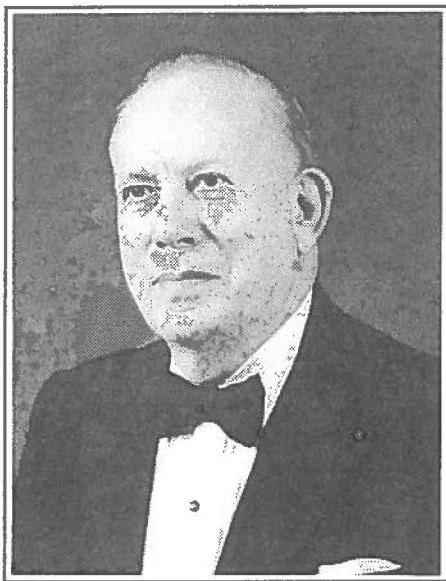




Swedish Colonial News

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Wallace Richter
SWEDISH COLONIAL SOCIETY GOVERNOR

GREETINGS

In this first issue of *SWEDISH COLONIAL NEWS*, warm greetings are extended to all Society members from Gov. Richter, the Publications Committee and Board members. The need for such a publication has long been felt. It is designed to reach all members not only with news of past and future activities but also with occasional informative articles on New Sweden and the Founding Father Colonists.

SOCIETY INFORMATION

The Swedish Colonial Society, oldest Swedish historical organization in the U.S.A., was founded in Philadelphia in 1908, established in 1909, and incorporated in 1928. Its principal founders were

Dr. Amandus Johnson and Hon. Marcel A. Viti, Swedish Vice Consul in Philadelphia. The main purposes of the Society are to preserve and publish records and documents, erect monuments commemorating the history of the Swedes in America and to disseminate knowledge of the significant contributions of the Swedes to the founding of the first permanent European civilization in the Delaware Valley—starting before William Penn was born.

The SCS is unique among Swedish-American groups in that it has had a Swedish Forefather Member project from the start (1908-9). Eighty-eight of our present members have been authenticated as descendants of early Swedish settler ancestors, all of whom arrived in the New World in the 1600's. Fifteen new Forefather members have been approved or reaffirmed since January, 1989.

Erik Tornqvist & Carl Lindborg

FOREFATHERS

Another 350th Anniversary— The Kalmar Nyckel's Second Voyage

April 27, 1990, will mark another 350th anniversary in the history of New Sweden—the arrival at Fort Christina (Wilmington) of the *Kalmar Nyckel* on its second voyage to America.

The voyage was long and arduous, but of particular significance to the development of New Sweden, because it brought the first families to the young colony founded two years before.

Two known families were aboard:

- Sven Gunnarsson with his wife, a daughter, Gertrude, and two sons: Sven, born in Sweden, and Olof, born during

the 7 1/2 month voyage from Gothenburg. A third son, Anders, was born in America. These three sons, known as the Swanson brothers, were the first settlers in the area that later became the City of Philadelphia. They also provided the land on which Gloria Dei (Old Swedes') Church was later built. The daughter, Gertrude, later married a Swedish soldier, Jonas Nilsson.

- Måns Andersson with his wife and a daughter, Brita. Måns later moved to present Cecil County, Md. His daughter Brita married Johan Gustafsson, a Swedish soldier, and became the mother of 11

children, including nine sons whose progeny adopted the surnames of Justice, Justis or Justus. The Gustafsson plantation was on the Schuylkill River in Kingsessing, now West Philadelphia.

Also on board were three bachelors who later gained prominence in America:

- Peter Gunnarsson Rambo, progenitor of the Rambo family in America;
- Anders Svensson Bonde, progenitor of the Swedish Boon family in America;
- Anders Larsson Dalbo, progenitor

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FOREFATHERS *Continued*

Kalmar Nyckel's Second Voyage...

of the Dalbo, Dahlbo and Dalbow families in America.

All three of these bachelors were married by 1655. They also established their homes in the Philadelphia area.

Other noteworthy passengers on the second voyage of the *Kalmar Nyckel* were Peter Hollander Ridder from Ekenas, Nyland (present Finland), who served as Governor of New Sweden 1640-43, and the Rev. Reorus Torkillus, who served as the first minister in New Sweden until his death in September 1643.

The voyage was not an easy one. Contemporary records show that the *Kalmar Nyckel* left Gothenburg in early September 1639 and did not arrive in America until April 17, 1640, both dates under the "old style" calendar. (Ten days must be added to translate these dates to our modern calendar.) En route to America, the ship had to stop twice for repairs. In addition, it had to weather difficult storms on the Atlantic.

Dr. Peter Stebbins Craig



HISTORIC SITES

Swedish Log Cabin Dedicated

Our Society and certain members of our Board have long been involved in the preservation and restoration of the rare, surviving 17th century Lower Swedish Log Cabin on Darby Creek, Drexel Hill, Pa.

On Saturday Oct 21, 1989, dedication ceremonies at the well-restored cabin began with a colorful parade of our Society's flags, led by Captain of our Color Guard, Robert Nelson. Included in the ceremonies were introductions to and a few words from Mayor James Ward and other dignitaries of Upper Darby, the presentation of bronze historical plaques or signs by Penn's Grant Chapter Colonial Dames XVIIIc., the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and Upper Darby Commissioners. The knowledgeable restoration architect, Warren Eck, referring to large boulder on which the cabin is anchored, read the Bible passage about the "House

John Morton Estate Papers to be Conserved

The Chester County Historical Society and Archives located in West Chester, Pa., recently announced that the will and inventory of John Morton (1724/5-1777) on file in the Chester County Archives are in critical condition and have been selected and assessed for professional conservation. Terrance Harvey of Creek Bank Conservators in Glen Mills, Pa., has estimated that the cost of conservation will be over \$500.

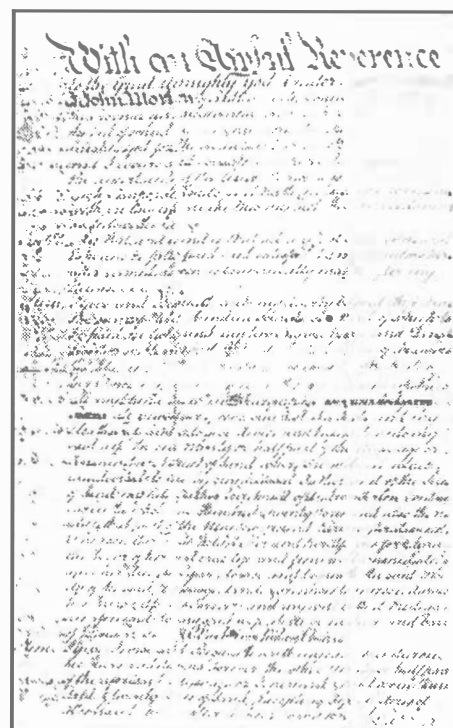
Both documents need to be deacidified and properly prepared for continued reference and survival. Morton's three-page inventory taken in April, 1777, is badly taped and deteriorated. Pictures will be taken before and after the conservation of these documents. It will take approximately one month to repair the inventory and six months or more to stabilize the will.

The Swedish John Morton was an important member of both county and provincial governments, serving as a member and speaker of the Pennsylvania General Assembly; associate justice of the Supreme Court, justice of the county courts and county sheriff. In addition, he was Chester County's only resident among the Pennsylvania delegation to the Continental Congress. He voted for and signed the Declaration of Independence on July 4, 1776. Any persons interested in

built upon a rock." The skilled contractor, Norman Glass, and employees, dressed in 17th century costumes, gave an authentic air to the cabin's interior by displaying early tools, animal skins pinned to the walls and an animal-hide bed on which Norman had slept comfortably the preceding night.

The guest speaker at the dedication was Dr. Peter S. Craig, SCS Board member and leading authority on the early Swedish settlers in the Delaware Valley, who gave an informative talk. Mrs. Karin Hampel, singer, and daughter, Heather, clarinetist, entertained with Swedish songs.

Historical research, including Carbon-14 and Dendrochronology dating, archeological digs, combined with a study of architectural characteristics (corner fireplaces, V-notched interlocking log



Pre-Conservation photo of the first page of John Morton's will written on January 28th, 1777, and proved August 26th, 1778. PHOTO: COURTESY OF CHESTER COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

contributing to this project should contact Bobbi O'Sullivan, Director of Development, 215-692-4800, or Jeffery Rollison, Archives Director, 215-344-6760, of the Chester County Historical Society, 225 North High Street, West Chester, Pa. 19380.

Barbara Soltis



ends) all indicate early Swedish construction circa 1654-55. Trading beads, many thimbles, early knives, etc., found at the cabin are evidence that it probably was used as a 17th-century trading outpost with the Indians.

On June 9, 1980, two of our Board Members were successful in helping to place the Swedish Log Cabin on the National Register of Historic Places in Washington, D.C. Since the recent restoration, it is beginning to receive deserved recognition as a rare extant example of the type of log cabin construction introduced to America by the early Swedes in the New Sweden era—which existed from 1638 until 1655.

Alice & Carl Lindborg



FOREFATHERS *Continued***New Sweden
Forefathers: Peter
Larsson Cock (Cox)**

Peter Larsson was given his surname Kock, "cook" in Swedish, because he served in this capacity in 1641 when he was sent to New Sweden from Stockholm on the ship *Charitas*. The name Kock evolved into Cock, and among his descendants finally became Cox.

Born in 1610 in Bångsta, a hamlet in Turinge parish, Södermanland (now Stockholm län), Sweden, Peter Larsson Cock was the eldest of six sons of Lars Persson. Before departing for New Sweden, he had been an imprisoned soldier at Smedjegården in Stockholm. The reason for his imprisonment is not known.

Also on board the *Charitas* when it left Stockholm was the family of Måns Svensson Lom from Roslagen, including Måns' daughter Margaret, then about 15 years old. Early in 1643, she married Peter Cock in what probably was the first marriage performed in New Sweden.

In New Sweden, Peter Cock soon became a freeman and played a prominent role in the colony. In July 1651 he was an interpreter for Governor Printz in negotiations with the Indians confirming the Swedish claims to the lands on which the Dutch had built their Fort Casimir (New Castle, Del.) Under Governor Rising, he served on the New Sweden court.

After the surrender of New Sweden in 1655, Cock continued to serve as a justice for the up-river Swedes in present Pennsylvania until succeeded by his eldest son, Captain Lasse Cock, in 1680. He owned an extensive plantation which he called "Kipha," located on "Peter Cock's Island"—actually two islands in the Schuylkill that would later be known as Fisher's Island and Carpenter's Island.

Peter Cock and his wife Margaret had 13 children, 12 of whom grew to adulthood, married and had children of their own. The surviving children were:

1. Lars (Lasse) Cock, born March 21, 1646, died October 1699, who married Martha Ashman (English), May 15, 1669.

2. Eric Cock, born c. 1650, died August 1701, who married Elizabeth (daughter of Olof Philipsson) c. 1673.

3. Anna Cock, born c. 1652, died by 1722, married Gunnar Rambo (son of Peter Rambo) c. 1675.

4. Måns Cock, born c. 1654, died after 1720, who married Gunilla (daughter of Jonas Nilsson), c. 1679.

5. John Cock, born 1656, died December 1713, who married Brigitta (daughter of Nils Larsson Frände or Friend) c. 1678.

6. Peter Cock, born 1658, died May 1708, who married Helena (daughter of Israel Åkesson Helm) c. 1681.

7. Magdalena, born 1659, died after 1723, who married Anders Petersson Longacre (son of Peter Andersson) c. 1681.

8. Maria, born 1661, died after 1717, who married Andrew Rambo (son of Peter Rambo) c. 1684.

9. Gabriel, born 1663, died after 1714, who married Maria (daughter of Nils Larsson Frände) c. 1686.

10. Brigitta, born 1665, died 1726, who married John Rambo (son of Peter Rambo) c. 1686.

11. Margaret, born 1667, died 1701, who married [1] Robert Longshore (an English surveyor) c. 1687 and [2] Thomas Jenner (an English tailor) c. 1691.

12. Catherine, born 1669, died 1748, who married Bengt Bengtsson (son of Anders Bengtsson) c. 1691.

Through these 12 children, Peter and Margaret Cock had over 100 grandchildren. Peter Cock died November 10, 1687 at the age of 77. His widow, Margaret Cock, was also 77 when she was buried at Gloria Dei on February 13, 1703.

[The author is currently working on a genealogy of Peter Cock and his colonial descendants. SCS members having records that might be helpful source materials are encouraged to write Dr. Craig at 3406 Macomb Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20016.]

Dr. Peter Stebbins Craig

**NOTE**

Some of our members believe that the still surviving Cannonball House in Philadelphia was built and owned by Peter Cock. In the fall issue we will devote a column to details and questions regarding this historic structure.

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 living 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 our 15 Forefather Members who have been approved or reaffirmed since January, 1989, with the name of the qualifying ancestor and the year each arrived in the New World:

<i>Member</i>	<i>Ancestor</i>	<i>Arrival Date</i>
Anderson, Miss Bridget S.	Gov. Johan Printz	–1643
Anderson, Mr. Bruce	Gov. Johan Printz	–1643
Anderson, Miss Kristen	Gov. Johan Printz	–1643
Bauer, Mrs. Mary T.	Israel Åkesson Helm	–1643
Higginbotham, Miss Jeanne F.	Olle Stille	–1641
Hodge, Mrs. John	Jonas Schaggen	–1648
Jenkins, Mr. George Merritt	Jürgen Kühn	–1643
Jenson, Miss Julie	Sven Skute	–1643
Lewis, Mrs. Thomas H.	Peter Gunnarsson Rambo	–1640
Martin, Mrs. Freeman	Olle Stille	–1641
Marvin, Mrs. J.W.	Lars Thomasson	–1641
McFarland, Miss Megan	Jonas Nilsson	–1643
Vollmer, Mrs. Roy S.	Peter Gunnarsson Rambo	–1640
Waddell, Mr. Jeffery	Peter Gunnarsson Rambo	–1640
Walker, Mr. Ralph	Peter Jochimsson	–1643

Alice W. Lindborg



EDUCATION

Real People—Real Stories

Why educate children and young people about New Sweden? Does it really matter that they know? In this fast-paced, high-tech American society why should any of us care about this tiny settlement of so long ago?

We are told our young are "culturally-illiterate," yet one of the key responsibilities of adults down through time has been to transmit culture to their young. We have passed down a great deal of information about fictional situations through television and movie characters. Few children in America would not recognize Stallone's RAMBO—a vicious avenger who killed a lot of people. However, the story of the real Rambo family remains largely untold.

In each of the three "New Sweden" states, at least one organization is passing down information to its children.

In Pennsylvania, the American Swedish Historical Museum for many years has been telling the story of the settlers to children from the Philadelphia area. The stunning new exhibits mounted for the 350th commemoration and the high quality programs for children brought 3,000 children to the museum last year; over 90% of them were with school groups.

In New Jersey, as a result of enormous grassroots effort, there is now a Farmstead Museum in the Bridgeton City Park—a remarkable full-scale replica of the original log cabin architecture of the early 17th century. Each building contains artifacts of the period. The museum opened in April, 1988, and last year approximately 2,000 children toured the buildings.

Delaware's focus is appropriately on the sea and ship building. A school trip in Wilmington usually includes a visit to the Holy Trinity (Old Swedes') Church, The Rocks, and the Kalmar Nyckel Foundation Museum and Shipyards. The history of ship building and skills of the seaman are taught. Artisans demonstrate their crafts, a blacksmith, a wood carver and a shipwright frequent the premises. Models and artifacts further enhance learning. Eighty percent of the 2,000 children who visited the site last year were 4th and 5th graders learning about state history.

While the numbers of visitors are respectable at each site, the figures could be doubled or tripled and still benefit only a small portion of the school community.

How can we, as an organization, help these museums reach more children?

Each of these educational programs works on a shoe-string budget. Promotion is often simply word-of-mouth, and out-reach services are of necessity extremely limited. Can we help establish a stronger financial base for these important programs so they can prosper and expand their services?

Teachers often have only one field trip per year and hundreds of locations from which to choose. Most classes will

never visit these locations. Perhaps we could provide materials or experiences to teachers and students throughout the three states.

Children deserve worthy role models; truth as well as fiction. Our stories are true and worth telling; ancestors who with others laid the foundations of three states, as well as the beginnings of our country.

This is the 350th Anniversary of the the arrival of the first settlers to the Delaware Valley, a perfect year to start to set the record straight.

Beth Linnerson-Daly



BOOK REVIEWS

New Book on Peter Minuit and Kalmar Nyckel

Dr. C. A. Weslager's newest book, *A Man and His Ship: Peter Minuit and the Kalmar Nyckel*, is scheduled for publication about March 1, 1990, in time for the joint Forefathers Day Luncheon in Wilmington on April 1st.

This new book consists of 225 pages with 20 illustrations and seven maps. It will be sold for \$9.95 a paperbound copy or \$20 a hardbound copy—Order from Kalmar Nyckel Foundation, 823 East 7th Street, Wilmington, DE 19801.

This book fills a void in the history of New Sweden by presenting the first comprehensive biography of its founder, Peter Minuit, as well as a complete history of the famous ship, *Kalmar Nyckel* which made four voyages to New Sweden, bringing more new settlers to the New World than the *Mayflower*.

Captain Minuit, a French Huguenot, first became familiar with the potential of the South (Delaware) River

for settlement when he was Director General of the Dutch settlement on the North (Hudson) River. After a falling out with the Dutch, Minuit sold the idea of a "New Sweden" in America to the Swedish government and personally led the first voyage in 1637–38. Although Minuit died on the return voyage, his nephew, Hendrick Huygen, carried on his work.

Most American readers will be surprised to learn that the *Kalmar Nyckel* made four, not three voyages to the Delaware. Dr. Weslager, whose recent books include *The Swedes and Dutch at New Castle* (1987) and *New Sweden on the Delaware* (1988), is universally recognized as America's foremost historian on New Sweden. In this book, he cites information found in contemporary letters, journals, notarial records, and other primary sources, many of which have been translated into English for the first time.

A feature of special interest to SCS members is the listing in the book of all of the known passengers on the four voyages of the *Kalmar Nyckel*. Dr. Peter Craig of SCS assisted Dr. Weslager in assembling this list.



SUBMISSION OF ARTICLES/PHOTOS TO NEWSLETTER

In each issue of the newsletter, limited space will be reserved for readers' articles or photos. Material submitted for publication 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:

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Swedish Colonial Society
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Philadelphia, PA 19107

BOOK REVIEWS *Continued***The American Backwoods Frontier**

The American Backwoods Frontier, by Terry G. Jordan and Matti Kaups (1989), 340 pp., hardcover, The Johns Hopkins University Press, 701 West 40th Street Suite 275, Baltimore, MD 21211. \$36 + \$2 postage & handling.

The vogue a generation ago among historians and geographers was to trace the origins of the American woodland frontier culture to the 18th century Scotch-Irish and German settlers of the Pennsylvania backwoods. Prof. Jordan of the University of Texas and Prof. Kaups of the University of Minnesota vigorously reject this theory and trace the culture of the American backwoods frontier to immigrants that came to the Delaware a century before the Scotch-Irish and Germans: namely, the Swedes and Finns who settled in New Sweden between 1638 and 1664.

Jordan and Kaups examine all of the essential features of American backwoods life—the log cabin, the “dogtrot” cabin (two cabins connected by a breeze-way), the corner fireplace, the worm fence, the long hunter and his shanty—tracing such features to New Sweden on the Delaware and from thence to Sweden and Finland, especially the Swedish Finns from Värmland, who constituted a high percentage of the New Sweden settlers. The writers argue that the lifestyle of the American backwoods frontier had already been established by the Swedes and Finns in the 17th century and that later immigrants, such as the Scotch-Irish and Germans, copied and absorbed these successful adaptations to the American woodlands when they immigrated 50 to 100 years later.

This is a scholarly book, well documented with 76 pages of footnotes and bibliography. It is also well written and contains many maps and illustrations that demonstrate visually the evolution of frontier life styles from the Baltic countries to the Delaware Valley and onward via inland rivers and mountain passes to the rivers that flow into the Mississippi.

Of particular interest to this reader was Chapter 9, “Backwoods Frontier Expansion: 1725-1825.” Using 22 surnames “derived exclusively from the New Sweden

colony,” the authors chart the geographical dispersal of the surnames in this 100 year span. Individual maps depict the migratory routes of those with the surname Rambo (p. 241), Lykins and variants (p. 243), Bankston and variants (p. 244).

The authors’ analysis is a bit flawed, as some of the surnames chosen were not unique to New Sweden (e.g., Justice) and other surnames which became common among New Sweden descendants (e.g., Anderson, Cox, Friend, Lock, Springer, Yocum) could not be used because of English or German families using the same surnames. However, this reviewer’s own research confirms the general validity of the authors’ thesis. Indeed, a more refined and genealogically accurate analysis would enhance, rather than detract from, that thesis.

Professor Kaups is a confessed Fennophile and this bias tends to warp some of the analysis. However, this book represents an important contribution to scholarship and demonstrates that New Sweden had a lasting impact in shaping the American frontier of the 18th and 19th centuries.

Dr. Peter Stebbins Craig

**Books Available**

The Swedish Colonial Society has a limited supply of books still available. They have been published by the society, and if interested in ordering, or for further information call (215) 356-6494:

Descendants of Joran Kyn. By Gregory Keen. 318 pages. (Philadelphia, 1913) Cloth only, \$30.

The Instruction for Johan Printz, Governor of New Sweden. Translated by Dr. Amandus Johnson. 287 pages (Philadelphia, 1930) Cloth only, \$20.

Swedish Contributions to American Freedom. By Dr. Amandus Johnson. Volume I: 691 pages (Philadelphia, 1954) Volume II: 453 pages (Philadelphia, 1957) Cloth only, \$30 for each volume.

Wallace Richter

**Publishing Committee**

The Council and the Governor of the Swedish Colonial Society established a Publications Committee this fall to keep members informed about the Society’s activities.

The Society has published nothing for 18 years. Publishing information about New Sweden was one of the Society’s original stated purposes. We are returning to one of our original functions with this issue.

The Publications Committee is made up of seven members. It is charged by the Council with three different areas of publication: a newsletter, re-publishing out-of-print articles of books, and new works.

The *Swedish Colonial Society News* will be issued at least twice each year. It will inform members and the public of past and future events (such as the plans for the up-coming 1993 commemoration of the founding of The New Sweden Colony in the area now called Pennsylvania). We will print articles about New Sweden, the forefathers, historic sites, and book reviews. In addition, we will tell members about society activities as well as providing a list of new members.

At a later date, if economically feasible, the Publications Committee will republish out-of-print works about New Sweden that are still in demand (in less expensive paperback editions).

Finally, we are thinking about publishing new works about New Sweden and related topics.

Peter Craig, Council member and member of our Publications Committee, has suggested several possible publication topics: a directory of New Sweden settlers and their colonial descendants; family histories of some of the key settlers; Swedish church censuses for the Delaware Valley from 1693 to 1786; and earlier listings/rosters of Swedes and Finns in the area.

What better way is there to commemorate the legacy of New Sweden than to learn as much as we can about this first Swedish Colony in the New World?

Brian Daly



Calendar of Events—1990

April 1

SCS FOREFATHERS' DAY LUNCHEON—According to a traditional rotation between our Society and the Delaware Swedish Colonial Society, the latter organization will host this year. We will attend the "Landing Day Ceremonies" at the Rocks, a service at Holy Trinity (Old Swedes') Church at 7th and Church Streets and a Luncheon at the DuPont Country Club, all in Wilmington.

May 6

ANNUAL THANKSGIVING SERVICE—Gloria Dei (Old Swedes') Church, Delaware Avenue and Christian Streets, Philadelphia at 11 A.M. "in grateful memory for the Swedish Forefathers of America."

June 2

PICNIC AND TOUR: Swedish Landmarks, suggested stops: JOHN BARTRAM HOUSE built around a 17th c. Swedish stone cottage; or the c. 1762 ST. JAMES (OLD SWEDES') CHURCH in Kingsessing; or the c. 1720 ST. GABRIEL'S (OLD SWEDES') CHURCH YOCUM HOUSE and "MOUNTZ JONES HOUSE" built by a Swedish Forefather in Douglassville, Pa; or the c. 1760 CHRIST (OLD SWEDES') CHURCH in Upper Merion, PA with, possibly a PICNIC at the now-restored LOWER SWEDISH LOG CABIN c. 1654–55 in Drexel Hill, Pa. If you have suggestions or preferences contact Mrs. Carl Lindborg.

June 8

PENNSYLVANIA HERITAGE

AFFAIRS COMMISSION GOVERNOR'S CONFERENCE—East Harrisburg, Pa; **BANQUET** on June 9. If interested, contact Deputy Governor Gene Martenson, 626 Strath Haven Avenue, Swarthmore, Pa. 190081.

December 1

SCS ANNUAL JULMIDDAG or Christmas Luncheon "commemorating the first Christmas celebration by Swedes at Tinicum, Pa. in 1643". There will be Swedish folk dancing and Christmas songs. (Details later).

December

LUCIA FEST celebrations at both GLORIA DEI and AMERICAN SWEDISH HISTORICAL MUSEUM. (Dates and times to be announced later.)

The American Swedish Historical Museum Cultural Calendar

Temporary Exhibitions: Through June 4, "Raoul Wallenburg: One Can Make A Difference" and "We Celebrate Our Past: Fifty Years of Museum History in Photographs"

June 14 through October

"Treasures from the Collection"

February 3

Women's Auxillary Luncheon, noon

February 10

Pea Soup and Punch Dinner and Concert, 4:30 P.M.

March 22

New Members Open House, 4–6 P.M.

March 29

Exhibition opening, "Swedish Silver at ASHM." in Chicago Room, 5–7 P.M.

March 31

Easter Workshop

April 7

Smörgåsbord Dinner and Dance

April 28

Valborgsmåsoafton celebration

May

Bus Trip (date to be announced)

May 5

Women's Auxillary Luncheon, noon

May 10

Fairmount Park Council for Historic Sites Progressive Dinner

May 20

Annual Meeting and Dinner, 3 P.M.

June 3

Midsommarfest

June 14

Exhibition opening, "Treasures from the Collection"

Folk Dance Classes at the ASHM

Deputy Governor Gene Martenson reports that Lena Schiffer, a dance specialist, will offer lessons in Swedish folk dances this winter at the American Swedish Historical Museum. Lessons will be presented the first Sunday of each month at 1 P.M. at the museum at 1900 Pattison Avenue, Philadelphia, Pa. To sign up, call (215) 635-4295.

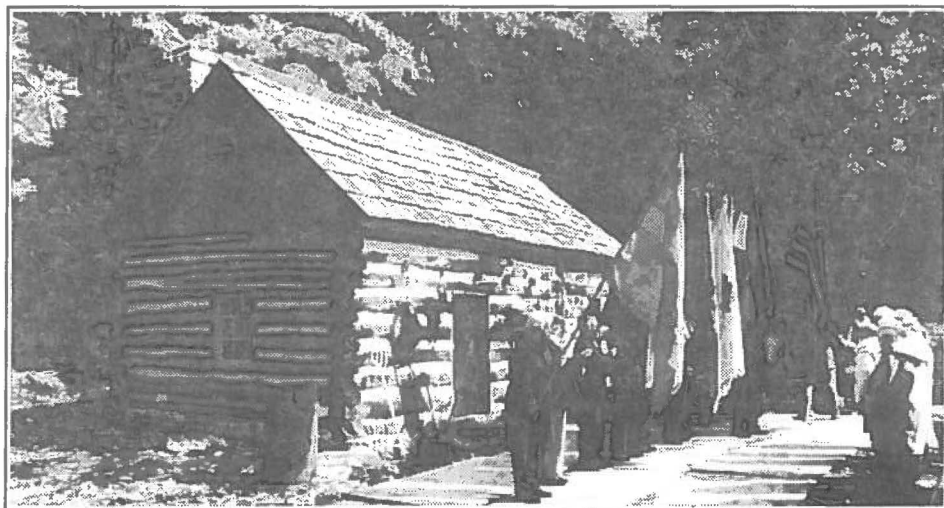
The American Swedish Historical Museum is beginning an active membership recruitment campaign.

Benefits of membership include free admission to the museum, invitations

to traditional Swedish holiday celebrations, and a quarterly newsletter designed to keep members informed on all museum happenings.

The American Swedish Historical Museum is located in South Philadelphia in beautiful FDR Park. The museum is dedicated to preserving the history of the influence of Swedish and Swedish-American people on American life through the work done in our museum, library and educational programs.

Membership is \$25 for individuals and \$40 for families. For more information, please call the Museum at (215) 389-1776 or write American Swedish Historical Museum, 1900 Pattison Avenue, Philadelphia, Pa. 19145.



Lower Swedish Log Cabin, built circa 1654–55, on Darby Creek, Upper Darby, Pennsylvania.

PHOTO: TINA LASSEN.

Calendar of Past Events—1989

Your officers attended numerous events in 1989. Some of the most significant are listed below:

January 28

FUNERAL SERVICE for Rev. John Roak, Rector of Gloria Dei Church from 1933 through 1972 held at Old Swedes' Church, Philadelphia.

March 26

200TH ANNIVERSARY OF DELAWARE COUNTY which separated from Chester County in the year 1789. The ceremony was at the Courthouse in Media, Pa.

April 8

FOREFATHERS' DAY LUNCHEON held at the Philadelphia Country Club.

April 11

In the Council Chambers at the Media Courthouse Edwin Erickson, Council President, presented a **RESOLUTION** to Deputy Governor Gene Martenson, Swedish Commissioner to the Pennsylvania Heritage Affairs Commission. The Resolution endorsed the 350th Anniversary Celebration to be held in 1993 for the first European settlement in Pennsylvania by Swedes in Tinicum, Pa.

April 20

RECEPTION AND BREAKFAST held at the Old Court House, Chester, Pa. by Chester Historical Society for the re-enactment of George Washington's historic Inaugural Journey from Mount Vernon to New York City.

May 7

THANKSGIVING SERVICE at Gloria Dei (Old Swedes') Church, Philadelphia.

May 13

Delaware County Historical Society **SEMINAR** focusing on county origins and technical assistance to historic groups who foster this knowledge.

May 28

Informal **PICNIC AND INFORMATION MEETING** of membership at the Lower Swedish Log Cabin, Creek Road, Drexel Hill, Pa.

June 16

RECEPTION at the Port of History Museum, Philadelphia, Pa for the exhibition opening of "It's Swedish" developed as part of the 350th Anniversary by the New Sweden 1988 Committee.

September 15

INVENTORY taken of the publications and files stored in the office headquarters at the Historical Society of Pennsylvania.

September 24

DELAWARE COUNTY 200TH ANNIVERSARY PARADE in Media, Pa.

October 5

Opening of the **RAOUL WALLENBERG EXHIBITION**, "One Can Make a Difference," at the American Swedish Historical Museum, Philadelphia, Pa.

October 7

TESTIMONIAL LUNCHEON to honor Mrs. John Roak as "Woman of the Year" by the Women's Auxiliary of the ASHM for 50 years of faithful service to the museum and to Gloria Dei Church.

October 9

LEIF ERICSON CEREMONY at the Statue of the Viking (Thorfinn Karlsefni) on River Drive in Philadelphia. This year it was Iceland's turn to take leadership. Ingvi S. Ingvarsson, Iceland's Ambassador to America, and Consul of Iceland for Eastern Pennsylvania, Hubert Georges of Camp Hill, Pa. were honored guests.

October 13

DELAWARE SWEDISH COLONIAL SOCIETY MEETING held at Oberod Conference Center, Centerville, Del. with Donald Johnson officiating as president. Speakers were Ann B. Brown, of the American Swedish Historical Museum, Captain Charter of the Kalmar Nyckel Foundation, and Governor Richter representing our Society.

October 20

Deputy Governor Gene Martenson was guest speaker at the "Viking Evening" of the

American-Scandinavian Heritage Foundation, Trinity Lutheran Church, Jamestown, NY, the home of his parents and brother.

October 21

Dedication of Cabin (page 2).

November 3-5

Dr. Erik Tornqvist, former Governor, represented the Swedish Colonial Society at the **SWEDISH COUNCIL OF AMERICA CONFERENCE** held in St. Louis, Missouri, and made a report at the November 16th board meeting. He reported that former US Ambassador to Sweden, Franklin Forsberg, has accepted Honorary Membership in the Swedish Colonial Society.

November 18

Governor Richter and others assembled in Harrisburg, Pa., to decorate a Swedish Christmas Tree as part of the **ETHNIC CHRISTMAS TREE EXHIBIT** in Strawberry Square. Some of the other countries represented were: Albania, China, Denmark, Italy, Korea, Norway, Scotland and Puerto Rico. The event was sponsored by the Governor's Heritage Affairs Commission and Strawberry Square Management.

December 1-2

LUCIA CELEBRATION at the American Swedish Historical Museum in Philadelphia.

December 3

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY RECEPTION at Bellaire Manor honoring Judge Domenic M. Cermele, President of the Friends of the FDR Park, protectors of the American Swedish Historical Museum and its park grounds.

December 8-10

LUCIA CELEBRATION at Gloria Dei Church, Philadelphia with 46 youngsters participating.

December 9

Swedish Colonial Society **JULMIDDAG** at the Overbrook Golf Club in Bryn Mawr, PA.

December 10

LUCIA CELEBRATION at Holy Trinity (Old Swedes') Church in Wilmington, Del.

Wallace Richter



JUL MIDDAG, Christmas Dinner sponsored by the Women's Committee at the Overbrook Golf Club. PHOTOS: NANCY GOULD. The Suburban and Wayne Times, Wayne, Pa.,

MEMBERSHIP

New Members

Introducing new members into our Swedish Colonial Society is of paramount importance. We are hoping that this new periodical, "SWEDISH COLONIAL NEWS," will reach a number of non-members and will inspire them to join our Society. The list of new members who have joined since January 1989 follows:

Mr. & Mrs. Brian Daly; Mr. Ralph Walker; Mrs. Rae Gustaitis; Mr & Mrs. Robert Bruechert; Mrs. Freeman G. Martin; Miss Megan Davis McFarland (our youngest member!); Mrs. Mary Tomlinson Bauer; Mrs. Inger Persson Mansfield; Mr. Charles Appelgren; Mr. George Merritt Jenkins (son of our late Forefather member George M. Jenkins); Mr. & Mrs. Horace Richter, Jr. (brother of our Governor); Mrs. Walter Sachs, Sr. (Mother of the late Walter, Jr.); Mrs. & Mrs. Steven Sachs & family; Mrs. Louise Rambo Adams (daughter of former councillor Joseph Rambo); Mrs. Tina Keene Peddie; Mrs. Horace Spruill; Miss Jeanne F. Higginbotham (grandaughter of Mrs. Martin, Forefather member, above); Mrs. Jane Dart Maunsell; Mr. John Cameron & family.

Honorary Members in 1989: Hon. Anders Thunborg (Ambassador of Sweden); Hon. Arne Thorén (Consul General of Sweden) and Hon. Franklin Forsberg (former U.S. Ambassador to Sweden).

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.

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In Memoriam—1989

January

Rev. John Craig Roak, D.D.,
Philadelphia, Pa.

April

Thorsten Karlsson, Middletown, NJ

May

George M. Jenkins, Gladstone, NJ
Dr. Ralph Turp, Forked River, NJ

June

Donald E. Hogeland, Esq.,
Blue Bell, Pa.
Walter S. Sachs, Jr., Merion, Pa.

October

Mr. and Mrs. James de Mason
Hunsicker, Norristown, Pa.

December

Arthur O. Rosenlund,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Wallace Richter



Congratulations!

Our Society extends warm congratulations to our Councillor and co-organizer of this "Swedish Colonial News", Beth Linnerson-Daly, on her extensive contributions to the informative, all-encompassing *New Sweden Project Final Report*. This publication summarizes and interprets the many, imaginatively-conceived events of New Jersey's observance of the 350th Anniversary of the founding of the New Sweden Colony 1638-1988. We realize that Beth gave unstintingly of her time and efforts to the promotion and realization of this worthy project and are glad to see what a successful result was achieved.

Carl & Alice Lindborg



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