

Our ThruLines™ for Lars Hansson & Anna Börjesdotter

More Connections to our Larsson Ancestors in Fjärås, Sweden

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Introduction

My mother was Grace Florence Brorström (1916-2000). All four of her grandparents were Swedes who immigrated to America in the 1880's. She was ethnically 100% Swedish, making me 50% Swedish.

I am very interested in using DNA to confirm and to extend my family tree, and in recent years, I have been spending a lot of time looking into my Swedish ancestry. I am using the Ancestry.com website in this endeavor, and I am aided by the fact that four of my Brorström-Larsson first-cousins also have their DNA profiles and family trees on this website. Their father was my mother's older brother, Paul Thure Brorström Sr. (1913-2001). Due to the way that autosomal DNA is inherited, they will have DNA matches with distant relatives that I don't have, so I regularly look at their DNA matches, in addition to my own.



Stockholm at dusk.

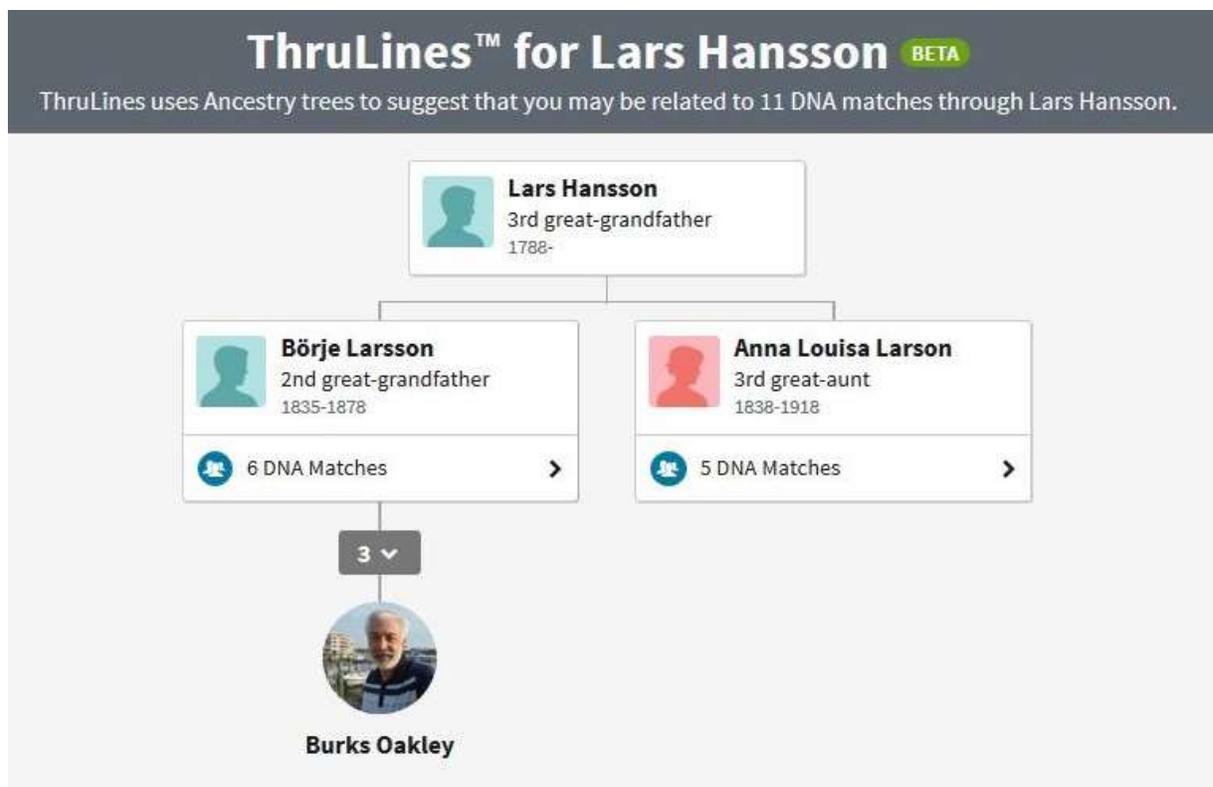
In early 2019, Ancestry.com released a beta version of its ThruLines™ software. This software looks at my DNA matches (that is, the people with whom I have DNA matches), and for each DNA match, it examines family trees on Ancestry.com, trying to find the most recent common ancestor (or ancestors) shared by the two people with the DNA match.

For each user, the ThruLines™ are organized in a hierarchical manner, starting with the person's two parents and going all the way to their 128 fifth-great grandparents. This narrative has new results for our ThruLines for our third-great grandparents Lars Hansson (1788-?) and his wife Anna Börjesdotter (1795-).¹ I previously wrote about these people in the narrative at:

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

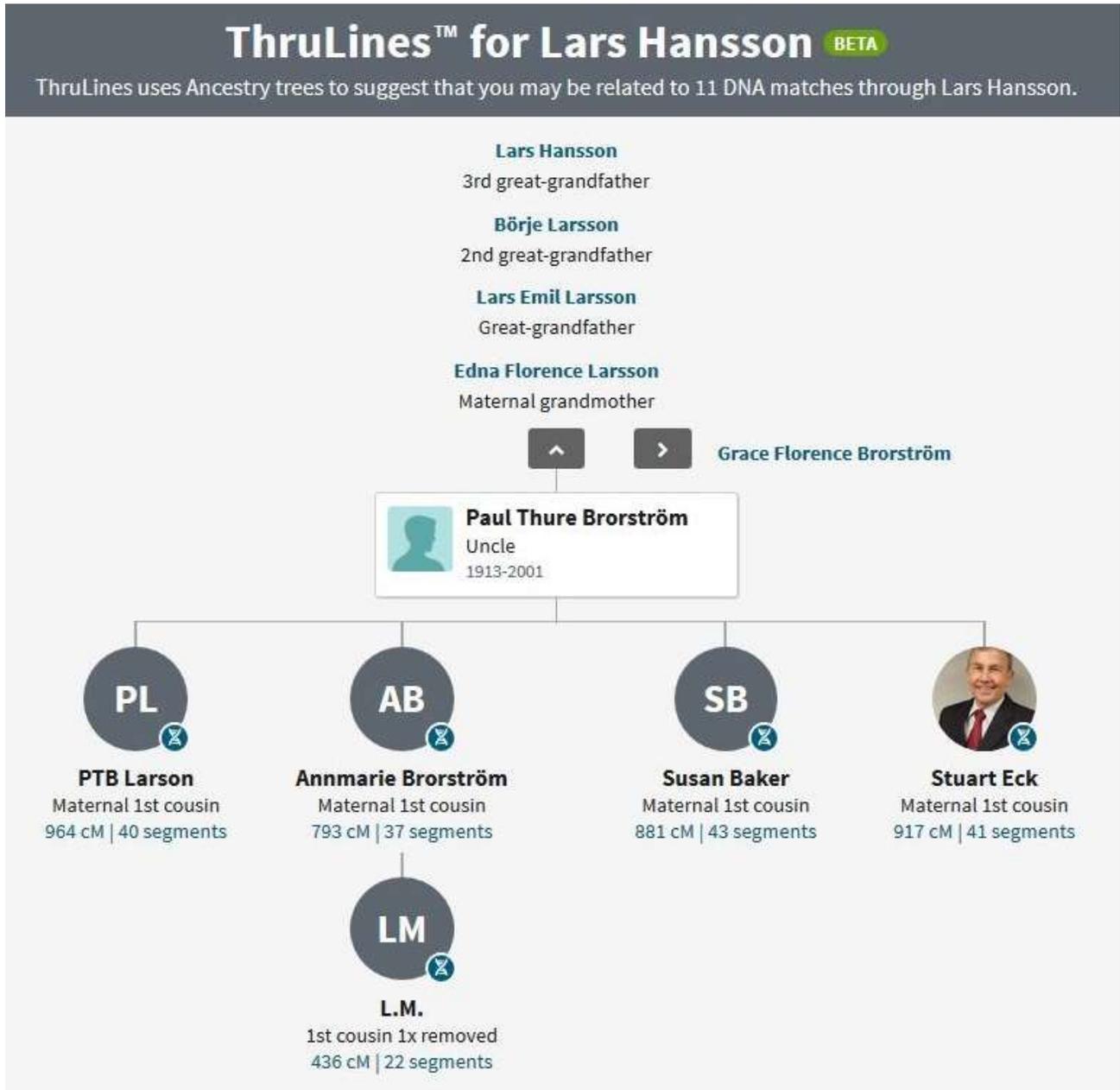
Examining the ThruLines™ for Lars Hansson and Anna Börjesdotter

I recently revisited my ThruLines™ for Lars Hansson. Even though I wrote about him earlier, new DNA profiles and family trees are always being added to the Ancestry.com website. Here is the initial view of this ThruLines™:



¹ I wrote "our ThruLines™" and "our third-great grandparents" since I am including my Swedish-American first-cousins in this narrative.

This ThruLines™ suggests that I may be related to eleven DNA matches through Lars Hansson. Six of these matches go back through my 2nd-great grandfather Börje Larsson (1835-1878). Those six matches are my younger daughter Amy, my four Brorström-Larsson first-cousins (Peter, Annmarie, Susan, and Stuart), plus Annmarie’s daughter Lauren (*L.M.*):



The other five DNA matches going back to Lars Hansson are descended from his daughter Anna Louisa Larson (1838-1918). If you have been paying attention,

you will have already figured out that Anna Louisa Larson² was one of Börje Larsson's younger sisters. Here is the relevant part of the ThruLines™:



This part of the ThruLines™ has three lines going back to Lars Hansson through his daughter Anna Louisa Larson. The first line (at the left) is Gail Thackaberry (**Tygail**). I wrote about her in an earlier narrative:

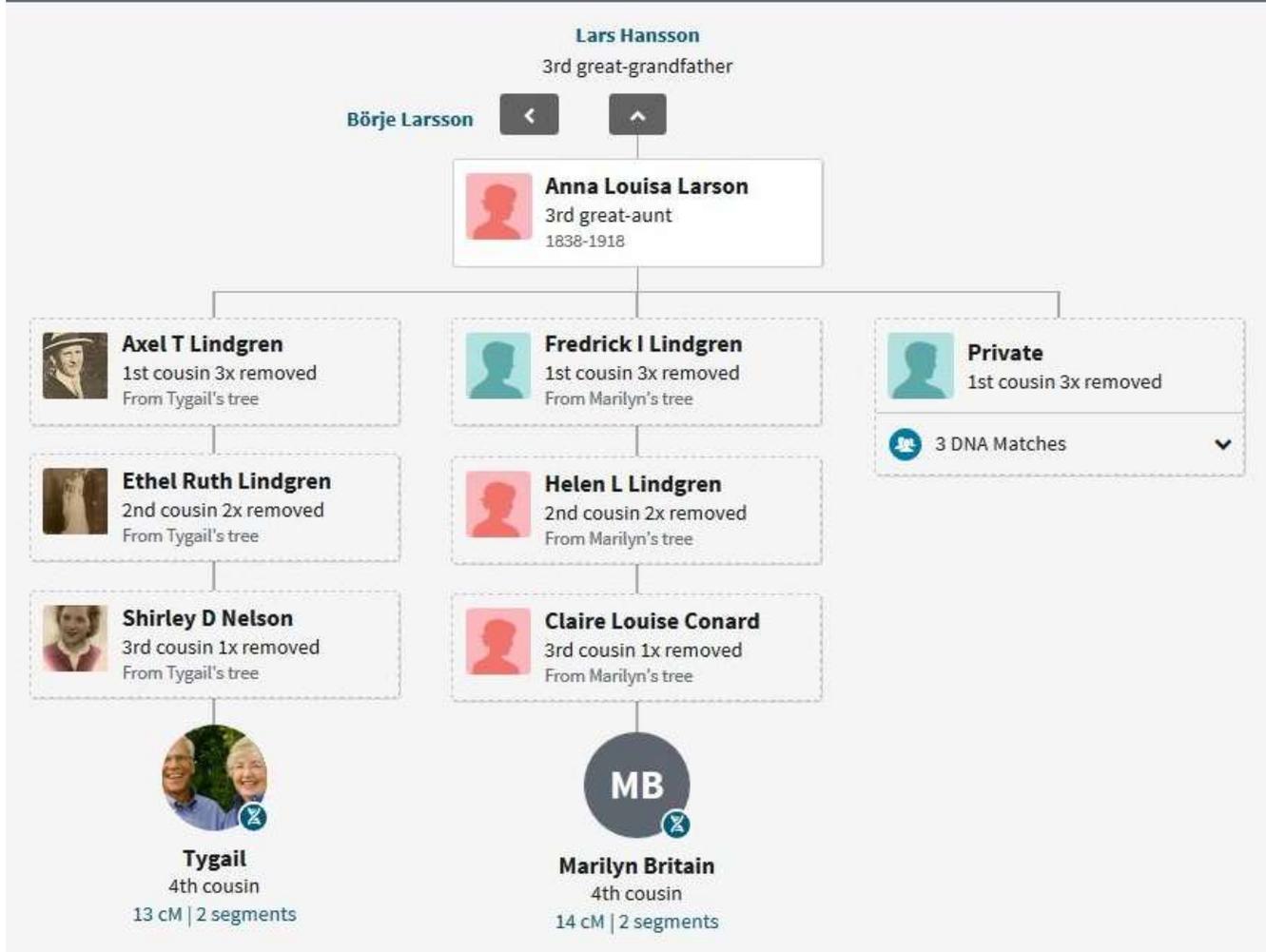
<http://www.burksoakley.com/SwedishGenealogy/ThackaberryLarssonConnection.pdf>

The next line (in the center) goes to Marilyn Britain. Expanding this line gives the following view:

² Anna Louisa Larsson changed her name to Anna Louisa Larson when she immigrated to America in 1887.

ThruLines™ for Lars Hansson BETA

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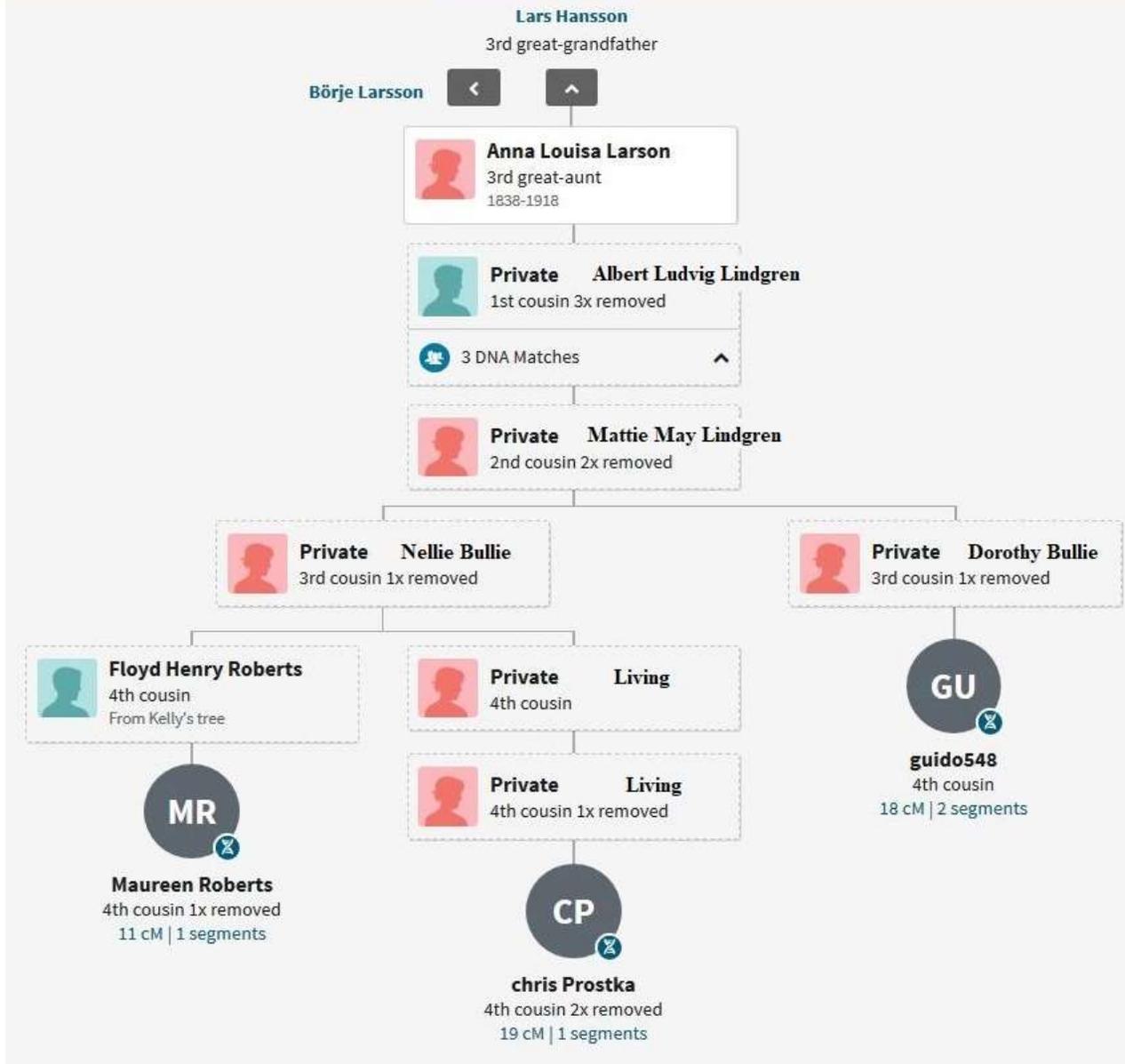
The line to Marilyn Britain is new to me. According to this ThruLines™, she is descended from Fredrick I. Lindgren (1868-1929). Gail Thackaberry's Nelson family tree on the Ancestry.com website does have Fredrick Ivan Lindgren as a son of Anna Louisa Larson.³ And Marilyn's tree goes all the way back to Fredrick I. Lindgren. So I'm inclined to go with this one – that is, this genealogical connection could account for the DNA match that I have with Marilyn Britain.

The third line (at the right) also goes back to Lars Hansson through his daughter Anna Louisa Larson – opening it up gives:

³ <https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/person/tree/38062689/person/19200596523/facts?ssrc=>

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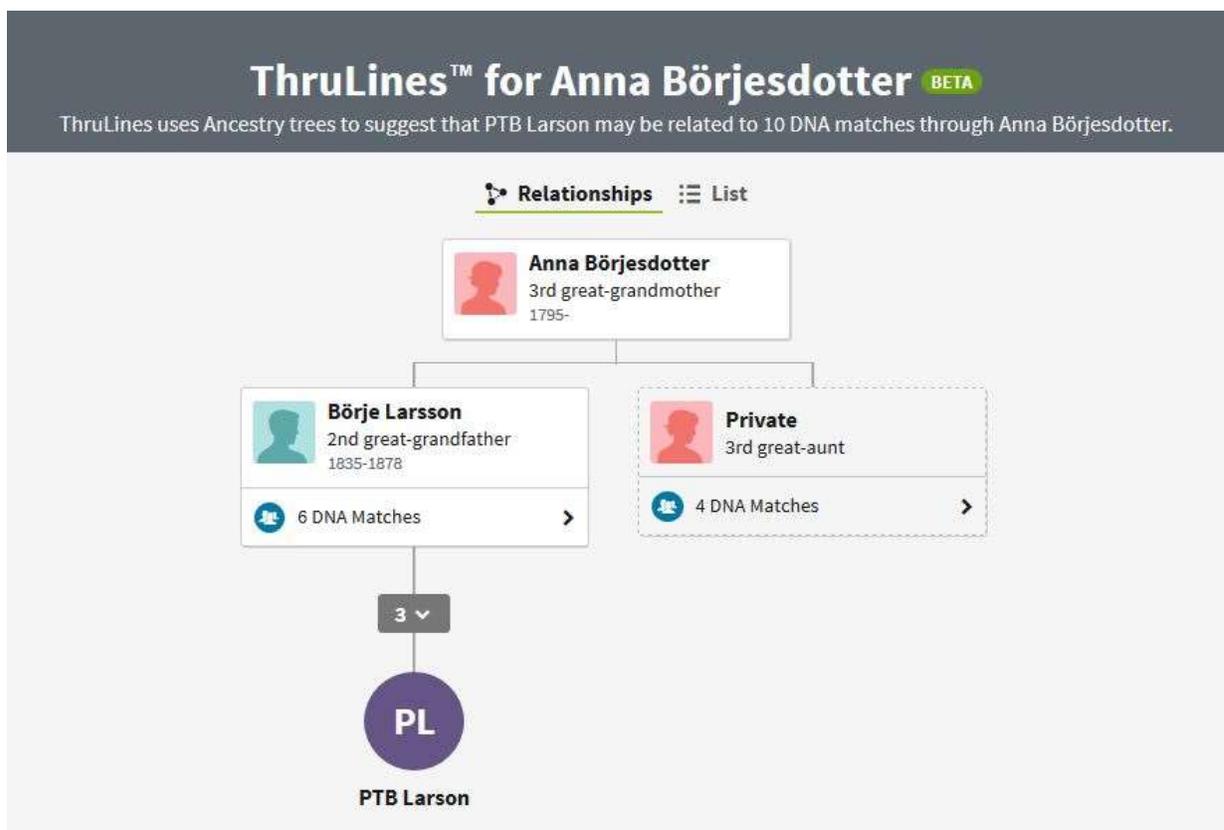
This section of the ThruLines™ suggests that my DNA match with three individuals goes back through Anna Louisa Larson's son Albert Ludvig Lindgren (1858-before 1910). Maureen Roberts and Tony Bosco (*guido548*) were covered in one of my earlier narratives:

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

But the line to Chris Prostka is new to me. Both his mother and grandmother are living, so they are marked “Private”. I corresponded with **KFHGW**, who manages Chris’ DNA profile. She is his mother-in-law (her first name is Karen and **KFHGW** are her initials) and she confirmed that his great-grandmother was Nellie Bullie. So this line looks good – this genealogical connection could indeed account for the DNA match that I have with Chris Prostka.

Overall, I have five DNA matches going back to Lars Hansson through his daughter Anna Louisa Larson.

I next decided to look at the ThruLines™ that my Brorström-Larsson cousins have with Lars Hansson and his wife Anna Börjesdotter.⁴ Here is Peter’s ThruLines™ for Anna Börjesdotter:



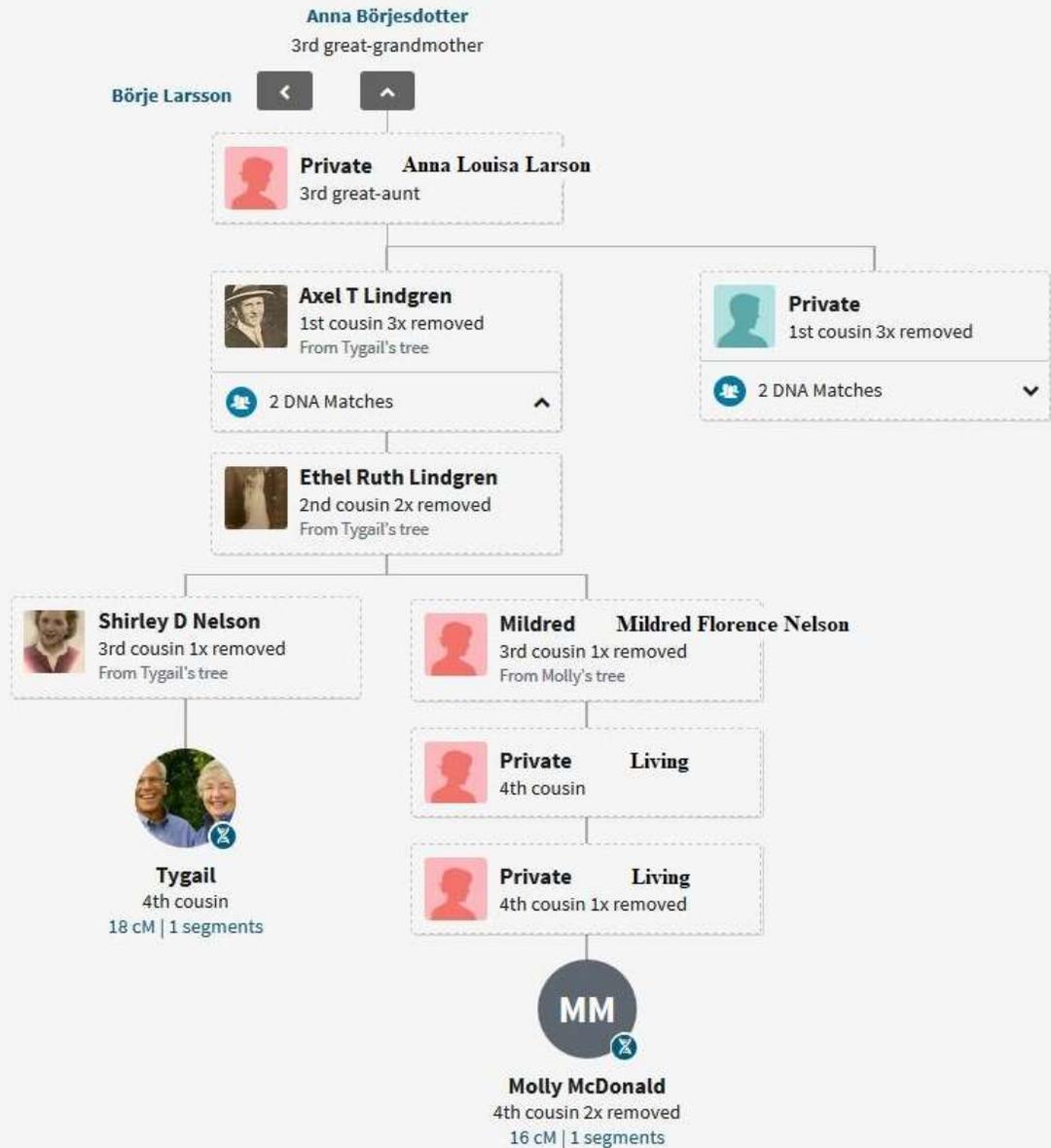
He has ten DNA matches going back to Anna Börjesdotter. His line at the left has the expected six DNA matches –Annmarie, Lauren, Susan, Stuart, Burks, and Amy.

Opening up the line through Anna Louisa Larson at the right gives the following view:

⁴ It really doesn't matter which one of this couple I use. We are descended from both of them equally.

ThruLines™ for Anna Börjesdotter BETA

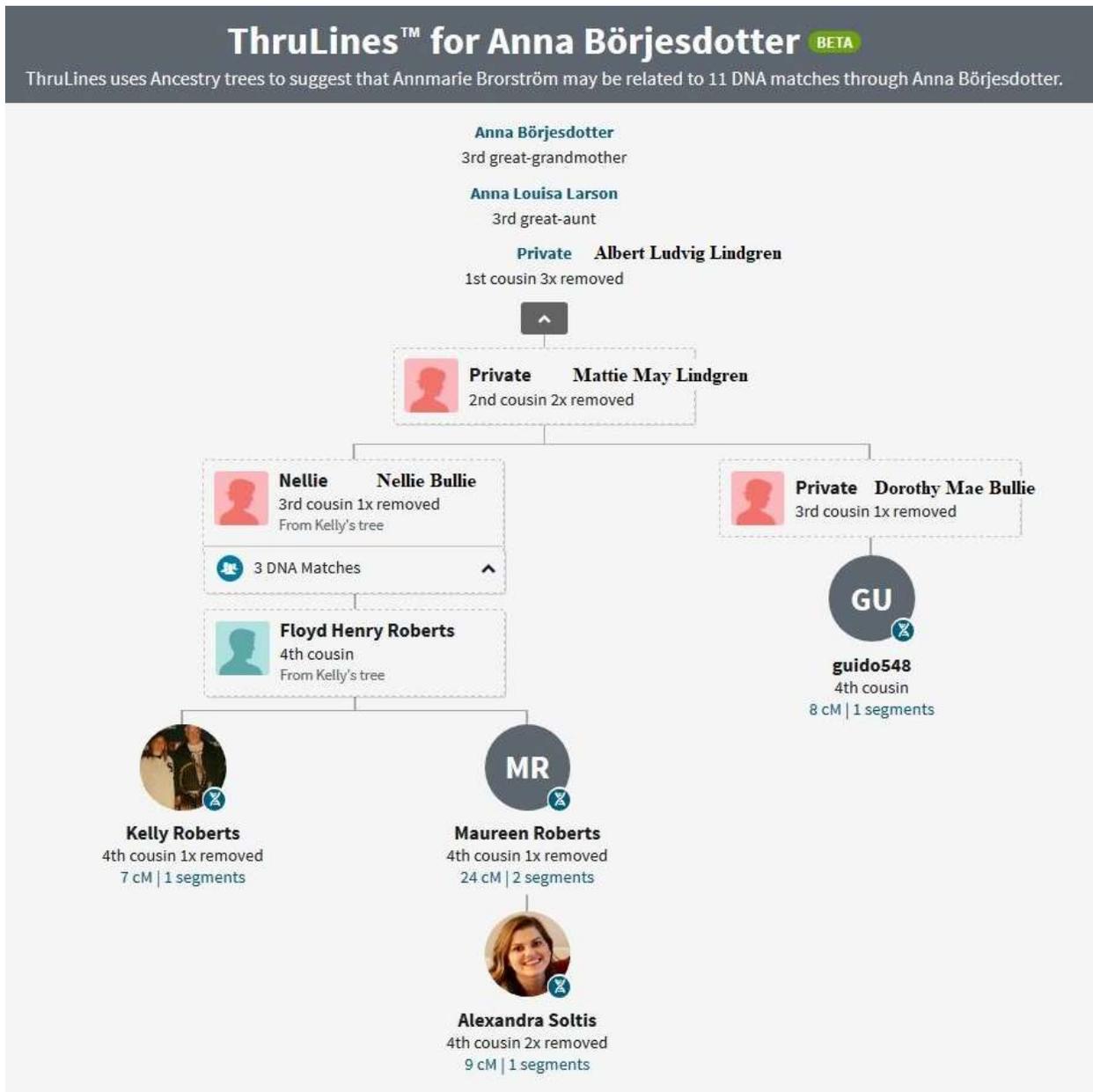
ThruLines uses Ancestry trees to suggest that PTB Larson may be related to 10 DNA matches through Anna Börjesdotter.



The line at the upper right goes to Maureen Roberts and Chris Prostka. Peter also has the line to Gail Thackaberry (*Tygail*). But Peter also has a line to Molly McDonald that I don't have. Molly's mother and *mormor* are living (marked Private). And Molly's mother's *mormor* was Mildred Florence Nelson (1922-2006), who was one of Gail's aunts. Mildred appears in Gail's family tree.⁵ Again, I'm inclined to believe this line could account for the DNA match that Peter has with Molly.

⁵ <https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/person/tree/38062689/person/19176925621/facts>

For completeness, I'll include Annmarie's ThruLines™ for Anna Börjesdotter here. Of course, she has the six DNA matches that go back through Lars Emil Larsson and his father Börje Larsson - Peter, Lauren, Susan, Stuart, Amy, and me. But her DNA matches going back through Anna Louisa Larson are different than others:



Annmarie has DNA matches with Maureen Roberts' sister Kelly Roberts, and also with Maureen's daughter Alexandra Soltis, and nobody else in our family has these matches. I should add that in my earlier narrative about Annmarie's ThruLines™ for Lars Hansson, Annmarie also had a DNA match with Alexandra's sister Tiffany Walsh, but that match seems to have disappeared. Since the ThruLines™ software is still being beta-tested, this is to be expected.

It is interesting to see how autosomal DNA is inherited. This table shows who in our extended Brorström-Larsson family has DNA matches going back through Anna Louisa Larson:

	Gail	Molly	Marilyn	Kelly	Alexandra	Maureen	Chris	Tony
Burks	x		x			x	x	x
Peter	x	x				x	x	
Annmarie	x			x	x	x		x
Susan	x		x			x		x
Stuart	x	x	x			x	x	x

We all have DNA matches with Gail and Maureen. Peter and Stuart are the only ones who have DNA matches with Molly. And Annmarie is the only one who has DNA matches with Kelly and Alexandra. Stuart has the most matches – six.

Once again, I am grateful that I have access to the DNA tests of my Brorström-Larsson first-cousins, since they have DNA matches with distant cousins that I don't have.

Looking Back at this Family in Fjärås, Sweden

In 2013, I was contacted by Göran Grotting (a distant cousin from Sweden) about a DNA match that he and I had on the 23andme.com website. Göran is an expert genealogist, and he volunteered to help me construct my Swedish family tree, so that we could learn how we are related. Göran worked diligently to research the ancestors of all four of my mother's Swedish immigrant grandparents. Here is an excerpt showing Lars Emil Larsson's family:

Generation I

I:1 f

Börje **Larsson** (300). Född 1835-12-18 i Fjärås (N). Döpt 1835-12-20 i Fjärås (N). Död 1878-03-26 i Fjärås (N). Dödsorsak: "Brain fever". (Barn Proband, Far II:1, Mor II:2)

Gift 1859-04-08 i Fjärås (N) med efterföljande ana.

Barn:

Anna Lovisa **Börjesdotter** (373). Född 1859-12-12 i Örnevalla (N). Changed to Anna Louise in America.

Emigrated probably together with Lars Emil 1887.

Hilda Evelina **Börjesdotter** (374). Född 1862-06-23 i Fjärås (N). Changed to Hanna in America.

Lars Emil **Börjesson-Larsson** (298). Född 1864-10-01 i Fjärås (N). Död 1945 i Dania, Florida, U.S.A.. (Se Proband).

Thekla Elise **Börjesdotter** (375). Född 1873-04-02 i Fjärås (N). Emigrated together with her two children 1897-04-12.

Helga Bernhardina **Börjesdotter** (376). Född 1876-04-18 i Fjärås (N). Emigrated alone 1895-03-08.

I:2 m

Anna Helena **Andersdotter** (301). Född 1837-12-08 i Fjärås (N). (Barn Proband, Far II:3, Mor II:4)

Gift 1859-04-08 i Fjärås (N) med föregående ana.

This section of Göran's research shows Börje Larsson, his wife Anna Helena Andersdotter, and their five children. With the conventional patronymic naming convention, these five children had the family name of Börjesson or Börjesdotter at birth. Lars Emil Börjesson then changed his family name to Larsson when he immigrated to America in 1887. It appears that Lars Emil's four siblings all immigrated to America, but we don't have DNA matches with any of their descendants (if there are any).

Göran also had Börje Larsson's parents in his research about the next generation:

Generation II

II:1 ff

Lars **Hansson** (252). Född 1788-07-12 i Fjärås (N). (Barn I:1, Far III:1, Mor III:2)

Gift med efterföljande ana.

Barn:

Helena **Larsdotter** (370). Född 1821-12-15 i Fjärås (N). Död 1839 i Fjärås (N).

Britta Stina **Larsdotter** (371). Född 1823-02-15 i Fjärås (N).

Anders **Larsson** (369). Född 1826-06-03 i Fjärås (N).

Börje **Larsson** (300). Född 1835-12-18 i Fjärås (N). Död 1878-03-26 i Fjärås (N). (Se I:1).

Anna Lovisa **Larsdotter** (372). Född 1838-06-28 i Fjärås (N).

II:2 fm

Anna **Börjesdotter** (250). Född 1795-02-08 i Fjärås (N). (Barn I:1, Far III:3, Mor III:4)

Gift med föregående ana.

Here we have Lars Hansson and his wife Anna Börjesdotter (who are the subjects of this narrative), as well as their five children. Note that Börje Larsson's sister was originally named Anna Lovisa Larsdotter, and when she married Mr. Lindgren in 1858, she became Anna Lovisa Lindgren. And quite possibly she became Anna Louisa Lindgren when she immigrated to America in 1885.

Here is her entry from *Tygail's* Nelson Family Tree:



The screenshot shows a dark-themed interface for a family tree. At the top left, there is a logo with a house icon and the text "Nelson Family Tree" with a dropdown arrow. Next to it is a "Tree Search" button with a magnifying glass icon. To the right is a profile picture of a woman and the name "Tygail". Below this is a large entry for "Anna Lovisa Hanson / Larsdotter / Larsson". To the left of the name is a portrait of a woman in a dark dress. To the right of the name, the text reads: "BIRTH JUNE 30, 1839 • Fjärås, Halland, Sweden" and "DEATH JULY 9, 1918 • Chicago, Cook, Illinois, United States".

Note that her maiden name is listed with all the various possibilities.

Here is her photo from Tygail's tree:



This family is very difficult to keep straight. Note that Lars Emil Larsson (our ancestor) had a sister who changed her name to Anna Louise Larson when she came to America, and he had an aunt who is listed as Anna Lovisa Larsson. And both women immigrated to America. But keep in mind that they were two different people in two different generations.

Conclusion

This narrative extended our ThruLines™ for Lars Hansson and his wife Anna Börjesdotter, who lived in Fjärås, Sweden, in the late 1700's. This couple were the paternal grandparents of Lars Emil Larsson (1864-1945), who immigrated to America in the mid-1880's.

My Brorström-Larsson first-cousins and I have DNA matches with eight different people who are descended from Lars Hansson and Anna Börjesdotter through their daughter Anna Louisa Larson (1838-1918) – Gail Thackaberry, Molly McDonald, Marilyn Britain, Kelly Roberts, Alexandra Soltis, Maureen Roberts, Chris Prostka, and Tony Bosco. Anna Louisa immigrated to America in 1885.

Overall, these DNA matches provide strong support for our Larsson roots in Fjärås, Sweden.