

# INTERESTING FACTS ABOUT

# Swedish Names



## FACTS ABOUT SWEDISH SURNAMES

Family names appeared in Sweden by the 15th and 16th centuries, at first confined to the aristocracy.



By the 17th century, the clergy started using family names. They translated their farm, village, or parish names into Latin and used them as surnames.



Finns also use Swedish surnames since Finland was a part of Sweden for many years.



Many Swedish names are inspired by the elements of nature, such as mountains, rivers, and valleys.

Swedish surnames have also been inspired by military names that translate to cannon, grenade, or knife.



Many military names have traveled to the US, where they have been slightly modified or completely anglicized.



Iceland is the only Scandinavian country that uses a patronymic naming system even today.



## COMMON SWEDISH-AMERICAN SURNAMES

Alstrom

Berglund

Eckholm

Lindal

Sandberg



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