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GREETINGS



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One of the main purposes for publishing *THE SWEDISH COLONIAL NEWS* was to establish a communication between the Society's leadership and its many members. Therefore, as our second issue of *THE SWEDISH COLONIAL NEWS* is launched, I take this opportunity to join the Board of Officers and Councillors in sending a warm salutation to all of you whose homes are scattered across the U.S.A. and in Europe. We are encouraged by the favorable comments we have received about our first issue and extend thanks to the Publications Committee, its Chairpersons Brian Daly and Beth Linnerson-Daly, and to all who were involved. We hope to continue in the same spirit and go on to new horizons.

Plans for new Swedish Colonial Society projects that extend into the near future are being made! For instance, 1992 marks the 400th Anniversary of the birth (on July 20, 1592) of Johan Printz, governor of New Sweden. And in 1993 we will commemorate the 350th Anniversary

of the coming of Gov. Printz and his colonists to Tinicum, now Delaware County, Pa., where the first permanent European civilization in Pennsylvania was established.

We invite all of our members who wish to do so to send in their ideas, comments or suggestions about this publication or about future Swedish Colonial Society plans in general to Gov. Wallace F. Richter, 336 South Devon Avenue, Wayne, Pa. 19087-2927.

All Swedish Colonial Society members will receive invitations as usual to the following annual activities:

1. A luncheon on Sunday, December 2, 1990, at the Merion Cricket

Club, Haverford, Pa., "commemorating the first 17th century Christmas celebration by the Swedes at Tinicum. 1643 . . ."

2. The Forefathers' Day celebration in April, 1991, "commemorating the arrival in 1638 at Wilmington of the ships Kalmar Nyckel and Fogel Grip and the landing of the Swedes, leading to the establishment of New Sweden . . ."

3. A Thanksgiving Service at Gloria Dei (Old Swedes') Church in Philadelphia in the spring of 1991 in grateful memory of the Swedish Forefathers of America . . ."

W.F. Richter, Governor

*From Swedish Colonial Society "Purposes and Activities" by Erik Törnqvist.

FOREFATHERS

Peter Gunnarsson Rambo

Peter Gunnarsson chose the distinctive surname of Rambo from his place of origin, Hisingen, the northwestern section of Gothenburg, which is dominated by Ramberget (meaning raven's mountain) with its enchanting view of the Gothenburg harbor.

Born in 1612, Peter Rambo was 27 years old when he sailed to New Sweden as a laborer on the second voyage of the Kalmar Nyckel in 1639-40. After becoming a freeman, Peter married Brita Matsdotter from Vasa, Finland, on April 7, 1647. Initially they lived in Kingsessing, but moved by 1669 to Passyunk on the northeast side of the Schuylkill.

During Governor Rising's rule (1654-55), Peter Rambo served on the Governor's Council. He continued to serve as a justice under both Dutch rule

(1655-64) and English rule (1664-80).

Peter Rambo had a prosperous farm, which included apple trees grown from seeds he had brought from Sweden. The "Rambo Apple" is still grown in several of the northeastern states.

Peter Rambo's hospitality was well-known. Not only was the court occasionally held at his house, but it was also a place where many visitors were welcomed, notable among them William Penn, founder of Pennsylvania.

Peter's wife of over 46 years, Brita Matsdotter, died at their Passyunk plantation on October 12, 1693. Peter Rambo was buried at the Swedes' log church at Wicaco on January 29, 1698, at the age of 85 years and almost eight months.

According to a letter written by

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FOREFATHERS *Continued*

Peter Gunnarsson Rambo . . .

Peter Rambo to his sister in Gothenburg in 1693, he had four sons and four daughters. One daughter died at the age of eight. Another daughter (married in 1693 but dead by August 3, 1694, when Peter Rambo revised his will) has not been identified. The six surviving children were:

1. Gunnar Rambo, born January 6, 1649, died in January 1724 at the age of 75 at "Matzong" in Upper Merion township of present Montgomery County, Pa. Married Anna Cock (daughter of Peter Cock); nine children.

2. Gertrude Rambo, born October 19, 1650, died after 1705 in Moyamensing (South Philadelphia).

Married on November 22, 1668, to Anders Bengtsson (Andrew Bankson), who drowned in the Delaware River on September 14, 1705; nine children.


3. Peter Rambo Jr., born June 17, 1653, died December 12, 1729, in his 77th year in Lower Dublin township, Philadelphia County. Married on November 12, 1676, Magdalena Skute (daughter of Captain Sven Skute); seven children.

4. Catharine Rambo, born c. 1655, died after 1708 on Little Mantua Creek, Gloucester County, NJ. Married on February 16, 1674, Peter Mattsson (1647–1699), son of Matthias and Elizabeth Hansson and stepson of Anders Dalbo; nine children, including a

daughter Elizabeth (1678–1736) who married the Rev. Andreas Rudman and a daughter Maria (1682–1739) who married the Rev. Andreas Sandel and died in Sweden, where her grandson, Baron John August Sandels (1764–1831), later became a famous general.

5. Anders (Andrew) Rambo, born 1658, died in 1698 at Passyunk (South Philadelphia). Married c. 1684 Maria (daughter of Peter Cock); six children.

6. John Rambo, born 1661, buried October 17, 1741, in Gloucester County, N.J. Married Brigitta (daughter of Peter Cock); 11 children.

Dr. Peter Stebbins Craig 

HISTORIC SITES

The Cannon Ball House or Pär Larsson's "Island Plantation"

For more than 18 years the Swedish Colonial Society has had an interest in the house traditionally designated as "the oldest house still standing in Philadelphia." This interest is appropriate because the house is believed to have definite early Swedish characteristics and through the years the construction and original ownership have been ascribed by scholars and historians to an early Swedish forefather.

This venerable house, now located near the entrance to Old Fort Mifflin, has been popularly known as the "Cannon Ball House" which refers to an incident during the Revolutionary War at the time of an assault by the British on Fort Mifflin when two American cannon balls penetrated the house, then occupied by British forces.

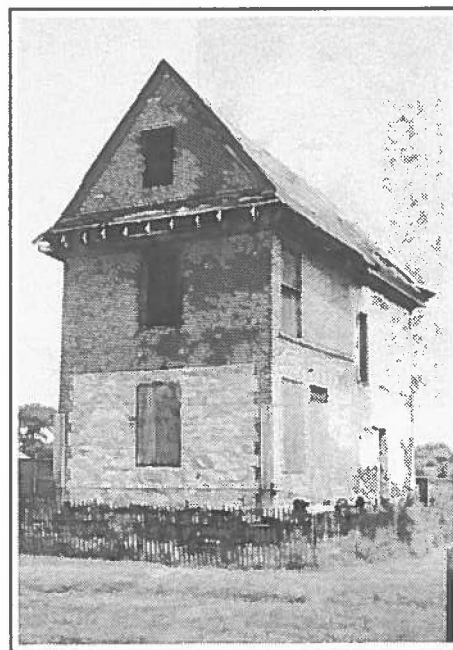
The builder-owner is thought to have been Swedish. He was Pär (Peter) Larsson and served as cook on the 1641 voyage across the seas from Sweden. He received the surname "Kock" which meant cook in Swedish; the name has continued in his descendants, often as "Cox," in more recent years. In his will, Peter (Pär) Larsson Kock calls his home, "Kipha," which may have referred to a nearby trading post, or "My Island Plantation."

Three sources sustain our claims that this house was built c. 1668 by Peter Larsson Kock, Swedish forefather who arrived in the Delaware Valley in 1641.

One of the very few published books in which The Cannon Ball House is mentioned is Harold Eberlein's "Portrait of a Colonial City-Philadelphia," written in 1939. In fact, an entire chapter of this source book is devoted to this remarkable structure. Eberlein, referring to authentic documents whenever possible, states that the date of construction was c. 1668 and that the builder was the same Swedish-born Peter Larsson Kock mentioned above.

Valuable assets in our study of the landmark building are the official Historic American Buildings Survey Measured Drawings (No. Pa.-134) made in May and August 1940. On the front page, in large letters, we read "Cannon Ball Farm House/built 1668–1715" (the "1668" refers to the original house, "1715" to the addition which was not moved with the original part in 1975). Also inscribed—"Architect—Peter Cock/Builder—Peter Cock".

The Cannon Ball House stands today in a dilapidated condition. Its general lines and proportions as well as indications of original handsome exterior details—such as small, early-type bricks, some in Flemish Bond pattern, the "Jerkin's Head" (east gable peak cut-off), heavy coved cornice extending around the gable ends, the unusually wide chimney



Cannon Ball House or the Peter Larsson Homestead.
PHOTO: BRIAN DALY

built to receive flues from the several interior fireplaces—all bespeak an outstanding home of the second half of the 17th century.

Another verification of early date and Swedish influence: in the early 1970s, the Lindborgs were privileged to accompany the late restoration architect, G. Edwin Brumbaugh, on at least two inspection tours of the Cannon Ball House before it was moved. Brumbaugh, with much knowledge and expertise, pointed out certain unmistakable 17th century early Swedish influences which, in

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SCS Forefather Members

The Swedish Colonial Society is unique among Scandinavian-American groups because it has had a Swedish Forefather Member project from its very beginning in 1908–1909. At present there are 88 Swedish Colonial Society members who “can prove descent from Swedish colonists in the United States prior to the Treaty of Paris...in 1783” and have therefore been designated “Forefather Members.” All of the Swedish colonist ancestors of these members arrived in this country in the 17th century.

Following is a list of 11 Forefather Members who have been approved or reaffirmed since January 1990, with the name of the qualifying ancestor and the year each arrived in the New World:

Member	Ancestor	Arrival Date
Bushkovitch, Mrs. Maija Jansson	Rev. Lars Carlsson Lock	~1648
Higginbotham, Alice Louisa Martin	Olof Stille	~1641
Higginbotham, Dennis Prieur	Olof Stille	~1641
Higginbotham, Robert Finlay	Olof Stille	~1641
Hollander, Mrs. Mildred W.	Dr. Timen Stiddem *	~1638
Holstein, Perry	Mathias Holstein	(in census) ~1671
Marvin, Miss Sara Frances	Lars Thomasson	~1641
Nichols, Mrs. Elaine C.	Johan Gustafsson	~1643
Stallcup, Larry Spencer	Johan Andersson Stålcop **	~1641
Stevenson, Mrs. Joyce	Anders Dalbo	~1640
Stidham, Jack	Dr. Timen Stiddem	~1638

* We have told Forefather Members to choose only one for a list like this even if they have more. However, Mrs. Hollander sent thorough information about all four (actually five) of her main ancestors and, in addition, she listed on the back of the form all sources that she used (“to help others who may be struggling to trace the same ancestors”). She acknowledges much assistance from our expert genealogist, Dr. Peter S. Craig—as do many of our other SCS Forefather Members. In addition to Dr. Stiddem, Mrs. Hollander’s early ancestors were: Hendrick Jacobsson (also father-in-law of Charles Springer); Olof Persson Stille and Paul Johnson Mullica. If any SCS Members would like copies of any of these valuable materials, please write to: Mr. and Mrs. Carl Lindborg, Box 22, Newtown Square, Pa. 19073.

** Larry Spencer Stallcup sent similar source material on his genealogical researches (also aided by Dr. P.S. Craig). Any Swedish Colonial Society Member who wishes may write for this material as well.

Alice W. Lindborg



HISTORIC SITES *Continued*

The Cannon Ball House . . .

addition to the Lindborgs’ own research, included: two rare brick corner fireplaces (with evidences of original surrounding panelling), early Swedish-type stonework on the west gable end wall and in the stone foundations, steep roof, “Jerkin’s Head,” only with one window—(originally) in the North wall.

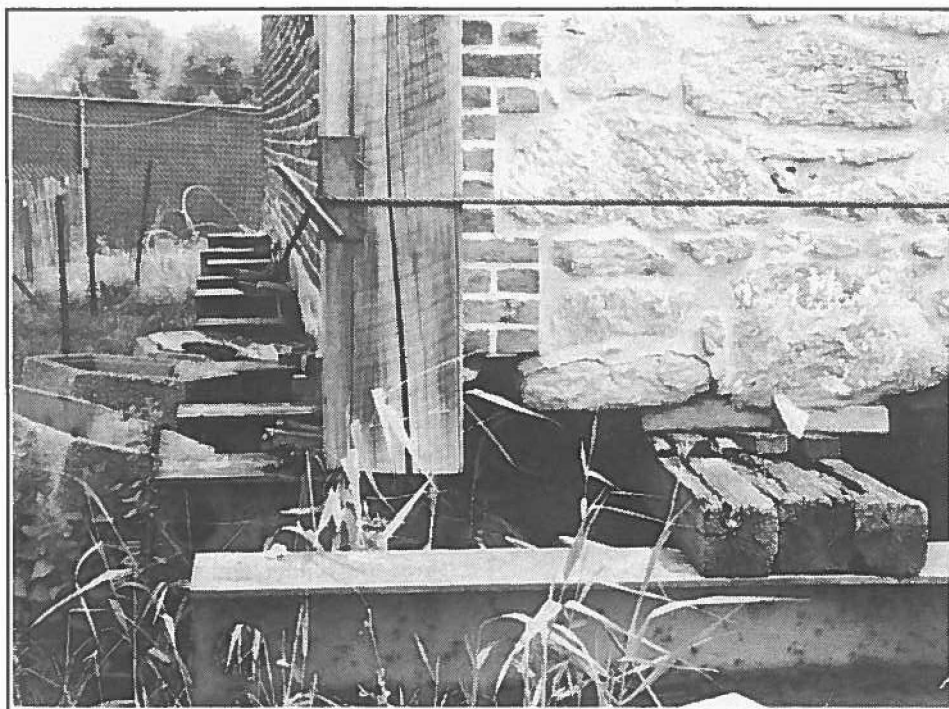
We do not call it a Swedish house, but say that authentic Swedish influences are apparent. The builder and first owner of this fine home had to be a leader in the early community and Peter Larsson Cock was just such a man.

Pär Larsson’s Island Plantation Home remains situated precariously upon a set of deteriorating girders on which it was moved 15 years ago to its location near the entrance of Fort Mifflin. Every minute or two another jet’s thundering roar and vibration arriving at or departing from the neighboring Philadelphia Airport assaults the 300-plus-year-old structure. If no action is taken, this monument to a past age will go the way of other historical treasures that have disappeared.

But there are historians who wish to save this early Swedish influenced landmark. The deadline has almost arrived. Action must be taken soon! First, we must apply for a grant. But in order to obtain funding, we must have a *plan*. Even as we go to press, new plans are being suggested. We have been told that it may be possible to restore the Cannon Ball House without moving it from where it stands—on the parking lot across from the entrance to the fine old Ft. Mifflin complex. The water which has settled in a hole underneath the house, could be pumped out and concrete could be poured in to form foundation blocks. If the holes in the roof were closed and its structure repaired and made water tight, then the restoration process could proceed.

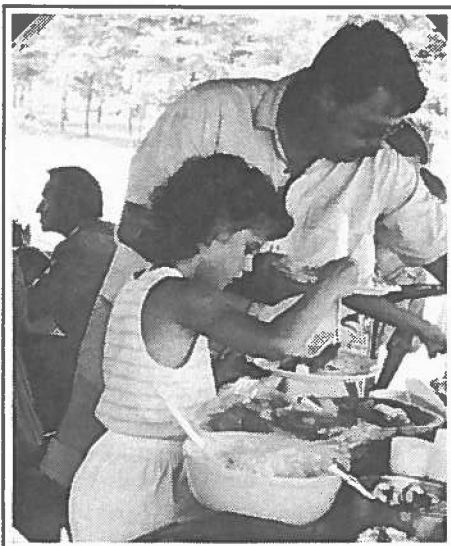
To be involved in this worthy project would be a splendid activity for the Swedish Colonial Society to achieve by 1993.

Alice & Carl Lindborg, Brian Daly



Cannon Ball House on steel girders. Note stonework which reportedly is Swedish construction.

PHOTOS: BRIAN DALY



Rambo Reunion

On August 26, over 70 direct descendants gathered together at the Red Bank Battlefield in Gloucester County, N.J. for an all-day family reunion commemorating the 350th Anniversary of the arrival of their ancestor—Peter Gunnarsson Rambo. At least 50 spouses and friends joined them in celebrating with an enormous potluck smörgåsbord. Members of the SCS provided the program with background information on the battlefield and Carl Lindborg's fine monument; talks were given on Rambo and his children; invitations were extended to join the SCS and the American Swedish Historical Museum. The SCS also sponsored the Swedish dancers—Keith and Jane Booman of North Plainfield, N.J. Tricia Smith of Mickleton, N.J. organized the event and was assisted by Doris Rink of Gibbstown, N.J. and Beth Linnerson-Daly of Princeton, N.J. Most of the participants were from the New Jersey side of the river but the hope is that the event will grow and become an annual affair.

PHOTOS: BETH LINNERSOON-DALY



EDUCATION

Education Committee

An education Committee was established by SCS this August. Members will be chosen from the three Delaware Valley states, as well as one or two advisors from Sweden, to give it a regional and international perspective. This committee is an out-growth of work begun by members of the New Sweden Commemorative Commission in Trenton, N.J. over the past three years.

In 1988, a connection was made with Swedish educators in Jönköping, Sweden. This contact is of particular interest since Johan Printz, after 10 years as governor of the New Sweden Colony, returned to the Old Country and served as governor of Jönköping until his death. With the long-range plans of our 1993 Commemorative in mind, a variety of significant projects could be developed over the next three years.

Our first experimental program is being pilot tested this fall: an exchange

between computers in two classrooms in Sweden and two in New Sweden via electronic mail. Schools in Jönköping use a Videotex network to connect classrooms to Finland, Norway, Denmark, the Åland Islands and England. This fall we plan to add their first connection to America. Teachers and students in South Jersey will use local computers connected to a larger state-wide Educational Technology Network through the Department of Education. Other projects may include teacher interchange in the public schools and at the college level. Faculty members from Högskolan i Jönköping—a teacher's training university—are interested in exploring possible cooperative projects.

The committee also plans to look at a wide selection of curriculum materials on New Sweden to see what is already available and assess what materials need to be corrected or created. If you know individuals or corporations that might be interested in sponsoring such educational projects, please contact: Beth Linnerson-Daly, Education Coordinator, 1310 Blue Spring Road, Princeton, N.J. 08540.

BOOK REVIEWS

Revised Stidham Genealogy Now Available

Jack Stidham of Morristown, Tenn., a forefather member of the Swedish Colonial Society, announces the availability of a revised genealogy on the descendants of Dr. Timen Stiddem, famed barber surgeon of New Sweden.

Dr. Stiddem was a resident of Gothenburg when he first set sail for New Sweden with Peter Minuit on the *Kalmar Nyckel* in 1637. He served in the colony

from 1638 to 1644, when he returned to Sweden. His second voyage to New Sweden on the *Katten* in 1649 ended in disaster as he lost his wife and three infant children in Puerto Rico. Finding his way back to Sweden, Stiddem married again and sailed a third time for New Sweden with Governor Rising in 1653-54. He died in New Castle County, Del., in 1686, survived by five sons and four daughters. The family surname evolved into Stedham and then Stidham, although several variations of this spelling are to be found.

In 1977, Jack Stidham first published a genealogy, entitled "The Descendants of Timothy Stidham." After years of further research, he has now prepared a revised edition, which incorporates newly discovered evidence about the family. The revised edition, "The Descendants of Timothy Stidham, Volume I," covers the first eight generations of Timen Stiddem's descendants, about 350 pages. It is printed on 8-1/2 x 11 paper, suitable for filing in a three-ring binder, and can be purchased for \$27.50 (includes shipping) from the author, Jack Stidham, 402 Lee Drive, Morristown, Tenn. 37814.

Jack Stidham and his son, David R. Stiddem, are currently working on volume two of this genealogy, which will include the ninth and later generations of this extensive family.

BOOK REVIEWS *Continued*

1693 Census of the Swedes on the Delaware

Dr. Peter Stebbins Craig, Councilor and genealogist of the Swedish Colonial Society, is currently writing a six-part series entitled "The 1693 Census of the Swedes on the Delaware," for the *Swedish American Genealogist*. This series began with the March 1989 issue which published, for the first time, a complete and accurate transcription of the census of the Swedes which was sent to Sweden in May 1693 together with a request for new ministers to fill the two empty pulpits—one at the log church at Wicaco (Philadelphia) and the other at the log church at Crane Hook (near present Wilmington).

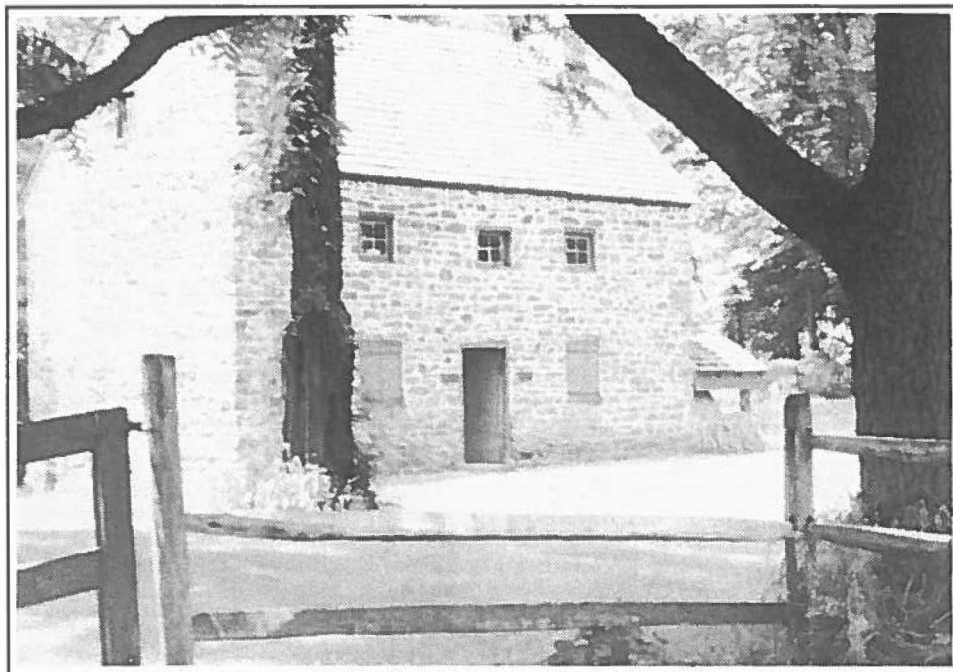
Chapter Two, published in September 1989, described 37 families that belonged to the Wicaco church, including five Rambo families and six Cock families, as well as the Bonde (Boon), Bengtsson (Bankson), Svensson (Swanson), Lycon (Nilsson), Johan Gustafsson (Justice), Jonasson (Jones), Geörgen (Urian), Peterson (Stake), Morton (Mårtensson), Longacre, Yocum (Jochimsson), Skute and Otto Ernest Cock families.

The third chapter, published in March 1990, described the Holstein, Stille, Wheeler, Mullica, Keen, Claesson, Gästenberg, Boone, Johnson, Thomasson, Steelman, King, Toy, Fish, and Hulings families, all of whom also belonged to the Wicaco church.

Chapter Four, appearing in the September 1990 issue, concludes the discussion of the Wicaco church members with a description of the families living in Gloucester County—the Jones (Ekoren), Mattsson, Dalbo, Nelson, Helm, Homan, Derrickson, Lock, Peterson, Robeson, Coleman, Justice (Jöns Gustafsson), Hoffman, Halton, Strång, Pålsson (Kurvhorn), Olleson and Denny families—and those living in present Delaware County—the Talley, Knutsson, Friend, Hendrickson, Van Culen, Torton, Archer and Cobb families.

The final two chapters, covering the families living in Penns Neck, N.J., New Castle County, Del., and Cecil County, Md., parishioners of the Swedish church at Crane Hook, will appear in the March and September 1991 issues.

The discussion of each family identifies, where known, the earliest immigrant ancestors, and each member



Mouns Jones House built by Mouns and Ingeborg Jones in 1716.

PHOTO: BETH LINNERSON-DALY

of the household in 1693. Much of this information has never before been published. Thus, the September issue shows that the Mattson and Dalbo families of Gloucester County had the same mother—Elizabeth, whose first husband (Matts Hansson) was killed by Indians employed by Papagoja after he joined in the 1653 protest against Governor Printz. She thereafter married Anders Larsson Dalbo and died in 1700 at the age of 78, being one of the first persons to be buried at the new Gloria Dei Church which was consecrated that year. One of her sons, John Mattsson, married Maria Lom and in 1693 was caring for the orphaned children of Rev. Lars Carlsson Lock who had married Maria's sister Beata Lom.

Copies of the issues of the *Swedish American Genealogist* containing these articles can be purchased for \$5 apiece from the *Swedish American Genealogist*, Nils William Olsson, editor; P.O. Box 2186, Winter Park, Fla. 32790. Annual subscriptions (four issues per year) are \$16.

The Church in New Sweden

Oliver K. Olson, ed., *The Church in New Sweden* (Milwaukee: Lutheran Quarterly, Inc., 1988). 153 pp., illus., map.

This volume, a special topical issue of the preeminent scholarly journal of American Lutherans, appeared toward the end of the New Sweden festivities in the spring of 1988. Although it was advertised

in advance of publication, it was not actually seen by the crowds that attended such events as the conferences on New Sweden in Newark, Del. and Trenton, N.J. After it appeared that summer, the volume was little noted in sources likely to be read by persons with local or genealogical interest in the first settlers of the Delaware Valley.

Elsewhere it has been somewhat more effective. For example, in the fall of 1988 it was already on the required reading list from the graduate seminar on Lutheranism at the University of Chicago. One article on hymns with New Sweden ties was noted separately by the Hymn Society of America and the Moravian Music Foundation. And, late in 1989, the issue received an Award of Commendation from the Concordia Institute in St. Louis. This certificate, for significant contributions to Lutheran archives and history in America, commends the journal and its editor for their "ambition, completeness, and attention to detail" in the special New Sweden issue, which "presents an excellent account of colonial American Lutherans."

The volume begins with a major survey article, "New Sweden and Its Churches," by Richard Hulan. It differs in several ways from other available material. On the American side, much of the literature has treated the "Old Swedes" churches as a footnote in the history of what is now the Protestant Episcopal Church. The authors of such studies have shown an unfortunate willingness to rely

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on a 19th century translation of Acrelius's 18th century account of the earlier period. Swedish church historians have shown more respect for the primary sources, but only those available in Sweden—which are largely restricted to the range of interests of the state church, as perceived by missionaries in the field. Historians of the Church of Sweden have paid rather less attention to what became of their churches and their people after the American Revolution, or under other auspices (Moravian, Episcopalian, and German Lutheran). One almost has to be familiar with the rest of the literature to realize the extent to which Hulan has cast a wider net, and caught more fish.

A second article by Hulan features his translations of hymns by Rudman, Björk and Nyberg, and of the "Virginia-visan," a pious ballad of about 1651 that is Sweden's oldest known song of emigration. There is a new biographical study of "Johan Campanius, Pastor in New Sweden," by Trygve Skarsten. It precedes a reprint of the 1938 essay on Campanius' Indian Catechism, by Isak Collijn, then the Director of the Royal Library in Stockholm. Robert Murray's 1985 biographical note on Jesper Svedberg, "Bishop of America," is offered in an English translation by John S. Hanson.

Articles on Carl Milles' *Kalmar Nyckel* monument (by Robert T. Silver), and on its Ft. Christina Park setting (by Gary Soulsman), add a more contemporary touch. The issue is rounded out with a few book reviews; a guide to finding the existing churches of New Sweden, the sites of former churches; and a folded copy of the historical map, "The Legacy of New Sweden," issued by KNCC (350th Anniversary Committee) and familiar to the membership of the society.

The book in paperback can be ordered for \$15 (postpaid) from Richard H. Hulan, 6057 N. 27th St., Arlington, Va. 22207.

SUBMISSION OF ARTICLES & PHOTOS TO NEWSLETTER

Limited space will be reserved in each issue for readers' articles or photos. Material submitted should be typed, double-spaced and not exceed 500 words. Black and white photos are best, but clear color photos can be used. Captions for identification should accompany all photos. Please do not write directly on the photo, either in front or back. Include a return address and phone number for questions the Publications Committee might have or return of photo.

Send materials to: NEWSLETTER, Swedish Colonial Society, 1300 Locust Street, Philadelphia, PA 19107.

Calendar of Coming Events

October 9

LEIF ERICSON CEREMONY at the Statue of the Viking (Thorfinn Karlsefni) on River Drive in Philadelphia. This year Norway is the host and Ingvald Havnen, Press Consul at the Norwegian Embassy in Washington, D.C., will be our guest of honor and principal speaker, followed by a dinner to be held at the American Swedish Historical Museum.

October 12-14

Conference of Swedish America to be held in Dearborn, Mich., by Swedish Council of America.

October 20

Celebration of the opening of new outdoor exhibits and park improvements at Morton Homestead and Gov. Printz Park, by Pennsylvania Historical Museum Commission and the American Swedish Historical Museum, administrator.

November

Organization of a group to trim Swedish Christmas Tree in Harrisburg, Pa. (Details later.)

December 1

American Swedish Historical Museum—Lucia Fest.

December 2

Swedish Colonial Society JULMIDDAG at Merion Cricket Club, Montgomery Ave., Haverford, Pa.

December 7, 8 & 9

Lucia Celebration at Gloria Dei Church, Philadelphia, Pa. and Swedish sale items. (Best on east coast.)

December 9

Lucia Celebration at Holy Trinity (Old Swedes') Church in Wilmington, Del.

December 9

Lucia Celebration, Greenwich, N.J., Presbyterian Church, 5 P.M.

December 16

Lithuanian Lucia Celebration, Nothnagle Cabin, Gibbstown, N.J., 2:30 P.M.

December 16

Lucia Celebration, Trinity Church, Swedesboro, N.J.; 6 P.M.

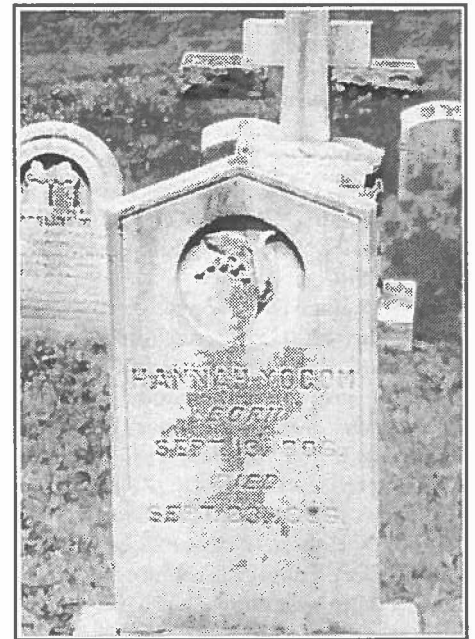
Wallace F. Richter

The Douglassville Tour

On June 16th, some members of the SCS went on the Douglassville, Pa. Swedish landmark tour, expertly guided by Dr. Peter S. Craig and the Rev. Mr. Kenneth Cosby, Rector Emeritus of St. Gabriel's Church.

Douglassville is significant for the settlements of the early Swedes. In 1701, a group from the New Sweden Colony received a 10,000-acre land grant from William Penn, as compensation for the holdings they had to yield in what is now Philadelphia. They settled on the Schuylkill River, 5 miles west of Pottstown, and founded Morlatton Village around a log cabin church built in 1720 by Swedish Lutherans. The present building, St. Gabriel's Episcopal Church, dates from 1801 and is the oldest church in Berks county.

Mr. Cosby, the moving spirit of the restoration of Morlatton Village, took us on a tour of the church and some of the important colonial buildings, such as the Mouns Jones House, built by Mouns and Ingeborg Jones in 1716, and the neighboring Bridge House, presumably built by a grandson of Mouns Jones. We also toured the White Horse Tavern, built by George Douglass in 1765, but the



Cemetery surrounding church is filled with many Swedish settler graves.

PHOTO: BETH LINNERSON-DALY

Yocum Homestead, from which several of our Forefather Members came, is privately owned and could not be visited.

The tour gave many of us the first idea of the early expansion of the Scandinavian settlers of the Delaware Valley.

Benkt Wennberg, Former SCS Governor

Calendar of Past Events—1990

January 18

COUNCIL MEETING-\$750 granted to Richard Hulan for translation of Swedish-language "Andreas Sandels Dagbok (Journal)-1701-1743", \$250 was voted for Chester Hist. Soc. to help with restoration of JOHN MORTON's WILL, \$300 voted for contribution to Pennsylvania's Governor's Conference on Ethnicity.

February 24

Publication date for SWEDISH COLONIAL NEWS #1 met. Copies mailed to all SCS Members!

February 28

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT-The following Slate was mailed to all Board members to be voted on at March 15 Meeting: all incumbent officers except Nils Berglund who resigned as Junior Deputy Governor. Gordon Keen, Jr. agreed to serve in this position as well as Treasurer. The counsel position was left vacant. New Councillors nominated for election on 4/1/90: Marie Bates Hiscock, George M. Jenkins, Julie Jensen, Wm. Thompson. (Benkt Wennberg, Nominating Chairman).

March 7

1993 PLANNING MEETING-Held at Tinicum Twp. Bldg. Some SCS officers attended. Spokesman for architectural firm proposed changes in historical analysis of PRINTZ PARK, Tinicum, stating (admittedly without proof) that excavations of 1937 and 1976 may not have uncovered ruins of Printz's Gov.'s Mansion, PRINTZ HOF, thus negating that Printz Park was site of "first permanent European settlement in what is now Pennsylvania." Also firm proposed removal of GOV. PRINTZ MONUMENT to insignificant position. . . Morton Homestead's history was also to be downgraded.

March 12

LETTERS CAMPAIGN-First of many letters mailed—protesting proposed changes in PRINTZ PARK history and plan to move PRINTZ SCULPTURE.

March 15

COUNCIL MEETING-SWEDISH COLONIAL NEWS #1 highly praised . . . Objections to moving PRINTZ MONUMENT expressed . . . All Officers on

2/28/90 Slate elected . . . Governor suggested By-Law change: Family Membership to include "all unmarried children living at home, up to age 23."

March 16

ETHNIC CONFERENCE-in Capitol Building, Harrisburg. Gov. Richter and Gene Martenson attended.

April 1

FOREFATHER'S DAY LUNCHEON and MEETING-SCS and Delaware SCS held joint Forefathers' Day celebration, hosted by Delaware group. 9 A.M. Service at Holy Trinity (Old Swedes') Church, Wilmington; wreath-laying at Ft. Christina Park; then LUNCHEON at du Pont Country Club. At our Business Meeting, all nominated Councillors were elected and Amandus Johnson Scholarship Award presented to Miss Kristin Smith . . . Excellent talk by historian, C.A. Weslager on material-gathering for book: "A MAN and HIS SHIP" (about first New Sweden Gov., Peter Minuit, and ship "Kalmar Nyckel").

April 9

FUNERAL of FORMER COUNCILLOR, CHAS. A. LUNDAHL-Attended by Gov. Richter and other SCS Officers.

April 10

Delaware County 1993-PLANNING MEETING held in Media Pa.; Deputy Governor Martenson in charge.

April 19

COUNCIL MEETING-Dep. Gov. Martenson spoke of attempts to coordinate 1993 plans . . . Sec. Alice Lindborg showed photos and artifacts indicating PRINTZ HOF RUINS uncovered in 1976 PRINTZ PARK dig. She also announced she had learned: THE PRINTZ MONUMENT WILL NOT BE MOVED!"

April 27

Dr. Peter Craig's RESPONSE to VOL. I of MORTON HOMESTEAD REPORT (with proposed historical changes) mailed. (See "Congratulations").

May 6

ANNUAL SCS THANKSGIVING SERVICE at

GLORIA DEI CHURCH SCS Member, Dr. Allen Guelzo, preached a fine sermon.

May 8

Dr. CRAIG's RESPONSE to VOL. II of proposed MORTON HOMESTEAD HISTORY changes mailed.

May 17

COUNCIL MEETING-Dr. Craig received favorable comments from historical experts on his REVIEWS of MORTON HOMESTEAD Reports . . . Dr. Erik Törnqvist will attend May 20 Am. Swed. Historical Museum Meeting to protest proposed By-Law changes . . . Gov. Richter's letter telling of SCS accomplishments of 83 years will be read in Sweden at 353rd Anniversary celebrations.

May 27

LOWER SWEDISH LOG CABIN MEMORIAL DAY PICNIC

June 16

HISTORIC DOUGLASSVILLE TOUR (See article.)

June 19

DEL. CO. 1993 PLANNING MEETING

June 20

FUNERAL for REV. PARKER AUTEN-Rector Emeritus of TRINITY EPISCOPAL (OLD SWEDES') CHURCH, Swedesboro and long-time SCS MEMBER, Gov. Richter attended.

July 12

FUNERAL for long-time SCS Member and Councillor, Dr. Karl O.S. Biel.

July 25

SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING held at Radnor Corporate Center. Rev. John Francis, who will replace Rev. Auten, was approved as Honorary Member . . . Pros and cons of proposal to form New Jersey Satellite SCS group discussed . . . Hon. Gov. Törnqvist spoke about article (in Swedish) on P.G. Rambo descendants in Sweden.

August 22

SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING held at Radnor Corporate Center . . . An education committee was established; Beth Linnerson-Daly was voted "Director of Education" and Council voted \$500 as a "starter" for an Educational Exchange Program between Swedish and American school children to begin in New Jersey schools this fall. . . Alice Lindborg proposed a PROJECT to encourage the inclusion of early Swedes and their contributions to the founding of our Nation in our American History textbooks.

August 26

REUNION OF RAMBO DESCENDANTS held at Red Bank Battlefield National Park, N.J. . . . Brian Daly, Beth Linnerson-Daly, Tina Lassen, Gene Martenson, Gov. Richter, Erik & Linnéa Törnqvist participated. (See article).

Alice & Carl Lindborg

Wallace F. Richter



Swedish Council participants at Rambo Reunion: (left to right) Brian Daly, Beth Linnerson-Daly, Linnéa, Erik, & Carl-Erik Törnqvist.
PHOTO: HARRY RINK

MEMBERSHIP

Congratulations!

The SCS has many reasons to congratulate our expert genealogist of the early Swedish settlers in the Delaware River Valley, Forefather Member Dr. Peter S. Craig. Dr. Craig is known for his frequent speaking engagements, publishing of authentic historical articles and books and writing of well-researched responses to a two-volume review of an investigation of the Morton Homestead's history and archeology by an architectural firm. In addition, we are grateful to Peter for his valuable aid in helping to research and authenticate our own Forefather-Member Program.

We have just learned that we have reason to extend heartfelt *CONGRATULATIONS* to Peter because of a very special, well-deserved award he has won from the Bicentennial Swedish American Exchange Fund for a six-week study trip to Sweden, beginning April 1991. We wish him well as he researches records of New Sweden settlers before they left Sweden!

We also congratulate our much-admired oldest SCS Member, Mrs. Thomas H. Lewis, who will celebrate her *102nd Birthday* on February 3, 1991, at her apartment at Crosslands, Kennett Square, Penn.

Alice W. Lindborg

New Members

We welcome our new members (including new Forefather Members—see page 3):

Mrs. Kristine Birdwell, Mr. and Mrs. William Brown, Koert D. Burnham. Rev. John R. Francis (Honorary), Dr. and Mrs. George Freeland, Rev. Dr. Allen C. Guelzo

(Honorary), P.J. Higginbotham, Don W. Printz, M.D., Mrs. Kjerstin Berlof Sama, Mrs. Susan B. Spackman, Mr. and Mrs. Charles M. Thiee.

Membership procedure: An application card for new membership must be signed by an active member-sponsor and mailed to the registrar, with a check made out to the Swedish Colonial Society for the class of membership desired. Action will be taken at next Council meeting. Dues: *Annual*, Individual, \$20; Family (2 adults, minor children), \$25; *Life*, \$300. Mail to Mrs. Wallace F. Richter, 336 S. Devon Ave., Wayne, Pa. 19087.

Beverly (Nelson) Rambo

Beverly Jean Nelson, daughter of Lorrin and Alma (Ringhand) Nelson, died at her home in Culver City, Calif, on June 30, 1990.

Mrs. Rambo had recently completed a genealogy book on her husband's family entitled, "The Rambo Family Tree." In commemoration of the early Swedish colonization in America, she went to Sweden in June 1988 and presented a copy of her book to the King of Sweden. Her book on the Rambo family is known to many genealogists throughout the United States as one of painstaking and meticulous research, tracing the early beginnings of our country and the second voyage of the "Kalmar Nyckel" in 1639. Her perseverance and dedication to her writing and to the people she met through her research were moments she treasured in her life.

In Memoriam: 1989–1990

December 1989

Mrs. Rodolphe Meyer De
Schauensee, *Devon, Pa.*

February 1990

Mrs. John D'Arcy Dewey,
Haverford, Pa.

April 1990

Mr. Charles A. Lundahl,
Philadelphia, Pa.

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Rev. Parker Fish Auten,
Swedesboro, Pa.

July 1990

Dr. Karl O.S. Biel,
Philadelphia, Pa.

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