

Dear Petter,

I give you a very short sketch of our family history.

Sigrid, my mother, was a graduate of the Göteborgs Tekniska Högskola (possibly the first woman graduate?) in chemistry. She worked for the Shell Company of Sweden in the 1920s.

My father Ralph came from Kent in England. At 16, in about 1918, he was sent to Edinburgh to train as a Chartered Accountant. When he qualified he left Edinburgh to join Price Waterhouse in Berlin and worked all over Northern Europe for them, including Stockholm where he met Sigrid.

They were married in Karlskoga, I think, in 1930. Ralph was the only non-Swede at the Wedding.

They settled in Berlin, where Karin was born in 1931. Then Ralph joined Unilever and was sent to Dresden (Saxony), where I was born in 1934. We all moved back to London in 1938 and were there during the 'Battle of Britain' and the first bombing raids on London.

Then, because of his knowledge of all things German, Ralph was recruited to become a secret code breaker, including work on the Colossus computer (as we found out much later) and we spent the rest of the war near Bletchley Park.

Meanwhile, Sigrid had taught me English! Karin already knew it. After the war Ralph rejoined Unilever, first in London, then in Hamburg (1951 - 1956) then back in London, and lived in Kent and later moved to Oxford, near Karin.

Sigrid died in 1979 and Ralph in 1998.

Karin went to Oxford studying languages, and later social science. She married Peter Dawe in Oxford and has lived there since. Peter died some years ago. Their children are flourishing.

I went to Cambridge to study history, then became a Chartered Accountant too, and worked in London. I ended up as a partner in KPMG. I married Mary Caustin in 1969. I retired from KPMG in 1990 and have done charitable work since (churches, societies etc). We live in London and the Isle of Wight where Mary has family connections.

Our own daughter Laura is 38, married to Guy Giblin who is a policeman. Laura works for a pensions company. They live in Wimbledon, London and have no children. Our two adopted children are Sophie, 36, who lives on her own in the Isle of Wight and Nick, 27, who lives with us in the Isle of Wight.

That's about enough! Karin will tell you much more about her family.

Best regards, Sven.

Dear Petter, I remember having a happy lunch with you many years ago. The information you have is correct, and I can give you my sister Karin's telephone number - 01865 863355. (that is the number iPhone in England). We have two adopted children to add to Laura, Sophie and Nicholas. We have no grandchildren. Karin has two, the children of her daughter Bridget. She can give you details of course. If you need any further information from us, please let us know. Mary and I have separate email addresses, but we exchange messages most days. It's good to hear from you again. How come you are living in Germany?
Sven Tester.

--- On **Sun, 27/2/11**, **Mary Tester** <testers@dircon.co.uk> wrote:

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From Swede Petter, 2nd cousin