

Address register for Lund within the walls (the four “rotarna”)

People who research old ancestors in Lund and search the catechetical meeting records in the archives, quickly come to the question "where in Lund did my relative live and how can I find the place or the house?". The reason why it is often difficult to find the place is that the catechetical meeting records are organized relating to the four small administrative units called “rote/rotar”, that Lund was divided into at the time: Kraft, Vårfru, Drotten and Clemens rote. Within each “rote”, consecutive plot numbers follow according to the *old* plot numbering.

The *old* plot numbering was added in 1758 and was valid until 1924, when they started with names for the blocks instead and gave the properties consecutive numbers within each block. From the end of the 19th century, street addresses began to be used together with plot numbers.

The idea for this address register, *Lund inom Vallarna (LiV)*, was born after Lund's Genealogy Association's visit to the Lund University Library (UB) in the autumn of 2019. During the visit, an old handwritten address book was shown: "List of properties and property owners in Lund 1885". After studying the book, we at the board realized that there was information here that should be interesting for a wider circle of genealogists to access in a searchable register.

The author of the book was Robert Eklundh, who was, among other things, treasurer at Lund University 1889 – 1917. He has made a list of houses by street and for each house is noted street number, plot number, sometimes supplemented with A, B..., and property owner. Here, there was thus access to a "translation" from the old plot numbers to the newer addresses. There is also a list per “rote” with information on plot number and street address. A part of Lyckorna/Vångarna, which was actually outside the walls, is also included in the book.

Lund was primarily divided into four units, “rotar”. The plot numbering is then sequential across all “rotar” with the following division:

Krafts rote 1 – 111 northeast quadrant in the map below

Vårfru rote 112 – 203 southeast -'''-

Drottens rote 204 – 266 southwest -'''-

Clemens rote 267 – 337 northwest -'''-.

Later new plot numbers were added both through plot division and through addition of new plots (e.g. in the district "Nöden") within the old units but mainly outside the walls. In the book's property list, the last number is 429 Spoletorp. On the corresponding map from 1896, see below, three plots have been added to the east of Spoletorp between the today's Spolegatan and Karl XI gatan.

Based on the book, we have registered plot number (e.g. 41 B), street address (name and number), page number in the book, “rote”, and property owner in an excel sheet. This sheet

has since been supplemented with information on block names and a possible reference to Lund's conservation program's printed edition.

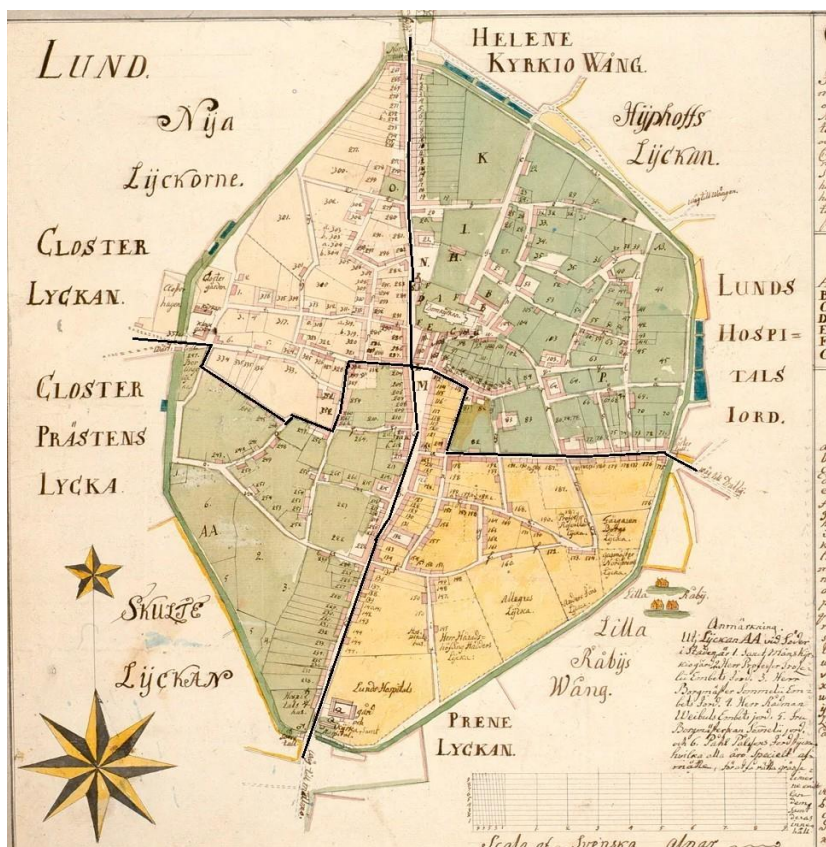
To supplement the sometimes brief owner information, we have also tried to find corresponding information in the catechetical meeting records. The addresses have been supplemented with property designations (blocks and numbers) based on the Conservation Program's online version. Any changes of street names or numbers, that have occurred since the book was written in 1885, have also been recorded where possible.

All this information has then been transferred to the database that is now on the Lund's Genealogy Association's website, supplemented by a search form with a few different search bars.

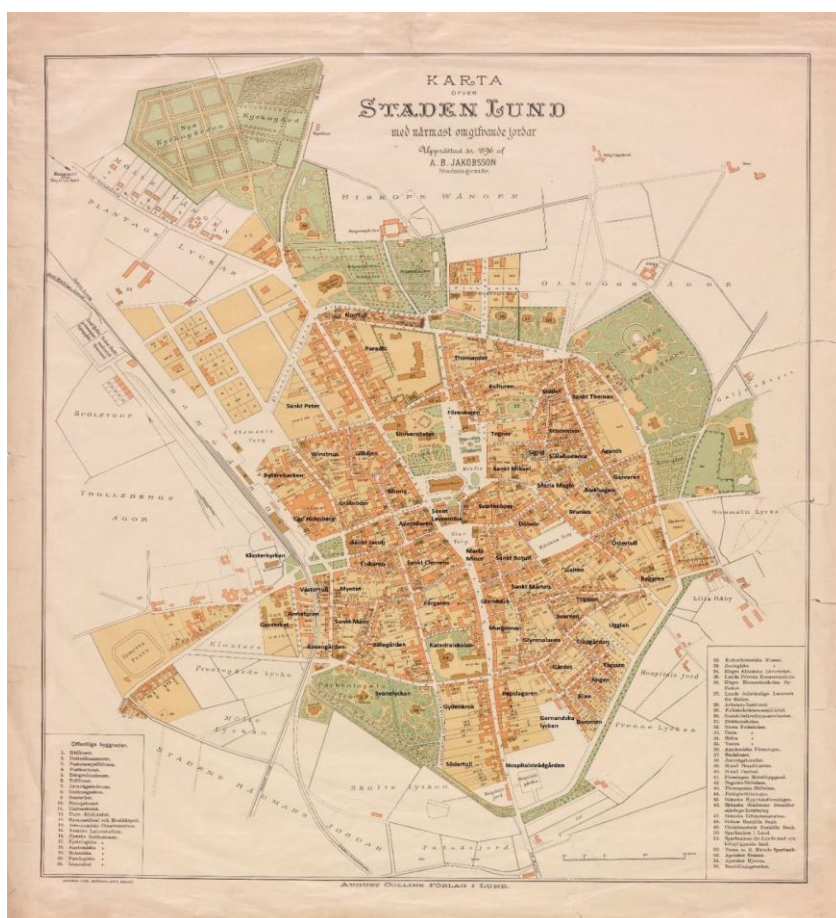
In addition, the map of Lund from 1896 is presented, with the names of the blocks within the walls. From this map, a small map section has been made for each block, which shows the block's present boundaries. In connection with some changes in the road paths during the 20th century, some blocks have changed their appearance and some new blocks have been added. By clicking on the block name or selecting the block from the selection list, all properties in the selected block are presented and below that the map and a short description of the block are presented. This description is taken from the "Kulturportal Lund" website.

In the list of results, some information is coloured (blue/purple). By clicking on that text, you are linked to more information in, for example, Lund's Conservation Program.

UB later photographed the book, and it is available for reading online via the University's search database *Alvin*. The problem with these pictures is that each page was taken separately, but in the book each street covers two pages (or more spreads) with odd street numbers on the left and even numbers on the right. To avoid this problem in the presentation, the website has copies of each spread in the book and if you click on the page reference in the search list, the chosen spread in the book is presented. From here you can then "browse" between the pages of the book.



Map of Lund 1784 by Caspar Mag. Espman



Map of Lund 1896 with the names of the blocks

Source List

Robert Eklundh, Förteckning över fastigheter och fastighetsägare/ List of properties and property owners in Lund 1885, University Library in Lund, manuscript department.

Lunds Municipality, maps from 1784 and 1896

Lunds Municipality, Lunds Bevaringsprogram, printed edition

Lunds Municipality, Lunds Bevaringsprogram, <https://bevaringsprogram.lund.se/wiki/Huvudsida>

Kulturportal Lund, <https://kulturportallund.se/>