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# Smiths (smeder) galore!

**Föreningen för Smedsläktforskning (FFS)  
(Swedish Society for Blacksmiths' Family Research) is presented**

BY ULF BERGGREN

FFS is a society for people researching blacksmith families. It was begun in 1994 as a result of a project started by me and others to research and publish all Swedish blacksmith families (*before the year 1800* for the most part). One of the reasons for this was that blacksmiths and their families moved much more and longer distances than ordinary farming people. This was because they were recruited by ironworks' owners if they were known to be very knowledgeable smiths. The time limit of most research being done before 1800 is because during the earlier period the smiths are much more difficult to follow, due to the gaps or non-existence of the clerical surveys (*husförhörslängder*).

Some members have chosen one or more parishes for which they register all church records with blacksmiths. The result becomes a part of our database for blacksmith families, which also regularly is published on DVD (previously CD);, version 7 will be released later this summer.



## **Svenska Smedsläkter**

We also publish the booklet series *Svenska Smedsläkter*, of which the first 20 booklets have been collected in two books with additions and corrections.

The first volume contains the families of *Asp, Becker, Broms/Bröms, Carlberg, Garneij, Gevert/Gävert, Gropp, Hammarbäck, Hjerpe, Hjulström, Köhler, Lögdström, Nyqvist, Roxström/Rockström, Silja/Gerich, Skönberg, Stockhaus, Swartling, Thunman, and Wennerström.*

Volume 2 contains the families of *Aldrin, Brusk, Göthberg, Hammar, Hane, Lang, Lindberg, Lodén, Lundström, Lybeck, Lögdqvist, Nordahl, Palm, Ringel, Spångberg, Ståhle, Sverkström, Taberman, Tjernlund, Vieweg, Wahlqvist, Wård, and Öhman.*

Normally we publish two *Svenska Smedsläkter* booklets each year and four issues of the member magazine *Smedsforskaren*, with articles, news, and advice for blacksmith research. are issued. All this is included in the membership fee. Members also get price reductions on our other publications, i.e., CD:s/DVD:s and booklets that are published less regularly, containing articles about blacksmiths or blacksmith registers, all in Swedish.

Recently a CD was released with the title *Svenska Järnstämplor* (Swedish Iron Stamps). This CD has more than 2,700 pictures of the stamps that each forge or iron works (*bruk*) marked their produce with. There is also an index whereone can

find which *bruk* used which marks.

Together with the Walloon Society we have a free internet forum for questions, *Vallon- och smedsläktsforum*, and also a wikipedia containing mostly information about iron forges.

## **Smedskivan**

(The Blacksmiths' DVD)

*Smedskivan* is our best known publication, a DVD with the contents from our blacksmith database. The DVD needs no installation, you can open it with a web browser, Firefox for instance.

The seventh edition will be published this summer and contains about 210,000 persons, blacksmiths, and their families. Members will pay only 195 SEK for it, others 285.

## **Membership information**

The membership fee is 100 SEK. Members abroad pay 160 SEK if they want *Smedsforskaren* on paper. Otherwise they get it e-mailed in PDF format, and only *Svenska Smedsläkter* on paper.

At our web site,

[www.genealogi.se/smed](http://www.genealogi.se/smed)

there is more information, also in English.



**Johan Henrik Aldrin**  
född 1776-12-23, död 1847-10-28

<p><b>Johan Henrik Aldrin</b> f.1776-12-23 Uddeholms bruk Norra Råda d.1847-10-28 Stjärnsfors Norra Råda Dagkarl Stjärnsfors Norra Råda</p> <p>[ Biografi ] [ Barn ]</p>	<p><u>Johan Göransson Aldrin</u> dp.1744-01-01 Geijersholm, Norra Råda d.1802-04-27 Uddeholm, Norra Råda Hammarmedsmästare Uddeholm</p>	<p><u>Göran Andersson Aldrin</u> f.1709-01-02 Gunnerud, Alster d.1772-12-07 Uddeholm, Norra Råda Hammarmedsmästare</p> <p><u>Katarina Henriksdotter Gevert</u> dp.1703-04-29 Årås, Amnehärad d.1773-01-15 Uddeholms bruk, Norra Råda</p>	<p><u>Anders Henriksson</u> f.</p> <p><u>Elin Jönsdotter</u> f. Brohagen, Alster</p> <p><u>Henrik Adamsson Gevert</u> f.1680 ca</p> <p><u>Ellika Eriksdotter</u> f.1673 ca</p>
	<p><u>Kerstin Johansdotter Spångberg</u> f.1751-11-30 Gullspång, Amnehärad d.1814-04-02 Uddeholm, Norra Råda</p>	<p><u>Johan Spångberg</u> f.1725-12-14 Jonsbol, Visnum d.1795-05-17 Stjärnsund, Askersund lfs Hammarmedsmästare</p> <p><u>Sara Adamsdotter Segerberg</u> f.1729 Björneborg, Visnum d.1799-11-11 Stjärnsund, Askersunds lfs</p>	<p><u>Henrik Andersson Spångberg</u> f.</p> <p><u>Elisabet Andersdotter</u> f.</p> <p><u>Adam Eriksson Segerberg</u> f.1688 ca</p> <p><u>Kerstin Olofsdotter</u> f.</p>

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**Johan Henrik Aldrin,**

född 1776-12-23 i Uddeholms bruk, Norra Råda, död 1847-10-28 i Stjärnsfors, Norra Råda. Dagkarl i Stjärnsfors, Norra Råda. (SM).

Gift 1814-08-21 i Norra Råda sn med

Anna Katarina Ekman, född 1787 i Liljendal, Gåsborn, död 1876-12-05 i Stjärnsfors, Norra Råda. (24).

Barn:

Johan Henrik Aldrin, född 1817-01-01, död 1895-12-21

Göran Aldrin, född 1820-04-29

Magnus Aldrin, född 1823-05-24

*An example from the Smedskivan. The person at the top of the page is the great-great-grandfather of Edwin Eugene "Buzz" Aldrin, the second man on the moon. The line reads: Johan (Jan) Henrik, b. 1776 > Johan (Jan) Henrik, b. 1817 > Karl Johan, b. 1866 [immigrated in 1892 to the U.S.] > Edwin Eugene, b. 1896 > Edwin Eugene "Buzz," b. 1930.*



*Blacksmiths from the Domnarvet ironworks in Dalarna. Photo from 1879 in the Jernkontoret Collection.*