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## Sabelskjoldarn - New edition

We have got a question from at member about getting the paper as a pdf. As a member, you can chose if you want a print, or get a pdf-print in Swedish or English. Is this an option for you, please let us know, email me or answer the poll on Facebook.

We haven't decided yet if it will be, but since we know there are some of you that save the paper and some who just barely take a look and the dispose of it, the pdf could be an better choice for you.

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Do you have suggestions or opinions about the content of this magazine? Would you like to write a line or two? Get in touch!

Remember to notify us any change of address!

## About the reprint of the book

Now we have the whole book as a text-file and possible to translate to another language. The big question is, who will pay, or who want to do the job. It is over 100 pages, mostly text, some pictures. We have ordered 300 books in Swedish, and the cost will be as before \$ 30. (not exactly but somewhere about.) But if we could get the text translated and we ordered say 100 books the cost could be as much as \$ 50. Would it be interesting to buy? Who can translate?



Thina Rydell



# A word from our chairman

2020 was the year that did not turn out as expected. When writing this introduction to the family association's newsletter there is barely a month left until Christmas and there is a lot to consider in view of everything going on right now in the world. I hope you are all doing well and taking care of each other.

This year we had planned a family reunion in Uppsala where we were going get the opportunity to look at the nobility letter that is available at the university library. But as you all know, that was not possible, so instead we chose to have a digital meeting to still be able to see each other. In connection with this meeting, which was held online on November 7th 2020, a new board of directors was elected. I welcome those who were elected!

I imagine that most of the plans for 2020 did not happen. For my family, the year has included a canceled trip to Europe as well as plans for a vacation in California in the fall, to, among other things, visit relatives. The trip to Europe was exchanged for a week on the farm and the latter trip was exchanged for a long online conversation with relatives. So even if it did

not turn out as intended, we could still do something. And I am grateful to all digital opportunities that allow us to still see each other.

In the coming year, the work of the board continues, and we hope that we will be able to plan a meeting next august. Whether that meeting will take place physically or digital-

ly no one knows yet, but time will tell. The goal is that the new edition of the genealogy book with an appendix will be published in 2021, at this time in Swedish only.

Wishing everyone a great 2021, Regards Staffan Svensson, Chairman.

# DNA day in Norrköping

The board is planning for a DNA day in August 2021, if all goes well and we can meet again without restrictions. A detailed invitation with registration, exact date, place, and price will be issued separately before the summer to those who have registered interest. As it is a special theme, we will not send out a general invitation.

DNA is a special interest in genealogy but also something that grows every year as more and more people submit test kits. We will invite Peter Sjölund, an expert in the field and will adjust the date according to when he can participate. Peter Sjölund has written several books on the subject and participated in solving the double murder in Linköping. There is a blog if you're interested at https://petersjolund.se/blog/.

There are several books on the subject, for example: "Från DNA-test till släktträd", "Släktforska med DNA", from the Rötter book store. (only in Swedish). Most of the swedes tested have sent their sample to Familytree DNA. If you are interested in participating in the DNA Day, sign up by sending an email or postcard with member number, name, address, possible e-mail, and telephone number to thina.rydell@sabelskjold.se



Peter Sjölund, picture from petersjolund.se

# he christening costume that the tradition commanded

Kalmar County Museum has extensive collections of objects related to Kalmar County. Every month they exhibit an object that considered to be interesting. In March 2004 the object of the month was a christening costume in the form of a dipping bag which, according to information from the donor, has been used in the Sabelskjöld family.

The baptismal bag is described by antiquarian Lena Hessel as follows: "Among the common people, a baptismal bag was used for infant baptism during the 18th century and until the late 19th century. The wrapped baby was dressed in the beautifully decorated cloth bag.

The bags could be made of cotton, silk, or woolen fabric. Silk ribbons, paper flowers, cloths, beads, and lace were usually used as decoration and for symbolic value. Some shiny material should always be on the bag to protect the newborn from evil spirits or from being replaced.

The christening bag is sewn using pink cotton fabric and it is richly decorated with both silver lace and fabric flowers. The bag includes a christening hat of red silk fabric with sewn-on straps of silk and lace and a collar of tulle. The baptismal bag is from the middle of the 19th century and a good example of what the folk tradition required.

According to oral tradition, it originally belonged to the Sabelskjöld family. It was gifted to the museum in 2003."

The donor is Anders Grybäck. The claim about the Sabelskjöld family has support in our database. It turns out that Anders' mother, grandmother, and grandmother's mother all belonged to the family. One can probably assume that objects like this have mainly been preserved within the family by the women. The ancestor in this case is Ingeborg Sabelskjöld - one of the girls at Bråhult.

Text: Birger Bring Photo: Kalmar County Museum's collections



## Opportunity to apply for a scholarship for research of the Sableskjöld family

At the annual meeting a motion was discussed regarding the possibility of applying for a scholarship for research in the family. The full text is on the right. The family meeting approved the motion that had previously been discussed at a board meeting. According to the board's decision, the \$ 1,000 donated by Chuck Johnson will be part of the funds set aside for distribution of the scholarship. Chuck Johnson gave the money to the board at the family meeting in Söderköping in 2016 with the desire for a house for the family. Unfortunately, it is not possible for the association to own property and therefore there is no possibility to fulfill the request. On the other hand, letting the donation be included for the purpose of genealogical research in another physical place, is considered by the board to be a step in the direction Chuck wanted us to go. Chuck himself was working with genealogy research until recently. This will also be a way to preserve his memory as he quickly passed away during one of his research trips in the fall of 2019.

If you do genealogy and have ideas about what you want to do, you are welcome to submit your application to the board. The requirements are described in the text; one year of membership and a confirmed relationship with Sabelskjöld. There are still many parts of the family that are unexplored.

You send your letter of intent in an email to styrelsen@ sabelskjold.se or by letter to the chairman, details provided on the last page. The board is looking forward to your application. Thina Rydell

The purpose of the association is to work for cohesion within the Sabelskjöld family, to safeguard common interests, to keep a correct list of members and to carry out research within the family's history. The association organizes family meetings and publishes the annual membership magazine Sabelskjöldaren.

We want those who research the family's history to have the opportunity to apply for a scholarship. The conditions are that you have been a member for at least one year and that you have submitted your own research to confirm kinship with the Sabelskjöld family. The purpose of this is to stimulate interest in conducting and expanding research to the association that explores hitherto unknown descendants or relatives.

The scholarship can be applied for by a member and will be a contribution to board and lodging if research has to be carried out elsewhere. The scholarship can amount to a maximum of SEK 5,000 and can be applied for and received twice.

The scholarship can be applied for by the applicant sending a letter of intent to the board, which grants the scholarship no later than December 1st the year the application was received. The letter of intent must contain information about which part of the family the research refers to where the applicant intends to travel to. Before applicants can be granted a second time, the research shall be presented to the board and research group.

> Kalmar on April 1, 2020 Karin Larsson and Thina Rydell

# Reprint of "About the Sabelsköld family and the life of the descendants of royal life guard Carl Sabelsköld"

The book has been printed twice before, the first time in 1982 and a reprint in 2004. Sales have now been stopped and about 10 books from the latest printing have been saved.

The work with a new print has been going on for a while as there are many different steps to be done. Unfortunately, the work could not be carried out in the way we planned, but now we are up and running again and expect the book to be finalized and available for purchase in the shop this summer. We do not have a price ready yet, but it will probably be around SEK 300 as before.

In genealogy, new information emerges that revises the old ones or supplements those you already have. As in all books, inaccuracies creep in, so too in our genealogy book. Dates have been corrected where we have discovered that the information did not match the original of the church books. Information has been obtained from the church's birth-baptism book, marriage book and death-funeral book.

Some people have been added after later research has been performed. Others have had their place of birth and family of origin changed.

Unfortunately, it turned out that Elgenstierna's supplement also contained errors for the Sabelskjöld family. We include

these corrections in the new edition of the genealogy book. I also want to draw your attention to inaccuracies that circle around on various pages on the Internet. Be careful with the information you include in your family trees; you do not want to have errors just to fill in the gaps.

The research group has looked closer into the identity of the first wife of Jöns Sabelskjöld. In the family book, her name is Märta Stråle by Ekna. After researching and consulting with other genealogists, we have come to the conclusion that this information is incorrect. Sven Bankeström and Torsten Wideberg, both of whom casted doubt over the identity of Märta when the family book was first written. We agree that Olof Stråle's and Märta Stolpe's daughter is Jön's first wife. We beleive her name was Christina. There is no Märta mentioned in her mother's, Märta Stolpe's, estate.

The death notice for Jön's daughter Märta Sabelskjöld, married to Anders Bertilsson Bergman, spells out the names of her parents. We believe that there is a mistake in the land registers where Jön's wife appears to be Märta. It is not possible to say with certainty which is correct, but we believe that Christina Stråle of Ekna is Jön's first wife and mother of the children.

> The Research Group by Karin Larsson

# Show your ancestry with our jewelry

Our appreciated rings and charms with the family crest can still be ordered directly from the goldsmith Valdi jewelry in Kalmar. Both rings and charms are available in different materials: silver, white gold or red gold. The rings are now also found in the precious metal palladium, which belongs to the group of platinum metals. Palladium is silvery white but hard and resembles white gold, but at a much better price. If you want to order a ring, first go to a local jewelry and try

out the right size. Keep in mind that this is a heel ring, so ask

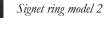
If you are interested, contact Valdi Smycken directly: email info@valdismycken.se or call +46 480-42 25 25.

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Signet ring model 1





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# The annual meeting, which was first canceled and finally went digital

signed up.



Thina Rydell, Karin Larsson och Annica Triberg. Foto: Anders Larsson

This is what the meeting looked like from our view, not everyone had the camera running. Top row from right Birgitta Mantefors, Maja Svärd, Staffan Svensson. Middle row Johnny Sigvardsson, Bert Myde and Anita Titus. At the bottom Evy Hult, Karin Larsson and Stig Berglund, some additional members eventually logged in. Photo: Karin Larsson



## The new board

En ny styrelsen valdes vid det digitala mötet och med tre nya medlemmar.

#### Chairman Staffan Svensson:

Staffan Svensson: "I am 63 years old and live on Mysingsö outside Oskarshamn with my wife Maud. I work as a real estate technician at a real estate company. In my free time I devote myself to my farm in Kristdala. I have been on the family association's board since 1998, now as chairman, and I am also the caretaker of the bridal crown."

#### Vice President Thina Rydell:

"I have three grown children and five grandchildren, (number six will come in the spring I hope). I live in my parents' home outside Kalmar. I work as a DPO, data protection representative in Nybro and as a consultant in three other municipalities. Has been on the board since 2010 and take care of the website, the newspaper and the newsletters, among other things."

### Treasurer Gunnar Malmberg:

"I live in Tranås and am married to Marie-Anne. We have three daughters and nine grandchildren. I was born in Oskarshamn but grew up in Kristdala. During my professional life, I have worked as a teacher in Västervik, been development manager at Volvo Bus in Gothenburg, been industrial manager at Samhall and have also been self-employed and chairman of several companies for about 15 years before retirement.

This is probably the first time in the association's history

that a family reunion has been moved more than once. But

during the pandemic year 2020, few things went as planned.

We realized quite early that we would not be able to gather in

Uppsala as planned and our contingency plan for the meet-

ing in Norrköping did not materialize either as the number of

Covid-19 cases increased again at the end of October, just a

few weeks before the scheduled meeting on November 7. The

only solution left was an online meeting and about 20 members

to get together and thereby formed a presidium with chair-

man and secretary for the meeting and a moderator who kept

track of the participants and the votes. We had prepared for all

eventualities, for example that we would lose contact with the

nomination committee or that the auditors would not be able

to participate. Of course, there were some minor issues with

most of them being rectified and the meeting was carried out

without any problems. It was the last board meeting for three

board members and we thank Karin Larsson, Annica Triberg

and Johnny Sigvadsson, for their services. The new board was

then elected and confirmed and contact information can be

found on the last page, as well as a short presentation here.

As we were three board members in Kalmar, we chose

The interest in history and genealogy has existed for a long time. It was aroused in my youth when a cousin of my mother used to tell me about her family at family parties. I started looking for ancestry but did not just want to draw family trees and therefore sought more information about how people in our family had really lived.

When the modern aids Disgen and Arkiv Digital were launched, it became much easier to both search and report. Via the emigrant registers, I also found our relatives in America, which provided a lot of information. It also led to our trip to Minnesota."

Britt

#### **Britt Stenervall:**

"Live in Stockholm and am 67 years old. Retired and hourly employee. My grandmother and grandfather living in Berga, Kalvenäs Högsby parish. They had 9 daughters and 1 son, of which 4 daughters sought happiness in Stockholm. I live near the world heritage Skogskyrkogården where Greta Garbo is buried, she is my third cousin. I take care of the association's shop"



## Birgitta Mantefors:

"I have lived in Norrköping most of my life, except for a few years when I studied at Karlstad University. I work as a teacher and have Swedish as my major. I have had the privilege of teaching newcomers since the refugee crisis in 2016 and think that this has enriched my life both as a person and as a teacher. I have two children who have both moved away from home. Since

one of them studies in Östra Grevie, I spend a lot of time in beautiful Skåne. I usually take the opportunity to visit relatives, who have always meant a lot to me. I have the privilege of having a close relationship with my cousins and immediate relatives during my upbringing. This is how I became interested in the Sabelskjöld family. So much fun to get to know more relatives. I am the administrator of our group on Facebook, where all members of the association are welcome."



"I was born and raised in Stockholm and am married to Helena. We have two sons together. I have a bachelor in business and have for the past 30 years mainly worked as an management consultant, mostly in the health care sector. I have always been interested in history and through genealogy I have had the opportunity to understand environments and living conditions on a deeper and more individual level. Joined the association 2020."

#### Per Håkansson:

"I am 57 years old and live in Timmernabben together with my wife and two Siberian cats. Have been doing genealogy for a few years and knew that Sabelskjöld existed in the past but not how. There was an older relative who did genealogy research and was a member of the association but she passed away many years ago. Unfortunately, I have not been able to get hold of her material. Last year I managed to research how I was related to Sabelskjöld and then I joined the association. I have since done some research on the ancestry of Ingeborg Rosenstråle and found many exciting people. Through genealogy research, I have also gotten in touch with relatives in the US, which led to them visiting us a couple of years



ago. I am thinking about visiting them sometime in the future. I work as production manager at a company in Kalmar that manufactures garbage trucks. In my free time I do running and hiking. Usually I also go one week of downhill skiing per year. I changed my lifestyle a number of years ago and then running came into my life, which I don't not regret for a second. I have run a lot of half marathons and "Lidingölopp" since then. Also, I think it's fun to travel and discover new places. I am part of Odd Fellow in Kalmar where I will be Supermaster in the beginning of 2021.

I think it will be fun to get more involved in the association's work and am newly elected as in charge of membership issues

#### **Tomas Sannerud:**

"I live with my wife in Norrköping, but was born in Kristdala and am the grandson of the chaplain Erik Meurling. I have an older brother and a twin brother named Torbjörn. I entered the theological path in the 1960s and was ordained in 1972. Came to Norrköping where I have, among other things, been involved in immigrant issues. When I became a father in 1981, my mother told me about the Sabelskjöld family. I became interested, joined the association and my membership number is 972.":

#### Secretary Maja Svärd:

"My genealogy research started in 2006 when my grandmother made a surprising statement - could it be that way? Some could be denied, others nuanced and then the completely new and unexpected connection to Sabelskjöld was added. I was born in 1964 and have lived in Järfälla outside Stockholm for many years. Here my children grew up and went to school. Previously, I worked in



childcare and school, now I have assignments in the area of family support and have an interest in political involvement, mainly in health care.

Genealogy may offer more surprises, I have plans to supplement with DNA as soon as time allows."

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# Odd things can be bought through online auctions

A few years ago, when Peder Nilsson was still a member of the board, he once brought a green shimmering bottle. Since the camera was still there, there were a couple of pictures, and when I recently looked for a picture, it appeared.

Peder tells

- I bought it at an auction house in the US about 15 years ago. It has belonged to Fallebogöken, who was born in Fallebo, Kristdala parish. He made a name for himself as C. W. Roback in the United States. The bottle says DR C.W ROBACK SCANDINAVIA BLOOD PURIFIER CINCINNATI. Scandinavian blood purifier; he deceived people all the time.

- A fun thing to have, thinks Peder, who had to pay SEK 1,300 incl. shipping for the bottle, but was still happy with the purchase.

We have had information about Fallebogöken before. Cut and pasted from Sabelsköldar'n 2010:

Karl Johan Nilsson / Fallenius / Roback (he had many names) was not a Sabelskjöld himself, but his son Karl Vilhelm married into the Sabelskjöld family. He married, despite his father's wild protests, the seamstress Wilhelmina Josefina Kjörling, granddaughter of cantor Kjörling in Kristdala.

Fallebogöken started as a farmer on the parent farm in Fallebo, Kristdala, but soon became a trader in Döderhultsvik. Due to extensive loan transactions with counterfeit creditors, Fallebogöken, which was Kristdalaborna's nickname for merchant Nilsson, had to leave for America. There he soon practiced quackery on a large scale. Dr. Roback, as he now called himself, sold liquid electricity, among other things, claimed that he could raise the dead, and sold love powder and similar products.

Anyone who wants to know more about this pranksters can read the author Barbro Lindgren's book "Fallebogöken - the seventh son of a seventh son" about Fallebogöken's hoaxes, an extremely entertaining read. Barbro Lindgren is herself a descendant of the doctor and is also a Sabelskjöld.

Birger Bring"



Text ant photo: Thina Rydell

## Hello Girls

In Stockholmstidningen, december 28 1909, there was the following somewhat cryptic advertisement:

Hallå Flickor!
Tre glada militärer önska stifta bekantskap med tre likasinnade flickor. Svar, hvar för sig till "Sabelskjöld 20", "Bergenstråle 21", "Löfvenhjälm 22".

Postkontoret 14.

Hi girls

Three happy soldiers want to get to know three likeminded girls. Answer separately to "Sabelskjöld 20", "Bergenstråle 21" "Löfvenhjälm 22"

Post office 14

The name Sabelskjöld disappeared as early as the 18th century. There was certainly a sugar baker in Vaxholm named Per Fredrik Sabelskjöld. He had taken the name at the end of the 19th century, but to my knowledge he did not belong to the family. Per Fredrik had no children of his own but a foster son who also took the name. However, he died in 1897, so after that there should not have been anyone with the name Sabelskjöld until the name has recently, against the will of the association, been revived.

I'm starting to lean more and more towards the opinion that the names in the ad were made up to increase the men's prospects in the marriage market.

Although there were families named Löfvenhjälm and Bergenstråle during this time, they spelled the names slightly differently.

Birger Bring

## Christmas with the Sabelström family in the 1870s

The Sabelström family is a branch of our family tree descended from Anna Maria Sabelskjöld - one of the six virgins at Bråhult. The noble name could not be passed on by daughters, but at least two of Anna Maria's sons took the name Sabelström. The Sabelström family eventually gained several members, one of them, Erik Constans Sabelström, ended up on Herrstorp's farm just outside Mönsterås. The family at Herrstorp was large 12 children plus several employees. Here we get to follow an abbreviated part of their Christmas celebration in the late 1870s. The author is probably their daughter Hilda Gabriella, 1868 – 1944, who in her adulthood wrote down her memories.

Birger Bring

#### Excerpt from the magazine Släkthistoriskt Forum 5, 2019

--- After a two-mile journey (from Kalmar, editor's note) we came to Söregärde, my mother's childhood home. --- After an hour's break, we went on past Ryssby church. Ryssbylund's manor, where my mother once saw Queen Desideria and was so disappointed. Then came Svartingstorp's farm with constantly lowered blue blinds, Ålem's church and rectory and Strömserum, the huge wooden castle where you could sometimes meet the old baron Rappe, who was considered a great despot. ---So we drove past Kronobäck, my parents' first home in marriage, with its monastery ruins. Now it was only half a mile left, we had become quiet and drowsy and shivered from the cold. But then we entered Mönsterås köping, where we knew all the houses, the Miss Nyström's farm, where Aunt Betty lived with her daughter Armida. Then came Palmgren's house where Ida, Anders Elof Johansson, lived, the pharmacist, Preutz, Fornanders, Roséns - all beautiful houses with well-kept gardens. Finally, we came to the big oak at Herrstorpsvägskälet and now we were on the avenue. ---

What a bliss to be at home with father and mother and little siblings that we had not seen in a long time. Hoe we baked, boiled and fried! Already at four o'clock my mother got up and it was wonderful how she always happily completed her incredible work. Dad, who never really dealt with anything indoors, at least cooked candy for the Christmas table. --- Last of all, butter pastries and cake were baked and placed the Christmas table.

So finally came the day before Christmas. The polished copper was lined up on the kitchen shelves, as well as tin plates and dishes that had their own wall shelves in the kitchen. Colored paper was wrapped around the thick iron bar, which supported the angle of the stove hood. The brothers went into the forest to cut the Christmas tree. --- It was dressed by the older siblings; the five younger siblings were not allowed to join. A Swedish flag was mounted at the top. Red apples were hung next to the trunk, figs strung on a red thread were wrapped around the tree from the top down. Candles in holders or wax candles were placed on the branches, candies were hung in colorful paper wrappings, and so were bags of tissue paper filled with candies. ---

Already at four on Christmas Eve morning things started to move in the kitchen. It happened that you got up and peaked into the kitchen, then you could see mother setting the servants' Christmas table, one for the farm worker boys and one for the maids. Five piles of Christmas goodies on each. They consisted of five bread cakes of various kinds, a puff pastry wreath and on top a large red apple. You now knew that Christmas Eve had arrived. ---

Then we entered the dining hall, the fire was burning and a table was set. Tea was served on Christmas Eve, a drink that otherwise rarely occurred at home. You felt really grand as you stepped up to the table, which was set as for guests. Eventually you entered up the big hall where the Christmas tree was lit and where the farm people were also invited. A glass of punch was offered to the adults, the parents toasted and wished Merry Christmas and after a few dances around the Christmas tree, the people left for the kitchen.

Now came the most exciting moment, the Christmas gift distribution. The Christmas presents were thrown in through one door or the other, everyone rushed forward to see what was going on. Then there was a feverish tearing of the paper and cries of delighted surprise or disappointment. ---

Mom always traveled to the early service at church on Christmas Day. She did not want to neglect to hear the psalm "Have a nice morning" which for her was a concentrate of the festive atmosphere of Christmas. --- The early service began at five or six o'clock and the high mass followed immediately. That meant 3 hours in an ice cold church. Upon returning home, there was steaming coffee and Christmas food. --- There were many parties during the Christmas holidays and we girls kept busy trying to create variations in our very unassuming wardrobes. Mom and the older wives wore their standing silk dresses, which returned every Christmas. ---

As soon as possible after arrival, the dance began. Music was performed by some wives, who each had their own waltz or polka on the repertoire. Aunt S Ulfsparre had her waltz, Ida Fornander hers, mother had a waltz and a polka. Aunt Ida Callerström a waltz that was played with bravura. But no one could play francaise. Then you would have to try to lure Kamrer Preutz from the game table. ---

But then came the bitter upheaval. The old town was insulted by being called a "den", the school was a prison, the house was crowded, everything seemed boring and monotonous. You were then looking forward to spring and a week of Easter break.



Sisters Hilda and Kjerstin Sabelström

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