

## Address register for "stadsägor" (city properties) in Lund – outside the walls

When we search for information about our relatives in catechetical meeting records and parish registers, we can find facts about where our ancestors lived - farm numbers in rural parishes and plot numbers in cities. We are curious to find out more exactly where these homes are located. We may also want to visit these places hoping that the house has been preserved or at least to see what the place looks like today. In the city of Lund it is often difficult to get from the plot number specified in the church registers to a street address.

In February 2021 Lund's Genealogy Association (LSF, Lunds Släktforskarförening) launched a searchable database *Lund inom vallarna* (Lund within the walls) based on a list of properties from 1885, to help to find the way among plot numbers, blocks, and street addresses.

The city centre became too crowded for a growing population and areas for new settlements had to be found outside the gates and the old, now demolished, city walls. Buildings were erected on the city's pastures, meadows, and arable land in all directions. The expansion started in the late 19th century but took place mainly in the 20th century. Initially small houses were built, but later also apartment buildings. The city has also incorporated areas formerly belonging to parishes outside the city – Lunds Landsförsamling, Stora Råby, and Sankt Peters Kloster, close to the city centre.

In the urban planning process for new streets and blocks plot numbers were given to new areas. "Stadsäga" (city property) is the name of a property outside the old system for registering plots. The system with numbered "stadsägor" (city properties) was used until 1970 when a new property formation act came. In the parish registers for Lund you can find names of pastures and meadows and "stg", for "stadsäga", followed by a number. It is as difficult to translate these old designations to today's addresses as it is for the plot numbers in the city centre (within the walls). LSF therefore took on the task of creating a new searchable database that handles "stadsägor" (city properties), in principle Lund outside the walls.

For the database we have used an address book called "Lunds stads adresskalender", which Lund's public library has a number of copies of. The oldest edition is from 1886. In the editions from the early years there is, in addition to the record of the inhabitants in the city, a list of the blocks with their plot numbers. The 1925 - 28 edition for the first time has a complete property register ("egendomsregister") listing both plots and "stadsägor" (city properties). Information on stadsägorna 1 to 1064 can be found here. The next edition 1929 - 31, which lists 1178 "stadsägor", became the starting point for the database. The last available address book at the library is the 1939 edition listing 1234 "stadsägor".

The address book contains the following information: "stadsäga" number, old designation (e.g. Kobjersvången, Hyphofflyckan), address at the time, property owner at the time, and assessed value (not included in the database). These data from the address book have been supplemented with other information that should make the database more useful. During the about 90 years since the address book was published streets have been extended, new streets have been added and other circumstances have changed street numbers and other things. We have added information concerning present address, block

name, and area name as well as links to Lund's Conservation program, where history and many interesting details can be found.

It should be added that the address books and the Conservation Program are freely available at the Lund public library. They can not be borrowed home but be read in the room housing "Lundasamlingen" (The Lund collection), and are not locked in like some other parts of the collection.