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Dear friends,

During September and October I again visited the U.S. and met many old friends and a number of new ones. Hurricane Rita made my flight to Salt Lake City more interesting than anticipated, as I had a ticket through Houston, but was re-routed at Newark directly to Salt Lake City, which was fine, except that a bag went missing for two days.

We had a good Workshop as always, and afterwards I stayed on for a few days. A local friend took me to Emigration Canyon, and I certainly am impressed by the hard work the pioneers had to do to get where they wanted, without any modern power machinery or tools, just axes and the powers of men and beasts.

Later on I went to California for a

few days with a 3rd cousin, and experienced both the cool atmosphere in the hills, with apple orchards and wineries, and the heat by the Sacramento River.

Next on the program was Minnesota and Michigan. In Minneapolis I had the pleasure to pick up my oldest son at the airport; we were going to drive to Upper Michigan to visit with my oldest relative, 92 year young Helen. We had a good time and saw many beautiful sights and fall colors. We also got another lesson in the important part of genealogy – talk with the elderly before they are gone!

On our way back we visited with the younger generation of the family in Duluth, to strengthen the ties between the families that have survived since 1892, when Grandmother

Alma's cousin Anna left home.

Back in Minneapolis we visited with the elderly Swedes at the Covenant Home, and then met the very active Swedish Genealogical Society of Minnesota and the Värmlandsförbundet.

The week we had planned so carefully went by with the speed of a lightning, but hopefully we will be back. There is so much to see and do in the U.S.

But Sweden has a lot to offer also, and I hope many of you are thinking of next summer, when you will come here and sit for a while in a pew in that old church, where Grandpa and all those before him sat every Sunday.

Välkomna!

Elisabeth Thorsell

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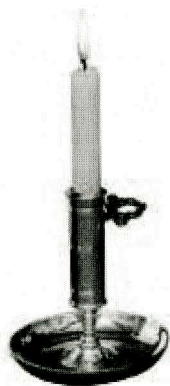
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