From Names and Dates to Living Stories:
Moving Beyond Basic Genealogy

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With just patience and online access to scanned Swedish church books, Swedish family historians can trace their ancestral lines back centuries and also follow relatives who left for Amerika. Meticulous work of this sort is an essential first step, but it often misses the details that bring family histories to life.

Revealing these details—hidden children, bigamous marriages, scandalous diseases, questionable paternity, murders and suicides, feuds and desertions, sudden wealth and rapid ruin—requires other methods and resources. This presentation will give examples from real cases, including the interesting double paternity of Arne Roos’s great-grandfather.

The speaker, Martha Garrett, is a professional genealogist and family historian. She works for clients in both Sweden and the United States and has published numerous studies about Swedish-American families.

The presentation will be in English, but questions can be posed in Swedish.