

More About My Genealogical Connections with Eva Josefsson (née Gunnarsson)

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Introduction

My mother's four grandparents all were Swedish immigrants who came to America in the 1880's. In the past few years, I have become very interested in my Swedish roots, and to that end, I have been searching my DNA matches on the Ancestry.com website for common ancestors who lived in Sweden. I want to expand and confirm my family tree through these DNA matches.

My DNA Match with Eva Josefsson

One of the first DNA matches I found with a Swede was with Eva Josefsson (née Gunnarsson), who lives in Halmstad, which is the capital of Halland County and is located on the west coast of Sweden. In early 2019, I wrote a narrative about this DNA match – see:

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

I visited Eva and her husband Sterner when I was in Sweden in 2018 and 2019.



Eva and Sterner in their home in Halmstad, Sweden

I also have met a number of Eva's siblings, as well as her mother Milli Gunnarsson (née Amonsson). As an aside, the Swedish pronunciation of "Eva" is somewhat like the English word "Ava".

I originally learned that I was related to Eva on the Wennström side of my family, but in the past few years, I found that I have a second genealogical connection to Eva.


When I look at my DNA match with Eva on the Ancestry.com website, I view the following panel:

How are you and Eva Josefsson related?

Common Ancestors 🌿

According to Ancestry member trees, these are the common ancestors that connect you and Eva Josefsson. View a common ancestor to see the relationship path that connects you.

Eva Josefsson could be your half 4th cousin through:



Jan Petter Wennström
3rd great-grandfather
1778-1862
[View Relationship](#)


[View more possible connections](#) ←

This panel shows that our common ancestor was Jan Petter Wennström (1778-1862), who was my third-great grandfather. But there is another connection:

Common Ancestors ✕


You are possibly related to Eva Josefsson through multiple common ancestors. View a common ancestor to see the relationship path that connects you.

Eva Josefsson could be your half 4th cousin through:




Jan Petter Wennström
3rd great-grandfather
1778-1862
[View Relationship](#)

Eva Josefsson could be your 5th cousin 1x removed through:



Nils Mårtensson
4th great-grandfather
1722-1806
[View Relationship](#)



Johanna Persdotter
4th great-grandmother
1737-1813
[View Relationship](#)

Eva and I also are descended from Nils Mårtensson (1722-1806) and his wife Johanna Persdotter (1737-1813); this couple were my fourth-great grandparents.

Here is a chart showing how Eva and I both are descended from Jan Petter Wennström:

Relationship to Eva Josefsson

You may be related to Eva Josefsson through Jan Petter Wennström



I am descended from Jan Petter Wennström through his son Nils Wennström (1815-1914), while Eva is descended from him through his son Han Petter Wennström (1835-1923). On these lines, Eva and I are “half” fourth-cousins.

Here is a profile for Jan Petter Wennström from the Ancestry.com website:

S Josefsson Släkträd Tree search SternerJosefsson

Jan Petter Wennström

BIRTH 20 AUG 1778 • Sundby, Ornö, Stockholm, Sverige
DEATH 6 JUL 1862 • Hålsult, Tåssjö (L)

Family

Parents

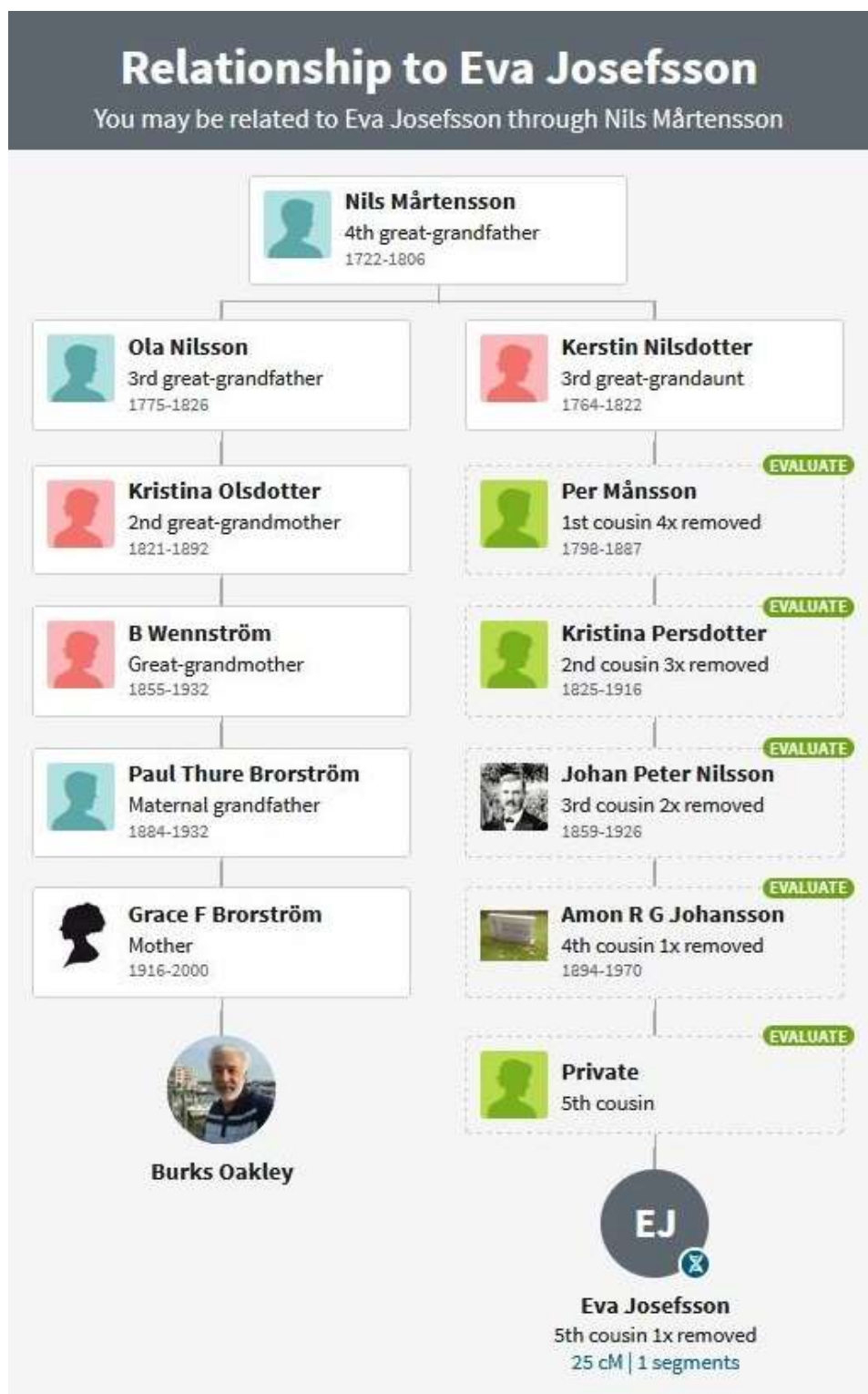
- Pähr Wennström 1747-1795
- Anna Elisabet Malmberg 1756-1795

Spouse & Children

- Maja Nilsdotter 1776-1819
 - Karl Petter Wennström 1802-1887
 - Anna Stina Wennström 1806-1855
 - Magnus Wennström 1809-1898
 - Sissela Wennström 1812-
 - Nils Wennström 1815-1914
 - Sven Wennström 1817-1912
- Johanna Pehrsdotter 1801-1888
 - Måns Wennström 1821-1821
 - Andreas Wennström 1823-1831
 - Fredrik Wennström 1825-1912
 - Maria Wennström 1827-1869
 - Johannes Wennström 1829-1851
 - Andreas Wennström 1833-1924
 - Hans Petter Wennström 1835-1923
 - Lars Wennström 1839-1844

Nils was Jan Petter’s son from his first marriage to Maja Nilsson (1776-1819), while Hans Petter was Jan Petter’s son from his second marriage to Johanna Persdotter (1801-1888). Since Nils and Hans Petter had different mothers, Eva and I have a “half” relationship on this line.

Here is a chart showing the second relationship between Eva and me:



I am descended from Nils Mårtensson through his son Ola Nilsson (1775-1826), while Eva is descended from him through his daughter Kerstin Nilsson (1764-1822). On this line, I am a fifth-cousin of Eva’s mother, and therefore Eva and I are fifth-cousins once-removed. [The relationship chart going back to Nils Mårtensson’s wife Johanna Persdotter is identical to this chart, with Johanna substituted for Nils.]

Here is a chart showing the two ways in which Eva and I are related:



The Mårtensson-Persdotter couple is in the upper-right of this chart and is labelled with a red number one. Jan Petter Wennström is in the upper-center of this chart and is labelled with a red number two.

I recently found that I have a DNA match with a Swede named Karl-Gustaf Bengtsson. I wrote about this DNA match in a narrative at:

<http://www.burksoakley.com/SwedishGenealogy/Karl-Gustaf-Bengtsson.pdf>

Eva also has a DNA match with Karl-Gustaf. Here is a chart showing how all three of us are related (although Eva wrote to tell me that she actually has multiple genealogical connections with Karl-Gustaf):



This chart goes back one more generation, to Johanna Persdotter's parents, Per Månsson (1705-1788) and Gundel Åkesdotter (1710-1785).

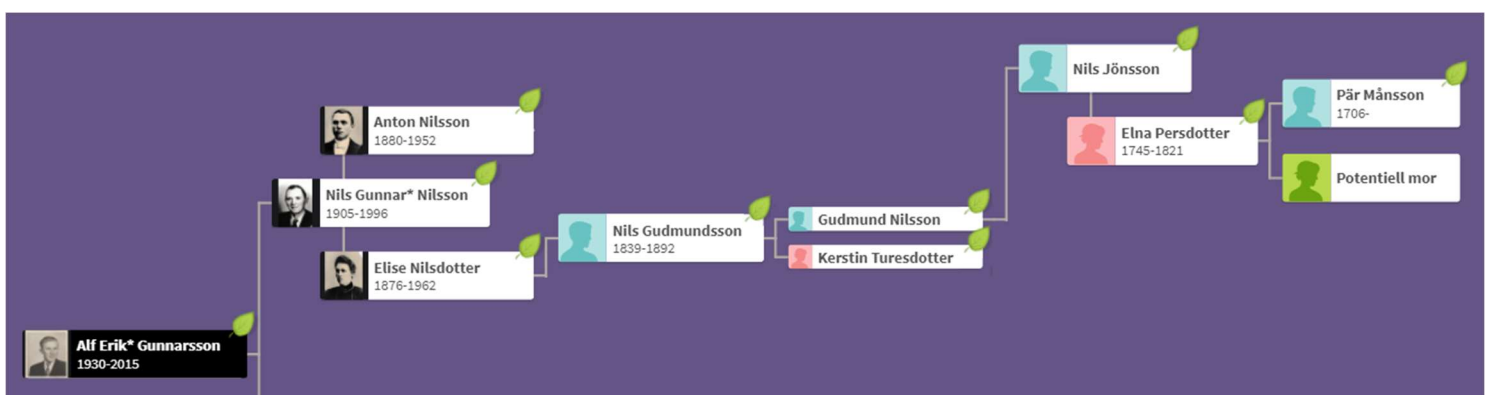
I sent the narrative about the DNA match with Karl-Gustaf to Eva, and she replied in an e-mail (in Swedish). Here is part of that e-mail:

Per Månsson, som du skriver om, hade flera barn, två av dem var döttrarna Johanna och Elna. Dottern Johanna är länken till dig, och Elna är min och Karl-Gustavs länk. Om detta stämmer så är du och jag också släkt på min fars sida, inte bara på min mors sida!

I believe that this says:

Per Månsson, as you write about, had several children, two of whom were daughters Johanna and Elna. The daughter Johanna is the link to you, and Elna is my and Karl-Gustav's link. If this is true, you and I are also related on my father's side, not just on my mother's side!

Eva included a pedigree for her father, Alf Erik* Gunnarsson (1930-2015), going back to Per Månsson:



Interesting!

Eva's Line Back from Alf Erik* Gunnarsson

Eva's DNA profile and family tree on Ancestry.com is maintained by her husband, Sterner Josefsson. Sterner actually has four different trees on this website:

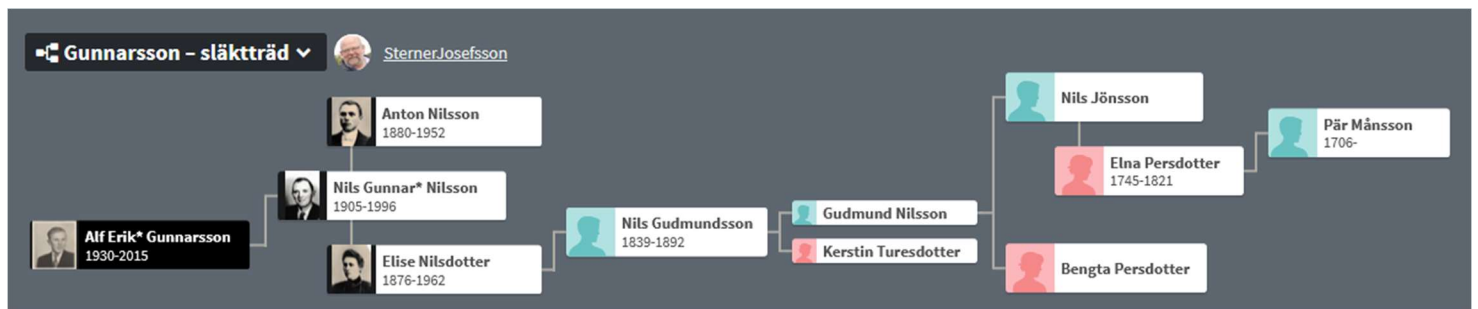
SternerJosefsson
Halmstad, Halland, Sweden Age: 60+
Speaks: Swedish, English

Family History

FAMILY TREES

- Gunnarsson - släkträd**
566 People; 454 Records; 46 Media
- Sterner - släkträd**
65 People; 19 Records; 16 Media
- S Josefsson Släkträd**
6,291 People; 477 Records; 144 Media
- G Josefsson Släkträd**
180 People; 6 Records; 3 Media

I looked at Sterner's "Gunnarsson - släkträd" (Gunnarsson family tree):



I decided to look at this ancestral line in detail. I started with Eva's paternal grandfather (farfar), Nils Gunnar* Nilsson (1905-1996). Here is his profile from the tree owned by *deanna854* on Ancestry.com:

Pedersen Family Tree Tree search deanna854

Nils Gunnar Nilsson
BIRTH 20 DEC 1905 • Yllevad 7, Våxtorp, Halland, Sverige
DEATH 27 JUL 1996 • Laholm, Halland, Sverige

Family

Parents

- Anton Nilsson 1880-1952
- Elise Nilsdotter 1876-1962

Spouse & Children

- Anna Nilsson 1907-1993
- Alf Erik* Gunnarsson 1930-2015

The next generation going back in the pedigree chart was Elise Nilsdotter (1876-1962). Here is her profile - again from the tree owned by *deanna854*:

Pedersen Family Tree ▾ Tree search deanna854

Elise Nilsson
 BIRTH 9 DEC 1876 • Hasslöv, Halland, Sverige
 DEATH 19 SEP 1962 • Skummeslöv 13:16, Halland, Sverige

Family

Parents

- Nils Gudmundsson 1839-1892
- Kristina Jönsdotter 1841-1923

Spouse & Children

- Anton Nilsson 1880-1952
- Nils Gunnar Nilsson 1905-1996
- Bertha Elisabeth 1909-1997
- Agnes Frideborg Nilsson 1910-
- Carl Börje Nilsson 1915-2000

Continuing on back another generation gets me to Nils Gudmundsson (1839-1892). This profile is from a family tree owned by *kjerstindalen*:

Dalén Släkträd ▾ Tree search kjerstindalen

Nils Gudmundsson
 BIRTH 21 MAY 1839 • Troedsfälla, Hasslöv, Halland, Sverige
 DEATH 2 JUL 1892 • Troedsfälla, Hasslöv, Halland, Sverige

Family

Parents

- Gudmund Nilsson 1807-1884
- Kiersten Thursdotter 1808-1892

Spouse & Children

- Kristina Jönsdotter 1841-1923
- Neta Nilsson 1870-1924
- August Nilsson 1871-
- Nils Peter Nilsson 1874-
- Elise Nilsson 1876-1962
- Augusta Nilsson 1879-1880
- Augusta Nilsson 1882-1960
- Elof Nilsson 1885-1960
- Lis Nilsson

The next generation is Gudmund Nilsson (1807-1884). Here is his profile from the family tree owned by *Svesva*:

E-A Svantesson Tree search Svesva

Gudmund Nilsson
 BIRTH 10 NOV 1807 • Troedsfälla, Hasslöv, Halland, Sverige
 DEATH 9 OKT 1884 • Troedsfälla Hasslöv, Halland, Sverige

Family

Parents

- Nils Jönsson 1771-1831
- Bengta Persdotter 1773-1851

Spouse & Children

- Kerstin Turessdotter 1808-1892
- Elna Gudmundsdotter 1831-1831
- Elna Gudmundsdotter 1832-1905
- Christina Gudmundsdotter 1834-
- Nils Gudmundsson 1839-1892
- Ingjerd Gudmundsdotter 1841-
- Petronella Gudmundsdotter 1845-
- Andreas Gudmundsson 1848-
- Botilda Gudmundsdotter 1851-
- Johanna Gudmundsdotter 1855-
- Anna Stina Gudmundsdotter 1858-1859

The next generation back is Nils Jönsson (1771-1831). Here is his profile from the family tree owned by Maria Ramberg:

Ramberg Släktträd Tree search Maria Ramberg

Nils Jönsson
 BIRTH 19 JAN 1771 • Troedsfälla, Hasslöv, Halland, Sverige
 DEATH 1831 • Ekered, Hasslöv, Halland, Sverige

Family

Parents

- Jöns Persson 1744-1815
- Elna Persdotter 1745-1821

Spouse & Children

- Bengta Persdotter 1775-
- Pernilla Nilsson 1801-
- Per Nilsson 1804-1882
- Gudmund Nilsson 1807-1884
- Måns Nilsson 1812-1869
- Jöns Nilsson 1815-

Finally, the last generation is Elna Persdotter (1745-1821). Here is her profile from the family tree owned by Björn Ewenfält:

Oldies ▾ Tree search Björn Ewenfält

Elna Persdotter VII:94
 BIRTH 13 DEC 1745 • Troedsfälle, Hasslöv, Halland, Sverige
 DEATH 23 JUL 1821 • Troedsfälle, Hasslöv, Halland, Sverige

Family

Parents

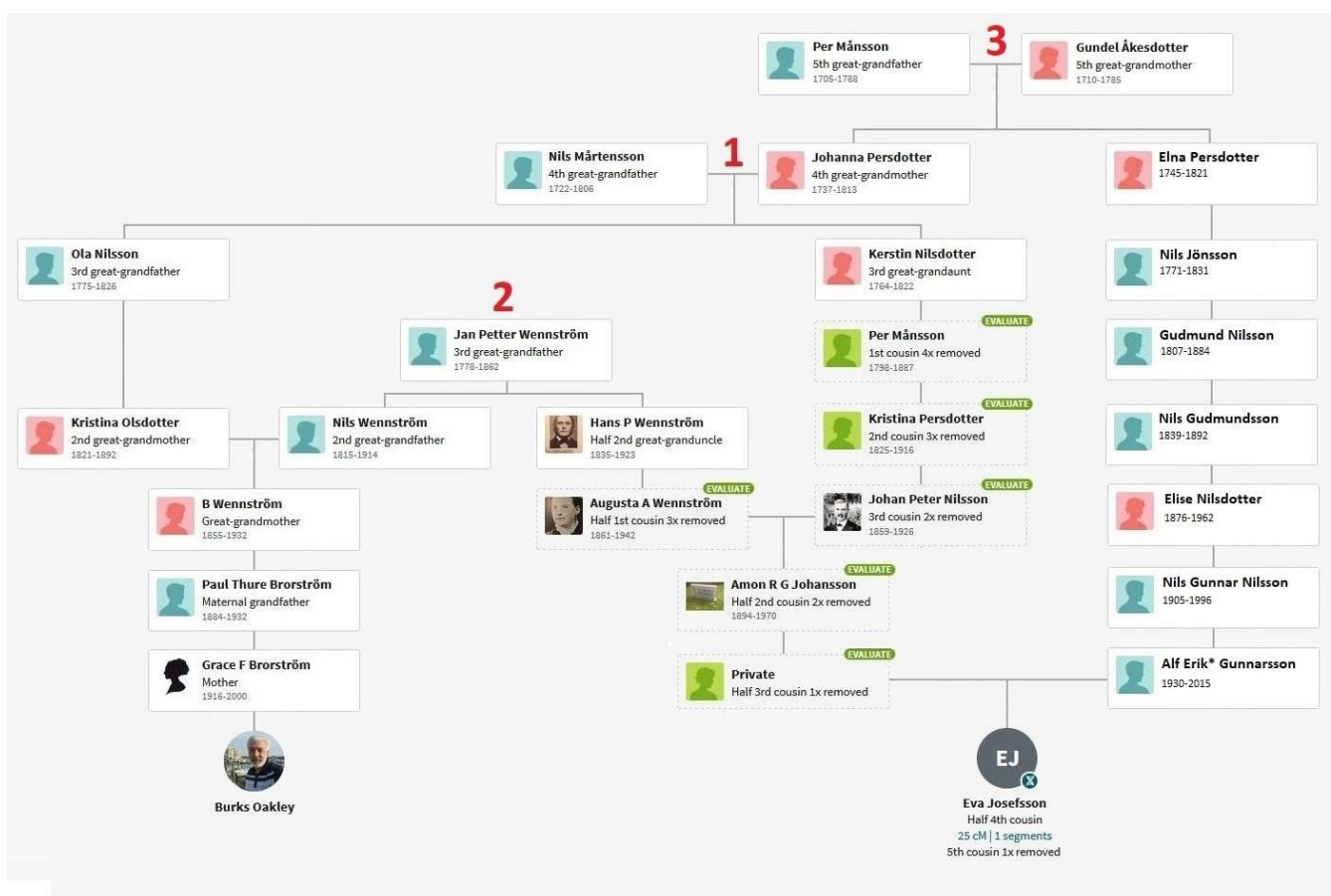
- Pär Månsson** 1706–1788
- Gunilla Åkesdotter VIII:188** 1710–1785

Spouse & Children

- Jöns Persson VII:93** 1744–1815
- Nils Jönsson** 1771–1831
- Ola Jönsson** 1774–1841

Based on a number of family trees on the Ancestry.com website, the ancestral line from Eva's father back to Pär Månsson and his wife Gunilla (Gundel) Åkesdotter seems to be correct.

I created a new chart showing all three of the ways that Eva and I are related:

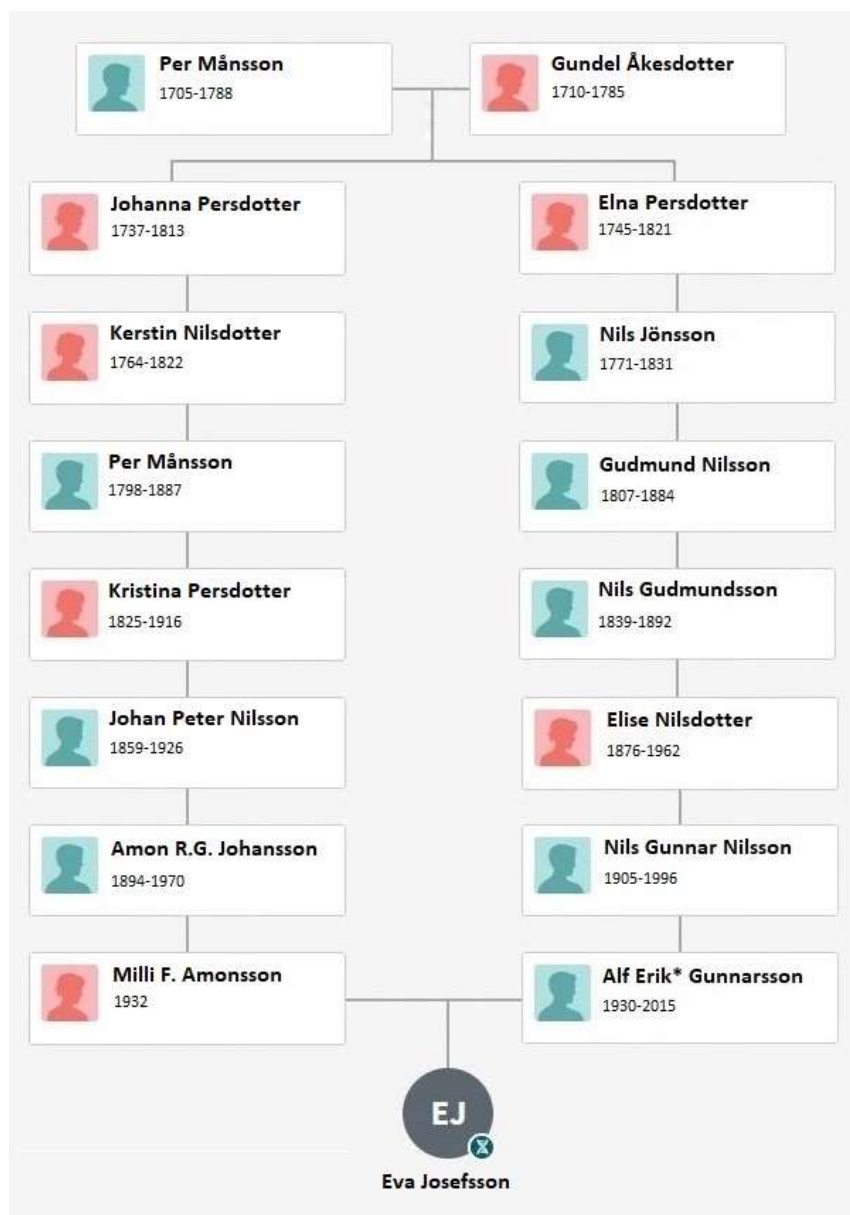


[I'll show this relationship chart in landscape view in the appendix.]

Eva and I both are descended from Jan Petter Wennström (red number two). We both are descended from Nils Mårtensson and his wife Johanna Persdotter (red number one). Both of these lines go back from Eva through her mother.

Eva and I both are descended from Per Månsson and his wife Gundel Åkesdotter (red number three) – and this line goes back from Eva through both of her parents.

Of course, this means that Eva's parents were distant cousins. Here is a chart showing this relationship:



On these lines, Eva's parents were sixth-cousins.

The lines going back to the top of the chart are too many generations removed to show up in any relationship charts (such as ThruLines™) on Ancestry.com, since the charts on Ancestry.com only go to the level of fifth-cousins.

I note that in Eva's paternal line back to the Månsson-Åkesdotter couple, most all of the people lived in Hasslöv (see the profiles presented earlier in this narrative). Eva's sister Iréne lives and works in Hasslöv, and her brother Anders lives just a few miles away in Menlösa. I believe that Eva's parents raised their family on a farm not too far from Hasslöv. So Eva has strong ties to this part of Sweden. Of course, my second-great grandparents Nils Wennström and Kristina Olsdotter lived in Menlösa, and they are buried in the church cemetery in Hasslöv.

I think that Hasslöv is located in a beautiful part of Sweden – adjacent to the Hallandsås, which I have written about previously – see:

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

Here is a wonderful panorama of the Hasslöv area, taken by a camera on a drone:



<https://visitlaholm.se/panorama/hasslov/>

Summary

In this narrative, I discussed my DNA match with Eva Josefsson (née Gunnarsson). Eva and I are descended from Jan Petter Wennström (1778-1862), who was my third-great grandfather. Eva and I also are descended from Nils Mårtensson (1722-1806) and his wife Johanna Persdotter (1737-1813); this couple were my fourth-great grandparents. We also are descended from Johanna Persdotter's parents, Per Månsson (1705-1788) and Gundel Åkesdotter (1710-1785). All three of these ancestral lines go back from Eva through her mother and her mother's father (morfar).

I now have learned that Eva's father, Alf Erik* Gunnarsson (1930-2015), also is descended from Per Månsson and Gundel Åkesdotter. The line back from her father to this couple is the fourth way in which Eva and I are related. Of course, this means that Eva's parents were both descended from the Månsson-Åkesdotter couple – in fact, Eva's parents were sixth-cousins on this line.

I also have the same four genealogical connections with Eva's five siblings.



Eva (far right) and her five siblings.

Appendix: Here is the chart showing the four lines through which Eva and I are connected (two separate lines come from couple #3):

