

" A L L      O U R      Y E S T E R D A Y S "

The story of a family.  
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For Judith, Elisabeth and John and their families, as promised (under pressure!) with such great love from their Dad.  
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Commenced on May 21st, his 67th birthday, 1984 - to meet a desire of John that Chapter 1 should be part of his, John's, birthday present on May 23rd.

Commenced? Well, put into some shape then.



The story of a family which made contact with the New Church probably in 1790 and which ever since has stayed close to the centre of the Church and of the Swedenborg Society - and of the many other families into which it has married and which, in most cases, remain known in the Church.

As I write, I hope to work down the generations of the Presland family (stopping, except for a postscript, with my father) and to link in to each generation its connections by marriage. The Presland generations go like this down to me :

1. John Presland - met the Church in 1790
2. John Presland - a great worker in the Church
3. Thomas Presland of Argyle Square Church
4. (the Rev. John Presland - the first to be a Minister) and his brother, the Rev. William A. Presland who gave us
5. (the Rev. John Rous Presland and his brothers Claud and Herbert and Fred.) Fred was father of six, one
6. of whom is the Rev. C.H. Presland, the 6th generation
7. The three to whom this hasty script is offered and their children become the
- 8th Generation in the Church on the Presland side and let us see how their background develops, as I write, from the other sides of the family.

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Thanks be to Him who blessed the marriage at Cana in Galilee and who "setteth the solitary in families and in whom all the families of the earth are blessed." (Psalm 68,6 - Genesis 12.3<sup>1/2</sup>)

"With a regenerate person, good and truths, that is the things of charity and those of faith deriving from it interrelate like blood relatives and relatives through marriage, and so they are like families descended from a single stock or parent. This is the order which the Lord brings to goods and truths." Swedenborg in Arcana Caelestia 917.

May the family be a family of good and of truth in every one of its members ! Bless you all.

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