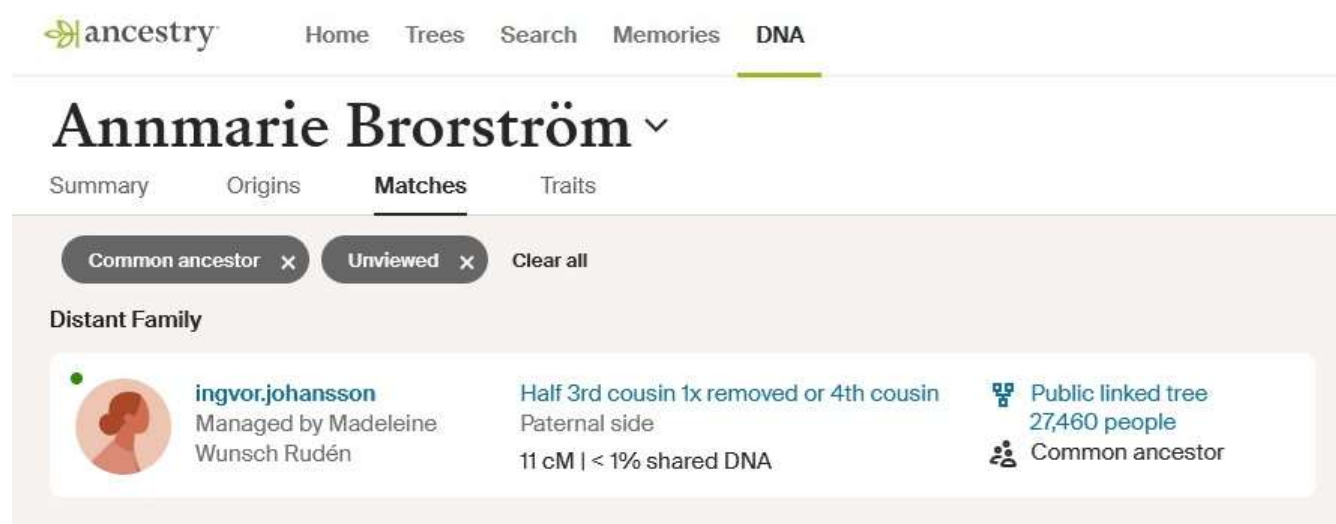


Annmarie Brorström's DNA Match with Ingvor Johansson (and where it took me)

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A few days ago, I looked at the DNA matches that my cousin Annmarie Brorström has on the Ancestry.com website. Annmarie's father, Paul Thure Brorström Jr. (1913-2001), was the older brother of my mother, Grace Florence Brorström (1916-2000). When I use DNA to find new distant relatives on the paternal side of Annmarie's family tree, I know that they are my distant relatives, as well.

I filtered Annmarie's DNA matches so I only saw those matches that I had not viewed previously where software on the website was able to identify a common ancestor. One of the people who was on this list was a woman named Ingvor Johansson:

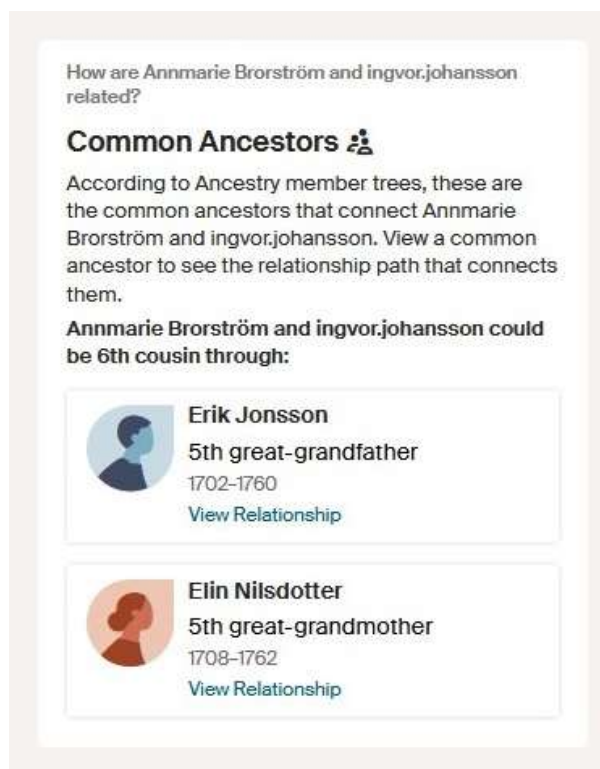


The screenshot shows the Ancestry.com interface for a DNA match. At the top, the Ancestry logo is on the left, and navigation links for Home, Trees, Search, Memories, and DNA are on the right. Below the navigation is the name "Annmarie Brorström" with a dropdown arrow. Underneath the name are tabs for Summary, Origins, Matches (which is selected), and Traits. Below the tabs are filter buttons: "Common ancestor" (with an 'x' to clear), "Unviewed" (with an 'x' to clear), and "Clear all". The main content area is titled "Distant Family" and features a match card for "ingvor.johansson". The card includes a profile picture, the name "ingvor.johansson", and the text "Managed by Madeleine Wunsch Rudén". To the right of the name, it says "Half 3rd cousin 1x removed or 4th cousin Paternal side" and "11 cM | < 1% shared DNA". On the far right of the card, there are two icons: a tree icon for "Public linked tree 27,460 people" and a group of people icon for "Common ancestor".

Note that the filters for "Common ancestor" and "Unviewed" were in use.

Annmarie and Ingvor share just 11 cM of DNA, and based on the size of this match, software on Ancestry.com suggests that they could be something like fourth cousins (boy, was that estimate wrong....).

I next looked at their common ancestors:



Annmarie and Ingvor are both descended from Erik Jonsson (1702-1760) and his wife Elin Nilsdotter (1708-1762). This couple were Annmarie's fifth-great grandparents. [Of course, they were also my fifth-great grandparents.] Erik and Elin lived their entire lives in Fjärås, which is located on the western coast of Sweden, south of Göteborg.

Here is a Google Map, showing the location of Fjärås:



I have visited Fjärås a number of times since 2016. Here is a photo of the church in Fjärås that I took in May 2019 when I was there with my distant cousin Jenny Anderson – we both are descended from a couple who lived on a farm just outside of Fjärås¹:

¹ See: <http://www.burksoakley.com/SwedishGenealogy/JonasHammar-IngeborgBläck.pdf>



I remember that we had a photograph of this church on the wall of our apartment when I was growing up.

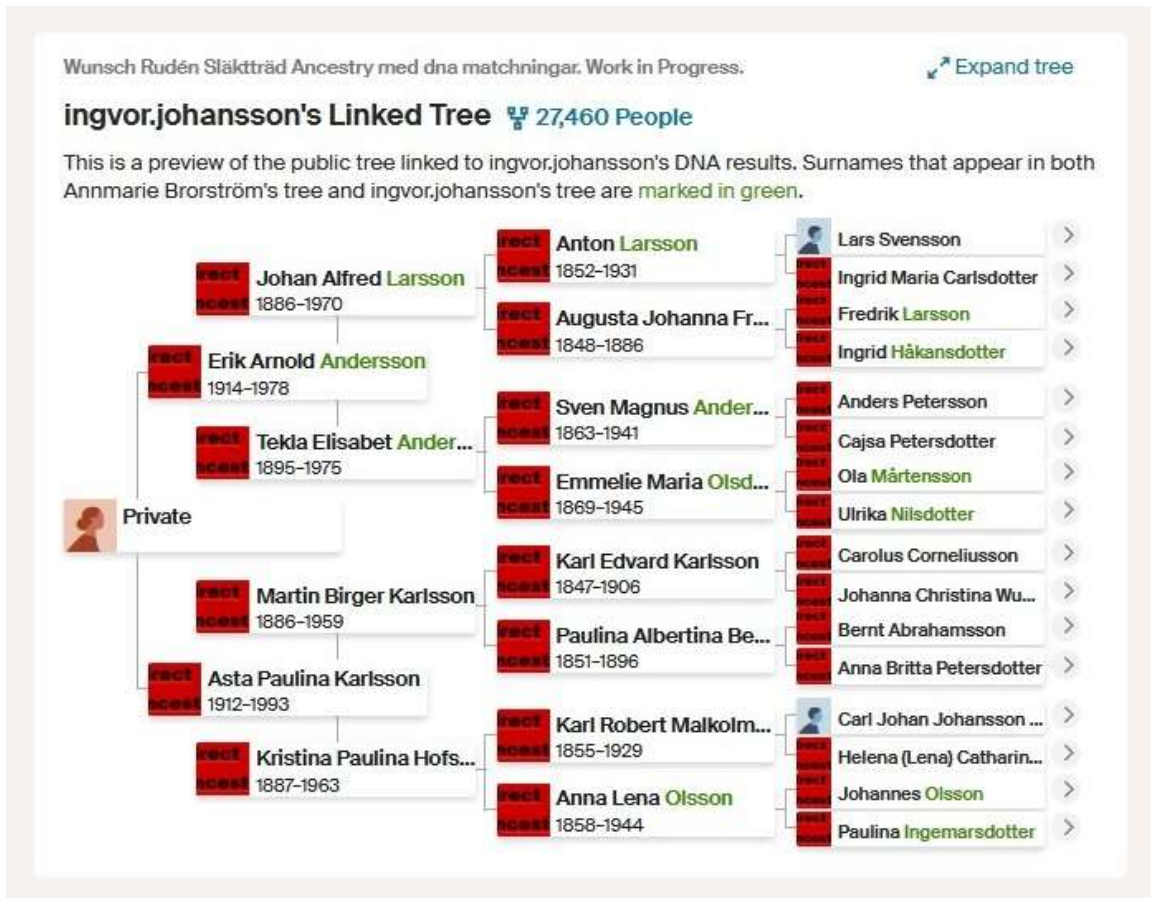
But I digress....

Here is a chart showing how Annmarie and Ingvor are related:



Annmarie is descended from the Jonsson-Nilsdotter couple through their daughter Svenborg Eriksdotter (1749-1841), while Ingvor is descended from this couple through their daughter Anna Eriksdotter (1746-1809). Based on this chart, Annmarie and Ingvor are sixth-cousins.

I also looked at Ingvor's pedigree chart:



Oh my! Her family tree has 27,460 people! And I note that her family tree goes back to Erik Jonsson and Elin Nilsdotter:

Anna Eriksdotter
Wunsch Rudén Släkträd Ancestry med dna matchningar. Work in Progress.

Birth
11 Maj 1746 • allatorp, Fjärås, Halland, Sweden

Death
29 Aug 1809 • signekulla, Fjärås, Halland, Sweden

Parents

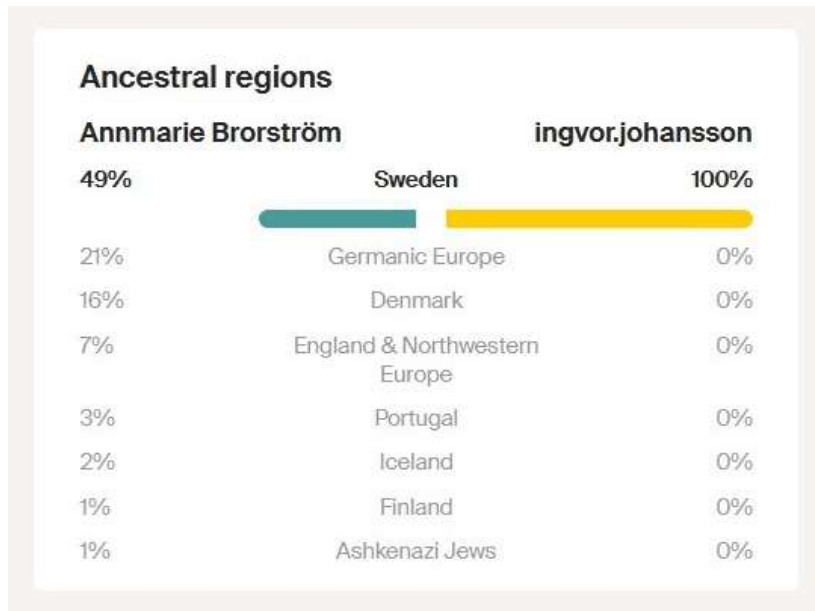
- Erik Jonsson (1702-1760)
- Elin Nilsdotter (1708-1762)

2 timeline events

View in tree

So I'm pretty sure that the ancestral lines in their relationship chart are correct.

I next went on to look at Ingvor's ethnicity estimates (what Ancestry.com is now calling her "Ancestral Regions"):



Wow! You could have knocked me over with a feather when I saw this. Ingvor's ethnicity estimate is 100% Swedish. I don't think that I have ever seen a DNA match on Ancestry.com where the person is 100% of any given ethnicity. Amazing!!

As an aside, Ingvor has 27,460 people in her family tree, and she is 100% Swedish. Looking at the names of the people in her family tree is quite interesting, since almost all of them are Swedish. For example, there are 379 people with the surname of Larsson and 564 people with the surname of Olsson.

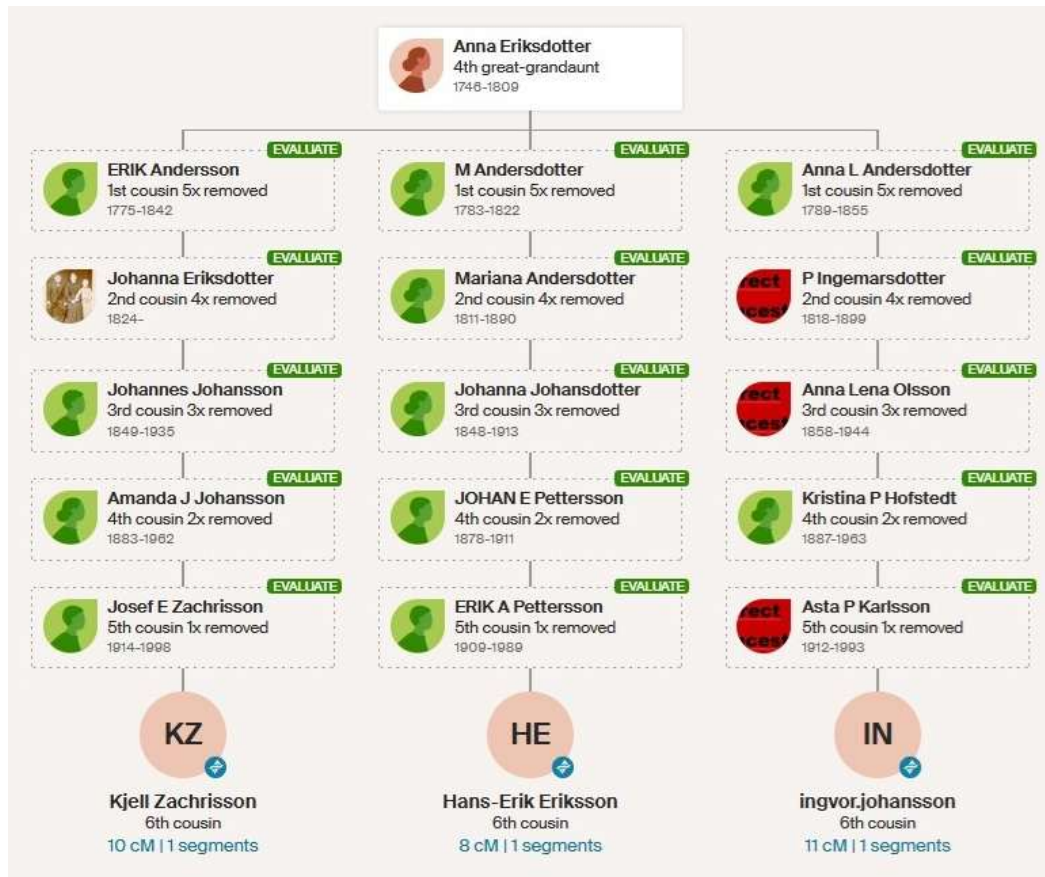
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I then went on and looked at Annmarië's ThruLines® chart for Erik Jonsson:



Annmarië has fifteen DNA matches with descendants of Erik Jonsson – three matches connecting back through his daughter Anna Eriksdotter and twelve connecting back through his daughter Svenborg. I should add that the ThruLines® chart for Erik's wife Elin looks identical to this chart.

Here are the lines connecting back through Anna Eriksdotter:



Oh my! One of Annmarie’s DNA matches in this chart is with Kjell Zachrisson, who lives in Kungsbacka (very close to Fjärås). I wrote about my cousin Susan’s DNA match with Kjell in 2024:

<http://www.burksoakley.com/SwedishGenealogy/KjellZachrisson-LarssonRelative.pdf>

Another one of Annmarie’s DNA matches in the ThruLines® chart is with Hans-Erik Eriksson. I wrote about my DNA match with Hans-Erik in 2019:

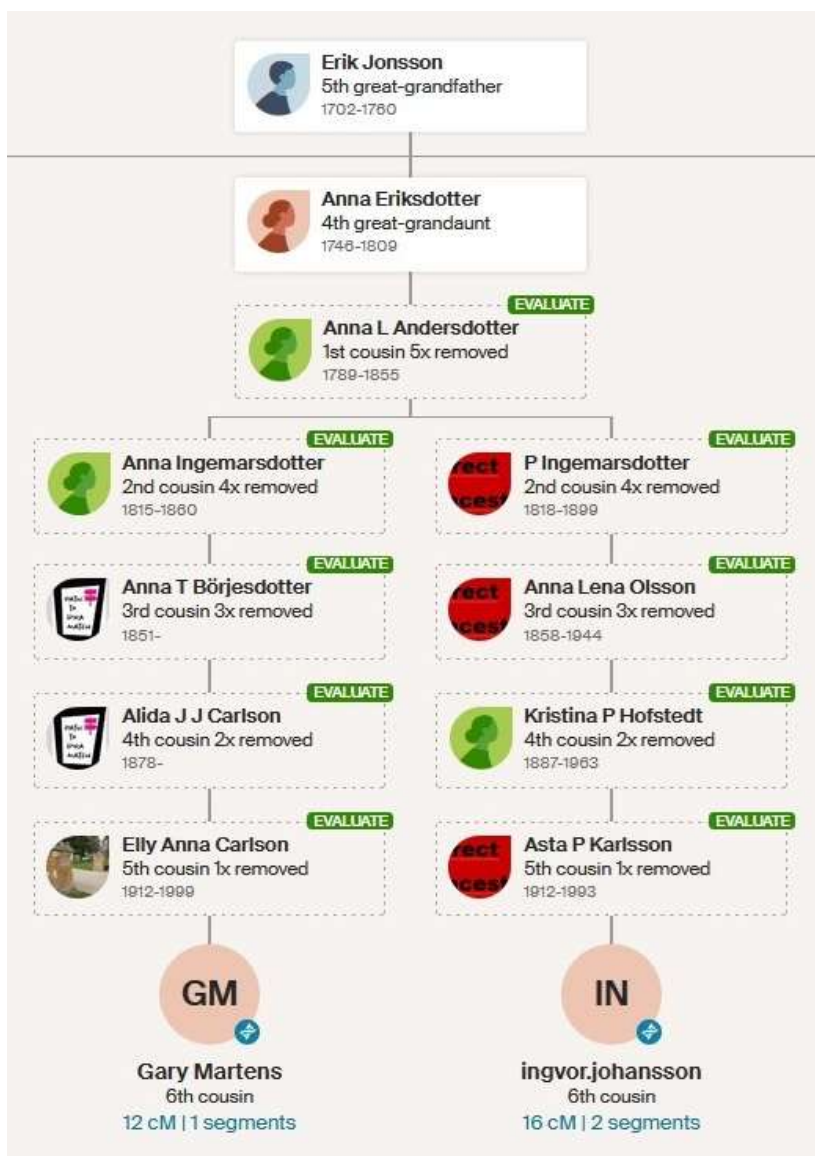
<http://www.burksoakley.com/SwedishGenealogy/ErikJonsson-ThruLines.pdf>

Hans-Erik and his wife Rose-Marie still live on a farm in the Fjärås area.

I went on to look at the ThruLines® charts that others in our extended family have for Erik Jonsson. Here is the chart for Annmarie’s late sister, Elizabeth “Beth” Brorström (married name Lynes):

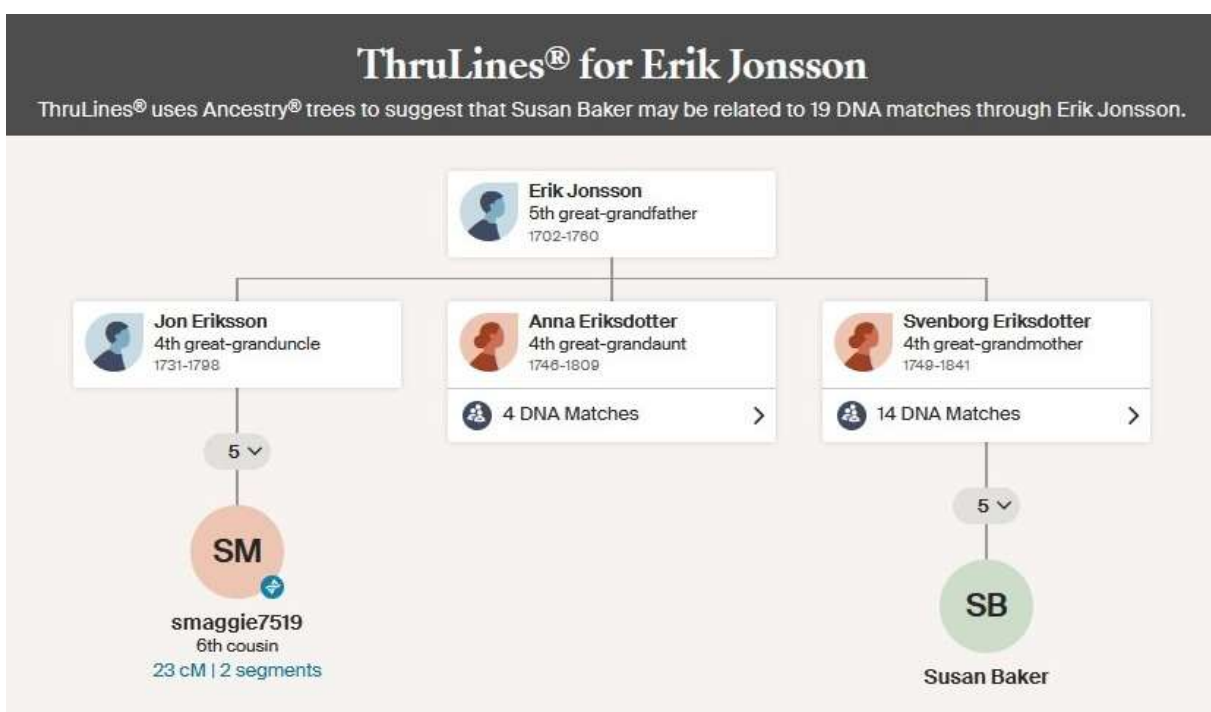


Beth had sixteen DNA matches with descendants of Erik Jonsson, and three of them went through Erik's daughter Anna Eriksdotter. Here is that part of the ThruLines® chart:

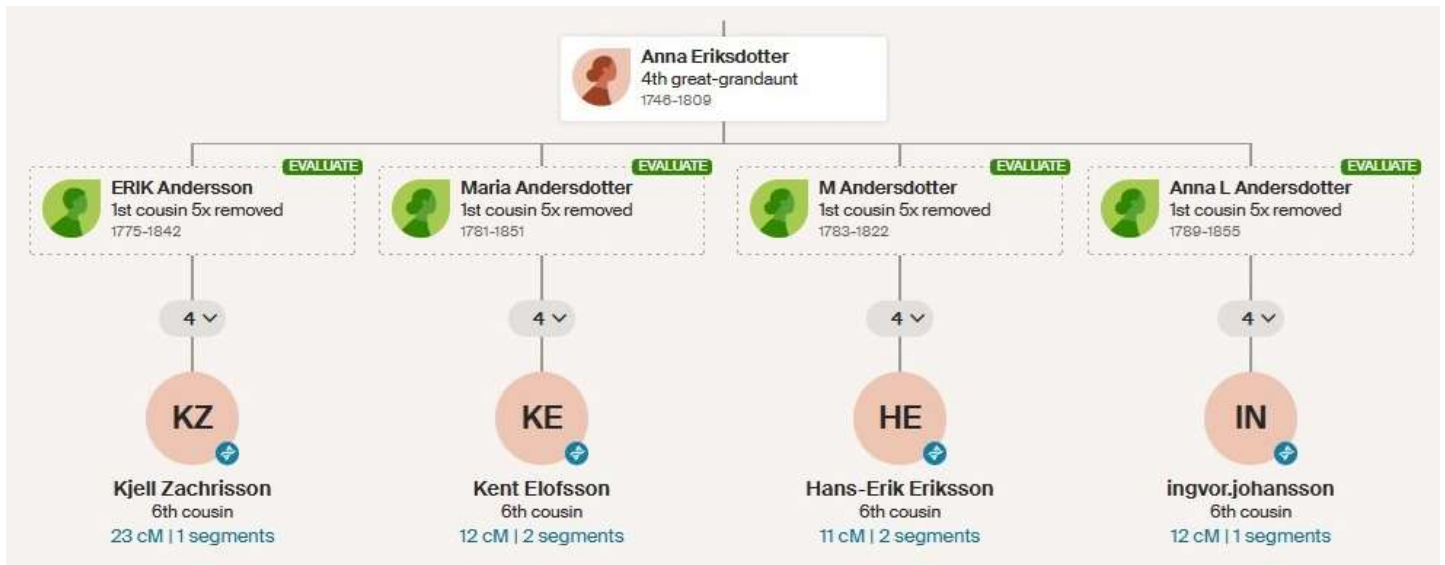


Beth also had a DNA match with Ingvor Johansson.

I next looked at Anmarie's sister Susan Baker (née Brorström):

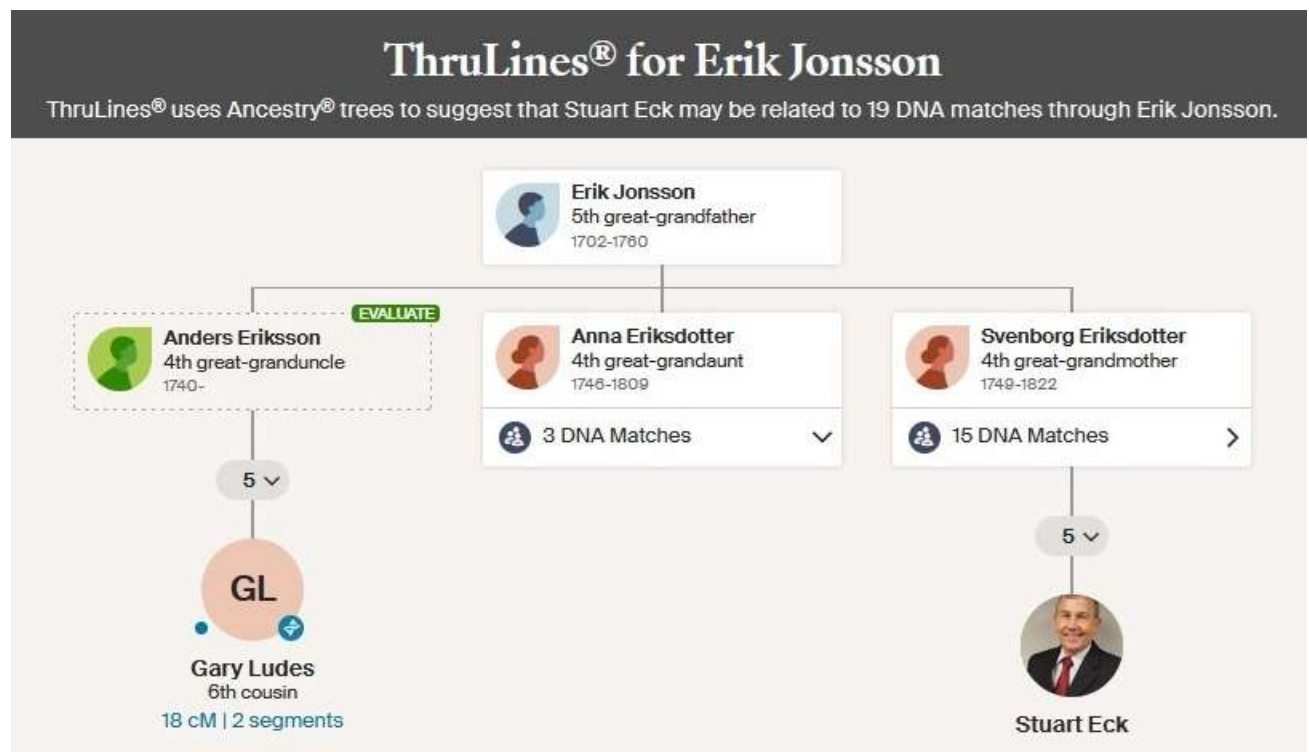


Susan has DNA matches with nineteen descendants of Erik Jonsson, and four of them go back through Erik's daughter Anna. Here is a chart showing just those lines:



Susan also has a DNA match with Ingvor Johansson.

Moving on, I next looked at the ThruLines® chart for Anmarie's half-brother, Stuart Eck:



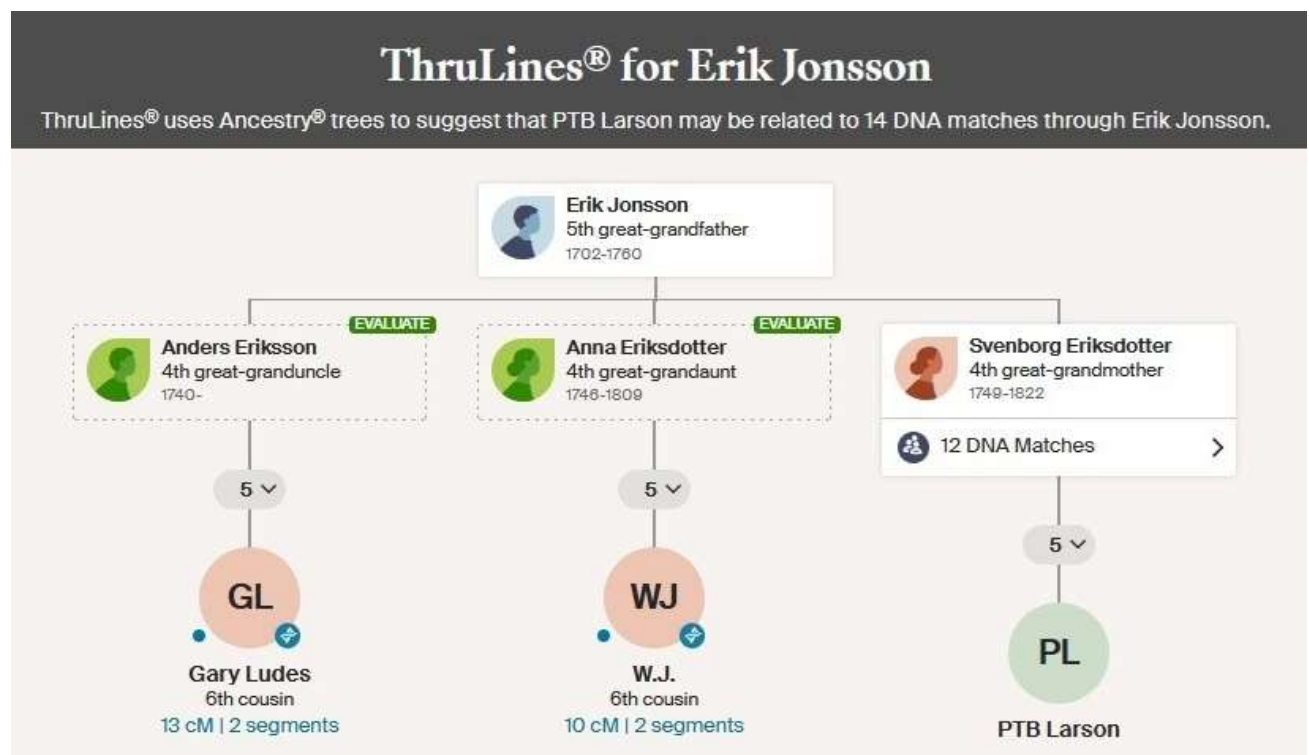
Stuart has DNA matches with nineteen descendants of Erik Jonsson, and three of them go back through Erik's daughter Anna.

I guess I'm starting to sound like a broken record, but here is the relevant part of Stu's ThruLines® chart:



Stu has a DNA match with Ingvor, but it is just 8 cM in size.

The last of my Brorström first-cousins is Annmarie's brother Peter Larson (formerly Brorström). Peter has DNA matches with fourteen descendants of Erik Jonsson:



Interestingly, Peter only has a single DNA match with someone connecting back to Erik Jonsson through his daughter Anna – and that single match is NOT with Ingvor.

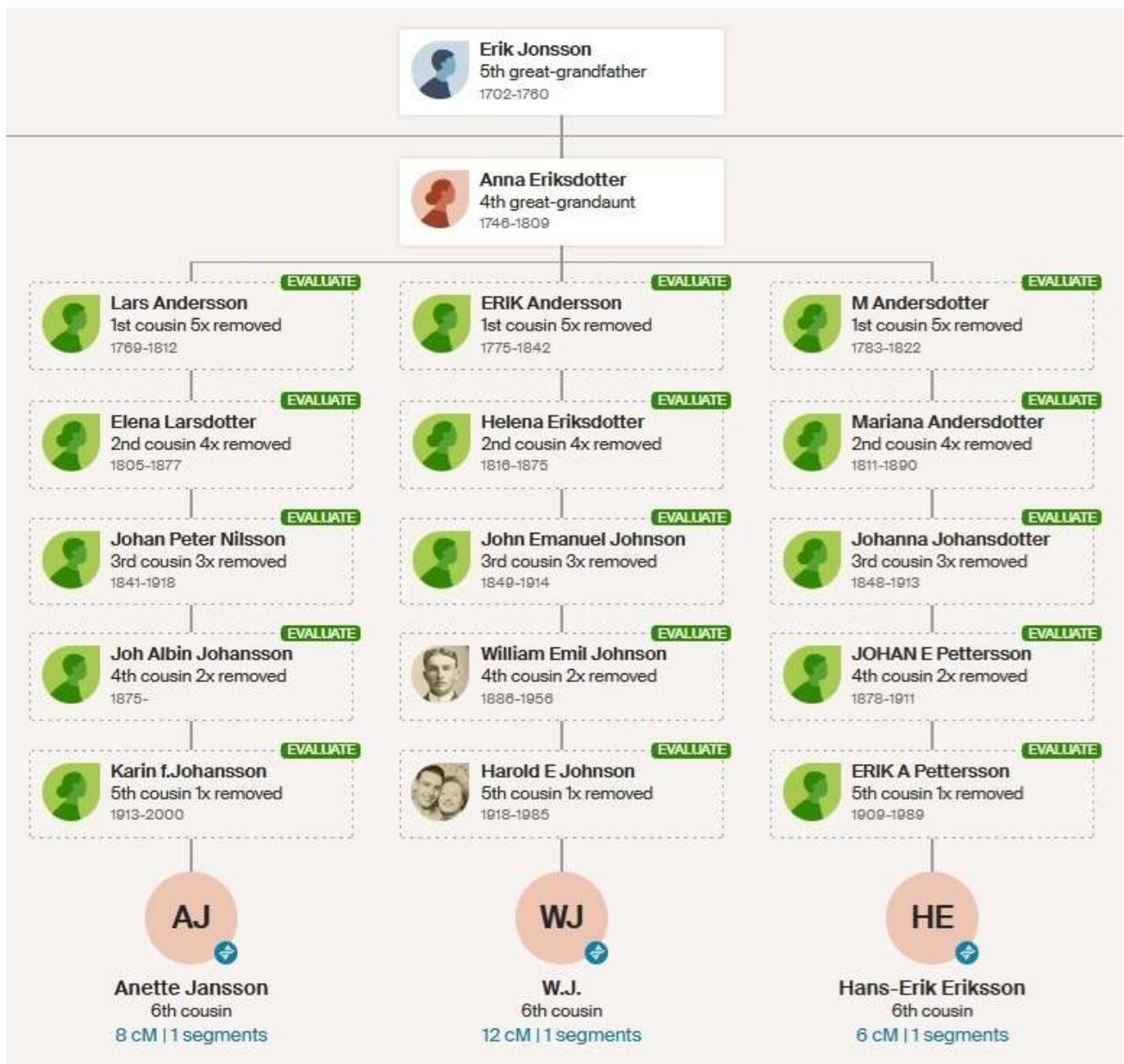
For completeness, I looked at my ThruLines® chart for Erik Jonsson:

ThruLines® for Erik Jonsson

ThruLines® uses Ancestry® trees to suggest that you may be related to 23 DNA matches through Erik Jonsson.



I have DNA matches with twenty-three descendants of Erik Jonsson, and three of them go back through Erik's daughter Anna:



Oh my! I don't have a DNA match with Ingvor Johansson. Bummer!


The differences in the ThruLines® charts emphasize the random way in which autosomal DNA is inherited.

One last thing – I went back and looked at the details of Annmarie’s match with Ingvor:



Annmarie Brorström and ingvor.johansson
ingvor.johansson's test is managed by: [Madeleine Wunsch Rudén](#)
Half 3rd cousin 1x removed or 4th cousin | Paternal side
< 1% shared DNA: 11 cM across 1 segments

I learned that her DNA profile on Ancestry.com is managed by a woman named Madeleine Wunsch Rudén. Here is Madeleine’s profile on Ancestry.com:



WILLING TO HELP

Madeleine Wunsch Rudén
Gothenburg, Västra Götaland, Sverige

[Message](#) ...

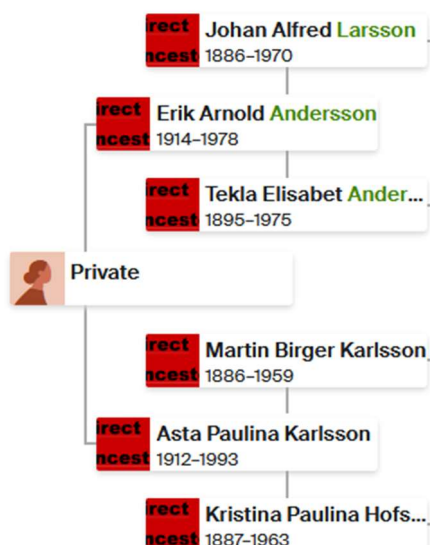
Joined
03 May 2022

Last active
Today

Family History Experience
Intermediate
Since 2019
Researches once a week

Madeleine lives in Göteborg. I’m guessing that Madeleine is Ingvor’s daughter – but that only is a guess.

Here are the first few generations of Ingvor’s pedigree:



Ingvor's mother was born in 1912 (113 years ago), which means that Ingvor could be ninety years old. Given Madeleine's photo, my guess is that Madeleine is Ingvor's daughter. If that is the case, then Madeleine is my sixth-cousin once-removed.

One more last thing – here is the chart showing how Annmarie and Ingvor are related:

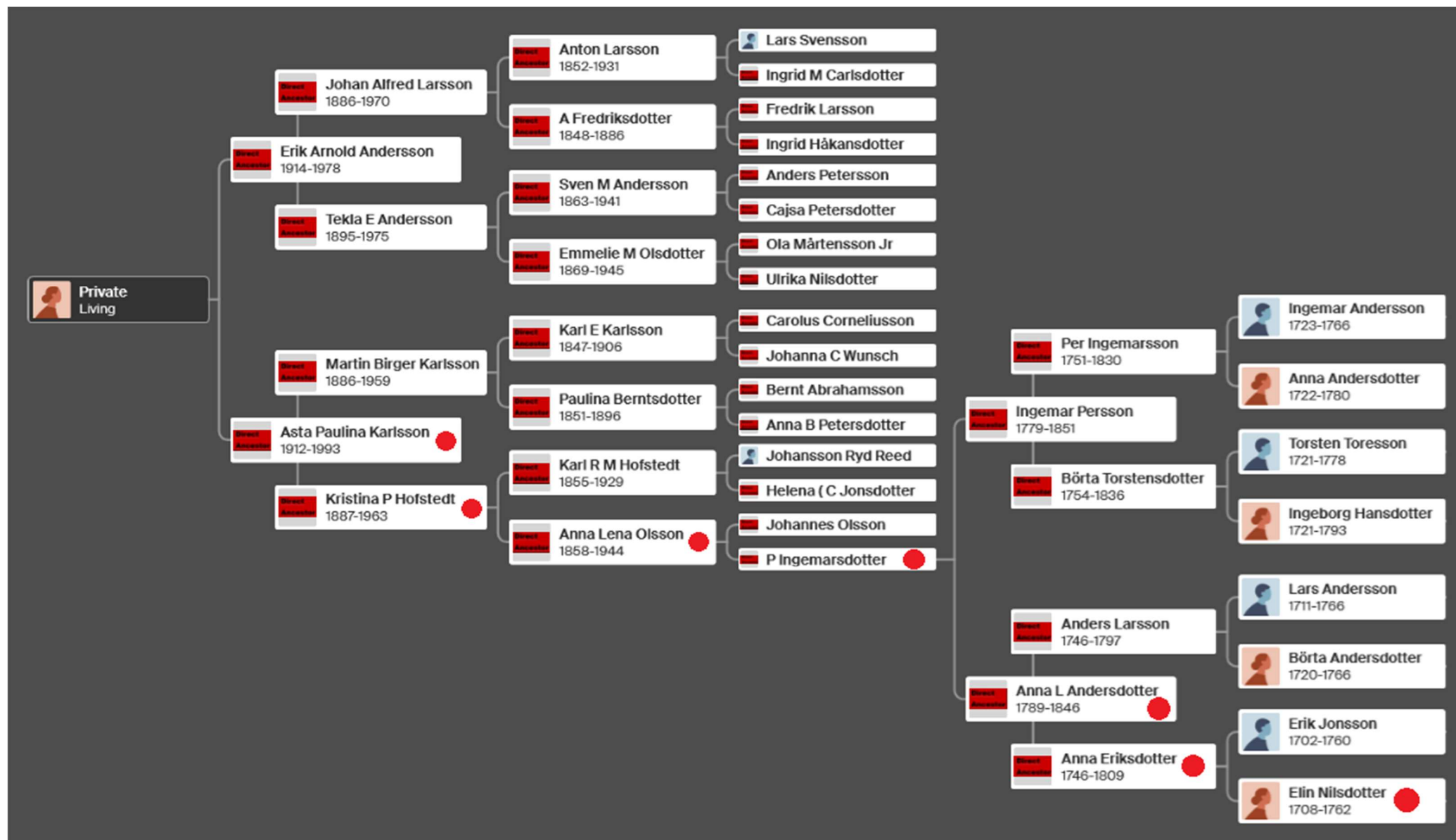


What do you notice about Ingvor's ancestral line back to Erik Jonsson and his wife Elin Nilsdotter?

Scroll down....

Go on to the next page....

It is entirely a maternal line! Just follow the red dots along the bottom of the pedigree chart to go from Ingvor to Elin Nilsdotter:



And with that observation, I'll conclude this narrative.