

Karl Johan Granholm as remembered by Paul Granholm submitted by Bo (Bosse) Granholm, with comments by Lars Granholm



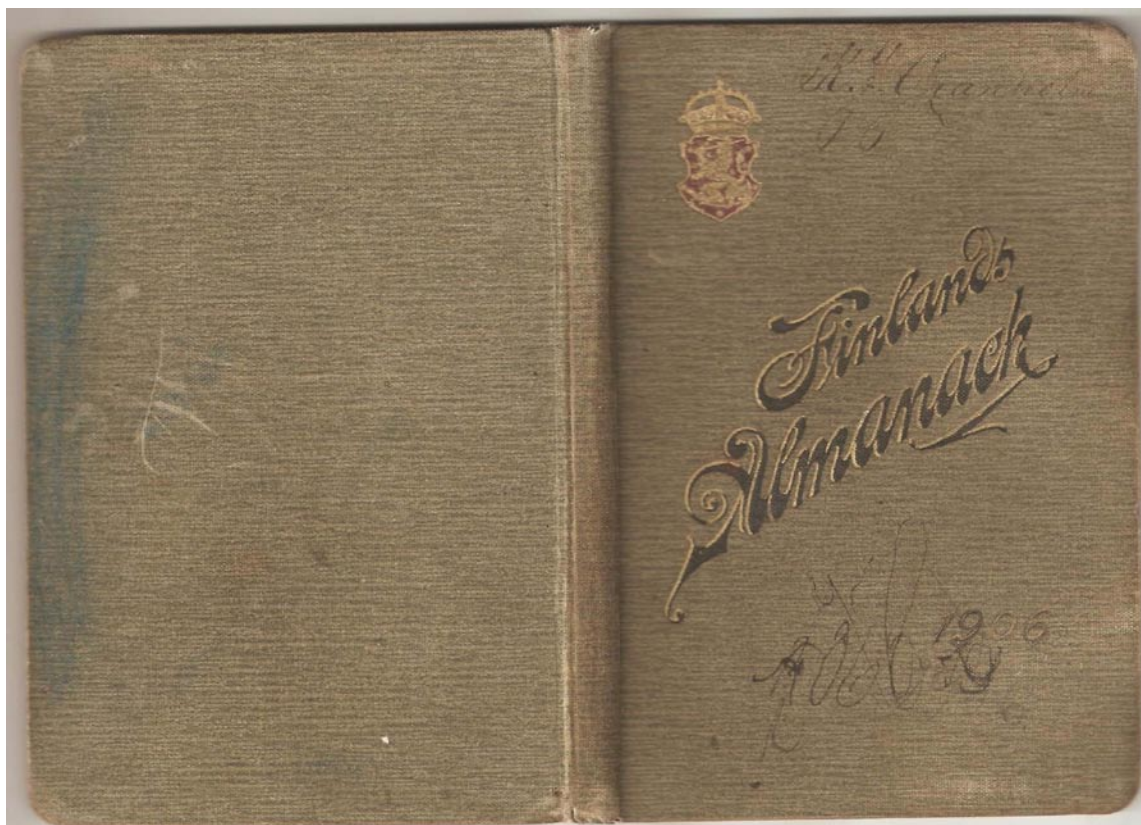
The story below, as Bo (Bosse) Granholm has submitted with photographs exemplifies the goal of this homepage, how it involves many generations and give us and future generations a much more complete picture of our past generations. It ties in with other stories on this website. A central element here is the old home, which was in Terjärv, built in 1888 – 1889 by my grandfather Karl Johan. It can be seen in the model, which is on display in the Hästbackby village school and

a painting below. An addition was built in 1908 and has a separate history. See that story "Our Grandfathers' Piano". Attached here are sketches of house plans and plot. Note that there are two kitchens (kök) in the house; look at the pictures and see how many children and grandchildren there were – that's why!

Mia's aunt has also written stories, which are elsewhere on this homepage about her parents and grandparents. By having information from different people can have multiple views with a good opinion about our grandparents and how it was in their home. I remember one thing that Paul knew but that Mia might have forgotten or were too tactful to write down. She wrote about a horse, "Tuska" a red runner with a beautiful yellow mane, who among other things once ran over 35 windows that were all broken. What really was the case, as Paul told me, was that my father Anton and his friend raced horses straight through the garden where the windows had been placed as protection against frost.

Another source was my wife Lena's grandfather Jonas Geddala in Kaustinen. He was the same age (born 1865) as my grandfather, died in 1957 so I had opportunities to frequently hear his stories. He had been good friends with, who he said "Granholmas Kalle". One time, at an event in Terjärv some Terjärv boys thought that the girls there were getting too much interested in Jonas. So before some trouble could begin Kalle took his friend Jonas to his home. After some time the boys came over and asked if Jonas was there and wanted to come in and see. Kalle said that "you will not cross this threshold and, as you can see, the room is empty". So the boys turned about and Jonas came from where he had hid himself behind the stove. Jonas laughed and told me that of course Kalle did not lie. They remained friends later in life. Their fathers knew each other. I have attached a hand-copied lease contract, also typed with the original Finnish spelling and English translation between them in 1885 when Kalle was 19 years, by which his father, Anders Granholm leased a meadow from Jonas' father, Antti Geddala.

In addition to what others have written and told, we know even what grandfather Kalle himself felt and thought. We have been told that when he sat one Sunday looking and thought about a half-finished addition to the house that he was building. He wrote about this in "Thoughts and Reflections by Karl Johan Granholm" in the Story Section. That year was his youngest child, my father Anton, two years old, so he had ambitious plans for the future. Below is Grandpa's almanac from 1906, when Anton was born, with a notation about that. The family was large as you can see from the photos below.



In 1906 Finland was still an independent Grand Duchy of Russia, note the Coat of Arms of Finland

12	MAJ.		
1	T Valborg	18 April kl. 8,47 a.	8
2	O Atanasius	19	9
3	T Korsmessan	20 vestl. fr. ☉	10
4	F Rosa	21	11
5	L Gotthard	22	12
6	S * 3 s. e. Påsk	23 ☉ ALEXANDRA	13
7	M Stanislaus	24	14
8	T Agda	25 ☉ kl. 3,50 a. ☉ närm.	15
9	O Timoteus	26	16
10	T Alpa	27	17
11	F Mamertus	28	18
12	L Charlotta	29 ☉ s. ☉ ☿	19
	Ottes. Hes. 18: 31, 32. — Högm. Jes. 62: 10, 11. — Afom. Jes. 45, 7.		
13	S * 2 Bördagen	30 Flora	20
14	M Edith	1 Maj ☉	21
15	T Sofia	2 ☉ kl. 8,43 m.	22
16	O Ester	3 ☉ ☉	23
17	T Rebecka	4	24
18	F Erik	5 ☉ ☿	25
19	L Emilia	* 6	26
	Jak. 1: 22—27. — Joh. 16: 23—33.		
20	S * Bördöndag	7 Karolina	27
21	M Konstantin	8 ☉ ☉	28
22	T Lydia	9 ☉ i kl. 1,59 m. ☉ fjern.	29
23	O Hemming	10 ☉ kl. 9,40 m.	30
24	T * Kristt Him.f.	11 ☉ ☉ ☉	1
25	F Urbanus	12 ☉ ☉	2
26	L Vilhelmina	13 ☉ n.	3
	1 Petr. 4: 7—11. — Joh. 15: 26, 27; 16: 1—4.		
27	S * 6 s. e. Påsk	14 Beda	4
28	M Germanus	15	5
29	T Maximinus	16 ☉	6
30	O Basilus	17	7
31	T Petronella	18 ☉ kl. 8,4 m.	8

The notations in the 1906 almanac for May were:

2nd The sheep were let out for grazing – 5th The first sowing of poppies – 6th Church concert and temperance meeting – 8th Was plus 25 degrees, Got eggs from Vistbackas, Sowed half (?) – 16th (?) – 28th Born, a boy, Erik Anton Granholm – 30th Got chickens



Teodor, Lennart, Elis – Lina, Karl Johan, Mia – Uno, Alice, Anton 1908



Fotot taget ca 1926

Från vänster:

Teodor Granholm, Uno Granholm, Teodor Jansson, Martta Markus-GrGranholm, Åke Granholm, Inge Granholm-Pasanen, Anton Granholm
Lydia Granholm, Pelle Granholm, Else Jansson, Ninni Granholm
Lennart Granholm, Lilly Granholm, Edit Granholm, Paul Granholm
Kalle Granholm

Karl Johan Granholm (b. 3/14/1866 d. 6/22/1920)

Notes based on Paul Granholm's stories during his 90th birthday celebration 26.3.2004 in Åbo. (Submitted by Bo Granholm)

There was no school when Karl Johan was a child. He learned writing and arithmetic in a church school Terjärv. He was studious and learned quickly. As a 10 year old, he was with his father Anders in St. Petersburg and nailed ammunition boxes. In his youth, he also worked on Gustav Rudbäcks general store in Vindala (Vimpeli) to learn Finnish. According to Mia aunt's notes, he attended the Finnish confirmation school in Vimpeli.



At a young age, he went to Helsinki to study some business courses. He worked simultaneously on a saw mill, as Grandpa (Paul) could remember to earn money for a pair of leather boots, which afterwards proved to be made from a cardboard leather substitutes.

After returning, he worked in Kållby (Herrforsen) in a general store that also was owned by Gustav Rudbäck. It was here that Karl Johan met Johanna Karolina whom he married on March 24, 1887. Paul's father Lennart was the firstborn of the children.

Karl Johan was able to buy the country store in Hästbackbyn in Terjärv from Gustav Rudbäck. He did well and

bought surrounding land and with time this became a large homestead. The village store became a gathering place for the men of the village and pipe smoke was like a thick cloud inside the store and the mahorka smell penetrated deeper and deeper into the walls and ceiling. There was no official opening time, but the store was open from morning until late at night. The business was growing in pace with increased sales. Grandpa (Paul) who was the first born grandchild especially remembers how his grandfather sat at a high desk in the office and thought and worked while he flipped in the book "Broken Blade" which was on a shelf in the other high pulpit that was in the same room. Paul was then 4-5 years old.

Karl Johan was also technically minded and had constructed a control system with a pumping device that provided the barn and the cows with water. He also had a keen interest in horses and one of the horses on the farm was a stallion named "Halo". A painting by Leo Korpela that exactly shows what the house looked like today is in Benko Granholm's possession. Grandpa (Paul) especially remembers the play water well his grandfather had built for him next to a stone in the courtyard of a Fazer candy-tin - with areal cranking handle and everything!

Karl Johan was active in community life. He started among other things a Savingsbank in Terjärv. Paul refers to aunt Mia's notes. Karl Johan had planned that his sons Lennart and Elis would continue with the trade and farming and that they would buy out the other siblings and that all seven children would get a proper education. Most received their business education in Vasa, but Lennart, who would take over the farming, received his agricultural education in Närpes under the direction of Jakob Tegengren.



Life in Hästbackbyn continued and Paul was gathering hay with cousins from the "town" under grandfather's supervision. Once a thunderstorm came and the young people got plenty of scolding, as some of the already dry hay was not salvaged in time. After the war, he leased out the land for farming.

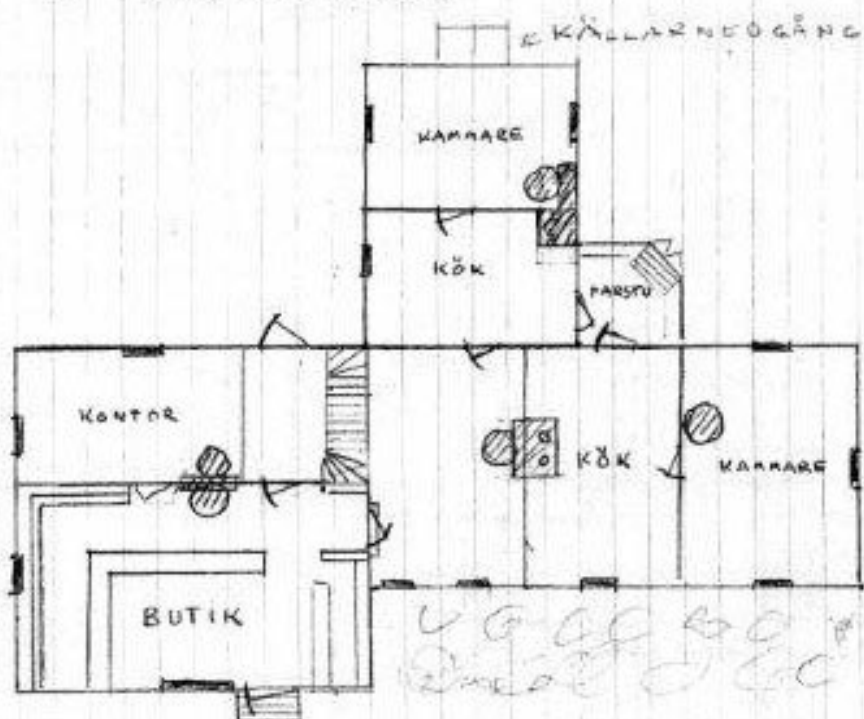
Karl Johan suffered from diabetes for which in those days there was no treatment. He was admitted to the Malm hospital several times, and Paul thought it was a terrible place. Broken down by the diabetes, he was transferred to Deaconess Institute in Helsinki, where he died 54 years old. Grandpa (Paul) was at his grandfather's death six years old. He remembers his grandfather as a warm, relatively quiet philosopher. At his own initiative is Karl Johan buried in the Heimbacka cemetery in Terjärv.

Picture 2010 of old dad (Paul), Pia (Martin's wife), and Julius Lennart Granholm (my grandson, born 12/25/2009). The picture was taken at Martin and Pia's summer home on "Martinsudde", Västerby in Larsmo.



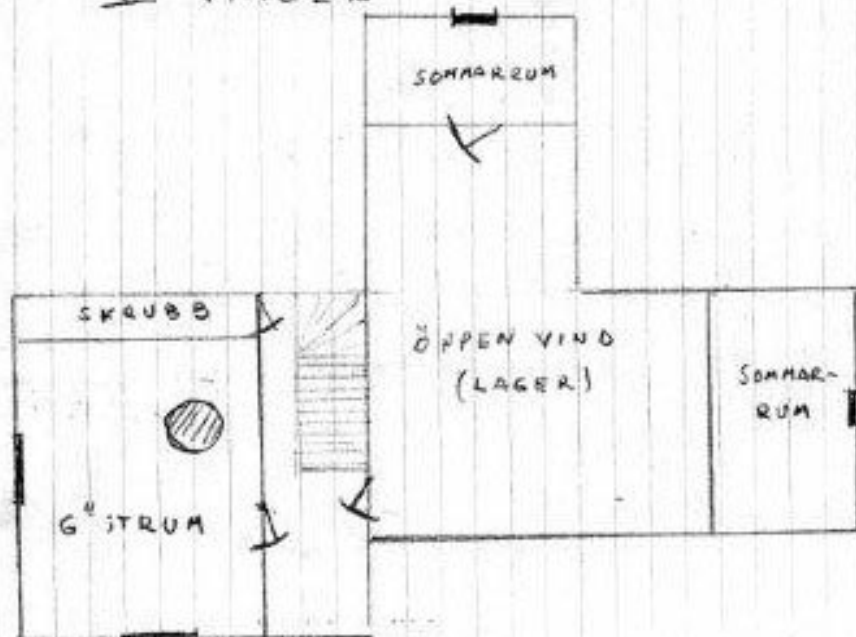
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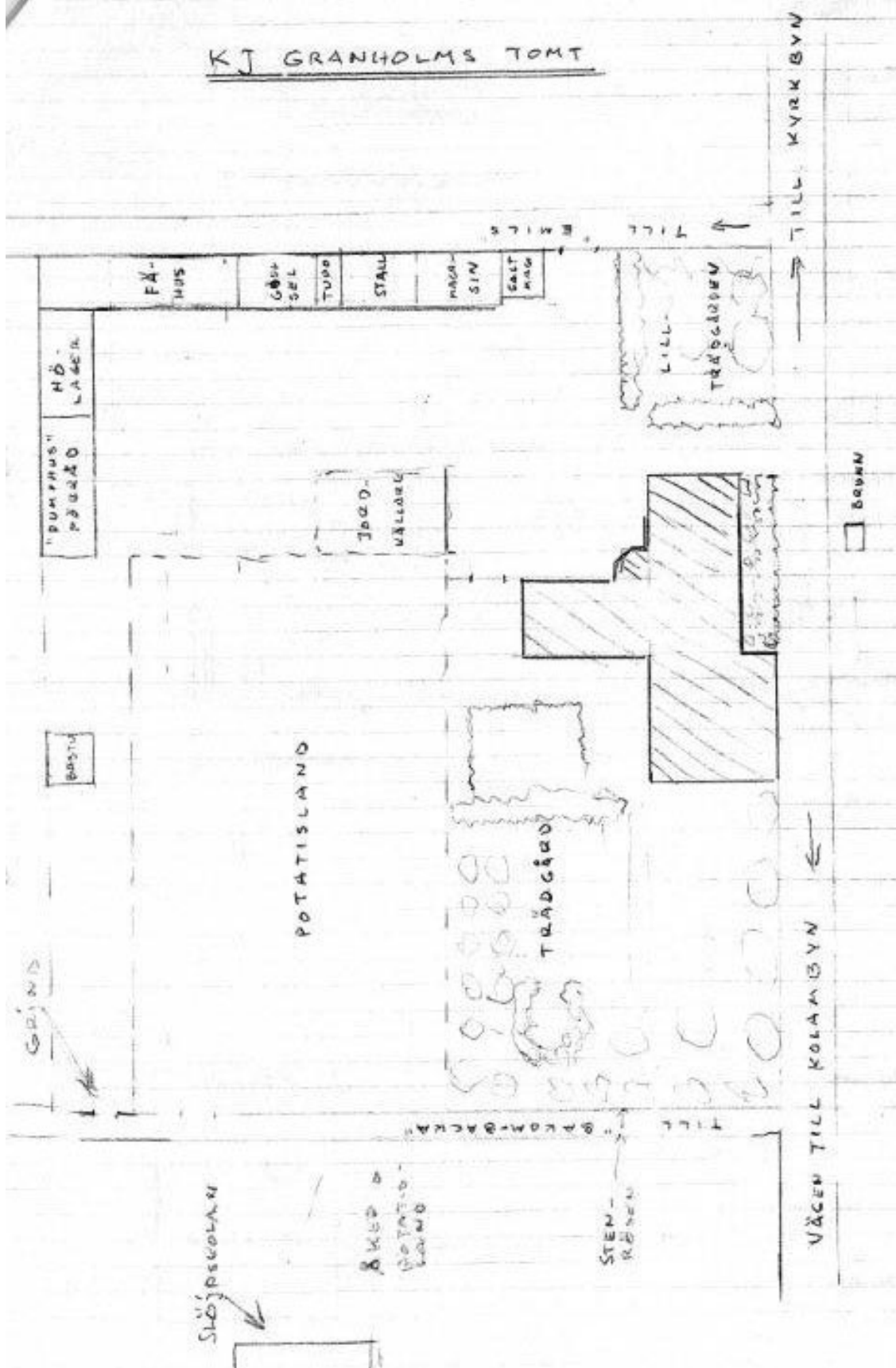
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From left: Teodor, Lenni, Pelle Granholm, Freija Forss-Granholm, Vivi Lillvik, Lydia Granholm 1933



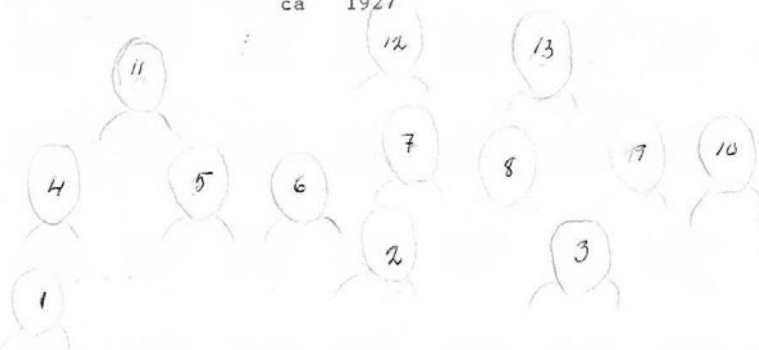
From left: Inge, Uno, Lennart, Martta Granholm, Lydia., Vivi
Ramstedt, abt 1926





På Butikstrappan i Hästbacka by

ca 1927



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|-------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|
| 1. Bertel Jansson | 6. Olli Jansson | 11. Lilian Jansson |
| 2. Pelle Granholm | 7. Ulla Granholm-Hansen | 12. Kalle Granholm |
| 3. Inge " -Pasanen | 8. Kerstin " -Emeleus | 13. Åke Granholm |
| 4. Else Jansson | 9. Tore Jansson | |
| 5. Berit Jansson-Hansen | 10. Leon Jansson | |

Jäljennos

Amittamalleni ⁷³¹/₁₆₀₈ on maanhoitaja Jeddala
veratalolle kuuluvan Kyönkashan näitten ta-
mon maan määstä skatti joonsaupaika
Jeddala aremille grauu kuin kauavaher
aikan kun asetukset myöntävät talokas
skatti Kusti joonsaupaika Grankalmalle gä
ta aremille öörä kerrastaan suoni a
rentin viisikolme viisikolme 525 markkaa
joka mitattiin.

Jos aremille öörä tulee mainitun ma-
an joka on täsi kaikki pelto ma-
si viljelmä ja maanomistaja oitten gä
kun ajan kuluttua hankaisi mainitun
maan taksisin kuin oitten on maanomista
jan velvollisuus maksa aremiin enelle
15 markkaa Kangasmaalla Kangaslaissa ja 5
markkaa muilla maalla ja mainitun raka ma-
an. Maatun aremiin tulee aremille öörä
jan suorittaa maan omistajalle 50 gemin a-
desen.

Maan omistaja enän kuulustetun ma-
an aremille öörä toimittaa kunnityksen
taman gletsen. Maan omistaja Kangaslaissa Ena.
Kuun 17 päivänä 1885.

skatti joonsaupaika Jeddala
(merk.)

Tämän tyypin:

skatti Kusti joonsaupaika Grankalm
(merk.)

Todistavat:

skatti Kangas. gano Maatupaika Luomala
Kirj. samu. (merk.)

Jäljennöksen oikeaksi todistaa:
Jano Tyrppä.

Jäljennös

Omistamalleni 731/4608 osaa manttaalia Geddalan verotalolle kuuluvan Kyrönkosken niitun tämän kautta minä Antti Joonanpoika Geddala arennille panen niin kauvaksi aikaa kun asetukset myöntävät Talokas Antti Kusti Juhonpoika Granholmalle josta arennille ottaja kerrassaan suori arentin viisisataa viisikolmatta /525/ markkaa joka kuitattiin.

Jos arennille ottaja tekee mainitussa niitussa jonkun osan tahi kaikki kelpaavaksi viljamaaksi ja maanomistaja sitten jonkun ajan kuluttua tahtoisi mainitun maan takaisin niin silloin on maanomistajan velvollisuus maksaa arentiinerelle 15 markkaa kangasmaalta kapanalalta ja 5 markkaa multa maalta ja mainittu rahasumma. Vuotaista arentia tulee arennille ottajan suorittaa maan omistajalle 50 penniä vuodessa.

Ilman minua enämpi kuulutustelematta saa arennille ottaja toimittaa kiinityksen tämän ylitsen. Vakuuttaa Kaustisella Lokakuun 17 päivänä 1885

*Antti Joonanpoika Geddala
(merk.)*

Tähän tyydyn

*Antti Kusti Juhonpoika Granholm
(merk.)*

Todistavat

*Antti Kangas
Kirj. sama*

*Juho Matinpoika Luomala
(merkki)*

*Jäljennöksen oikiaksi todistaa:
Juho Torppa*

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Of the 731/4608 part that I owe of the Geddala mantal (taxable land) I, Antti Joonasson Geddala hereby lease the Kyrönkoski meadow for such length of time as the law allows to Anders Johansson Granholm, for which he, as the lease holder has made a onetime payment of five hundred twenty-five /525/ marks as agreed to.

If the lease holder improves part or all of the land to be suitable for harvesting and the landowner after some time would want the land back then the landowner is obligated to pay to the lease holder 15 mark per “kapanala” (an area, abt. 1500 sq. ft, which can yield a certain harvest) for cleared waste land and 5 mark for other land and the mentioned sum of money. The lease holder shall pay the landowner an annual lease fee of 50 pennies.

Without further hearings the lease holder may take possession in accordance with this agreement.

Agreed to at Kaustinen October 17, 1885

*Antti Joonanpoika Geddala
(Homestead mark)*

Satisfied hereby

*Antti Kusti Juhonpoika Granholm
(Homestead mark)*

Witnesses

*Antti Kangas
Writer same*

*Juho Matinpoika Luomala
(Homestead mark)*

*Correctness of copy certified
Juho Torppa*