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Preserving the legacy of the New Sweden Colony in America.

Elk Landing to be Restored

Last October the town of Elkton, MD acquired a 42-acre site at the confluence of the Big and Little Elk Creeks and in January signed a 99-year lease with the non-profit Historic Elk Landing Foundation, Inc., to develop a park as a living history museum and colonial village. The first step will be an archeological investigation to determine exactly what structures were at the site.

operations of the famous Swedish Indian trader, John Hansson Steelman (1655-1749). Steelman is remembered not only for his relationship with the native Americans but for his large contribution to the building of Holy Trinity (Old Swedes') Church in Wilmington. He not only provided a loan for over one-half of the capital (£320) but hired the same masons to build his home at the Head of the Elk. The area was settled initially by both Swedes and Finns who were gathered into a congregation in North East in 1702.

Elk Landing was also the site of the arrival of the first three priests from the Church of Sweden who landed on June 24, 1697 to renew the work of the Church of Sweden on the Delaware (Andreas Rudman, Erik Björk and Jonas Auren).

Later 18,000 troops of the British Army landed here on their way to capture Philadelphia in 1777, but when they returned in 1813 they were turned back by the defenders at Forts Hollingsworth and Defiance.

While the military history of Elk Landing is well known, its Swedish and Finnish connections are less well understood and a special opportunity exists for members of the Swedish Colonial Society to impact the planning of this unique part of New Sweden.

Those who would like to join the Historic Elk Landing Foundation, Inc., are invited to send their \$15 individual or \$25 family membership fee to: P.O. Box 277, Elkton, MD 21922-0277 or seek information on their website: www.elklanding.org

The restoration of the two remaining structures will then be undertaken. The Hollingsworth homestead from the 18th and 19th centuries will be repaired and restored and the stone home of John Hansson Steelman, thought to date from about 1700, will be stabilized and restored. The Steelman house was last occupied in 1965 and has severely deteriorated except for its stout stone walls. An article in *Swedish Colonial News* (Fall 1994) alerted preservationists to its pressing needs.

Elk Landing was the home and base of

KIMERIC WILLIAMS



American Revolutionary War soldier examines Elk Landing at Elkton, MD

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The Mattson & Dalbo Families of West Jersey

Three hundred years ago in 1700, Rev. Andreas Rudman reported in his book of burials the death of **Elisabeth Dalbo**, aged 78, “born in Sweden, Anders Dalbo’s widow, previously married to Matts Hansson.”

Elisabeth died at the home of her youngest son in Gloucester Co., NJ. She had been a 19-year-old bride when she arrived in New Sweden in 1641, yet by 1671 she was twice a widow and lived for the remainder of her life with her youngest son, Olof Dalbo. Through her three married sons, she had 25 known grand-children and at least 114 great grand-children.

Her first husband was **Matts Hansson**, who was hired to be a gunner at Fort Christina. They departed from Stockholm on the *Charitas* among a group of new settlers that included Hansson’s brother, Anders Hansson.

After five years of service at Fort Christina, Matts Hansson became a freeman on 1 December 1646. Like other freemen, he soon became unhappy with Governor Printz’s harsh treatment of the settlers. On 27 July 1653, he and his brother joined other freemen in filing a complaint with the Governor. Printz, however, branded the complaint a “mutiny” and left for Sweden, leaving the colony under the rule of his son-in-law Johan Papegoja, threatening to take legal action against the mutineers on his return.

Fearing for their lives, many of the freemen who had signed the complaint fled New Sweden in the fall of 1653. Anders Hansson made it safely to Kent Island in the Chesapeake Bay, but Matts Hansson did not. Papegoja hired Indians to bring back the escapees, dead or alive. Two of the freemen were overtaken and killed, with the Indians bringing back their heads on stakes. One of those killed was Matts Hansson.

Widow Hansson returned safely to New Sweden with her two small sons. She then married her second husband **Anders Larsson Dalbo** from Dalsland, Sweden who had been sent to the New Sweden colony on the *Kalmar Nyckel* in 1640 as punishment for a minor crime. After seven years of servitude, he secured employment with the New Sweden company as a provost (sheriff) on 1 Nov. 1647 at a wage of 15 guilders per month and served in this capacity until Printz’s departure in 1653. In 1654 he became a freeman. Two years later, when the Swedes were permitted to select their own government by the Dutch, Dalbo was named lieutenant of the Swedish militia. He made his home in Kingsessing, but died before 1671, when the first English census identified Widow Dalbo as the head of household there.

By her two husbands, Elisabeth had four sons and, through them, 25 grand-children, two of whom became wives of Gloria Dei’s first pastors - Andreas Rudman and Andreas Sandel.

1. Peter Mattson, alias Peter Dalbo, was born in New Sweden in 1647. When the first English patent was issued for Widow Dalbo’s Kingsessing plantation in 1671, it was issued in the name of Peter Dalbo, her eldest son.

On 16 February 1674 Peter Mattson married Catharina Rambo, daughter of Peter Gunnarsson Rambo. They settled on new land adjoining her father’s plantation in Passyunk, on the east side of the Schuylkill, where they lived for ten years. In 1684, however, they moved to Little Mantua Creek in Gloucester Co., which remained their home until Peter’s death in 1699. He was survived by his wife and nine children:

- Brita Mattson, born in 1674, died in 1750 in Christiana Hundred, New Castle Co.; married John Hendrickson, son of Hendrick Jacobsson, by 1695 and had 8 children (Catharina, Elisabeth, Peter, Maria, Brita, John, Sarah & Susannah).

- Elisabeth Mattson, born 7 February 1678, died in September 1736 at Piles Grove, Salem Co.; married Rev. Andreas Rudman 4 May 1698 and had 2 sons who died in childhood and 2 daughters who later married (Gertrude Magdalena & Anna Catharine).

- Catharina Mattson, born 29 December 1679, died after 1728 [place unknown]; married c. 1702 John Cock, son of Eric Cock, and had three known children (Peter, a daughter & John).

- Maria Mattson, born 11 May 1682, died in Sweden, 5 February 1739; married Rev. Andreas Sandel, 22 February 1704, and had 10 children (Magdalena, Peter, Peter, Anders, Anders, John, Benjamin, Andreas, Samuel & Magnus).

- Peter Mattson, born 27 May 1685, died in September 1735 in Deptford Township, Gloucester Co.; married c. 1710 Catharina Bankson, daughter of Anders Bankson and Gertrude Rambo; and had 5 children (Anders, Peter, Maria, John & Matthias).

- Matthias Mattson, born 12 August 1688, died 5 October 1750 in Greenwich Township, Gloucester Co.; married in 1712 Judith Swanson, daughter of Olof Svensson and Lydia Ashman, and had 6 children (Peter, Catharina, Lydia, Maria, Matthias & Olof/William).

- Margaret Mattson, born 1 February 1692, died about 1748 in Passyunk,

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New Society Governor Enjoys History

Our new Swedish Colonial Society Governor, Herbert R. Rambo, describes himself as “an interested student” of colonial history in the Delaware River region and specifically the “Ancient Sweeds.”

He is descended from the youngest son of Peter Gunnarson Rambo and Brita Mattsdotter. The New Jersey branch of his family begins with John Rambo and Birgitta Cock, daughter of Peter Larsson Cock and Margaret Lom. His Swedish ancestors are numerous and, as a result, he is related to many of the New Sweden families, including Skute, Helm, Springer, Keen, Homan and Mattson. “I can still remember my grandmother describing our Mattson relatives as the holy branch of the family,” he said, referring to Mattson girls who married Swedish pastors, including Rev. Andreas Rudman, Rev. Andreas Sandel and Rev. Peter Tranberg.

“I was introduced to the Colonial Swede heritage at an early age, perhaps at seven or eight years. I recall when a section of Aramingo Avenue in Philadelphia collapsed, swallowing a bus and revealing a long forgotten stream named Gunnar’s Run. The TV news reported that it had been named for Gunnar Rambo, an early colonist,” he said.

“The stories that I heard from my father and grandmother at times seemed farfetched. Among other things, I was told that Peter Gunnarson Rambo had greeted William Penn on his arrival; that Peter had also signed treaties with the Indians; and that the Rambo’s had their own Rock. I tended to dismiss such notions as being overly enthusiastic.

“Time and study would show that there was no exaggeration. I came across a list of the persons selected by their Swedish peers to greet the new Proprietor when he arrived at Upland, now Chester, Pennsylvania. On this list were the names of Peter Rambo and Peter Cock.

“Later while studying at the Historical Society of Pennsylvania, I was dumbfounded when I came across a copy of Penn’s treaty with the Indians for the purchase of land west of the original city. As witness to Penn’s signature, there was the mark of Peter Rambo,” he remembered.

“But Rambo Rock eluded me for years. I really thought my father mistakenly was referring to the Rocks at Fort Christina. It was only a few years ago that our Society Historian, Dr. Peter Stebbins Craig, who seems to know just about everything about everybody, asked me if the Rambo Rock was still in existence. It turns out that Peter and Brita Rambo’s plantation at Passyunk on the

Schuylkill River was known for its Rambo Rock because of the large boulder at the water’s edge. Now the site of an oil refinery, the rock is long gone and has been replaced with a wharf for oil barges,” he recalled.

Rambo is a career civil servant with the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection where he works as contract administrator. During his career he had held positions in administration, planning and public relations. He and his wife Zofia are parents of one son, John Gunnar Rambo, of Washington, D.C.

Our new Governor is also a member of the Delaware Swedish Colonial Society, the Friends of the Swedish Log Cabin, the Friends of the Norsemen, the Pennsylvania Heritage Society, the Kalmar Nyckel Foundation and the American Swedish Historical Museum. He is Vice-President of the New Sweden Centre, which will soon open its new museum facility at 819 East 7th St., Wilmington, DE. Rambo is also a member of the Mizpah-Haddon Heights Masonic Lodge, the Timen Stiddem Society, the Scandinavian Craft Club of Philadelphia and the Major Peter Jacquett Chapter of the Delaware Society of the Sons of the American Revolution.

“I have a particular fondness for the eight “Old Swedes” churches, and I especially enjoy participating in the Patriots’ Lucia, hosted annually on December 13th by Christ (Old Swedes’) Church in Upper Merion,” he said. Rambo is a member of Trinity Episcopal (Old Swedes’) Church in Swedesboro, New Jersey where his family was among the founders. “We will observe the 300th anniversary of Trinity Church in 2003.”

“I promise it will be a year of great pageantry in tribute to those who have gone before us as we celebrate our religious mission moving forward into its fourth century,” Rambo noted with pride.

“My association with the Swedish Colonial Society is a labor of love. I look forward to fulfilling my duties with enthusiasm,” Rambo said.



Herbert R. Rambo, new Governor of the Swedish Colonial Society

Finns in America

SONS OF KALEVA
 FAR SAILING
 PASSED AN OCEAN'S
 WESTERN REACHES
 TO THIS SOIL THEIR
 STRENGTH APPLYING
 ON THIS SHORE
 A HOME ESTABLISHED
 TOILED THEIR CROPS
 TO SOW AND GARNER
 HEWED THEIR DWELLINGS
 FROM THE FOREST

Before the arrival of William Penn, the largest land owners in the area of present day Chester were Finns. Chester was known by the first settlers as Upland which included the early settlement known as Finland.

Noted Finnish sculptor Vaino Aaltonen was commissioned to work on a monument to celebrate the 300th anniversary of the first Finnish settlement in America. The monument was dedicated at Chester, PA., on June 29, 1938.

The total monument structure consisted of a light gray base from the Rock of Ages quarry in Barre, VT and the seat base of almost black granite from Rautalampi, Finland. The main piece of Balmoral granite, brown red in color, was taken from the same quarries in Finland which produced the granite for Napoleon's tomb.

American Finns made contributions of funds for the placing of four granite benches each identified by the name of the state where the Finns lived who made the contributions to pay for the bench. The states donating the benches were the ones with the greatest number

of Finns. Two came from Minnesota quarries for Minnesota and Michigan. Two came from quarries in Massachusetts, cut by Finnish granite cutters, for Massachusetts and the state of Washington. New York provided a flagpole for the monument site.

In 1938, American Finns joined with distinguished official delegates from Finland headed by Dr. Rudolf W. Holsti, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Finland, and other members of the Finnish Parliament. On this the first gathering, Dr. Holsti presented the monument as a gift of Finland to the people of the United States. The Hon. William Ward, Jr., Mayor of the City of Chester, accepted the monument, located in Crozer Park. In addition to the U.S. Navy band, two popular Finnish bands provided music for the ceremonies.

In 1938, the monument and its dedication was a testimonial to the fact that the history of New Sweden gave Finland and Americans of Finnish ancestry an important and lasting interest in the contribution of Finns to the early American colonial history.

In 1955, the monument had to be moved and rededicated to make way for the concrete path of Interstate 95 that sliced the cities of Wilmington and Chester.

In 1988, the 350th anniversary of the first Finnish settlement, two celebrations were held. In May, Prime Minister Harri Holkeri of Finland was the main speaker. In July, as part of FinnFest USA 1988, Matti Ahde, the Speaker of Parliament, was here.

Every year on the second Sunday of June, the Delaware Valley Finnish-Americans have a ceremony at the monument to remember these early Finns.

FINNFEST 88 COMMEMORATIVE DAY COMMITTEE



Timen Stiddem Society Reunion

The Timen Stiddem Society will hold its annual reunion in Wilmington on August 18, 19 & 20. Most of the events will be clustered on Saturday the 19th and visitors are welcome to register for \$35 per adult and \$25 per child. Participants from near and far will be staying at the New Castle/Wilmington Ramada Inn. More information may be obtained from: Richard L. Steadham, 14085 Ryon Court, Woodbridge, VA 22193 or email: RLSteadman@aol.com


Forefathers

April 9, 2000

Millennium Luncheon

Over 130 members of the Swedish Colonial Society and the Delaware Swedish Colonial Society gathered at The Union League on Broad Street in Philadelphia. Clockwise from the top: Mr. and Mrs. James Marvin; Dr. Esther C. Meixner; Color Party, Third Battalion, 14th U.S. Marine Corps; Dr. Nils Hasselmo, speaker, Chair - Swedish Council of America; the first three "Fellows of the Swedish Colonial Society" (from left) William B. Neal, Katarina Sheronas and Wallace F. Richter; Hon. Agneta Hagglund Bailey, Honorary Consul of Sweden (left) with Governor Herbert R. Rambo, Katarina Sheronas and her granddaughter, Katarina. Top center, Rev. Dr. Kim-Eric Williams, new Chaplain; bottom center, Dr. Peter S. Craig, Historian.





Royal Palace, Stockholm, April 2000

The Swedish Colonial Society
Philadelphia

To the celebration of the 362nd anniversary of the founding of the Royal New Sweden Colony I send to the Swedish Colonial Society my warm greetings and my very best wishes for the future.

CARLGUSTAF



RONALD A. HENDRICKSON (ALL PHOTOS EXCEPT LOWER LEFT)



WALLACE F. RICHTER

Current List of SCS Forefather Members

The following list of Forefather Members of the Swedish Colonial Society is current as of 25 May 2000. If any corrections are necessary, please submit them to the SCS Historian and Genealogist, Dr. Peter S. Craig, 3406 Macomb St., NW, Washington DC 20016.

Måns Andersson

Jerry L. Brimberry, Lilburn GA
Christina W. Lassen, Greenville DE

Peter Andersson (Longacre)

Howard Raymond Longacre, Ephrata PA
Raymond H. Longacre, Ephrata PA

Sinnick Broer (Sinnickson)

Frances S. Baynes, New London NH
Antoinette W. Sorensen, Tacoma WA

Otto Ernest Cock (Cox)

Janet Robinson Beerits, Wiscasset ME

David R. Ross, Bryn Mawr PA

Peter Larsson Cock (Cox)

John B. Tepe, Greenville DE

Anders Larsson Dalbo

Aleasa Hogate, Pennsville NJ

Anders Jonsson Ekoren

William L. Hires, Penn Valley PA

Johan Ericksson

F. Leif Eareckson, Annapolis MD

Nils Larsson Frände (Friend)

James A. Friend, Edison NJ

Johan Grelsson (Archer)

R. Michael Borland, Colora MD

Sven Gunnarsson

Andrew Clayton, Raymond IL
Barbara H. Clayton, Raymond IL
Barbara Ann Turk, Blanding UT

Johan Gustafsson (Justis)

Jan W. Hawkes, Orem UT
John Walton Justice, Chattanooga TN
Elaine C. Nichols, Salt Lake City UT
Janet Justice Papke, Sylva NC
Anne W. Ream, Polo Verdi Estates CA
Steve Widtfeldt, Fort Worth TX

Måns Jönsson Halton

Joyce Stevenson, Mullica Hill NJ

Matts Hansson (Mattson)

Lawrence Mattson, Macedon NY

Israel Åkesson Helm

Eldon L. Angelo, Puyallop WA
Mary T. Bauer, Haddonfield NJ
Marie Bates Hiscock, West Chester PA
Elizabeth T. Scholl, Mullica Hill NJ
Martha B. Striedich, Gradyville PA

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Matthias Claesson Holstein

Perry F. Holstein, Raleigh NC

Peter Jochimsson (Yocum)

Gerald H. Barr, Warminster PA
Y. Bernita Bundy, Barnesville OH
Peter S. Craig, Washington DC
Nancy B. Foster, Cincinnati OH
Virginia Yocum Fraser, Seal Beach CA
David L. Greth, Bucyrus OH
June Yocum Greth, Shillington PA
Louana G. Johnson, Duluth MN
Ellen Ohnmacht, North River NY
Ralph H. Walker, Mansfield, TX
Katherine Williams, Toppenish WA
Henry W. Yocom, Philadelphia PA
Stanley A. Yocom, Lancaster PA

Frederick W. Yocum, Jr., Baltimore MD

Howard C. Yocum, Aston PA

James Allan Yocum, Blue Bell PA

James R. Yocum, Tacoma WA

Anders Jöransson (Anderson)

David R. Anderson, Newark DE

Joseph A. Anderson, Smyrna DE

Barbara T. Harrell, San Antonio TX

Cornelia Anderson Pappas, Dover DE

Jürgen Keen

Bonnie Hillman, Seattle WA

Dawn Alexandra Hillman, Santa Monica CA

Heather L. Hillman, Brookline MA

Kendra Jean Hillman, New York NY

Tatnall Lea Hillman, Aspen CO

Paul J. Holsen, Naples FL

George M. Jenkins, Radnor PA

Gordon L. Keen, Jr., Strafford PA

Stuart Craig Keen, Jr., Venice FL

Patricia T. Marshall, Milford DE

Margaret Scott, Devon PA

Susan Thompson, Ft. Washington PA

William Thompson, Ft. Washington PA

Eleanor K. Williams, Berwyn PA

Peter Nilsson Laican (Lykins)

Maria F. Barr, Peachtree City GA

Elizabeth S. Farwell, La Canada CA

John J. Foley III, Baltimore MD

Alexander P. Hartnett, Moorestown NJ

John Kent Kane II, Yorktown VA

Peter Bayard Kane, Cazenovia NY

Andrew R. Likins, Denver CO

Bobby K. Lykins, Estill Springs TN

Frances Snyder Ramirez, Tampa FL

Audrey Ligget Snyder, Tampa FL

Joan Ligget Snyder, Tampa FL

J. Marc Wheat, Arlington VA

Paul Larsson Corvhorn (Paulson)

William B. Neal, Claymont DE

Marcus Laurenson (Huling)

Carla V. Chamberlain, Schellsburg PA

Lars Carlsson Lock

C. Donald Jess, Lancaster PA

Måns Svensson Lom

Virginia Hulings Hill, Oakmont PA

Dr. Gary Jordan, Täby, Sweden

Anne L. Kerr, Everett PA

Hans Månsson (Steelman)

Gloria R. Hoppe, Big Sandy TX

James F. Steelman, Mays Landing NJ

Jeffrey B. Steelman, Aston PA

Robert B. Steelman, Bridgeton NJ

William D. Steelman, Moraga CA

Mårten Mårtensson (Morton)

Mildred Meredith, Bloomfield IN

William Ward IV, Toughkenamon PA

Jonas Nilsson (Jones)

Carol Harmon, Traverse City MI

Doris S. Hopkins, Sun City West AZ

Carol B. Kehler, Broomall PA

Elizabeth A. McFarland, Haverford PA

Esther Ann McFarland, Haverford PA

George McFarland, Jr., Haverford PA

George McFarland III, Haverford PA

Megan D. McFarland, Haverford PA

John G. Taylor, Wallingford PA

Hans Olleson

Stuart Henri Yost, San Diego CA

Samuel Petersson

C. Matthew Peterson, Bountiful UT

Johan Printz

Dorothea B. Clymer, Placentia CA

Peter Gunnarsson Rambo

Marianna Barneyback, Canton MO

Judy Baxter, Haverford PA

Jane S. Frees, Spring City PA

Sharon Holmberg, Indianapolis IN

Scott W. Jordan, Albuquerque NM

George M. Keiser, Burlington VT

Jane Rambo Lohmeyer, W. Brandywine PA

Herbert R. Rambo, Berlin NJ

John Gunnar Rambo, Washington DC

Dr. J.H.T. Rambo, New York NY

Michael R. Rambo, Winston Salem NC

Jeannette S. Vollmer, Wynnwood PA

Jeffrey S. Waddell, Portsmouth RI

Virginia Waddell, Wyomissing PA

David E. West, Peoria IL

Ronald A. Wilson, Oneida TN

William R. Wilson, Norfolk VA

Rev. Andreas Rudman

Katharine A. E. Campbell, Malvern PA

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Dr. John W. Gareis, Lancaster PA

Sven Skute

John J. Hagan, Lawrenceville NJ

Julie Jensen, Philadelphia PA

Ellan Thorson, Annapolis MD

Charles Springer

E. William Ross, Villanova PA

Gary E. Young, Centerville MD

Måns Petersson Stake

Kenneth S. Peterson, Levittown PA

John Andersson Stalco

Janet S. Rontz, Albuquerque NM

Larry S. Stallcup, Virginia Beach VA

Richard Stevens, Kansas City MO

Timen Stiddem (Stidham)

Frances O. Allmond, Wilmington DE

Noria I. Gerig, San Francisco CA

Margaret R. Nesbitt, Mesa AZ

Richard Steadham, Woodbridge VA

Jack Stidham, Morristown TN

Olof Stille

Margaret S. Bridwell, Berwyn PA

Ruthellen Davis, Newtown Square PA

Nancy B. Foster, Cincinnati OH

Denis P. Higgenbotham, Fairhope AL

Robert F. Higginbotham, Fairhope AL

Mildred W. Hollander, Ames IA

James A. Kimble, Holland OH

Edward M. Ward, Sarasota FL

Rev. Kim-Eric Williams, W. Chester PA

Marjorie E. Williams, W. Chester PA

Lars Thomasson (Boere)

Elizabeth B. Beers, Wyndmoor PA

Elizabeth M. Cecil, Philadelphia PA

James W. Marvin, Jr., Wyncote PA

Robert F. Marvin, Wynnwood PA

Sara Frances Marvin, Wyncote PA

Verna Marvin, Gladwyne PA

William F. Marvin, Wayne PA

Johan Van Culen (Culin)

Christopher Cameron, Malvern PA

John C. Cameron, Malvern PA

Meghan Cameron, Malvern PA

Walter C. Culin, Burlington NC

Harvey J. von Culin, Blue Bell PA

W. Warren von Uffel, Ellicott City MD

New Society Leaders Elected

The new Governor of the Swedish Colonial Society is Herbert R. Rambo of Berlin, NJ. Ronald A. Hendrickson, Esq., of Moorestown, NJ (the Society's Webmaster) was elected Senior Deputy Governor and Esther Ann McFarland, of Haverford, PA returns as Junior Deputy Governor.

Rev. David Rivers, Rector of Gloria Dei (Old Swedes) Church, Philadelphia was elected Secretary-Treasurer and Rev. Dr. Kim-Eric Williams, West Chester, PA was named Chaplain. Dr. Williams is also Editor of the *Swedish Colonial News* an appointed position. Malcolm L. Mackenzie, of the New Sweden Centre, Wilmington, DE was elected Recording Secretary.

Honorary Governor Wallace F. Richter, Wayne, PA returns as Registrar and Peter M. Sheronas of Ardmore was re-elected Captain of the Color Guard. Dr. Peter S. Craig, Washington, DC was re-elected Historian and continues as Chair of the Publications Committee, an appointed position.

Councillors elected to full terms at the Annual Meeting were Jayne Huntington, Wilmington, DE and Richard Waldron, Hamilton, NJ. New Councillors elected were Lennart Hagegård, Wayne, PA, Gunnil Sjöberg, Haverford, PA and David E. Lewis, Ridley Park, PA.



NANCY CAMILLENHENDRICKSON

Society officers (from left) Herbert R. Rambo, Ronald A. Hendrickson, Esq., Esther Ann McFarland, Dr. Peter S. Craig and Rev. Dr. Kim-Eric Williams receive their oath of office from outgoing Governor William B. Neal.

At the May meeting of the Council, Mary Ann B. Horning and Frances O. Allmond, both of Wilmington, DE were elected as Councillors. Mary Ann B. Horning and Jane Huntington were appointed Co-Chairs of the Events Committee responsible for the Julmiddag and the Colonial Forefathers Luncheon in 2001.

Gloria Dei Thanksgiving Service



RONALD A. HENDRICKSON

Enjoying an authentic smörgåsbod in the Parish Hall after the 300th Anniversary Service of Gloria Dei, Philadelphia on May 7 were Swedish historians from Uppsala University (from left) Stellan Dahlgren and Hans Norman visiting with Gene Martenson.

Archives Project

At its May meeting the Council of the Swedish Colonial Society authorized Rev. Dr. Kim-Eric Williams to gather and systematize the records of the Society and propose a central depository for their safekeeping. If you have records at home, please send them to Dr. Williams at: 13 Patrick Avenue, West Chester, PA 19380-4852. Secretarial records, financial reports, photographs, programs from events, newspaper articles and executive reports are all needed to preserve a complete picture of the history of the Society.

Holy Trinity History

An abridged and updated history of Holy Trinity (Old Swedes') Church in Wilmington has been published as a nine page pamphlet by the congregation with support from the Delaware Swedish Colonial Society. Based on the history published in 1938 by Charles Curtis and Charles Lee Reese, Jr., the publication was prepared by the Rev. Dr. Gregory R. Johnson, Pastor of Zion Lutheran Church in Wilmington. Copies may be obtained for \$2 each from the Hendrickson House Museum at Holy Trinity (Old Swedes') Church, 606 Church St., Wilmington, DE 19801, Tel. (302) 652-5629.

Philadelphia Co.; married Peter Cock, son of Peter Cock and Helena Helm, c. 1716 and had 4 children (Helena, Israel, Rebecca & Margaret).

- John Mattson, born 14 June 1694, died 11 September 1739 in Greenwich Township, Gloucester Co.; married 1 May 1717 Annika Cock, daughter of Eric Cock, and had 5 children (John, Eric, Peter, Elizabeth & Israel).

- Jacob Mattson, born 25 May 1697, died in the 1740s; married [1] Lydia Culin, daughter of Jacobus van Culin, 29 April 1724, 1 child (Mary Brigitta); [2] Maria Runnels, 20 January 1733, 4 children (Anna Catharine, Jonas Abraham, Jacob & Maria).

2. John Mattson, alias John Dalbo, was born in New Sweden c. 1649. By 1673 he had married Maria Lom, youngest daughter of Måns Svensson Lom, and owned 1/4 of the Moyamensing tract south of Wicaco. He sold his share in 1684 and acquired land on Great Mantua Creek, Gloucester Co., where he died in 1701, survived by 7 children:

- Anna Mattson, born c. 1674, died 10 June 1721 in Gloucester Co.; married c. 1692 Staffan Jönsson alias Stephen Jones, son of Anders Jönsson Ekoren, and had 6 known children (Andrew, John, Jonas, Catharina, Joseph & Abraham).

- Matthias Mattson, born c. 1676, died unmarried in 1701.

- Måns Mattson, born c. 1678, died c. 1706; married c. 1703 Elizabeth (parents not identified) and had 1 child (Maria).

- Anders Mattson, born c. 1680, died c. 1734 in lower Greenwich Township, Gloucester Co.; married c. 1712 Maria Culin, daughter of Jacobus van Culin, and had 5 children (Maria, Rebecca, Matthias, Andrew & Peter).

- Gertrude Mattson, born c. 1682, died after 1727 in Piles Grove, Salem Co.; married c. 1702 Lawrence Holstein, son of Matthias Claesson Holstein and Helena [?] Cock, and had 9 children (Maria, Matthias, Sarah, Catharine, Andrew, Susanna, John, Lawrence & Elisabeth).

- Brigitta Mattson, born c. 1686, died 6 Nov. 1726 at Repaupo Creek, Gloucester Co.; married c. 1706 Eric Steelman, son of Hans Månsson and Ella Stille, and had 7 children (Helena, Brigitta, Eric, Catharina, Maria, Hans & Charles).

- Maria Mattson, born c. 1690, died in Lower Penns Neck, Salem Co., after 1745; married William Philpot as his second wife, 27 February 1717, and had 6 children (Nicholas, Thomas, Mary, William, Joseph & Francis).

3. Lars (Lasse) Dalbo, born in 1657,

became the head of the Dalbo household in Kingsessing after his older half-brothers married and moved away. In May 1683, he took a census of Kingsessing for the new William Penn government and, with his brother Olof, helped build a new courthouse and prison for Chester (former Upland). He died unmarried c. 1685.

4. Olof Dalbo, born in 1660, joined his half-brother Peter Mattson in the move to Little Mantua Creek in 1684 with his new bride, Catharina Friend, daughter of Nils Larsson Frände and Anna Andersdotter. After the death of his half-brother Peter Mattson, Olof moved to Raccoon Creek, where he was one of the founders of the Swedish log church built at present Swedesboro about 1703. He died in January 1712, survived by his widow and 9 children:

- Anders Dalbo, born c. 1684, died in Upper Penns Neck in December 1748; married by 1712 Magdalena, daughter of Lars Halton and Sarah Jönsson Hutt, and had 9 children (Sarah, Olof, Lars, Anders, Gabriel, Charles, John, Daniel & Israel).

- Lars Dalbo, born c. 1686, died 28 May 1721 in Gloucester Co., unmarried.

- Gabriel Dalbo, born c. 1688, died in Greenwich Township, Gloucester Co., 4 November 1722, unmarried.

- Peter Dalbo, born 1690, died after 1771 in Gloucester Co.; married c. 1721 Catharina, daughter of Andrew Hendrickson and Brigitta Morton, and had 11 children (Helena, Catharina, Rebecca, Gabriel, Sarah, Brigitta, Andrew, Jonas, Peter, Susanna & Dina).

- Charles Dalbo, born c. 1693, died in Gloucester Co. 22 April 1721; married Elsa Runnels, daughter of John Reynolds and Anna Mullica, 11 June 1717, and had 2 children (Maria & Anna Catharine). His widow married Christopher Taylor of Tinicum Island, who took over Charles Dalbo's tavern operations in New Jersey.

- John Dalbo, born c. 1696, died 16 April 1721, unmarried.

- Sarah Dalbo, born c. 1698, died c. 1740 in Piles Grove, Salem Co.; married 20 Oct. 1718 Jonas Keen, son of Matthias Keen and Henricka Claesson, and had 8 children (Sarah, Catharina, Christina, Maria, Matthias, Rebecca, Susanna & William).

- Berthil Dalbo, born c. 1700, died unmarried after 1719.

- Elisabeth Dalbo, born c. 1702, died in Greenwich Township, Gloucester Co., before 1745; married, as his second wife, Åke Helm, 27 December 1728, and had 4 children (Andrew, Gabriel, Åke & Deborah).

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New Forefather Members approved during the four months ending 25 May 2000:

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Dr. Gary L. Jordan, Täby, Sweden, descended from Måns Svensson Lom via his daughter Margaret who married Peter Larsson Cock of Kingsessing.

Harvey J. von Culin, Blue Bell PA, descended from Johan van Culin via his son George Culin of Ridley Township.

Andrew Clayton, Raymond IL, descended from Sven Gunnarsson via his daughter Gertrude who married Jonas Nilsson of Kingsessing.

Dr. John W. Gareis, Lancaster PA, descended from Johan Thorsson Schaggen via his son John Scoggin of Penns Neck NJ.

William L. Hires, Penn Valley PA, descended from Anders Jonsson Ekoren via his son Stephen Jones of Gloucester County NJ.

Anne L. Kerr, Everett PA, descended from Måns Svensson Lom via his daughter Anna who married Gösta Danielsson of Upland (Chester).

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Elizabeth B. Beers, Wyndmoor PA, descendants of Lars Thomasson Bjur by his son Lars Larsson Boore of Pennypack.

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- Sunday, September 3** Scanfest at Waterloo, NJ • Details call: 610-868-7525
- Monday, October 9** Leif Ericsson Day • Noon ceremony at Boat House Row, Philadelphia
- Tuesday, October 17** Scandinavia House Dedication • The Nordic Center in America, Headquarters of the American Scandinavian Foundation, 37th Street and Park Avenue at 37th Street, New York City • Details call: 212-879-9779
- Sat/Sun, Nov. 4 & 5** Swedish choirs at ASHM and Trinity Church, Swedesboro, NJ
- Saturday, December 9** Julmiddag at the Greenville Country Club, Greenville, DE

In Memoriam

Gunnar Biel died in Philadelphia on February 15, 2000 at the age of 98. He and his wife, Marta who survives him, joined the Society in 1947 and were personal friends of Dr. Amandus Johnson, the founder of the Swedish Colonial Society.

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