

A New DNA Match on the Wennström Side of Our Family (or at least connecting to us via 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 am especially 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 (my first-cousins) 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 one of their Swedish lines, it is as good as me having that match. I recently found a new DNA match for my cousin Susan Baker (née Brorström), and this narrative is about that match.

Susan's DNA Match with Karl-Gustaf Bengtsson

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 identified a common ancestor (or ancestors). I also sort these matches by date, so that the newest matches are displayed first. Here is a screenshot showing Susan's new DNA match with Karl-Gustaf Bengtsson [the little blue dot next to his icon indicates that I had not previously viewed this match]:

The screenshot displays the 'Susan Baker's DNA Matches' interface. At the top, there are options for 'List' and 'Map'. Below that, filters include 'Unviewed' (selected) and 'Common ancestors'. A search and sort dropdown is also visible. The match list shows a match with Karl-Gustaf Bengtsson, managed by imbalii, with a relationship of 4th-6th Cousin and 30 cM of shared DNA. Additional details include a public linked tree with 292 people and a common ancestor icon.

Susan and Karl-Gustaf share 30 cM of DNA, and based solely on the size of this match, they could be as close as fourth-cousins.

I went on to view their common ancestor:

How are Susan Baker and Karl-Gustaf Bengtsson related?

Common Ancestors

According to Ancestry member trees, these are the common ancestors that connect Susan Baker and Karl-Gustaf Bengtsson. View a common ancestor to see the relationship path that connects them.

Susan Baker and Karl-Gustaf Bengtsson could be half 6th cousin through:



Per Månsson

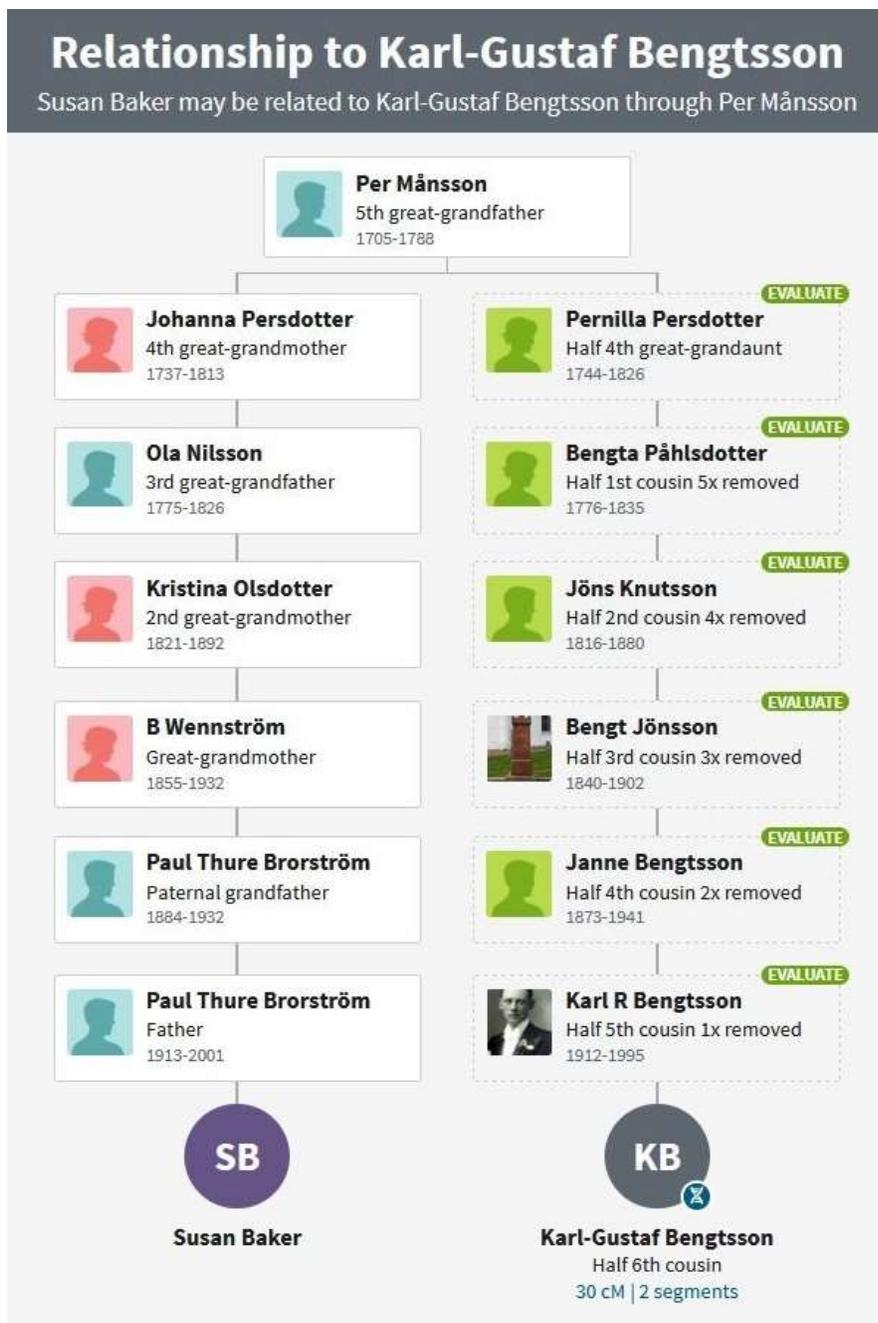
5th great-grandfather

1705-1788

[View Relationship](#)

Susan and Karl-Gustaf are both descended from Per Månsson (1705-1788). This man was Susan's fifth-great grandfather. It is strange that software on the Ancestry.com website didn't pick up Per's wife Gunilla (or Gundel) Åkesdotter (1710-1785) as also being a common ancestor, since as far as I know, Per only had one wife during his long life. I'll come back to this later.

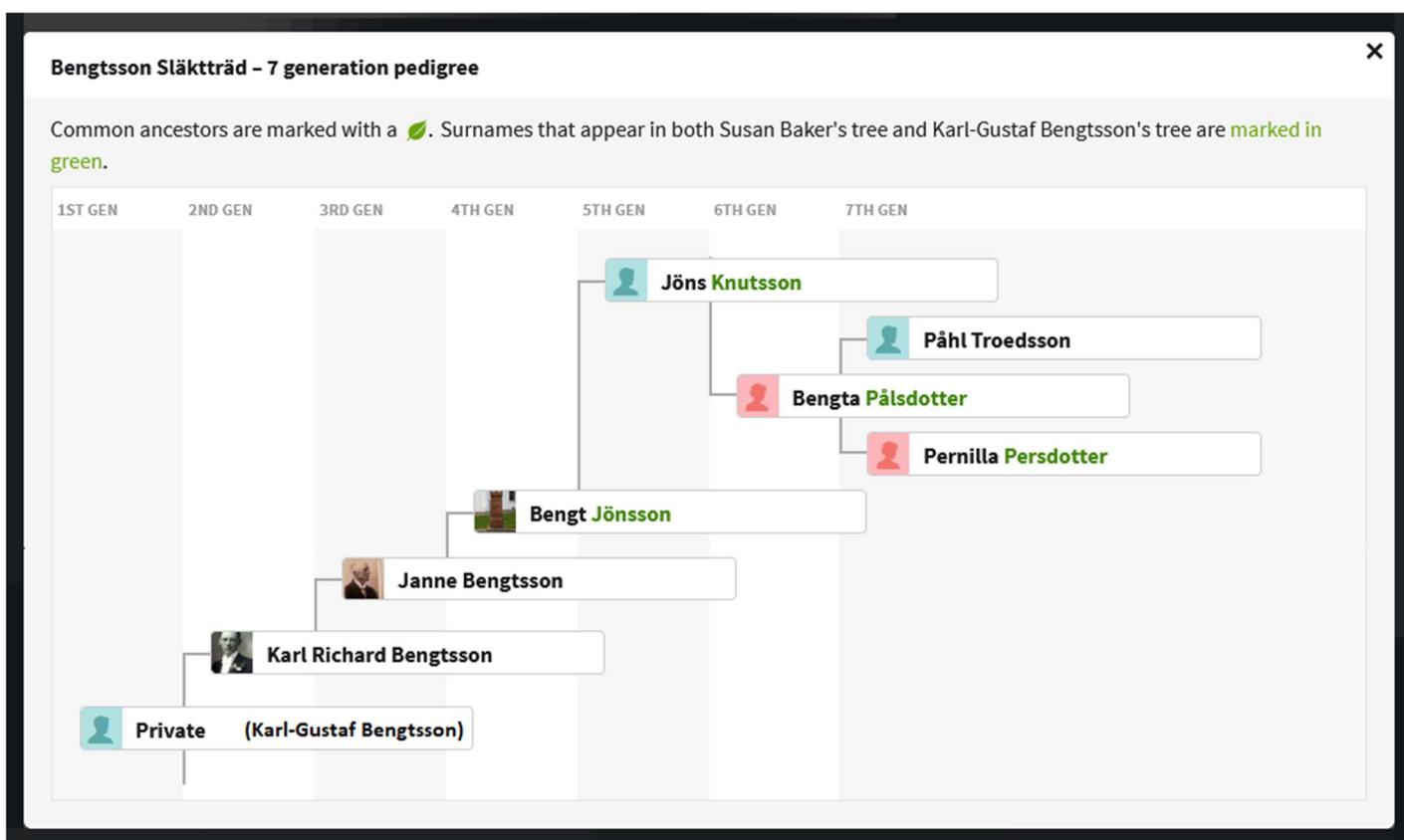
I next looked at the chart showing exactly how Susan and Karl-Gustaf could be related:



This chart was automatically created by software on the Ancestry.com website, and it is based on information in family trees on this site. Since some of these trees may contain errors, this relationship chart should not be accepted without some additional research.

At any rate, this chart shows that Susan is descended from Per Månsson through his daughter Johanna Persdotter (1737-1813), while Karl-Gustaf is descended from Per Månsson through his daughter Pernilla Persdotter (1744-1826). Note that the people in Karl-Gustaf's ancestral line are all listed as "half" relationships, since one or more family trees on Ancestry.com must have different mothers for Johanna and Pernilla.

I next wanted to verify Karl-Gustaf's line back to Per Månsson. I looked at his pedigree, and it turned out that he has the entire line back to Pernilla Persdotter in his family tree:



But this ancestral line stops with Pernilla Persdotter. I looked at Pernilla in a number of family trees. One of these family trees is owned by Björn Ewenfält – I have written about my first-cousins' DNA matches with him previously:

<http://www.burksoakley.com/SwedishGenealogy/PerMånsson-GundelÅkesdotter.pdf>

The following entry shows that Per's wife was Gunilla Åkesdotter, and two of their daughters were Johanna Persdotter and Pernilla Persdotter:

Oldies ▾ Tree search Björn Ewenfält

Pär Månsson
 BIRTH 4 MARS 1706 • Troedsfälle, Hasslöv, Halland, Sverige
 DEATH 11 MAJ 1788 • Troedsfälle, Hasslöv, Halland, Sverige

Family

Parents

- Måns Olsson 1666-1729
- Kristina Svensdotter 1679-1737

Spouse & Children

- Gunilla Åkesdotter VIII:188 1710-1785
- Måns Persson 1735-1815
- Johanna Persdotter 1737-1813
- Chierstina Persdotter 1739-1739
- Pernilla Persdotter 1742-
- Elna Persdotter VII:94 1745-1821
- Hans Persson 1748-
- Anna Persdotter 1752-
- Ola Persson 1756-1756

Here is the entry for Per Månsson from a tree owned by Svesva:

E-A Svantesson ▾ Tree search Svesva

Per Månsson VIII:187
 BIRTH 4 MAR 1706 • Troedsfälle, Hasslöv, Halland, Sverige
 DEATH 11 MAJ 1788 • Troedsfälle, Hasslöv, Halland, Sverige

Family

Parents

- Måns Olsson VIII:153 o IX:261, 373, 379 1666-1729
- Kristina Svensdotter VIII:154 o IX:262, 374, 380 1679-1737

Spouse & Children

- Gunilla Åkesdotter VIII:188 1710-1785
- Måns Persson 1735-
- Johanna Persdotter 1737-1813
- Kerstin Persdotter 1739-1739
- Pernilla Persdotter 1742-
- Elna Persdotter VII:94 1745-1821
- Hans Persson 1748-
- Anna Persdotter 1752-
- Ola Persson 1756-1756

It is in agreement with the previous tree. And my tree has Pernilla's mother as Gunilla/Gundel Åkesdotter.

But here is a family tree with a different wife for Per Månsson – this tree is owned by a woman named Patricia Frazier:

Steineke Family Tree ▾ Tree search Patricia Frazier

Pernilla Persdotter
 BIRTH 28 AUGUSTI 1744 • Våxtorp, Halland, Sverige
 DEATH 17 AUGUSTI 1826 • Fågelsång, Halland, Sverige

Family

Parents

- Pär Månsson** 1706-1788
- Bengta Jönsdotter** 1715-1765

Spouse & Children

- Påhl Truedsson** 1745-1807
- Bengt Pålsson-Falck** 1773-1836

This tree has Pernilla's mother as Bengta Jönsdotter (1715-1765), which is different than most of the other trees. And this probably is causing the "half" relationship in the chart.

I am inclined to be very, very suspicious of Patricia Frazier's family tree. Here is part of her entry for Pernilla Persdotter (1744-1826) – I'm not sure if this is a duplicate entry or what it is:

Steineke Family Tree ▾ Tree search Patricia Frazier

Pernilla Persdotter
 BIRTH 1744 • Hishult, Halland, Sweden
 DEATH 1826 • Trånget, Hishult (N)

Family

Biological parents

- Bengt Pålsson** 1773-1836
- Bengta Jönsdotter** 1779-1860

[Additional parent relationships ^](#)

Biological

- Bengt Pålsson-Falck** 1773-1836
- Per Månsson** 1706-1788
- Bengta Jönsdotter** 1779-1860
- Bengta Jönsdotter** 1715-1765

Spouse & Children

- Påhl Troetsson** 1745-1807
- Jöns Pålsson** 1770-1858
- Bengt Pålsson** 1773-1836
- Bengta Pålshdotter** 1776-1835
- Per Pålsson** 1781-

Spouse & Children

- Sven Hansson** 1790-1876
- Bengt Johan Svensson** 1821-1852
- Johanna Svensdotter** 1823-1906
- Helena Svensdotter** 1826-1884
- Petter Johan Svensson** 1833-1863
- Kristina Svensson** 1841-1903

Spouse & Children

- SVEN* MÅNSSON** 1821-1900
- Magnus Nathan Swenson** 1836-1919
- Bengt Johan Svensdotter** 1838-1923
- Johanna Juliana Swensdotter** 1843-1931
- Johanna Svensson** 1859-
- Dödfödt Flickebarn Hansson** -1879

Note that she has Pernilla being born in 1744, with her biological parents born in 1773 and 1779. Her second husband was born in 1790, and her third husband was born in 1821. And to save space, I omitted two more husbands from this chart. My guess is that her (obviously very incorrect) entries for this family are causing the software to have the wrong spouse for Per Månsson.

Another entry in Patricia Frazier's tree is for Bengta Bengtsdotter (1786-1855):

Steineke Family Tree | Tree Search | patricia Frazier

Bengta Bengtsdotter
 BIRTH 28 APR 1786 • Torsby, Göteborg Och Bohus, Sweden
 DEATH 20 JAN 1855 • YTTERBY, GÖTEBORG OCH BOHUS, SWEDEN

Family

Parents

- Bengt Pålsson 1773-1836
- Bengta Jonsdotter 1779-1860

Spouse & Children

Spouse:

- Sven Hansson 1749-1829

Children:

- Kierstein Svendsdotter 1805-
- Hanna Hansson 1806-
- Samuel Svenson 1809-1810
- Beata Svendsdotter 1810-1889
- Olena Svendotter 1812-1891
- Samuel Svensson 1815-
- Maria Christina Svendsdotter 1818-
- Anna Cajsa Svendsdotter 1819-1891
- Johan Svensson 1820-
- Pernilla Svendsdotter 1826-
- Helena Svendsdotter 1826-1884
- Hans Petter Svensson 1828-1828
- Bengta Svendsdotter 1829-
- Christina Svendsdotter 1829-
- Carl Magnus Svensson 1830-
- Nils 1832-
- Johanna Hansson 1832-
- Beata Svendsdotter 1832-
- Petter Johan Svensson 1833-
- Johanna Svendsdotter 1835-1906
- Ingeborg Svendsdotter 1836-1836
- Magnus Nathan Swenson 1836-1919
- Hans Petter Svensson 1838-1919
- Bengta Svendsdotter 1838-1923
- Helena Svendsdotter 1840-1860
- Bengta Svendsdotter 1841-1880
- Johan Peter Svensson 1842-1916
- Petternilla Svendsdotter 1842-1873
- Johanna Juliana Svendsdotter 1843-1931
- Nils Peter Svensson 1845-1847
- Nels Swenson 1845-1893
- Bengt Svensson 1846-1846
- Bothilda Svendsdotter 1848-
- Neta Svendsdotter 1848-1760
- Bina Svendsdotter 1852-1906
- Hans Peter Svensson 1855-
- Hanna Svendsdotter 1857-

Note that according to Patricia, Bengta was born seven years after her mother was born, and she went on to have thirty-seven children. Oh my – this is really screwed up!

I next looked at Susan's "Shared DNA Matches" with Karl-Gustaf Bengtsson. These are the individuals with whom Susan and Karl-Gustaf both have DNA matches greater (or equal) to 20 cM. Here is a subset of the matches where their common ancestors are known:



Susan Baker and Karl-Gustaf Bengtsson

Karl-Gustaf Bengtsson's test is managed by: imbalii

4th – 6th Cousin

< 1% shared DNA: 30 cM across 2 segments

Trees Ethnicity **Shared Matches**

Filter by:

Unviewed

Common ancestors

Search | Sort

Full Sibling

	Annmarie Brors... Sister 2,664 cM 47% - 54% shared DNA	Public linked tree 421 People Common ancestor
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	PTB Larson Brother 2,292 cM 41% - 47% shared DNA	Public linked tree 141 People Common ancestor
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Distant Family

	Eva Josefsson Managed by SternerJosefsson 4th – 6th Cousin 63 cM < 1% shared DNA	Public linked tree 6,291 People Common ancestor
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	Steve Larson 4th – 6th Cousin 22 cM < 1% shared DNA	Public linked tree 2,189 People Common ancestor
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	Björn Ewenfält 4th – 6th Cousin 20 cM < 1% shared DNA	Public linked tree 1,518 People Common ancestor
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The first two people listed on this panel are Susan's sister Annmarie Brorström and her brother Peter Thure Brorström (surname changed to Larson as an adult). The other three individuals are:

- Eva Josefsson - Eva is descended from Per Månsson and his wife Gundel Åkesdotter through their daughter Johanna Persdotter.
- Steve Larson - Steve is descended from Johanna Persdotter through his daughter Kierstin Nilsson (1764-1822)
- Björn Ewenfält - Björn is descended from Per Månsson and Gundel Åkesdotter through their daughter Elna Persdotter (1745-1821).

Amazing that software on Ancestry.com (1) can identify the DNA matches going back to fifth-great grandparents and (2) can scan millions of family trees to find the common ancestors. I'm always impressed by this.

Let me emphasize that these "Shared DNA Matches" are only those individuals having DNA matches greater than 20 cM in size. Just for fun, I looked to see if I also had a DNA match with Karl-Gustaf, and I was surprised to see that I did:



You and Karl-Gustaf Bengtsson

Karl-Gustaf Bengtsson's test is managed by: imbalii

5th – 8th Cousin

< 1% shared DNA: 16 cM across 1 segments

My DNA match with Karl-Gustaf is just 16 cM, which is why it didn't turn up on Susan's list of Shared DNA Matches with Karl-Gustaf (it would have to be at least 20 cM to show up on this list). I have no idea why I didn't see this DNA match earlier.

ThruLines™ for Per Månsson and Gundel Åkesdotter

Several years ago, I wrote about our family's ThruLines™ with Per Månsson and his wife Gundel Åkesdotter – see:

<http://www.burksoakley.com/SwedishGenealogy/PerMånsson-GundelÅkesdotter.pdf>

Given the new DNA match with Karl-Gustaf Bengtsson, I thought that I should revisit this topic. I began with Susan's ThruLines™ for Per Månsson:

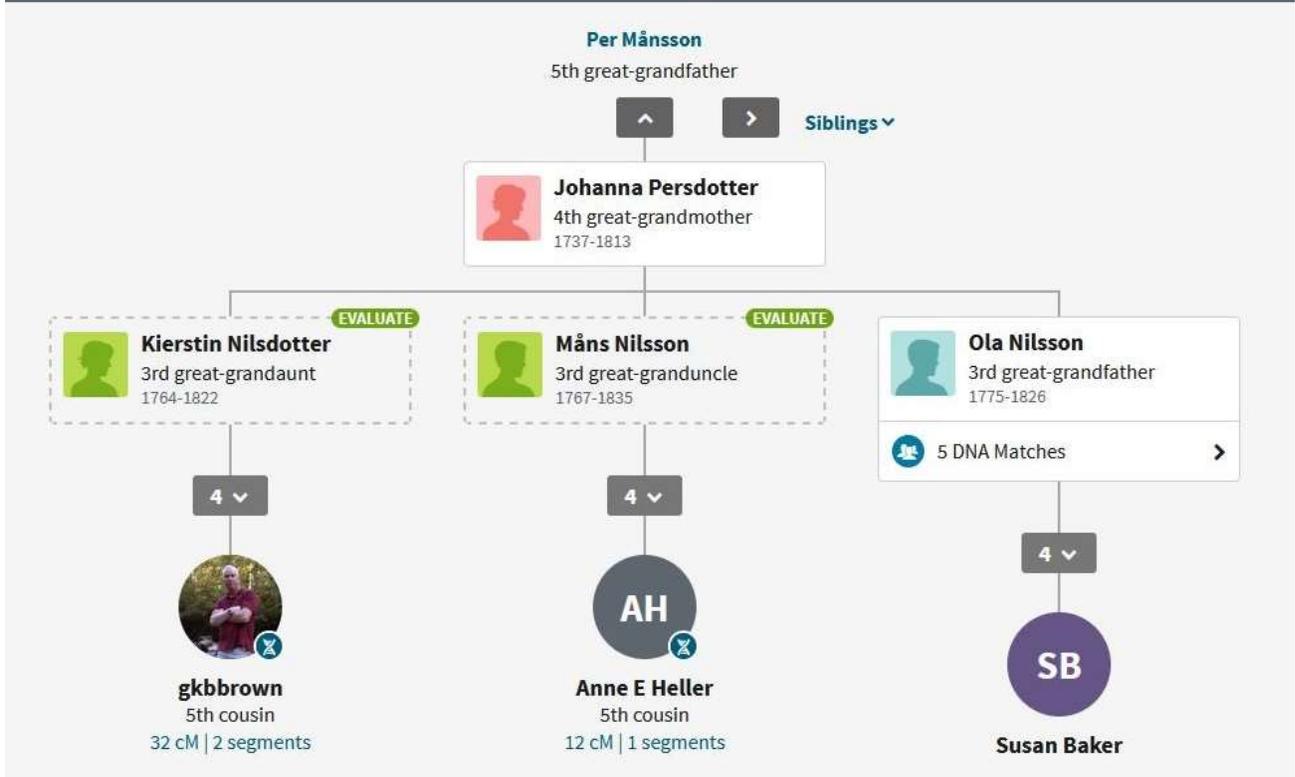


Susan has DNA matches with nine descendants of Per Månsson – one through his daughter Pernilla (with Karl-Gustaf Bengtsson), one through his daughter Elna (with Björn Ewenfält), and seven through his daughter Johanna.

I opened the lines through Johanna:

ThruLines™ for Per Månsson

ThruLines uses Ancestry® trees to suggest that Susan Baker may be related to 9 DNA matches through Per Månsson.

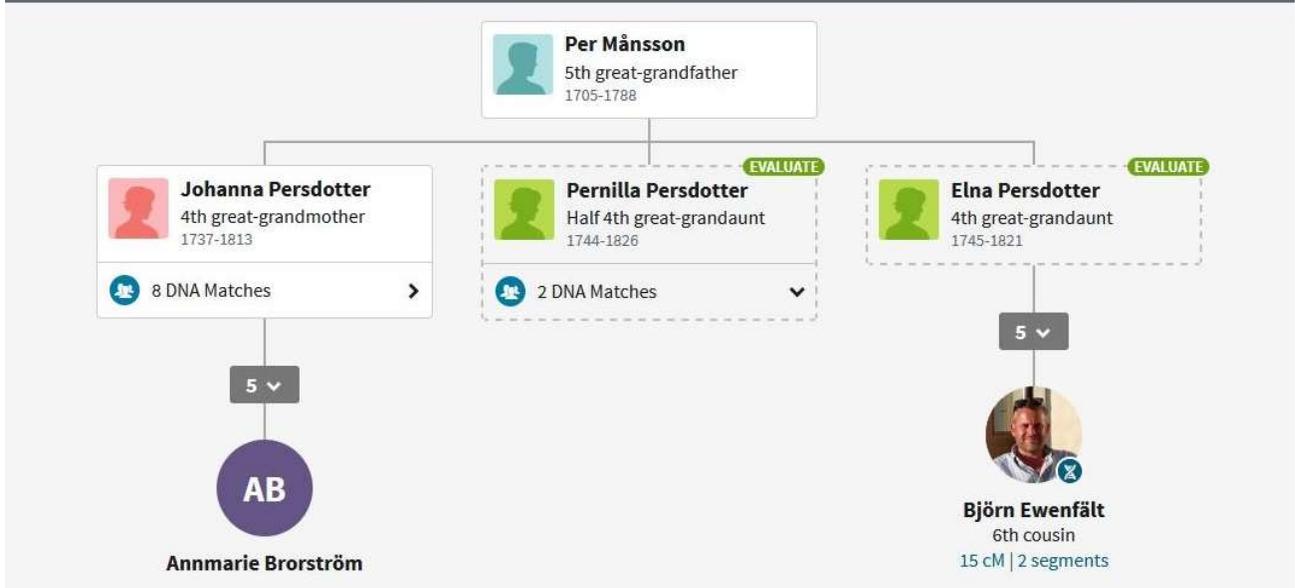


Susan has one DNA match connecting through Johanna's daughter Kierstin (with *gkbbrown*) and one through her son Måns (with Anne E. Heller). The remaining five DNA matches connect through Johanna's son Ola – and those matches are with close family members: James Horton, Peter, Annmarie, Stuart, and Burks.

I went on to look at Annmarie's ThruLines™ going back to Per Månsson:

ThruLines™ for Per Månsson

ThruLines uses Ancestry® trees to suggest that Annmarie Brorström may be related to 11 DNA matches through Per Månsson.



Annmarie has DNA matches with eleven descendants of Per Månsson. Opening the lines through Pernilla Persdotter gives:

ThruLines™ for Per Månsson

ThruLines uses Ancestry® trees to suggest that Annmarie Brorström may be related to 11 DNA matches through Per Månsson.



Annmarie has a second DNA match connecting through Pernilla Persdotter (with *janbing2*).

Opening the line through Johanna Persdotter gives:

ThruLines™ for Per Månsson

ThruLines uses Ancestry® trees to suggest that Annmarie Brorström may be related to 11 DNA matches through Per Månsson.



This adds a match with *Pia_carlsson53*.

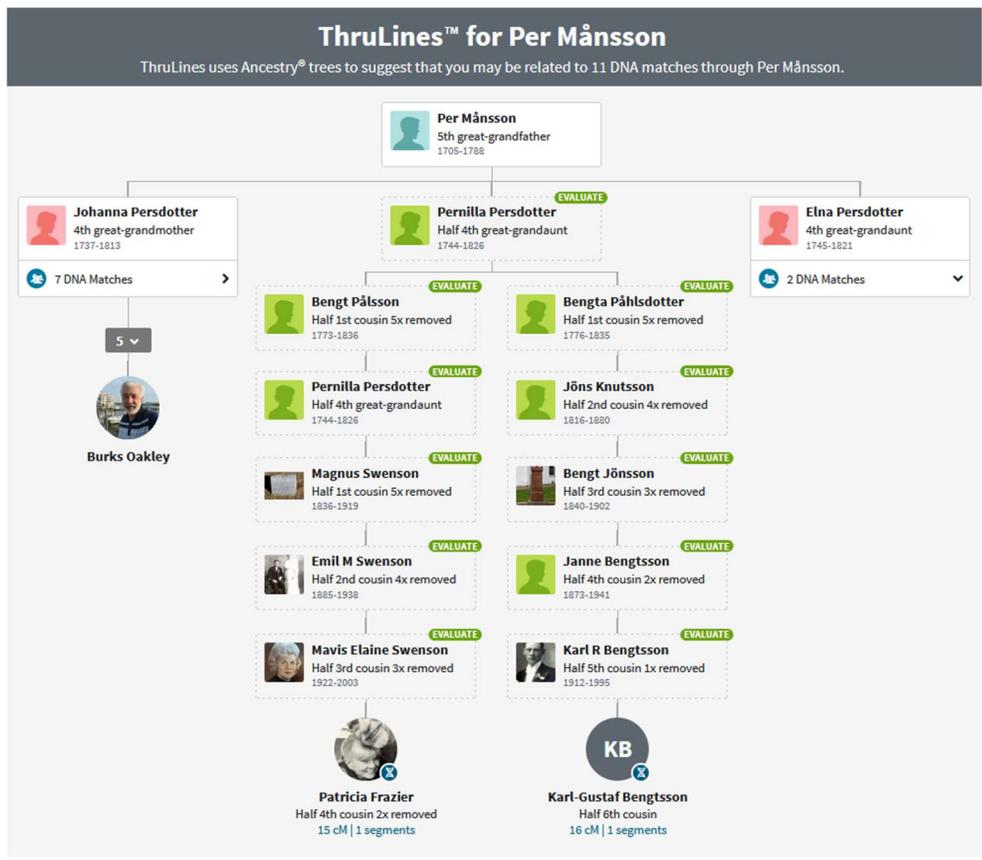
I also looked at Peter Larson's ThruLines™ for Per Månsson – recall that he is a brother of Susan and Annmarie, and he was born a Brorström. Rather than show the entire chart, I'm only going to show the line with new DNA matches:



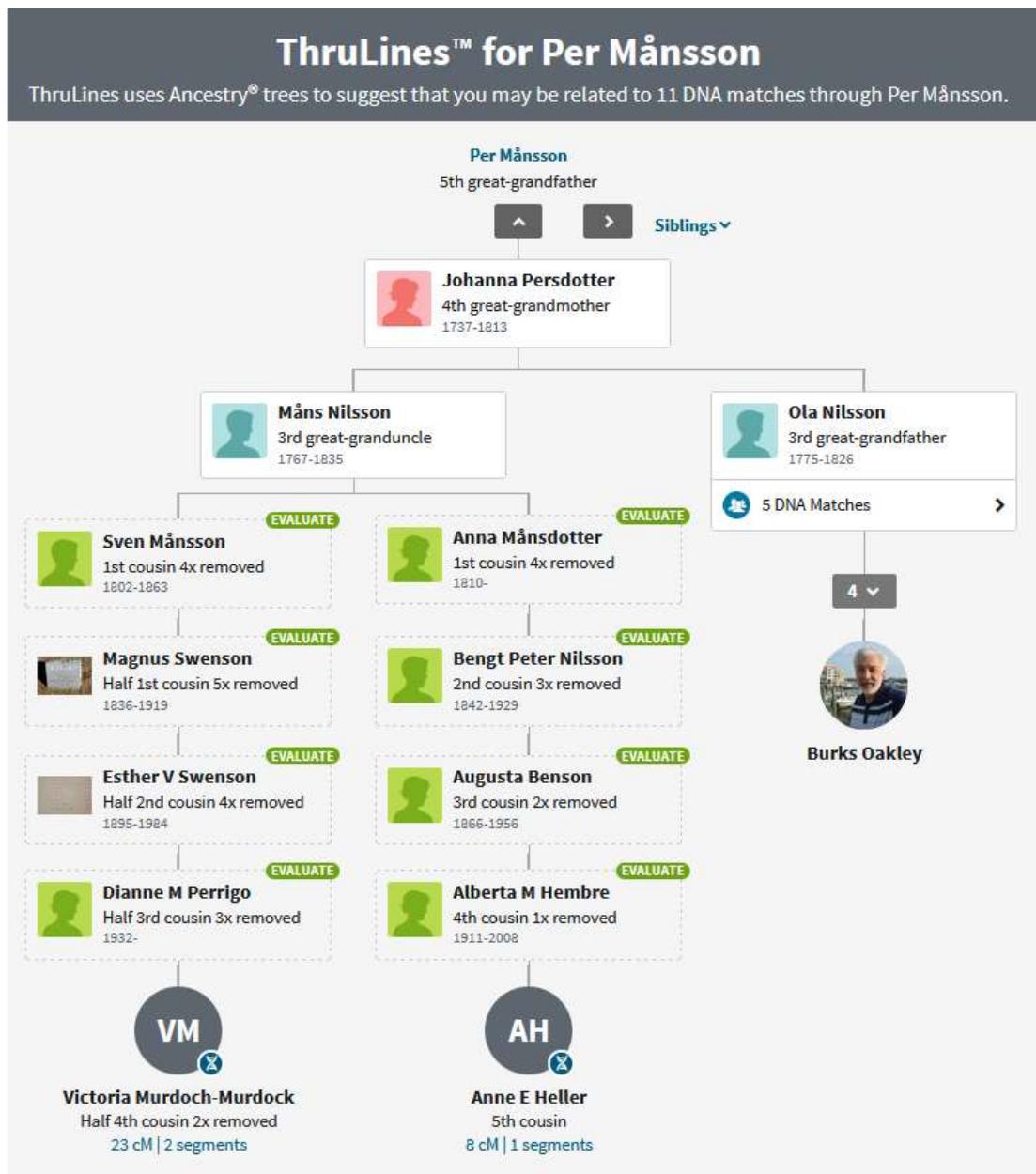
This adds DNA matches with Denis Sullivan and his sister Susan Sullivan LeDeuc (*msdeuc*).

Finally, I looked at my ThruLines™ for Per Månsson. I also have the DNA matches with Denis Sullivan and his sister Susan Sullivan LeDeuc.

My line through Pernilla Persdotter includes a DNA match with Patricia Frazier (née Steineke) – recall that she is the person with the erroneous tree entries:



Finally, my line back through Johanna Persdotter and her son Måns Nilsson includes a DNA match with Victoria Murdock-Murdoch:



I have no idea about the “half” relationship with Victoria Murdock.

The bottom line is that my first-cousins and I have a very large number of DNA matches with descendants of Per Månsson (and his wife Gundel Åkesdotter). Not counting our immediate family, these matches are with:

- Karl-Gustaf Bengtsson
- Björn Ewenfält
- Gary Kenna Brown (*gkbbrown*)
- Anne E. Heller
- *janbing2*
- *Pia_carlsson53*
- Denis Sullivan
- Susan Sullivan LeDeuc
- Patricia Frazier
- Victoria Murdock-Murdoch

I note that Eva Josefsson isn't on this list. Per Månsson and Gundel Åkesdotter were her sixth-great grandparents, and ThruLines™ charts only extend to fifth-great grandparents. Let me deal with this in the next section.

How Does Eva Josefsson Fit in to All This?

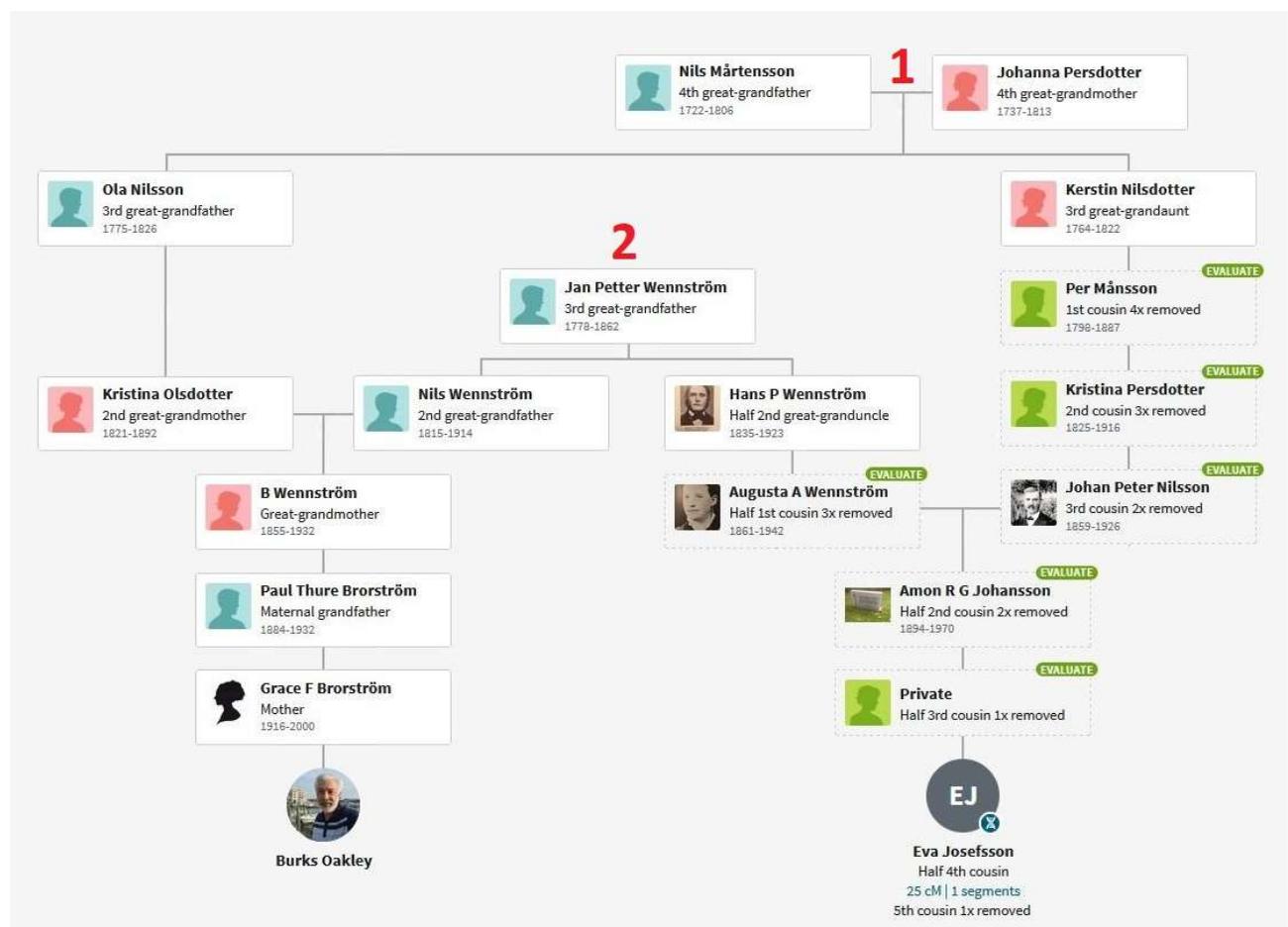
Recall that Susan and Karl-Gustaf have a “Shared DNA Match” with Eva Josefsson. Karl-Gustaf and I also have this shared DNA match with Eva:

Eva is a Swede who lives in Halmstad (on the coast in south-central Halland County). I have visited her several times and I have enjoyed getting to know her and her family. I know that Eva and I are related in at least two different ways – see:

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

<http://www.burksoakley.com/SwedishGenealogy/NilsMårtensson-PartI.pdf>

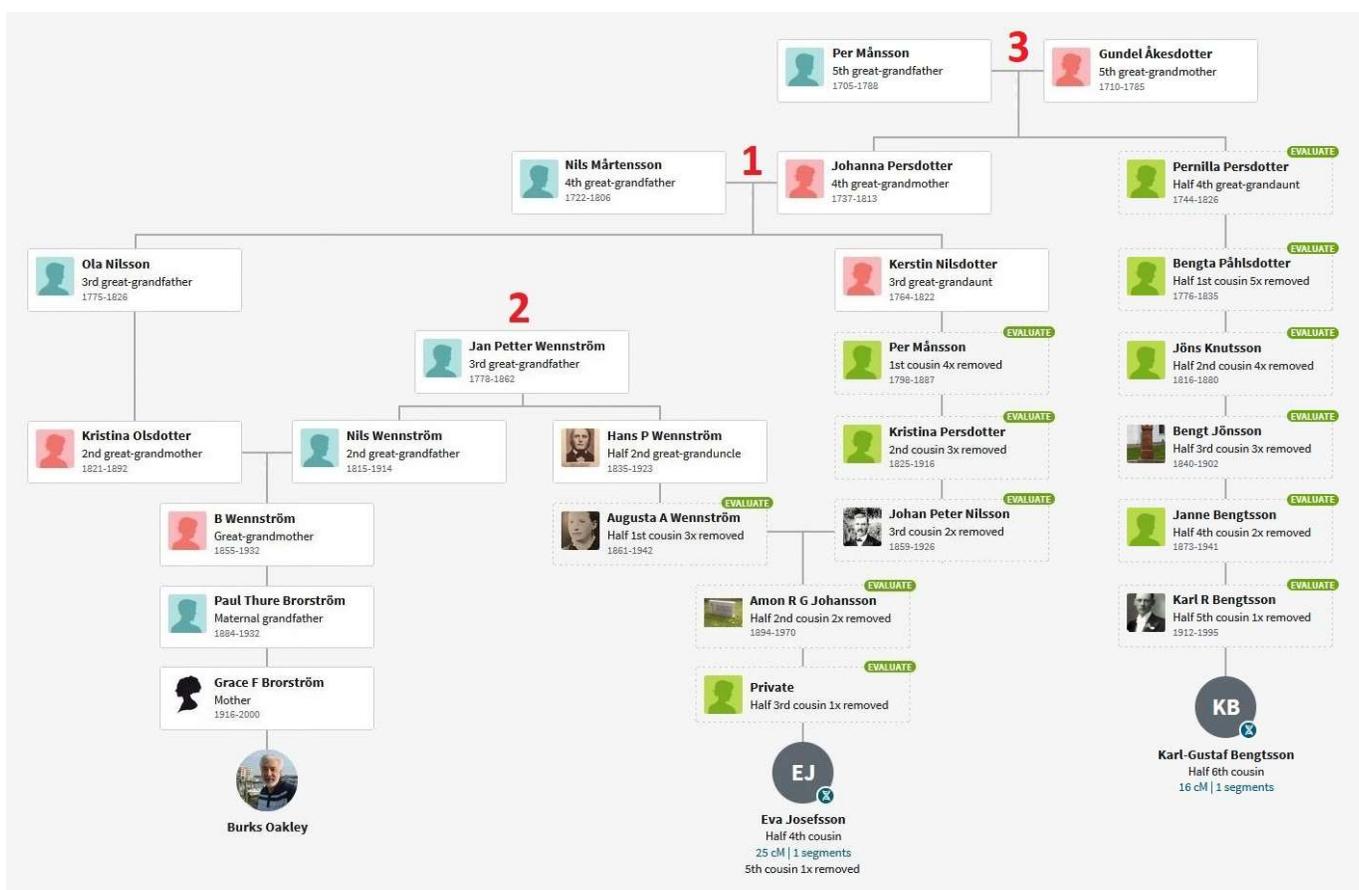
The following chart shows our two relationships:



Nils Mårtensson and his wife Johanna Persdotter are at the upper-right of this chart (labelled with a red number 1). Eva is descended from their daughter

Kerstin Nilsdotter, while I am descended from their son Ola Nilsson. Jan Petter Wennström appears at the upper-center of this chart. Eva is descended from Jan Petter's son Han Petter Wennström, while I am descended from his son Nils Wennström. Jan Petter Wennström's first wife was Maja Nilsdotter (1776-1819) and she was the mother of Nils Wennström. Jan Petter's second wife was Johanna Persdotter (1801-1888), and she was the mother of Hans Petter Wennström. This means that Eva and I have a "half" relationship on this ancestral line.

I added Karl-Gustaf Bengtsson's line to the relationship chart:



Per Månsson and his wife Gundel Åkesdotter appear in the upper-right of this chart (labelled with a red number 3). Eva and I both go back to this couple through their daughter Johanna Persdotter, while Karl-Gustaf goes back to this couple through their daughter Pernilla Persdotter.

And while I always think of Eva as a Wennström relative, our shared DNA match with Karl-Gustaf has nothing at all to do with our Wennström connection.

In looking into all of this, I found yet another way that Eva and I are related, but that will have to wait for another narrative.

Summary

In this lengthy narrative, I began with my cousin Susan's new DNA match with Karl-Gustaf Bengtsson. They both are descended from Per Månsson (1705-1788) and his wife Gunilla (or Gundel) Åkesdotter (1710-1785). This couple were Susan's fifth-great grandparents.

Due to major errors in one or more family trees on the Ancestry.com website, the software did not find the connection to Gunilla Åkesdotter, even though I am 99% confident that it should be there.

I learned that Susan's siblings Annmarie and Peter also have a DNA match with Karl-Gustaf Bengtsson, and so do I.

I examined the ThruLines™ charts that my cousins and I have going back to Per Månsson (and Gundel Åkesdotter), and as a family, we have DNA matches with eleven descendants of this couple. These DNA matches provide strong support for the genealogical record.

Finally, I looked at Eva Josefsson, who also is descended from the Månsson-Åkesdotter couple, but too many generations removed to show up in the ThruLines™ charts.