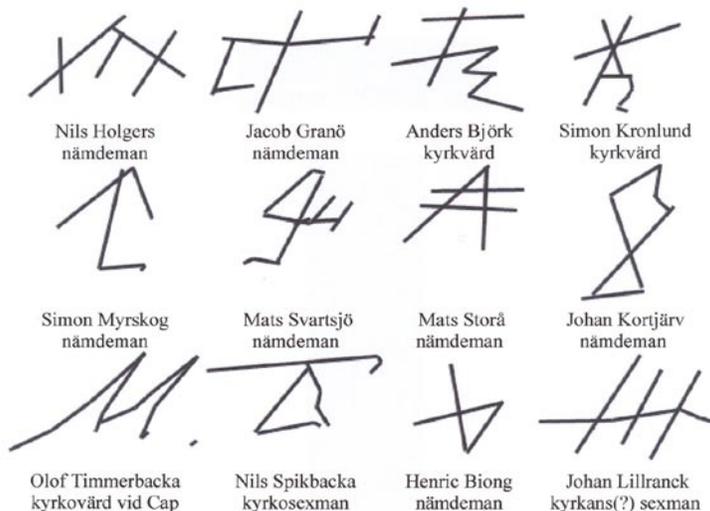
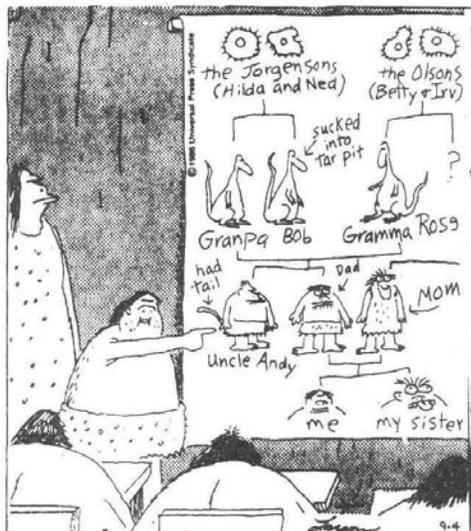


Some Kronoby & Terjärv Owner's Marks 1734
Bomärken - Puumerkit



These are some Owners Marks or Homestead Marks (Bomärken), which were used to identify property owned by specific homesteads. **Jacob Granö** was my 7th grandfather; his full name was **Jacobsson Jacobsson Granö**, Rain Granholm's and Kristina Deanna Rapp's (Granholm) 9th grandfather. He was born March 1688 in Terjärv and died February 25th 1756 in Terjärv. These marks were also used as a signature on official documents as many people did not know how to write. The official document writer would then sign the persons name below the mark. Sometimes if a person was a witness to a document, he would draw his mark and the official document writer would then sign the persons name below the mark. The specifics of what the marks mean, has been lost in time.

There is also an interesting story about Jacob's great grandfather or my 10th grandfather, Matts Olofsson H. Granö. Matts was born 1618 and died 1680. He lived in Terjärv. In 1652, a neighbor, **Joseph Hindersson Warg**, whom we are also related to, became angry with Matts whose tar pit he thought was on his land. Joseph attacked Matts and according to court records, "gave him four bleeding wounds, gave his son Hans three bruises, and his son-in-law, daughter and servant girl one bruise each". Joseph had to pay considerable fines and reparations. Then at the next court session, Hans complained that Joseph had driven him from his tar pit, burned the wood and kept the tar. The court ordered Joseph to pay fines, but at the same time the lay jurists were ordered to decide on a boundary between the properties. Extracting tar from split pine wood and slowly burning it in pits was a major cottage industry in the days of wooden sailing ships. Tar was used to waterproof the ships, ropes, etc. Thus tar pits were valuable properties and have also been the sources for finding early life on the planet although the genealogy has not yet with any certainty established the links with us - even if it appears some have tried.



I came across this story in doing my research and found it written by Joseph H. Warg's 9th granddaughter, June Pelo living in Florida. Imagine my surprise in reading the story when I realized that her 9th grandfather had beat up my 10th grandfather! It takes "my dad can beat up your dad", to a new level.

June also writes about Joseph:

*"My 9th great grandfather **Joseph Hindersson Warg**, born 1592, was a farmer in Kaustby and from 1636 to 1652 there were a number of entries in court records about him. When he was 24 in 1636 he was fined for damaging some property at Huntus. The following year, 1637, he had to return to Johan Henriksson a year's harvest that he had taken illegally. And in 1643 he was in court over a dispute with Per Knutsson Kaustinen. In 1647 he owed money to an heir of Knut Henriksson. That same year he and Sigfrid Tast were fined concerning a bank balance due Jacob Haakonsson's widow. Then in 1648 Joseph and Lars Johansson Löjja had a fight. In 1651 he had a quarrel with Matts Olofsson Kortjärvi over some property".*

Records show that we are related to Joseph, fortunately a distant relative, he must have been the black sheep in the family.

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