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## The First Locals of Sweden

by Eric Hallar



### Monetary Standard:

Before 1858 — 48 skilling banco=1 riksdaler banco.

From 1858 — 100 ore=1 riksdaler.

From 1874 — 100 ore=1 krona.

The first local postage stamp of Sweden was issued on July 1, 1856. It was issued by private interests who handled local mail in Stockholm from 1848 to 1861. This issue was printed in sheets of 100 on the regular stamp paper used by the Swedish Postal Administration at that time. The Postal Administration ruled that the new stamp should be distinctly different from the Administration's own stamps. To conform with this, the stamp is a horizontal rectangle without any indication that might lead to the belief that it is an official issue. Indication as to country of issue, as well as denomination, is missing.

The denomination of the local stamp, which appeared in various shades of black, was 1 skilling banco, between July 1, 1856 and June 30, 1858.

The first printing, consisting of 135,000 stamps, was delivered on May 22, 1856. The stamps in the first delivery were printed on thin paper.

Between Dec. 6, 1856 and Feb. 26, 1858, 7 more printings, comprising a total of 390,800 stamps, were delivered. The stamps in these 7 deliveries were all printed on thick paper.

Cancellations: Star cancellation commonly used. Town cancellation very rare.

In 1858 the postal rates were changed as the monetary system was changed. Thus, the skilling banco was superseded by the ore. The denomination of the black locals was 3 ore from July 1, 1858 to Dec. 31, 1861. This issue consisted of 8 printings with a total of 1,040,700 stamps, in various shades of black. As the cancellations, almost without exception, are undated star cancellations, it is impossible to determine which year the various shades appeared. A few specimens are known with the Stockholm dated town cancellation, without the year.

Beginning Jan. 1, 1862, private mail service was abolished. It, therefore, became necessary for the Postal Administration to issue a 3 ore stamp for local mail. The plate for this new stamp was not finished in time, however, to ensure a new issue when needed. Therefore, the Postal Administration borrowed the existing plate for the 3 ore black and used that plate for the new stamps. In order to differentiate between the old privately printed stamps and the new issue, the latter were printed in an olive brown color. This stamp was in use as a provisional issue between Jan. 1, 1862 and Nov. 30, 1862. In spite of the fact that this stamp had no indication of its denomination and that it carried the inscription "Lokalbref" (Local Letter), it was valid also for other postal uses. Thus, a stamp of the same type as an earlier private issue became a Postal Administration stamp by changing its color. A total of 513,400 stamps were printed before this issue was superseded by the 3 ore Lion and Arms series.

Foreign Postal Administrations began almost at the advent of the first Swedish adhesive stamp to apply for samples. As the demand increased and also covered some issues long since discontinued, it was finally decided to make some reprints. The old plate had been lost and new ones were made for printing of sheets with 9 stamps each.

The first reprint, in black, probably consisted of 426 stamps, which was delivered by the printer on June 2, 1868.

The second reprint, in black, covering 1,512 stamps, was delivered by the printer on Nov. 4, 1868.

These two reprints can be distinguished from the originals by the defective pearl at right, leaving a white spot with a black dot.

A third reprint, comprising about 900 stamps, in black, and 900 in brown, was delivered on May 5, 1871. This print was made from the original plate, which now had been found.

The fourth reprint was delivered on March 18, 1885, and included 2,000 stamps of the black and an equal quantity of the brown, which were made from

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Date of Issue	Printing No.	Denominations		Quantity Printed	Paper	Plates	Dates of Deliveries by Printer	No. of Printings	Period Used	Perf.	Cancellations
		Shades of Black	Shades of Brown								
Private Issues	Proof	1sk. bco. Black								Imperf.	
	July 1, 1858	I	1sk. bco. Black Grey black	135,000	Thin	Original	May 22, 1856	1	July 1, 1856 to June 30, 1858	14	
		II-VIII	1sk. bco. Black Grey black	390,800	Thick	Original	Dec. 6, 1856 to Feb. 26, 1859	7		14	Star. Common Town very rare
July 1, 1859	IX-XVI	3 ore Black		1,040,700		Original		3	July 1, 1859 to Dec. 31, 1861	14	Star. Common Town very rare
Postal Administration Issues	Jan. 1, 1862	XVII	3 ore Olive brown Yellow brown	513,400		Original	Dec. 11, 1861	1	Jan. 1, 1862 to Nov. 30, 1862	14	Star. rare Town common
		Reprint I	3 ore Grey black	426	White	New	June 2, 1868	1		14	
		Reprint II	3 ore Black	1,512	White	New	Nov. 4, 1868	1		14	
		Reprint III	3 ore Black	900	White	Original	May 5, 1871	1		14	
			3 ore Yellow brown	900							
		Proof of Repr. IV	3 ore Black			Thin & glossy					Imperf.
	Reprint IV	3 ore Black		2,000	Pure white, thin & glossy	Original	Mar. 18, 1885	1		13	
		3 ore Yellow brown	2,000	Sharper & clearer print than previous reprints.							
Original Unknown	Reprint	3 ore	3 ore	Unknown	Very thin, glossy paper. Colors paler than II reprint.	Original	1885?			13	

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the original plates. This issue differs from all the preceding ones in that it was perf. 13 instead of 14.

There is, finally, one reprint, the origin of which is unknown. It covers the black local as well as the brown and appears to have been made in 1885. It is perf. 13 and printed on very thin glossy paper and the colors are as a rule paler than those of the fourth reprint. Possibly this is a trial print which was perforated and smuggled out.

## Denmark Variety

Mr. Theodore Foulk reports a sheet of Denmark, 4 ore blue and slate. (Scott No. 26), which shows interesting plate varieties in stamps No. 30 and 40. The upper left corner ornaments show distinct flaws, No. 40 appears somewhat like a re-touch. This sheet is one of the late printings, on thick paper, with only one inverted frame, stamp No. 69. Besides the above, in the fourth vertical row, the lower five stamps show very strong creased paper varieties, giving the appearance of a cracked plate.

The above variety apparently is constant, as it has, since first reported, been found on the 3 ore and 25 ore values in the same issue. Of course the positions vary in the sheets, due to the clichets being re-assembled for each printing. Mr. Tows further reports that he believes this variety may be found on the bi-colored Danish West Indies issues.



## New and Recent Issues

### SWEDEN



#### Marine Chart Issue—1944

Issued in celebration of the tercentenary of the first Swedish Marine Chart, published by Johan Mansson in 1644, who was Inspector of Navigation of the Swedish Admiralty. Depicted on the stamps is a reproduction of Mansson's Survey Map.

Coil stamps Perf. 12½ vertically

Engraved

Unwatermarked

5 ore green

60 ore violet

Booklet pane of 20 stamps, perf. 12½ on three sides.

5 ore green

A special cancel, as well as a label, was issued for the "Stamp Day" (Fri-markets Dag), March 3rd, 1944.

Other new issues in preparation in Sweden will be either four or five stamps to commemorate the tercentenary of the Swedish fleet, also another issue to mark the tercentenary of the Bromsebro Treaty which concluded the Swedish-Danish war of 1645.

### ICELAND

Many new issues may be expected from this new Republic, the first to make their appearance will be a new Sigurdsson commemorative issue and one Provisional 10a on 12a, for use in Orlof. These stamps will be chronicled in the next issue of the Post Horn.

#### From Axis Occupied Countries.

NOTE: The possession of these stamps is prohibited according to law.

### DENMARK

Through the courtesy of Mr. Hugh M. Clark and from covers he received from Faroe Islands, we note the following new stamps from Denmark.

Full face portrait of King Christian X.

10 ore violet

15 ore yellow green

20 ore carmine

25 ore brown

30 ore orange

40 ore ultramarine

Also commemorating the "Round Tower" in Copenhagen, 10 ore violet, and a 20 ore Air Post stamp, with inscription "D. D. L." (Det Danske Luftfastsselskab), apparently of commemorative nature.

### FINLAND

3.50 m. depicting a modern Air Transport to mark the twentieth anniversary of air post service, and a 3.50 m. with a portrait of Minna Canth, commemorating the centenary of the birth of this famous woman author and playwright.

### NORWAY

A set of Norway-in-exile stamps on one cover, signed by King Haakon, Crown Prince Olav, General Jan Smuts and Prime Minister Churchill sold at a recent auction for \$4000.00 to a South African collector. The proceeds from the sale went to the Kings Norwegian Fund.

## This and That

by Christian Zoylner

### Intimate Portraits of Our Members:

Prince Vincent de Paul Stanislas Thaddeus Domanski, No. 24, (please pronounce Domineski), recently invaded the Sanctum of The Most High Potentate of the Finnish Division of the Scandinavian Collectors Club, to demonstrate the capacity of his "hollow legs" with the aid of Daiguiris and Canadian Clubs.

A self appointed Income Tax Expert, his professional activities are many fold, ranging from Real Estate Broker to Polish Emmissary of Richmond, Pa., Building and Loan Secretary, Detective, Banker and Philanthropist. Lately someone annexed a Ph. D. to his name (probably Phantom Doctor), as he holds no such degree. Destined to become a lawyer, he matriculated in the Slavic languages and ever since walks around in circles trying to find his own self.



by Agent No. 42  
Staff of the Old Sleuth

It worked, Joe Jaeger says the invitation to cocktails hold good—that's the S. C. C. spirit Joe \* \* \* Capt. Dahlstrom's ship was almost blown out of the water, during Nazi bombings in Italy—something good always comes out of everything—he had a two months vacation with his friends, while his ship was being repaired in Brooklyn Navy Yard \* \* \* last month Christine Hushebeck visited New York with her hubby, but high cost of living and entertainment proved too much, so that when the time came to return to Fort Smith, Ark., poor Christine had to be left behind in lieu of carfare. No, we don't need a collection just now, hubby got his pay from Uncle Sam since and the lovers are once more re-united \* \* \* a well known New York publisher insists on seeing Sol Glass' Scandinavian collection \* \* \* at a recent match of Dominoes held at the Union League Club between Ferrars Tows and Henry Redfield, ugly rumors are being spread—now tell us who did the cheating \* \* \* Asta Rose seems to frequent more and more of the New York Auctions—our guess is that her collection soon will be something to look at \* \* \* "information please" at the Collectors Club, June 7th, saw Carl Pelander as interlocutor with Messrs. Tows, Konwiser, Steinway and Kehr as experts. The experts got stumped a few time, but proved highly entertaining to the capacity crowd at the Club \* \* \* and speaking of Harry Konwiser, he now edits the Masonic Stamp Club Bulletin \* \* \* Chris Zoylner's column seems to be the most popular in the Post Horn—no wonder it's read by stamp collectors \* \* \* Sid Barrett and Harry Lindquist are regular contributors in that famous seven card stud game at the N. Y. A. C.—shows they are easy marks like all the rest of us \* \* \* Bob Stone and Mike Miller are planning on re-writing Hageman's book on Danish West Indies—we understand Ferrars Tows has been elected to furnish the cuts from his collection—and does he love to pull his collections apart \* \* \* Eddie Elkins is now selling fifth War Loan Bonds (free ad for Eddie) \* \* \* the editor of this paper had a nice letter from Capt. Carl Pihl, somewhere in England, he wishes to be remembered to all his old stamp cronies \* \* \* Arthur Linz is secretly building up a couple new collections—on good authority we believe one is of Scandinavian nature—Arthur generally goes the whole hog, so we can expect something grand to develop \* \* \* and speaking of new collections Harry Lindquist and Hugh Clark have gotten the Booklet Pane "PAIN" \* \* \* and Mrs. Kaplan ran into Mr. Kaplan at the last meeting, and lo—they did not even know each other \* \* \* Our Philadelphia scout

reports "Echos from Atex"—James Hughes humorous remarks during the "Atex" banquet, arrogating the "Claridge Hotel's" dollar dinner at four bucks \* \* \* Margaret Pierce formal introduction to President Elkins and Ann \* \* \* Frank Maybury pointing out select items from his Gold Award frames of Denmark stamps to a certain feminine enchanter, to water her mouth \* \* \* and again I say "So long until next issue."

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## Club News

### April 12th Meeting

By courtesy of the Collectors Club of New York, the Scandinavian Collectors Club held their first meeting at 22 East 35th St., and from the general enthusiasm of the goodly number present, the success of the Club seems reasonably assured.

During the business session the new By-laws were read and adopted. Six resident and 54 Non-resident members were accepted for membership.

After the business session, our past President Mr. Arthur Linz showed two volumes of his: early Peru. It was a real treat to see a part of this magnificent collection which now ranks as the finest in the world. Mr. Linz who only collects the first 20 numbers in the catalogue, has managed to amass no less than 14 volumes of real gems. Among the highlights shown were blocks of 14 of #1 and 2, the largest multiple pieces known, also blocks of four and a goodly number of singles. On another page we saw no less than 11 singles and one tied on the original cover of the **medio peso error** (Scott 6a), of which only 15 are known. A number of fine combination covers rounded out the showing, which was enjoyed by all present, and we all feel proud of having a philatelist of Mr. Linz abilities as one of our members.

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### March 10th Meeting

This meeting was devoted to members competition night and brought out a large number of members as well as several guests. Among our guests we noted Mr. Philip Kaplan, President of The Booklet Pane Society, Mr. H. G. Zervas Treasurer of the Collectors Club and many others.

During the business session 1 resident and 14 non-resident members were admitted to the club.

Mr. Carl E. Pelander, chairman of the Program committee, introduced the speakers that were as follows; Mr. William Foulk, who presented a fine selection of early Denmark on and off cover and many rare blocks. Mr. Elkins followed with a display of U. S. starting off with some choice pages of 1847's and ending up with an interesting display of 20th Century freaks. Mr. E. Ernst was next with a fine display of Plate varieties and unusual items from Denmark, followed by a grand display by our old stand-by Mr. Ferrars Tows, who showed his magnificent collection of U. S. covers used in Shanghai, containing many unique items. Mr. Theodore Foulk followed with 25 selected pages from his 19th Century Finland, which included among many rarities a mint tete beche pair of #2, the rare 20p tete beche pair of 1881, perf. 11x12½, of which only two are known.

After this last display, the judges, that consisted of Mrs. Jordan, Messrs. Christensen and Maybury, were requested to retire, and during their deliberation Mr. Pelander showed a few unusual items from Finland, namely four unique Air Post Essays and Trial Color Proofs as well as originals of the Finnish semi-official ship stamps.

The awards were as follows: 1st, Mr. Theodore Foulk; 2nd, Mr. William Foulk; and 3rd to Mr. Ernst. Messrs. Tows, Elkins and Pelander already having expressed that their displays were not for competition.

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### June 14th Meeting

Mr. Frederick Hill of New York City, the guest speaker of the Club, showed two volumes from his collection "Religion on Stamps." All of the members and visitors present were impressed with the beautiful mounting of this collection. Mr. Hill's stamps are mounted on large size black album pages, with the lettering in gold, each page being individually designed and the lettering done by a professional printer. We are certain that those who were absent from this

meeting missed a real artistic treat.

During the business session, preceding the exhibition, a resolution was adopted by the membership present that the club discontinue its monthly meetings during July and August.

Two resident and five non-resident members were admitted to the club.

The Scandinavian Collectors Club welcomes to its membership Mr. A. A. Kranhold of Minneapolis, Minn., who at one time was considered one of the foremost students of Danish stamps. His magnificent collection was sold to the late Mr. Charles Phillips, who used it as the basis for his book. Mr. Kranhold who retired from business several years ago is again actively engaged to help along the war effort, and philatelically he has once more turned to his first love, Scandinavia.

#### Honors:

Dr. Charles H. Johnson was re-elected for the tenth consecutive term Grand Secretary of the Masonic Order, which position he has held since his term of Grand Master expired. Edwin E. Elkins has been appointed Vice President of the Collectors Club of New York, and Arthur Linz to the Board of Governors of the same organization. James E. Hughes is now President of Atex. Due to the death of Artur Owen, who was engineer in charge of lighting at Tipex, Arthur Linz was appointed to succeed him at the next International Exhibition in 1947. Carl E. Pelander has been elected Honorary Member of the "Helsingfors Frimerkssamlare Forening" (Finnish Philatelic Association), due to outstanding and meritorious work, connected with the stamps of Finland.

The Catalogue Committee has submitted over 300 suggestions to Mr. Hugh M. Clark, most of which have been accepted, so that a considerable revision in prices as well as new listings may be expected in the Scandinavian Countries.

At the organization of the new Booklet Pane Society, we noted a large number of members from the Scandinavian Collectors Club. Edwin E. Elkins was elected Vice President, Sidney S. Jalkut, Secretary, Carl E. Pelander, Treasurer, Walter Hoffman, Librarian and Harry L. Lindquist to the Board of Governors. Other S. C. C. members present at the organization meeting were Hugh M. Clark, Anna V. Elkins, John Boyce and Stephen G. Rich. Mr. Philip Kaplan was elected President and membership is open to all interested in booklets. Further information may be had from Sidney S. Jalkut, 7812 35th St., Jackson Heights, N. Y.

The entire membership extend to Mr. Hans Lundberg their sincere sympathy in the loss of his two sons. Mr. Lundbergs sons were both officers in the Royal Canadian Air Force, the oldest was lost in action over Germany last January and the younger was shot down during the latter part of May.

## New Members

### RESIDENT

156	Edward W. Abell	Brooklyn, N. Y.
160	H. R. Harmer	New York City
162	John H. Hall, Jr.	New York City
163	Martin F. Trauboth	Flushing, L. I.
170	A. Amson	Staten Island, N. Y.
177	George Wiberg	New York City
190	John H. Olsen	Staten Island, N. Y.
192	Albert Jorgensen	Valley Stream, L. I., N. Y.
197	Elmer Rosenberg	Bayside, L. I., N. Y.

### NON-RESIDENT

118	Gustave A. Almen	West Springfield, Mass.
119	O. H. Harrison	Rockford, Ill.
120	Lawrence D. Steefel	Minneapolis, Minn.
121	Paul C. Mead	Evanston, Ill.
122	Karl A. Crowley	Fort Worth, Texas
123	Mrs. Lilli C. Clark	Ridgefield, Conn.

124	Ivar Carlson	Rye Beach, N. H.
125	Dr. Ivar W. Birkeland	Seattle, Wash.
126	Herbert H. Shippen	Detroit, Mich.
127	Dr. Harry A. Nissen	Newton Center, Mass.
128	Wm. Shafer	Boston, Mass.
129	Sol Glass	Baltimore, Md.
130	W. L. L. Peltz	Albany, N. Y.
131	Oscar E. Peterson	Menasha, Wis.
132	J. M. Johnson	San Jose, Calif.
133	Daniel J. Tucker	Chester Hill, Mass.
134	Theodore E. Stevenson	Boston, Mass.
135	William Tofte	Waverly, Iowa
136	G. L. Daniels	Charlotte, N. C.
137	Dr. John A. Seaberg	Minneapolis, Minn.
138	A. A. Kranhold	Minneapolis, Minn.
139	Erwin C. Nielsen	Milwaukee, Wis.
140	R. E. Flugstad	Moorhead, Minn.
141	Dagfinn G. Thuessen	Hamburg, N. Y.
142	Dr. T. L. Stangebye	Mott, N. D.
143	Donald W. Goertz	Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio
144	Ernest Fink	Mexico City, Mexico
145	John S. Hartley	Lincoln, Nebr.
146	Einar M. Johansen	Seattle, Wash.
147	J. O. Seashore	Houston, Texas
148	Dr. Rolf K. Eggers	Seattle, Wash.
149	Valdemar Weiergang	Washington, D. C.
150	Hans Windfeld-Hansen	Baltimore, Md.
151	John Schulian	Los Angeles, Calif.
152	Thorleif Narup	Chicago, Ill.
153	John Fosse	Bandon, Ore.
154	Elmer Grankull	Bremerton, Wash.
155	D. M. Lovegren	Seattle, Wash.
157	Kearney Knudsen	Atlantic, Iowa
158	Svend Yort	Chevy Chase, Md.
159	James I. Keary	New Westminster, B. C., Canada
161	Capt. Hans I. Hansen	Bath, N. Y.
164	Lawrence R. Andersen	Paterson, N. J.
165	Niels Clausen	Highland Park, Ill.
166	Gerhart Frantz	Drexel Hill, Pa.
167	Aake F. Hedman	Knoxville, Tenn.
168	Alton R. Hansen	Waupaca, Wis.
169	Ralph J. Long	Maplewood, Mo.
171	Einar Wilslev	La Jolla, Calif.
172	John Brewster Morton	Buffalo, N. Y.
173	A. N. Erickson	Moorhead, Minn.
174	Jens Warren Nyboe	Chicago, Ill.
175	M. B. Lake	Seattle, Wash.
176	Holger J. Lindhardt	Los Angeles, Calif.
178	Adolph Klingenstein	Lakewood, N. J.
179	Thomas A. Olsen	Chicago, Ill.
180	Ingvar Stoep	Minneapolis, Minn.
181	Arthur Rydquist	Detroit, Mich.
182	Curt I. Johnson	Vestal, N. Y.
183	Ed Skupeniewicz	Chicago, Ill.
184	Robert Wulruff	New Westminster, B. C., Canada
185	John Backe	Monroe, Wis.
186	W. Harold Hughes	Altoona, Pa.
187	John Knollmueller	Salt Lake City, Utah
188	Lt. Hugh F. Johnson	Cincinnati, Ohio.
189	Hiding Olson	Bendette, Minn.
191	T/Sgt. Lawrence C. Knutson	U. S. Army
193	Leon N. Webster	Springfield, Mass.
194	Robert C. Munroe	Longmeadow, Mass.
195	Paul Jens Hansen	Cedar Falls, Iowa
196	Marcus W. White	Worcester, Mass.
198	Roy M. Lynnes	Elmhurst, Ill.