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Preserving the legacy of the New Sweden Colony in America.

Gloria Dei History Symposium

The American Swedish Historical Museum will host a Tercentenary Symposium focusing on Gloria Dei (Old Swedes) Church, Philadelphia on Saturday March 18, 2000 from 1-4 p.m. Four speakers will discuss Gloria Dei

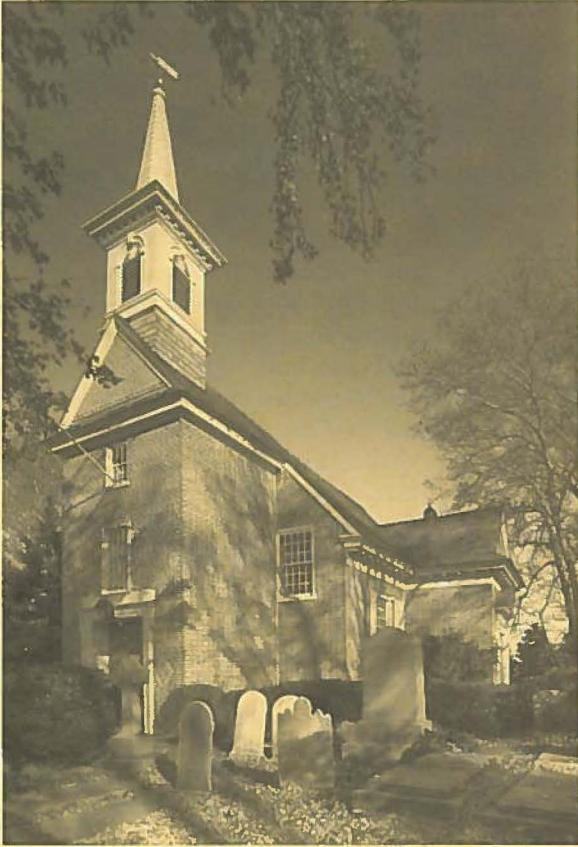
Church's history, architecture, historical context and the project now underway to translate and publish a large collection of its documents. The speakers include Dr. Kim-Eric Williams, a Councillor of the Swedish Colonial Society and Assistant Editor of the *Gloria Dei Records Project*, who will present a history of the church; Penelope H. Batcheler, a former museum board member and recipient of the Dr. Amandus Johnson Service

Award, who will offer an illustrated look at the church's architecture; Dr. Peter Stebbins Craig, the author of both *The 1693 Census of the Swedes on the Delaware* (1993) and *The 1671 Census of the Delaware* (1999), who will describe the project he is directing to translate and publish the documents of the church's colonial history; and Richard L. Waldron, Executive Director of the American Swedish Historical Museum, who will talk about the 18th century Swedish Lutheran mission that renewed the life of the congregation. The symposium has been made possible through the support of the Pennsylvania Humanities Council.

At the same time, the museum and the congregation are jointly sponsoring a temporary exhibition at the museum entitled *Gloria Dei 300 Years*. Materials from the church's collections are presented to illustrate all three centuries of its history. The exhibition examines the church's evolution from an 18th century mission congregation of the Church of Sweden to its role as a parish of the Episcopal Church's Diocese of Pennsylvania.

The American Swedish Historical Museum is located in F.D.R. Park at 1900 Pattison Avenue in South Philadelphia, five blocks west of the Sports Complex. It is easily accessible from I-95 or I-76 and has plenty of free parking. The Broad Street subway is within walking distance. Regular hours are Tuesday-Friday, 10-4 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday, 12-4 p.m.

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The exterior of Gloria Dei Church after its 1999 restoration.

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Anniversary Sunday

On Sunday, May 7 at 10 am., Gloria Dei Church will mark its 300th Anniversary with a special Celebration.



Gloria Dei Church, pen and ink sketch by Thornton Oakley, 1941, in the collection of the American Swedish Historical Museum, Philadelphia.

Andreas Rudman, founder of Gloria Dei Church, was born 3 November 1668 in Gävle, Gästrikland Province, Sweden, the son of Johan Augustison Rudolph and Magdalena Nilsdotter. After completing his studies and securing a degree at the University of Uppsala and being ordained, Rudman was chosen by Archbishop Swebelius and Dean Jesper Swedberg in February 1696 as the pastor to lead the delegation being sent by King Carl XI to serve the Swedish Lutheran congregations on the Delaware.

At first, Rudman was reluctant to accept the offer. But, after being assured by the King that he would be rewarded with a good post in Sweden after his time in America, Rudman agreed to take on the job.

During the next several months, there were frustrating delays while two other ministers (Eric Björk and Jonas Aurén) were selected and ordained and all of the religious books were assembled for the trip to America. Finally, in late July 1696, the party left Stockholm on the ship *Palmboom*, destined for London.

Arriving in London in early October 1696, Rudman and his party were detained there for four months. During this time, on 3 December 1696, they called on Governor William Penn. As Rudman wrote in his diary, "He very graciously gave us his opinion and promised us his protection. He also gave much good advice as to our management and conduct there, and promised us a recommendation to his deputy governor [William Markham]."

Sails to America

Rudman, Björk, Aurén and their assistant, a lad named Jonas Björström, boarded the ship *Jeffries* at Blackwell, 4 Feb. 1697. After four months at sea, the ship anchored in the James River in Virginia on 3 June 1697. The four Swedes stayed with the ship until it reached Annapolis on the 19th of June. Then, after being generously entertained by Governor Francis Nicholson for four days, they departed on a smaller ship for the Elk River. On the 24th, they arrived at the Swedish settlement known as Sahakitko, located at the Head of Elk (present Elkton, Maryland).

The residents of Sahakitko quickly sent word to their Swedish neighbors on the Delaware of the ministers' arrival. Soon, men, horses and carts assembled to escort Rudman and his colleagues to Crane Hook, where Rudman and Björk conducted a short prayer and thanksgiving for their safe arrival on June 27th. On the next day, they journeyed to

Philadelphia, where they called on Vice Governor Markham on the 29th.

Rudman Chooses Wicaco

On the 30th of June, Rudman and Björk met with the Wicaco congregation to read the messages they carried from the King and the Archbishop. They did the same at Crane Hook on 2 July 1697. Rudman, as the senior pastor, chose the Wicaco congregation as his own. Björk, therefore, became pastor at the other church, then located at Crane Hook. Both of them gave their first sermons at their respective churches on 11 July 1697.

One of Rudman's first duties was to become acquainted with his new congregation. In the course of this, he met Elisabeth, the daughter of Peter Mattsson and Catharina Rambo. Rudman and Elisabeth Petersdotter were married at her home on Mantua Creek in West Jersey on 4 May 1698. She was then twenty years old.

Builder of Gloria Dei

It was evident to both Rudman and Björk that the old, dilapidated log churches at Wicaco and Crane Hook were not adequate for the congregations that they served. It was therefore decided, with the consent of the congregations, to replace them with new stone and brick edifices. The "lower congregation," led by Björk, soon agreed to build its new church at Christina (present Wilmington), but Rudman's "upper congregation" split into factions, with some favoring Wicaco, others Passyunk.

Unable to bring unity to his congregation, Rudman concluded his sermon on 31 July 1698 with the announcement that he had decided to leave them. He bid them farewell and moved to Christina, planning to return to Sweden.

This announcement, plus an impassioned sermon by Björk at the Wicaco church on 28 August 1698, caused the "upper congregation" to agree to end their internal differences, to renew their pledges to build a new church and to leave the decision-making on the new church to the pastors. Rudman thereupon returned to Wicaco and resumed his duties.

For the next two years, Rudman labored hard to bring the new church into being at Wicaco. The first contracts were signed in October 1698. The church was sufficiently finished to permit its formal consecration on Sunday, 2 June 1700. Rudman had consecrated Holy Trinity Church at Christina the year before. Björk did the honors at Wicaco. The new church was christened Gloria Dei (Glory to God).

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Rudman's Description of Gloria Dei Church as it Looked in 1700

Work on the Gloria Dei Records Project has yielded a letter, written 20 November 1700, by Pastor Andreas Rudman, giving his own description of Gloria Dei (Old Swedes) Church, which, in translation, reads:

"The church is 60 feet long, 30 feet wide, and 20 feet high. The roof is made of cedar shingles, 18,000 of them. There are six windows, three on each side, 12 feet high. The whole interior is covered with plaster, although the ceiling was first secured with lathes.

"On each side the pews are arranged in two quarters, and in addition there is a lengthwise pew under the windows, with an aisle between this and the quarters. The entire chancel itself stands three steps higher than the church floor, so that the chancel rail and the pews are of the same height, and the altar rail as well.

"The altar, like the church, is made of brick.

"As its form, in time, will show, the tower is joined to the church, though still unfinished, approximately 26 or 28 feet high. In this is our entrance. Above, there is a room for church articles, and over this, a room for the church library. A bell room is to go above this, and also a spire, so that it may reach 80 or 100 feet, in all, if one dare risk so high a tower in this land of fiercely strong storm winds. No more is to be done on the tower, however, until there is some hope of bells. And the congregation has some debts which must first be paid.

"In the beginning we thought the church would be too large, but we need all the space now, and a little adjoining room, besides, which is intended for an organ loft and organ. This has a door through the inner wall of the tower room.

"The east end of the church is angular, and in the center there is a frame made to hold an inscription in gold letters, facing toward the river, to be seen and read by all who pass by, whether they sail or walk.

"The church was consecrated on the second of June of this year by my faithful colleague, Magister Ericus Björk, in the presence of a great number of people.

"After that, the other congregation [Christina] and the most notable among the English were given refreshments according to our means and supplies."

Another letter, by Pastor Björk, dated 19 November 1700, described the church as having a foundation "entirely of stone but the rest built quite handsomely of brick, every other glazed."

He added that on the western side, "a tower wall was begun which now remains unfinished until the dear God is pleased to open some means for a bell."

Both the Wicaco and Christina congregations laid claim to the old bell from the log church at Tinicum. To resolve this conflict, a sea captain named Trent gave one of his ship's bells to the Christina church and the church bell from Tinicum was hung at Gloria Dei.

In 1702, Pastor Andreas Sandel, who replaced Rudman, reported that Gloria Dei "is a very fine church, with six large windows, brick walls, pews made of cedar, and a pulpit of walnut. In the summer we expect to build a sacristy and porch."

ARCHITECTURE

Dr. Peter S. Craig



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The sacristy on the north side of the church and the porch and entrance on the south side were built in 1704, according to church accounts.

As was typical in all churches at the time, the women sat in pews on the left side of the main aisle and the men on the right. From the pew assignments, we learn that there were five rows of pews in the front two quarters, the first rows of which were reserved for "honored guests." Another aisle, crossing the church, divided the front two quarters from the rear two quarters, which had seven rows of pews. Side aisles separated these four quarters from side pews along the walls beneath the windows. Unlike today, there was no window above the altar at the east end of the church and there was no balcony.

The interior of Gloria Dei Church after its 1999 restoration.

Charter Members of Gloria Dei Church

MEMBERS

Dr. Peter S. Craig

It was the first Sunday after Trinity in the year 1700 – the 2nd of June by the contemporary Julian calendar (12th of June by the modern calendar adopted in 1752). It was the day set aside for the consecration of Gloria Dei Church at Wicaco, just outside the boundaries of that new town on the Delaware called Philadelphia.

For the big event, the Wicaco congregation was joined by the lower congregation at Holy Trinity, which had been dedicated the year before. Also attending the big event were many Englishmen. Ericus Björk, pastor of Holy Trinity, conducted the services in Swedish and, afterwards, for the benefit of the English guests, summarized in English the substance of what he had said.

The following is a list of the charter members of Gloria Dei, grouped according to the district in which they lived:

Neshaminy District

Clas Johansson & wife Walborg [Bengtsson]
John Johansson & wife Margaret Williams
John Enochs & wife Brita Gästenberg
Jonas Keen & wife Frances Walker
Walborg, widow of Dunck Williams
William Williams & wife Elisabeth [Classon]
Lars Boore & wife Elisabeth
Lars Boore, Jr., & wife Maria Thomasson
Anders Bengtsson Jr. & wife Gertrude Boore

Pennypack District

Peter Rambo Jr. & wife Magdalena Skute
Cecelia, widow of Olle Gästenberg
Eric Gästenberg & wife Hanshe [Classon]
Matz Keen & wife Henrietta [Classon]
Eric Keen & wife Catharina [Classon]
Göran Keen, bachelor
Gertrude, widow of Herman Enochs
Michael Fredericks & wife Anna [Classon]
Christiern Classon & wife Margareta
Eric Mullica, Jr., bachelor
Olof Mullica, bachelor
John Reynolds & wife Anna Mullica
Hans Lyckan & wife Gertrude Classon

Wicaco District (including Moyamensing)

Anna, widow of Anders Svensson
Gunnar Swanson, bachelor
Christopher Swanson, bachelor
Karin [Larsdotter], widow of Sven Svensson
Peter Bankson & wife Catharina Swanson
Lydia [Ashman], widow of Olle Svensson
John Swanson, bachelor
Peter Swanson, bachelor
Bengt Bengtsson & wife Catharina Swanson
Andrew Wheeler & wife Catharina Swanson
John Stille & wife Gertrude Garret
Nils Lyckan & wife Maria Gästenberg

Passyunk District

Maria [Cock], widow of Anders Rambo
Peter Homman, bachelor servant
Martha [Ashman], widow of Lasse Cock
Peter Cock Jr. & wife Elisabeth Swanson
John Cock Jr. & wife Margaret Swanson
Anders Cock, bachelor
Richard Rhodes & wife Catharina Cock
Peter Cock Sr. & wife Helena Helm
Matthias Holstein & wife Catharina [Petersson?]
Anders Bengtsson & wife Gertrude Rambo

Nitapkung District (including Mattsunk)

Gunnar Rambo & wife Anna Cock
John Rambo Jr. & wife Anna Lyckan
Anders Lyckan & wife Anna
John Justis, widower
John Skute & wife Armegot Garret
Garrett Garret & wife Magdalena
Mårten Garret & wife Brigitta [Nilsson]
Måns Justis & wife Christina Swanson

Aronameck District

Nils Jonasson & wife Christina Gästenberg
Måns Jonasson & wife Ingeborg Lyckan
Peter Petersson Yocom & wife Judith [Nilsson]
Margareta [Cock], widow of Thomas Jenner
Anders Longacre & wife Magdalena Cock
Brita [Månsdotter], widow of Johan Gustafsson
Giösta Justis & wife Anna Morton
Jacob van Culin & wife Brigitta Swanson
Carl Justis, bachelor
Sven Justis & wife Catharina Yocom
Karin, widow of Anders Ekoren

Karrakung District (including Boon's & Cock's Islands)

Margaret [Lom], widow of Peter Larsson Cock
Gabriel Cock & wife Maria Friend
Matz Hendricksson, bachelor servant
Anna, widow of Anders Svensson Bonde [Boon]
Peter Boon & wife Catharina Morton
Nils Boon, bachelor
Olof Boon, bachelor
Otto Ernest Cock & wife Christina
Valentine Cock & wife Margaret Swanson
Zacharias Cock, bachelor
Matz Nitzelius & wife Elisabeth Cock
Anders Jonasson & wife Catharina Boon
Jonas Jonasson, bachelor
William Cobb & wife Christina Stalcop

Forefathers Millennium Luncheon

Calcon Hook

(including Ammansland)

Märten Mårtensson Jr. & wife Margaret [Bärtilsson]

John Bärtilsson, bachelor

Nils Mattsson, widower

Peter Peterson & wife Anna Fish

Hans Geörgen & wife Elisabeth

Swan Boon & wife Brigitta Swanson

Hans Boon & wife Barbara Swanson

Anders Mårtensson, bachelor

John Archer [Grelsson] & wife Gertrude [Bärtilsson]

Lars Bärtilsson, bachelor

Märten Mårtensson Sr. & wife Helena [Grelsson]

Matthias Mårtensson & wife Anna Justis

John Hendricksson & wife Magdalena

Hendrick Torton & wife Walborg

Anders Hendricksson & wife Brigitta Morton

Johan Van Culin & wife Anna [Grelsson]

Gregor [George] Van Culin, bachelor

John Cock Sr. & wife Brigitta Friend

Anna [Andersdotter], widow of Nils Larsson Friend

John Friend & wife Anna Coleman

Gabriel Friend, bachelor

Enoch Enochson & wife Susannah Friend

Sinamensing District

(Pennsauken Creek, NJ)

(including Great & Little Egg Harbor)

Ella Steelman, widow of Hans Månnsson

Jöns Steelman & wife Susannah Toy

Peter Steelman & wife Gertrude Keen

Elias Toy & wife Gertrude [Nilsson]

Nicklas Lindemeyer & wife Christina [Nilsson]

Peter Jonasson, bachelor

Måns Cock & wife Gunnilla [Nilsson]

Caspar Fish & wife Willamke [Keen]

Eric Mullica Sr. & wife Ingeborg Helm

Lawrence Huling & wife Catharina Lyckan

Clement Pålsson, bachelor

Mantes Creek District

(Gloucester County, NJ)

John Rambo Sr. & wife Brigitta Cock

Eric Cock & wife Elisabeth [Philipsson]

Peter Ericsson Cock, bachelor

Catharina [Rambo], widow of Peter Mattsson

Olof Dalbo & wife Catharina Friend

Michael Lyckan & wife Helena Lom

Staffan Jones & wife Anna Mattson

John Mattsson & wife Maria Lom

Israel Helm, widower

Anders Andersson Homman & wife Catharina

John Jonasson & wife Catharina Lock

Anders Lock & wife Christina Fish

Peter Lock, bachelor

John Lock, bachelor

Andrew Robeson & wife Maria Helm

On Sunday April 9, 2000 the Swedish Colonial Society and the Delaware Swedish Colonial Society will hold their biennial joint Luncheon beginning with a reception at 11:30 a.m. at the Union League, 140 South Broad Street in Center City Philadelphia. The program will begin at 12:30 p.m., followed by the Luncheon.

The guest speaker will be Dr. Nils Hasselmo, Chair of the Swedish American Council and President of the American Association of Universities.

Special guests include: Hon. Agneta Hagglund Bailey, newly-appointed Honorary Consul who will read a Special Millennial Greeting from His Majesty Carl XVI Gustaf, King of Sweden; Captain and Mrs. Robert Glover of the *Kalmar Nyckel* in Wilmington; Mr. Richard Waldron of the American Swedish Historical Museum, and his spouse, Mrs. Lorraine E. Williams of the New Jersey State Museum.

A musical program will be performed by soprano DeAnn Clancy. Historian, Dr. Peter Stebbins Craig, will introduce the Forefather members present, and University of Pennsylvania student Julie Brown, this year's recipient of the Dr. Amandus Johnson award, will be introduced.

For further information contact Herbert Rambo (856) 768-5325.



Retiring Editor of the Swedish Colonial News, Beth Linnarson-Daly and her spouse, Brian Daly after being recognized for her outstanding contributions to the Society at the Merion Cricket Club Julmiddag, December 5, 1999.

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Swedish Pea Soup

On Saturday March 18, 2000 the annual fund-raiser for the Swedish Log Cabin will be held at 6 p.m. at St. John's Episcopal Church, Lansdowne, Pa. For only \$10, each participant is promised a "bottomless bowl" of that special Nordic tradition. This year the dinner will benefit the furnishing fund for the cabin. For further information, call David Anderson (610) 449-3577.

Another project receiving Rudman's attention was liturgical music. Rudman brought with him from Sweden a small spinet and devoted time to writing eight hymns which were printed and published by Reynier Jansen, a German printer, in 1700 – the first two hymnals to be printed in America.

Founder of Manatawny

While the new church was under construction, Governor William Penn returned to Philadelphia from London. On 7 Dec. 1699, Rudman, Björk, Aurén and "a large part of the upper congregation" paid their respects to Penn, who assured them that he would thereafter continue to show the Swedes "all possible favor." Rudman soon put Penn to the test on his promise. Pointing out that many of the Swedes felt cheated by the preemption of their lands for Quaker settlement, Rudman secured an order from William Penn in October 1701 setting aside 10,000 acres up the Schuylkill, near Manatawny Creek, for members of his congregation. The resulting settlement in Amity Township, originally known as Manatawny, now Douglassville, later became the location of St. Gabriel's (Old Swedes) Church, founded in 1720.

With the completion of Gloria Dei Church, Rudman felt that his mission was completed and wrote to Sweden, asking that he be replaced. His health had suffered. He yearned to see his mother, siblings and native land again. However, when his replacement (Andreas Sandel) arrived in 1702, Rudman was persuaded to postpone his return to Sweden and, instead, to serve as pastor of the Dutch Lutheran Church in New York City. He preached his farewell sermon at Gloria Dei on 19 July 1702 and left the next day for New York.

After a year in New York, Rudman decided he could not, because of his health problems, continue. He therefore recruited his own replacement, Justus Falckner, whom he ordained at Gloria Dei on 24 November 1703. Shortly thereafter, on 23 Feb. 1704, King Carl XII of Sweden, issued an order formally confirming Rudman as 'Superintendent' (suffragan bishop) of the Lutheran Church in America.

Rudman's Final Years

Rudman remained in Philadelphia, residing on a lot between Cedar and Pine streets, between Front Street and the Delaware River. He now spent part of his time writing a history of the Swedish church at Wicaco, which is still

preserved in the records of Gloria Dei. In addition, however, he was persuaded by Rev. George Keith to assume the pastorate of Trinity Church near Frankfort in Oxford Township, 8 miles from Philadelphia. He began serving this Anglican church on 2 April 1704. In 1707, he added the pastorate at Christ Church, Philadelphia, to his responsibilities during the absence of its regular minister, Evan Evans, in England.

It had been Rudman's intention to move back to Sweden after Evans returned from England. But fate intervened. Rudman became mortally ill with "lung sickness" on 13 September 1708 and died four days later. Björk and Sandel presided at Rudman's funeral on 20 September and he was buried in the floor of the church in front of the altar. "He was not yet 40 years old," lamented Eric Björk, who delivered the funeral sermon before "an exceeding great number of people."

Rudman's will, dated 13 Sept. 1708, named his wife Elisabeth executrix and made bequests to his two surviving children, Magdalena and Anna Catharine. He also had at least two other children, both sons, who died in childhood. His widow Elisabeth did not remarry. She lived on the Schuylkill on land her husband had acquired in 1708 from her brother, Peter Mattson, Jr., until her final year when she lived with her daughter Anna Catharine Tranberg. She wrote her will at Peter Tranberg's house in Piles Grove, Salem County, on 1 September 1736 and was buried by her son-in-law on 5 September.

The two surviving children of Andreas Rudman and Elisabeth Mattsson were:

1. **Magdalena Rudman**, born 24 Feb. 1699 in Philadelphia, was married on 21 August 1718 at Gloria Dei Church to Andrew Robeson, Jr., born in 1692, the eldest son of Andrew Robeson (Scotch) and Maria Helm (Swedish). They resided in Roxborough Township, Philadelphia and had five children, all of whom died without issue: Andrew, Elisabeth (who married William Vanderspiegel), Rudman (who married Margaret), William and Sarah. Magdalena's husband died in 1740. She outlived all of her children, excepting Elisabeth Vanderspiegel, and died on 25 Feb. 1769 at the age of 70.

2. **Anna Catharine Rudman**, born about 1705 in Philadelphia, was married in 1726 at Gloria Dei Church to Pastor Peter Tranberg, newly arrived from Sweden. They lived from 1726 until 1742 at Piles Grove, Salem County NJ, during which time Tranberg served as pastor of the Swedish churches at Raccoon



Gloria Dei Church
as shown in the
stained glass of
Christ Church,
Upper Merion
by Paula Himmelsbach
Belano.
Photo: K.-E. Williams.

New Forefather Members

Steve Widtfedt, Fort Worth TX, descended from Johan Gustafsson via his son Swan Justis of Kingsessing, West Philadelphia.

Cornelia Anderson Pappas, Dover DE, descended from Anders Jöransson via his son Eric Andersson of New Castle County.

Jane S. Frees, Spring City PA, descended from Peter Gunnarsson Rambo via his son Gunnar Rambo of Matsunk, Upper Merion, Montgomery County PA.

Barbara Ann Turk, Blanding UT, descended from Sven Gunnarsson via his daughter Gertrude, who married Jonas Nilsson of Kingsessing.

W. Warren von Uffel, Ellicott City MD, descended from Johan van Culin via his son Gregor [later George] Culin of Ammansland, Ridley Township, present Delaware County PA.

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(Swedesboro) and Penns Neck. In 1742, Tranberg became pastor of Holy Trinity Church in Wilmington, which he served until his death in November 1748. Anna Catharine Tranberg died in Wilmington on 25 Sept. 1764. They had six children:

- Andrew Tranberg, born 18 April 1727, became a merchant in Wilmington, but died unmarried 16 Jan. 1759.
- Rebecca Tranberg, born 3 June 1730, was married on 27 Feb. 1752 at Holy Trinity Church to Baron Adolph Benzel, son of the Swedish Archbishop Eric Benzelius and grandson of Bishop Jesper Swedberg. Benzel became an officer in the British Army in the New York colony and died at Crown Point on Lake Champlain in 1775. Rebecca returned to Wilmington, where, on 26 Nov. 1783, she married William Killen, Chief Justice of the State of Delaware. She died 7 Jan. 1790 in Dover, Delaware.
- Elisabeth Tranberg, born 7 Nov. 1732, married [1] pastor Olof Parlin of Gloria Dei Church, 31 Oct. 1751, [2] Gabriel Springer of Wilmington, 14 Jan. 1762; died 29 Sept. 1802 in Wilmington.
- Rachel Tranberg, born 9 Jan. 1737, died in 1743 in Wilmington.
- Peter Tranberg, born 15 Jan. 1741, buried 29 July 1750 in Wilmington.
- Theophilus Tranberg, born 9 March 1746, died 9 May 1746 in Wilmington.

Joseph A. Anderson, Smyrna DE, descended from Anders Jöransson via his son Eric Anderson.

Nancy B. Foster, Cincinnati OH, descended from Olof Stille via his daughter Ella Stille who married Peter Jochimsson of Kingsessing.

Scott W. Jordan, Albuquerque NM, descended from Peter Gunnarsson Rambo via his son Gunnar Rambo.

William D. Steelman, Moraga CA, descended from Hans Måansson via his son Jöns [James] Steelman of Great Egg Harbor NJ.

Gerald H. Barr, Warminster PA, descended from Peter Jochimsson via his son Peter Petersson Yocom of Aronameck, Kingsessing.



Councillor Malcolm Mackenzie at the Society's Thanksgiving Service, October 17, 1999 with the models of the Kalmar Nyckel and Fogel Grip that he restored.

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Rambo Genealogy Update

Prior to her death in June 1990, Beverly Rambo was working on a revised and expanded edition of her book, *The Rambo Family Tree*. Realizing that her cancer would make it impossible for her to finish this task, she enlisted a young Rambo descendant, Ron Beatty, to take over for her. Unfortunately, Beverly failed to note this fact in her will and her executors discarded her computer records and her 22 shelf-feet of Rambo genealogy references.

Undaunted, Ron Beatty has been working on his mission. Beverly's prior text has been scanned into his computer and he now solicits new materials for the second edition.

All persons having corrections, additions and supplemental information on descendants of Peter Gunnarsson Rambo are urged to send such material directly to Ron Beatty, P.O. Box 2142, Shawnee Mission KS 66201, E-mail address: RSBeatty@aol.com.

Besides family group sheets and family trees, Ron hopes to receive copies (not originals) of records proving family relationships, such as Bible records, wills, birth/marriage/death certificates, deeds, church records, etc.

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Swedish Colonial News Update

This is the first issue of the Second Volume of the *Swedish Colonial News*. The new "look" has been provided by Ron Hendrickson and his associates at Cataleno & Co., Moorestown, New Jersey. The new Editor is Councillor Kim-Eric Williams, the Assistant Editor of the *Gloria Dei Records Project* and the Editor of the *Archives Advocate*, a publication of the Lutheran Archives Center at the Lutheran Seminary in Mt. Airy. The strengths of the first volume will definitely continue with a mix of accurate, groundbreaking history and the reporting and announcing of the activities of the Society. But at the same time, a more visual approach will enliven the content to appeal to the growing circle of new members and Forefather members that are being added to the Society each month. The new volume will provide three issues instead of two, with publication scheduled in the winter, spring and autumn each year. The Society owes a debt of gratitude to Beth Linnerson-Daly whose ten years of careful editing established *Swedish Colonial News* as a respected journal of research and information.

New Members Welcome

The Swedish Colonial Society welcomes new members. No Swedish relative or ancestry is required—only an interest in the colonial history of our nation. Annual dues are: Individual \$25; Family (two adults, minor children) \$30; Life \$300. For an application, contact: Wallace Richter - Registrar, 336 S. Devon Ave., Wayne, PA 19087, or visit us online at: www.ColonialSwedes.org.

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The new website of the Swedish Colonial Society continues to generate interest in the history of the New Sweden Colony and the activities of the Society. Comments, additions and suggestions for additional content may be directed to the webmaster, Councillor Ron Hendrickson at: webmaster@ColonialSwedes.org