

Ljustorp, February 22, 1967.

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She was the youngest of the sisters and brothers. She became my wife (I used to say she was the most precious result of my employment at Ruskele). Meningitis in connection with high blood pressure ended her life in 1941. She was born in 1888. 25 years have passed since then.

I have now tried to write as much as I know about your mother's sisters and brothers in Sweden. It might not be very encouraging to read for someone not feeling healthy. But as your doctor seem to be interested to know, I wanted to write as much as I know.

We must remember that our lives are in God's hand.

Now I should mention about the relatives still alive. Some of them we met during our visit at Wilhelmina, 1965. We stayed at Elsa Danielsson, Aunt Emma's youngest daughter, and her husband. She has started a bakery. They have a son and a daughter. Both are married, so now Emma is a grandmother. The son is a teacher, so is his wife. The daughter now live close to Unea (I think). At Storuman we also met many of Johan's children. Also mother Johanna was there. In Lycksele lives Olga Holmgren, Aunt Emma's second daughter. Hedda lives at Rusksele, where also Uncle Alarik's son Gustav lives. We didn't meet him as he was out moose-hunting.

At Wilhelmina we met uncle Petter's children Bengt and Svea and also Ruth living in Stromsuad.

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I will also tell you something about my own family.

I am 84 years old and feel fine. Gren, my daughter is living with me. She just turned 50. Ruth, her sister has been sick in bronchitis for a long period. She is married to Wello and have 2 children, Sigvard and Marie. Sven, my eldest child has some problems with balance and speech. He sits most of the time in wheel-chair. He and Lollo, his wife have got 2 children, Bertil and Karin.

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Yours sincerely,

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