



# Swedish Colonial News

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Preserving the legacy of the New Sweden Colony in America

## Trinity Towers over Swedesboro

On April 9, the restored steeple of Trinity Church, Swedesboro, New Jersey was dedicated in a ceremony that marked the completion of a two-phase church restoration project that cost almost one million dollars. Finials and panel decorations that had disappeared over the years were replaced on the top two levels of the tower according to old photographs. All of the windows in the church have been repaired and are operable for the first time in 40 years. The brickwork and trim have been renewed and two pairs of shutters were provided for the tower windows. The exterior lighting system was replaced so that the beauty of the steeple can be appreciated from dusk to dawn.

Trinity Episcopal, "Old Swedes" was founded in 1703 by early Swedish settlers along the Raccoon Creek. It was the first Swedish church in New Jersey and is one of only eight remaining churches built by Swedes in the Delaware Valley. The present brick church was built in 1784 when Nicholas Collin, later to serve Gloria Dei, Philadelphia, was the senior pastor. It is the largest of the Old Swedes' churches, being 41' x 61', and is thought to have been inspired by the designs of St. Peter's Church and Christ Church in Philadelphia.

The imposing tower and steeple were added in 1838. Its design features "ship's knees," an unusual bracketing form of internal construction that was also used on the tower of Independence Hall. The chief carpenter on

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CHRISTINA W. LASSIN

*The newly restored steeple of Trinity Episcopal (Old Swedes') Church towers over the town of Swedesboro, New Jersey.*

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# Matthias Claesson and his Holstein Family

## FOREFATHERS

Dr. Peter S. Craig

In 1708, Pastor Andreas Sandel wrote in his list of burials at Gloria Dei Church the following entry (as translated from the original Swedish):

“9 April. Buried old Matths Hollsten, born in Dithmarschen in Holstein.”

The man referred to was the founder of the Swedish Holstein family, which left an enduring mark among the Swedish churches at Wicaco, Upper Merion and Swedesboro and gave its name to the Holsten River in Tennessee, whose first inhabitant was Stephen Holstein, a grandson of the immigrant, Matthias Claesson from Dithmarschen in Holstein which then, as now, lies east of the Netherlands on the North Sea.

Matthias Claesson was one of several Holsteiners who ended up as husbands of Swedish wives. Others with similar stories were Marcus Laurensen (progenitor of the Hulings family) and Otto Ernest Koch (progenitor of one of the Swedish Cox families).

In 1893, Mrs. Anna M. Holstein of Upper Merion, Montgomery County, PA, wrote a book entitled *Swedish Holsteins in America from 1644 to 1892* one of the first genealogies to explore the families of the 17th century Swedes. In this book, she claimed that Matthias Holstein had been born in New Sweden in 1644 and that his father (name unknown) had arrived in New Sweden with Governor Peter Minuit in 1638. She was wrong on all counts.

From a special census taken in 1683 and from pastor Rudman's 1697 church census, we know that Matthias Holstein was born in 1642. From Sandel's burial record, we know that he came from Dithmarschen in Holstein. He was 21 years old in 1663 when he answered the pleas of the New Amstel colony for young farmers willing to go to the South (Delaware) River. Having taken over the former colony of New Sweden from the Dutch West India Company, the sponsors were anxious to recruit new farmers from outside of the country to better exploit the potential of their endeavor.

Shortly after Matthias Claesson's arrival on the Delaware, the New Amstel colony was taken over by the English. The local population, however, was still primarily Swedish. Matthias Claesson, now known as Matthias Holstein, found employment in Kingessing and in 1671 was residing at Sayamensing Island on the west side of the Schuylkill River on land owned by Lasse Cock, eldest son of Peter Larsson Cock. Soon thereafter Matthias Holstein married Lasse Cock's eldest sister, probably named Helena Cock. With the aid of Lasse Cock,

Matthias acquired land in Passyunk, on the east side of the Schuylkill from Peter Mattson, who (in an apparent exchange) acquired Sayamensing Island from Lasse Cock.

It is probable that Matthias Holstein married Lasse Cock's sister by 1672. He acquired his Passyunk property on 5 May 1672 and remained there until his death in 1708. Throughout this time, he was a staunch supporter of the Swedish church at Wicaco, serving briefly as a church warden and contributing £ 7 toward the building of the new church in 1698-1700.

In 1684, however, Matthias Holstein became a widower, with four small boys to raise. He hired as his housekeeper Catharina from the Crane Hook congregation, whose father Måns Pålsson had died in 1682. Later, in 1688, he married Catharina Månsdotter and had two more sons and a daughter by this marriage.

Before his death, Matthias Holstein gave most of his lands to his sons Laurence and Matthias. In his will, he made bequests to his other four sons and designated his wife Catharine to be the executrix, “desiring my friends William Carter and Peter Mounts [his wife's brother] to be assistants to my said executrix.”

Six children (all males) were listed in the will of Matthias Holstein dated 14 December 1706:

**1. Laurence Holstein**, born 15 Sept. 1677 at Passyunk, was married about 1702 to his cousin Gertrude Mattson, daughter of John Mattson and Maria Lom. He served on the Gloria Dei Church council and vestry from 1708 to 1710 but moved soon thereafter to Pilesgrove in northern Salem County, where he lived for the balance of his life. He also served as a vestryman of the Swedish church at Raccoon, but after this church lost its minister he was among those joining the new Moravian church at Pilesgrove in 1747. He died in January 1751.

Laurence and Gertrude Holstein had nine known children: Matthias, born c. 1703; Maria, born c. 1705; Sarah, born c. 1707; Catharina, born c. 1709; Andrew, born c. 1711; Susanna, born 31 Aug. 1713; Johanna, born 5 Sept. 1715; Lawrence, baptized 19 March 1717; and Elisabeth, born 26 June 1723.

**2. Andrew Holstein**, born 19 Jan. 1679, had left home by 1704 to try his luck elsewhere. By 1715 he was a resident of Talbot County,

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# Governor's Message

## THE SWEDISH COLONIAL SOCIETY

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Greetings,

The importance of our primary work in documenting the New Sweden Colony and the colonists through research and preservation is self-evident. The Society, with its place in history and our prestigious relationship to the Swedish Crown, is unique in America. We differ from other hereditary groups in that we have always been inclusive and open to all. Several of our members are neither descendants nor have Swedish heritage, but rather are scholars and others interested in New Sweden, a fascinating period in America's colonial past.

These are exciting times for the Society. We've improved the *Swedish Colonial News*, now published three times a year. Our informative website, [www.ColonialSwedes.org](http://www.ColonialSwedes.org), created by Senior Deputy Governor Ron Hendrickson was recently recognized with a national APEX Award for excellence. Dr. Peter Craig's work was recently featured in a national newspaper column about genealogy. With Gloria Dei (Old Swedes') Church, we have undertaken the massive project of translating all early parish records. Requests for Forefather membership seem to be arriving at a record pace.

Over the summer, Dr. Kim-Eric Williams launched an archives survey to better manage our holdings for future generations. The Society has promoted public awareness of the New Sweden Colony's legacy by supporting the living history interpreters of the New Sweden Centre, headed by Recording Secretary Malcolm Mackenzie. Honorary Governor William Neal is overseeing the Swedish Colonial Society's Fellows program, which is the highest award that we bestow.

Our society is becoming a truly national organization and attracting members in Sweden. The society itself has shaken off the dust, so to speak, and returned to the type of social events that are expected of us under the leadership of Mary Ann Horning and Jayne Huntingdon, co-chairs of the Events Committee.

Next Spring, we are planning our Annual Meeting and colonial Forefathers Luncheon at the Union League in Philadelphia. We are expecting Ambassador and Mrs. Jan Eliasson to join us. The new Swedish ambassador is the Society's Patron during his term in Washington. You'll hear more about these things in months to come.

As I noted, these are exciting times for the Swedish Colonial Society. Full steam ahead!



Herbert R. Rambo

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# Julmiddag

The annual Julmiddag of the Swedish Colonial Society will be held on Sunday, December 3 at the Greenville Country Club in Greenville, Delaware. Yuletide carolers will lead the participants in songs of the season. The reception will be at 11:30 a.m. and the dinner will begin at 12:30 p.m.

The Greenville Country Club, one of the most elegant social facilities in the Delaware Valley was formerly the home of Eugene du Pont. It is located in the charming town of Greenville off Kennett Pike (Rt. 52) on Owls Nest Road.

The most famous event that took place there was the wedding reception for Franklin Delano Roosevelt, Jr. and Ethel du Pont, that hosted not only the President but also 340 distinguished guests in June 1937. The main house was erected in 1916.

All of the du Pont family is related to the colonial Swedes and one of the treasured items in the archives of the Swedish Colonial Society

is the membership card for President Franklin Delano Roosevelt.

Mary Ann B. Horning and Jayne Huntington are co-chairs of this year's banquet. Dorothy Richter is serving as reservations chair.



# Till Salu

We have a number of rare books written or translated by Amandus Johnson that we are willing to sell. They have been stored in their original paper wrappers in the archives of Gloria Dei Church. All of them are in excellent condition and have never circulated. We are able to offer them for sale at the Julmiddag on December 3 or through any Councillor to be picked up at Council meetings on November 16 or January 18, 2001. Since they are heavy (the *Swedish Contributions* weigh over five pounds each), we prefer not to ship them but still want to offer them to our members. If you would like one or more of these items please write to the archivist: Dr. Kim-Eric Williams, 13 Patrick Avenue, West Chester, PA 19380. Payment is due upon receipt and is acceptable in check only, made out to the Swedish Colonial Society.

We have for sale:

- ***The Instruction for Johan Printz***  
Amandus Johnson (1930) \$50.
- ***The Swedish Colonial Society***  
(1954) Commemorative history. \$20.
- ***Descendants of Joran Kyn of New Sweden***  
- Gregory B. Keen (1913) A rare book about the Keen family. \$75.
- ***Swedish Contributions to American Freedom 1776-1783***Amandus Johnson  
Volume 1 (1953), Volume 2 (1957)  
Complete set \$100., or \$50. ea.
- ***The Naval Campaigns of Count DeGrasse***  
- Karl Gustaf Tornquist (trans. by Amandus Johnson) (1942) Paperbound \$15.

We have 40 copies of the Printz volume; 29 copies of the Society history; 10 copies of the Kyn genealogy; 70 copies of the 2-volume set about the Revolution (and an additional 280 copies of Volume 2 alone); and 42 copies of the naval campaign of DeGrasse. Any one would make a perfect Christmas gift.

# The Stiddem Family Returns to Wilmington

## REUNIONS

Richard L. Steadham

The Timen Stiddem Society (TSS), a family association for this Swedish Forefather, held their first ever Stidham/Stedham family reunion at the site of their origin in America, Wilmington, DE. The event took place August 18-20. For many, it was their first experience there. One member travelled from Saudia Arabia and another couple came all the way from Bangkok, Thailand for the event. Many were scattered from all four corners of the United States. 62 people in all attended.

First on the agenda was the morning program held in the Delaware History Museum on Market Street. TSS President, David Stiddem welcomed everyone to this historic reunion of the family, followed by greetings from his father, Jack, the TSS Historian and author of the book, *The Descendants of Dr. Timothy Stidham, Vol. 1*.

Wilmington Mayor James Sills took time from his busy schedule to welcome the guests to his city and read a proclamation naming August 19, 2000 "Timen Stiddem and his Descendants Day." SCS Historian, Dr. Peter Craig gave a presentation on Timen Stiddem, the barber-surgeon, and his contributions to the colony as its physician. Governor Herbert Rambo spoke on behalf of the SCS and encourage members of the TSS with an interest in Swedish colonial history to join this organization. Both Craig and Rambo are Associate Members of the TSS.

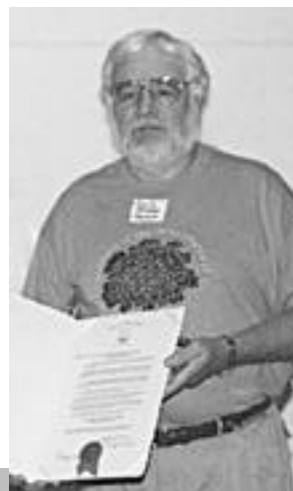
The Delaware Historical Society was helpful in setting up a special glass case for the reunion in the Copeland Room where the program was

held. It contained many of the original documents that pertained to the Stidham family, the oldest being the Governor Lovelace deed to Timen Stiddem dated 3 May 1671.

After the morning program, a brief tour of the Delaware Historical Society across the street, followed by a tour of the Old Town Hall, concluded this portion of the reunion agenda.

Next was a visit Holy Trinity (Old Swedes') Church. Here all were greeted by Jo Thompson, Director of the Old Swedes Foundation, and given a brief history of the structure with the help of Mary McCoy, long-time Saturday guide

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RICHARD L. STEADHAM

*Timen Stiddem Society President David Stiddem displays the proclamation given to the TSS by Mayor James Sills.*



RICHARD L. STEADHAM

*Members of the Stidham family gather in front of the Carl Milles monument in Fort Christina Park for an historic reunion photo.*

## Sweden Song 2000

On the first weekend in November, two free concerts of Swedish music will be given in the Delaware Valley under the auspices of the Eastern Division of the American Union of Swedish Singers.

On Saturday, November 4 over 50 voices will join together at the American Swedish Historical Museum at 4:00 p.m. The concert will feature the premier of *I Ungdom* (In Youth) written by Steven Gearhart, Director of the Swedish Museum Singers. The museum is located in FDR Park just west of the Spectrum at 1900 Pattison Avenue.

Free, on-site parking is provided. Specific directions can be provided by phone at (215) 389-1776.

On Sunday, November 5 the singers will add their voices to the Holy Eucharist at Trinity Episcopal (Old Swedes') Church in Swedesboro, NJ, at 10:00 a.m., with special renditions dealing with Swedish and American songs of faith. A reception will follow the service in the Parish Hall. Trinity is located on Kings Highway in the center of Swedesboro, just over the Commodore Barry Bridge.

## Fellow Award Created



The recognition "Fellow of the Swedish Colonial Society" is bestowed by the Officers and Council for distinguished service on those individuals who have contributed their time in a leadership capacity, or supported the Society's Endowment Fund. A 14-karat, gold-filled medal of the Society's seal depicting a log blockhouse encircled with the words "Swedish Colonial Society Fellow" atop the Three Crowns, which represent Sweden, accompanies this honor.

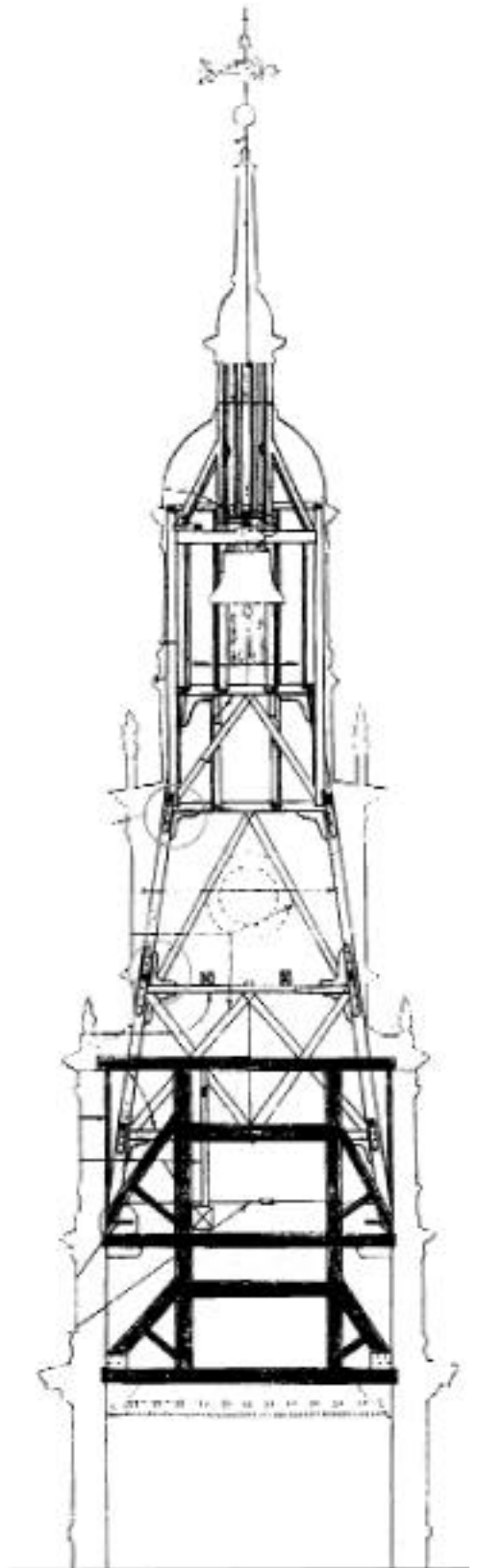
In keeping with Society tradition, J. E. Caldwell Co. Jewelers, Philadelphia, was commissioned to produce the award. Caldwell's has created all our regalia, including the silver scroll engraved with the Society's 1909 invitation to His Majesty Gustaf V asking that he accept the title of "High Patron of the Swedish Colonial Society" - which he graciously did. Honorary Governor William B. Neal proposed the Fellow Award be created by the Society and designed the medal awarded.

The Council has authorized this award to be given 1) for outstanding service, 2) to members contributing \$500 to the endowment fund, and 3) posthumously as a Memorial. Each Fellow Award will be numbered starting with #F-0001.

At the April 9, 2000 Forefather's Luncheon held at the Union League, Honorary Consel of Sweden at Philadelphia, Agneta Hagglund Bailey presented the first three Fellow Awards. Honorary Governor Wallace F. Richter (F-0001), Councillor Katarina Sheronas (F-0002) and Honorary Governor William B. Neal (F-0003) were recognized for their outstanding service to the Society. Neal's Award included recognition for his financial contribution to the Endowment Fund.

After a candidate is approved, the Fellow Award medal is presented immediately and formally recognized at the subsequent Forefathers Luncheon. A complete listing of Society Fellows will be published periodically in the *Swedish Colonial News*.

Money donated to the Endowment Fund is fully tax deductible pursuant to section 170 of the Internal Revenue Service Code, except for the actual cost of the medal. Contributions will remain as endowed principal, while interest earned may be used to support the Society's programs and publications.



## TRINITY TOWER

from cover

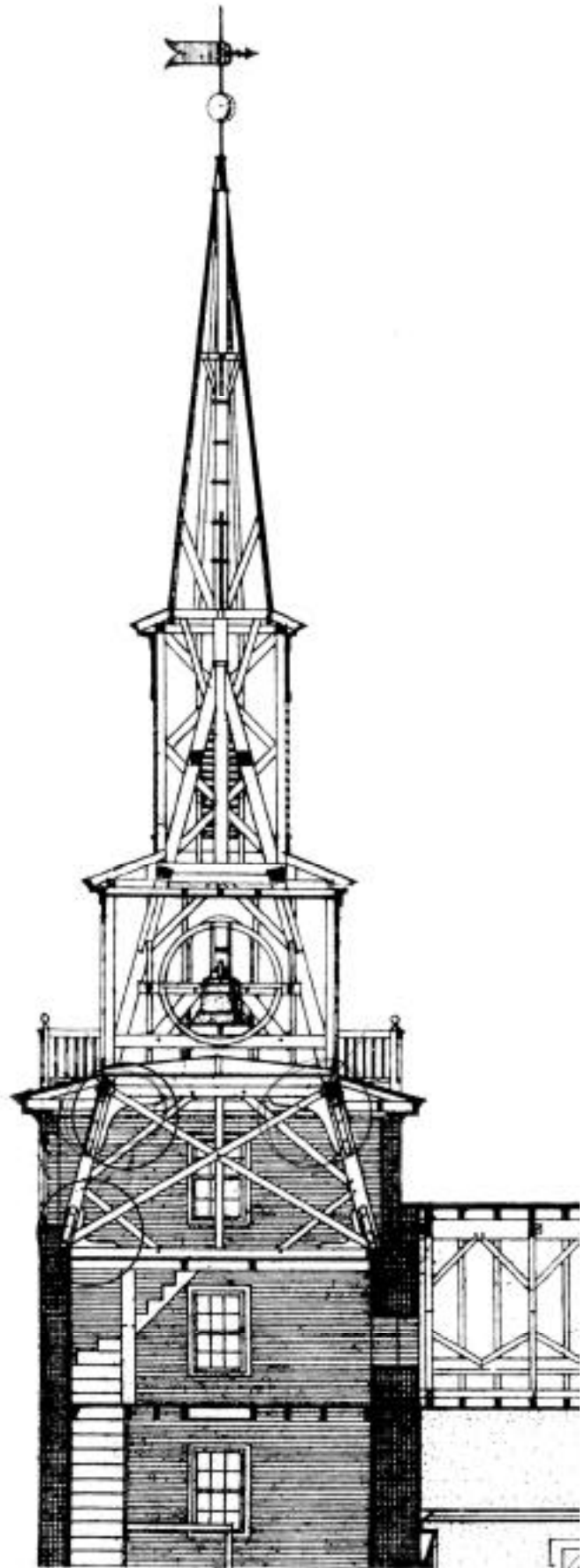
the Philadelphia tower was James G. Clark and the architect was the well-known William Strickland. Church records show the baptism of a James Gill Clark who is thought to have moved to Philadelphia to pursue his work as a carpenter. Thus circumstantial evidence indicates that the same designer and carpenter may have built both the tower of Independence Hall and Trinity Church tower. In any case, the tower is perfectly proportioned and is a landmark over the plains of "Sveaborg."

The present restoration project began in 1992 when an inspection by structural engineer Richard Ortega revealed breaks and critical damage of the roof truss system. The church was closed immediately and the congregation moved into the Parish House across the street for the next three-and-one-half years. The repairs included extensive work on the roof truss system, new support piers in the basement, shoring up of the interior foundations, sistering of the floor joists, replacing rotted wainscoting panels in the sanctuary, plaster repairs, complete repainting and re-carpeting. These first phase repairs were completed in September 1995.

Through a generous grant of \$400,000 from the New Jersey Historic Trust and the gifts of members and friends, the congregation has a debt of only \$115,500. One project that could not be completed, but will be considered once the present indebtedness is liquidated, is the rebuilding of the brick wall around the cemetery.

By 2003 when the parish celebrates its 300th anniversary, it is hoped that it will be true to the dream of Nicholas Collin that "it was necessary on every principle of prudence and public spirit to form the new church on a plan suitable to the prospect of a future age. Its dimensions ought to correspond with the encrease of population for at least a century and its appearance with the gradual progress of taste in a country advancing fast to the modes of civilized life."

*Cut-away drawings (not to scale) of the tower of Independence Hall, Philadelphia (left), and the tower of Trinity Episcopal (Old Swedes') Church, Swedesboro, NJ (right). Circumstantial evidence indicates that the same designer and carpenter may have built both structures.*



where he married Frances, the daughter of Captain John Davis of St. Michaels River. He died in 1718 and his estate was administered by his widow and her second husband, William Elbert. Andrew had no known surviving children.

**3. Matthias Holstein, Jr.**, born 1 July 1681 at Passyunk, was married on 10 October 1705 to his first cousin, Brita Rambo, daughter of Gunnar Rambo and Anna Cock. He was a warden and vestryman for Gloria Dei Church from 1707 to 1709, but soon moved to Matsunk (the Swedes' tract in Upper Merion Township in present Montgomery County), where he established a large farm in the vicinity of present Bridgeport. He was also active politically and was five times elected to the Pennsylvania Assembly (in 1718 and from 1722 to 1725). He died at Matsunk shortly before 11 May 1737, when his will was proved. His widow Brita died in 1758.

Matthias and Brita Holstein had 12 children, the first three of whom died in infancy: Peter, born in 1706; Fredrick, born in 1709; Brita, born in 1711; Catharina, born c. 1713; Debora, born 5 Sept. 1714; Andrew, born 15 April 1716; Matthias, born 2 Dec. 1717; Maria, born 23 April 1720; Brita, born c. 1722; John, born 26 March 1724; Elisabeth, born c. 1726; and Fredrick, born 11 Feb. 1728.

**4. Fredrick Holstein**, was born in Passyunk on 13 Jan. 1684. Like his elder brothers Laurence and Matthias, he served on the Philadelphia County militia in 1704, at a time when there was concern about possible attacks by the French and Indians in the wake of the Deerfield Massacre in Massachusetts. He died unmarried in 1708, when his brother Laurence was appointed to administer his estate.

**5. Peter Holstein**, born 16 Jan. 1691, was apparently hired by his uncle, Peter Månsson (Mounts), to manage a farm which he had purchased in 1709 on Drawyers Creek in St. Georges Hundred, New Castle County, Delaware. By 1722, Peter Holstein married Sara Peirce, daughter of John Peirce. Their daughter Maria, two months old, was baptized by pastor Andreas Hesselius of Holy Trinity (Old Swedes') Church on 21 July 1723. Peter Holstein disappears from New Castle County records after December 1728. It is presumed that he died of smallpox, which was of epidemic proportions in 1728-1729 and killed a large number of his Månsson cousins.

**6. Henry Holstein**, born 29 March 1694 at Passyunk, also hit the road as a laborer, but initially he remained in the Philadelphia area, marrying by 1715 a daughter of Stephen Evans, a Welsh Quaker who had immigrated to Radnor, PA, from Radnorshire, Wales. In 1734 Henry and his family resided in Providence Township in present Montgomery County, where he farmed (but did not own) six acres of corn. In 1737, he obtained warrants for land in Robeson Township in present Berks County. However he soon moved again, this time to the Northern Neck of Virginia, ultimately settling on Craig's Creek in present Botetourt County, where he died after 1754.

Henry Holstein had four known children: Mary, born c. 1716; Stephen, born c. 1718; Sarah, born c. 1720; and Henry, born c. 1723.

Stephen Holstein became the first white settler on a river later named after him (the Holsten River in Tennessee), then moved to the Carolinas, West Florida and finally the Natchez District on the Mississippi River, leaving many descendants in that area. Henry Holstein remained in Botetourt County, Virginia, leaving many descendants in that area.

for the Church and President of the Delaware Swedish Colonial Society.

A highlight for many in the group was seeing "their" tree in the graveyard. Last year the TSS raised over \$700 for the Old Swedes Memorial Tree Program, giving them "marker status" for one of the newly planted saplings. That program had as its goal the replacement of many ancient and damaged trees with new ones.

A visit inside the Hendrickson House Museum and some New Sweden souvenirs purchased in the gift shop rounded out this stop on the reunion trail.

The next destination was just down the street to Fort Christina Park. Here the group was entertained and educated by Governor Rambo and Malcom MacKenzie, along with other colonial reenactors from the New Sweden Centre, each giving their 17th century persona's take on life in the New Sweden Colony.

A quick visit to the Kalmar Nyckel shipyard and the purchase of some last minute mementos from the ship's store came next. An evening banquet was the perfect finale for a memorable visit to this family's New World beginnings - Delaware.

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# New Forefather Members

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

**Keith C. Yocum**, Middletown DE, and his children **Keith C. Yocum, Jr.** and **Lauren E. Yocum**, descended from Peter Jochimsson via his son Peter Petersson Yocum of Aronameck in Kingsessing, West Philadelphia.

**Barry R. Holstein**, Amherst MA, descended from Matthias Claesson Holstein via his son Matthias Holstein of Upper Merion Township in present Montgomery County, PA.

**Robert H. Steelman**, New York NY, descended from Hans Månsson via his son Jöns (James) Steelman of Great Egg Harbor, NJ.

**Sandra D. Asher**, Platte City MO, descended from Anders Larsson Dalbo via his son Olof (William) Dalbo of Gloucester County, NJ.

**Donald C. Ward, Sr.**, Boyerstown PA, descended from Märten Mårtensson via his son Märten Mårtensson, Jr., of Kalcon Hook, Chester (now Delaware) County, PA.

**Charles M. Allmond III**, Wilmington DE, descended from Märten Mårtensson via his son Märten Mårtensson, Jr., of Kalcon Hook, Chester (now Delaware) County, PA.

**Eugenia Eberle**, Springfield IL, descended from Sven Gunnarsson via his son Anders Svensson of Wicaco, Philadelphia,

**Annabel C. Audet**, Sacramento CA, descended from Charles Springer via his son Christopher Springer of Christiana Hundred, New Castle County, DE.

**Kay Jordan Campbell**, Coffeysville KS, descended from Margaret Lom and her husband Peter Larsson Cock via their daughter Anna Cock who married Gunnar Rambo of Upper Merion Township in present Montgomery County, PA.

**Dennis J. Cunniff**, Cedar Grove NJ, descended from Sven Gunnarsson via his daughter Gertrude who married Jonas Nilsson of Kingsessing, West Philadelphia.

**William G. White**, Deptford NJ, descended from Hans Månsson via his son Jöns (James) Steelman of Great Egg Harbor, NJ.

**James A. Friend**, Edison NJ, descended from Nils Larsson Frände via his son John Nilsson Friend of Pennsneck, Salem County, NJ.

**Eileen D. O'Brien**, Baltimore MD, descended from Charles Springer via his son Christopher, Christiana Hundred, New Castle County, DE.

**Mary Ann B. Horning**, Wilmington DE, descended from Peter Gunnarsson Rambo through his son, Gunnar, of Matsunk, Upper Merion, PA.

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### Return Service Requested

## Upcoming Events

**Sat & Sun, December 9 & 10** Lucia at Gloria Dei (Old Swedes') Church, Philadelphia. Afternoon and evening performances. Call: (215) 389-1513

**Wednesday, December 13** Patriots' Lucia, 7:00 p.m. at Christ (Old Swedes') Church, Rt. 23, Upper Merion, PA (Bridgeport/Swedesburg). For information call Ellen Huston at (610) 265-1257

## 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 this country. Annual dues are: Individual \$25; Family (two adults and children) \$30; Life \$300. For an application, contact our registrar: Wallace Richter, 336 S. Devon Ave., Wayne, PA 19087, or visit us online at: [www.ColonialSwedes.org](http://www.ColonialSwedes.org).

## Charitable Gifts are fully Tax Deductible

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