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Dear friends,

Summer has been and is now gone, at least here in Sweden, where we can feel fall leaves coming down and the days are getting shorter every day.

We have spent most of our summer in the old house in Värmland, where house repairs and yard work keep us busy. It is a joy for us to go back there every summer and connect again to the members of the family that lived there a hundred years ago, to go to the cemetery and check the graves, and generally to live a more quiet life than in the city.

This summer I had the pleasure of meeting a new cousin from the area, who had found me on the internet, when I had posted a photo of his great-grandparents wedding. This

young man is a 5th cousin to my sons, and in a few weeks I hope to introduce him to an American cousin, who is a 3rd cousin to his father. It is amazing, isn't it?

During the summer I have spent time on building a database of all people who have died in "my" parish during the period of 1901 to 1946, and so are many other researchers around the country working on their parishes. This will hopefully result in a new version of the *Swedish Death Index*, covering the period of 1901 to 2009, which will be released next August.

The third weekend of August was spent by me and many others in going to the Swedish Genealogy Days (*Släktforskardagarna*), this year in

Falköping in Västergötland. As usual it was hot and people were everywhere, but lots of fun. All major providers of church records online were there, as well as several of the archives and about 50 different societies, and all of them sold books, and CD:s, and wanted you to become a member. There were also several lectures, with some very popular lecturers. And, of course, a fancy dinner with awards handed out, and music and entertainment.

The usual greeting on the Sunday, when everything closed, was "See you next year in Örebro"!

Till next time!

Elisabeth Thorsell

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