

Discover Your Swedish Roots

Genealogy Workshop using ArkivDigital



Fall 2015
September
26 & 27

in

Lindsborg, KS
'Little Sweden USA'

Led by genealogists
from Sweden & other
experts!



Favorite speakers From ArkivDigital & SwedGen Tour



Kathy
Meade,
Chicago,
Illinois



Anna-Lena
Hultman
Västergöt-



Anneli
Andersson,
Dalsland,
Sweden



Charlotte
Borjesson,
Stockholm,



Olof
Cronberg,
Skåne,
Sweden

Plus two new speakers!



Geoffrey Morris
FamilySearch



Michael Peterson
'Allt För Sverige'
TV Series

Find More Details Here



Welcome to Lindsborg this September!

What's New for 2015?

More Lecture Choices!

This year we offer twelve lectures from Beginning Level through Advanced Level over two days.

Lorna Nelson, Director of the Old Mill Museum, reviews what all beginners need to know to for successful research in Sweden.

Kathy Meade with ArkivDigital returns to teach the best ways to make the most out of the Swedish Records online no matter your research experience.

The SwedGen Team—genealogists from Sweden—returns to Lindsborg by popular demand! They'll help us understand some specialized topics—Burial Customs & Cemeteries, Best Ways to find Living Relatives in Sweden, Estate Inventories, Historic Maps and Military Records.

Geoffrey Morris, a Swedish research expert with FamilySearch, brings new research tips for genealogists who've been researching for awhile. He teaches how to read the old Gothic-style handwriting and provides answers for what to do when there are no parish records.

Everyone dreams of taking a trip to Sweden to see where their ancestors lived. We have a special treat this year as Michael Peterson of Tioga, Texas shares insight and advice from his own amazing journey. Michael was chosen last year to compete on 'Allt För Sverige', a Swedish television series. Each season the series places 10 Swedish-Americans in Sweden to learn about culture and their family history while competing for the ultimate genealogy prize—a reunion with Swedish relatives!

More expert help and individual attention in computer lab!

Because of the lecture schedule the computer lab will operate a bit differently. There will be four lab sessions offered—#1 Saturday morning, #2 Saturday afternoon, #3 Sunday morning or #4 Sunday afternoon. Attendees will be asked to choose one session for their lab time when registration is confirmed by the workshop staff. Each lab session will be limited to 40 people to insure more individual attention.

The great advantage for the computer lab this year is that our expert speakers will spend their time in the lab when they not lecturing. They, along with the local research experts, will help insure you make some great progress on your own research this weekend.

Yes, this means lab time will take away from some lecture time. But all attendees will receive handouts for all lectures. As a beginning researcher you may want to skip advanced topics and attend the computer lab at that time. Experienced researchers may not need the beginning lectures and may choose computer lab at that time. Can't stand to miss even one lecture? That's ok, you can choose to take no lab time.

What remains the same?

Lindsborg hospitality and small town charm welcome you to Little Sweden, USA. We'll repeat our Friday reception at the wonderful Sandzen Memorial Gallery, enjoy the Lindsborg Middle/High School venue with hot lunch buffets Sat & Sun. We'll return to the state-of-the-art Vision_Tek Computer Lab for hands-on learning. We'll offer more fun time to meet fellow attendees with the optional group dinner Saturday evening. We hope to see you there. Välkommen!

September 26/27 Schedule At a Glance

Friday *Welcome to Lindsborg!*

- 9:00—5:00 Free admission to the Old Mill Museum, 120 Mill Street—State that you are here for the workshop and receive free admission to tour the Old Mill complex.
Visit downtown businesses and area attractions and use your coupons!
- 5:00—7:00 Welcome Reception at the Sandzen Memorial Gallery—401 N. First Street
- 7:00 Dinner on your own at one of Lindsborg's restaurants

Saturday **8:00—4:30 Workshop Lectures & Lunch** Lindsborg Middle School Auditorium **8:00—11:30 Computer Lab Session #1 Vision_Tek 121 S. Main St.** **1:00—4:30 Computer Lab Session #2 Vision_Tek 121 S. Main St.** **6:15 Optional Group Dinner**

Lecture Schedule:

- 7:30 - 8:00 Registration and coffee
- 8:00 - 8:15 Opening Remarks
- 8:15 - 9:00 *I have Swedish Ancestors - Where Do I Start?*
- 9:20 -10:20 *Swedish Records Online with ArkivDigital*
- 10:40-11:40 *Use Swedish Records on ArkivDigital — A Case Study*
- 11:45 -12:45 **Lunch**
- 12:45 - 1:45 *Swedish Burial Customs & Cemeteries*
- 2:05-3:05 *Finding Living Relatives in Sweden*
- 3:25-4:25 *Sweden: A Trip of a Lifetime with 'Allt För Sverige'*

Sunday **8:00—4:30 pm Lectures & Lunch** Lindsborg Middle School Auditorium **8:00—11:30 Computer Lab Session #3 Vision_Tek 121 S. Main St.** **12:45—4:15 Computer Lab Session #4 Vision_Tek 121 S. Main St.**

Lecture Schedule:

- 7:30—8:00 Registration and coffee
- 8:00 -8:05 Announcements
- 8:05-9:05 *Using Older Parish Records with ArkivDigital - Tips and Tricks*
- 9:25 -10:25 *Reading & Meaning in Swedish Records Part 1*
- 10:45 -11:45 *Reading & Meaning in Swedish Records Part 2*
- 11:45-12:45 **Lunch**
- 12:45-1:45 *Estate Inventories and Maps*
- 2:05-3:05 *Parish Records Substitutions*
- 3:20 - 4:20 *Military Records*

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8:00—11:30 Computer Lab Session #1 Vision_Tek 121 S. Main St.

1:00—4:30 Computer Lab Session #2 Vision_Tek 121 S. Main St.

Lectures:

- 8:15 —9:00 **Where do I start? Introduction to Swedish Research** So, you know you have Swedish heritage, what next? What information do you need to get started in Swedish records? Join us for a session that reviews how to find as much as possible about your Swedish ancestors in America and how to find the information needed for research in Sweden. We'll also talk about some special tools and shortcuts. We'll learn how Swedish records are organized and some of the things unique to Swedish research. *This session is great for beginners, for anyone beginning new family lines, or for anyone who wants to know what you can find in American records.*
- 9:20—10:20 **'Swedish Records Online with Arkiv Digital'** ArkivDigital is the premier online archive for Swedish using new technology the company has newly photographed the church books and other historical records making clear, color images available online. This session takes you through the types of records currently available online through ArkivDigital and shows you the valuable information contained in each. *Great for beginners, as a refresher, and to learn what new records have been added.*
- 10:40—11:40 **'Using Swedish Church Records—A Case Study'**
The Lutheran church kept the official records of the Swedish population until recently. The biggest key to tracing your Swedish family is learning to use the church records. Follow along as we trace a family through time in the church records. You'll learn general searching methods as well as tips for saving time and solving problems. *Great for beginners, or as a refresher for those who haven't searched recently. Pick up tips and tricks for more efficiency no matter your research level*
- 11:45—12:45 **LUNCH BREAK.** Enjoy pre-ordered hot lunch buffet, bring your own, or go out. Visit vendors.
- 12:45—1:45 **'Swedish Burial Customs & Cemeteries'** American genealogists often travel to Sweden planning to visit the graves of their ancestors. They assume that burial customs are the same in Sweden as in the U.S. This assumption is incorrect and can lead to disappointment. Learn what to expect in Sweden and make your visits to cemeteries more successful and meaningful. *Good for beginners and experienced researchers.*
- 2:05—3:05 **'Finding Living Relatives'** One of the joys of Swedish genealogy can be connecting with relatives still living in Sweden. How do find out if you might have living relatives? What's the best way to make contact with them? This session will show you a number of options and help you decide which ones might work best for your family project. *Appropriate for researchers at all levels.*

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September Workshop Schedule Continued

3:25—4:25 **Sweden: A Trip of a Lifetime!** Wondering about a trip to Sweden? Come hear Michael Peterson's Story for inspiration. Michael says: In 2013 I was selected to be on a Swedish television show called 'Allt För Sverige.' I was one of ten Swedish-American to compete for a grand prize of a Swedish family reunion. The show flew us to Sweden and we competed in challenges in many towns and cities across the country. It was a trip and experience of a lifetime.

Even though I did not win the grand prize of the family reunion I did win in the fact that I was given a family tree of my Swedish family and all the research they uncovered while putting it together! I would like to share a few of my experiences from the show and tell you how it's helped me learn so much about my Swedish family history. There will be plenty of time for any questions you may have about the show, my time in Sweden or anything else you would like to know!

6:15 —8:00 **Optional Group Dinner—Lindsborg Evangelical Covenant Church**
You must pre-register for this event, seating is limited to 120 people.
Deadline for registration is September 12, unless full before that date.

Or, enjoy dinner on your own at one of the many fine restaurants in Lindsborg, McPherson or Salina.

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8:00—11:30 Computer Lab Session #3 Vision_Tek 121 S. Main St.

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8:05—9:05 **Swedish Church Records - Using Older Records - Tips and Tricks**

Older records hold some unique challenges. This case study acts as a bit of a research review while revealing tips and strategies for successful searches in these earlier records.

Good for researchers at all levels but especially geared towards those starting to research in records dating from the early 1800s and before.

9:25 —10:25 **Reading and Meaning in Older Swedish Records Part 1**

These classes focus on improving your ability to read the Swedish records before about 1820. As this topic is key to your success, 2 classes will be used. Topics will include: Reading older gothic cursive (used in the 1600's, 1700's, up to about 1820), building vocabulary, phonetics, and interpreting correct meaning. *Designed for intermediate researchers but helpful for everyone.*

10:45 —11:45 **Reading and Meaning in Older Swedish Records Part 2**

11:45 —12:45 **LUNCH BREAK**

12:45 —1:45 **'Introduction to Estate Inventories & Historic Maps'** Once you've been working on your family lines for awhile, you will probably have very good reasons to use the Estate Inventories. They can provide a great deal of information and help answer some important questions. This session reviews how they are organized, how to search them, and how to get the most from what you find. Following that, you'll learn the basics for accessing historic Swedish maps online. *Intermediate level research but beginning researchers are welcome to attend.*

2:05—3:05 **'Parish Record Substitution'** Due to negligence, or accidental destruction many parishes have gaps or total loss of their record collections. This class will focus on the records that help to overcome this challenge. In some cases the evidence is almost a direct record replacement, in other cases it is not. Either way, knowing what alternative records exist is vital to building your family tree. *Especially helpful for experienced researchers but all research levels will gain from attendance.*

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September Workshop Sunday Schedule Continued

- 3:25—4:25 **Swedish Soldiers: Military Records** So your research indicates that there was a soldier in your family. How do you find the records about him and his service? What will those records tell you? How are Swedish military records different than those we find here in the U.S.? Attend this session and learn the best steps to take to find your soldiers. *Intermediate level but beginning researchers are welcome to attend as well.*
- 4:30 Done for the day! See you next time!

Don't Miss the Fun in Lindsborg! Join us in 2015!



Michael Peterson & the cast of the 2013 season of 'Allt För Sverige'



Presenter Olof Cronberg assists a researcher at the 2013 Swedish Genealogy Workshop.



Presenter Charlotte Börjesson is always happy to help find Swedish roots!



2013 attendees enjoy a Swedish meal with old and new friends!

Meet the 2015 Workshop Instructors



Kathy Meade is the North American representative for ArkivDigital. Besides working for ArkivDigital, Ms. Meade serves on the advisory board of the Nordic Family Research Center at the Swedish American Museum in Chicago. She also volunteers at the Arlington Heights Memorial Library helping patrons with their Swedish research.

Kathy has been assisting persons with their Swedish research for ten years. In a prior life, Ms. Meade worked more than twenty years in the information technology industry including working and living for six years in Sweden and Norway



Anneli Andersson has been doing genealogical research since 1988, and has worked at the Mellerud museum and genealogy archive for 20 years. At the archive, she assists visitors with their research, and has taught classes in genealogy. Anneli is experienced in helping North Americans to find their Swedish roots, and has assisted them in locating where their ancestors lived and where they are buried. Anneli has been a participant in SwedGenTour since the start in 2002. Member of Vasa Order of America.



Charlotte Börjesson has been doing genealogical research for more than 16 years and has deep experience with both Swedish and American resources. She is a board member with the Computer Genealogy Society of Sweden (DIS) and her areas of expertise include research within in western Sweden as well as computer genealogical research and photography. Charlotte has participant in SwedGenTour since 2002. Member of Vasa Order of America.



Anna-Lena Hultman has been doing genealogical research for more than 36 years and is well-known as an expert on emigration research. Her home province is Västergötland. She was one of the key persons in the development of the Emibas CD, a CD with information on more than 1.1 million emigrants leaving Sweden between 1845 and 1930. She also guides many North Americans during the summer months in locating their ancestors' homesteads. Anna-Lena has been a participant in all the SwedGenTours.



Olof Cronberg has since more than 30 years extensive experience working with both Swedish and American genealogical resources. He is the former president of Computer Genealogy Society of Sweden (DIS). He has developed the Swedish genealogical database, Disbyt. His ancestry is from across Sweden including priests, craftsmen, merchants, soldiers, some nobility and of course peasants. Olof has participated in SwedGenTours since 2002.



SwedGen is a group of Swedish genealogists who tour the United States for the sole purpose of helping Swedish-Americans learn more about their heritage. The group has successfully helped individuals get started with their research and helped break down many brick walls.

Meet the 2015 Workshop Instructors



Geoffrey Fröberg Morris was born and raised in Salt Lake City, Utah. After serving a two year mission for the L. D. S. - Stockholm Sweden Mission, Geoff graduated with a B.A. in Philosophy from the University of Utah. He accepted full time employment at the Family History Library in 2000 as a member of the Nordic research team.

Among his work assignments, Geoff has engaged in many archival visits in Sweden and Denmark. He has authored content to the Family Search Wiki for Sweden, and presents at conferences routinely. He is co-founder of The Swedish Genealogy Guide which offers a variety of online tools for Swedish genealogy. Geoff enjoys spending time with his Norwegian-American wife, and their children.



Michael Peterson was born and raised in Texas but his family roots run long and deep in central Kansas area. He has Swedish ancestry on both sides of his family with most of his father's side coming from Kalmar, Småland area and his mother's family coming from Gotland and northern Småland near Gränna. The reason for both sides to immigrate to central Kansas was for the fertile land for farming.

Most of his family still lives in the Central Kansas area around McPherson, Kansas and he spent most every summer in Kansas on the farm. Michael has been doing his family research since his mother passed away in 2009 and has learned so much his family ancestry but has much more to discover!



Lorna Nelson is the Director of the McPherson County Old Mill Museum in Lindsborg. With an M.A. in History from Wichita State University, she enjoys managing the museum's collections, exhibits and public programs. The collection includes many items related to the area's Swedish heritage.

With many years experience in genealogy, Lorna directed an expansion of the museum's archives to include Swedish resources. After experiencing the joy of finding family roots in Sweden, Lorna now assists genealogists in both the U.S. and Sweden to make their own discoveries.

Meet the Workshop Support Teams



Hospitality Team
Smoky Valley Genealogical Society



Registration and Research Team

Lindsborg Area



All sessions will be held in beautiful Lindsborg, Kan., Little Sweden U.S.A. Experience old world charm, Swedish culture and a small town welcome! For more information go to www.visitlindsborg.com



McPherson County Old Mill Museum 120 Mill St.

Our main event sponsor, the museum preserves the early history of the area, including a restored flour mill, 1904 Swedish Pavilion & extensive county archives.



Sandzen Memorial Gallery

401 S. First St.

Dedicated to the work of Swedish artist Birger Sandzen, the newly remodeled gallery opens its doors to workshop attendees Friday evening. Enjoy refreshments amid elegant spaces and beautiful art.

Smoky Valley Middle School

401 N. Cedar

Smokey Valley Middle School hosts Saturday events, including workshop sessions and vendors.



Lindsborg Evangelical Covenant Church

102 S. Washington St.

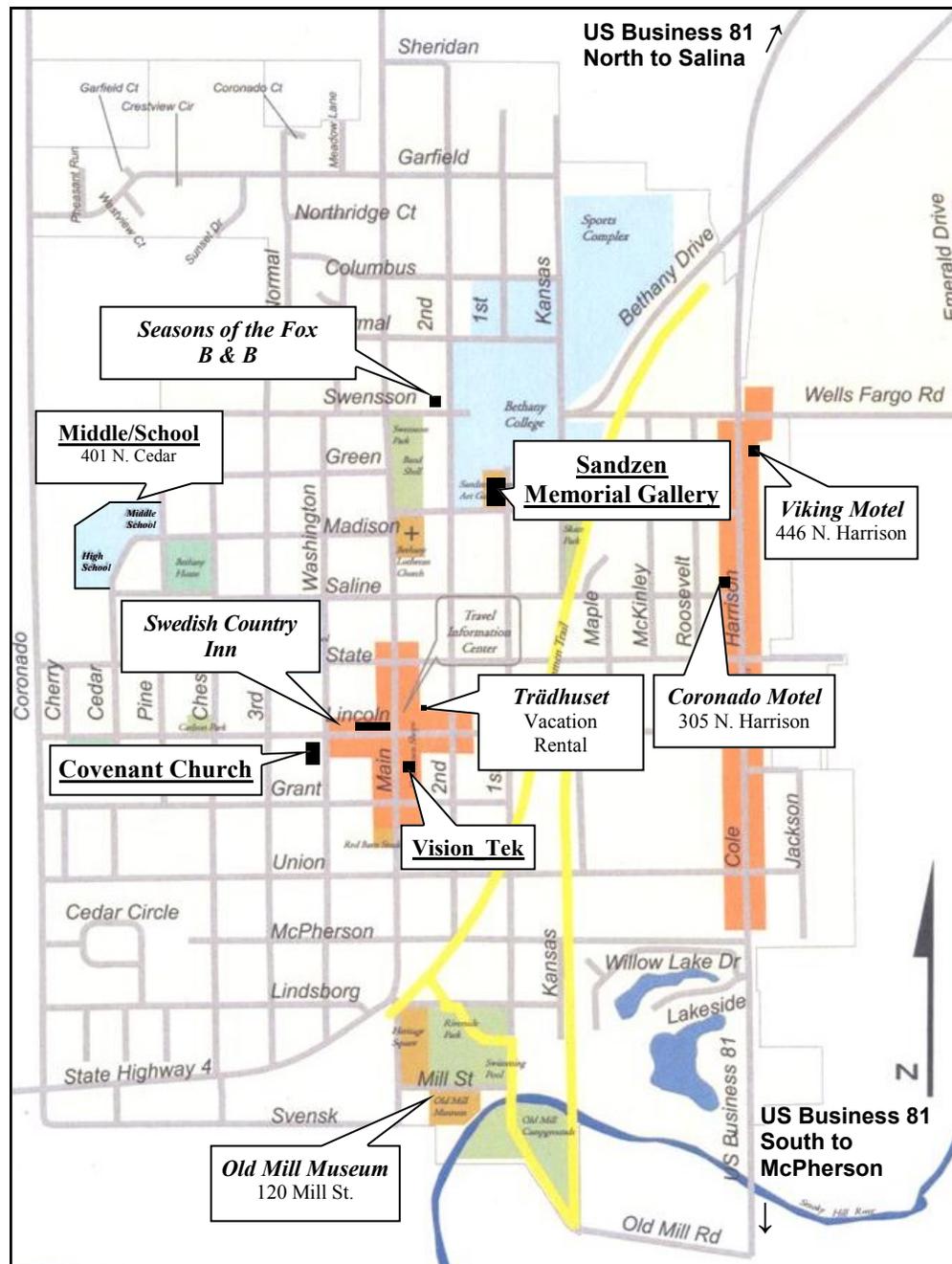
This lovely historic church hosts Saturday evening's optional catered meal. Attendees will feel welcome in the church's inviting spaces.



Vision_Tek Center

121 S. Main St.

Lindsborg's dynamic new technical center provides WiFi, computer stations and comfortable meeting spaces for Sunday's sessions and research time.



LODGING

Lindsborg offers some fine lodging options. However, the total number of rooms is limited so make your reservations early. Please contact these lodging facilities directly to make reservations.

Motels, Inns and Bed & Breakfast

Lindsborg

B&Bs *Swedish County Inn*, 800-231-0266, www.swedishcountryinn.com

Seasons of the Fox Bed & Breakfast, handicap accessible
800-756-3596, www.seasonsofthefox.com

Vacation Apartments *Trädhuset*, 855-872-3487, www.trad-hus.com
Vetehuset, 855-872-3487, www.vete-hus.com

Motels *Coronado Motel*, 877-884-9214, 305 N. Harrison St.
Viking Motel, 785-227-3336, 446 N. Harrison St.

Smolan

Smolan is a small Swedish community located 12 mi. north of Lindsborg on I-135.

B&B *CW Ranch*, 785-668-2352, www.cwranch.com

McPherson

McPherson hotels are located 17 miles south of Lindsborg on I-135.

Motels *Best Western Holiday Manor*, 2211 E. Kansas, 620-241-5343
Days Inn, 2300 E. Kansas, 620-241-3690
Holiday Inn Express, 2302 E. Kansas, 620 241-5566

Salina

There are two different areas of hotels in Salina—one on the south end of town and another further north.

South end of Salina, 16 miles north of Lindsborg:

Motels *Comfort Suites*, 715 W. Schilling, 785-404-6944
Candlewood Suites, 2650 Planet Ave, 785-823-6939
Hampton Inn, 401 W. Schilling, 785-823-9800
Super 8 Salina, 705 W. Schilling, 785-404-2771

West side of Salina, 20 miles north of Lindsborg:

Motels *American Hotel*, 1820 W. Crawford, 785-826-1711
Days Inn South, 632 Westport, 785-827-9315, Single
Fairfield Inn, 1740 W. Crawford, 785-823-6900
Quality Inn, 2110 W. Crawford, 785-825-2111
Ramada Inn, 1616 W. Crawford, 785-823-1739

For more visitor information

Lindsborg: visitlindsborg.com *McPherson*: visitmcpherson.com *Salina*: visitsalina.org



LODGING (continued)



RV Parks & Campgrounds

Lindsborg

Old Mill Museum Campground, 120 Mill St., 785-227-3595, www.oldmillmuseum.org

Coronado Motel & RV Park, 305 N. Harrison St., (877) 884-9214

Movies 'n More, 236 S. Cole St., 785-227-2729

Lakeside Recreational Park (north of town), 785-667-5795, www.lakesiderec.org
(1288 E. Lapsley Road, Assaria, Kansas)

McPherson

McPherson RV Ranch & Horse Motel, 2201 E Northview Ave., 866-410-5081

<http://www.campingfriend.com/McPhersonRVRanchandHorseMotel/>

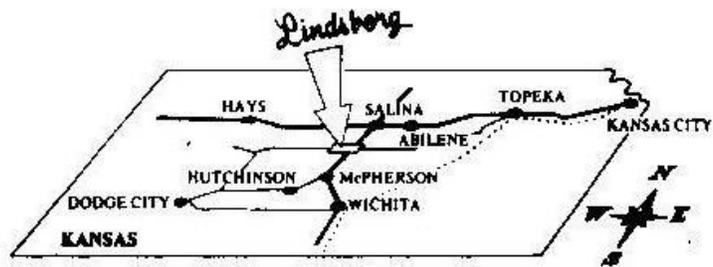
McPherson Mustang RV Park, 1909 Millers Lane, 620-241-0237, www.mustangpark.com

Salina

Salina KOA Campground, 1109 West Diamond Drive, 785-827-3182, koa.com

GETTING HERE

Lindsborg is conveniently located near the junction of I-70 and I-135 in the heart of Kansas.



Airports

Wichita Mid-Continent (1 hr, 15 min South), Salina Seaport (25 min North), Manhattan (1 1/2 hrs Northeast) and Kansas City International (3 hrs Northeast). You may find discounted rates for add-on flights from Kansas City to Salina (with 21 day notice), as well as discounted flights into Manhattan from Chicago or Dallas. Rental cars available through all airports.

Train Service

Lindsborg is served by train through Amtrak to Newton, KS (45 min South). Call 800-872-7245 or go to www.amtrak.com. Rental car connections from Newton through Enterprise, Hertz and Conklin Cars.

Bus & Shuttle Service

Lindsborg is served daily by the Bee Line Express Blue Line - North/South routes between Salina & Wichita, with additional stops in Newton, Hutchinson & McPherson. 855-201-6700 www.beeline-express.com
Border-to-Border Shuttle Service operates across the state 888-363-6500.

Car Rental

Avis 800-230-4898, Budget 800-527-0700, Dollar 800-800-4000, Enterprise 800-325-8007, Hertz 800-654-3131, National 877-222-9058, Thrifty 800-847-4389, Conklin Cars (Newton) 316-342-4201, Long MacArthur (Salina) 800-874-6316

REGISTRATION Swedish Genealogy Workshop September 26/27 2015

Return with payment to: **Old Mill Museum, P.O. Box 94, Lindsborg, KS 67456**

Questions? 785-227-3595 oldmillmuseum@gmail.com Credit Card Payments—use link on website beginning Jan5

Registration is not complete until payment has been received. No Refunds after Sept 12, 2015

Person 1 _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Yes! I want research help BEFORE the workshop to find where in Sweden (which parish) my family lived _____
(Additional fee)

I will attend the Friday evening Welcome _____
(Free with registration)

I plan to attend the Sat evening Swedish meal with the presenters and other attendees. _____ (Additional fee, registration deadline Sep 12, limited to 120 people)

Yes! I want computer lab time _____
I will use the lab's desktop computer _____ (recommended)
I prefer to bring & use my own laptop _____

Level of experience with **Swedish** Genealogy:
Beginner Intermediate Experienced/Advanced

Special dietary requests? _____

Person 2 _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Email _____

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Registration Options	No. of People	Early Bird- Through July 18	Jul 19— Sept 12	Sept 13 & After	Total
Sat & Sun Registration + hot lunch	_____ @	\$90	\$110	\$130	_____
Sat & Sun Registration (bring your own lunch)	_____ @	\$80	\$100	\$120	_____
Sat. only registration + hot lunch	_____ @	\$45	\$55	\$65	_____
Sat. only registration (bring your own lunch)	_____ @	\$40	\$50	\$60	_____
Sun. only registration + hot lunch	_____ @	\$45	\$55	\$65	_____
Sun. only registration (bring your own lunch)	_____ @	\$40	\$50	\$60	_____
Research help BEFORE the workshop	_____ @	\$ 40	N/A	N/A	_____
Sat Eve Swedish Dinner (incl. dinner & dessert, entertainment)	_____ @	\$ 20	\$20	N/A	_____
Total amount enclosed					_____