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Dear friends,

Summer is here, and everything is green and fresh! Strawberries are here at a good price, and most events are celebrated with a *jordgubbstårta* (a sponge cake decorated with lots of whipped cream and lots of strawberries). And that is just the start. Then comes raspberries, currants in a couple of colors, forest blueberries (smaller than the American varieties), and at last the lingonberries.

A trip to southern France in May showed us many beautiful sights and historic places, but Sweden is also full of them. The other day I visited Skokloster, some 30 kilometers northeast of Stockholm, an impressive castle. For me it has two family connections, my oldest son lived nearby with his family for a

couple of years, and 9 generations back I am descended from the field marshal Herman Wrangel, who is riding into eternity since 1643.



At the end of July I will be going to Kisa in southern Östergötland to celebrate the bi-annual *Peter Cassel Days*, in memory of the brave group who left their homes in 1845 and ended up in Jefferson County, Iowa.

Then there will be visits to Värmland, and in late August, 27th to 28th, the annual *Genealogy Days* in Norrköping. This year it is also the 25th anniversary of the foundation of the *Sveriges Släktforskarförbund* (Federation of Swedish Genealogical Societies), which I helped found in 1986, such a long time ago!

I wish you all a very happy and enjoyable summer, and many unexpected genealogy finds!

Till next time!
Elisabeth Thorsell

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