History 352-001
Scandinavian Family History/FALL 2011
(Danish, Norwegian, Swedish/Finnish, Icelandic)
385 CB, Tues., 1:35-3:50pm
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Consultations by appointment

The OBJECT of History 352R is to help students learn the cultural and social history background of the Scandinavian countries as it impacts family history/genealogy, ergo: the study of the lives and vital dates of our ancestral families; and understand at an intermediate to advanced level the contents of major record types and sources available for tracing and reconstituting ancestral families and the methodology of combining such sources to reconstitute ancestral family groups.

REQUIRED READING MATERIALS

Gerald M. Haslam, comp., “Scandinavian Sources” (packet)

Carl-Erik Johansson, comp., “Scandinavian Paleography” (packet)

***It is important you buy a Scandinavian-English dictionary for the language(s) of interest.

Per Clemenson, YOUR SWEDISH ROOTS: A STEP BY STEP HANDBOOK (Ancestry, 2004)

Ann Urness Gesme, BETWEEN ROCKS AND HARD PLACES: TRADITIONS, CUSTOMS AND CONDITIONS IN NORWAY DURING THE 1800s, EMIgrATION FROM NORWAY, THE IMMIGRANT COMMUNITY IN AMERICA (Gesme Enterprises, 1993)

EXAMS

Their will be two exams, a midterm and a final. Exams are comprehensive, based on readings and lectures; consisting of brief essay questions and identifications. In grading, I’ll look for informed brevity and exposition, inclusion of applicable dates and record content, and understanding of key methodologies. The exams will receive a letter grade and each will count for 25 percent of the course grade, ergo: both exams will constitute 50 percent of the grade for the course.

SEMESTER PROJECT/due last day of class, Tues., 12/6

Research one or more of your Scandinavian ancestral families. Compile research results onto a family group on PAF 5.2 or similar program, and document it individual by individual. Your goal will be to document every vital date (birth/chr/marriage/death/bur) for EVERY person on the sheet; and search church recs., census, probates,
land/copyholds, military recs. (if applicable), and court recs., for the family of interest. The bulk of your research must be done in Salt Lake at the Family Search Library/FSL (directly west of Temple Square; hours Mon. 8am-5pm, Tues.-Sat. 8am-9pm) as only one in approx. seven of available Scandinavian microfilms are here on campus at UVRFHC/HBLL. You can also do some of the work using online databases, for which you must usually pay a fee. Work 60 or more hours and then compile and submit the following “research pile”:

1) research report, 10-12 pp., double-spaced, in which you report what materials you started with, your research on each individual in great detail including human-interest tidbits and applicable backgrounding and social history insights; specific results of the searches and your future research agenda;

2) pedigree

3) documented group sheet(s)

4) research logs

5) extracts attached to logs

This project will constitute the other 50 percent of your grade. The average of exams and project grades will constitute the final course grade.

CALENDAR

8/30 Introduction and historical backgrounding

9/6 FamilySearch.org; overview of databases and online research tools; Scandinavian archives

9/13 Source citation and group sheet documentation; Research notes; Linkages

9/20 Emigration/Immigration sources and methods; Reference and finding aids including Norwegian farm histories

9/27 No class (instructor in Chicago)

10/4 Lutheran church recs., Latin feast dates and calendars

10/11 **MIDTERM; bring BYU bluebook and dark-ink pen

10/18 Return and review exam; Census/tax recs.; Probates

10/25 Military records (incl. Danish military levying rolls); Copyhold and other land records
11/1 Court records

11/8 Practicum; no class; students make appointments with instructor to plan and execute research

11/15 Practicum

11/22 Friday Instruction

11/29 Practicum

***12/6, Tues., last day of class; MEET IN classroom, 385 CB, for FINAL EXAM REVIEW; Research project due!

***12/13, Tues., FINAL EXAM, 385 CB, 11am–2pm; bring BYU bluebook and dark-ink pen. Exams will be graded and available in the History Dept. Office in approximately one week.