

We Belong to the Same Tree

HEIDI NIKOLAISEN

I perioden 1815 til 1930 emigrerte 60 millioner mennesker fra Europa. De fleste emigrerte til USA, men noen dro også til Canada, Sør-Amerika, Australia, New Zealand og Madagaskar. I samme periode emigrerte 858 200 nordmenn og blant dem var min bestemors fire søsken som emigrerte fra Norge til Canada. På denne tiden var Norge fattig og det var ønsket om et bedre liv som drev dem.

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Hello Heidi,

How wonderful to hear from you. It is so good to hear that you are coming back to Canada. We would love to have you spend some time with us when you are here. Maybe, if we can work it out, you can meet my new grandson:)

As far as I know, anytime you can come will be fine. Just let me know when you have a better idea of your schedule, so I can arrange my work to be as flexible as possible during that time.

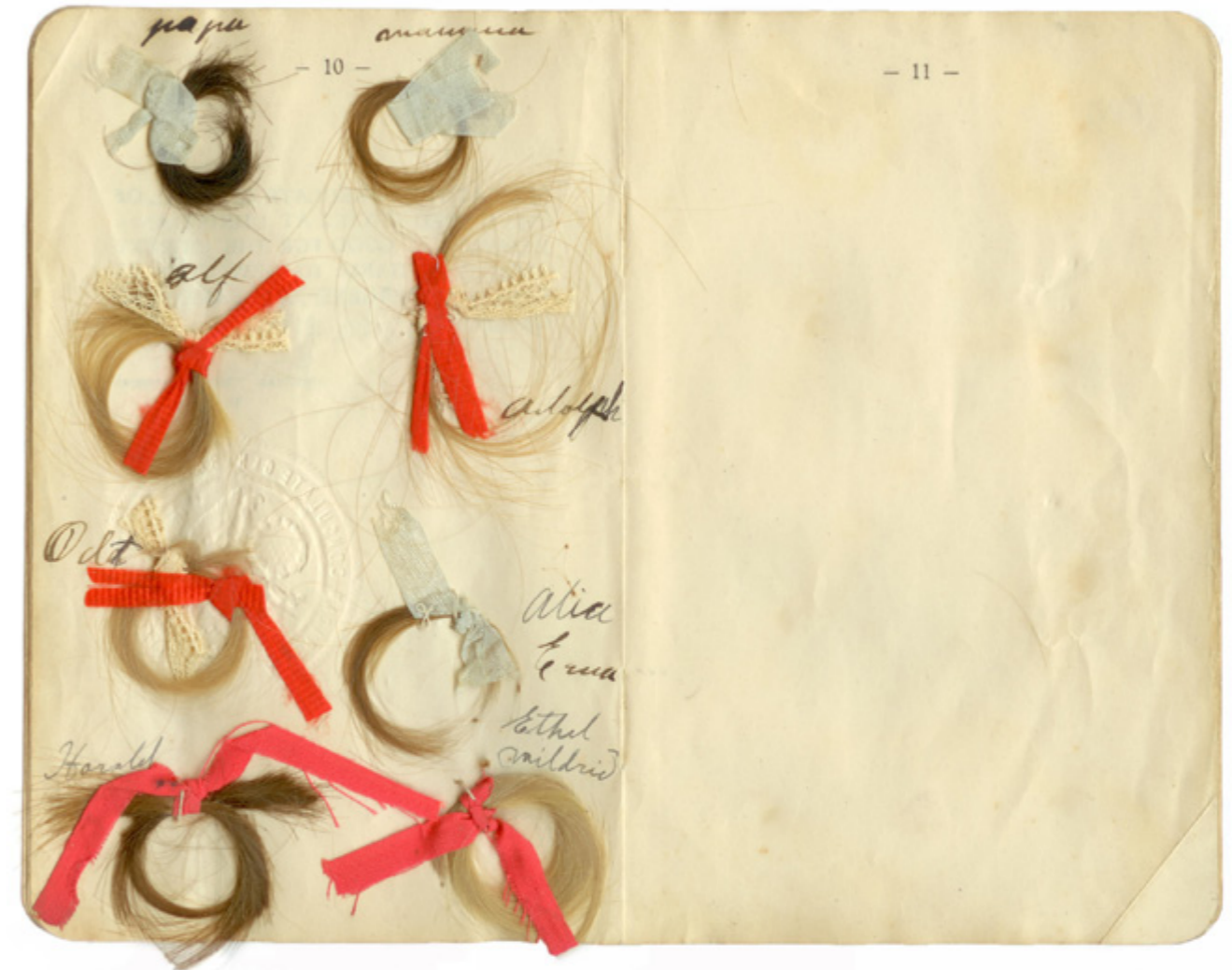
Mom isn't doing too badly, though I think you will find quite a difference in her. She had a small stroke in June (was in the hospital for three weeks). She is doing quite a lot better but it is quite frustrating for her. Her mobility was not affected, so she can still walk (though she is getting a bit frail). Unfortunately, her speech was somewhat affected. You can still understand her quite well, but she can't always find the words she wants, even though she knows what she wants to say. But she was very happy to hear that you were coming and is looking forward to it.

Glad to hear that your work is going well. Of course, you are more than welcome to use whatever material you can from the family "stuff" that we have. I am excited to hear more about how your project has progressed and what more you are planning. Already you have shows scheduled - that is wonderful.

Hope all is well with your parents too. Like you, I find it hard to find enough hours in a day to get everything done, so I don't always keep in touch as well as I should either. But do let us know how your trip is going - will you be blogging on the same site?

We look forward to seeing you soon. I think the plan to follow the trip that the family made from East to West is great idea - I have always been fascinated that they came across the whole big country - it certainly was a different trip than now - especially without any English and with small children!!

Take care. Enjoy your travels once again!
Love to you,
Marj and Alice



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Heidi Nikolaisen 2009

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