

Per Danielsson Hästbacka

There is an interesting story about my 7th Great-Grandfather, Jacobsson Jacobsson Granö's father-in-law, my 9th Great Grandfather, Per Danielsson Hästbacka, on my father's side. He was murdered 1653 in Kronoby, by relatives of Erich Michelsson from Gamlakarleby, whom he designated to serve in the army in his stead in 1629, when he was discharged from the army. (Landowners were allowed to designate others take their place)

He, Per Danielsson, was hit by Gertrudh Pedersdotter and her son Per Michelsson with a Spanish Cane (Swedish: spanskt rör, plant for making furniture) and died 8 weeks later. The mother had said; *"You false dog, here is for luring others' children!"* She hit him 3 times between the shoulders, he ran away, the mother and son ran after, and then the son hit him. He then walked 4 miles home, and lay down immediately but after 14 days developed a severe spleen sickness.

In court on August 18, 1653, it appears that the cause of death could not be proven, but Per Michelsson was fined 6 dalers for 2 hits and the mother the same for 13 Chapter, "Injury with malice" (Swedish: Sår med vilja).

During the trial Per Danielsson's son, Daniel Persson, showed a document dated 14 June 1653, from the Army priest (in the 30 year war) Elias Markusson Hamnius, that he had visited his dad at his sickbed and he had confessed that Gertrudh and her son had hit him.

On another note, Per's father Daniel Ragwaldsson Hästbacka visited King Karl IX (4th cousin 15 times removed) in Stockholm in 1611 regarding his demand that people in Öja in Karleby (my home province) should pay church tax to the newly founded Kronoby parish, whereby 26 "rökar" (farms) had then been transferred to Kronoby from Karleby.

On June 30, 1617 King Gustav Adolf II decided that they then had the right to visit their old church in Karleby. After this the saying was that the body belonged to Kronoby but the soul to Karleby.

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