

Do you have relatives in the archipelago of south east Sweden?

When starvation, bad harvest and poverty hit our country people saw hope and future in the great country in the west. More than a half million Swedes migrated to the USA during the end of the 19th century.

We are looking for those who have ancestry from the time in the 19th century when more than a half million Swedes migrated to the USA. The society, "Långörasläkten" continuously work to find offspring from our earliest ancestor, Håkan Kraak and his wife Annica Larsdotter who lived on Långören, a small island in the archipelago in Blekinge which is located in the south east corner of Sweden, back in the beginning of the 18th century.

Until now we have charted more than 13,500 offspring from the beginning of the 18th century. New techniques give us new possibilities to keep in touch, and we have started a project to increase knowledge and contacts with our relatives in the US. Myrna Smitt myrna.smitt@telia.com and Jan-Allan Mårtensson jan-allan@telia.com lead this project.

On our home page, www.langoraslakten.org is our big relative directory, AllGen. There you can search for people, and relatives, that come from our regions. We have located more than 150 relatives that have migrated to USA from Torhamn, Sturkö and Tjurkö but we have just sporadic knowledge and information about where they went and who are their present relatives of today.

You who have a history from our regions are a very important source of information and we would like you to contact us. In return you get information about your early Swedish ancestry back until approximately year 1700. Please contact Anna-Carin Sagrelius langorenwebsek@gmail.com. As soon as we have information to determine your "family number" which is the key to your relationship with Håkan Kraak, you can visit our home page and become a member in our society.

Of course we are very interested in stories and tales from our relative's fates in the US. Our objective is to publish interesting articles, pictures and letters on our home page which is the place to meet and discuss for all members. We aim to tighten up our members and get closer to each other and your information can be a valuable piece in our growing puzzle of ancestry. Hopefully these contacts will help you to discover until now, unknown relatives in Sweden.

The genealogists in our society will support this work and answer the questions we can find answers for. Please contact us for further information

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