

About SDHK and instructions

In the main catalogue of Diplomatarium Suecanum (Svenskt Diplomatariums huvudkartotek, SDHK), Swedish medieval charters, or information about a charter that concerns Sweden, from the year 817 until the year 1540 have been registered. The digital register is based on a chronological card register, which was created as a tool for the editors of the Diplomatarium Suecanum in the 1950s.

The first digital version of SDHK was finished in 1999 after some years of registration, and published on CD. Since 2003, the register is accessible over the Internet. By the turn of the year 2004-2005 increased search possibilities were offered when all texts edited in Diplomatarium Suecanum were made accessible. Whenever a new volume is printed, the texts are added to the register. Today (June 2015) nearly 14.000 texts have been edited and included in the SDHK.

Unique SDHK numbers

Every entry in the register has a unique number, the SDHK number, which can be used as a reference, for instance when contacting the editorial staff at Diplomatarium Suecanum. The register gives information about the date and place of issue, and sometimes comments on the dating. The issuer and the language of the main text of the charter are presented.

Finding the charters

In the block called *Sources*, information on the history of the originals or transcriptions of the charters is found, i.e. if (and where) the original is preserved, or a transcription, if the charter has survived through medieval or post-medieval copies, or if it is known only through a medieval or post-medieval summary or annotation. The charters are often preserved both in original and in one or more copies, sometimes only in a copy. The archival number (RA 0101 etc.) refers to collections in the Swedish National Archives and may be of use when searching for different groups of charters in the catalogue.

In many cases there are links to digital photos of the source.

Summarized text

In *Contents* a summary (in Swedish) of the document text is found. Place names and personal names have not always been included, and sometimes there is a reference to more information at the editorial office of the Diplomatarium Suecanum. You may contact or visit the Diplomatarium Suecanum if you wish to study such material. Personal names and place names are normalized as far as possible. Quotation marks shows that a name has not been normalized but the spelling follows a previous register, a copy or sometimes the original.

Document text

Following the information about the contents of the charter is the part containing the *Document text*, if edited. At the moment there are document texts available for edited charters up until 1379 (DS), the period 1401-1420 (SD) and parts of the Vatican documents printed in the appendix series Acta Pontificum Svecica (APS Cam. and APS Poen.) Apart from the document text itself other information may be found:

- *Other text*, i.e. marginal and dorsal annotations etc.;
- *Seals*, i.e. information on and text of the seals of a charter;

- *Textual notes* and *Notes on the contents* correspond to the printed apparatuses of notes (so far only from 9:2-4, 10:3-4 and 11:1-4).

Document texts printed before 1995 have been scanned and read with OCR. This work was done by Ytterlids AB and financed by The Royal Swedish Academy of Letters, History and Antiquities, and the Swedish National Archives. It should be noted that these texts – despite controls – still may contain errors due to the optical reading. Also, in these texts, the use of italics is not transferred from the books. Please use the pdf copy of the book page for accurate printouts. We appreciate if any mistake you may find is reported through the link [Comment record/report error found in every record](#).

Printed

In *Printed* and *Printed Summary* you will find information on where the document text or a summary is printed. In order to facilitate the reading of the texts and give access to all information in the published documents, PDF files of the printed edition can be found here.

Facsimile, Photo copy

In *Facsimile* references to printed reproductions of the document are given. In *Photo copy* you may learn if there is a photo of the document in the National Archives in Stockholm (RA, DK or SD).

Literature and comments

For additional information and some references to relevant literature see *Literature and comments*. More information may sometimes be found at the editorial office of the Diplomatarium Suecanum.

Please note that the SDHK number is not the same as the DS or SD number!

The DS number is the number of the printed edition in the Diplomatarium Suecanum series (Diplomatarium Suecanum, I- (Stockholm 1829-)).

The SD number is the number of the printed edition in the series Svenskt Diplomatarium (Svenskt diplomatarium från och med år 1401, I-IV, ed. C. Silfverstolpe & K.H. Karlsson (Stockholm 1875-1904)).

The DS and SD numbers are searched for in *Printed* or *Printed summary*.