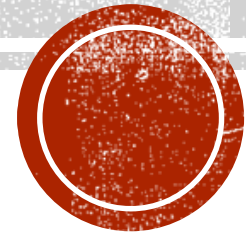


LISA'S LIFE



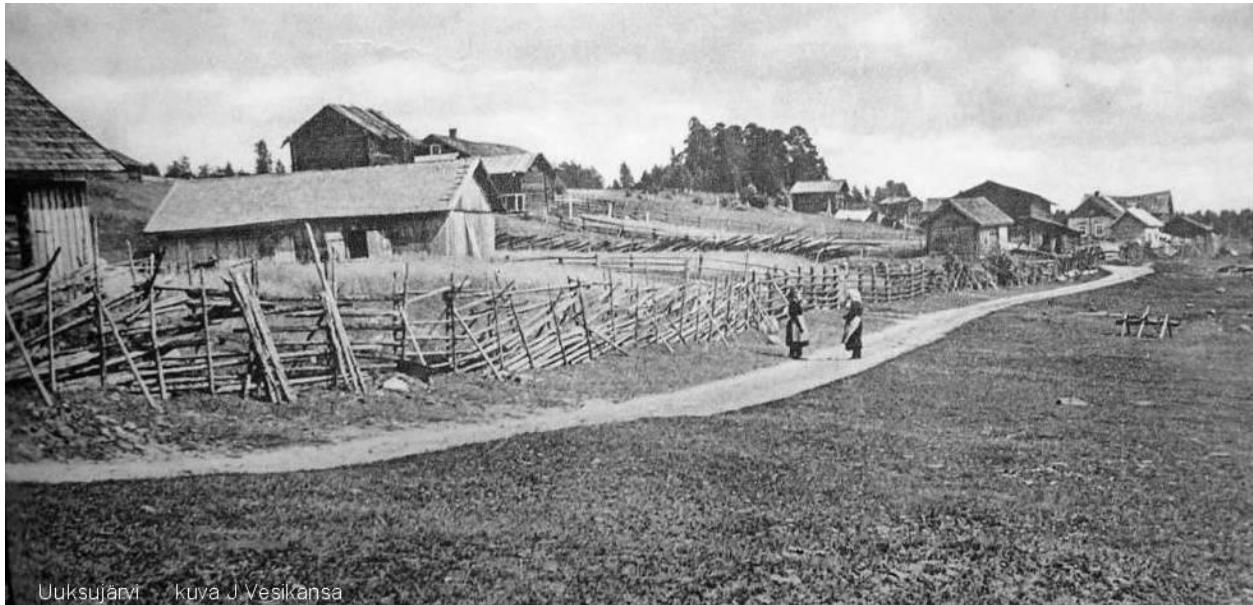
LIISA HAAPALAINEN

- She was born in Juuka in 1946.
- She went to school in Juuka and moved to Joensuu to study.
- She got married in 1969.
- She lived in Joensuu for 30 years and moved back to Juuka.



KARJALASEURA

- Liisa is the chairman of Karjalaseura.
- Karjalaseura is a society for people that are Karelian evacuees or have Karelian roots.
- It has about 150 members and they are mainly over 70 years old.
- Karjalaseura keeps up Karelian traditions, makes trips to Karelia and tell people about evacuees, etc.



EVACUEE JOURNEY

- Her parents were Karelian evacuees from Suistamo.
- First they went to western Finland after while they moved to Juuka encouraged by their friends.
- The trip to Juuka lasted two weeks by train and they took two of their cows with them.
- When they came to Juuka they started new life and Liisa was born two weeks later.



STARTING A NEW LIFE

- They started to build own house. It wasn't easy but their neighbor's helped them and they helped others too.
- They cleared land for cultivation.
- Her father also fished and they picked berries and mushrooms.
- When she was child she helped with household chores for example she took care of the animals.
- Many relatives and old neighbor's visited them at summer's.



SCHOOL AND PEOPLE'S REACTIONS

- Karelian evacuee children were called by rude names at school by other students because they had come from elsewhere.
- At the time people also thought that they're religion (Orthodox) was "wrong", because most of Finnish people were Lutherans.



VISITING KARELIA

- When she visited her parents old hometown Suistamo for first time it was touching moment.
- They're old house was in ruins and everything there were uninhabited.
- She has visited almost every place in Karelia.

