

Once upon a time on the island of Hailuoto near Oulu lived Mikko Töyrä, later also known as Prokko, 'cause Mikko bought around 1770 the Prokko farm, which wasn't a small one: it was sometimes called as a mansion. Mikko and his wife Liisa had 9 children, the eldest becoming the owner of the farm. The second son, Simo, decided to look for his luck on the mainland. At the year 1800 he moved with his wife Margareetta and quite a bunch of children to Pattijoki...

Dear descendants if Simo Pyhtilä,

Organising Committee is pleased to welcome You and Your family to the Pyhtilä Family re-union on the 17th of July 2010 to the elementary school of Olkijoki in Raahe, Finland (located: +64° 43' 43.35" North, +24° 36' 39.27" East).

The Invitation letter with information on registration shall be sent in May. But You are urged to spread the word already! We really hope to see some American cousins attending the re-union even this time!

Here are some hints about our programme in the re-union:

- The **official re-union** shall take place on Saturday, the 17th, but more informal programme is also on Sunday, the 18th (incl. art exhibition by Paavo Pyhtilä and a visit to the Raahe Museum (oldest in Finland) and perhaps on Friday night, the 16th, too).
- In the re-union we shall scan more photos – old and new – and also letters and “other interesting stuff” and You can get a copy of those on a **CD** after the re-union! So bring Your family albums and treasures with You! The originals You can keep, if You don't want us to archive them for You (maybe in the Raahe Museum).
- For children and youngsters there shall be extra programme.
- In the location on the 17th there shall be **“Maria's Boutique”** (shopkeeper *Maria Saaristo* second from the left in the photo below), where we all are should make something with our own hands... to finance the work between re-unions.
- We shall discuss founding a **Genealogical Society of Pyhtila Family** in the re-union.
- The famous **map of the family** shall be on the walls again, so, please, update the information about Your family::



We kindly ask You to send all updates to **Marja Autti** by the end of May 2010, address below.

We also hope we can get stories about our ancestry – information arrived by the end of May shall be in the updated booklet, which can be bought in the re-union (and distributed on CD).

on behalf of the Organizing Committee

Pertti ja Marja