

Notes about my DNA match with Parker Mckeon
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Earlier today, I looked at my DNA matches on the Ancestry.com website, and I filtered these matches to show just the newest ones where software on this site suggests we have a common ancestor. This search turned up a new match with a man named Parker Mckeon (the blue dot indicates a match I haven't yet viewed):

The screenshot shows the 'Burks Oakley's DNA Matches' page. At the top, there are tabs for 'List' and 'Map'. Below that, a 'Filter by:' section includes 'Unviewed' (selected with a blue dot) and 'Common ancestors'. There are also 'Search' and 'Sort' options. The main content area is titled 'Last 7 days' and features a match card for Parker Mckeon. The card shows a profile picture of Parker Mckeon, his name, and a relationship of '5th-8th Cousin'. It also indicates 'Shared DNA: 20 cM across 2 segments' and '66 People' with a 'Common ancestor' tag.

When I looked at the details of this match, I learned that Parker Mckeon and I share 20 cM of DNA on two segments:

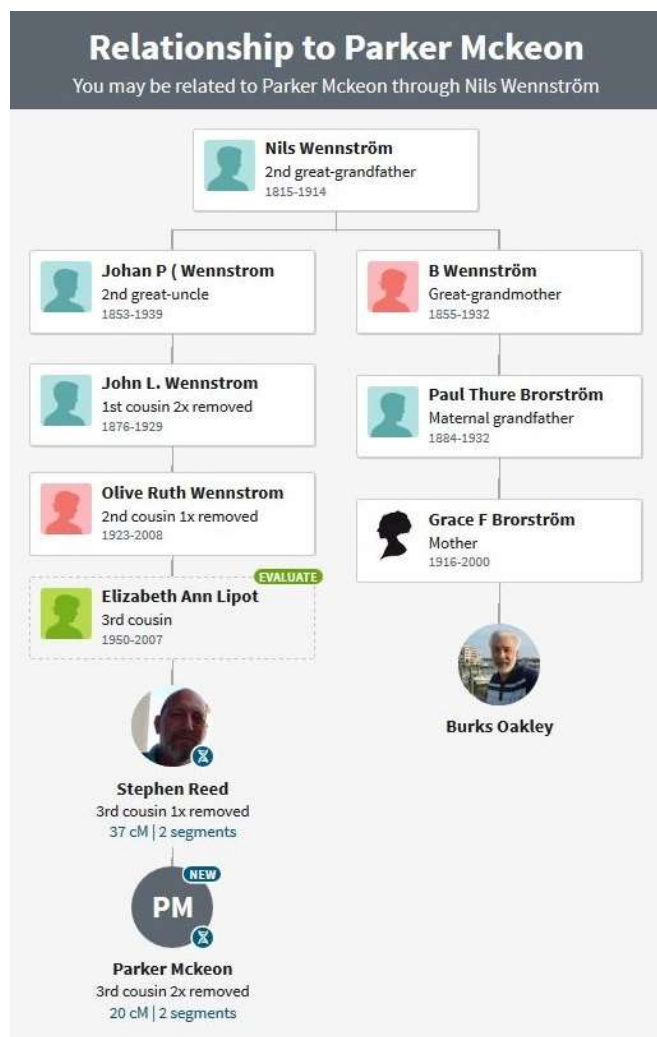
This screenshot shows the match details for 'You and Parker Mckeon'. It features a circular profile picture of Parker Mckeon and a grey circle with the initials 'PM'. The title is 'You and Parker Mckeon' in blue. Below the title, it states 'Predicted relationship: 5th-8th Cousin' and 'Shared DNA: 20 cM across 2 segments'.

I next learned that the software on this site suggests we both are descended from Nils Wennström (1815-1914) and his wife Kristina Olsdotter (1821-1892):

This screenshot shows the 'How are you and Parker Mckeon related?' section. It is titled 'Common Ancestors' with a green leaf icon. The text explains that according to Ancestry member trees, these are the common ancestors that connect you and Parker Mckeon. It then states 'Parker Mckeon could be your 3rd cousin 2x removed through:' and lists two common ancestors: Nils Wennström (2nd great-grandfather, 1815-1914) and Kristina Olsdotter (2nd great-grandmother, 1821-1892). Each ancestor has a 'View Relationship' link.

This couple were my second-great grandparents, and I have visited the small village, Menlösa, where they lived in southern Halland County, Sweden, on several of my trips to Sweden.

Our lines back to the Wennström-Olsdotter couple are shown in the following chart:

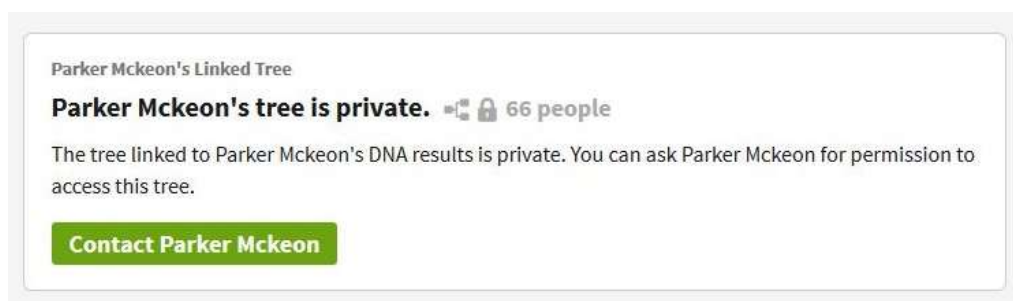


Oh my! Parker is the son of Stephen Reed, and I have written about my DNA match with his branch of the Wennström family previously:

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

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

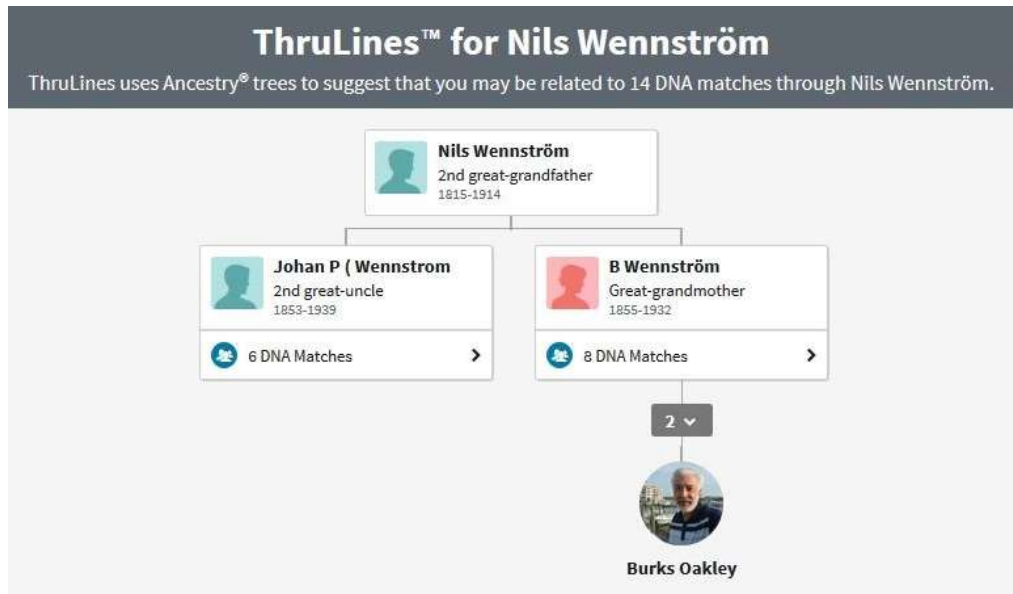
When I looked at Parker's family tree, I saw that it was "private", but searchable:



This means that the software on the site was able to construct the chart (above) showing how Parker and I are related. I should note that I am a third-cousin of Parker's paternal grandmother Elizabeth Ann Lipot (1950-2007), and this means that I am a third-cousin twice-removed of Parker Mckeon.

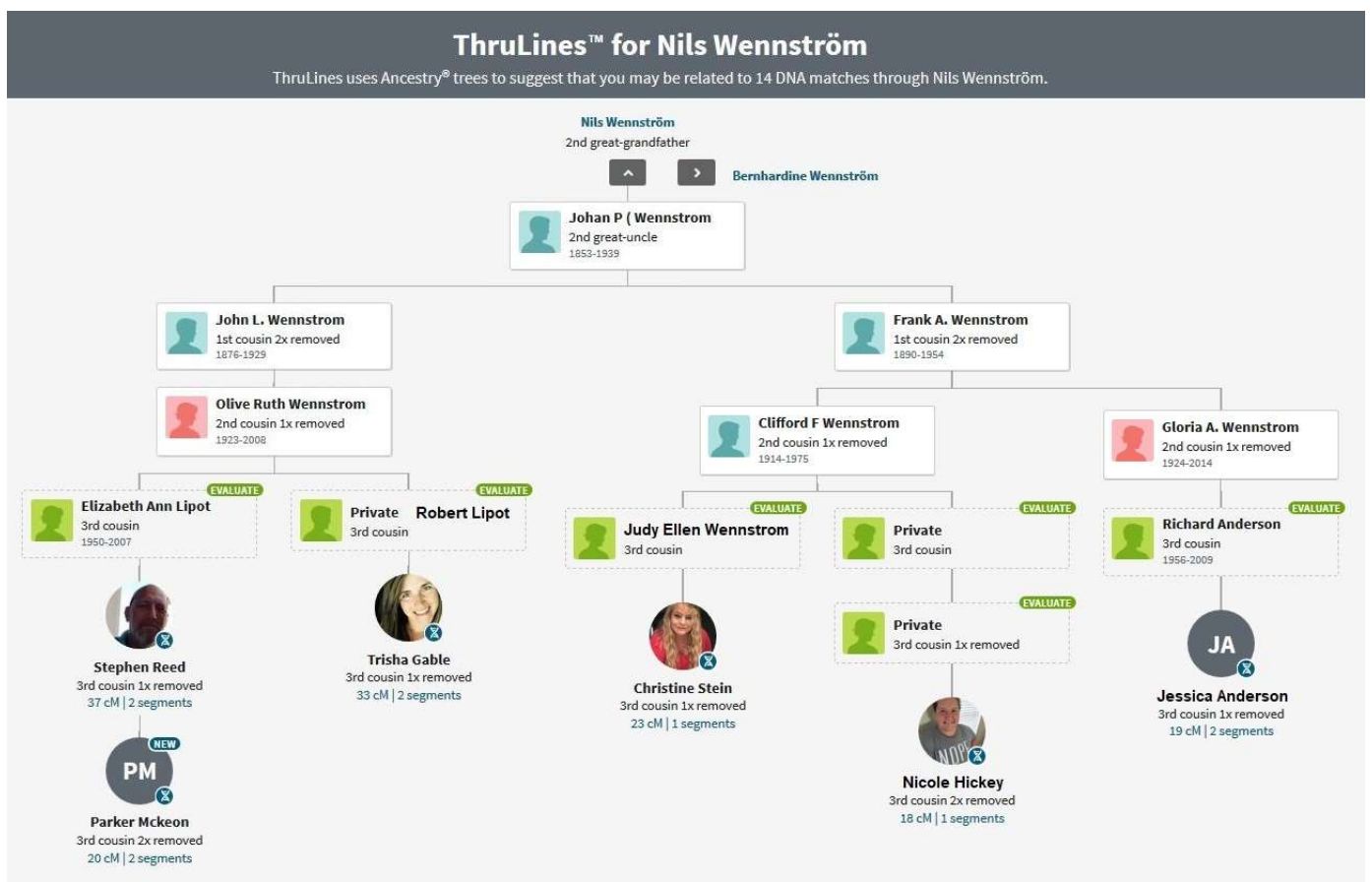
As an aside, Parker's third-great grandfather Johan Peter (John) Wennström (1853-1939) immigrated to America, as did Johan Peter's sister Bernhardina Wennström (1855-1932).

Finally, I looked at my ThruLines™ for Nils Wennström:



The ThruLines™ shows that I have DNA matches with fourteen descendants of Nils Wennström. I should add that my ThruLines™ for Nils' wife Kristina Olsdotter looks exactly the same as this one.

I opened the branch connecting back to Nils Wennström through his son Johan Peter (John) Wennström (1853–1939). I then viewed the six individuals in this line with whom I have DNA matches:



I have written about all these people previously:

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

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

<http://www.burksoakley.com/SwedishGenealogy/ChristineCaouette-WennströmRelative.pdf>

<http://www.burksoakley.com/SwedishGenealogy/JessicaAnderson-WennströmConnection.pdf>

How nice to find one more DNA match with a descendant of Nils Wennström and Kristina Olsdotter!