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**DECORATED FARMHOUSES  
OF HÄLSINGLAND**





# THE WORLD HERITAGE DECORATED FARMHOUSES OF HÄLSINGLAND

## - "HÄLSINGEGÅRDAR"

*World Heritage Decorated Farmhouses of Hälsingland include seven farms from the 19th century. They show how independent farmers built and decorated more and larger rooms for festivities than any other farmers in the world. The decorated interiors have been preserved and the Decorated Farmhouses of Hälsingland were added to the UNESCO World Heritage List in 2012.*

There are around a thousand well-preserved farmhouses in 36 parishes in Hälsingland. Seven of them are now classified as a World Heritage Site representing Hälsingland's outstanding building traditions.

The farmers in Hälsingland began to build large and lavishly decorated rooms for festivities as early as the 17th century. Increasingly large houses were built, which culminated in the 19th century. A single farm could have up to fifteen decorated rooms, with only a small number used for everyday life. The rest were only used for very special occasions, such as weddings and funerals.

The rooms were richly decorated with painting styles that indicated their use and status. In the most important rooms, large landscapes, townscapes and beautiful flower arrangements were often painted directly onto the walls.

The farmers in Hälsingland were freeholders and their incomes, lives and buildings were therefore in their own hand. Their financial success was based on agriculture.

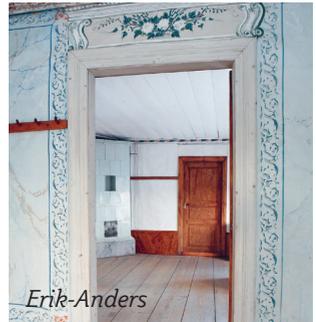
But additionally, many Hälsingland farmers earned income from linen production, trade, and the sale of forested land and felling rights.

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### ***THE SEVEN WORLD HERITAGE DECORATED FARMHOUSES OF HÄLSINGLAND***

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*Together they form the World Heritage Decorated Farmhouses of Hälsingland – “Hälsingegårdar”*



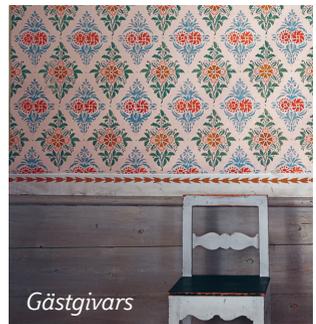
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