

A New DNA Match with Anna Igo Going Back on Our Wennström Line

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Introduction

I am using DNA on the Ancestry.com website to confirm and to extend my family tree. I especially am interested in the Swedish branch of my family tree. My mother was Grace Brorström Oakley (1916-2000), and all four of her grandparents were Swedes who immigrated to America in the 1880's. Of course, that made her 100% Swedish.

My mother had an older brother, Paul Thure Brorström Jr. (1913-2001), and four of his children have their DNA profiles on the Ancestry.com website. Due to the way that autosomal DNA is inherited, they have DNA matches with some of our distant Swedish relatives that I don't have. So when I find a DNA match on their Swedish line, it is as good as me having that match.

I recently found a new DNA match for my cousin Annmarie Brorström, and this narrative is about that match.

Annmarie's DNA Match with Anna Igo

Ancestry.com has a number of different ways to filter and to sort a person's DNA matches. I typically filter the matches so that I only view those matches where the software on the site has found a common ancestor. I also sort these matches by date, so that the newest matches are displayed first. Here is a screenshot showing Annmarie's new DNA match with a woman named Anna Igo [the little blue dot indicates that I had not previously viewed this match]:

Annmarie Brorström's DNA Matches

List Map

Filter by: Unviewed Common ancestors Search | Sort

One month ago

Anna Igo

5th-8th Cousin

Shared DNA: 7 cM across 1 segments

766 People

Common ancestor

Annmarie and Anna share just 7 cM on a single DNA segment, but as I have written previously, these very small matches can be informative, since they go back the farthest on the family tree. In addition, Anna and Annmarie have a common ancestor.

I next viewed information about the common ancestor(s):

How are Annmarie Brorström and Anna Igo related?

Common Ancestors

According to Ancestry member trees, these are the common ancestors that connect Annmarie Brorström and Anna Igo. View a common ancestor to see the relationship path that connects them.

Annmarie Brorström and Anna Igo could be 6th cousin through:



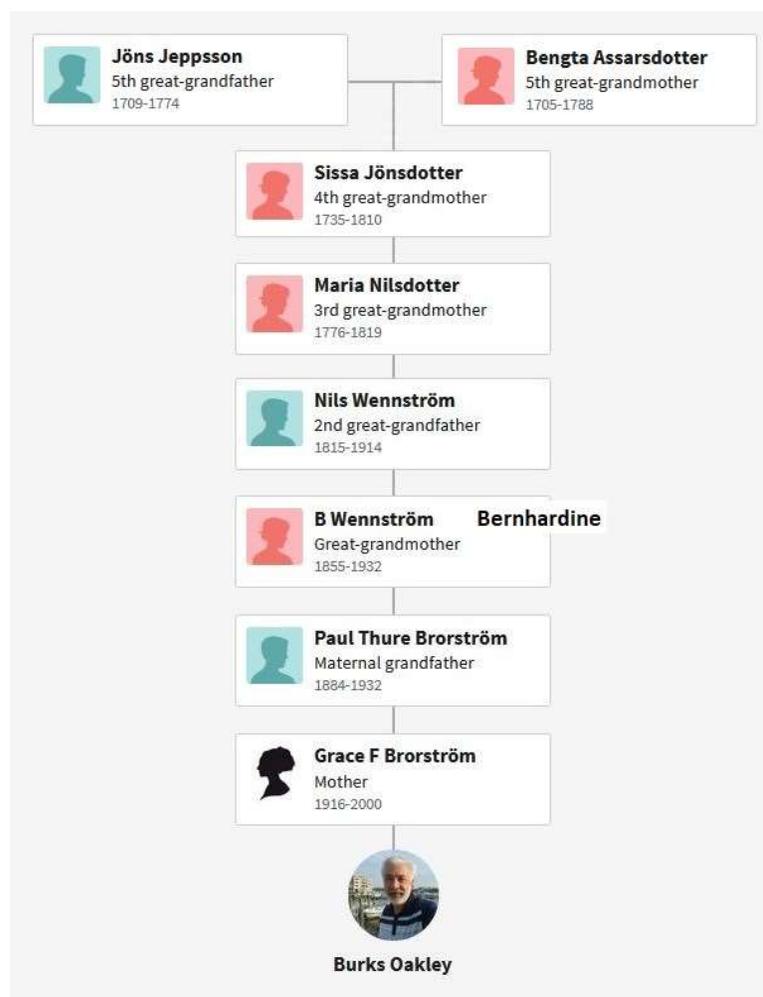
Jöns Jeppsson
5th great-grandfather
1709-1774
[View Relationship](#)



Bengta Assarsdotter
5th great-grandmother
1705-1788
[View Relationship](#)

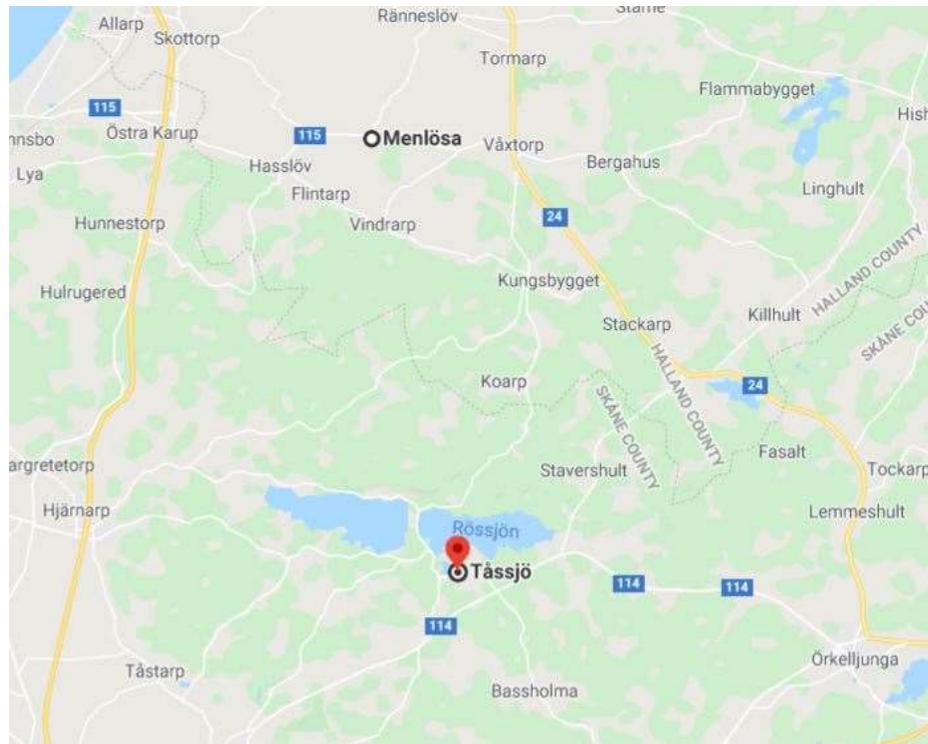
Annmarie and Anna are both descended from Jöns Jeppsson (1709-1774) and his wife Bengta Assarsdotter (1705-1788). This couple were Annmarie's fifth-great grandparents (also my fifth-great grandparents).

Here is my line going back to this couple:



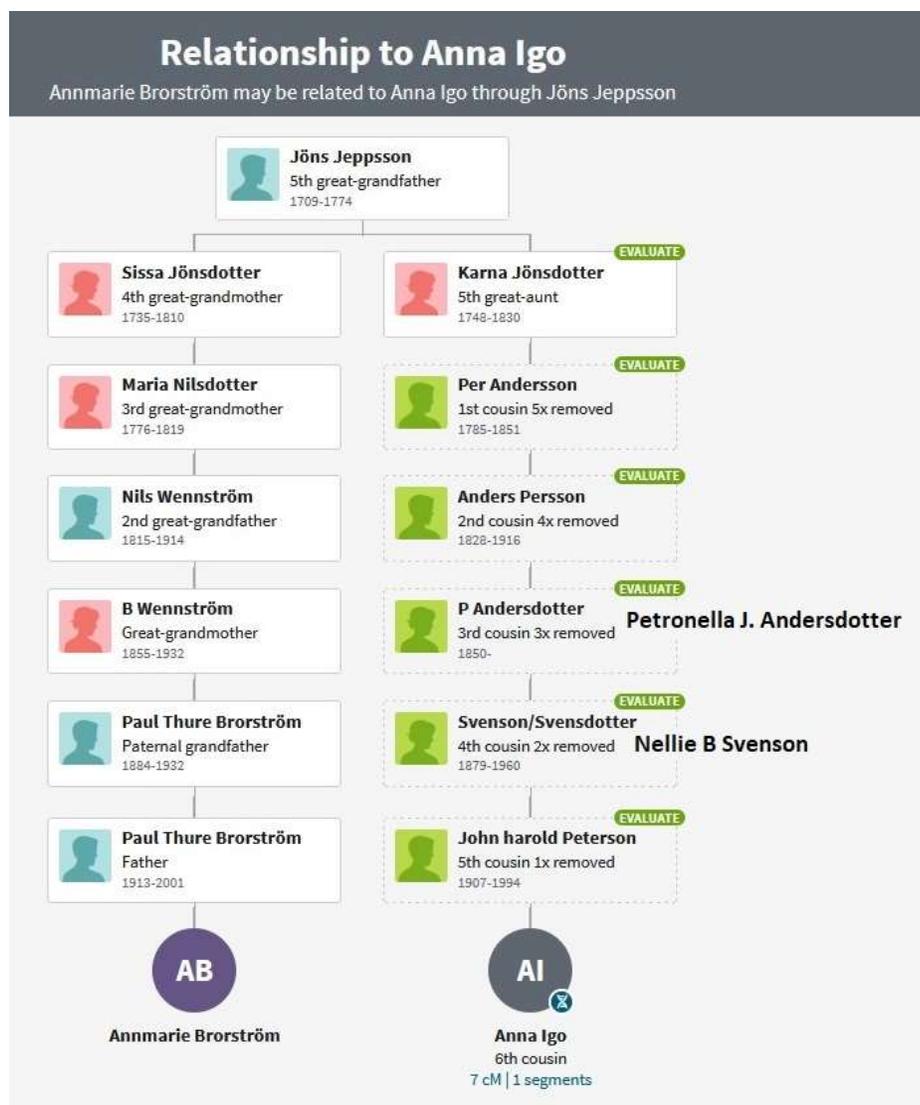
This line goes back through my great-grandmother Bernhardine Wennström (1855-1932), who immigrated to America from Sweden on her honeymoon in 1882.

Jöns Jeppsson and his wife Bengta Assarsdotter lived all their lives in Tåssjö, Sweden, which is located in the northernmost part of Skåne County.



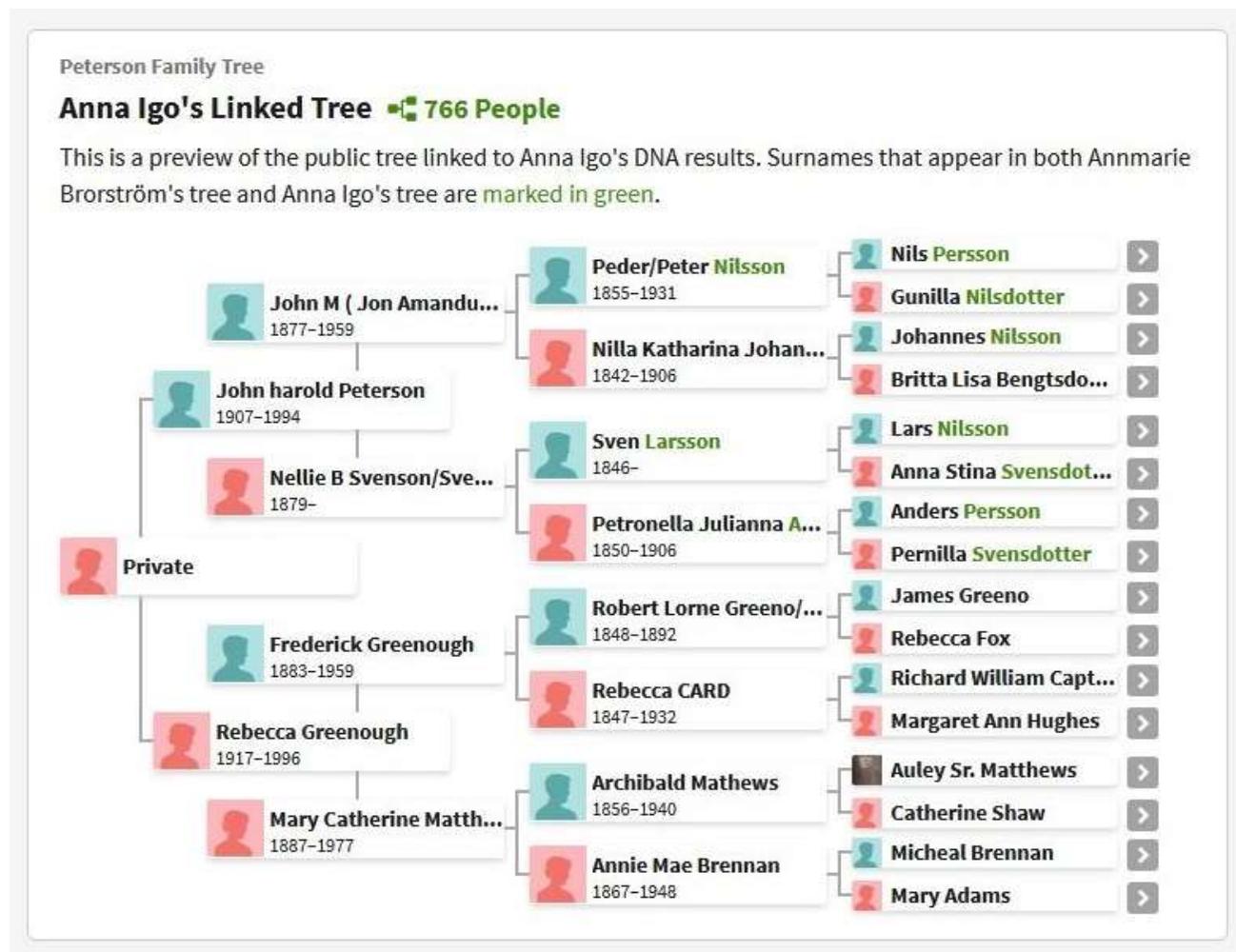
My second-great grandfather Nils Wennström (a great-grandson of the Jeppsson-Assarsdotter couple) was born in Tåssjö and lived much of his adult life in nearby Menlösa, which is in southernmost Halland County. But I digress....

Now, let me return to Annmarie and Anna both being descended from Jöns Jeppsson and Bengta Assarsdotter. Here is a chart that Ancestry.com created to show their relationship:



Annmarie is descended from this couple through their daughter Sissa Jönsdotter (1735-1810), while Anna is descended from this couple through their daughter Karna Jönsdotter (1748-1830). [I also have seen Karna's first name spelled Karina in other family trees on the Ancestry.com website.]

I next looked at Anna's family tree on Ancestry.com:



I was surprised to see such a complete family tree.

She actually has the entire line back to the Jeppsson-Assarsdotter couple in her tree:



As I continued to investigate Annmarie's match with Anna, I learned that my cousin Susan Brorström Baker (Annmarie's younger sister) also has this match:



Neither of Annmarie's brothers (Peter, Stuart) have this match. Nor do I have this match.

Other DNA Matches with Descendants of Jöns Jeppsson and Bengta Assarsdotter

Earlier, I wrote about DNA matches with descendants of the Jeppsson-Assarsdotter couple:

<http://www.burksoakley.com/SwedishGenealogy/ThordJohnson-WennströmLine.pdf>

<http://www.burksoakley.com/SwedishGenealogy/ThruLines-JönsJeppsson.pdf>

<http://www.burksoakley.com/SwedishGenealogy/AileenSandwick-Wennström.pdf>

It turns out that my Brorström cousins and I have DNA matches with five descendants of Jöns Jeppsson and Bengta Assarsdotter (leaving out DNA matches with close relatives, such as second-cousins).

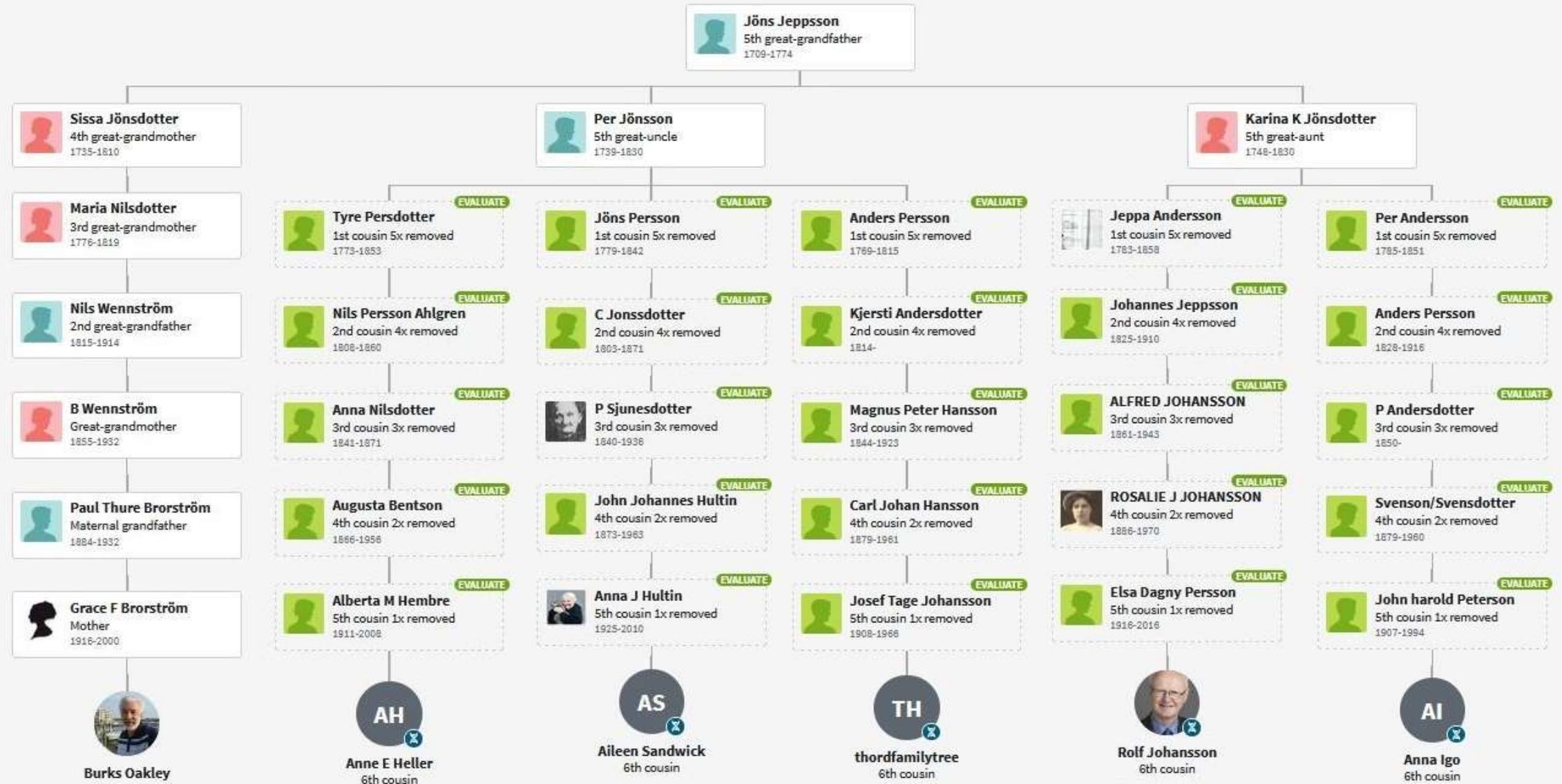
These five individuals are:

DNA Match	Brorström Cousin
Thord Johnson	Peter, Susan
Anne E. Heller	Burks, Annmarie, Susan
Aileen Sandwick	Burks
Rolf Johansson	Burks
Anna Igo	Annmarie, Susan

I should add that Cousin Stuart doesn't have any DNA matches with descendants of the Jeppsson-Assarsdotter couple.

I put these five lines plus mine into one large relationship chart, and this chart is displayed on the next page in landscape view:

DNA Matches with Descendants of Jöns Jeppsson



This chart is pretty amazing, when you consider that it goes back to Tåssjö, Sweden, in the early 1700's. And an interesting feature of this chart is that all of the DNA matches are with sixth-cousins. I'm not sure that I have seen a chart like this previously.

The DNA matches in this chart are descended from three different children of the Jeppsson-Assarsdotter couple: Sissa Jönsdotter, Per Jönsson, and Karina Jönsdotter. I should add that this couple had eight children, and they are listed in the following entry from Svante Burge's family tree on Ancestry.com:

The screenshot shows a family tree entry for Jöns Jeppsson on Ancestry.com. The header includes the name 'Jöns Jeppsson', birth date '19 APR 1709', birth location 'Tåssjö (L)', death date '27 NOV 1774', and death location 'Långhult, Tåssjö (L), Sweden'. Below the header, there are two main sections: 'Family' and 'Spouse & Children'. The 'Family' section lists parents: Jeppe Jönsson (1661-1745) and Johanna Persdotter (1674-1753). The 'Spouse & Children' section lists the spouse, Bengta Assarsdotter (1705-1788), and eight children: Sissa Jönsdotter (1735-1810), Pål Jönsson (1737-1741), Per Jönsson (1739-1830), Anders Jönsson (1742-1827), Pahl Jonsson (1742-1748), Jöns Jönsson (1744-1748), Jeppe Jönsson (1746-1748), and Karina Karna* Jönsdotter (1748-1830).

Note that Sissa Jönsdotter (our ancestor) was the oldest child, while Karina Jönsdotter (Anna's ancestor) was the youngest child.

Visiting Tåssjö

I visited Tåssjö in May 2019 with my Wennström cousin Eva Josefsson and her husband Sterner. Here is a photo of the church in Tåssjö that I took on this visit:



Inside the church is a list of the priests who have served there, going back to 1610:



Presumably the Jeppsson-Assarsdotter couple and their family interacted with a number of the people on this plaque.

Summary

In this short narrative, I presented some details about my cousin Annmarie's DNA match with a woman named Anna Igo. Annmarie and Anna are both descended from Jöns Jeppsson (1709-1774) and his wife Bengta Assarsdotter (1705-1788), who lived in Tåssjö, in northernmost Skåne County. Annmarie's younger sister Susan also has this DNA match, but neither of her brothers nor I have this match.

Anna Igo has a very complete family tree, which goes back to the Jeppsson-Assarsdotter couple (and several generations beyond).

My Brorström cousins and I have DNA matches with a total of five descendants of the Jeppsson-Assarsdotter couple, which taken as a whole, provide strong support for the genealogical record.