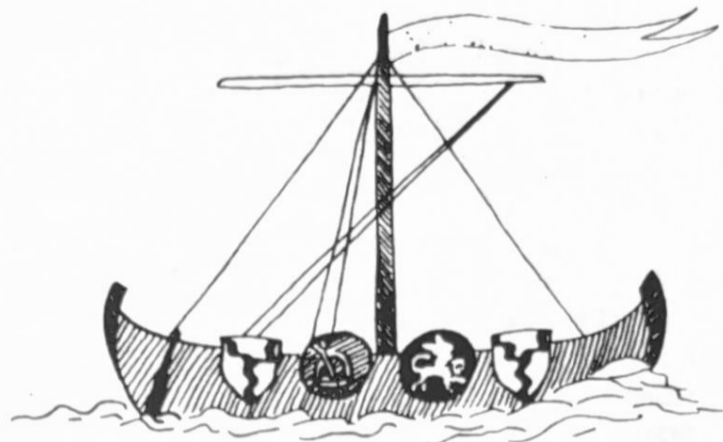


The Barde

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Wanderings : The Saga of Varin

Varin Kallibi Vegfarandi

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...and the dream continued. Images of the all too-recent past speeding by like lightning. And though he knew what was to come, Varin was powerless to stop the events unfolding around him.

The first sound that came to Varin's ears that morning was the village alert-horn. Bjorn was apparently trying to remove his lungs through his mouth.

The fool was probably still drunk, Varin thought, and this was his idea of a wonderful joke. Cursing the gargoyles who had somehow snuck into his brain last night (probably through the mouth, judging by the taste) and were now having a party of their own, Varin got up to silence the cursed noise.

And then it stopped.

Suddenly there was silence.

And in the silence Varin heard other sounds. Shouting, yelling, screaming. His father's voice cut through the others, calling out orders of ... defense?

"What...?" was all that Elisif could say as she awoke beside him.

Varin's head was suddenly clear.

"I don't know," he replied. Pulling on a pair of pants, he rose quickly and ran to the door. "Stay here until I find out."

His sword, "Steel-tongue" fell comfortably into his hand as he made his way outside.

The village was under attack! There were several long-ships moored to the docks, and at the edge of the village most of the fighters had already gathered in an attempt to stop the invasion.

And there on the horn-tower was Bjorn, whose attempt to wake the village had come just in time.

Bjorn, with an arrow in the throat that had told so many jokes. And...he still moved.

"Oh, merciful Freya, he's still alive!" And as Varin looked he saw that his friend was in terrible agony.

"I can't let him die like this..."

Skirting the edge of battle, Varin was soon at the horn-tower. Climbing rapidly to the top, he was soon at the side of his friend.

"Varin...?" the horn-blower asked, his pain obvious.

"Yes, Bjorn, it's me."

"...Hurts..." Blood was flowing from Bjorn's mouth, matting his grey-black beard.

"I know, my friend. Be quiet...it'll soon be past."

Bjorn took one look into Varin's eyes and knew what was to come.

"Thank...you..." he whispered.

Varin turned his mind inward for a moment.

"Great Tyr," he whispered, "Please forgive me, Lord of Justice, for I know what I am about to do is wrong..."

Bjorn gasped, and Varin looked upon the body of one of his oldest friends, and his own pain was great.

"...but there is no other way," he concluded.

Raising his sword high, Varin plunged Steel-tongue deep into Bjorn's chest.

Bjorn's final gasp was in praise to the Gods that his mission had not failed. His warning was in time, the village might be saved.

Silence.

No sound came to Varin's ears as he watched Bjorn die.

And then, gradually, the sound of battle filled his ears.

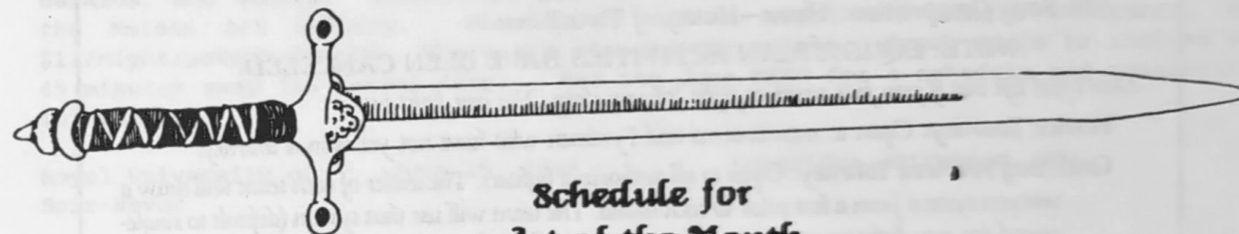
And a blood-red haze began to cover his vision.

He turned and saw below him that his village was in trouble. A great many of the defense-men were already dead, and those that remained were being driven steadily back into the village itself. The raiders were winning. HIS people were being slaughtered like sheep. Off to the left, he saw the youngest of the village being cut down without mercy.

A great roaring, as of the sea itself, filled his ears, and the haze was now complete.

Varin focussed briefly on one of the invaders, who was standing directly below the horn-tower.

"OOOOOOOOOODIIIIIIINN!!" he shouted as he leapt, sword in hand, into the fray.



Schedule for Art of the Month June - September

June
Calligraphy Month
Lecture on Dance

July
Music Month
Lecture on Bardic Arts

August
Dance Month
Lecture on Cooking

September
Bardic Arts Month
Lecture on Costuming

Three Rivers Decennial

(Birthday Bash!)

June 11, A.S. XXIII (C.E. 1988) St. Louis, MO

Come, join us to celebrate our tenth year as a Barony and our tenth anniversary as Calontir. Diverse entertainments and activities await you!

The day site is Black Buffalo Pavilion at Sioux Passage Park. The site opens at 9:00 A.M.; the scheduled activities include:

Arts and Sciences Competitions: metalwork, leatherwork, jewelry-making, costuming, needlework, calligraphy and illumination, and brewing of non-alcoholic beverages (sorry, site rule).

Extra points will be given for entries using "10" or "Decennial" as a theme.

Juggling Competition: not what you might expect, as skill in juggling is not the only requirement. Bring at least three things to throw.

Chance to Try: metalwork with a forge, weaving, chainmail making.

A Quest: Don't ask... it's secret. Details will be available from the Troll only when the Quest starts. The prize is truly remarkable.

Folk-Song Competition: Theme—History of Three Rivers.

NOTE: EQUESTRIAN ACTIVITIES HAVE BEEN CANCELED.

Don't feel left out if you just want to fight 'til you drop. You can fight in:

Novice Tourney: Open to men-at-arms and Fyrdmen who have not yet won a tourney.

Grab-Bag Warlord Tourney: Open to all authorized fighters. The leader of each team will draw a weapon system from a hat prior to each round. The team will use that system (default to single-sword for any fighters on that team not authorized in that system).

Pre-Pennisic Authorizations: as many as possible.

Merchants and alcoholic beverages are not allowed on site. Pets, however, are welcome, but must be on leashes that are attached to someone or something.

The day site is wide-open ground, and we suggest that you bring shade-devices. Armour inspection will begin at 9:00 A.M.; the Novice Tourney will begin at 10:30; the Warlord Tourney will begin at 2:00. Competition entries must be turned in by noon, and the Juggling Competition will be at 2:00. The Quest will begin during the interval between the tournaments, and the site will close at 5:00 P.M.

Feast tickets may be picked up until 4:00 P.M.; any unclaimed tickets will be sold after that time. The feast itself will be at the Lutheran Church of the Atonement. That site opens at 6:30 P.M. (The church has asked us to avoid arriving prior to that time and congregating in the parking lot. A wedding is scheduled for that afternoon, and a minimum of confusion is desirable.) The feast includes Roast Beast, Spiced Beef Compote, fruit ices, and other delectables too numerous to list. Water, tea, lemonade, and Lord Gerald Goodwine's apple drink will be served during feast. The feast site is also dry (but the post-revel can be flooded).

Please arrange crash space in advance. If you would like assistance in finding a congenial place to stay, please call Elin Redlock (314) 726-0196. This number is also the contact number for anyone who needs help or misplaces themselves in St. Louis on the Friday night before the event.

Site Fee: \$2.50; \$1.50 with proof of membership

Feast Fee: \$6.50; \$7.50 at the door

Please make checks payable to S.C.A., Inc., Barony of Three Rivers, and send your reservations to Barony of Three Rivers, P.O. Box 2943, St. Louis, MO 63130.

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Information on Upcoming Events

Baronial Birthday Bash June 11, 1988

Three Rivers (St Louis, MO)

See elsewhere in this issue for a flyer and a map to the site.

Rites of Spring

June 11, 1988

Bois d'Arc (Southeastern Kansas)

A relaxed weekend with gaming, an auction, dancing, simple fare, informal workshops, and of course, fighting. The event will be held at a site that has a new hall, a wooded area for camping and fighting, and new shower facilities with hot and cold running water. There will be an Arts and Sciences competition in embroidery, SCA heraldry in any medium, weaving, dancing and brewing. There will also be archery. For reservations and other information, see the June MEWS.

Known World Heraldic
Symposium

June 17-19, 1988

Dun Ard (Leavenworth, KS)

A series of workshops and seminars on topics of interest to all Known World heralds, and others. There will also be a feast and a ball, as well as a tour of the Nelson Art Gallery. Housing is \$18 a night for single occupancy, and \$12/night/person double. There are also nearby motels. Crash space is limited and 45 minutes away (in Kansas City). See the June MEWS for a schedule and reservation information.

Royal University of
Scir-Havoc

June 25, 1988

Longridge (Sikeston, MO)

The summer session course schedule of the Royal University will include Medieval Chirurgeonry, Trim, Trim and More Trim (Costuming), Gobi Home Companion (Mongol Costuming), English Country Dances, Primer for Novice Dance Instructors, Beginning Acting, Warp Weighted Loom, Intro to Knitting, Philosophy of SCA Research, History of England II, Persona History, Decline & Fall of the Carolingian Empire, Thee & Thou & How to Use Them, Beginning Madrigals (Screaming Mi-Mis), Recorder I (Yer Darn Tootin'), Intro to the SCA, Infrastructure of the SCA, Judging Bardic Competition, Intro to Archery, Mace Clinic, Archery Marshalling, and a special seminar on the Calontir Royal Pavilion. A schedule and reservation information can be found in the June MEWS.

Jubilee Olde English
Faire

June 25-26, 1988

Jubilee College State Park
(Peoria, Illinois)

Demonstrating craftspeople and merchants, dancers, pipers, wandering performers and musicians, stage entertainers, mimes, jesters, etc. are needed for this year's fair. Merchants and entertainers must pre-register. For more information see the June MEWS. Please note that this is NOT an official SCA event.

Interkingdom Peace

July 2-4, 1988

Northkeep (Tulsa, OK)

Ansteorra and Calontir get together yet again for more fun in Oklahoma than you can stand. There will be lots of fighting, an Arts and Sciences Collegium, and young people's activities. All reservations must be made by mail. For more information, see the June MEWS.

Kingdom Arts &
Sciences Competition

July 9, 1988

Lost Moor (St. Joseph, MO)

See the June MEWS for the competition rules. Please note that ALL entries MUST be pre-registered.

Calendar for June 9 to July 23, AS XXIII

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
5 Archery, 11:00, Forest Park	6 Officer's Meeting, Sir Cormac's Archery, 7:00, Arrow Point	7	8 Dance, 7:30, Warhaven	9 New BARGE	10	11 Baronial Decennial, Three Rivers* Rites of Spring, Bois d'Arc*
12 Archery, 11:00, Forest Park	13 Music, 7:00, Raphael's Archery, 7:00, Arrow Point	14 Filk Singing, 7:30, County Stargaard	15 Dance, 7:30, Warhaven	16 Dance after meeting BARGE Deadline	17	18 Known World Heraldic Symposium, Dun Ard*
19 Archery, 11:00, Forest Park	20 Officer's Meeting, County Stargaard Archery, 7:00, Arrow Point	21	22 Dance, 7:30, Warhaven	23	24	25 RUSH, Longridge* Jubilee Olde English Faire, Peoria, IL *
26 Archery, 11:00, Forest Park	27 Music, 7:00, Raphael's Archery, 7:00, Arrow Point	28 Filk Singing, 7:30, County Stargaard	29 Dance, 7:30, Warhaven	30 Dance after meeting	1 August MEWS Deadline	2 Interkingdom, Northkeep*
3 Archery, 11:00, Forest Park	4 Archery, 7:00, Arrow Point	5 Officer's Meeting, Ldy. Carolyn's	6 Dance, 7:30, Warhaven	7 Meeting at St. John Episcopal New BARGE	8	9 Arts and Sciences Competition, Lost Moor*
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17 Archery, 11:00, Forest Park	18 Officer's Meeting, Sir Asgeirr's Archery, 7:00, Arrow Point	19	20 Dance, 7:30, Warhaven	21	22	23 Grimfell's Birthday Party, Grimfells*

Road to Morocco

July 16, 1988

Lonely Tower (Omaha, NE)

A Champion's Challenge, and a standard single elimination tourney for the fighters, archery authorizations, "Mounted Archery", and Woods War Manuevers on Sunday for the fighters, Arts and Sciences competition, and other activities will be scheduled. This is a camping sight. There will be a two remove feast. For information on reservations, see the June MEWS.

Grimfell's Birthday
Party

July 23, 1988

Grimfells (Fayetteville, AR)

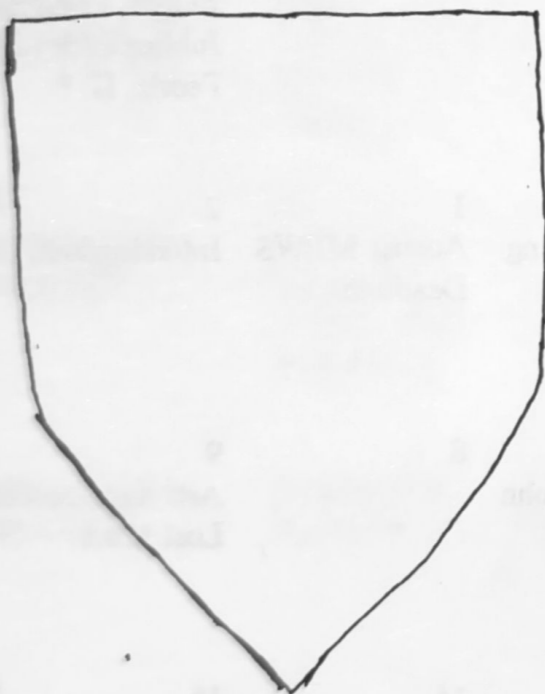
A small, "let's have fun" sort of thing. No feast, some fighting and possible archery, and whatever else they think of. More details will follow in the July MEWS.

Standing Stones
Decennial

July 30, 1988

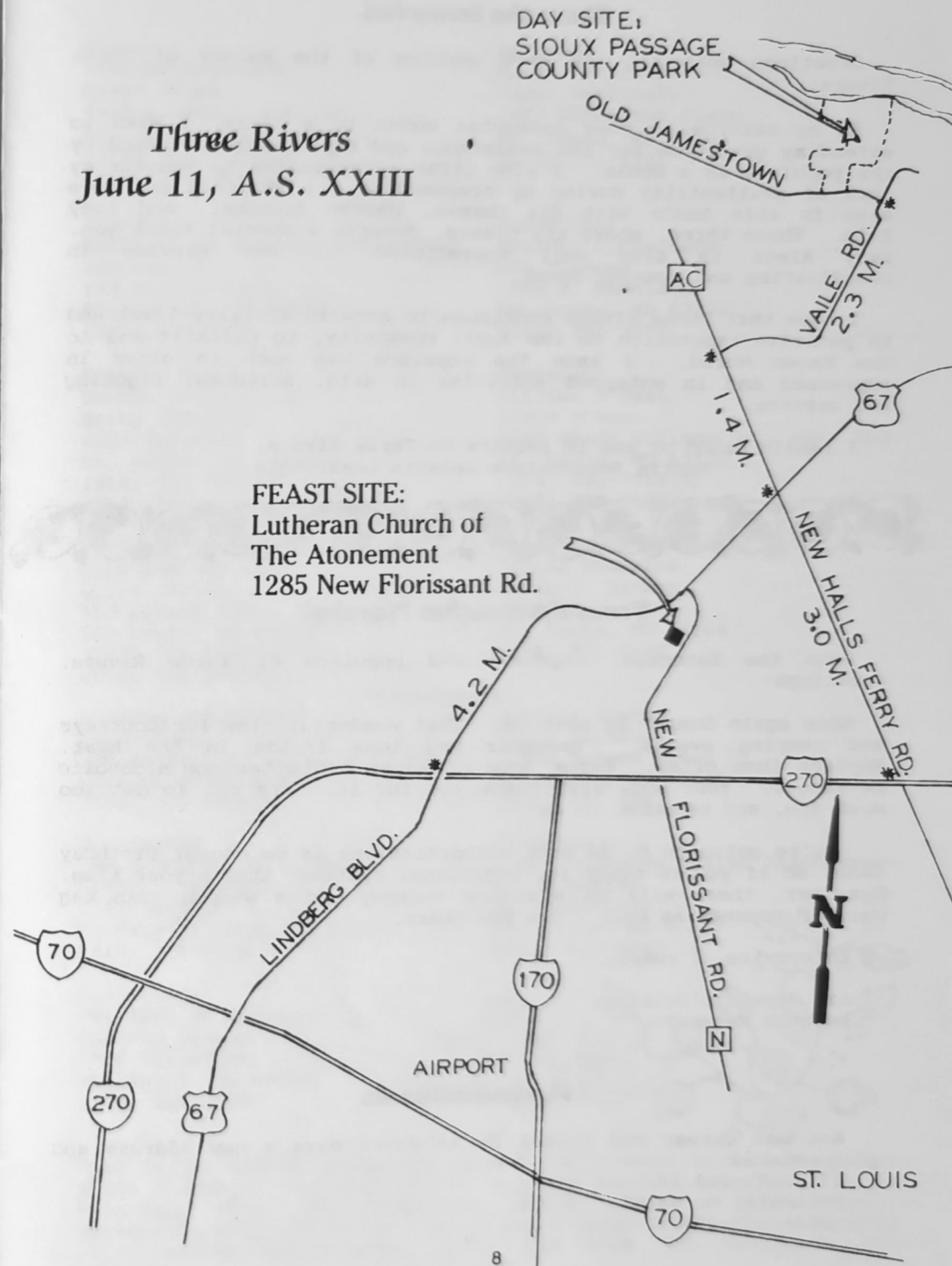
Standing Stones (Columbia, MO)

A day with the theme of high persona and an emphasis on period activities. The day's activities include a Barrier Tourney, a Footbridge Tourney, an Arhery Shoot, a Bardic Competition and a variety of period games. All fighters must carry a favor for the day. Entries in the Bardic Competition should be either period or period-style. There will be a period feast and dancing following. For more information and reservations, see the June MEWS.



Your Arms Here!

Three Rivers June 11, A.S. XXIII



FEAST SITE:
Lutheran Church of
The Atonement
1285 New Florissant Rd.

From the Seneschal

Greetings unto all the good gentles of the Barony of Three Rivers:

As my service as your seneschal comes to a close, I wish to extend my gratitude for the assistance and support demonstrated by the populace as a whole. I also offer my apologies to you for my lack of availability during my pregnancies. I realized you were also in able hands with Sir Cormac, Master Brumbar, and Lady Elin. These three, above all others, deserve a special thank you. Lady Aleta is also well appreciated for her service in coordinating and running demos.

I hope that Three Rivers continues to grow in activity level and in positive reputation to the local community, to Calontir and to the Known World. I know the populace has much to offer in expressed and in untapped abilities in arts, sciences, fighting and service.

I remain proud of and in service to Three Rivers,
Auntie Swietoslawa Jolanta Leszczynska



From the Knights Marshal

Unto the Baronage, fighters and populace of Three Rivers,
Greetings:

Once again Summer is upon us. That wonderful time for tourneys and camping events. Remember you lose fluids in the heat. Replace them often. Drink lots of water and other non-alcoholic beverages. Your body will thank you for it. Try not to get too much sun, and remember to eat.

We're going to do as many authorizations as we can at Birthday Bash, so if you're ready for additional systems, that's your time. Remember, there will be a novice tourney and a weapon grab bag warlord tourney as well. See you there.

In service, I remain,

Sir Cormac O'Sullivan
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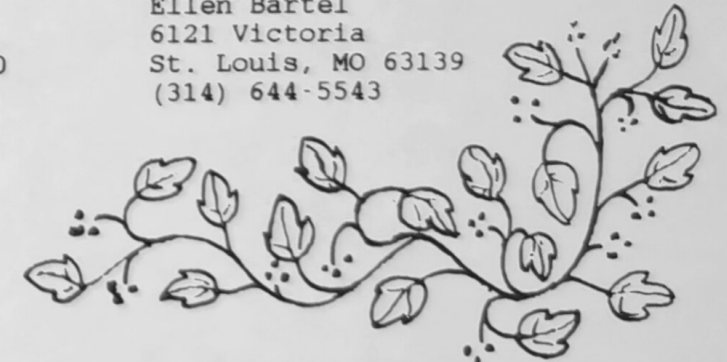
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