AMALIA ERIKSSON

Amalia Eriksson, a 35 year old widow at the time, is credited for inventing the candy stick through the bakery she founded in 1859. It remains today one of the foods most associated with Sweden. A million tourists are each year attracted to the small city of Gränna in which Amalia started her bakery, and where the candy sticks are still being produced in a traditional manor. This is an example of the how early Nordic capitalism was inclusive of women, in a time when women in many other societies were merely seen as the property of their fathers and husbands.