

FINNSKOGEN – SEPTEMBER 2013

Anne Berit has started with genealogy, especially on the Gjervert family. The Gjervert family was blacksmiths and they came from Flanders in the 1600s. We have come in contact with a distant relative in the Gjevert lineage. His name is Lars Wahlmark and he lives in Bäckhammar south of Kristinehamn. He visited us on the 28th and 29th of September. In that regard, we traveled to [Finnskogen](#) on Saturday. Arne Ruud, the uncle of Anne Berit was also coming with us.



Outside the entrance to Grue Finnskog church stands this monument to [Carl Axel Gottlund](#), called Finnskogens Apostle.



The ravestone of [Åsta Holth](#).

Here is written Olaf Gjevert.



Family burial, Petter, Berit, Kjell.



The house once belonging to Olaf Gjevvert.



By [Røgden](#), close to the border with Sweden, stands this [memorial](#) with the names of all 431 Finnish families that came to Finnskogen before 1970.



Anne Berit derives from the Karhinen family.



View of Røgden.



Here we come to Smea on Kirkenær. Here lived Magnus and Olivia Dammen, the great-grandparents of Anne Berit.



It's a long time since people have lived here, and the houses are decaying.



Arne, me and Lars furthest away.



Arne will look at what is left of the stable.



The barn is he who is best preserved.



Several outbuildings.



Lars is studying the remains of a furnace, and wonder if this one is made from his blacksmith family.



The property is acquired by the municipality, and it is reportedly planning to expand the residential area up here.



We ended our trip with dinner at [Skaslien Gjestgiveri](#). They have very good food and a friendly staff.

We had:

Norway spruce shoot marinated moose from Solør with horseradish sour cream, lettuce, croutons, red onion and sesame rod as an appetizer.

Lamb entrecôte from [Hallingskarvet](#) with seasonal vegetables, potatoes baked with hazelnuts and herb sauce as a main course.



Mother of Anne Berit and her twin brother Arne, grew up in this house. It's right next to the main road at Grinder, just south of Kirkenær.