

# Ann Brorström – A Brorström Cousin Living in Sweden

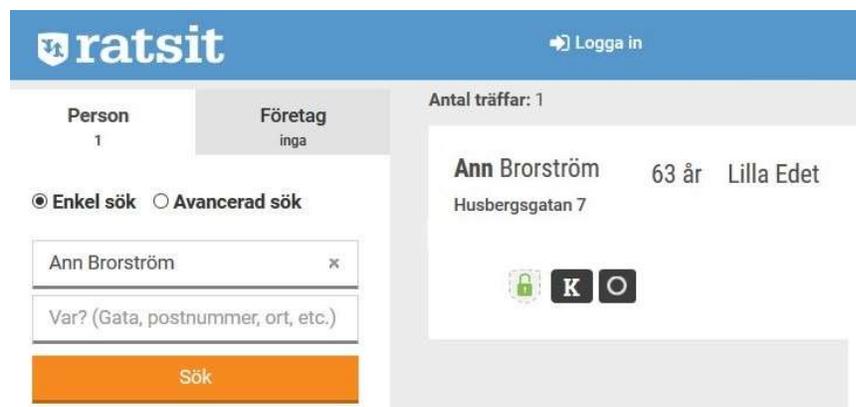
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## ***Introduction***

My mother was Grace Florence Brorström (1916-2000). Her four grandparents were all Swedes who immigrated to America in the 1880's. My mother's *farfar* (literally father's father in Swedish) was Paulus Brorström (1859-1932) and her father was Paul Thure Brorström Sr. (1884-1932). I had always thought that Brorström was a common Swedish surname, but I recently learned that there are only 28 adults having the surname of Brorström in all of Sweden. I decided that I would attempt to see if I was related to all of them. One of these individuals is Ann Brorström, and this short narrative describes exactly how she and I are related.

## ***Ann Brorström***

According to Wikipedia, the Swedish website ratsit.se “contains, among other things, the population registration data for all residents in Sweden.” I used the ratsit.se website to find all 28 of the Brorström adults living in Sweden. Here is the entry for Ann Brorström:



The screenshot shows the Ratsit website interface. At the top left is the Ratsit logo, and at the top right is a "Logga in" button. Below the logo are two tabs: "Person" (with a count of 1) and "Företag" (with a count of "inga"). Under the "Person" tab, there are search options: "Enkel sök" (selected) and "Avancerad sök". A search input field contains "Ann Brorström" with a clear button (x). Below the input field is a placeholder text "Var? (Gata, postnummer, ort, etc.)" and an orange "Sök" button. To the right of the search results, it says "Antal träffar: 1". The search result for "Ann Brorström" is displayed, showing "63 år" and "Lilla Edet". Below the name and age is the address "Husbergsgatan 7". At the bottom of the result card are three icons: a green padlock, a black square with a white "K", and a black circle with a white "O".

According to ratsit.se, Ann is 63 years old and lives in Lilla Edet, a town on the Göta River some 50 km north of Gothenburg.

Another Swedish website with directory information is hitta.se (literally find.se, or find.sweden). Of course, Ann also appears on the hitta.se website – here is her entry:

**Ann Brorström**  
Bor i **Lilla Edet**, 63 år  
Mobil  
**070-456 71 XX**  
Visa numret

Adress | Folkbokföringen  
**Husbergsgatan 7**  
**463 33 Lilla Edet**  
Vägbeskrivning  
Vem är nyinflyttad på adressen?

Prova ID-skydd kostnadsfritt

Visa större karta

Det finns fiber på Husbergsgatan 7. Se vad bredband kostar här! BOXER

Summer sale nära Ann, 26 km till Audi Uddevalla - Toverks Bil

Ann fyller 64 år den 9 juli Skicka blommor med Interflora Få en påminnelse via sms

DANIEL, 35 år En singel i Partille Litta florsinlar

The only new information here is that Ann's birthday is 9 July.

I didn't have to work very hard to find out how Ann and I are related, since she appears on the guttorps.se website, which is a repository of Brorström family genealogy maintained by my Swedish cousin Anna Guttorp. Here is Ann's entry on guttorps.se:

**Släkten Guttorp med närstående**

Karl BÖRJE Brorström  
(1920-)

ULLA Margareta Karlsson  
(1933-)

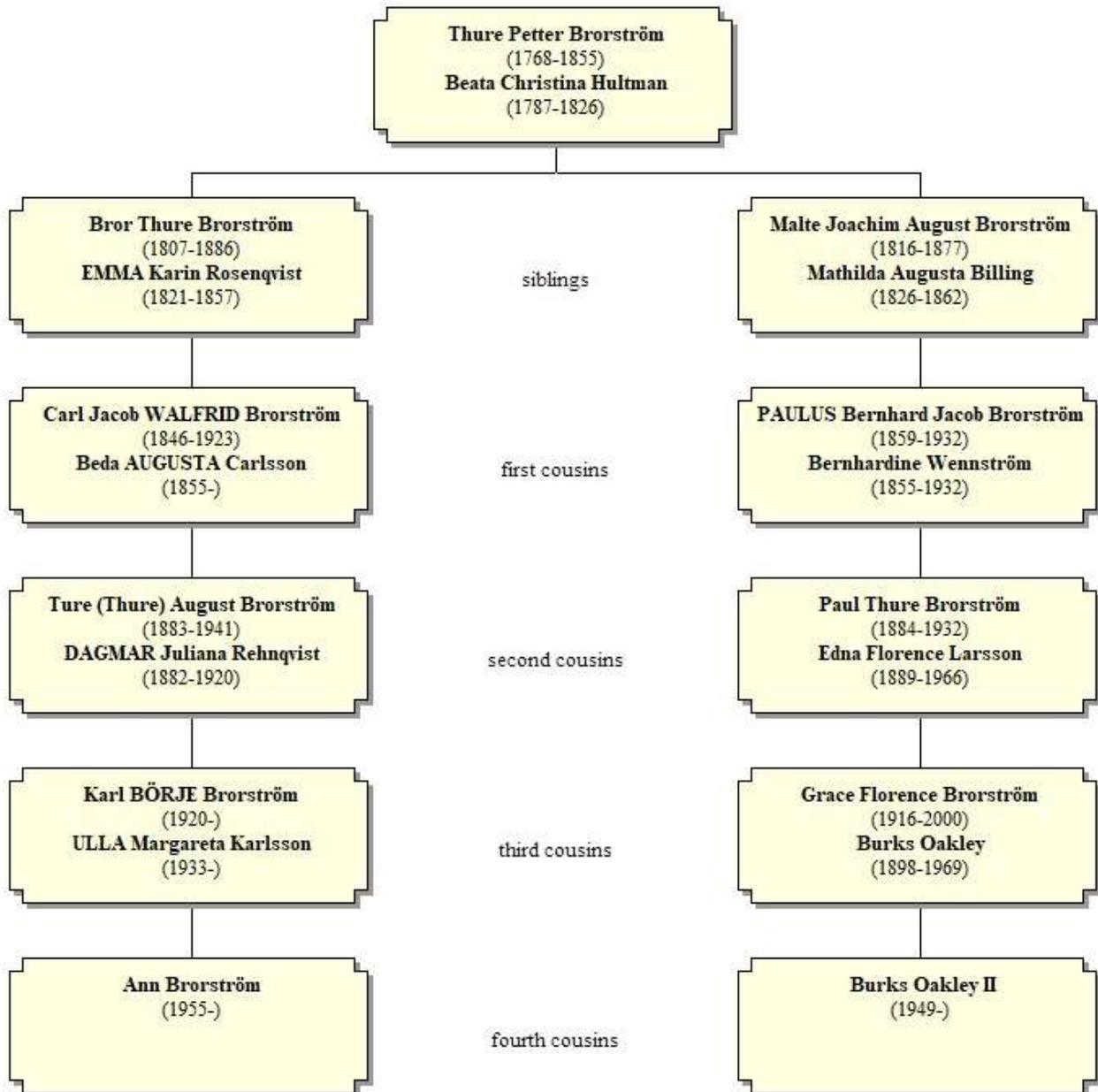
Ann Brorström

b. 9 jul 1955  
d.

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From guttorps.se, I learned that Ann is the daughter of Karl Börje Brorström (1920-) and his wife Ulla Margareta Karlsson (1933-).

The following chart shows how Ann and I are related:



We are fourth-cousins, and we both are descended from Thure Petter Brorström and his wife Beata Christina Hultman (1787-1826). I saw their graves by the old church in Borrby in May 2018.

A Google search on “Ann Brorström Lilla Edet” (without the quotes) found her on the Lilla Edet Kommun (Lilla Edet Municipality) website.



About 13,000 results (0.45 seconds)

### Socialförvaltningen - Lilla Edets kommun

[www.lillaedet.se](http://www.lillaedet.se) > ... > Kommunens organisation > Förvaltningar > Translate this page

Lilla Edets kommun - startsida. Utbildning & ... **Ann Brorström** Telefon: 0520- ... Besöksadress: Järnvägsgatan 12, Lilla Edet Postadress: 463 80 Lilla Edet E-post: ...

From this website, I learned that she works as the Administrative Secretary in Social Services for Lilla Edet Municipality:

A screenshot of the Lilla Edets Kommun website. The header includes the logo and name "LILLA EDETS KOMMUN" and navigation links like "Translate", "Customize the site", "Overview", and "Contact". A search bar is on the right. Below the header is a navigation menu with categories like "Education &amp; Child Care", "Care &amp; help", "Experiencing &amp; do", "Build, Live &amp; Environment", "Traffic &amp; Infrastructure", and "Business &amp; Work". The "Municipality &amp; Politics" category is selected. The main content area is titled "social Services" and includes a "Listen to page" icon. The text describes the role of Social Services and lists key personnel: Administration: Lotte Mossudd, Individual and family director: Pernilla Sundemar, care and director: Yvonne Gunnarsson North, Operations, Disability: Helen Persson, Labor Chief: vacant. A "Contact" sidebar on the right lists "Management Secretary Ann Brorström" with her phone number, which is circled in red. Other contact information includes "Operations Lotte Mossudd" and "Head of the IFO Pernilla Sundemar". A "More information" section at the bottom right has a link for "Care and assistance".

Ann and I now have exchanged e-mails, and I hope to meet her when I next visit Sweden.