and her third husband lived on Måns Jonasson’s plantation at Aronameck after Måns and his family moved to Manatawny (Douglassville, Berks County) and finally bought the property in 1712 for £75, a large sum in those days.

Christina’s third marriage does not appear to have been a happy one. Her German husband apparently was a spendthrift and lost the property when Christina’s own son, Christopher Lindemeyer, sued Frederick Schaffenhause for an unpaid debt, leading to the sale of the old Måns Jones plantation to John Bartram at a sheriff’s sale in 1728. The property is now listed on the *National Register* and is known as *Historic Bartram’s Gardens*.

Previously, it had been thought by Gilbert Cope and other genealogists that the 1712 sale of future Bartram’s Gardens by Måns Jones was a sale to the husband of Måns’ own daughter. In fact, it was a sale to his sister’s third husband.

The Museum at Seventy-five

The American Swedish Historical Museum in Philadelphia is celebrating 75 years of service with a new exhibition that opened on March 1, a conference about the museum's history on March 17, and a gala luncheon in June 2.

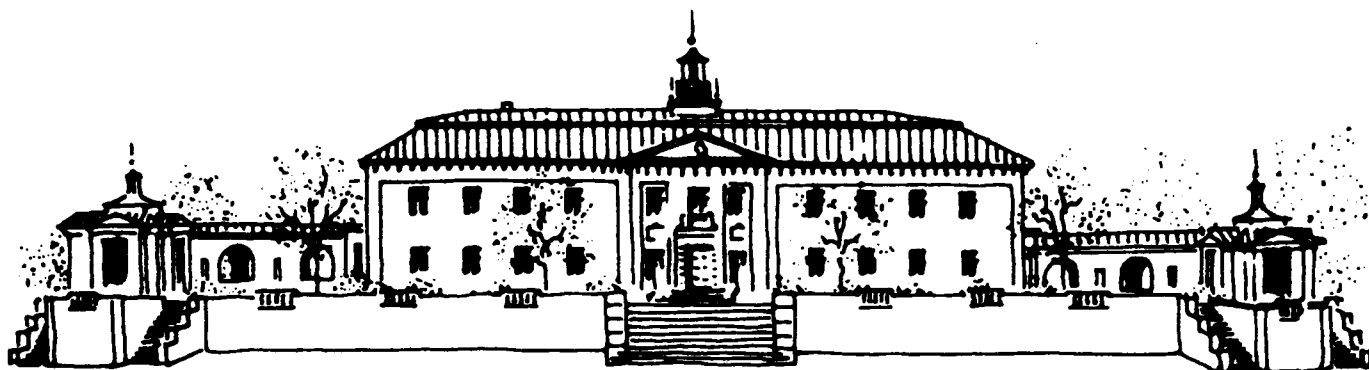
The Museum was founded by Amandus Johnson who had also created the Swedish Colonial Society. The cornerstone was laid on June 2, 1926, by Crown Prince Gustaf Adolf. The landmark building is an authentic replica of a palatial Swedish manor whose cupola owes some inspiration to Stockholm's City Hall. With a location at the northern end of FDR Park in South Philadelphia, at 1900 Pattison Avenue, there is plenty of free parking and public transportation via the nearby Veterans Stadium/Spectrum Sports complex stops.

The exhibition is entitled *Memories and Visions: The ASHM at 75* Using photographs, documents, and objects from the ASHM collections, and items loaned by museum members, the exhibit traces the museum through its groundbreaking, cornerstone ceremony and public dedication in 1938. Inspiration from visiting Swedish royalty, the Bicentennial of 1976 and the 350th Anniversary of New Sweden in 1988 will be recalled.

The History Conference will take place on Saturday, March 17, beginning at 10:00 a.m. Entitled *75 Years and All That*, the conference will tell the "inside story" of the museum and set it in the context of its time. The speakers include: Steven Conn, Department of History, Ohio State University; Maragareta Talerman, ASHM Curator; and David R. Contosta, department of History, Chestnut Hill College.

The \$20 per person cost covers lunch and morning coffee and Danish. Further information can be gained by calling 215-389-1776 or email at: ashm@libertynet.org.

The major celebration for the museum will be on the actual day of the cornerstone placement, June 2. A Gala Luncheon at 11:30 a.m. will include music, a few very short speeches, and the presentation of the Raoul Wallenberg Humanitarian Award. The 75th Anniversary committee is chaired by Sandra S. Pfaff, a Councillor of the Swedish Colonial Society and member of the Museum's Board of Governors. Ticket information and reservations are available at the telephone number listed above or the web-site.



University seeks Endowment Funds



The Scandinavian Program at the University of Pennsylvania is in the midst of a fundraising campaign. To be called the "Amandus Johnson Lectureship," such an endowment will assure the continuation of the only academic program for Scandinavian studies in the Delaware Valley.

In recent years the program has been reduced from full-time to part-time, yet it still serves between 30 and 40 students each year. With the strong support of the community, the program can be permanently secured. Without such support the Scandinavian program will be eliminated.

While fundraising is continuing, selection of students to benefit from the Amandus Johnson Fund, which has funded travel to Sweden since 1976 has been suspended and the funds put toward the professorship. When the funding is secure for the position, the travel grants will be re-instituted.

Donations both large and small are urgently needed and are gratefully received. Individuals, groups and corporations may contribute to the Amandus Johnson Lectureship by sending checks written to the "Trustees of the University of Pennsylvania." Questions may be directed to Anne Jenner at (215) 898-7107 or email at: ajenner@sas.upenn.edu.

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In Memoriam



Malcolm Lewis Mackenzie
(1926-2000)

Malcolm Lewis Mackenzie, the Recording Secretary of the Society, the father of the Kalmar Nyckel ship replica, and the founder of the New Sweden Centre in Wilmington, DE, died suddenly at his home in Wilmington on 27 November 2000.

Malcolm was born on 19 January 1926 in El Paso, TX, and spent his early years in South Africa. He graduated from Phillips Academy in Andover, MA, and the Maine Maritime Academy. He spent two years in the merchant marine before gaining BA degrees from both Brown University and the Rhode Island School of Design. He was a self-employed advertiser, artist, public relations specialist and community activist.

He served on the Congregational Council of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in Wilmington and led its after-school tutoring program. He was active with the Scouting program, the Kiwanis, the Delmarva Safe Sailing Association and had a vision for the Seventh Street Peninsula that is finally bearing fruit in the redevelopment of the Christina riverfront.

A Memorial Service of thanksgiving and remembrance was held at Holy Trinity Lutheran on 2 December 2000. More than a dozen friends spoke and the sermon was given by Dr. Kim Eric Williams, Chaplain of the Swedish Colonial Society.

Membership

NEW FOREFATHER MEMBERS approved during the five months ending 5 March 2001:

Judith Arlt Walker, Landenberg PA, descended from Sinnick Broer via his son Anders Sinnicksson of Salem County, NJ.

Matthew Lee Grannell, Dover DE, descended from Rev. Lars Carlsson Lock via his sons Peter Lock and Gustav Lock of Gloucester County, NJ.

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William O. Stidham, Washington MI, descended from Dr. Timen Stiddem via his son Adam Stidham of Christiana Hundred, New Castle County, DE.

Gary L. Ball-Kilbourne, Fargo ND, descended from Anders Hansson via his son Hans Hanson of Maryland's eastern shore.

Rev. Dr. Cynthia Vold Forde, Hempstead TX, descended from Peter Gunnarsson Rambo via his daughter Gertrude who married Anders Bengtsson of Moyamensing in South Philadelphia.

Gail S. Bunch, Monroe LA, descended from Anders Bengtsson via his son Andrew Bankson, Jr., of Neshaminy, Bucks County, PA.

Janice M. Snead, Meadowview VA, descended from Johan Andersson Stalcop via his son Peter Stalcop of Christiana Hundred, New Castle County, DE.

Glenn Rambo, Wyomissing PA, descended from Peter Gunnarsson Rambo via his son Gunnar Rambo of Upper Merion, Montgomery County, PA.

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Point NJ, died 9 February 2001.

Researched the Dalbo family.

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Forefather member, died 20 July 2000.

Researched the Justis descendants of Johan Gustafsson.

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Upcoming Events

Every **Thursday** in **March** and **April** the American Swedish Historical Museum remains open until 8:30 p.m. Programs plus coffee, open-faced sandwiches and pastries.

March 17 Saturday, 10 a.m. Historical Conference at American Swedish Historical Museum.

March 24, Saturday, Sillbord/Herring Table at the Museum. Cocktails, 6 p.m.; Dinner 7 p.m.

April 1, Sunday, Annual Meeting and Luncheon, Delaware Swedish Colonial Society. The Terrace at Greenhill, Wilmington. Reservations by March 26. "Ellis Island & Immigration"

April 8, Palm Sunday Brunch and Eucharist at Trinity Old Swedes Church, Swedesboro, N.J., with the Lord Mayor of Stockholm. Benefits Historic Preservation Fund. (\$15) Reservations: 856-467-1227.

April 9, Monday, Forefathers Luncheon at The Union League, Philadelphia. Reservations due by April 2. (\$40) Call Herb Rambo, 856-768-5325.

April 21, Saturday, Clean Up Day at "The Rocks" Fort Christina Park, 7th Street, Wilmington, DE, at 10 a.m. Contact HerbertRambo@ColonialSwedes.org.

May 6 Sunday, Annual Forefathers Memorial Service and Family Day at Gloria Dei Church, Philadelphia, 11:00 a.m. with light lunch afterwards. Optional historic trolley tour of Olde City and Fairmount Park afterwards featuring "Swedish connections." Reservations required for tour. Call Herb Rambo (856) 768-5325.

June 2 Saturday, 75th Anniversary Gala at American Swedish Historical Museum, 11:30 a.m.

July 26-29, Finnfest at Villanova University. Details: 610-519-6758.