

# Preface

"Pyhäjärven Kauraset" stands for the "Kauranen family of Pyhäjärvi". The family consists of the descendants of Matti Kaurakangas (1668-1753), a farmer who lived in Makiöis village, in the region which is today known as Pyhäjärvi, Oulu province, Finland. Very little information is available of Matti's father Lauri (Lars, Laurentius).

Farming was the main occupation of the Kauranen families until the beginning of the 20<sup>th</sup> century.

At present, members of the family have spread to most parts of Finland, many are living in the United States and Canada, some in Sweden, Russia, and other countries.

In the year 2000 our Family Society started updating and completing family records. In this book our relatives can read of their roots around 12 generations back in history. Along other branches of our family tree, they can find a large number of "new" 3<sup>rd</sup> ...6<sup>th</sup> cousins and other relatives, who may live in distant countries or the next town. The family tables of this book comprise about 7000 persons which include the descendants and their spouses, as well as many parents-in-law.

The family tree of seven generations is illustrated on page 62. A short Finnish-English vocabulary and list of abbreviations are found on page 325.

We appreciate all kinds of updating information for the later editions of this family book. We may also consider publishing extracts of American branches in English.

Contact information of our Family Society and the Finnish-language KauraSet bulletin is found on our Internet pages. Part of their contents is published in English. They are found by searching with text string "Pyhajarven Kauraset".

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