

DRAFT NUMBER 1

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To all our kids!

It's a beginning! I'm not promising any miracles in writing this "epistle" regularly, but I'll try. Somewhere in a drawer there is a lot of writing that I already have done, but... you know how that goes.... I lost them!!! Probably on a "quick cleaning day" they got pushed in a closet and later on - tossed??? I will try to hold on to these and send up each "epistle" to Len in Felton and from there on its Len's "BABY"!!

at some time. During his seminary time J. Hudson Taylor visited the classroom and asked for missionaries or seminarians to go to China where millions needed to hear about Christ. In China were no one had hear about Christ. After Grandma and Grandpa Rinell were married they left for North China in the province of Shantung. (I don't have in between story clearly, but both J.E. L ndberg and Winberg were out at the same time. At that time clad in Chinese robes and an artificial braid stuck inside of their "skull hats" .





Grandma and Grandfather had 5 children all born in China: Egron, Eric, *Oscar* Margaret, and Edith. Two, Oscar and Egron returned as missionaries with the Swedish Baptist Mission sent out from Stockholm, Sweden. Dad, Oscar Rinell and Uncle Egron both return to China as missionaries. All 5 children went to British schools in Cheef-fu (or Yantai) and did not really study Swedish until the age of 18 in Sweden. In Cheefu they were in a boarding school only to return to home during vacation time at Christmas and summer vacations. (I'm sure there were some funny stories there, but again Dad, Edith and Egron only could fill you in perhaps Lalli has some of that part).

Our book "Shantung" does give names and photos of Cheefu. Dad has it somewhere. It was given to me from a marine who picked it up in Tsingtao not knowing really why. Anyway, Oscar Rinell, my dad returned to Sweden from China to go to college. I think his main school was "Goteborg Hogskola" which is of course in Goteborg. The school still stands there and when I was a little girl at 2 years of age each time the street car passed Goteborg Hogskola I would say: "pappas Hogkola": its a brown brick building to the left of the streetcar line when you go on the "white line" streetcar, I think #3 to slottskogen (castle forrest at the end of Linneagatan after you have passed Linneakyrkan. The picture of Linnea church is carved in the crystal vase mom and dad got as the a 50 wedding anniversary gift) and bud and I got for our 30th anniversary. ---Back to Goteborg Hogskola, i think its a "post graduate shcool" then Bethel seminary. I don't know his othr schools. Anhway there are two lions at the base of the steps going up o th school. They are hummungus. At least tey seemed that way when I w^{as} little! School sits back with stairs in front. They almost look like shi-shi dogs! I think I pointed out the school to Meilynn and Cookie when we were home. Bethel Seminary, as I remember

✓ HAS ~~been~~ been moved, Mom said 10/84

it is not an impressive building (outside of Stockholm) in fact only one story high. [✓] It does have a famous painting in it, which has been reproduced all over Sweden, and its a baptismal service at a lake with a gold frame. Very large. 4'6" (give or take) or bigger. I guess dad had decided before entering Bether Seminary that he was going to China. He met Mom there: Ida Hellen Lois Collden, who also was a semiarian. Mom was the girl of a set of twins plus ten more children. Her brother David Collden went out to Congo Africa as a missionary. (I'm sure David would be delighted owrite you a sketch of hsi life and you, not too much detail, because he is 83 too, but I think hewould feel honored to o that if You Len wrote him. He could use something to motivdate hime, His wife Lisa is a "nagger" and thinks she alone can write. She does hold a doctors degree i french translation, i think, but is a pain at home. Don't let that get out. she is alo a "health nut" and won't feed or let DFavidf have and goodies!! So...when he visits mom she feeds him all the goodies she can find including torts, chocolate, fresh breads, etc. and he loves it !!! He had one son Olle Collden who is a RN and an administrator of the hospital close to his home. Don't remember the town of

1984 David & Lisa died 3 in 3 weeks of each other. Both are buried in the 10's in the

on the left side . All will be cremated here
cause there is no space for caskets. You
can bring me over in a purse & dig me in too!! 

Trollhatten near Saffle. He married Aina and they have 3 girls.

(Kerstin, Ami, and ^{Karin}?)

Back nto mom. (I keep getting on thee side line and detours). Mom
was one of 12 children that Mormor Ida Collden raised. She had twins
twice, but one set died as tiny babies. I can remember seeing a photo
of them in a tiny casket. (Remind me to draw you a map of Kvibergs
^{Ostra}
^{begravningsplatsen}
semitary where everyone is buried in a family grave).

Grandfather Johan Collden was a furniture shops owner, named Collden.
He died young. In his late 40's of diabetes. One son's name was
Daniel; I think Mom's favorite. He died very young in the army of TB.
He caught pneumonia and then T.B. I think. Handsome young guy. Kind
of like dad's young photos. One was Linnea, a sister, but I don't know
what she did and others I do not know. ...malnutrition after morfar
died. All kids had to work. The youngest was 11 I think. Mom went


(mom's
Thinks
MPL malnutrition
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to work at 14 when morfar died, ^{carrying flour sacks for a bakery}
Then went into book binding.

1. Oldest. Esther Collden. Bookkeeper, secretary, manager for a saw

Ludde was in love once with a non-Christian which Mormor Ida discouraged and Ludde wouldn't go against her wishes and therefore stayed single. Now (1/27/84) Ludde is in a rest home across from her apartment which also overlooks the football field.

Only Mom and Ludde left of the Coolden family, except for Olle Collden, the nurse, my cousin in Trollhattan.

I'll try to begin to write about
Dad's personality, Mom, Aage & then I'll
begin my autobiography! He 

mill outside of Goteborg in Molndahl (where mom's girl friend lives - Karin Martinsson). Died with leukemia and mastectomy.

2. Ruth Collden. Office manager and sales person for a furniture sales place - outskirts of Goteborg. *Olskroken* Old section I think torn down.

Very neat lady, taught Sunday School and girls club plus had a small plot of land in Kviberg where she grew vegetables. Rented land. Also

 sang in the string band in Linnea Kyrkan. Loved by every one. Was a

spinster with a know^T in the back of her head, small glasses and rode a

bike all the time. I never saw her in short sleeves and never in a

bathing suit!! How funny an observation! She went to *many* small

churches in the outskirts of Goteborg where I would go with her and

sing when I was home from China! Gave most of her money to the needy

and to Linnea Kyrkan and to mom's and dad's support in China. She

lived on Stockholmsgatan 40, 3rd floor, corner apartment. ~~too, else~~

~~after they moved from ? the apartment~~ (where Ludde lives now, it was

bought by Grandpa Collden (died of diabetes I think at about 45) and

inspd. for a long time ago. It's in Ludde's name and will to go to

Roy. I sure hope he doesn't sell it. *PS, (IT'S BEEN SOLD, TO PAY FOR*

LUDDE'S upkeep)

of memories. I got my first doll buggy there. It's sort of a condominium type thing.)

3. Ebba Collden. Only red head in the family was a baker in the small store to the left of the entrance of Stockholmsagatan 40. Actually Stockhomsgatan 38. she was also a Cristian and sang but not played in the stringband. She taught childrens Sunday School. Evey morning she and Ludde got up at 4:30 and baked coffeebreads "bullar" cookies and their own specialties. then they also answered the bell each time the door opened to their bakery store 6 steps down from their bakery. Oh, what a smell of fresh baked bread!

Died of a stroke, I think.

4. Ludde Collden (still living) lived also at the same address and worked with Ebba. She is mother's youngest sister. Loved the ocean. Did not teach nor sing but a good Christian. Would go ^{ON} to small crafts every weekend with Ebba and take the Stanka (small boat) to SKärgården, the cliff coast of Göteborg swim and sun. Ebba and Ludde were inseperable. They were always together. the story goes that