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**On Stoll places of Liflandia**  
**p.1. Vestiena**  
**(sketching summer trip)**



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Vestiena is in 24 km from Madona. The road is quite good. At the entrance to Vestiena- a fork. Left from the road - pretty two-storey stone - post office.. There we were informed that today in the town - 700 inhabitants ...

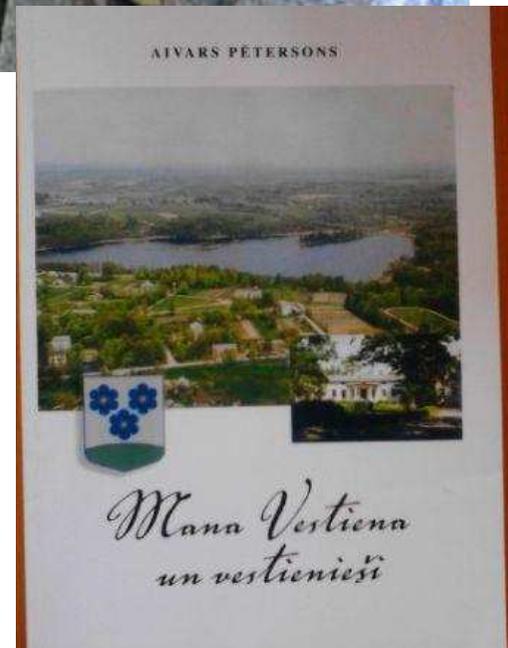
Right of the road - storey village council with the library and the Latvian flag ...



The library to Vestiena- a friendly employee Jusma Ogorodnikova (photo) readily talks about the local point of interest - the Lutheran Church, "a kilometer away, near the lake. Rather, there is now the ruins of ...



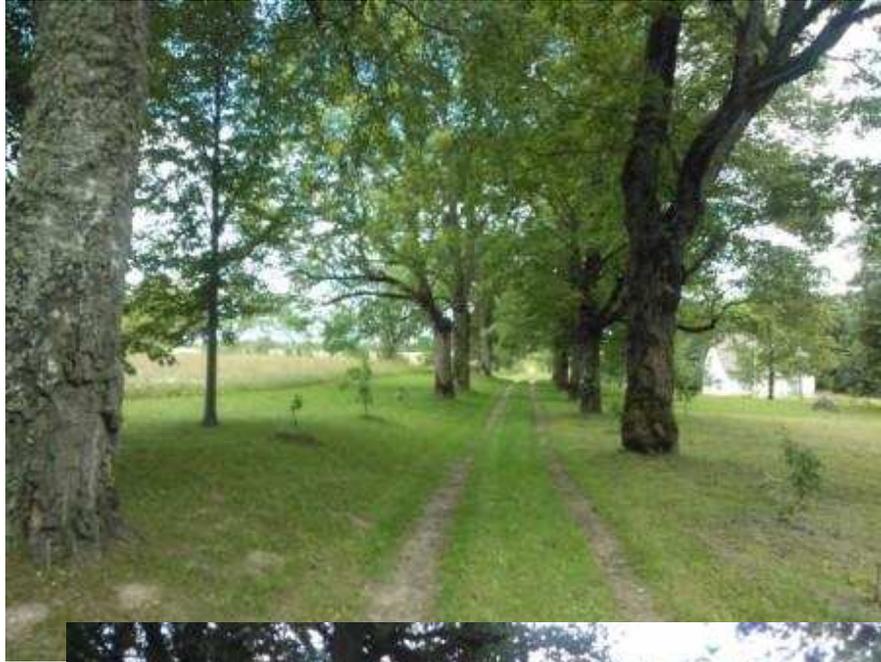
...But it was being restored. Former military Aivars Peterson with the help of volunteers..” (Jusma shows local newspaper) ... He is already 80, served in the Soviet and Latvian Army, originally from here, it now lives in Riga and in Finland .. Enthusiast ... He even published a book ... "Vestiena and vestienti" ...





And ... we have a school, says Jusma - in a former manor house... It's not far, it leads to a shaded alley, nearby - pond .... If you are from Pedagogical University - may be you will be interested to help the school ...





After school, drove to the ruins of the church. According to church records, Henrich Wilhelm Stoll served as pastor in this church in 1863. Henrich Wilhelm Stoll - son of Friedrich Erdmann Stoll, who served in 1800-1825 in Zaube and father of our Luga's Johann Wilhelm Stoll)

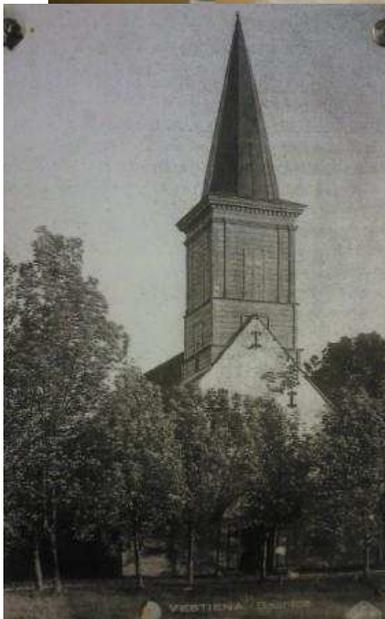
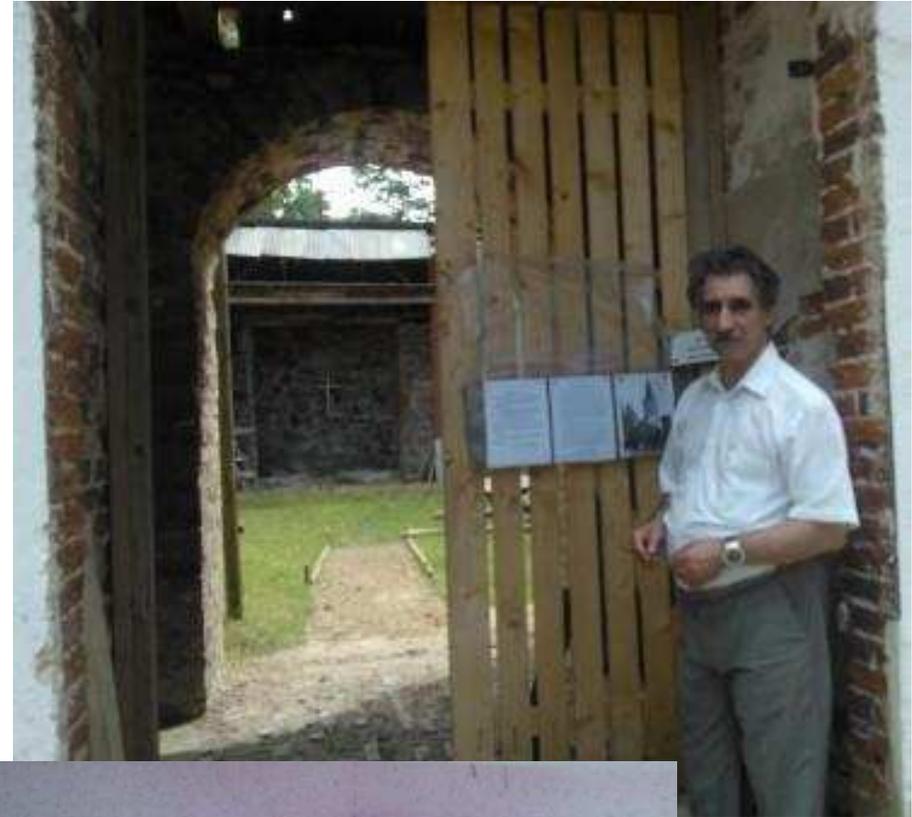


Church – a beautiful location by the lake, a kilometer from the Vestiena on a country road...

It is evident that the ruins are being reconstructed. No roof, but some cubbyholes already under a canopy.



On doors and stands - information, old photos  
... So we can compare how it was in the XIX century. and as it is now.





Not far from the church a memorable place is organized, as we were told, in memory of some of the deported inhabitants of Vestiena.

According to the "Chronicle of Stoll Family" prepared by Friedrich Wilhelm Stoll in 1944, dates of life of Henry Wilhelm Stoll: 1804-1885. And there is documentary evidence of his pastorate in the parish of Vestiena in 1863. However, reports of the Latvian newspapers indicate, that arrest of Pastor Stoll by revolutionary peasants happened in 1905 ... So ... we have a lot to think ...

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