

LAND RECORDS

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CONTENT

- Land ownership on peasant farms
- Available digitized records of landowning in rural areas:
 - Landregisters (Maakirja, Jordebok)
 - Censuses (Henkikirja, Mantals längd)
 - Confirmation of title to real property (Lainhuudot, lagfart)

GENERAL INFORMATION

- These records are available online from the National Archives of Finland.
- There are two main ways to access them: **Uusi Astia** (<https://astia.narc.fi/uusiastia/index.html>) and **Digihakemisto (Digital Index, <https://en.digihakemisto.net>)**.
- These records require knowing geographical areas beyond the parish.

LANDOWNING IN PEASANT FARMS

- Three types of land:

1. Private owned (in Finnish **perintötila**, verotila; in Swedish **Skatte Hemman**)

2. Crown owned (in Finnish **kruununtila**, in Swedish **Krono Hemman**)

The land is owned by Crown. The householder has right of possession and has the possibility of buying the land (change to privately owned).

3. Owned by a nobleman (in Finnish **rälssitila**, in Swedish **Frälse Hemman**) Nobleman collected the taxes on these farms)

Abbreviations **SKATTE**, **KRONO** and **FRÄLSE** were used in the records.

LAND REGISTERS (MAAKIRJAT, JORDEBOK)

- **Maakirja** (in Swedish Jordebok) is a land register kept from 1530's to the beginning of 1900's.
- All the peasant farms and their tax liabilities were registered.
- The Land Records during the Swedish empire (1635 – 1808) were archived under the title **Läänintilit**, Länsräkenskaper or Province books.
- The Land Records from 1810 onwards were archived by The National Land Survey of Finland (Maanmittaushallitus). They were archived under the title **Maakirjat ja kruununmaaluettelot** (Land Registers and lists of Crown Land).
- The Land Register was usually updated every ten years. The more up-to-date information is found from the Census.

DIGITIZED LAND RECORDS DURING THE SWEDISH EMPIRE (1635 – 1808): LÄÄNINTILIT

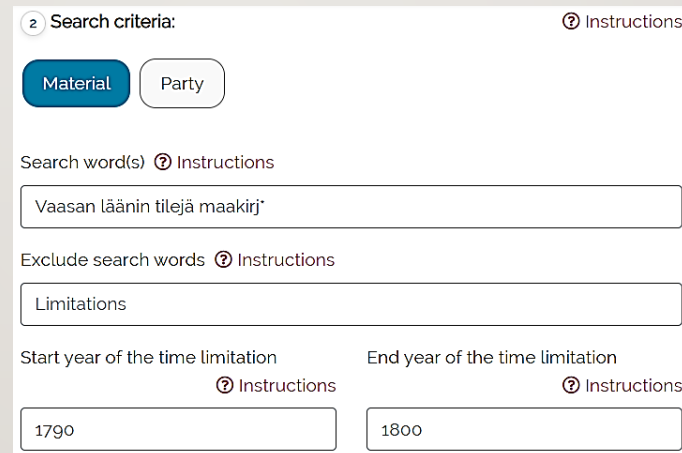
- The archive **Läänintilit** can be found in the service [Uusi Astia](#) of the National Archives of Finland (change the language in the upper right corner if not in English).
- You should enter search words containing the name of the province (or by the asterixis abbreviated name) as follows:
 - Turun ja Porin läänin tilejä (The province books of Turku and Pori provinces)
 - Uudenmaan ja Hämeen läänin tilejä (The province books of Uusimaa and Tavastia provinces)
 - Viipurin ja Savonlinnan läänin tilejä (The province books of Vyborg and Savonlinna provinces)
 - Savonlinnan ja Kymenkartanon läänin tilejä (The province books of Savonlinna and Kymenkartano provinces)
 - Kymenkartanon läänin tilejä (The province books of Kymenkartano province)
 - Savon ja Karjalan läänin tilejä (The province books of Savonian and Karelian provinces)
 - Pohjanmaan läänin tilejä (The province books of Ostrobothnia province)
 - Vaasan läänin tilejä (The province books of Vaasa province)
 - Oulun läänin tilejä (The province books of Oulu province)
 - Vanhan Suomen tilejä (The province books of [Old Finland](#))
 - Käkisalmen läänin ja Inkerin tilejä (The province books of Käkisalmi province and Ingria)
- You should know the province where the parish is situated. Information on Provinces in different time periods is given later.

LÄÄNINTILIT

- The archive **Läänintilit** contains four different types of records:
 - the Account books (Läänintilikirjat),
 - the Receipt books (Tositekirjat),
 - the Censuses (Henkikirjat)
 - the Land records (Maakirjat).
- To find the Land records you should add search word maakirja in the search. To include archives in which the word is in an inflected form (maakirjat, maakirjoja) use asterix: maakirj*

LÄÄNINTILIT

- If you want to find land records of Halsua parish at the end of 1700's (1790 – 1800) you should know the Province, where it situated (see below). It situated in Vaasa province.
- You should use search words Vaasan läänin tilejä maakirj* or Vaasan läänin maakirj* and limit the search from 1790 to 1800:



2 Search criteria: [Instructions](#)

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Search word(s) [Instructions](#)

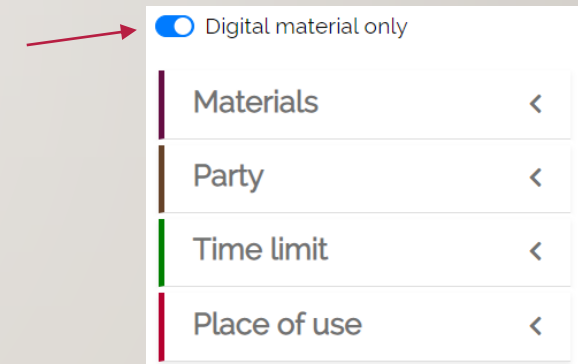
Vaasan läänin tilejä maakirj*

Exclude search words [Instructions](#)

Limitations

Start year of the time limitation [Instructions](#) End year of the time limitation [Instructions](#)

1790 1800



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- You will get 5 hits. As you are only interest in the digitized material, you should limit the search to digital material only and you get only one hit.

LÄÄNINTILIT

- The hit you found is the Maakirja of 1793.
- You can view the pages from tab **View in digital form**, and you get a document with 371 images.
- The first pages (in this case images Tiedosto 2 and Tiedosto 3) usually contain an index of the parishes or municipalities.
- You will find the page number of the parish of interest in the index, and by trial-and-error method you will find the page from the digitized images (usually the image number is not the page number but can be almost the same).

9531 Maakirja (1793-1793)



Part of the entity
Vaasan läänin tilejä
Asiakirjat

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Kuvia 371 kpl

Esitystapa: [Pelkät otsikot](#)

Avaa ☐ Tiedosto 1	Avaa ☐ Tiedosto 2	Avaa ☐ Tiedosto 3
Avaa ☐ Tiedosto 4	Avaa ☐ Tiedosto 5	Avaa ☐ Tiedosto 6
Avaa ☐ Tiedosto 7	Avaa ☐ Tiedosto 8	Avaa ☐ Tiedosto 9

HOW TO BROWSE THE SEARCH RESULTS

- The image, that you choose from the view in digital form page opens in a window, where you can enlarge or downsize it. Zooming by the scroll wheel of the mouse is also possible.
- You can save or print the image.
- You can quickly browse the images of the document by the slide bar on the bottom of the image.
- You can also give the number of the image to go.
- You can get instructions in English from the link Instructions on the top right corner.



LÄÄNINTILIT FROM THE DIGIHAKEMISTO (DIGITAL INDEX)

- [Digital Index](#) is a web site that genealogists have created to make searching the Digital archives easier. The work is ongoing and therefore it does not contain indexes for all archived books and some indexes are incomplete.
- The Digital Index (Digihakemisto) has been changed as the Digital Archives stopped on 31st of March 2022. The site is now hosted by the [Genealogical Society of Finland](#) (Suomen Sukututkimusseura), and it is in a new address: <https://en.digihakemisto.net/>. The layout has also been changed.
- You can find Läänintilit by clicking tab **Voudin- ja läänintilit** and then choose province from the list.
- Sometimes the Digital Index gives a more detailed directory than the one at the beginning of the records, making it easier to find the parish of interest.

Digihakemisto

[suomi](#)
[English](#)

Main page: | [Astia](#)
[search page](#)

Quick searches ([edit](#)):

Seurakunnat	Henkikirjat	Voudin- ja läänintilit	Tuomiokirjat	Tuomiokirjakortistot	Raastuvanoikeudet
Valtiorikosoikeudet	Ammattikunnat	Kartat	Piirustukset	Suomen asutuksen yleisluettelo SAY	
Tilastollisen päätoimiston luettelot kuolleista	Kaatuneiden kantakortit	Talvisodan sotapäiväkirjat	KELAn kortistot		

DIGITIZED LAND REGISTERS OF THE GRAND DUCHY 1808 -

- The land records (Maakirjat) of 1808 onwards can also be found by searching directly in the National Archives of Finland. The archive is "**Maanmittaushallituksen maakirjat ja kruununmaaluettelot –arkisto**" and they are under title **Maakirjat**.
- You can use the province name and word maakirj* as search words in [Uusi Astia](#):
 - Turun ja Porin lään* maakirj*
 - Uudenmaan ja Hämeen lään* maakirj*
 - Vaasan lään* maakirj*
 - Oulun lään* maakirj*
 - Kymenkartanon lään* maakirj*
 - Savon ja Karjalan lään* maakirj*
 - Viipurin lään* maakirj*
 - Uudenmaan lään* maakirj*
 - Hämeen lään* maakirj*
 - Mikkelin lään* maakirj*
 - Kuopion lään* maakirj*

MAAKIRJAT

- You can also use the [Digital Index](#). Use search word maakirjat and you will find the archive Maanmittaushallituksen maakirjat ja kruununmaaluettelot

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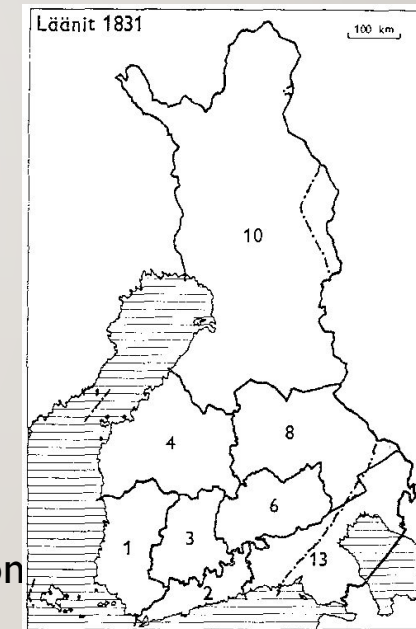
Find from the list:

Archive	Comment
Maanmittaushallituksen maakirjat ja kruununmaaluettelot -arkisto	

- The link opens a list of archives of which the first [A. Maakirjat \(1820-1939\)](#) contains the Land Registers.

PROVINCES AND HUNDREDS

- You usually need to know the province (lääni), the hundred (Tuomiokunta or Kihlakunta), the parish (pitäjä), and the village (kylä).
- Finland was divided judicially into areas called **Tuomiokunta**. They were composed of smaller units called **Kihlakunta** (or Voutikunta), which I refer to in this presentation by English name Hundred.
- The names may vary depending on the time period.
 - Check the **province (lääni)** from:
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Provinces_of_Finland
Check the **Tuomiokunta** from
<https://www.genealogia.fi/index.php?p=307> (in Finnish)
 - Check the **Kihlakunta or Voutikunta** from the Appendix starting from page 99 of the document
<https://kansallisarkisto.fi/uploads/Aineistot/MMA/MMAnHenkikirjat.pdf> (in Finnish)



Provinces of Finland 1831:

- 1: Turku and Pori,
- 2: Uusimaa,
- 3: Häme,
- 4: Vaasa,
- 6: Mikkeli,
- 8: Kuopio,
- 10: Oulu,
- 13: Viipuri

FINNISH AND SWEDISH NAMES OF PARISHES

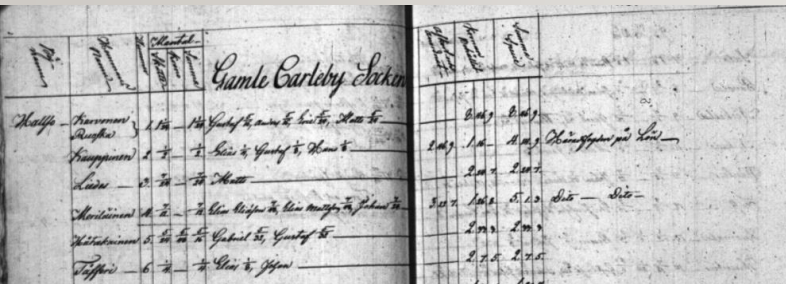
- Check the **Finnish and Swedish name of the parish** from https://www.kotus.fi/julkaisut/nimijulkaisut/ruotsinkieliset_kuntien_nimet ordered by language (in Finnish):
 - Bilingual parishes with Finnish majority
 - Bilingual parishes with Swedish majority
 - Swedish speaking parishes
 - Finnish speaking parishes with Finnish and Swedish names
- There is no list of Finnish speaking parishes. In those cases, the Finnish name was used in both Swedish and Finnish texts.
- You should usually use Swedish name in the search if the parish is bilingual with a Swedish speaking majority. There are however some exceptions which I will mention later.
- More information of the place names in English is in page: https://www.kotus.fi/en/on_language/names/the_story_of_a_place_name/names_in_multiple_languages

CONTENT OF LAND RECORDS

- The content varies depending on the province and time period.
- Records give the **names and numbers of the farms** and the names of **owners** (tax payers) of the farm.
- The information about the owners is not always up to date even in the year of publication (copied from the earlier record). The owners should be checked in the **Census** which is updated once a year.
- Provides the type of ownership:
 - **Skatte** (perintötila): Private owned
 - **Krono** (kruununtila): Owned by the Crown. The householder has right of possession. Possible to buy the land (changes to private owned).
 - **Frälse** (rälssitila): Owned by a nobleman who collected the taxes
- **Mantal (manttaali)** was the unit of land which was a measure that determined the amount of taxes.
- **Mantal unit** depended not only on the farm size but also the quality of the land.
- The land record gives information on taxes although more up to date information can be found from the **Census**.

LAND RECORDS OF HALSUA (HALLSO) IN 1793

<https://astia.narc.fi/uusiastia/viewer/?fileid=5970434306&aineistoid=1604190970>



Bya Namn	Hemmans namn	Nummer	Mantal			Gamle Carleby Socken	Afkort. och anordnat	Kronan Behållit	Summa Specie	
			Skatte	Krono	Summa					
Name of the village	Name of the farm	Number	Mantal (unit of land)			Kokkola parish	Lowered and reorganized taxes	Taxes paid to Crown	Sum of taxes	
			Private owned	Crown owned	Sum					
Halso	Karvinen	1	1 1/24		1 1/24	Gustaf 5/16, Anders 5/16, Eric 5/24, Matts 5/24		8.46.9	8.46.9	
	Ruoska									
	Kauppinen	2	1/2		1/2	Elias 1/4, Gustaf 1/8, Hans 1/8	2.46.9	1.16	4.14.9	As a salary to the warden
	Liedes	3	7/24		7/24	Matts		2.24.7	2.24.7	
	Meriläinen	4	7/12		7/12	Elias Eliason 7/48, Elias Mattsson 7/48, Johan 7/24	3.29.7	1.26.8	5.1.3	same
	Hotakainen	5	5/24	5/46	5/16	Gabriel 5/32, Gustaf 5/32		2.33.3	2.33.3	
	...									

Currency units:

In Finnish: Riikintaalari.killinki.runstykki

In Swedish: Riksdaler.skilling.runstyck

LAND RECORDS OF HALSUA (HALLSO) IN 1845

<https://astia.narc.fi/uusiastia/viewer/?fileid=6006586957&aineistoid=764814667>

- Land records give information of changes in taxation and the ownership.

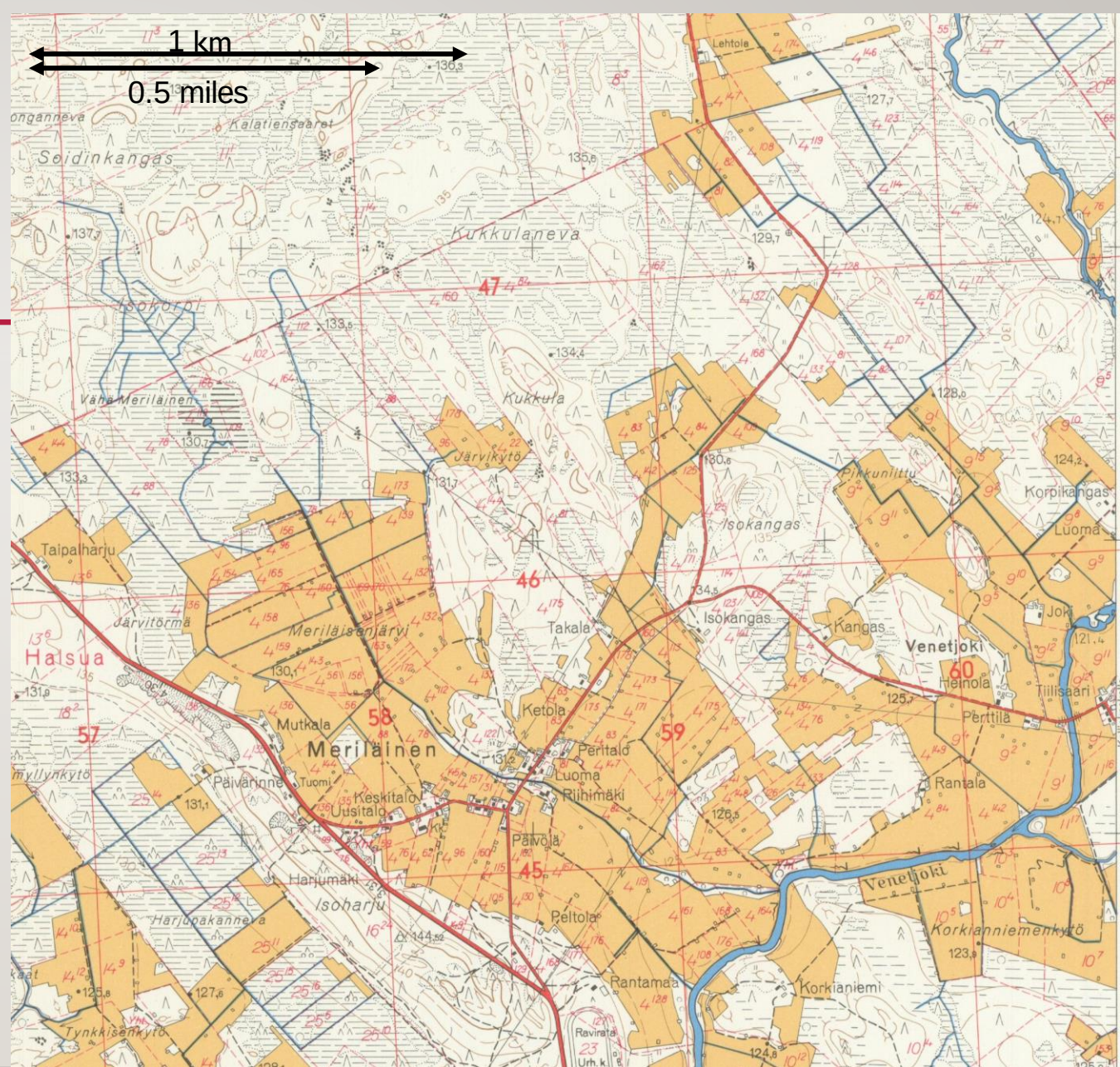
4	1	1/2	7/12	Meriläinen	15.70	5. -	18.70					Skatte. Krono fogden i Häradet å lön indelt. 1/12 mantal förmedlat år 1760. 1/6 mantal tillökt 1780 år 1775. Gammalt skatte.
Old mantal units		New mantal units. (Skatte)		A private owned farm. The taxes were given to the district warden as a salary. 1/12 mantal decreased in 1760. 1/6 mantal increased in 1775. Old private owned.								
5	1	1/4	5/24	5/48	Hotakainen		10	10				Kronan behållit. 1/24 mantal förmedlat år 1760. 5/48 mantal tillökt år 1775. Skatteköpt den 8. September 1760. 5/48 mantal Krono.
		New mantal units. (Krono)		The taxes were given to Crown. 1/24 mantal decreased in 1760. 5/48 mantal increased in 1775. Bought on 8th of September 1760 to private owned farm (Skatte). 5/48 mantal Crown owned (Krono).								

Change of old mantal units to new mantal units (Meriläinen):

$$1/2 - 1/12 + 1/6 = 6/12 - 1/12 + 2/12 = 7/12$$

MERILÄINEN FARM

- The Meriläinen base farm (kantatila, maakirjatila) was gradually split to smaller parcels of land (palstatila):
 - 1791 three parts
 - 1860 ten parts
- One way to find a map showing the borders of the base farm and the split parcels is [Vanhat kartat](#) the maps are from years 1953 to 1989. The numbers of the base farms are given as well as the number given during the splitting as superscript (or separated by a colon).



THE CENSUS RECORDS GIVE MORE DETAILED INFORMATION ABOUT THE LAND OWNERS

- **Census** (Henkikirja, Mantals längd), gives the up-to-date information about the farm owners and more information about the family members who pay taxes.
- The total mantal units and shares of each householder are given, as in the land records.
- More detailed information of Census records will be given in my post in <https://juurille.info/en/on-your-roots/>

DIGITIZED CENSUSES

- Digitized Censuses (Henkikirjat) during the Swedish empire (1635 – 1808) can be found in Läänintilit like the Land records (Maakirjat).
- Digitized Censuses during the Grand Duchy (1809 -) can be found from an archive named “Henkikirjat”
- You can find both censuses with [Uusi Astia](#) using the province name and henkikirj* as search word (e.g., Vaasan läänin henkikirj*). I recommend limiting the time period, so you do not get too many hits.
- Censuses can also be found using the [Digital Index](#).
 - During the Swedish Empire they are listed under läänintilit:
 - Turun ja porin läänin tilejä
 - Uudenmaan ja Hämeen läänin tilejä:
 - Viipurin ja Savonlinna läänin tilejä
 - ...
 - During the Grand Duchy they are listed by provinces (click tab **Henkikirjat**):
 - Hämeen läänin henkikirjat
 - Kuopion läänin henkikirjat
 - Kymen läänin henkikirjat
 - Mikkelin läänin henkikirjat
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Search criteria:

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Vaasan läänin henkikirj*

Exclude search words

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Limitations

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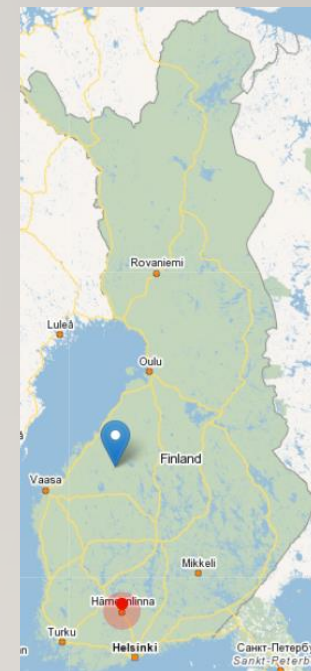
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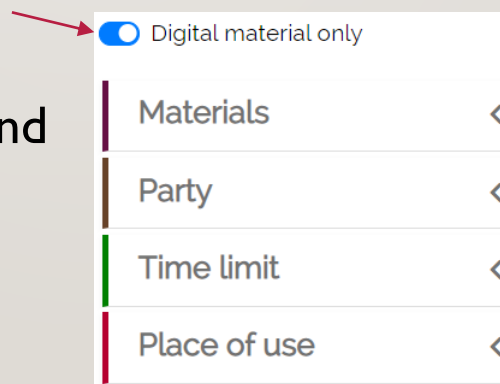
WHO WERE THE HOUSEHOLDERS OF MERILÄINEN FARM IN HALSUA AFTER HANNI HANNINPOIKA MERILÄINEN

- Halsua (Hallso or Hallså in Swedish) is a parish in Ostrobothnia. In 1700's it was a part of Kokkola rural parish (Gamla Karleby Socken or Gamla Carleby Socken) and later, part of Veteli parish.
- Halsua was in Province of Ostrobothnia (Pohjanmaan lääni) in the years 1634 to 1775 and belonged to the Southern Hundred of Oulu (Oulun eteläinen voutikunta)
- Halsua was in Province of Vaasa (Vaasan lääni) in years 1775 to 1997 and belonged to northern district of Korsholma (Korsholms Norra Härad).
- Hanni Hanninpoika Meriläinen (b. 1677) was the householder (owner) of the Meriläinen farm from 1719 to 1730 (Pietarin Perilliset, Meriläinen-Liedes sukuseura, 2013).



MERILÄINEN FARM IN THE LAND RECORDS IN 1749

- In 1749, Halsua was in Province of Ostrobothnia (Pohjanmaan lääni).
- In [Uusi Astia](#), use search words: Pohjanmaan läänin tilejä maakirj* or Pohjanmaan läänin maakirj* and limit time from 1740 to 1750 (if you do not know the exact year of the Land Records).
- You will get nine search results.
- Limit search to digital material only and you get just one search result.



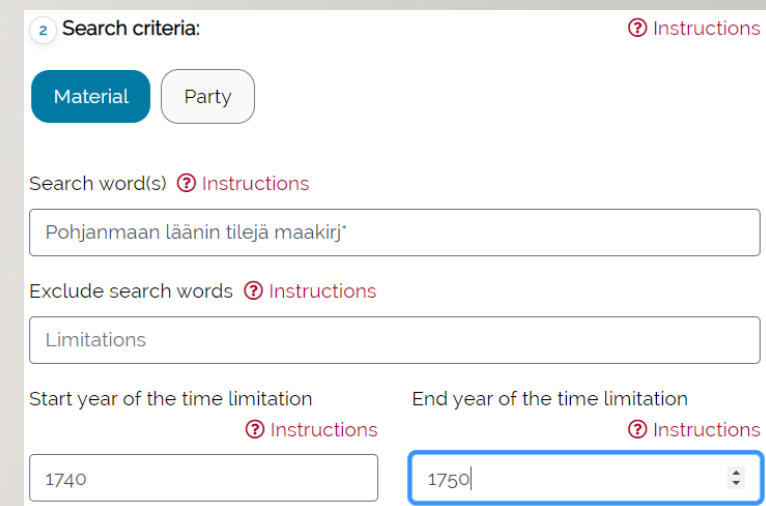
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Pohjanmaan läänin tilejä maakirj*

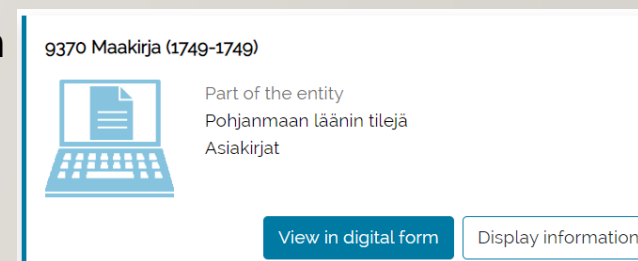
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1740 1750

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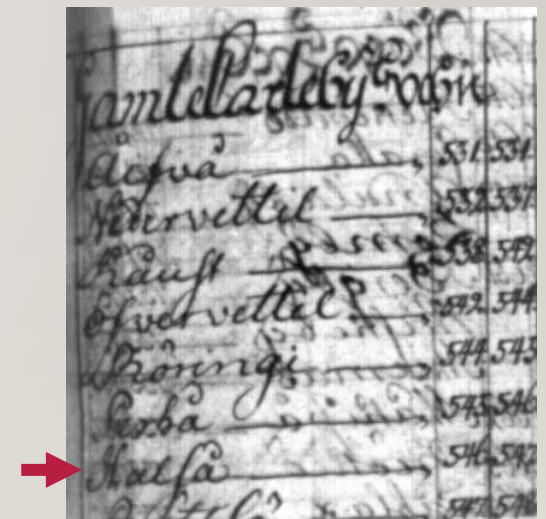
9370 Maakirja (1749-1749)

Part of the entity
Pohjanmaan läänin tilejä
Asiakirjat

View in digital form Display information

LAND RECORDS IN 1749

- You can view the content of the land records from tab *View in digital form*.
- The document contains 1079 images. You can open the first image by clicking Avaa (Open) above Tiedosto 1.
- The first five pages contain an index.
- Halså (Halsua) can be found in the directory of Gamle Carleby Sochn on [image 3](#) (Tiedosto 3) and the page is 546.
- Search for the page of interest. By trial-and-error method, you will find the correct page. Halså village starts on [image 560](#) (Tiedosto 560) and Meriläinen farm is on the next page.



MERILÄINEN FARM 1749

- Using [Digital index](#) is often easier. It helps if you have problems reading old handwriting, but it does not contain indexes for all villages. Both methods of searching for a record lead to the same digital image.
 - Search "Pohjanmaan läänin tilejä" or click tab "Voudin ja läänintilit" and choose Pohjanmaan läänin tilejä from the list.
 - Click link [Pohjanmaan läänin tilejä](#) and then link [Asiakirjat \(1635-1776\)](#).
 - Choose [9370 Maakirja \(1749-1749\)](#) from the list of records.
 - You will see an index. You can find the name of the Parish Gamle Carleby Socken (abbreviated: G. Carleby), but only the names of some of the villages in this parish including Halsua (Hallså).
 - You can find the Land records of Halsua in images [560](#) and [561](#).

Pay attention to variation
in writing of Swedish

words:

å or o

c or k or g

a or e

v or w

x or ks

MERILÄINEN FARM | 749

[illegible]

- Meriläinen farm is number 4, and its assessed value is $\frac{1}{2}$ mantal units. It is privately owned (**Skatte**). (Later, it changed to $\frac{7}{12}$ new mantal units.)
- The householders were Elias, with $\frac{1}{4}$ mantal units, and Johan, with $\frac{1}{4}$ mantal units.
- There is a long explanation for the Meriläinen farm about how the taxes were used and how the assessed value of the farm has been changed.

MERILÄINEN FARM IN CENSUS 1750

- Detailed and updated information about the householders and their families can be found from the Census.
- The Censuses were usually made annually.
- In [Uusi Astia](#) use search word: Pohjanmaan läänin henkikirj* and limit the search to 1750 (first Census after the 1749 Land record).
- The tab *View in digital form* opens a document with 717 images.

2 Search criteria: [? Instructions](#)

Search word(s) [? Instructions](#)

Pohjanmaan läänin henkikirj*

Exclude search words [? Instructions](#)

Limitations

Start year of the time limitation [? Instructions](#) End year of the time limitation [? Instructions](#)

1750 1750

9378 Henkikirjat (1750-1750)

 Part of the entity
Pohjanmaan läänin tilejä
Asiakirjat

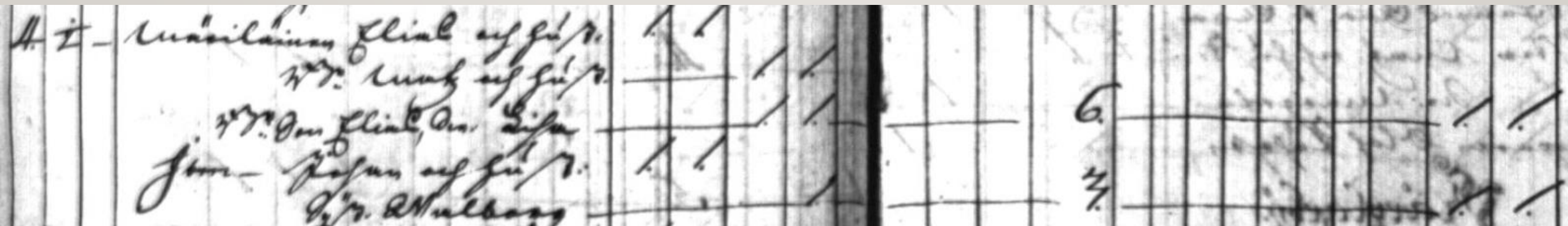
CENSUS 1750

- You will find Gamlakarleby Sockn (Kokkolan pitäjä) in the index in [image 3](#).
- Halsua is part of Kokkolan pitäjä and according to the index Kokkolan pitäjä starts on page 382 ([image 372](#)) and you will find Halsua (Hallsåby) beginning on page 393 ([image 383](#)).
 - Elias and his wife and Johan and his wife have been marked as householders. Brother Matts and his wife are marked as living with Elias. Johan lives with his sister Walborg. Only people old enough to have to pay the poll tax were recorded in the Census.
 - Often, Church Books (Communion book) are needed to understand the relationships. They show that Elias and Johan were not brothers.

A. I -	Mäkeläinen, Elias aff. fu. v.	/	/				
	H. H. Munk aff. fu. v.			/	/		
	H. H. Oon, Elias, An. Lupa			/	/		
Joni -	Pasun aff. fu. v.	/	/			6.	
	H. H. A. Mulkonen			/	/	7.	

MERILÄINEN FARM IN CENSUS 1750

- You can use the [Digital Index](#) (Digihakemisto) to find the census:
 - Search "Pohjanmaan läänin tilejä" or click tab "Voudin ja läänintilit" and choose Pohjanmaan läänin tilejä from the list.
 - Click link [Asiakirjat \(1635-1776\)](#)
 - Choose [9378 Henkikirjat \(1750-1750\)](#) from the list.
 - You will find Halsua (GambleCarleby Sochn. Hallsåby, Röttxöby) in the Index and the index will take you to the first record from Halsua. From there you can find Meriläinen on [image 382](#) (page 393).



MERILÄINEN FARM 1845 (GRAND DUCHY)

- In Uusi Astia, use the search words Vaasan lään* maakirj*
- Limit the time period to 1845 (or from 1840 to 1850 if you do not know the year of Land record).
- You will get 7 search results.
- After limiting the search to digital material only, the result is only one document.

29 Vaasan läänin maakirja (1845-1845)



Part of the entity
Maanmittaushallituksen maakirjat ja
kruununmaaluettelot -arkisto
A Maakirjat

Type
Text

i Korsholman pohjoinen kihlakunta, Korsholman keskinen kihlakunta,
Korsholman eteläinen kihlakunta, Laukaan kihlakunta, Kuortaneen kihlakunta
Korsholms norra här...

[View in digital form](#) [Display information](#)

2 Search criteria: [? Instructions](#)

[Material](#) [Party](#)

Search word(s) [? Instructions](#)

Vaasan lään* maakirj*

Exclude search words [? Instructions](#)

Limitations

Start year of the time limitation [? Instructions](#) 1840

End year of the time limitation [? Instructions](#) 1850

MERILÄINEN 1845

- From tab *View in digital form*, you open a document with 994 images. The first pages contain an index.
- From the index, you learn that Land records of Kokkolan pitäjä (Gamla Carleby Socken Jordebok) is on page 61.
- Page 61 is on [image 66](#). Halsua (Hallso) is the first village in Gamla Carleby records (alphabetical order).
 - The content of this Land record was given on page 18 of this presentation.
 - This land record does not give any information about the householders. That has to be found in the Census of 1845.

Register till Konsthofmens Norra Kärads Jörelbok för — År — 1828	
	Side
Lochteå Sockens Jörelbok	1
Sammandrag/ drag	44
Helviå Sockens Jörelbok	47
Sammandrag/ drag	60
Gamlakarleby Sockens Jörelbok	67
Sammandrag/ drag	98

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MERILÄINEN FARM 1845

- To search with the [Digital index](#) (Digihakemisto):
 - Search ”**maakirjat**” and you will find link to the archive [Maanmittaushallituksen maakirjat ja kruununmaaluettelot –arkisto](#).
 - after clicking the link choose archive: [A Maakirjat \(1820-1939\)](#).
 - Choose [29 Vaasan läänin maakirja \(1845-1845\)](#) from the list.
 - You will find Gamla Carleby Socken in the list, which is [image 66](#) (page 61).

Digihakemisto

[suomi](#)
[English](#)

Main page: | [Astia search page](#)

Quick searches ([edit](#)):

Seurakunnat	Henkikirjat	Voudin- ja läänintilit	Tuomiokirjat	Tuomiokirjakortistot	Raastuvanoikeudet	Valtiorikosoikeudet
Ammattikunnat	Kartat	Piirustukset	Suomen asutuksen yleisluettelo SAY	Tilastollisen päätoimiston luettelot kuolleista		
Kaatuneiden kantakortit	Talvisodan sotapäiväkirjat	KELAn kortistot				

Find from the list:

Archive	Comment
Maanmittaushallituksen maakirjat ja kruununmaaluettelot -arkisto	

65		
66	61	GamlaCarleby Socken
67		
68	63	Gamla Carleby Socken
69		

MERILÄINEN FARM IN THE CENSUS OF 1845

- In [Uusi Astia](#) use search words *Vaasan lään* henkikirj** and limit the search to 1845.
- You will get 5 search results. After limiting the search to digital material only, you will be left with only one result.
- From the tab View in digital form, you can open a document with 1283 pages.
- This time, the first pages of the document do not contain an index.
- In worst case, you will have to browse all the pages. In this case, the first pages contain the censuses of the northern district of Korsholma (Korsholms Norra Härad, Korsholman pohjoinen voutikunta) which includes Halsua.

2 Search criteria: [Instructions](#)

Material

Party

Search word(s) [Instructions](#)

Vaasan lään* henkikirj*

Exclude search words [Instructions](#)

Limitations

Start year of the time limitation [Instructions](#)

1845

End year of the time limitation [Instructions](#)

1845

Va:40 Henkikirja (1845-1845)



Part of the entity
Vaasan läänin
henkikirjat
Va Henkikirjat

Type
Text

i Korsholman eteläinen voutikunta, Korsholman keskinen voutikunta, Korsholman pohjoinen voutikunta, Kuortaneen kihlakunta, Laukaan kihlakunta, Kaupungit

View in digital form

Display information

CENSUS OF 1845

- The first parish in the census of the northern district of Korsholma (Korsholms Norra Härad) is Lohtaja parish (Låhteå Socken). By browsing the pages, you should find Kokkola parish (Gamlacarleby Socken).
- The parishes are not in alphabetical order, but the villages of the parish are.
- Kokkola parish (Gamlacarleby Socken) starts on [image 78](#) (heading page) and Halsua (Hallso) is the first village in this parish. Meriläinen farm is in [image 80](#).
- The mantal share of each householder (9 householders) is given after their name:

• Matts Henriksson	7/128 mantal
• Eric Mattsson	7/128 mantal
• Elias Eliason	7/128 mantal
• Gustaf Eliason	7/128 mantal
• Elias Matsson	7/96 mantal
• Matts Ericsson	7/96 mantal
• Elias Andersson	7/64 mantal
• Elias Johansson	7/128 mantal
• Johan Mattsson	7/128 mantal

$$7*(7/128) + 2*(7/96) + 7/64 = 7/12$$

The total amount of mantals is the same as indicated.

MERILÄINEN FARM IN THE CENSUS OF 1845

- If you use the [Digital Index](#), click quick search tab **Henkikirjat** and choose [Vaasan läänin henkikirjat](#) and click link [Va Henkikirjat](#) and click link [Va:40 Henkikirja \(1845-1845\)](#) (contains Korsholman pohjoinen Voutikunta).
- From the index you will find "GAMLACARLEBY socken, Korsholms Norra härad" [image 78](#). The Halsua records begin on the next page and Meriläinen is in [image 80](#).

77		
78	78	GAMLACARLEBY socken, Korsholms Norra härad
79		Hallso
80		
81		

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OWNERSHIP OF LAND

- All the changes in ownership of land were processed in the district court (tuomiokunta).
- The legal confirmation of title to real property is called **lainhuuto** in Finnish and **uppbud** in Swedish.
- The ownership change was processed in three consecutive court sessions to give time for possible objections. The first session (**1. lainhuuto**, 1^{sta} uppbud) is the most interesting, because it contains the contract of sale and other documents in connection with the transition of ownership.
- A large part of the judicial proceedings are available using [Uusi Astia](#). They can also be found using the [Digital index](#). They are called **Renovoidut tuomiokirjat** (transcribed judgments)
- The documents are divided in two parts:
 - Minutes of the notification issues (Ilmoitusasioiden pöytäkirjat)
 - Minutes of the essential issues (Varsinaisasioiden pöytäkirjat)
- The real property documents, as well as many other types of documents, can be found in **Ilmoitusasioiden pöytäkirjat** as well as many other documents.
- It may be difficult to find the documents if you do not know the year of the judicial proceeding. Often the official legal confirmation was made several years after the date of the contract of sale.
- The judgment transcripts are usually in Swedish but the additional documents such as the contracts of sale might be in Finnish. Some of the proceedings from the late 19th century may be in Finnish.

HOW TO FIND LEGAL CONFIRMATIONS

- Some Finnish archives have a register of the legal confirmations of title to real property (Lainhuutokortisto), but they are only available by visiting the Archives.
- Try to estimate the year of change of ownership from the Censuses.
- Try the [new service of the National Archive of Finland](#)
 - Full text searches of automatically transcribed documents from 19th century Finnish Renovated District Court Records.
 - Does not yet contain all the renovated District Court Records.
 - Does not find all the records.
 - Based on automated recognition of historical handwritten text, [Transkribus](#).

SALE OF PART OF THE MERILÄINEN FARM TO ABRAM JOHANSSON HIETALAHTI IN 1866 AND 1867

- In 1853 Matts Eliasson Meriläinen sold 7/128 parts of Meriläinen farm in Halsua to Abram Johansson Hietalahti. The confirmation of title to real property was made in years 1866 and 1867.
- To find the document you should know the name of the hundred in which Halsua is situated. Usually, when you need to know the hundred (tuomiokunta) you can use the document of Finnish Genealogical Society: "[Pitäjien kuuluminen tuomiokuntaan vuosina 1623-1862](#)". Sometimes the name of the hundred changed after year 1862 and you should check the correct hundred from the Finnish Wikipedia page [Tuomiokunta](#).
- At that time Halsua was not an independent parish but a part of Kokkola (Gamla Karleby) parish. The list gives:
 - Kokkola-Gamlakarleby: Pohjanmaa 1623-1658, Pohjois-Pohjanmaa 1658-1677, Keski-Pohjanmaa 1678-1680, Pohjois-Pohjanmaa 1681-1764, Keski-Pohjanmaa 1764-1804, Keski-Pohjanmaan ylinen 1804-1862.
 - In years 1804 to 1862 the hundred was **Keski-Pohjanmaan ylinen tuomiokunta**.
 - However, the name changed in 1863 and according to the Wikipedia page [Tuomiokunta](#) it was Kokkolan tuomiokunta in years 1863 to 1955:
 - **Keski-Pohjanmaan ylinen tuomiokunta** 1804-1862
 - **Kokkolan tuomiokunta** 1863-1955
 - **Lohtajan tuomiokunta** 1955-1993

CONFIRMATION OF THE TRANSACTION

- To find the document of the transaction in 1866 from [Uusi Astia](#), you should use search words Kokkolan tuomiokunnan renovoidut tuomiokirjat ilmoitusasioiden pöytäkirjat or abbreviated by asterixes: Kokkol* tuomiok* renov* tuomiok* ilmoitusas* pöytä* and limit the search to 1866.
- You will get four hits but after limiting the search to digital material only, you get two hits.
- The first one KO b:2 is the correct document. The second document RO b:10 is the minutes of the Kokkola town court (Kokkolan raastuvanoikeus).

2 Search criteria: [Instructions](#)

Material

Party

Search word(s) [Instructions](#)

Kokkol* tuomiok* renov* tuomiok* ilmoitusas* pöytä*

Exclude search words [Instructions](#)

Limitations

Start year of the time limitation [Instructions](#)

1866

End year of the time limitation [Instructions](#)

1866

KO b:2 Ilmoitusasioiden pöytäkirjat (1866-1866)



Part of the entity
Kokkolan
tuomiokunnan
renovoidut tuomiokirjat
KO b Ilmoitusasioiden
pöytäkirjat

Type
Text

View in digital form

Display information

RO b:10 Ilmoitusasioiden pöytäkirjat (1860-1866)



Part of the entity
Kokkolan
raastuvanoikeuden
renovoidut tuomiokirjat
RO b Ilmoitusasioiden
pöytäkirjat

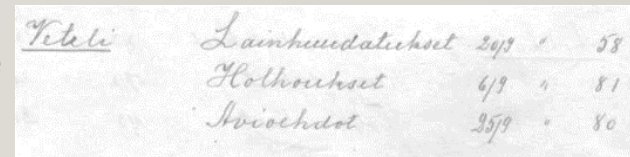
Type
Text

View in digital form

Display information

CONFIRMATION OF THE TRANSACTION

- The first pages of the document contain an index.
- You will not find Halsua in the index. Instead, you need to know that Halsua was part of Vetelin pitäjä (Veteli härad).
- Usually there were two sessions in each parish: the winter thing (Talvikäräjät, winter tinget) and the Fall thing (Syyskäräjät, höste tinget).
- Different matters were dealt with separately:
 - Lainhuudatukset (The legal confirmation of title to real property)
 - Kiinnitykset (Mortgages)
 - Avioehdot (Prenuptial agreements)
 - Holhoukset (Wards)
- If you know just the year of the legal confirmation. You should check both the documents of talvikäräjät and syyskäräjät (winter thing and fall thing). In this case, the legal confirmation occurred in syyskäräjät. The directory in the second image indicates that the legal confirmations (lainhuudatukset) of Veteli begin on page 58, which is found in [image 60](#).



<u>Veteli</u>	Lainhuudatukset	24/9	•	58
	Holhoukset	6/9	•	81
	Avioehdot	25/9	•	80

CONFIRMATION OF THE TRANSACTION

BY USING DIGITAL INDEX

- If you use the [Digital index](#), click tab ***Tuomiokirjat***.
- choose [Kokkolan tuomiokunnan renovoidut tuomiokirjat](#) from the list of archives and click [KO b Ilmoitusasioiden pöytäkirjat \(1864-1870\)](#), then choose the year 1866: [KO b:2 Ilmoitusasioiden pöytäkirjat \(1866-1866\)](#).
- The index shows that the fall thing (syyskäräjät) of Veteli parish containing the transaction (lainhuudatukset) starts in image 60.
- Sometimes the index helps but not always.

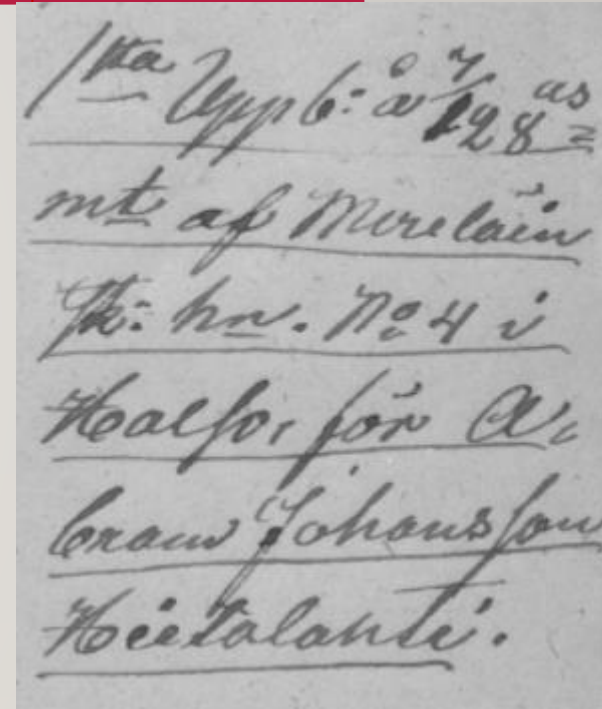
59		
60	58	Syyskäräjät, Veteli, lainhuudatukset
61		
62		
63		

CONFIRMATION OF THE TRANSACTION

- All the sections have a title on the left or right-side margin, which gives the confirmation number of transaction :
 - First confirmation of transaction: Ensimmäinen lainhuuto (1. huuto), Första uppbudet (1^{sta} uppb:))
 - Second confirmation of transaction: Toinen lainhuuto (2. huuto), Andra uppbudet (2. uppb:))
 - Third confirmation of transaction: Kolmas Lainhuuto (3. huuto), Tredje uppbudet (3. uppb:))
- The title helps to identify the document. In addition to the number of confirmation it gives the mantal units and name and number of the farm, the village, and the name of person who asks confirmation of the ownership of the real property.

1. uppb: å 7/128 d^s
m^t: af Meriläin
sk: hn N^o 4 i
Halso för A-
bram Johansson
Hietalahti.

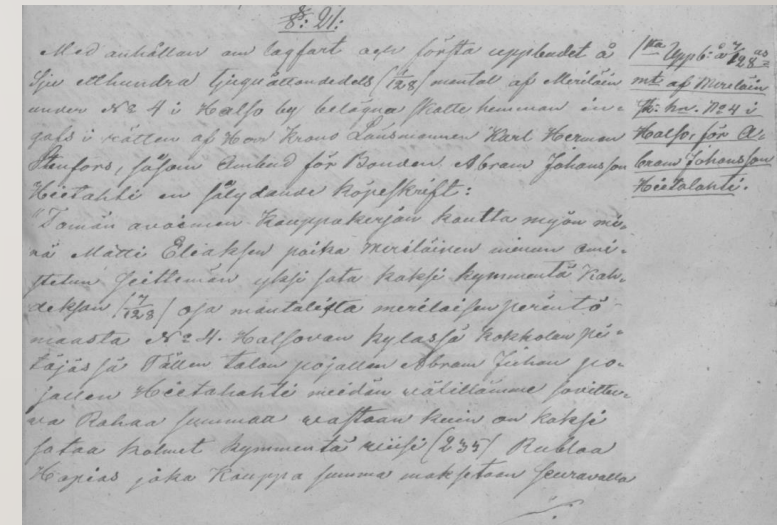
First confirmation of 7/128
parts mantal of Meriläinen
private owned farm no. 4
in Halsua to Abram
Johansson Hietalahti.



1^{sta} Uppb: å 7/128 d^s
m^t: af Meriläin
sk: hn. N^o 4 i
Halso för A-
bram Johansson
Hietalahti.

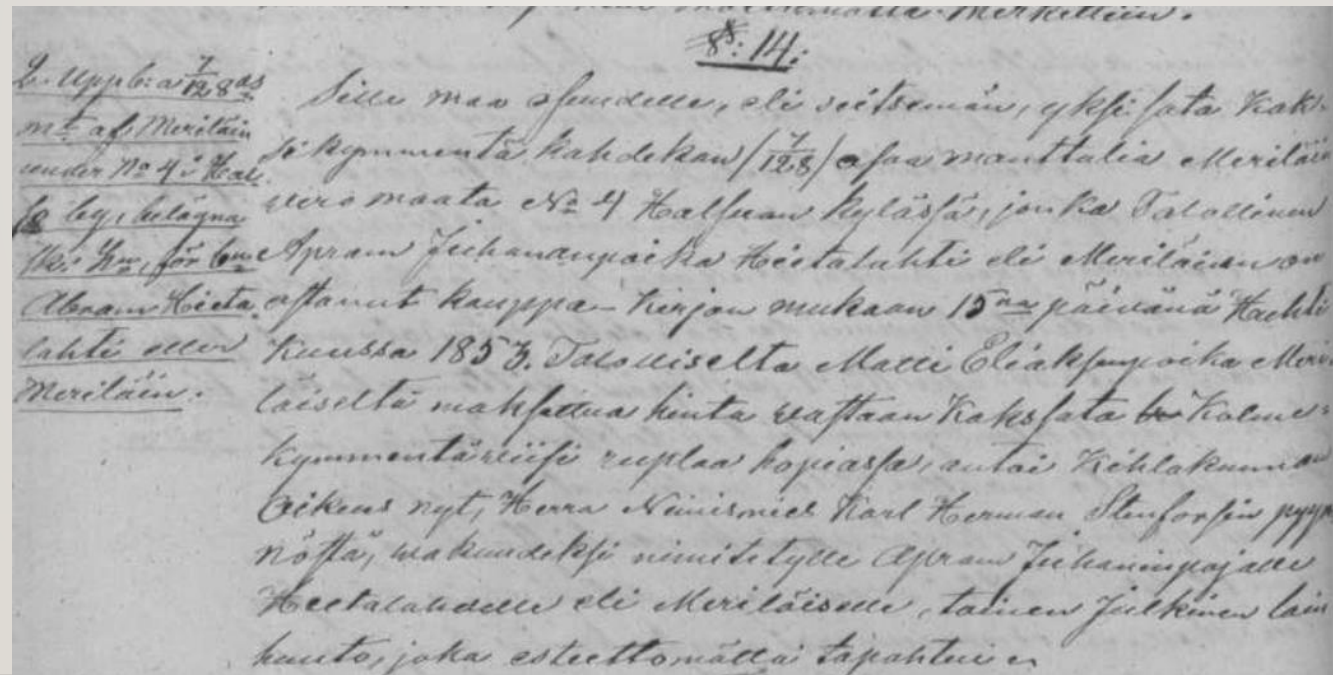
THE FIRST CONFIRMATION

- The transaction of Matts Eliasson Meriläinen's property, 7/128 parts of Meriläinen farm in Halsua was transferred to Abram Johansson Hietalahti can be found in §21 of minutes of the Fall Thing session in 1866, [image 64](#) (page 62).
- The minutes contains following documents
 - Contract of sale
 - Certificate of the ownership of the paid land
 - Extract of the Census in 1865 (showing the ownership)
- In this case the minutes and the certificate of the ownership are in Swedish but the attached copy of the contract of sale is in Finnish.
- The sentence of the jury (Beslöts) was that the first legal confirmation (1. lainhuuto) can be accepted.



THE SECOND CONFIRMATION

- The second confirmation (2. lainhuuto) occurred in the winter Thing of 1867 (usually it is in the next Thing) and can be found in §14, page 75, [image 75](#) of the minutes:
- This time the minutes are in Finnish.



THE THIRD AND FINAL CONFIRMATION

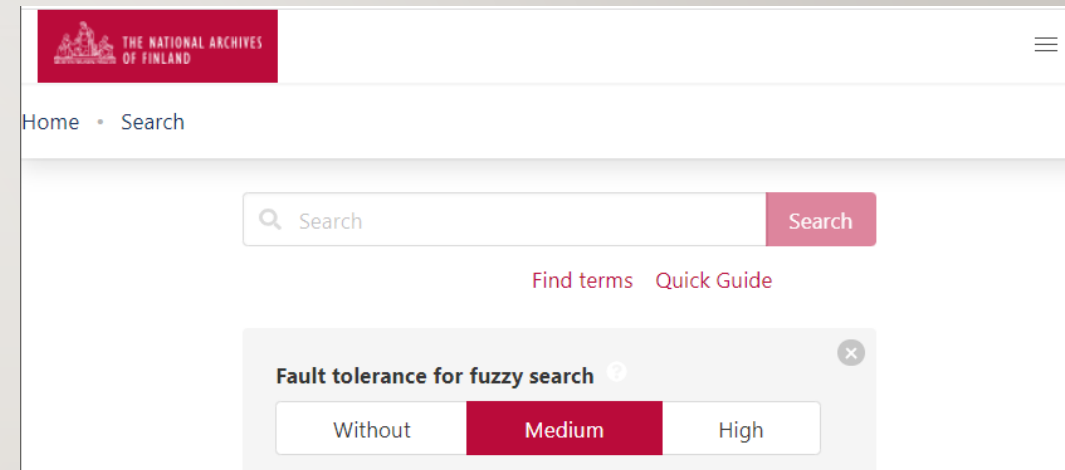
- The third confirmation of the transaction occurred in the fall Thing in 1877. It can be found in §10, page 161, [image 161](#) of the minutes:

§10.

3^o uppehus ei Lään tila ofsee eli Joutsenän yksijata. Kaspi
728 dees mantat Kymmentä kaholeksan 728. ofaa mantatias Meriläinen
Meriläinen Johan perintö maata 1854. Kalsuan Kylästä, jonka
hannan 1854 i Talollinen Aprian Juhonpoika Hietalaksi eli Meri
Kajja by for 1854 läinen on oflanut Kauppa Kirjan mukaan 15. p.
Meri Johan vana Huhtikuuta 1855. Talolliselta Meri Elia
Hietalaksi poika Meriläiselle maksettu hinta vastaan
Meriläinen Kaspi Jataa Kolme Kymmentä viisi replaa ho
piasta, antaa Kirkon Kunnan oikeus Meri Kirja
mies Karl Herman Thompsonin pyynnosta maksettu
yi nimitetty Aprian Juhon pojaksi Hietalaksi
dees eli Meriläiselle Kolmannen pitkikent
ja maittimattaman lain hundan merkittin.

FULL TEXT SEARCHES OF AUTOMATICALLY TRANSCRIBED DOCUMENTS FROM 19TH CENTURY FINNISH RENOVATED DISTRICT COURT RECORDS

- <https://tuomiokirjat.narc.fi/en/search>
- Give one or more words (E.g. last name) and search
- You can restrict the search by determining:
 - The district (the Court)
 - The series (Ilmoitusasioiden pöytäkirjat or Varsinaisten asioiden pöytäkirjat)
 - Date (years)
 - Score (the relevance of the search results).



The screenshot shows the search interface of The National Archives of Finland. At the top, there is a red header with the logo and text "THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES OF FINLAND". Below the header, there is a navigation bar with "Home" and "Search" links. The main search area features a search bar with a magnifying glass icon and a "Search" button. Below the search bar, there are links for "Find terms" and "Quick Guide". A "Fault tolerance for fuzzy search" section is visible, with three buttons: "Without", "Medium" (which is highlighted in red), and "High".

Judicial District

Office

Records

Date

- GOOD LUCK

AN EXAMPLE OF A SEARCH

Tuomiokunnat

Kokkolan tuomiokunnan renovo...

Ilmoitusasioiden pöytäkirjat

Date: 1861 - 1873

Meriläinen Hietalahti

×

×

Search

Find terms

Quick Guide

Fault tolerance for fuzzy search ?

×

Without

Medium

High

1867 District courts - Kokkola / Karleby court district - Notification issues - 1867-1867 (KO b:3) - Page 161

...
128 olea mantat Kymmentä Mahdetfan 128, ofaa mantatia Meriläinen

hemmaa 12. 4. v. Talollinen. Apran Juhonpoika Hietalahti eli Hietalahti

yi nimitettyee Apran Juhon pojaksi Hietalahti

yi nimitettyee Apran Juhon pojaksi Hietalahti

oletta eien olea detfanella 128 ofaa mantatia Meriläisen perinte

A photograph of several lit sparklers in a clear glass jar, set against a dark background with blue and yellow bokeh lights. The sparklers are bright and crackling, with sparks falling. The jar is on a dark surface, and there are some small lights visible in the foreground.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR
INTEREST
