## Tillbakablick Summary A retrospective view By Thorsten Andersson

The author looks back at his education, from a lower secondary school course run by the Nordic Correspondence Institute (NKI) – a correspondence course supplemented with face-to-face teaching – in Ödeshög, Östergötland, from 1943 to 1946, via upper secondary school in Linköping from 1946 to 1949, to studies at Uppsala University from the autumn term of 1950. In Uppsala, the author's main interest shifted from the history of literature to Scandinavian languages, which subsequently became his field of work, with a particular focus on place-name research. By way of conclusion, the article points to a broadening of his interests to wider questions concerning the Germanic languages.