## Jan PETER Fredrik Wennström – Another Branch of the Wennström Family in Sweden

by Burks Oakley II 18 August 2018

### Introduction

My mother's paternal grandmother (*farmor* in Swedish) was Bernhardine Wennström (1855-1932). She immigrated to America with her husband Paulus Brorström in 1882.

I have been searching for Wennström relatives in America and in Sweden. I have been helped in this process by my Swedish cousin Lena Kannesten (nee Wennström). On 10 January 2018, she sent me the following scan via e-mail:

Here are	some relative	es to us. Magnu	us, Nils and Andreas were	siblings.	
Magnus 1809-1898				Nils 1815-1914	Andreas 1833-1924
Nils				Bernhardine	Gottfrid
Alfred ,		Wilhelm		Paul Thure	Ragnar
Torsten,	Gunnar	Magnus,	Daniel	Grace	Ingemar, Barbro
Görel	Tomas	Björn	Lena, Hans-Fredrik	Burks	Peter, Cecilia

Bengt Gunnar Tomas Wennström born 19391105, Trädgårdsgatan 2 B lgh 1101, 264 38 Klippan. He knows who I am but we have not met.

Björn Erik Wilhelm Wennström born 19350127, Vittnesgränd 55, 226 47 Lund. Björn is my cousin. His father and my father were brothers. He knows me.

Hans-Fredrik Vilhelm Wennström born 19430817, Snögatan 8 B, 802 76 Gävle. He is my brother.

Barbro Gunhild Christina Blomberg (b. Wennström) born 19450116, Flaggskeppsgatan 14 lgh 1102, 211 14 Malmö. She knows who I am. Last year she wrote a book about her grandfather, Gottfrid, and his family, "Längtans vals".

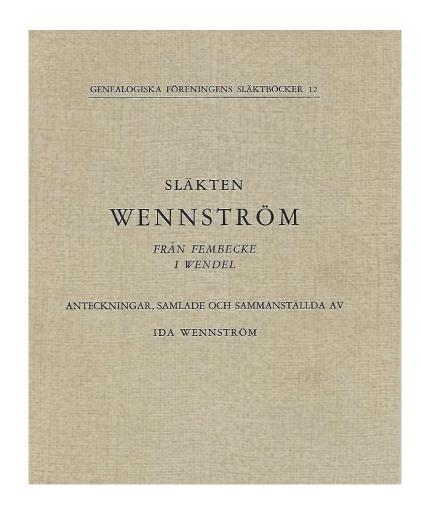
Jan Peter Fredrik Wennström born 19570831, Galoppvägen 200, 244 95 Dösjebro. I don't think he knows who I am.

Helena Cecilia Maria Liljedahl (b. Wennström) born 19610305, Himmelriksgränden 2 lgh 1301, 252 23 Helsingborg. My husband, Lars, met her several times at work and I met her a few times with him. I later discovered that we are related, but I do not think she knows.

Nils Wennström, 1815-1914, had nine children who lived in adulthood. Three daughters and four sons emigrated to USA. The daughter Gunilla, *Cecilia*, 1843 - 1929, married to Ernst Gustaf Detlof *Alfred* Bexell, 1831 – 1900. The "big house" was built for their wedding. I think you can find information about the Family Bexell at Ancestry. This document shows a number of my Wennström cousins living in Sweden. I am slowly working my way though this list. Barbro Wennström Blomberg appears in the right-hand column of the scan on the previous page; I met her when I was in Malmö in May 2018. Barbro mentioned her nephew Peter Wennström; he is her brother's son and appears in the row below her in the scan. This short narrative is about Peter.

## Jan Peter\* Fredrik Wennström

I have been aided in my research about the Wennström family in Sweden by a book entitled *Släkten Wennström* (The Family Wennström), which was written by Ida Wennström and published in 1965. I was given a copy of this book by my cousin Lena Kannesten (nee Wennström). Here is a scan of the cover:



# Jan Peter\* Fredrik Wennström appears in this book at the end of Table 46 on page 54. He was born on 31 August 1957 in Gothenburg:

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#### Tabell 45.

Axel Evald Ragnar (son av Carl Gottfrid, tab. 44), f. 1898 22/7 i Veinge sn. Innehaft egendomen Torna, Värö sn, 1921—26, därefter försäljningschef i maskinfirma i Göteborg samt innehavare av Firma R. Wennström, Import och Export, etabl. 1926 (Rosensköldsgatan 3, G öt e b or g).

(Rosensköldsgatan 3, G öt e b or g). G. 1928 8/9 i Göteborg S:t Pauli förs. (Gamlestads kyrkobokföringsdistrikt) m. D ag m ar Maria Johansson, f. 1906 19/8 i Göteborg Carl Johans förs., dotter av trävarugrossisten David Albert Johansson och Gunhild Amalia Maria Palm (se Elgenstierna, Svenska släktkalendern 1914, sid. 620). Vistats i Spanien under två år för studier. Anställd på Spanska konsulatet, Göteborg, från 1925, under tio år; på Chiles Generalkonsula under sammanlagt elva år; tjänstgjort sju år på Venezuelas Generalkonsulat, därav två år som tillförordnad generalkonsul. Tidvis vikarierat på Perus, Uruguays och Cubas konsulat, tillsammans något mer än ett år. Tillförordnad generalkonsul för Chile från den 1 mars 1960 till den 10 mars 1961, ordinarie konsul för Chile samt chef för det Chilenska Generalkonsulatet i Sverige från den 10 mars 1961. Sedan den 2 juni 1936 ordinarie Translator Publicus i spanska språket (vilket innebär att vara tolk vid Rätten, förhör m.m., samt att bestyrka juridiska handlingar, översatta till eller från spanska).

Barn:

Albert Fredrik Ingemar, f. 1929, arkitekt. Se tab. 46. Barbro Gunhild Christina, f. 1945 16/1 i Göteborg, Johannebergs förs.

Tabell 46.

Albert Fredrik Ingemar (son av Axel Evald Ragnar, tab. 45), f. 1929 14/6 i Göteborg Kristine församl. Studentexamen vid

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Hvitfeldtska läroverket, Göteborg, 1947. Arkitektexamen vid Chalmers Tekniska Högskola, Göteborg, 1956. Har medarbetat hos arkitekt Johannes Olivegren i Göteborg, driver sedan 1958 eget arkitektkontor i Mölndal, från 1961 knuten till Småhusbyrån A.B. i Malmö, stadsarkitekt i Landvetter och Horred k:er. Har varit redaktör för Arkitekturguide över Göteborg. (Bågskyttegatan 3 C, M ö l n d a l).

G. 1956 9/6 i S:t Lars kapell, Åsa (anteckn. i Örgryte vigselb.) m. kontoristen  $Ingeg \ddot{a} r d$  Gun-Britt Olsson, f. 1934 4/1 i Göteborg, Örgryte förs., dotter av förmannen John Idor Oskar Olsson, Rosenhill 3, Örgryte, och Vera Mattea Blomberg.

Barn:

 $Jan\ Peter\ Fredrik,$ f. 1957 31/8 i Göteborg, Johanne<br/>bergs förs.

 $Helena\ C\ e\ c\ i\ l\ i\ a\ Maria,$ f. 1961 5/3 i Göteborg, Johanne<br/>bergs förs.

The *Släkten Wennström* book was published in 1965, so Peter would have been 8 years old at that time.

Table 46 also shows that Peter's father was Albert Fredrik Ingemar\* Wennström, born on 14 June 1929.

Using the information in *Släkten Wennström*, I can trace Peter's entire Wennström line going back from Ingemar:

- Ingemar's father was Axel Evald Ragnar\* Wennström, born on 22 July 1898.
- Ragnar's father was Carl Gottfrid\* Wennström, born on 27 March 1862.
- Gottfrid's father Andreas Wennström, born on 1 April 1833.
- Andreas' father was Jan Peter\* Wennström, born on 20 August 1778.

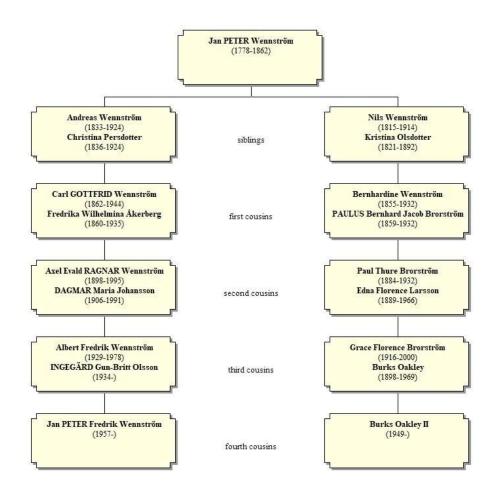
Jan Peter\* Wennström was my 3<sup>rd</sup>-great-grandfather. Recall from other narratives about the Wennström family that Jan Peter\* had two wives; he had six

children with his first wife, and seven children with his second wife. The following diagram is from Lena's family tree on Ancestry.com:



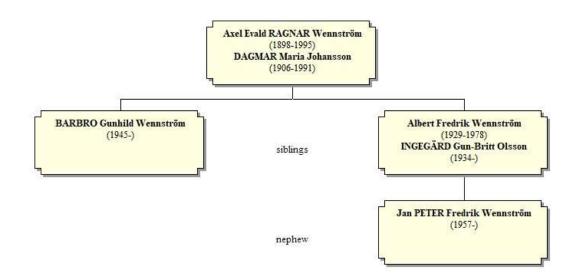
I am descended from Nils Wennström (born 1815), while Peter Wennström is descended from his younger half-brother Andreas Wennström (born 1833).

Here is a chart showing how Peter Wennström and I are related.

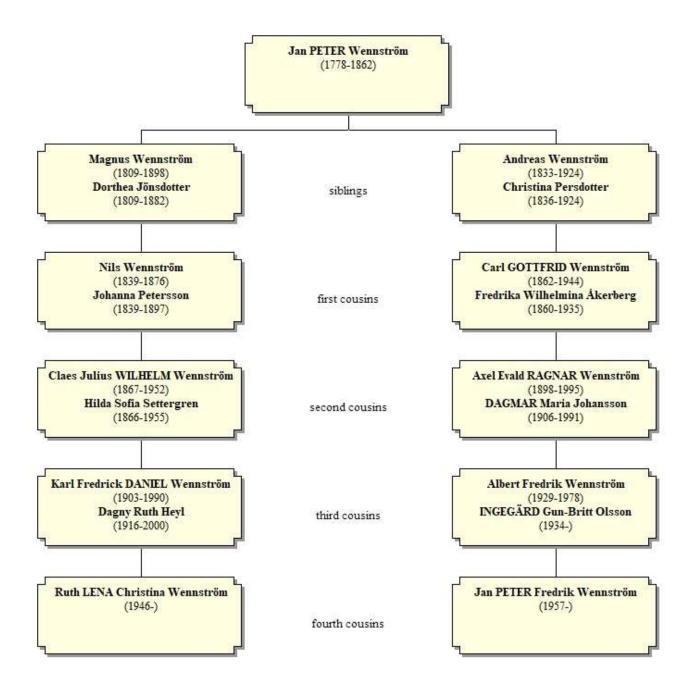


Peter and I are fourth-cousins.

Earlier, I mentioned that Peter is a nephew of Barbro Blomberg (nee Wennström) – here is a chart showing this relationship:

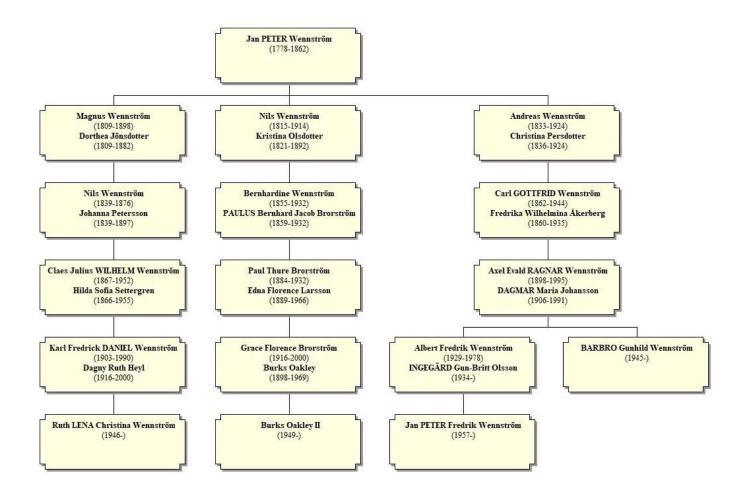


I also mentioned that Lena Kannesten is a Wennström, and the following chart shows how she and Peter are related:



Lena is descended from Jan Peter\* through his son Magnus, while Peter is descended from Jan Peter\* through his son Andreas.

I can put all this together to show the three separate family lines going back to Jan Peter\*:



Lena is descended from Magus, Burks is descended from Nils, and Peter and Barbro are descended from Andreas. Of course, this is exactly what Lena had in the scan that she sent me in January 2018. And all of the Wennströms in this chart appear in the *Släkten Wennström* book from 1965.

## What I Know about Peter Wennström

Through various web searches (Facebook, ratsit.se, hitta.se, eniro.se, Google), I learned that Peter grew up in Gothenburg, and he graduated from Lund University. He has a wife, Louise\* Gabriella Alvmark Wennström, and they live in Dösjebro, Skåne County, Sweden. Dösjebro is located about ten miles southeast of Landskrona, a city that I visited with my cousin Lena Kannesten (nee Wennström) and her husband Lars in May 2018.

Peter was the founder of The Healthy Marketing Team, which is a consulting group aimed at companies in the fields of nutrition, health and wellness.



Here is his short bio from the <u>HMT</u> website:



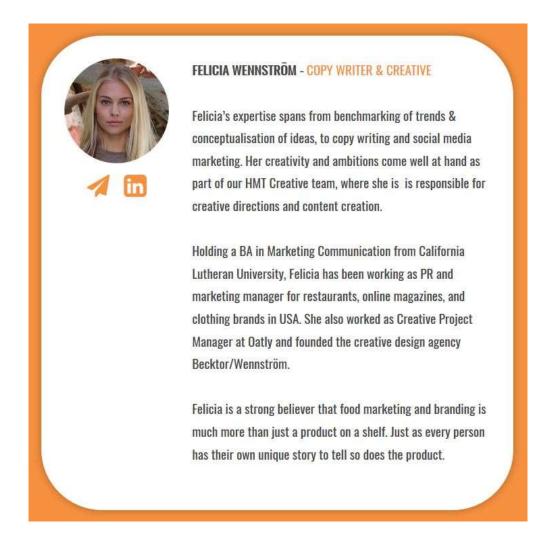
A short video of Peter talking about his work is linked from the <u>HMT</u> website:



https://vimeo.com/217450707

It appears that Peter and his wife Louise have two daughters, Felicia Frederica Wennström (age 26) and Wendela Louise Wennström (age 22).

Felicia has followed in her father's footsteps in marketing:



Wendela is working on a Bachelor of Science in Business and Economics at Lund University. She works at <u>Studentafton</u>, a non-profit in Lund that is Scandinavia's oldest independent forum for speech and debate.



Wendela in Skåneland; photo from Facebook

I hope to be able to meet cousin Peter and his family the next time I visit Sweden. I should add that I have yet to meet a male relative in Sweden still having the Wennström surname, so Peter would be a first.



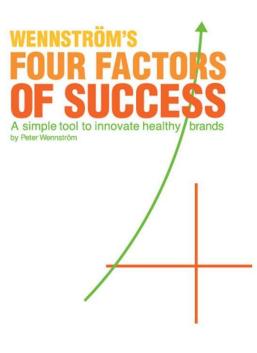




## Appendix - Wennström's Four Factors of Success

As I searched for information about Peter on the web, I kept finding information about his *Four Factors of Success* approach. I learned that he wrote a book about this, and this book is sold on the Amazon.com website. The full title is *Wennström's Four Factors of Success: A Simple Tool to Innovate Healthy Brands*:





Peter is on Twitter using the handle @FourFactors:



## [It appears that he has branch offices in London, Singapore, and Lund.]







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I've got to get one of these T-shirts!