

Jacob Brynolf – A Swedish Relative Going Back on My Brorström-Billing-Fick Line

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Introduction

I am interested in genetic genealogy, that is, using autosomal DNA to confirm and to extend my family tree. I have made, and continue to make, extensive use of the Ancestry.com website in this “hobby”. I regularly check this website for new DNA matches, and I focus on just those DNA matches who have family trees that show how we are likely related.

During 2022, Ancestry.com added several new features to its site. One of the more interesting features is the ability to view a person’s DNA matches “by parent”. It is now possible to separate one’s DNA matches into “maternal” and “paternal” matches. Here is a screenshot showing my DNA matches, when viewed “by parent”:

The screenshot shows the 'Burks Oakley's DNA Matches' page on Ancestry.com, filtered by 'By parent'. The page is divided into two main sections: 'Maternal' and 'Paternal'. Each section includes a profile picture, the number of matches, a 'View matches' button, and three informational cards: 'Last names in trees', 'Common communities', and 'Ethnicity inheritance'.

Parent	Matches	Last names in trees	Common communities	Ethnicity inheritance
Maternal	4,372	Andersson, Andersdotter, Anderson, Hansson	Central & Southern Sweden	Maternal
Paternal	39,581	Allen, Smith, Baker, Alexander	Early Connecticut & New York Settlers	Paternal

My mother was Grace Florence Brorström (1916-2000), and all four of her grandparents were Swedes who immigrated to America in the 1880’s. So it isn’t surprising to see that the most common family names on the maternal side of my family are Anderson, Andersdotter, Anderson, and Hansson. And Ancestry.com correctly identifies the common communities shared with my maternal DNA matches as Central and Southern Sweden, which is where my mother’s ancestors lived.

My DNA Match with Jacob Brynolf

Earlier this month, I looked at my maternal DNA matches, and I was surprised to see a “new” DNA match with a man named Jacob Brynolf:

Burks Oakley's DNA Matches

All matches By parent **BETA** By ancestor By location

Filter by: Unviewed Common ancestors **Maternal** Search | Sort

More than 3 months ago

Jacob Brynolf
Managed by susanne walden

5th – 8th Cousin
9 cM | < 1% shared DNA
Maternal side

Public linked tree
828 People
Common ancestor

The little blue dot in the lower-left corner of this screenshot indicates that I had not previously viewed this DNA match. This match was first identified more than three months ago, and I can't believe that I missed it for so long.

Jacob and I share just 9 cM of DNA, and based on the small size of this match, we are not likely to be closer than fifth-cousins. Of course, these small DNA matches are often the most interesting to me, since they go back the most number of generations into the past. And Ancestry.com indicated that they had found that Jacob and I have a common ancestor (text in lower-right of this screenshot).

I went on to view our common ancestor(s):

How are you and Jacob Brynolf related?

Common Ancestors

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

Jacob Brynolf could be your 5th cousin 1x removed through:

Kristian Fick
4th great-grandfather
1754–1817
[View Relationship](#)

Anna Katarina Lund
4th great-grandmother
1755–1814
[View Relationship](#)

Based on family trees on the Ancestry.com website, it is likely that Jacob and I are both descended from Kristian Fick (1754-1817) and his wife Anna Katarina Lund (1755-1814). On these ancestral lines, Jacob and I are fifth-cousins once-removed.

I then looked at the chart showing how Jacob and I are most likely related:



I am descended from the Fick-Lund couple through their daughter Christina Maria Fick (1790-1826), while Jacob is descended from this couple through their son Hans Peter Fick (1782-1858).

My line goes back through my second-great grandmother, Mathilda Augusta Billing (1826-1862). I have visited her grave at the church in Borrby, in southeast Skåne, Sweden. The Fick-Lund couple were her maternal grandparents. Wow! This is quite a finding, since I only have one other DNA match connected to a Billing ancestor (well, really two DNA matches, since I have matches with a mother and her daughter). More about this below.

According to this relationship chart, I was a fifth-cousin of Jacob's father, Lennart Magnus Ivarsson Brynolf (1919-1991).

The Fick-Lund Couple

At this point, I thought I should look more closely at the Fick-Lund couple, since I haven't previously found any DNA matches going back to them. Here is what I have in my family tree for Kristian Fick:



I note that he appears in other trees as Christian Fick:



Here is the entry in my family tree for Kristian's wife, Anna Katarina Lund:




Here is her entry from a family tree owned by Lucille Ahlberg:



It would appear that the Fick-Lund couple lived in Kristianstad, which is a city in northeast Skåne county:



My family tree on Ancestry.com shows that the Fick-Lund couple had two children:



Kristian Fick
BIRTH 1754 • Lund, Sweden
DEATH 1817 • Kristianstad, Sweden

Family

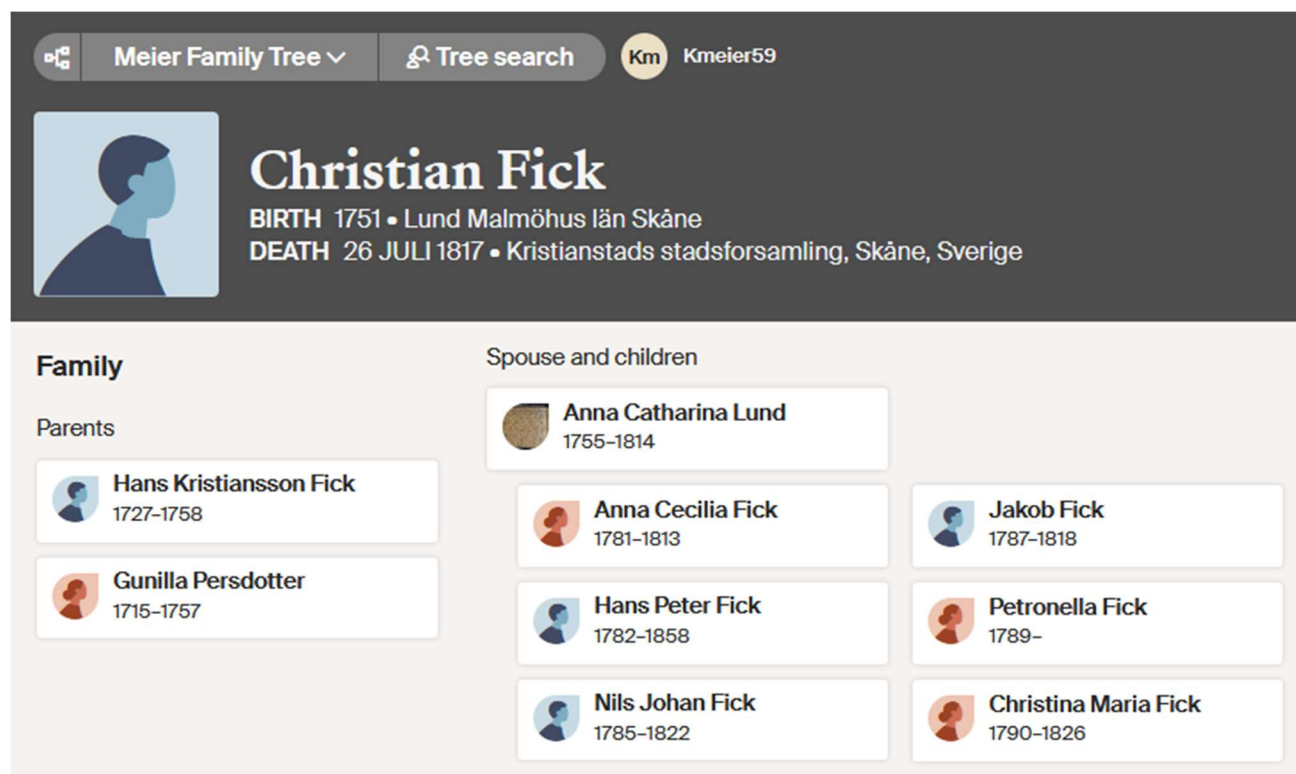
Parents

- Hans Fick 1727-1758
- Gunilla Persdotter 1715-1757

Spouse and children

- Anna Katarina Lund 1755-1814
- Hans Peter Fick 1782-1858
- Christina Maria Fick 1790-1826

I am descended from their daughter Christina Maria Fick, while Jacob is descended from their son Hans Peter Fick. Other trees on Ancestry.com show that they had additional children; here is the entry for Christian Fick from the Meier Family Tree:



Meier Family Tree Tree search Km Kmeier59

Christian Fick
BIRTH 1751 • Lund Malmöhus län Skåne
DEATH 26 JULI 1817 • Kristianstads stadsförsamling, Skåne, Sverige

Family

Parents

- Hans Kristiansson Fick 1727-1758
- Gunilla Persdotter 1715-1757

Spouse and children

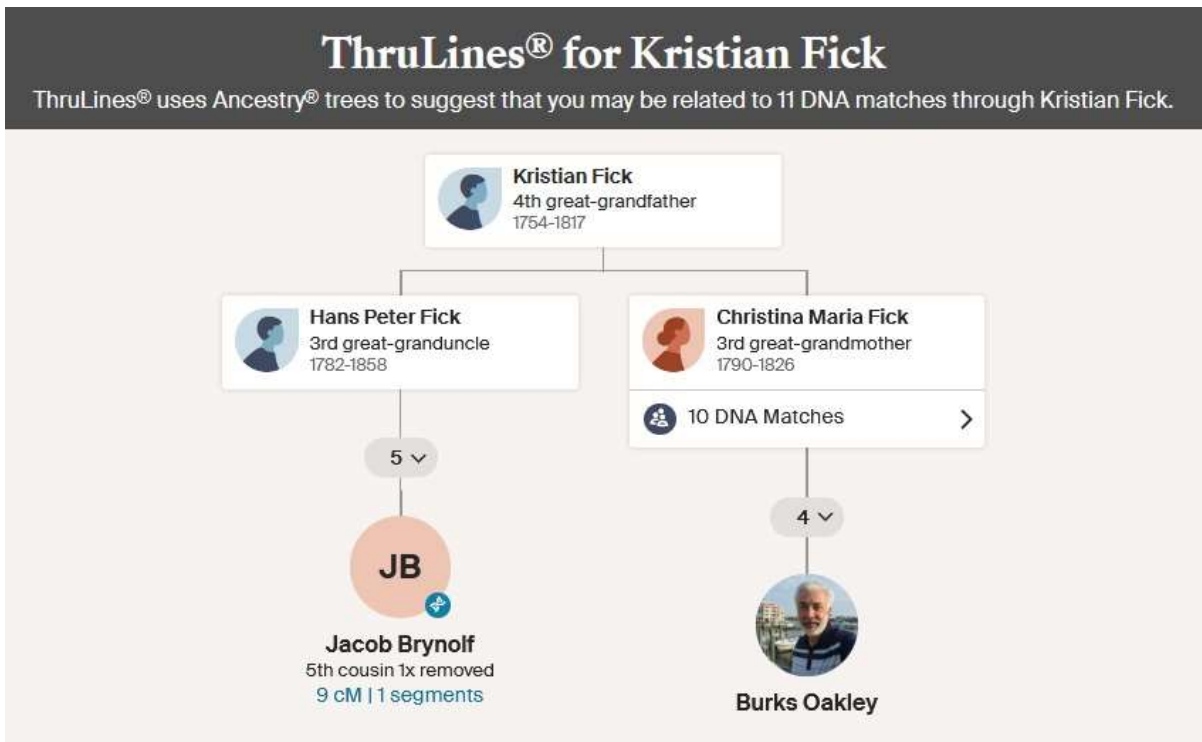
- Anna Catharina Lund 1755-1814
- Anna Cecilia Fick 1781-1813
- Jakob Fick 1787-1818
- Hans Peter Fick 1782-1858
- Petronella Fick 1789-
- Nils Johan Fick 1785-1822
- Christina Maria Fick 1790-1826

This tree is owned by **Kmeier59**, who is the mother-in-law of Lauren Meier, who is my first-cousin once-removed on the Brorström side of my family.

ThruLines™ Charts for the Fick-Lund Couple

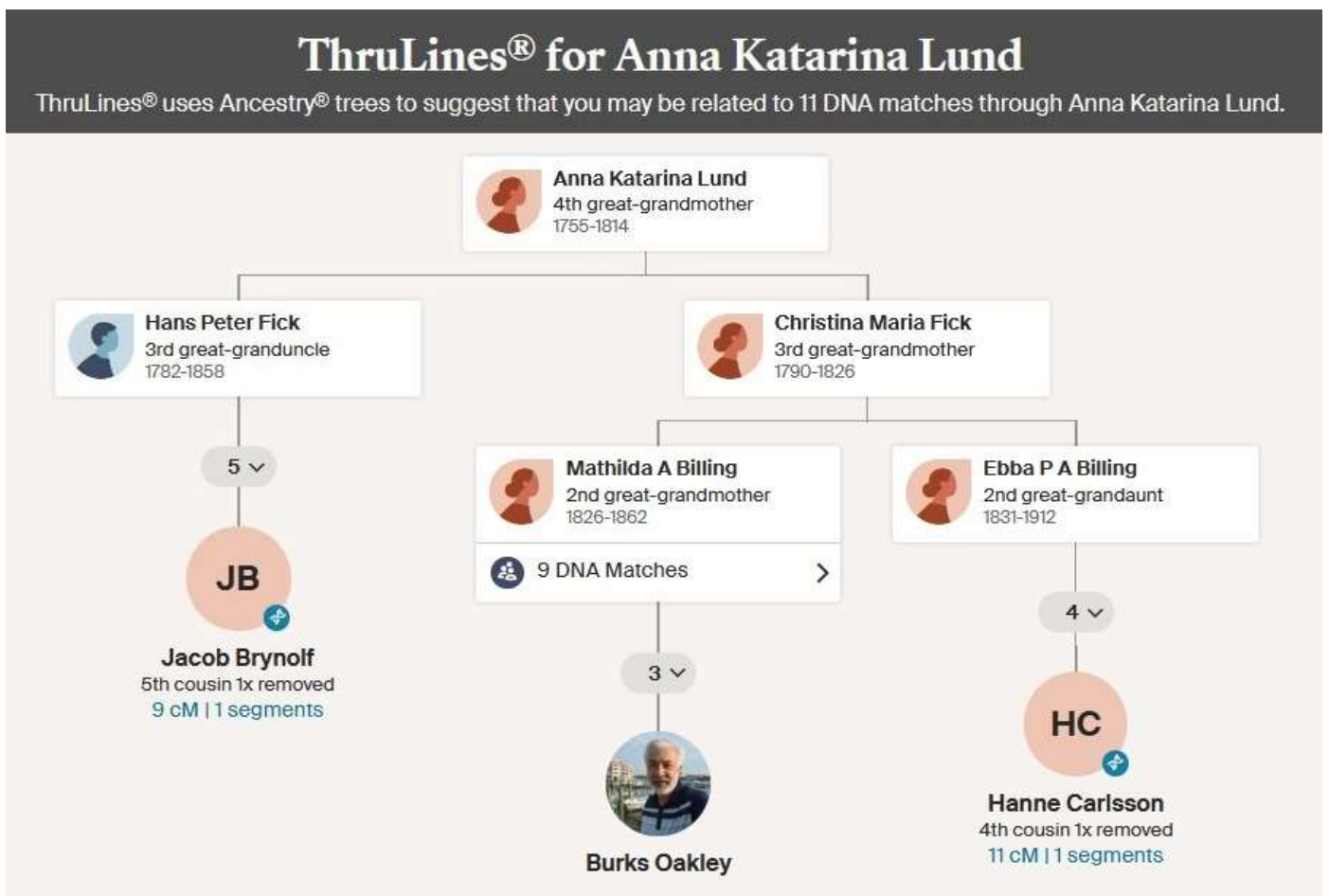
I next looked at the ThruLines™ charts for the Fick-Lund couple. These charts show all a person's DNA matches with descendants of his/her ancestors, back to the person's 128 fifth-great grandparents.

Here is my ThruLines™ chart for Kristian Fick:



Amazing! This shows why my DNA match with Jacob Brynolf is so important to me – he is my only DNA match with a direct descendant of Kristian Fick.

Here is my ThruLines™ chart for Kristian’s wife, Anna Katarina Lund:



In this view of the ThruLines™ chart, the ancestral line through Anna’s daughter Christina Maria Fick has been opened on the right side of the chart. It shows the line to me, as well as the line to a woman named Hanne Carlsson.

I am descended from Christina Maria Fick through her daughter Mathilda Augusta Billing, while Hanne is descended from Christina Maria Fick through her daughter Ebba Paulina Amalia Billing.

For completeness, here is a chart showing how Hanne and I are related:



Hanne is the daughter of Cecilia Johnsons Carlsson. I also have a DNA match with Cecilia on Ancestry.com:

You and Cecilia Carlsson
5th - 8th Cousin | Maternal side
< 1% shared DNA: 17 cM across 1 segments

I wrote about this DNA match in 2019:

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

At that time, Cecilia had her family tree on the Ancestry.com website, but it seems that she must have removed it sometime after I saw it, since it no longer is there.

Up until now, Cecilia and her daughter Hanne were my only two DNA matches related to my Billing-Fick ancestors. And now I have found Jacob Brynolf. Priceless!

As an aside, I should note that my Brorström first-cousins Stuart Eck, Annmarie Brorström, and Susan Baker also have DNA matches with Hanne Carlsson:



HC

Stuart Eck and Hanne Carlsson

5th – 8th Cousin | Parent 1's side
< 1% shared DNA: 13 cM across 1 segments



HC

PTB Larson and Hanne Carlsson

5th – 8th Cousin | Unassigned
< 1% shared DNA: 12 cM across 1 segments



HC

Annmarie Brorström and Hanne Carlsson

5th – 8th Cousin | Unassigned
< 1% shared DNA: 12 cM across 1 segments

More About Jacob Brynolf

Here is a screenshot showing my DNA match with Jacob Brynolf:



JB

You and Jacob Brynolf

Jacob Brynolf's test is managed by: [susanne walden](#)

5th – 8th Cousin | Maternal side
< 1% shared DNA: 9 cM across 1 segments

I note that his profile on the Ancestry.com website is managed by a woman named Susanne Walden. Typically the people who manage DNA profiles for others are relatives, so naturally I wondered if Susanne and Jacob were related.

I went to the Ratsit.se website, which seems to have the home address of every adult in Sweden. When I entered "Jacob Brynolf", I got a single match:

Jacob Brynolf

Filtrera

Personer: 1 st

Företag: 0 st

Hans Jacob Brynolf
Tingshögsgatan 3, Uppsala
71 år ♂

Se lön direkt

It would appear that his full name is Hans Jacob Brynolf, he is 71 years old, and he lives in Uppsala, Sweden (a beautiful old/new city that I have been to twice on my visits to Sweden).

For fun, I also looked up Susanne Walden on the Ratsit.se website. I got eighteen hits, and the second one on the list was Katja Susanne Fearnley Waldén¹:

The screenshot shows a search results page on Ratsit.se. At the top, there is a search bar containing 'susanne walden' and a magnifying glass icon. Below the search bar, the results are displayed under the heading 'susanne walden'. To the right of the heading is a 'Filtrera' button. Below the heading, there are two statistics: 'Personer: 18 st' and 'Företag: 0 st'. The results are listed in a table-like format with two entries:

Name	Address	Age	Gender	Action
Karin Susanne Walldén	Sickla allé 61 lgh 1102, Nacka	67 år	♀	Se lön direkt
Katja Susanne Fearnley Waldén	Tingshögsgatan 3, Uppsala	61 år	♀	Se lön direkt

This woman is 61 years old, and lives at the same address in Uppsala as Jacob Brynolf. This has to be the “right” person. Could it be that they are husband and wife?

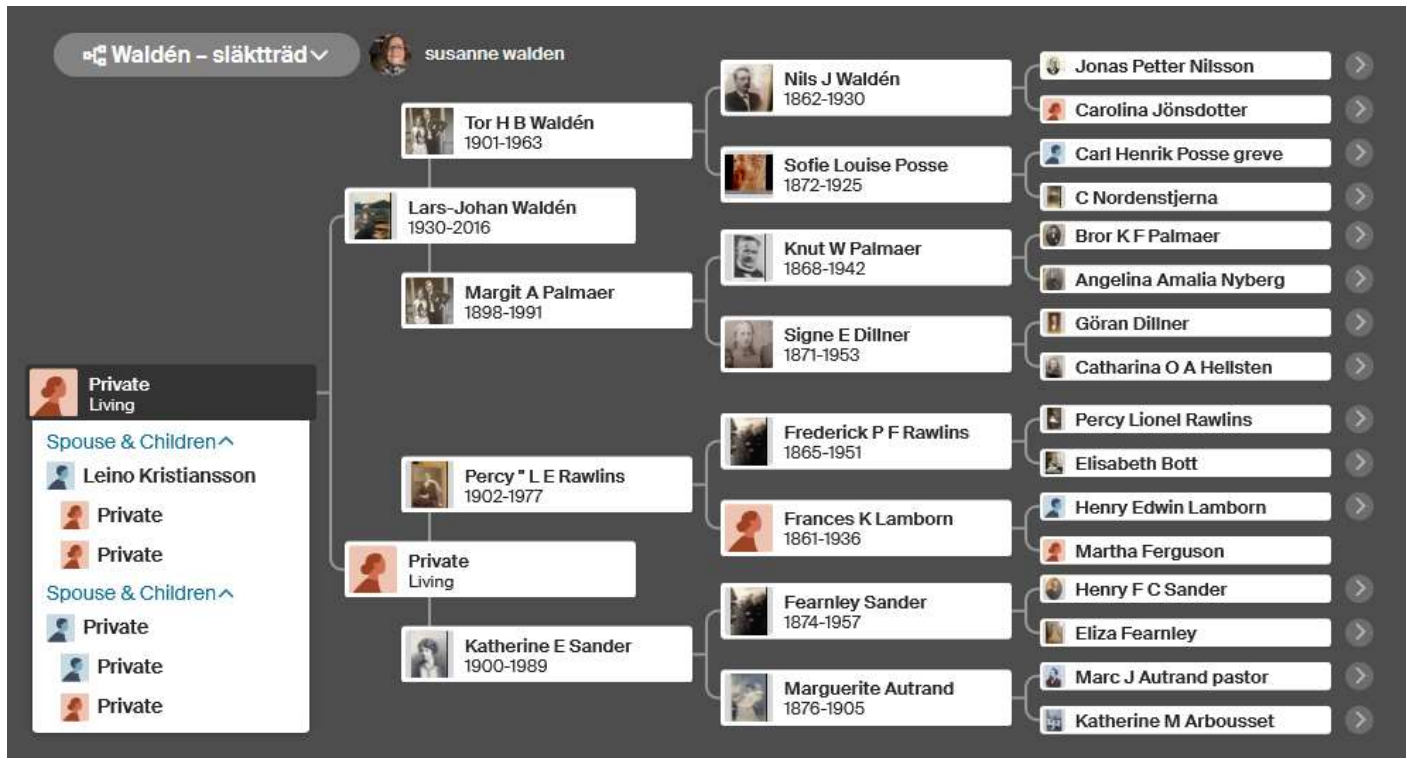
I looked at Susanne’s profile on the Ancestry.com website:

The screenshot shows Susanne Walden's profile on Ancestry.com. On the left, there is a circular profile picture of a woman with glasses and a patterned scarf. Below the picture, her name 'susanne walden' is displayed, followed by 'Age: 50-59'. There is a 'Message' button and a three-dot menu icon. Below that, it says 'Joined 13 Sept 2002' and 'Last signed in 2-6 Days ago'. On the right side of the profile, there is a section titled 'DNA relationship to Burks Oakley (you)' with a dropdown arrow. Below this, it says 'susanne walden is either not a DNA match or has not taken a DNA test. However, Burks Oakley is a DNA match to tests associated with susanne walden's account including:'. Below this is a circular icon with the initials 'JB'. Further down is a 'Family History' section with a globe icon. It features a 'PUBLIC FAMILY TREE' titled 'Waldén – släkträd'. To the right of the tree title, there is a table with statistics:

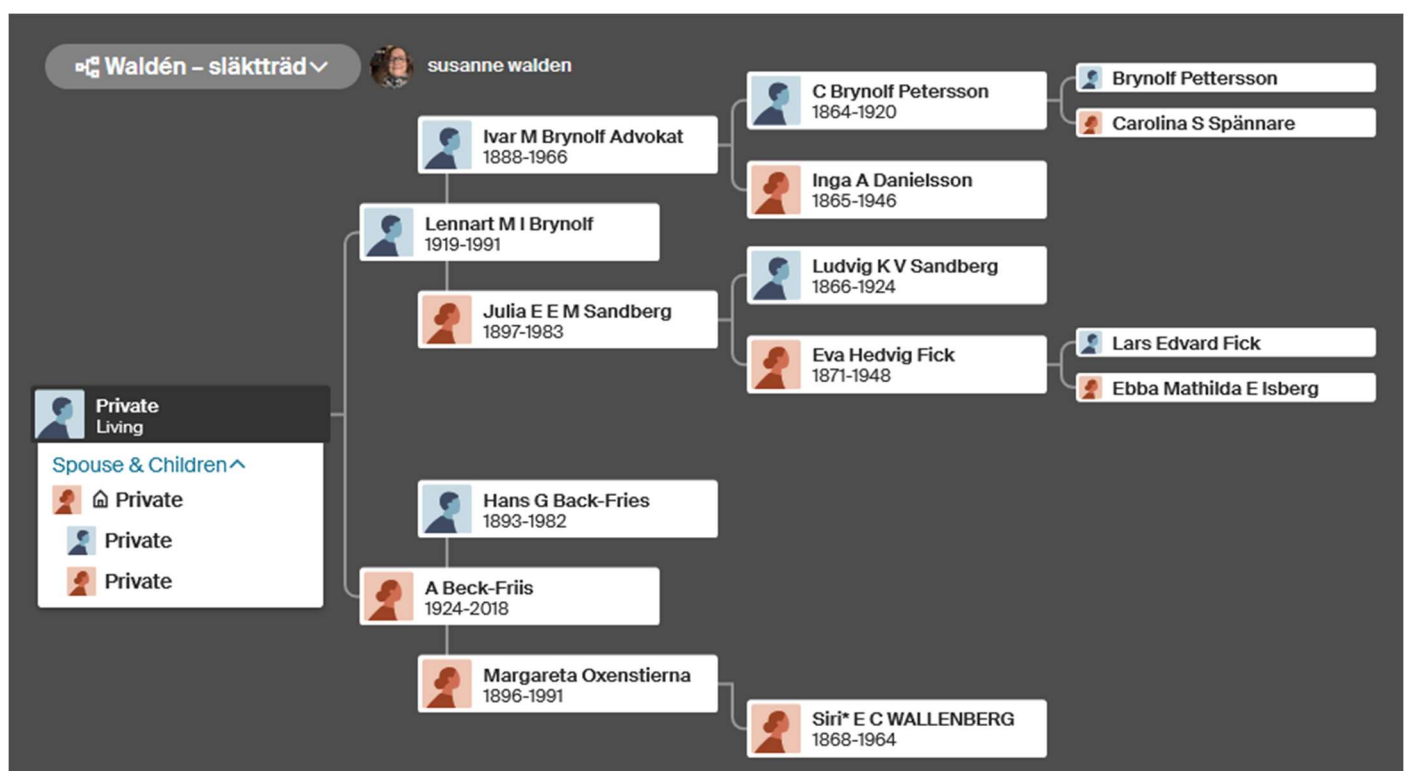
People:	828
Records:	509
Media:	207

Her family tree is named “Waldén – släkträd” (in English, “Waldén – family tree”). I looked at her tree, starting with the “Home Person”, who I assumed was Susanne:

¹ I note that one of my favorite Swedish chefs, who has multiple online channels, is Jennie Walldén – a slightly different spelling. She can be found on YouTube and Facebook.



When I clicked on her second husband (marked “Private” in the lower-left of the screen), I brought up his pedigree:



And sure enough, this person is Jacob Brynolf. So yes, Jacob and Susanne are husband and wife, and that is why she is managing his DNA profile on Ancestry.com.

I note that Susanne’s pedigree for Jacob continues on back to Hans Kristian Fick (1810-1847), who was a son of Hans Peter Fick, and thus a grandson of the Fick-Lund ancestors that Jacob and I have in common.

As an aside, the Fick family must have been important, since they had an “inheritable” family surname in the late 1700’s, and this was unusual for those times (most of the surnames in Sweden at that time used the patronymic convention that I have written about previously).

Summary

In this rambling narrative, I began with my new DNA match with Jacob Brynolf. We have a small (9 cM) DNA match and we both are descended from Kristian Fick (1754-1817) and his wife Anna Katarina Lund (1755-1814). On these ancestral lines, Jacob and I are fifth-cousins once-removed.

Jacob is the only DNA match that I have with direct descendants of the Fick-Lund couple, so this match is very important for my Swedish genealogy. I only have two other DNA matches on this line, and those matches are with Cecilia Johnsson Carlsson and her daughter Hanne Carlsson. Jacob, Cecilia, and Hanne are all Swedes, so it is great to see this connection with my ancestral roots in Sweden.

Jacob's DNA profile on Ancestry.com is managed by his wife, Susanne Waldén. They live in Uppsala, and I hope to be able to meet them on my next trip to Sweden.