

BORN 1913 MIDDLE CHILD &

answering to the Nordic name of Ruit  
Vahlborg Bjeke. My father was born in  
Hammar, Norway, & when he was 1 year  
old emigrated to Sweden. He & his father  
~~had a forestry job~~ <sup>were</sup> but as he got

relatives were  
living in the town  
of the birth

<sup>time</sup> a Swedish girl whom he later married. Because of  
the economy father immigrated to Canada a few months  
later <sup>worked in Gold on Rensselaire 1904 on the railway</sup> grandma came along. They lived  
in ~~the~~ <sup>the</sup> place where Gunnar was born in 1906.

place called Diamond family valley  
which found <sup>never existing & literature</sup>  
but the homestead was not good land &  
the fields froze each year & we had a  
bank & there was a swimming hole & we  
caught a fish every day. <sup>quite</sup> snakes were  
all over & ~~for~~ <sup>plentiful</sup>

Gunnar, Nora, Carl Ruit, Andrew Arthur Hald

1918. I remember <sup>(middle child)</sup> Jonas Bergstrom  
War years - Moved to Burnt Lake - <sup>which at one time boasted</sup>  
lived in was ~~the~~ <sup>the</sup> old "stopping place" between  
Rocky M. House & Red Deer. <sup>two churches school</sup> There were a lot

of trees & I remember walking with mother  
in the woods. ~~she~~ <sup>she</sup> & ~~was~~ <sup>was</sup> picking bluebills  
tiger lilies, lady slippers, roses, ~~black~~ <sup>black</sup> Mother  
said "This is surely similar to what heaven is going  
to be like". When I had occasion to visit Sweden



In 1772 she was sure there were going to be  
lots of flowers & pipe organ music in heaven  
She played the organ at the Mission (second  
church). We also had a Baptist church -  
but Maryannes shepherds - ~~she~~ all used either  
one or the other. When Don Carl & I were all  
conferred at same time. ~~He~~ in a Swedish language  
He didn't ask me any questions. I ~~remember~~ <sup>was fascinated</sup> one bar  
(Alvin) had a brand new suit & the part leg would stick  
to his leg & he wore every time he got up he shook his  
leg to get the part legs down! When I sat in a big  
church in Stockholm I was thrilled at all that  
I remembered of my confirmation.

father worked at Golden B.C. (railroad)  
parold deaf mute  
engaged school - went to Sylvan for Ch. T

& then mother died from appendicitis (ruptured) 1929  
the light went out of the house - I tried in my poor way  
to cook. Had to learn how to make bread, wash clothes  
for my 5 bro & father. Wore had her teaching certificate  
& so it was best for her to go teaching & to bring  
in a little money - we were then at beginning  
of the great depression. Among I was active with  
sports, playing organ for church & teaching in school  
concerts - among the punton that came  
to the door there was a very good looking blonde man  
who came into our district. Our likes & dislikes were  
alike & we became engaged - married in 1940 -  
came to Saskatchewan on the prairie which I  
came to love both land & people!



~~As~~ Tho' the Crops had been really <sup>W</sup> bad in the 30<sup>s</sup> we started having fairly good crops <sup>in the 40s</sup>. We lived on section 3. in a nice little Gladwin house. I loved it & Kathleen was born in Davidson. & we took her home ~~in~~ in an enclosed plough (on all day trip) in a large card board ~~board~~ box. In 1949 we ~~took~~ moved to the Alton <sup>place</sup> which <sup>Ed & I</sup> had bought - 1945 Dick was born & in 48. Larch came along. We had a few hail storms & just one year which set us back financially - but we had a good life - I was so happy to have a church home here in ~~St. Paul~~ <sup>St. Paul</sup>. The children have been ~~so good to us~~ so good to us. We are <sup>pride</sup> proud & <sup>give them every year</sup> so thankful to God for each one of them & pray that ~~each one~~ <sup>they</sup> will learn to love the Lord & ~~that~~ <sup>that</sup> He will do His will.

1945  
~~1864~~  
 96

1929  
~~48~~  
~~1981~~  
 1869  
 1929  
 1904  
 25

48-1929