

8270 Denver Street
Ventura, CA 93004
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Dear Mrs. Van Kampen,

It was a pleasure to talk with you on the phone a couple of weeks ago, and I felt I had made a great discovery in finding you at the same address. I was especially pleased to learn that you too know the Lord. You and I are both second cousins* and sister and brother in the Lord! We have many relatives who are genuine Christians. As my son Len compiles these records and returns them to you, you will have opportunity to become acquainted with many of these fine people.

My grandparents, parents, and my wife and I were members of the Baptist General Conference church, Salem, in Orland Park, Illinois. Only then the church was located in Chicago. My brother, aunt, and niece and her family still are members there, although my brother lives near Walkerton, Indiana, and my aunt in Niagara Falls, New York. Our roots go deep in the Conference. Dr. Virgil Olson, Bethel professor, was my best man. I made a profession of faith in Jesus Christ under the ministry of Dr. A.C. Conrad, a Conference pastor and Bethel professor. I told you that I graduated from Wheaton College and Bethel Seminary. Son Len received M. A. from Wheaton in Old Testament. So it goes.

Enclosed you will find two copies of your family records. You and I have a common ancestry in Elin (Mattsdotter) Holmkvist (later changed to Holmquist). I have personally visited their home at Lindhult, near Älmhult, Sweden. You are descended from her first husband, whose last name was Jonsson. After his death, Elin married Trufvid, from whom I am descended. Jonsson had a second child after your great grandfather. In past years we have been in contact with his descendents. Trufvid adopted the two sons of Jonsson, and so your grandmother's maiden name was Holmquist instead of Jonsson. All confusing? Perhaps these records will help to make it clear. My son has additional records of your family in his computer. He has simplified the enclosure for your convenience.

Would you kindly look over these records and provide any information you might have about these people. Please do not do any research. Len, as he has time, will do that. Especially we want addresses of relatives. If you have some birth and death dates, it would be helpful. A person's occupation or achievements could prove interesting. But primarily we need addresses so we can obtain information from individuals personally. Oh yes, the second enclosure

* "ONCE REMOVED" I DISCOVERED!

is yours to keep. Much more will come your way later.

In years past I have found much pleasure in discovering relatives. But I did not have a computer, and so become lost in paper-work. Len, on the other hand, can feed anything he wants into the computer without having to type an entire new page.

Sincerely yours,

Bernard Holmquist
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