

My New DNA Match with Barbara Moores (née Ives) – A *Larsson* Family Connection

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I am interested in genetic genealogy – that is, the use of DNA to confirm and to extend my family tree. In this “hobby”, I make extensive use of the Ancestry.com website. The good folks at Ancestry are always tweaking their website to point out new features for users to try. When I logged in to the site a few days ago, I saw that they were hyping “Pro Tools”, and as an example, software on the site provided a link to my “Enhanced shared matches for Barbara Moores”:

Your Ancestry membership features
As an Ancestry subscriber, you have access to premium features and tools.

Included with your membership:

- Pro Tools →
- DNA by parent →
- Match relationship tools →
- Traits →

Pro Tools
Put your match data to work for you.

- See your matches' relationships to each other with enhanced shared matches.

[Enhanced shared matches for Barbara Moores](#)

I hardly ever look at these links – and certainly the name Barbara Moores didn't ring a bell. But for some reason, I followed the link. And I sure am glad that I did!

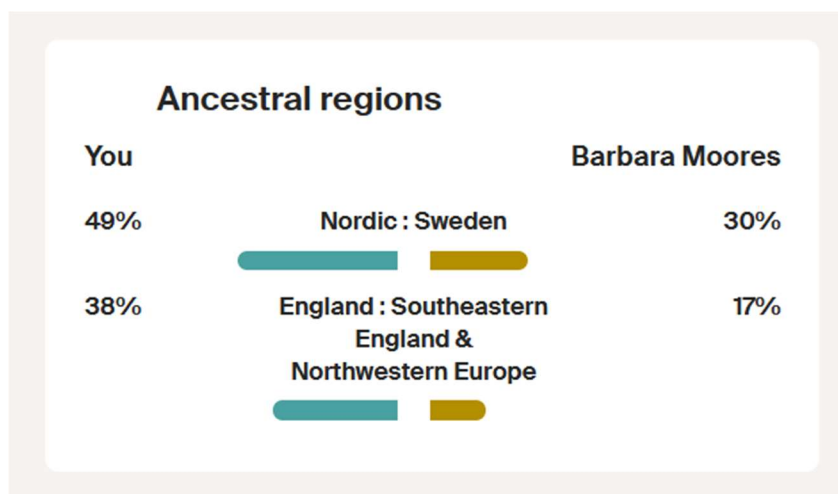
The link to the “Enhanced shared matches” with Barbara Moore first showed me our “Shared DNA Matches” from my perspective, from largest to smallest – here are the top six matches:

Shared match:	Your:	Barbara Moores's:
 Amy Oakley	Your: Daughter 3,455 cM Both sides	Barbara Moores's: Half 3rd cousin 1x removed or 3rd cousin 2x removed 27 cM
 PTB Larson	Your: 1st cousin 964 cM Maternal side	Barbara Moores's: 4th cousin or half 3rd cousin 1x removed 33 cM
 Stuart Eck	Your: 1st cousin 917 cM Maternal side	Barbara Moores's: Half 3rd cousin or 3rd cousin 1x removed 41 cM
 Susan Baker	Your: 1st cousin 881 cM Maternal side	Barbara Moores's: Half 3rd cousin or 3rd cousin 1x removed 56 cM
 Annmarie Brorström	Your: 1st cousin 793 cM Maternal side	Barbara Moores's: 4th cousin or half 3rd cousin 1x removed 23 cM
 Elizabeth Brorstrom Lynes	Your: 1st cousin 752 cM Maternal side	Barbara Moores's: Half 3rd cousin or 3rd cousin 1x removed 47 cM

Barbara and I both have DNA matches with my daughter Amy, as well as my five Swedish-American first-cousins – Peter, Stuart, Susan, Annmarie, and Beth. The father of these five individuals was my mother’s older brother, Paul Thure Brorström (1913-2001).

Barbara and I have lots of other “Shared DNA Matches”, and I’ll come back to them later in this narrative. But for now, it is enough to know that Barbara has to be related to me on my mother’s side of the family. Since all four of my mother’s grandparents were Swedes who immigrated to America in the 1880’s, I knew that Barbara and I must have a Swedish couple as our common ancestors.

Indeed, when I looked at Barbara’s ethnicity estimates, I learned that she is 30% Swedish:



But I digress...

Since I have the “Pro Tools” on Ancestry.com, I was able to look at my “Shared DNA Matches” with Barbara from HER perspective – from largest to smallest:

Shared match:	Your:	Barbara Moores's:
Robert Bergmark	Your: 2nd cousin 1x removed 179 cM Maternal side	Barbara's: Uncle or half brother 1,601 cM
David Bergmark	Your: Half 3rd cousin 1x removed or 3rd cousin 2x removed 24 cM Maternal side	Barbara's: 2nd cousin 1x removed 172 cM
Nils Gunnar Carlsson	Your: 3rd cousin 109 cM Maternal side	Barbara's: 2nd cousin 1x removed 122 cM

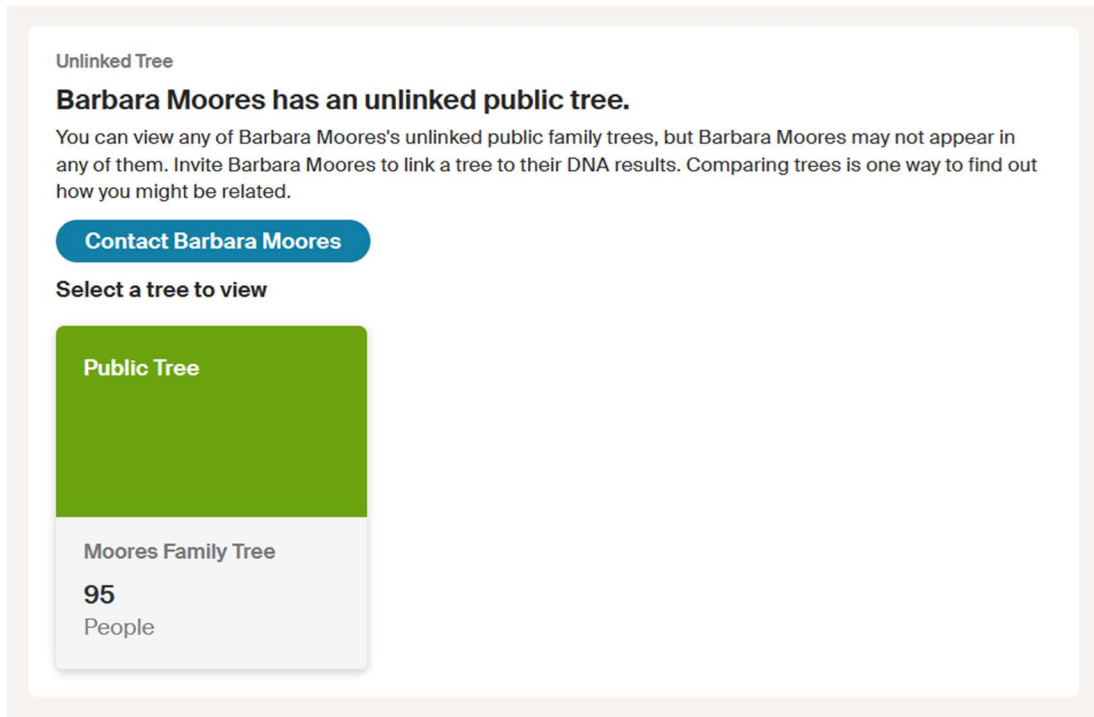
Oh my! Her largest “Shared DNA Match” is with Robert Bergmark and based on the size of her DNA match with him (1, 601 cM), he could be her uncle. I wrote about my DNA match with Robert Bergmark in 2018:

<http://www.burksoakley.com/SwedishGenealogy/BergmarkLarssonConnection.pdf>

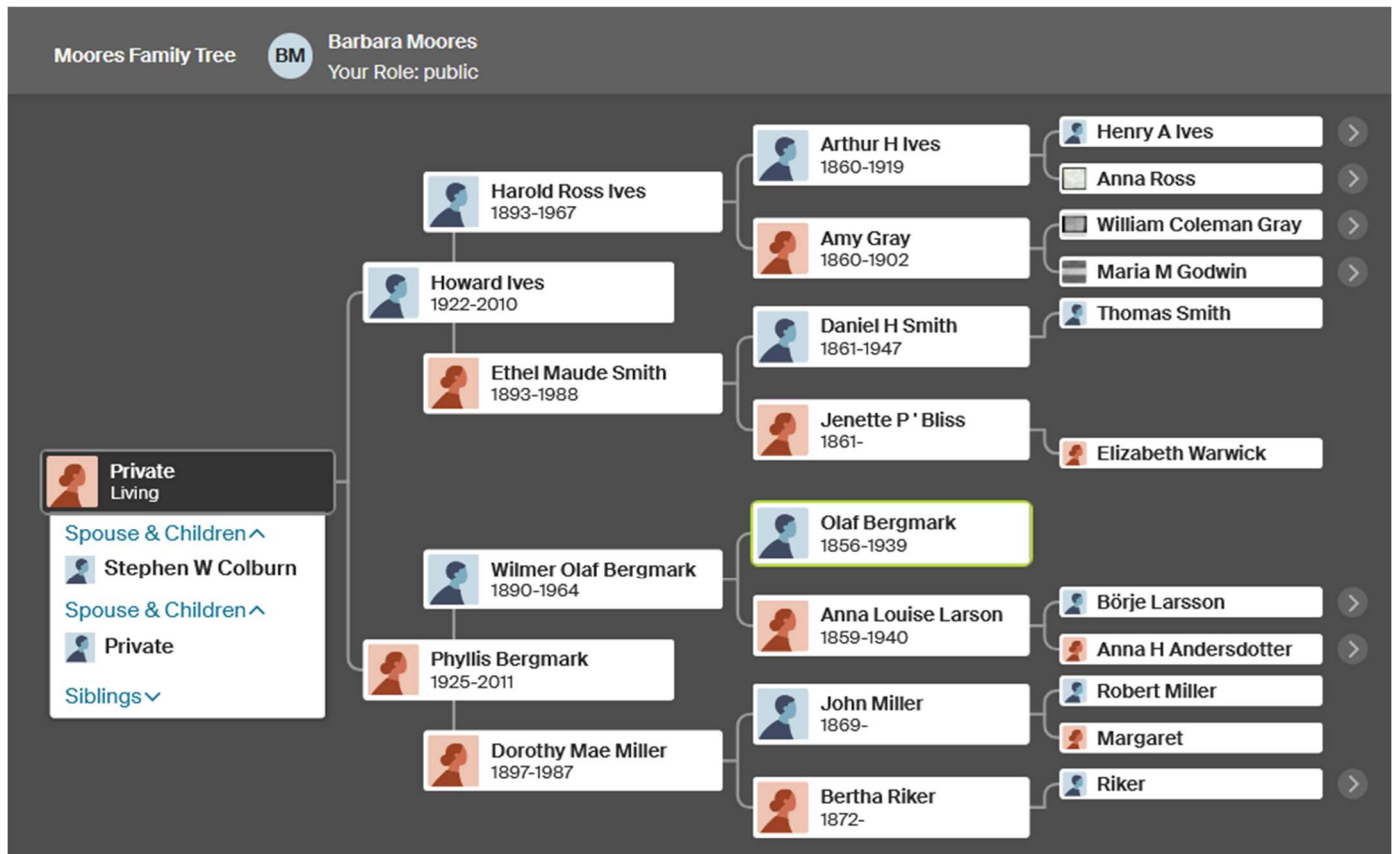
Robert and I are both descended from Börje Larsson (1835-1878) and his wife Anna Helena Andersdotter (1837-). This couple were my second-great

grandparents, and they lived in Fjärås, Halland County, Sweden. And now I learn from DNA that Robert could be Barbara Moores' uncle.

Of course, I immediately went to look at Barbara's family tree on the Ancestry.com website. I initially was really disappointed, since her tree is "unlinked" – that is, it is NOT linked to her DNA:



But my initial disappointment immediately disappeared when I looked at Barbara's pedigree chart:



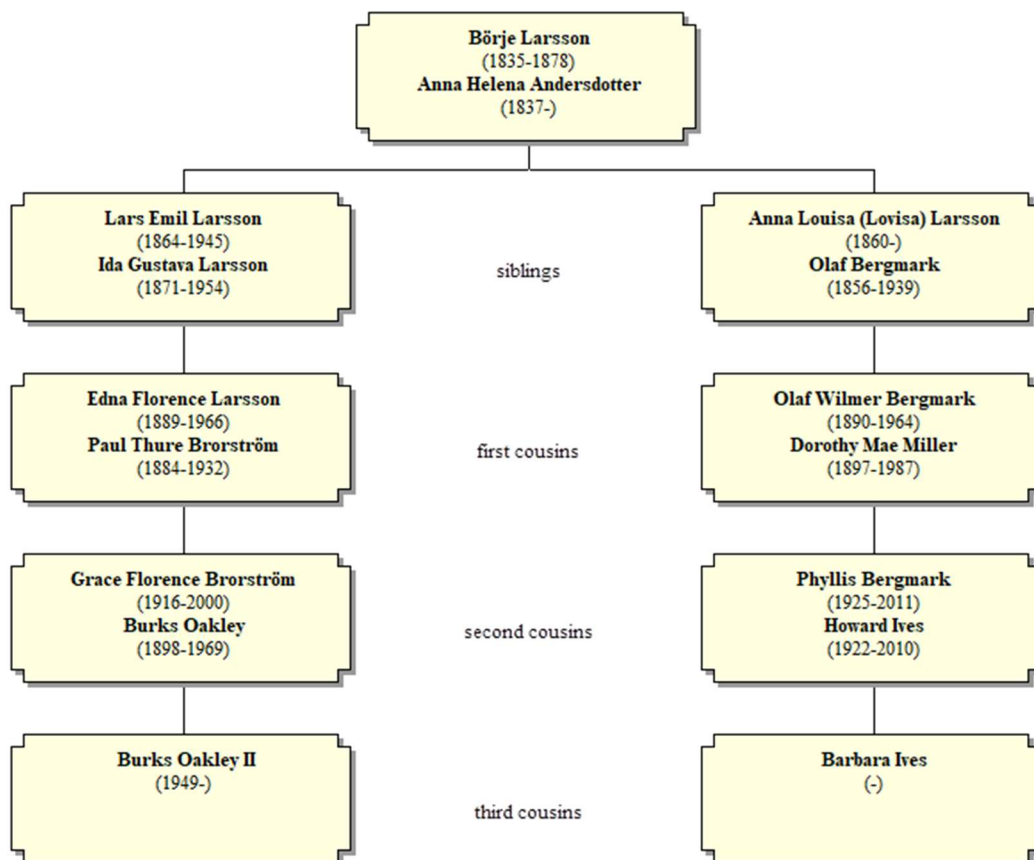
Wow! Barbara is descended from Börje Larsson and Anna Helena Andersdotter – just like Robert Bergmark is (and just like I am). Barbara is descended from the **Larsson-Andersdotter** couple through their daughter Anna Louise Larson (1859-1940). I believe that her name was Americanized from Anna Louisa Börjesdotter when she immigrated to America.

Barbara's parents were Phyllis Bergmark (1925-2011) and Howard Ives (1922-2010). My mother exchanged Christmas cards with this couple – in fact, here is their entry from her address book:

Phyllis and Howard Ives
 North Road, RR 1 – Box 441
 Walpole, NH 03608

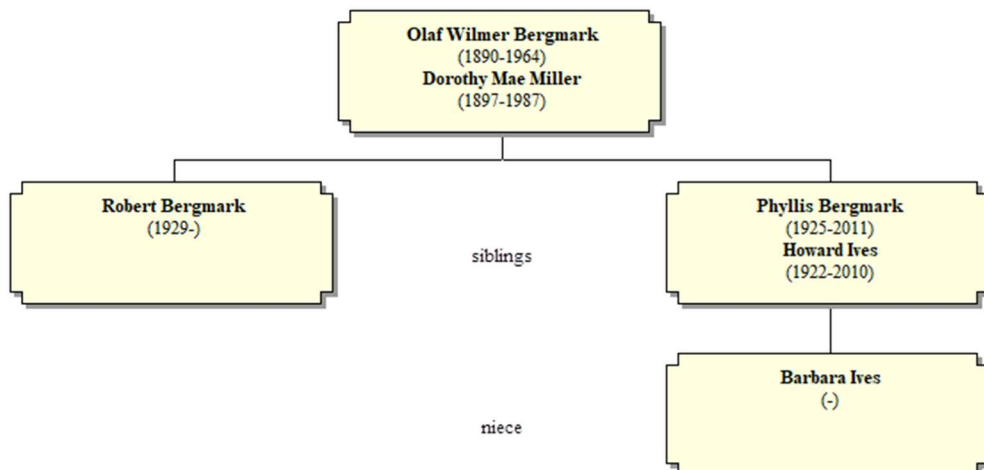
Of course, this means that Barbara Moores is really Barbara Ives – her second husband must have the surname **Moores**. It would be so much easier if married women used their maiden names when dealing with genealogy.

I added Barbara Moores (née Ives) to my RootsMagic database. Here is a chart showing how Barbara and I are related:










As shown in this chart, Barbara and I are third-cousins.

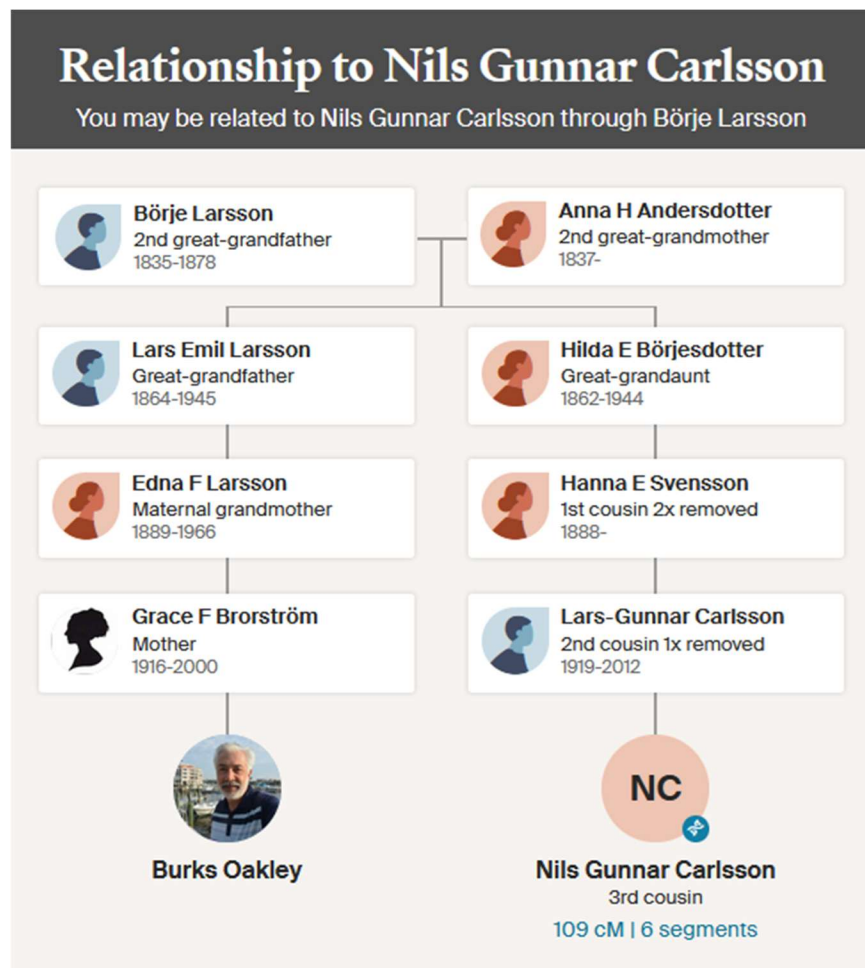
Based on the size of her DNA match with Robert Bergmark, he could be her uncle. Here is a chart showing their relationship, and indeed he is/was her uncle:



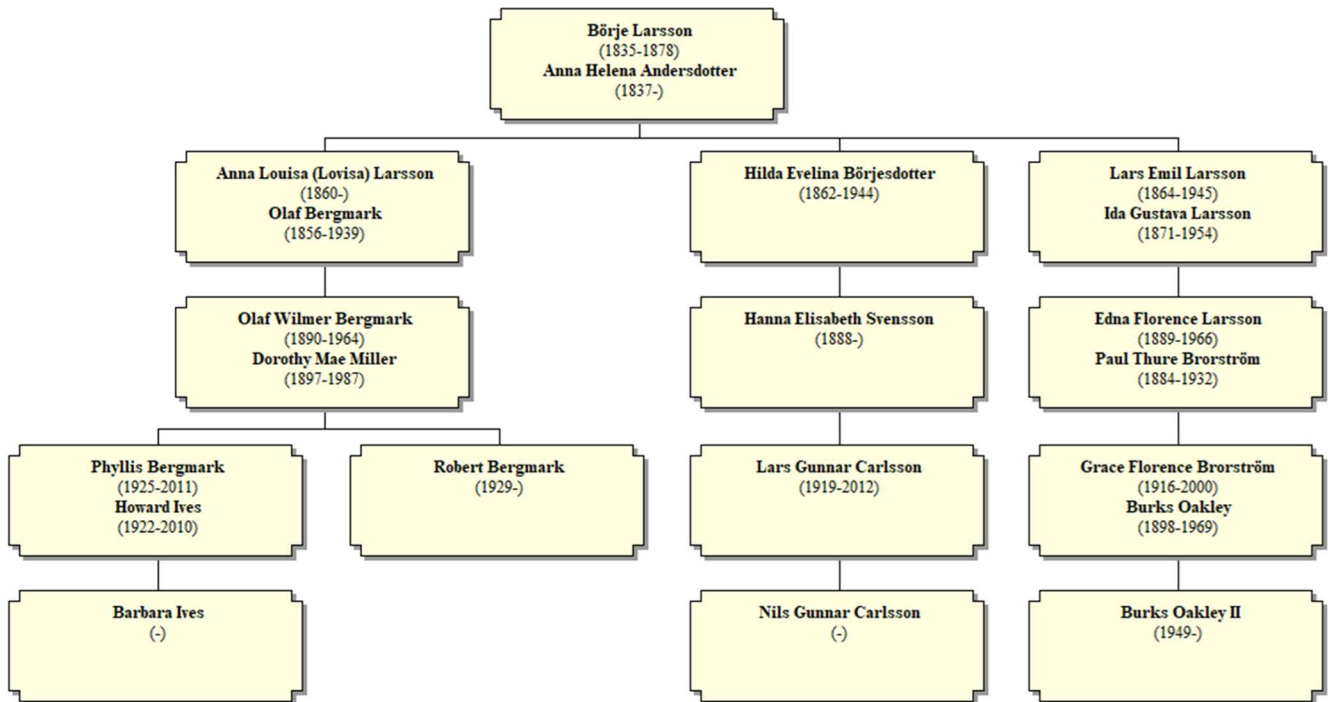
Let me now go back to the “Shared DNA Matches” that I have with Barbara Moores. Again, I’ll view these matches from Barbara’s perspective, from largest to smallest:

Shared match:	Your:	Barbara Moores's:
 Robert Bergmark	 + Your: 2nd cousin 1x removed 179 cM Maternal side	Barbara's: Uncle or half brother 1,601 cM
 David Bergmark	 + Your: Half 3rd cousin 1x removed or 3rd cousin 2x removed 24 cM Maternal side	Barbara's: 2nd cousin 1x removed 172 cM
 Nils Gunnar Carlsson	  + Your: 3rd cousin 109 cM Maternal side	Barbara's: 2nd cousin 1x removed 122 cM

The third person on this list is Nils Gunnar Carlsson, and the first icon next to his name indicates that software on Ancestry.com has identified our common ancestors. When I looked at my DNA match with Nils Gunnar, I learned that he and I are also descended from the **Larsson-Andersdotter** couple:



So now I should be able to construct a chart showing how Robert, Barbara, Nils Gunnar, and I are all related. And here is that chart:

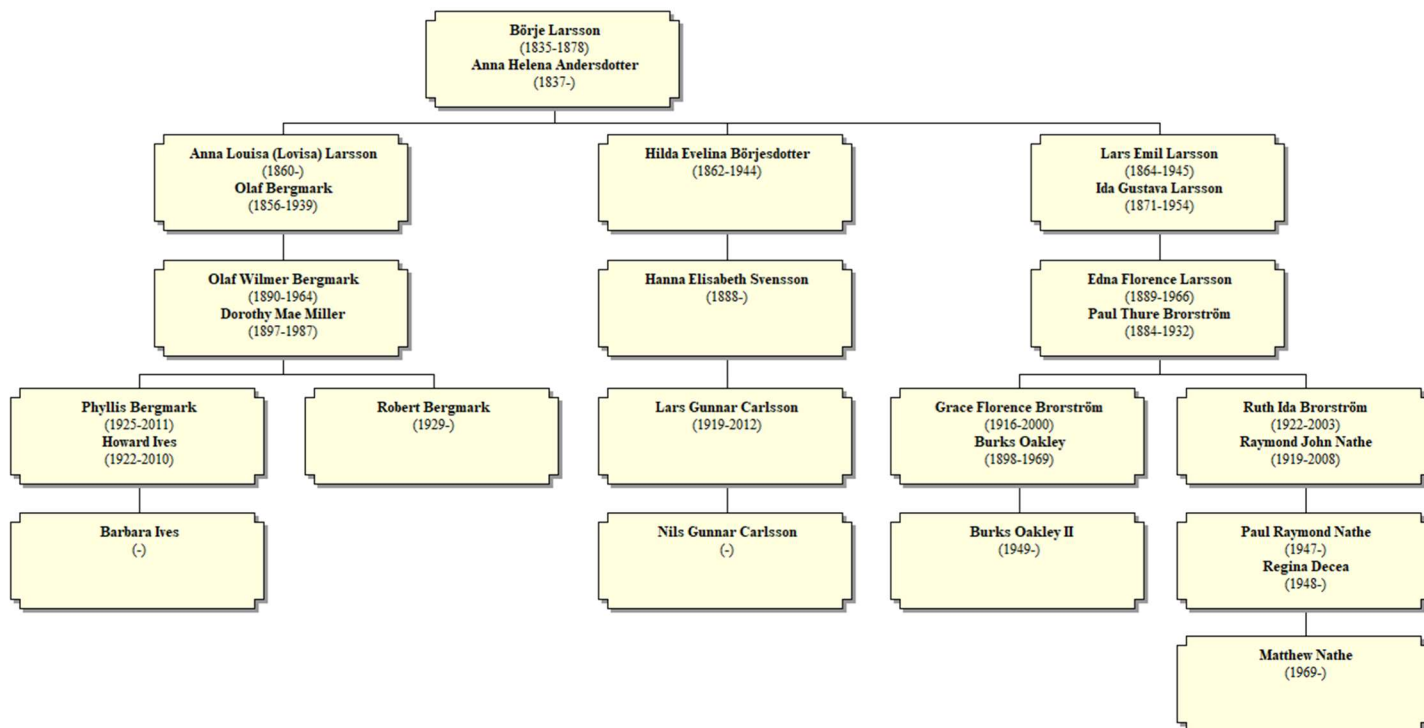


As an aside, the three children of the *Larsson-Andersdotter* couple at the top of this chart would have been born with the surname *Börjesdotter* or *Börjesson*, consistent with the patronymic naming convention used in Sweden at that time. Hilda, who lived in Sweden her entire life, did not change her name (until she married). But Anna Louisa and Lars Emil both changed their family name to *Larsson* when they immigrated to America. No doubt *Larsson* was an easier name for Americans to pronounce.

I next went back to the “Shared DNA Matches” that I have with Barbara Moores (née Ives). Here are those matches where our common ancestors are known:

Shared match:	Your:	Barbara Moores's:
Hannes Hallgren	Your: Half 2nd cousin 1x removed or 2nd cousin 2x removed 98 cM Maternal side	Barbara Moores's: 3rd cousin 1x removed or half 2nd cousin 2x removed 52 cM
guido548	Your: 4th cousin or half 3rd cousin 1x removed 18 cM Maternal side	Barbara Moores's: Half 3rd cousin or 3rd cousin 1x removed 49 cM
Diana langston	Your: 4th cousin or half 3rd cousin 1x removed 8 cM Maternal side	Barbara Moores's: 4th cousin or half 3rd cousin 1x removed 36 cM
john roberts	Your: Half 3rd cousin 1x removed or 4th cousin 26 cM Maternal side	Barbara Moores's: 4th cousin or half 3rd cousin 1x removed 35 cM
sheila roberts	Your: Half 3rd cousin 1x removed or 3rd cousin 2x removed 6 cM Maternal side	Barbara Moores's: Half 3rd cousin 1x removed or 4th cousin 35 cM
Samantha Roberts	Your: 3rd cousin 2x removed or half 2nd cousin 3x removed 26 cM Maternal side	Barbara's: 3rd cousin 2x removed or half 3rd cousin 1x removed 33 cM
pdrpam1	Your: Half 3rd cousin 1x removed or 4th cousin 23 cM Maternal side	Barbara's: 4th cousin or half 3rd cousin 1x removed 31 cM
Matthew Nathe	Your: 1st cousin 1x removed 361 cM Maternal side	Barbara Moores's: 4th cousin or half 3rd cousin 1x removed 26 cM
MICHAEL BAUMANN	Your: 4th cousin 30 cM Maternal side	Barbara Moores's: 4th cousin or half 3rd cousin 1x removed 21 cM
tessa langston	Your: 3rd cousin 2x removed or half 3rd cousin 1x removed 7 cM Maternal side	Barbara Moores's: 3rd cousin 2x removed or half 3rd cousin 1x removed 21 cM

One match that stands out is Matthew Nathe. Mathew is a grandson of Ruth Brorström Nathe, who was my mother's younger sister. I added Matthew to the overall relationship chart that I showed previously:

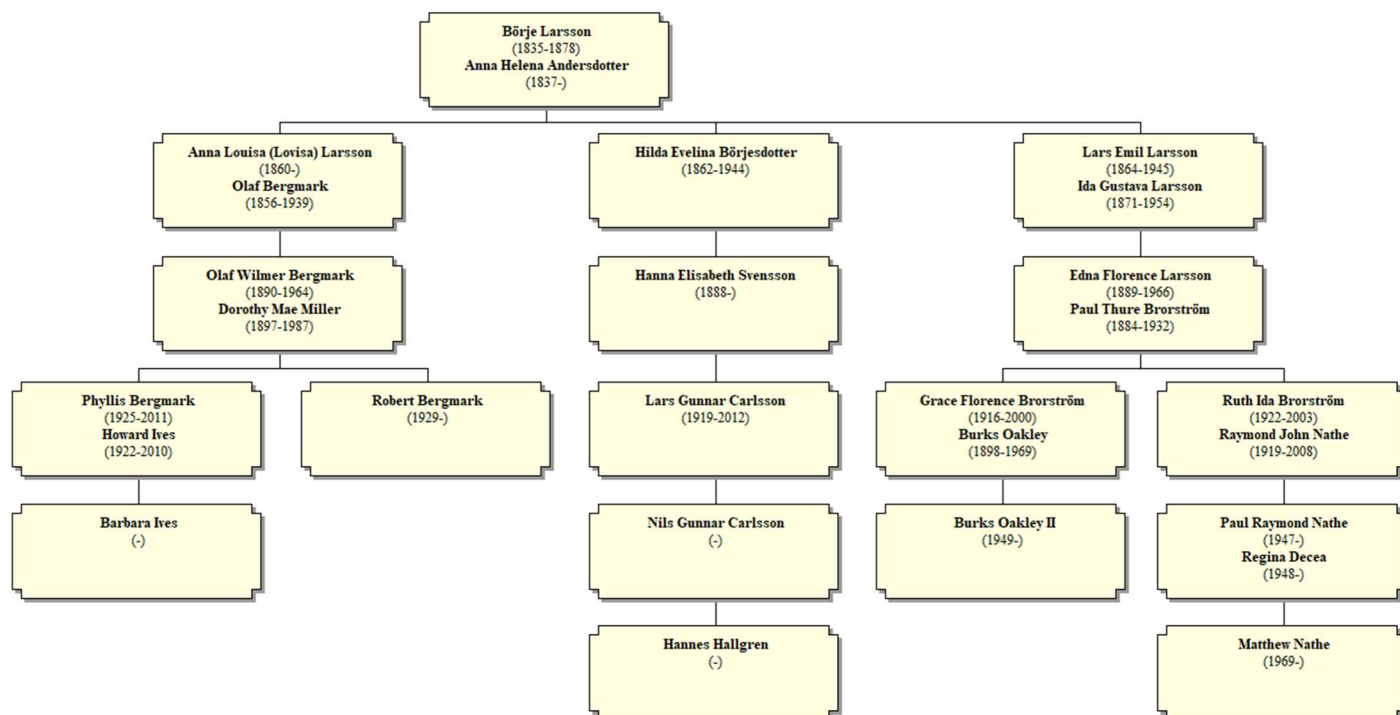


Of course, this chart is missing our “Shared DNA Matches” with my Swedish-American cousins Peter, Beth, Annmarie, Susan, and Stuart, as well as with my daughter Amy.

One of the other “Shared DNA Matches” on the previous page is Hannes Hallgren, and I know from previous work that he is the son of Nils Gunnar Carlsson – see:

<http://www.burksoakley.com/SwedishGenealogy/HannesHallgren-LarssonConnection.pdf>

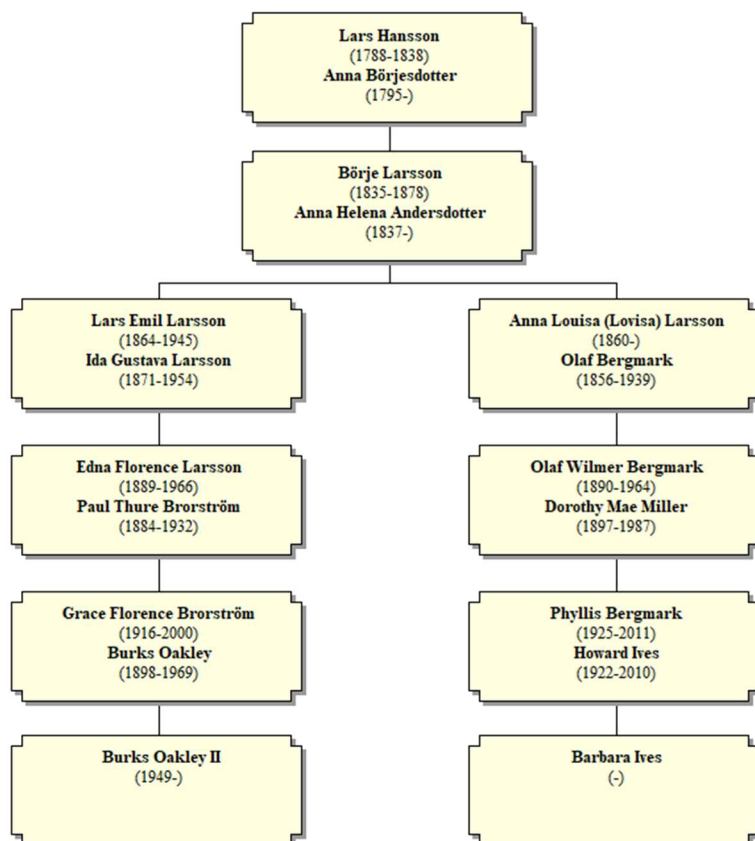
So now I can add Hannes Hallgren to the relationship chart:



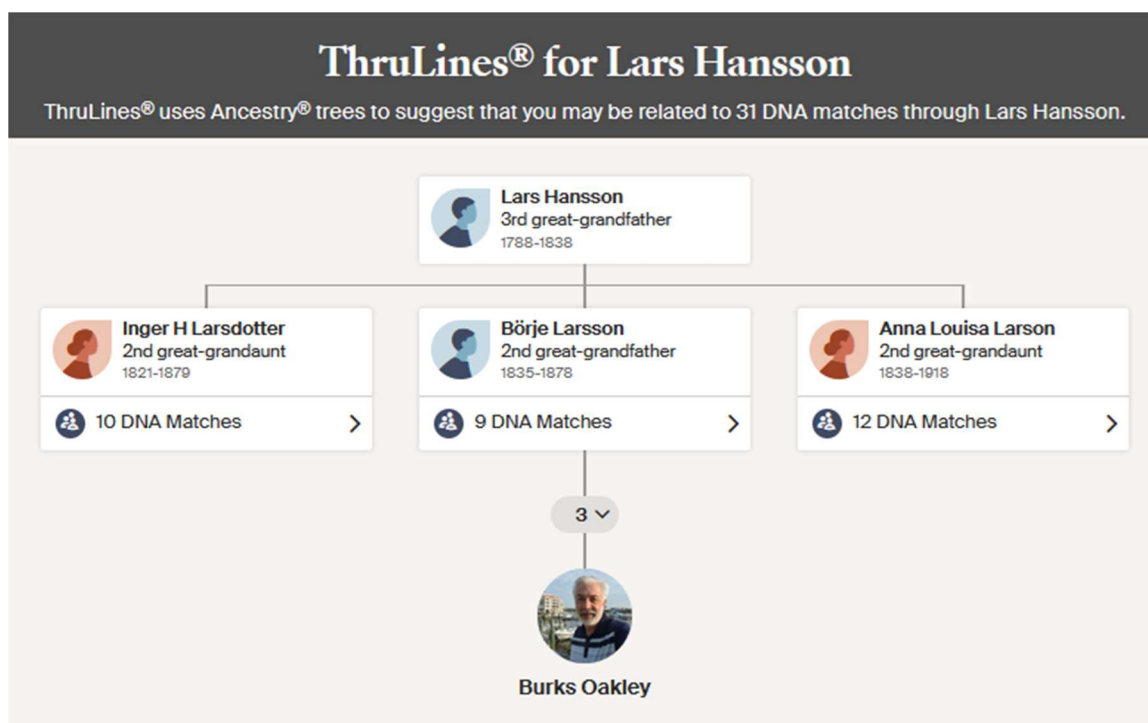
Again, Barbara and I have “Shared DNA Matches” with Robert Bergmark, Nils Gunnar Carlsson and his son Hannes Hallgren, and Matthew Nathe. All of us are descended from Börje Larsson and his wife Anna Helena Andersdotter.

But what about all of the other “Shared DNA Matches” shown several pages back? Well, it turns out that they all are descended from the parents of Börje Larsson, who were Lars Hansson (1788-1838) and his wife Anna Börjesdotter (1795-).

Since Barbara’s DNA profile is not linked to her family tree, she doesn’t show up in any relationship charts constructed by Ancestry.com. So here is a chart created from my RootsMagic database showing how Barbara and I are both descended from the *Hansson-Börjesdotter* couple:

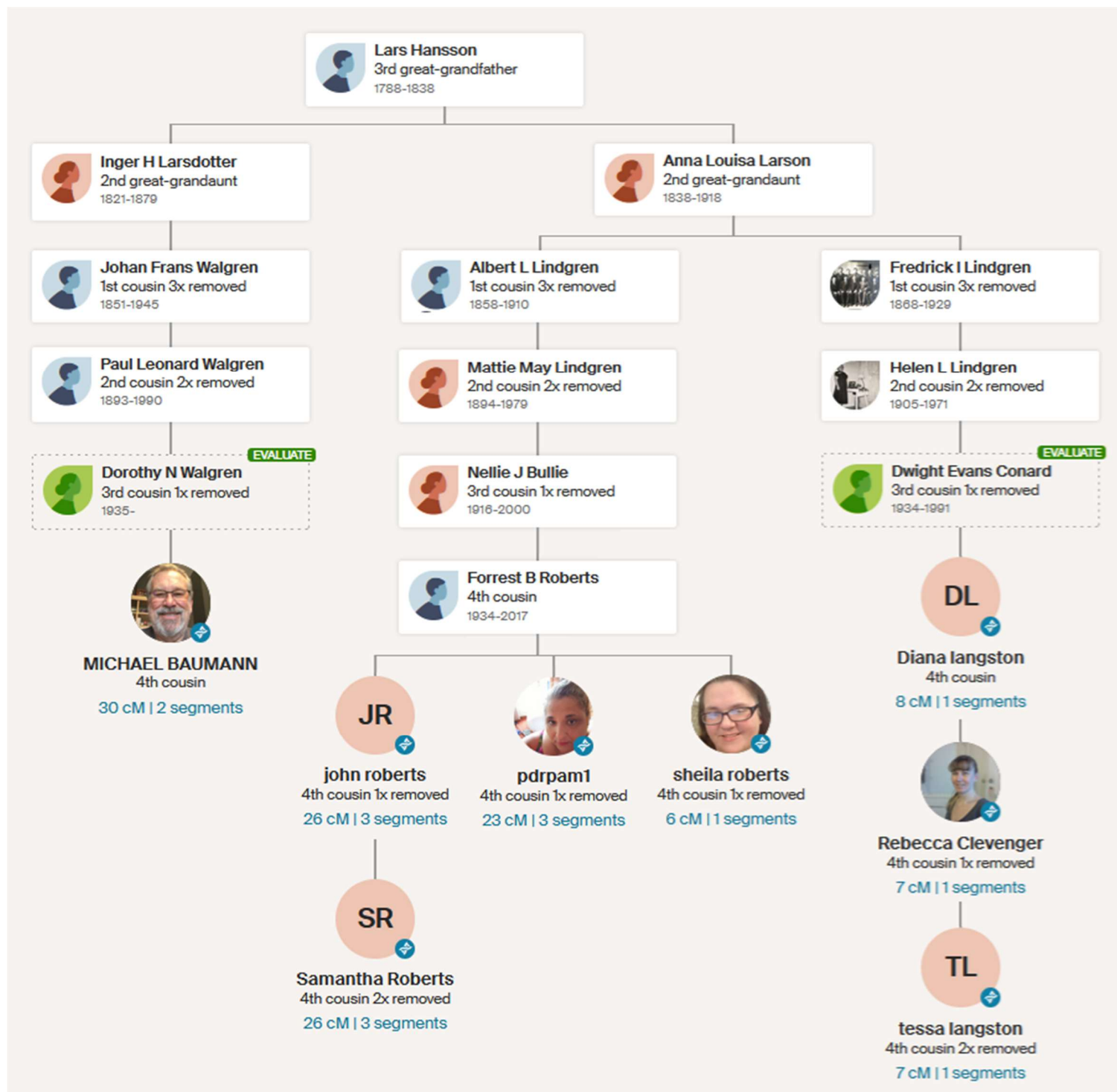


Here is my ThruLines® chart for Lars Hansson with all of the lines “closed”:



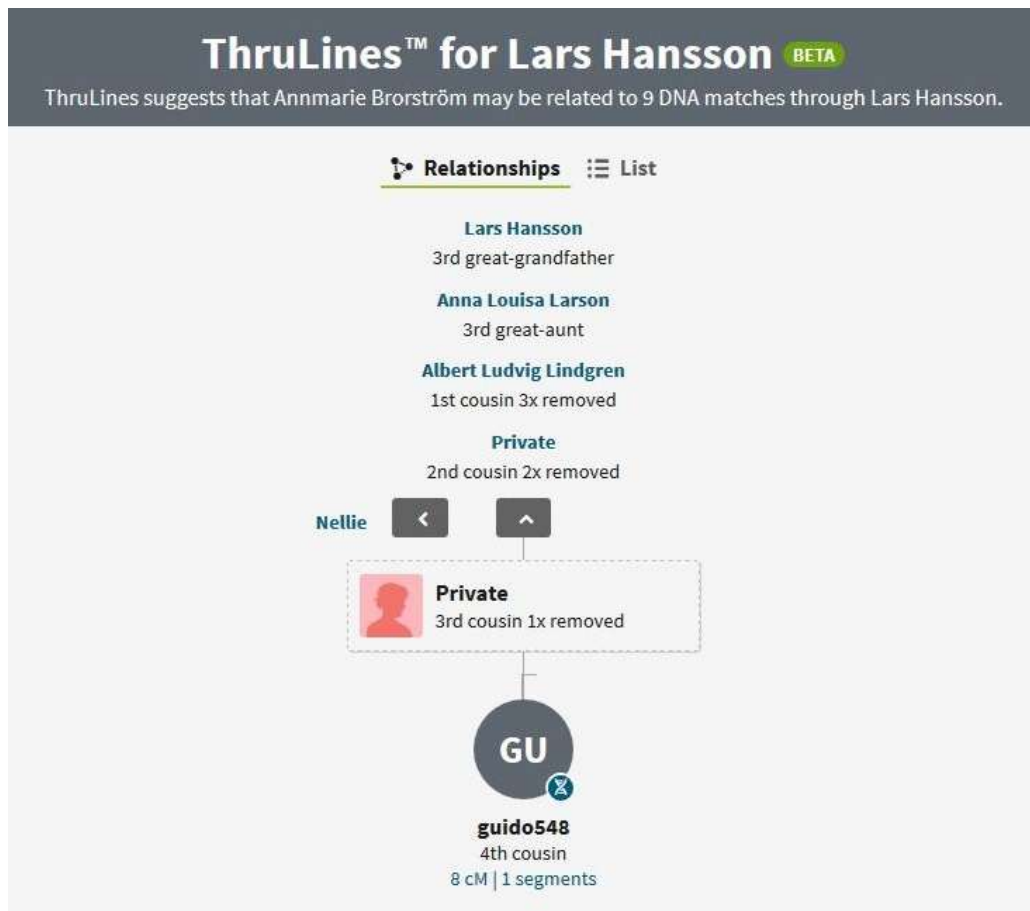
Note that I have DNA matches with thirty-one descendants of Lars Hansson. I should add that my ThruLines® chart for Lars Hansson’s wife, Anna Börjesdotter, looks identical to this chart.

And here is an excerpt from my ThruLines® chart for Lars Hansson:



This excerpt of my overall ThruLines® chart includes my DNA matches with Michael Baumann, John Roberts and his daughter Samantha Roberts, *pdrpam1*, Sheila Roberts, and Diana Langston and her granddaughter Tessa Langston. Recall that Barbara also has DNA matches with these individuals.

There was one more person on my list of “Shared DNA Matches” with Barbara Moores (née Ives) – and that was a man having the username of *guido548*. I have corresponded with him in the past, and I know that his real name is Tony Bosco. It seems that since I interacted with him, he changed his family tree to “Private” and “not searchable”, so he no longer shows up in ThruLines® charts. However, I have a screenshot from 2019 showing how he is descended from Lars Hansson:



What about the parents of Anna Helena Andersdotter? This couple were Anders Hansson (1816-1848) and his wife Anna Kristina Andreasdatter (1817-). Interestingly, I do not have any DNA matches with descendants of their children, other than Anna Helena Andersdotter. Oh well....

At this point, I should mention that I have written a number of narratives about my DNA matches that go back to Fjärås, Sweden, through my great-grandfather, Lars Emil Larsson. Many of these narratives can be found at:

<http://www.burksoakley.com/SwedishGenealogy/#Lars-Emil-Larsson>

Summary:

In this narrative, I began with a prompt from software on Ancestry.com to look at my “Enhanced shared matches for Barbara Moores”. To make a long story short, I learned that Barbara’s maiden name is Ives, and she and I are both descended from Börje Larsson (1835-1878) and his wife Anna Helena Andersdotter (1837-). This couple were my second-great grandparents, and they lived in Fjärås, Halland County, Sweden. Barbara and I are third-cousins.

Barbara and I have “Shared DNA Matches” with a number of other descendants of the **Larsson-Andersdotter** couple, including my Swedish-American first-cousins Peter, Beth, Annmarie, Susan, and Stuart, as well as my daughter Amy. Other “Shared DNA Matches” descended from this couple include Robert Bergmark, Matthew Nathe, Nils Gunnar Carlsson, and Hannes Hallgren.

Börje Larsson’s parents were Lars Hansson (1788-1838) and his wife Anna Börjesdotter (1795-), and Barbara and I also have “Shared DNA Matches” with descendants of this couple, including Michael Baumann, John Roberts and his daughter Samantha Roberts, **pdrpam1**, Sheila Roberts, Diana Langston and her granddaughter Tessa Langston, and Tony Bosco.

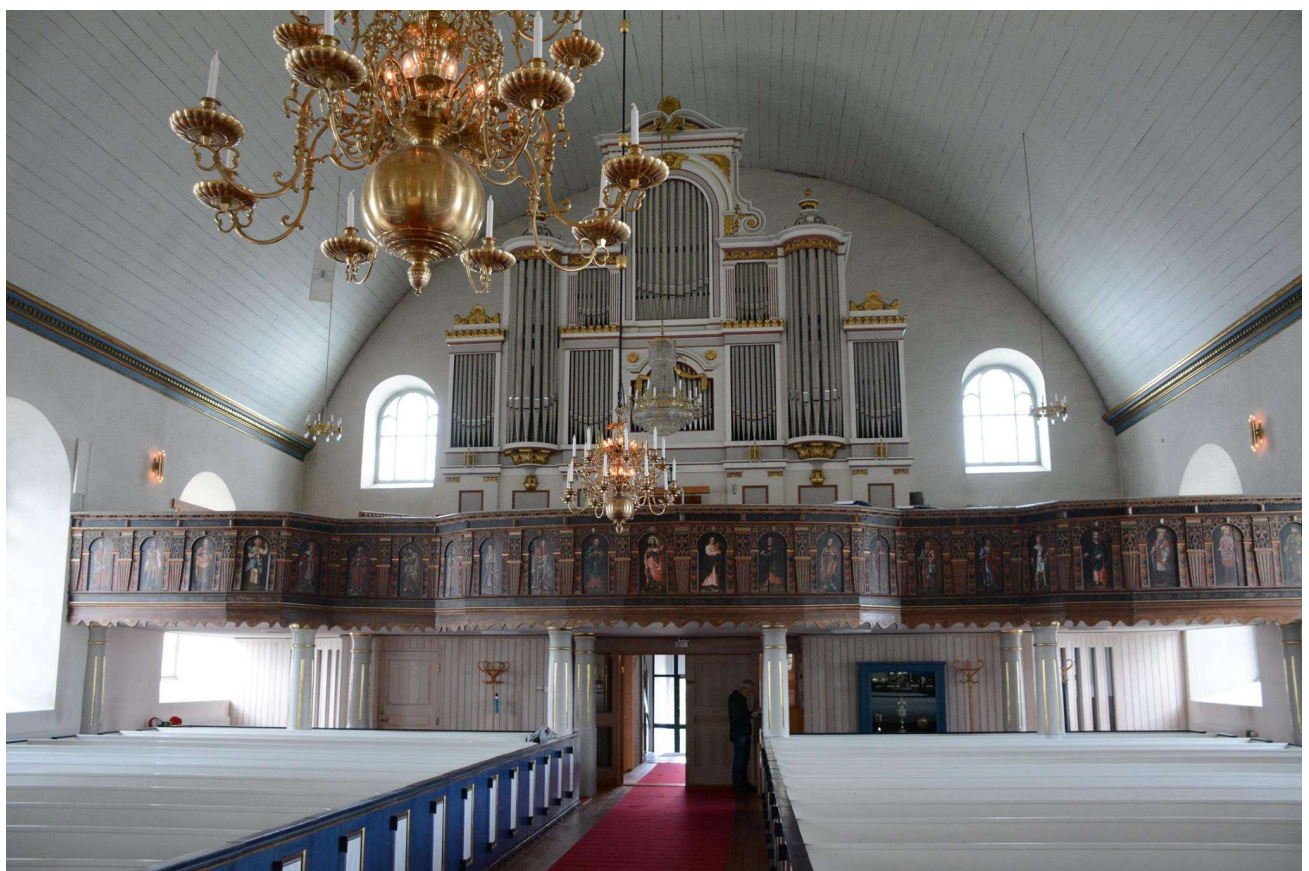
All of the “Shared DNA Matches” presented in this narrative provide strong support for the branch of my family tree going back to my great-grandfather Lars Emil Larsson, his parents, and his paternal grandparents, who lived in Fjärås, Halland County, Sweden.

Appendix: Photos from Fjärås, Halland County, Sweden

Here are some photos that I took on my first visit to Fjärås in July 2016:



Fjärås Church (Fjärås kyrka) is a historic church in Fjärås, Kungsbacka Municipality, Sweden, with roots going back to the 12th century; it is known for its traditional Swedish architecture and significance to the local community.



The pipe organ inside Fjärås Church (Fjärås kyrka).



The altar inside Fjärås Church (Fjärås kyrka).



The view from the graveyard next to Fjärås Church (Fjärås kyrka). The Kattegat is visible in the distance (the Kattegat is the name of a large sea area connecting the North Sea to the Baltic Sea, situated between Denmark and Sweden).



A framed photograph of the Fjärås Church (Fjärås kyrka) from 1948 that I found for sale on eBay - <https://www.ebay.com/itm/335983855003>
We had a similar photo hanging on the wall in our apartment in Euclid, Ohio, when I was a child.