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From the Östanby family meeting in Bergslagen, Sweden, 1 – 2 of September 2001

We were about 50 relatives gathered together at Åkerby manor-house in the heart of Bergslagen, viewing the lake of Fåsjön. The weather was not so good, cloudy and a little rainy. But in spite of that many took a short walk in the sculpture parc nearby.

As usual we started with the annual proceedings.

Nine relatives had passed away since last time in 1998, among them Ruth Egerö and Birgitta Jahn, initiators of the enormous work with the “family sheet” in 1968, which contains all relatives descended from Anders and Margareta Olsson. Last edition with supplement was in 1995.

The orations to the memory of them all, gave us glimpses of many interesting life conditions. The family choir paid them homage by singing “Give me a day”. And Gun Jörler was chosen a member of honour of the family reunion. .

Next meeting will be held in 2004. But before then we intend to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the first family reunion 1952 and it is planned to take place on a Saturday in the beginning of October this year (2002). So make a note of that already now!! You will be informed of the exact date later!

After the proceedings the festivities could start.

Helena Sjöström had taken the responsibility for the children as “gameleader” during the day and she had arranged a “tip-walk” indoors as it was raining outside. The results were introduced to all of us during the dinner. The questions were about our ancestors, the USA-branch not to be forgotten, and the family symbol.

Story-telling, a dance-performance, illustrated lectures about mining and foundries in Bergslagen and a kind of theatrical performance about our ancestors Anders Olsson and Margareta Israelsdotter contributed to the entertainment.

The “nostalgic room” was open as usual for those who are interested in family history and old photos.

Next day, when the weather was better, we went to visit Siggebohyttan – an old homestead of a miner, now museum. And from there we went to Uskavi manor to have lunch and part after an interesting weekend.

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