

SAN RAMON VALLEY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY



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THIS MONTH

by **Claudia Mortensen**

Barbara Langloise, a resident of Moraga, formerly Mayor of Lafayette. Her topic will be on "A Book of Remembrance" describing San Ramon Valley interests and collecting family memorabilia in general.

LAST MONTH

by **Jane Steiner**

DAR AND SAR ENLIGHTENMENT

Nancy Hofer, Director of District IV, CSSNSDAR and Past Regent of Acalanes Chapter, explained that contrary to popular belief, Daughters of the American Revolution are more than funny, little old ladies who wave the American flag, wear tennis shoes and roam cemeteries. Because the newly formed Sons of the American Revolution denied membership to women, a group of four ladies, with SAR encouragement, met in Washington, D.C. in 1890. Today, NSDAR consists of nearly 200,000 women from all walks of life - teachers, doctors, bankers, artists, engineers and astronauts, mothers and wives who have proven their ancestry to a documented American Revolutionary patriot. True to a woman's desires, their first order of business was to plan for a fireproof "house beautiful." Soon a field where sheep grazed just apart from downtown Washington, D.C. was purchased. Today that city block across from the White House contains three connected buildings: Memorial Constitutional Hall, Administration Building and Constitution Hall. The library, also started in 1890, is today housed in Memorial Constitutional Hall and is the second largest collection of genealogical materials in the United States.

The DAR objectives are historic Preservation, Promotion of Education, and Patriotic Endeavor.

Thirty-three period state rooms have been created and are

totally supported by the State Societies. A selection of quilts from the textile museum is currently on tour in Japan.

DAR supports seven schools, the majority in Appalachia, and includes two for Native Americans. These schools, including two colleges, provide a safe living and learning environment for disadvantaged young people.

Ten individual chapters make-up District IV (East Bay area); there are fourteen Districts in California, which is in the Southwest Region of the National Society.

A Good Citizens Program is held for graduating high school seniors. Awards are given at each DAR level. The America History essay contest is open to children in the fifth through eighth grades. The selection process is the same, ending with a national winner for each grade. An Outstanding Teacher is selected. Scholarships are awarded to traditional and resuming women students.

Outstanding veterans and DAR veteran volunteers are honored at all levels. DAR provides Veteran's Hospitals with supplies and activities throughout the year. They staff and stock U.S.O. centers in airports and military bases. Through the National Defense Committee, DAR sponsors a Program for ROTC and Sea Cadets.

Frances Lloyd, Regent of the Anne Loucks Chapter, gave a brief slide overview of the DAR (continue on page 110)

MARK YOUR CALENDAR



October

- 5 **Tuesday Board Meeting - 10:00 am.** Barbara Johnson's home, 616 Camino Amigo, Danville. 837-2153. Camino Amigo is a cross st. between Hartford & Del Amigo Rd., the 1st. street west of the Iron Horse Trail.
- 19 **Tuesday - 10:00 am General Meeting. LDS CHURCH, ALAMO ON STONE VALLEY ROAD AND SMITH ROAD.** Exit I-680 at Stone Valley Exit, Turn right and head east for a bit of a ride. Our guest speaker will be Barbara Langloise presenting "Book of Remembrance".
- 21 **Thursday - 10:00 am Member Education Class.** At Millie Freitas's home. 607 Diablo Road, Danville 837-2483 Subject: "Accessing the Federal Census".
- 21 **Tuesday 7:30 pm L-AGS General Meeting.** Congregation Beth Emek, College & "M", Livermore.
- 26 **Tuesday - 9:00 am Library trip - Sutro Library, Winston Ave., SF.** Meet in the back parking lot of the Lucky Store on Diablo Road in Danville or in the upper parking lot of the Orchard Nursery, Lafayette. Call Vern at 838-8570 to be added to the list or to cancel.
- 26 **Tuesday - Sacramento German Genealogy Society** presents "German Genealogy Day" with Roger P. Minert, Ph.D., A.G., accredited in German and Austrian research. 1- 3:30 PM at St. Mark's United Methodist Church, Lusk Dr. & St. Mark's Way. <http://feefhs.org/sggs/frg-sggs.html>.
- 30 **Saturday - Contra Costa Genealogical Society** is presenting a Seminar by Karen Clifford; 10 AM - 4 PM, \$15 for CCCGS members, \$20 for non-members and \$25 at the door. For further details contact Susan Swindell, swindell@value.net.
- 30 **The San Mateo County Genealogical Society** will hold an all-day (9 a.m.-4 p.m.) Seminar by Larry Jensen. Subject and location to be announced. Contact information, SMC GS, PO Box 5083, San Mateo, CA 94402-0083. Phone: 650-572-2929. E-mail: smcgs@genealogy.org. Web site: <http://genealogy.org/~smcgs/> (See flyer included)

NOVEMBER

- 2 **Tuesday - 10:00 am Board Meeting - Carol Thompson's** 308 Hartford Road, Danville. Phone 820-4103.
- 23 **Tuesday - 9:00 am Library Trip - National Archives, San Bruno, CA**
- No Member Education Classes in November and December.

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512 Zephyr Circle, Danville, CA	Mailing: Barbara Dittig 648-9364	Special Projects Fund Balance 200.00
94526-4923	Lucy Carver 837-3146	N.A.R.A. Fund Balance: 97.50
94523-1609	Deadline to put information in newsletter is	Tape Library Fund Balance: 28.14
Annual Dues: Individual \$15.00	the first Thursday of the month	Library Fund: Prior Year Gifts &
Family 20.00	SRVGS Home Page	Donations Balance: 130.54
Membership year June 1 - May 30	< http://www.ancestry.com/societyhall/pages/sochall-503 >	Current Year Donations Balance: 412.50
		OVERALL TOTAL BALANCE: 5,024.91



PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

I want to thank **Victoria da Rosa** and **Frances Grotefend** for their service on the Board, and I know that I speak for all the members in being sorry that they are unable to continue as President and 1st. Vice President. I also want to thank **Dorothy Stanton** for being our Acting-President during the last month's transition. Thanks to their hard work, we have had a successful start to our 1999-2000 year.

I very much appreciate **Barbara Dyer** for being willing to serve as our 1st. Vice President for the remainder of this year.

We were sorry to lose our meeting place at the Guardian Rehabilitation Hospital due to remodeling of the facility. I want to thank **Pat Isom** and the Danville Stake for making their Church building on Stone Valley Road available to us for meetings. It is a spacious, quiet place to meet and has lots of parking.!

The bonus in meeting there is that their Family History Center is just across the hall and it will be open after meetings for the use of our members. If you haven't used the Center, you should visit. For beginning researchers, the Family Search program is a good place to start and the staff is very helpful. For the more experienced, being able to order films from the Genealogical Library in Salt Lake City without having to drive to Oakland or Concord is a great advantage. There is an excellent collection of U.S. maps available, also.

The Society is starting the year with many opportunities for members to learn more and to work on their genealogies. Helpful classes are planned and one or more are now scheduled. Taped lectures on a variety of genealogical topics are available at our meetings, see the list in your membership directory. Trips to Libraries of interest are planned each month.

Thank you to our speakers **Nancy Hofer**, **Frances Lloyd** and **Dick Schmidt** for an excellent presentation on the DAR and SAR at the September Meeting.

Barbara Johnson

BOOK REPORTS

By Sue Hughes

From New England Historic Genealogical Society Summer Catalog 1999

Digging for Genealogical Treasure in New England Town Records by Ann Smith Lainhart.

The records of new England towns contain a wealth of material that is often neglected by researchers who don't realize how much, beyond the vital records, may be found there. This book points genealogists toward eighteen different types of town records, gives tips on how to utilize them, and lists records available in print, type-script, or microfilm.

NEHGS. 219pp. Softcover. \$15.00 Member price \$13.50
Item #S2-64950

Portuguese Spinner: The History and Culture of the Portuguese in Southern New England

This engaging book features stories about the Portuguese in southeastern Massachusetts and their history, culture, and migration experiences. It covers themes such as rural and urban life, fishing, labor, gardening, whaling, harvesting, the church, community life, and much more. This diverse collection includes oral histories, folk tales, literary contributions, scholarly reports and popular journalism, and also contains hundreds of photographs that illustrate the impact and influence of Portuguese culture on the region.

Spinner. 1998. 228pp. Softcover. \$29.95 Item #B2-64200

CD-ROMs

Passenger & Immigration Lists: Irish to America, 1846-1865

This Family Archive CD contains information on approximately 1.5 million individuals who arrived in the Port of Boston between 1846 and 1851, and in the Port of New York between 1846 and 1865. produced in collaboration with the Balch Institute Center for Immigration Research, the data on this CD was collected from ship manifest schedules at the national Immigration Archives in Philadelphia. You will generally find the following information for each individual: age, occupation, destination, and manifest ID number. In addition, you may learn the name of the ship on which they traveled, the port from which they embarked on their journey, the port of debarkation, and the ship's arrival date.

Broderbund. 1999 \$59.99 Item #CD357

INTERESTING FINDS

Your Story goes here!

CLIMBING OVER BRICK WALLS

(From Diablo Descendants Vol. 14 No.9 Sept 1999)

All researchers have them. Dead Ends, Brick Walls. Whatever you choose to call them, here are some trends that may help you to climb over.

- * There are approximately three generations per century.
- * The average age for men to marry was about 24 years while the average for women was 20. Marriages before age 16 years were not common.
- * First marriages were usually between couples near the same age. Women generally outlived their husbands, but older widowers frequently married much younger women who had never been married before.
- * Men usually married women from their neighborhood, but if a seemingly "strange" woman turned up, check the man's former home. Often men returned to their prior residence to find a wife.
- * Frequently the first child was born a year after marriage. Births occurred in about 2-year intervals. As the woman aged, the intervals increased slightly. If census records indicate a gap of more than 4 years between births, look for deceased child or one not living in the household. Child bearing generally ended around age 45.
- * If the older parents suddenly disappear from records, they may not have been deceased. Usually the parents who were unable to care for themselves moved in with the eldest son's family. If looking for a burial of these older parents, check cemetery records in the area of the surviving children.
- * Families usually migrated together. Look for records of neighbors of your ancestor. (see census's) They may have been related. Women rarely traveled alone.
- * If you have a male ancestor born around 1840, strongly consider Civil War service.
- * If your ancestor has a virtue (continued next column)

LDS NEWS

(From Jim Scofield of L-AGS in an email dated 9/29/99)

The LDS Church has just released a free, improved version of its personal Genealogical management software, Personal Ancestral File (P.A.F.), PAF 4.9.2, which has twenty new features, enhancements, and correction of the many bugs which were found in the first PAF 4.0. The new version will be completely compatible with any files you have created with PAF 3.0 and can accept PAF 2.31 using a conversion feature.

The new PAF 4.0.2. is available for download at the following URL: http://www.familysearch.org/OtherResources/Other_Resources.asp

If you already have PAF 4.0, you do not have to uninstall it in order to upload this improved version. It will automatically overwrite those portions of PAF 4.0 which are being improved and leave the rest untouched, including and especially your personal genealogical data.

PEDIGREE RESOURCE FILES

The LDS Family Search Web site is now taking personal GED-Com files and pushing the information out as CD-s. (Just like FTM World lists) This will keep your data intact and will not entangle it with other people's (which the computer thinks are the same people as yours).

The first two of these "Pedigree Resource Files" are now available. I have one on order and probably will have it at the Mocho Street site soon. Ancestral File submissions will still be the way to go for data to go out to the Family History Centers and on-line.

Jim Scofield

(continued) name (Patience, Charity, Silence, etc.) consider a New England Heritage.

- * Children were often named for grandparents, both male and female.
- * Frequently middle names or even a first name was the mother or grandmother's maiden name, especially if the name was repeated through several related families.

From the SMC GS Newsletter September 1999 Vol. 17-8 155

SMCGS PRESENTS **A German Research Seminar**

Featuring

LARRY O. JENSEN

Teacher, editor, author, lecturer and accredited genealogist in German Family History Research

9:00 AM - 4:00 PM (doors open 8:15)

Saturday, October 30, 1999

Sam Trans Building, 1250 San Carlos Ave, San Carlos CA

Coming to America

Using German and US sources to trace the origin of immigrant ancestors

How can I research if I don't speak German

Use of Maps in German Genealogical Research

Records, the Life Blood of Family Research

Preregistration -SMCGS Members \$17 / Non members \$20

At the Door \$23

Directions: From Highway 101 take the Holly Street exit. Turn left at El Camino Real and right onto San Carlos Ave. There is a parking lot behind the Sm Trans building which is on the second block on the right.

Lunch: Bring your own sack lunch or enjoy one of the many restaurants within walking distance

NAME(S):	_____
ADDRESS:	_____
TELEPHONE:	_____

Membership: New memberships () good until Dec 31, 2000
☐ Individual \$18 (\$25) ☐ Family \$23 (\$30) ☐ Life (each Individual) \$150
☐ Institutional \$10 (\$15) ☐ Renewal ☐ New A membership packet will be sent to new members

Total Enclosed

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SMCGS General Fund	_____
SMCGS Gift Fund	_____
Computer Fund (equipment)	_____
CD Fund (purchase new CDs for library)	_____
CD/Tape Check out Club (\$30) donation / deposit (circle one)	_____
KEEP ALWAYS CLASS \$30 or \$50 for a couple	_____
Seminar () member \$17 () non-member \$20	_____
Total	\$ _____

All checks should be made payable to SMC GS.

Seminar only - mail this page to
 SMC GS, Jensen Seminar, 1944 Parrott Drive. San Mateo CA 94402

Contra Costa County Genealogical Society Presents KAREN CLIFFORD

Saturday, October 30, 1999
10:00 am – 4:00 pm

Contra Costa Water District Building
1331 Concord Ave, Concord

- Using the Internet as a Research Tool (including a basic introduction to the internet)
- Strategies for Tracing Female Lines
- Finding Elusive Ancestors: Sometimes They Can Just Make You Scream!
- Focusing on Research Goals

Directions: From I-680 exit Concord Ave go east about 1-½ miles. Building is on the left. We would like to encourage car-pooling.

We will have a very short lunch break so you will need to brown bag it.

For more information call Susan at 925-372-6996 or e-mail at swindell@value.net

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Name _____
Address _____

Phone _____
City/Zip _____

____ member of CCCGS \$15 ____ non-member of CCCGS \$20

Would you like to join CCCGS and pay member price? If so please include an additional \$15 along with your seminar fee for 2000 dues. ____ New ____ Renewal Members may use this form to renew their membership.

Make checks payable to CCCGS and mail to PO Box 910, Concord 94522-0910.

(continued from pg. 104) history, buildings and rooms, and historical markers. She explained the DAR Genealogy Records Program which publishes cemetery gravestone inscriptions and original records from private sources such as family Bibles, the holdings of the Library, and the advantages in using DAR records in research.

Mr. Dick Schmidt is a member of the Thomas Jefferson Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution, a 25,000 membership organization. The group, originally named Sons of the Squires of the revolution was founded in San Francisco, 1888. There is also a Sons of the Revolution organization.

SAR continues to have close ties to France stemming of its help during the Revolutionary War. It was the French Navy who blockaded Chesapeake Bay, preventing the British fleet from delivering supplies to Cornwallis and enabling Washington to be victorious.

At the time of the American Revolution the United States had no navy. In 1775, a resolution that money be appropriated to create a navy was passed. John Adams supported this idea to the First Continental Congress; but time was too short. Privately owned merchant ships were obtained and converted. Benjamin Harrison, father of our ninth president, arranged the lease of a merchant ship named "Hornet". She was a sailing ship about 85 tons, about 85 feet long, with a crew of 33.

SAR was among those who supported the Aircraft Carrier, USS Hornet (CV-12) be moved to Alameda for the 50th anniversary celebration of V-J Day on 15 August 1995. She had been in mothballs at Hunters Point for twenty years. A two year project of the Thomas Jefferson Chapter to create a display of U.S. Naval history through models of the Hornets has been completed and can be viewed on the Hornet in Alameda.

Even if you're on the right track, you'll get run over if you just sit there.

Will Rogers

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

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SWEDISH ROOTS: A GENEALOGY FIND IN THE ARCHIVES OF THE EMIGRANT HOUSE IN

VAXJO by <MBlasjo@aol.com>

I had been trying for months to research my maternal grandparents, Amanda Christina MAGNUSSON, born 1879 in Smaland, Sweden, and David Fabian GORANSON, born 1880 in Smaland, both of whom immigrated to the U. S. in the 1880s.

The only family records showed the birth place of my grandmother as Bergasollen, no county given. A locality search and a surname search of the IGI (International Genealogical Index) in the FHL turned up nothing. I then reviewed the emigrant passenger lists from Goteborg for 1880 through 1895, since I was told that most emigrants left from that port. Again, the results were negative. My long-planned trip to Sweden began without knowledge of an ancestral site to visit. But part of my plan was to visit the Emigrant House in Vaxjo, and this provided me with a bonanza of information.

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ON THE WEB



FROM OUR MEMBERS

Shirley Terry writes: One of my Siems correspondents sent me the following site which he had found very helpful in locating cemeteries.

<<http://mapping.usgs.gov/www/gnis/gnisform.html>>

It has been quite awhile since I used the USGS site. I think the format has been changed somewhat. By just filling in the state, county and "cemetery" feature, you can get a list of all cemeteries within a county which is a good reference to have.

When the USGS page is loaded, you can click on the state list and select state. In the county listing, type in the county name. Then click on the features list and select "Cemetery." Click on Send Query". When the cemetery listing for the named county appears, you select the particular cemetery from those listed. You will see various features about the cemetery listed, including its latitude and longitude location in degrees, minutes and seconds. With a GPS locator you could verify the location. Below the information listing is an option to click for a map. It will show two maps; the location within the state and the area around the cemetery. For more detail click "Zoom" on the map. The map may be printed out in color.

Diana Hancock tried the site listed below and says "It is a great tool". I thought the site was for German, but believe it is for translation for all languages, give it a try.

<<http://babelfish.altavista.digital.com/cgi-bin/translate?>>

She found out the site didn't translate Dutch but did Portuguese for you Portugal researchers.

From the Federation of Genealogical Societies comes this helpful news: Family historians looking for genealogical societies with which to associate or correspond can now search Society Hall by name (or portion of the name), locality, or zip code. The search will provide individuals all over the world with details about your society, membership information, meeting dates for monthly meetings, seminars, and workshops. Society Hall can also list the publications you offer for sale, your periodicals,

your officers and contact information and more.

<http://www.fgs.org> and select "FGS member Societies"

or <http://www.familyhistory.com/societyhall/main.asp>

Swedish Connections from Sharon Clay.

Swedes@majordomo.com (must subscribe)

Swedish Genealogy Usenet Group:

Swedes@smultron.com You can unsubscribe any time if you are getting too much mail.

Virtual University

(Previously published by Julia M. Case & Myra Vanderpool Gormley, CG, Missing Links: RootsWeb's Genealogy Journal, Vol 4, No 39, 22 Sept. 1999. RootsWeb:

<<http://www.rootsweb.com/>>

The Fall calendar of classes includes Exploring the Internet, Free and Fun Stuff on the World Wide Web, Web Page Design for Beginners (HTML 1), Enhancing Your Web Site (HTML 2), Introduction to HTML Forms, Java Script for Beginners, Step by Step Visual Basic, mIRC 101; Reach Out and Chat with Someone, Italian for Beginners, and more. To browse course descriptions or enroll, visit the campus Web site at

<<http://www.vu.org/calendar.html>>

Ships Records

Busy **Diana Hancock** says this is a great site with searchable indexes.

<<http://istg.rootsweb.com/index2.html>>

Bet you can't use just one continued.....

US Land & Property Research & Primer Course for Historic Land & Property Research. **Excellent**

<http://user.am.net/~billco/uslpr.htm>

Retrieval of Pension Papers

<http://www.oz.net/~cyndihow/pensions.htm>



SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

SOUTHERN Meets the **2nd. Tuesday** of the month 10:00 am. **Tuesday-October 12th** at Peggy Dearman's house, 749 Morninghome Road, Danville. 837-1621.

PORTUGUESE - Tuesday October 19. After the General meeting, 1:00 pm at the LDS Church. Bring a bag lunch.

IRISH & CALIFORNIA Meets the **2nd. Wednesday** of the month 10:00 am. **October 13th.** at the home of **Patty Erickson**, 10 Ridge Place, Pleasant Hill. Phone 229-0889. **November meeting on November 10th.** Same place.

GERMAN Meets the **4th. Wednesday** of the month 10:00 am. **October 27th.** At **Carol Huvane's** home. 4589 Walnut Blvd. Walnut Creek. 947-5669 thuv@aol.com

MAC COMPUTER GROUP Meets the **3rd. Wednesday** of the month. 10:00 am. **October 20th.** At the home of **Barbara Dittig** 366 Jacaranda Drive, Danville. Phone 648-9364.

PUBLISHING To be announced.

ROOTS USERS For those learning to use Palladium Ultimate Family Tree. Group meets after the General Meeting. Meeting site and date to be announced.

INTERNET Interested members should contact Robert da Roza by e-mail vrदारोza@ix.netcom.com to be added to the

THE ORIGINS OF OLD SAYINGS, ACCORDING TO THE INTERNET

(From The Live Oak, Sept/Oct 1999 pg. 9)

Wonder what life was like in the 1500's? Ever wonder why most weddings took place in June? Because baths were a luxury and most folks could only afford them once a year, usually in May when the weather got warm enough. So bride and groom were relatively clean when June came...still the bride carried a bouquet just to make sure.

And when that annual bath came, the men got first crack..the women had to use the same bath water, then came the children and finally, the baby. By that time the water was so dirty, it was hard to see if there was anyone in it, hence the saying: "Don't throw the baby out with the bath water."

When most people built their houses, they could only afford the sides and the roof to keep out the rain.. the floors were dirt, hence the saying "they were dirt poor."

These same people ate mostly vegetables, threw them in a pot and boiled them, ate what they could that night and left the rest in the pot which they ate the next day for lunch. For dinner that night they would add more vegetables and water, boil them up again, leave the rest for the next day and so forth. Hence the poem, "pease porridge hot, pease porridge cold, pease porridge in the pot, nine days old."

But sometimes the family got pork in which case the man of the house was said to "really bring home the bacon." On such rare occasions the family would invite neighbors in and they would all sit around and "chew the fat."

There might also be some bread for the occasion, in which case the workers ate the bottom part that was burnt, the family ate the middle and the guests got the "upper crust."

When the roof leaked really bad our ancestors threw more straw on top to keep out the rain...this also was a place where animals could snuggle up and keep warm. But when the roof caved in from the increasing weight of the straw and animals it was said to be "raining cats and dogs."

When our forebears drank liquor, they used lead cups and the lead sometimes leached into the drink rendering them "dead drunk." Often they were buried that way..but when cemeteries got overcrowded the coffins were dug up and found to have scratch marks inside them, indicating that the deceased had not been deceased after all. So it was decided to run a string down the graves and attach a bell at the end so if the deceased awoke he could ring the bell. Someone was assigned to the "Graveyard shift" and sure enough, some people were actually "saved by the bell." Unfortunately, by the time some of them were dug up they were "dead ringers."

(continued from page 110) **Swedish Roots**

In the archives, with the able help of archivist, Catherina, we did a search for my grandmothers name. There were many Amanda Magnusons, but none with the right birth date. The next search was for "Amanda" with her birth date, and bingo! The record showed Amanda Christina JONANS DOTTER, with the correct birth date, born in the Berga parish in Kronoberg county. Of course -- she was christened with the patronymic surname from her father Johan Magnusson. She left for America with her family from Malmo, not Goteborg. The success didn't stop there. A search for my grandfather, again using given name and date of birth, showed David Fabian JOHNSON (patronymic surname), son of Johan Goranson, also born in Berga parish. Both of these finds were from the database of emigrants leaving from Malmo.

I was impressed with the speed with which these results were obtained and the efficiency of the archivists. I recommend the archives of the Emigrant House in Vaxjo to anyone having difficulty locating their Swedish ancestors. Research can be done by mail, which could be a little expensive, but less expensive than a trip to Sweden. (I also recommend a trip to beautiful Sweden.) Contact is: The Swedish Emigrant Institute, Box 201, S-351 04 VAXJO, Sweden; Phone +46 470-210 20.

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