

# Blood and Water

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**July 21, 2022**  
**Suldrup, Denmark**

At 1:00pm today we knew practically nothing about Andreas Bekker and his partner Helle. We share common Bekker blood in our veins, but beyond that, we were strangers. By 4:00pm we had made a lasting connection.

I was *introduced* to Andreas by a common relative who suggested we connect with this long-lost cousin while we are in Denmark. Andreas and I corresponded by email a few times and we set up a visit for today.

**Andreas Bekker, with Helle, Bear and Russ.**

You never know how these things might turn out. One of us might be a nut, or a grouch? What if we didn't like each other?

Those thoughts went out the window early, and completely disappeared over Helle's excellent Danish cake.



Talking with Andreas and Helle was like conversing with old friends. There are several generations and many, many miles between us, but the commonality of ancestry bridges all gaps.

Such is the nature of ...

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**A view of Suldrup, not unlike the Bekker's back yard.**