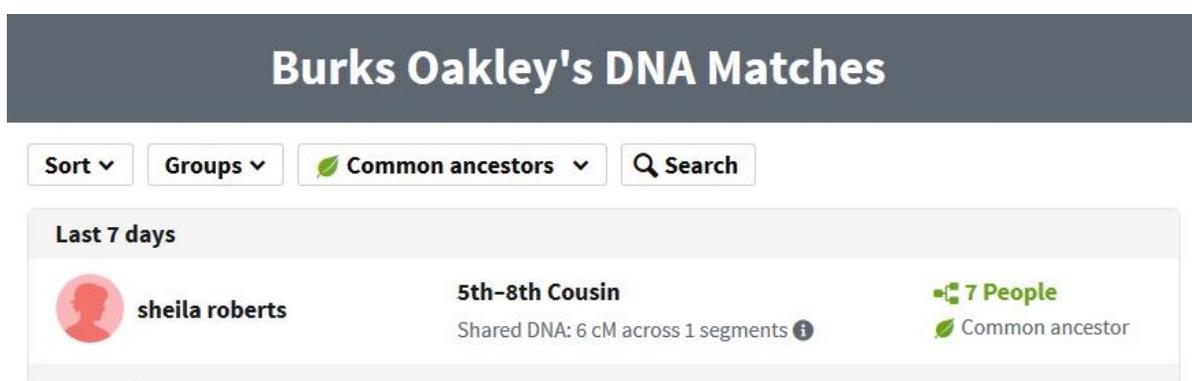


# Sheila Roberts – Another Descendant of the Hansson-Börjesdotter Family in Fjärås, Sweden

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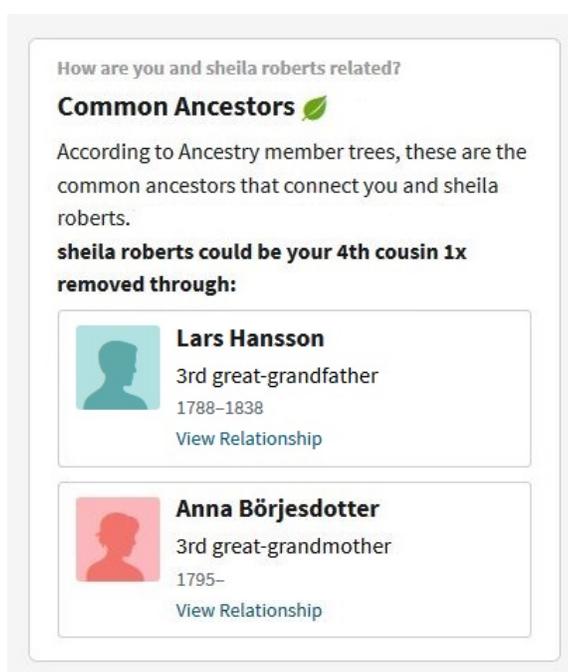
## Introduction

In late December 2019, I logged into the Ancestry.com website and learned that I have a new DNA match with a woman named Sheila Roberts. Our DNA match is very small – just 6 cM – indicating that we are distant cousins.<sup>1</sup> Nevertheless, the software on this website was able to determine our common ancestors, based on family trees on the site.



The screenshot shows the 'Burks Oakley's DNA Matches' interface. It includes filters for 'Sort', 'Groups', 'Common ancestors', and a 'Search' button. Under the 'Last 7 days' section, a match for 'sheila roberts' is listed as a '5th-8th Cousin' with 'Shared DNA: 6 cM across 1 segments' and '7 People' as common ancestors.

When I clicked on her icon to learn more about our relationship, I found that our common ancestors were my third-great grandparents, Lars Hansson and Anna Börjesdotter. This couple lived in Fjärås, Sweden, in the late 1700's and early 1800's.

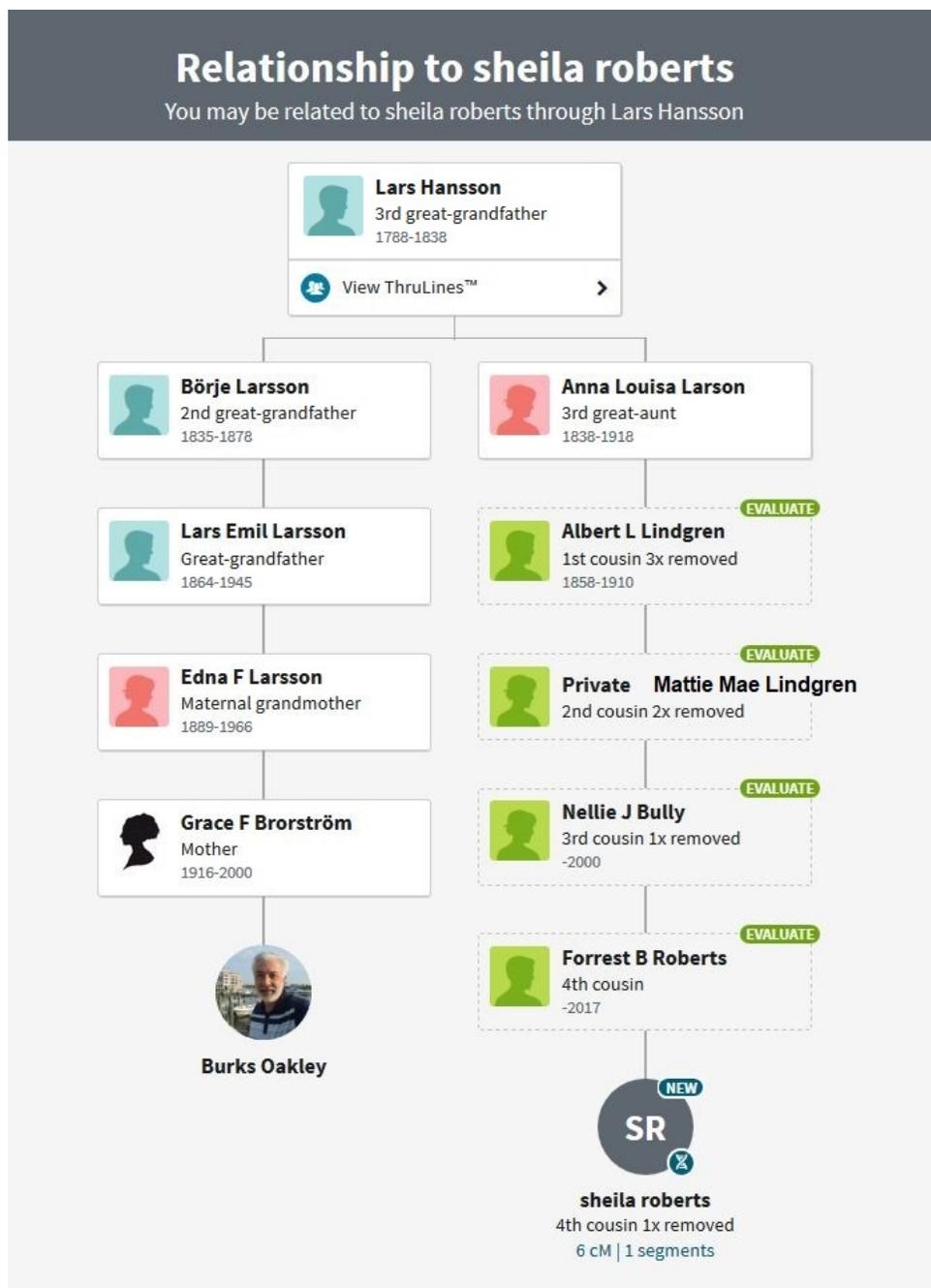


The screenshot shows the 'How are you and sheila roberts related?' section. It identifies 'Common Ancestors' as Lars Hansson (3rd great-grandfather, 1788-1838) and Anna Börjesdotter (3rd great-grandmother, 1795-). The relationship is described as 'sheila roberts could be your 4th cousin 1x removed through:'. Each ancestor has a 'View Relationship' link.

The software on the Ancestry.com website suggested that Sheila and I are fourth-cousins once-removed (4C1R).

<sup>1</sup> My first-cousin Susan Brorström Baker has a 16 cM match with Sheila Roberts.

I then went on to view our suggested relationship, which is shown in the following screenshot:



Sheila is descended from Lars Hansson through his daughter Anna Louisa Larsson, while I am descended from Lars Hansson through his son Börje Larsson. [The relationship chart for Lars Hansson's wife Anna Börjesdotter looks the same as this chart.]

I have written about my DNA matches with descendants of Lars Hansson and his wife Anna Börjesdotter previously – see:

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

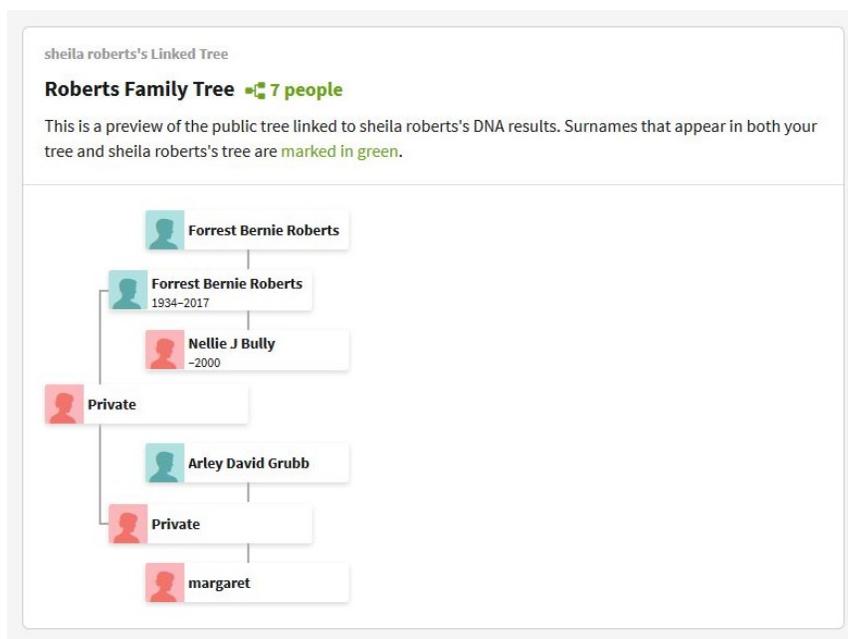
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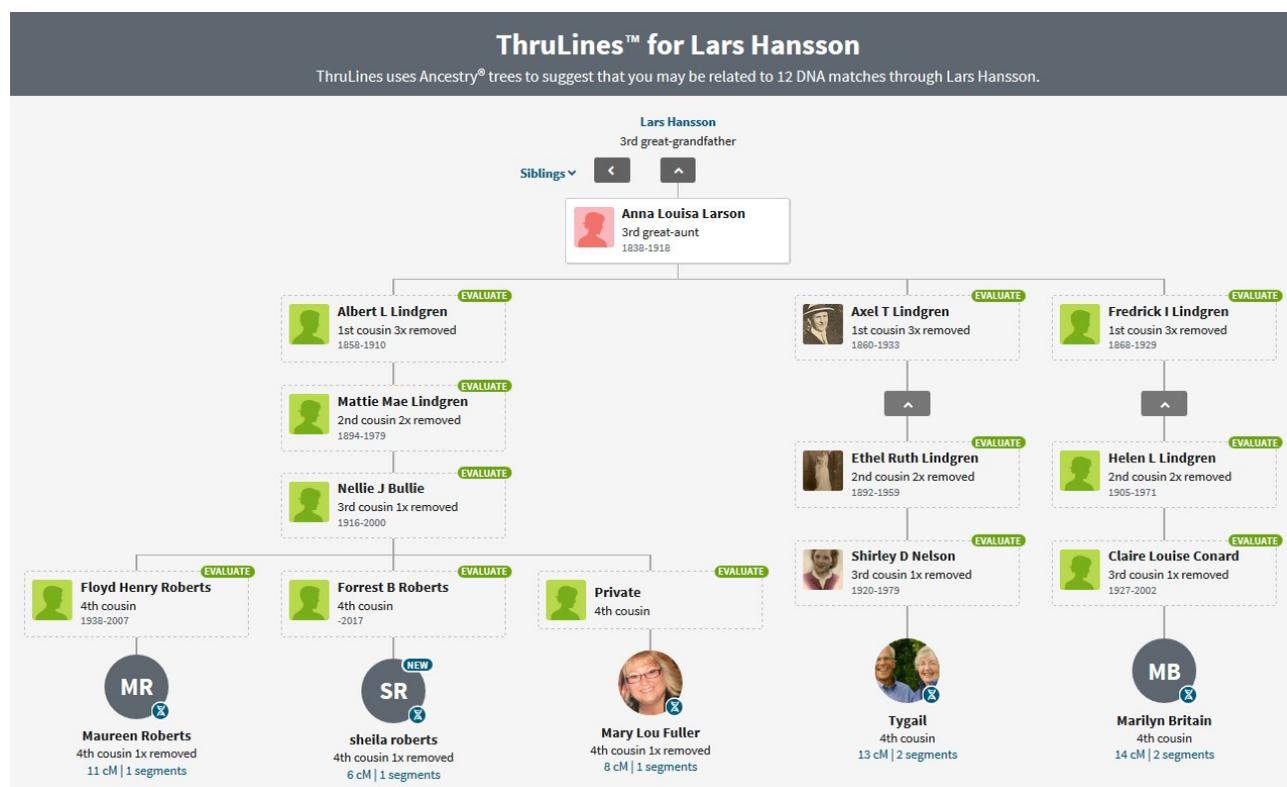
According to the relationship chart above, Sheila is descended from Forrest B. Roberts, who was the son of Nellie Bully (I believe it actually was spelled Bullie). These individuals (Forrest, Nellie) appeared in my previous narratives.

Sheila's family tree on Ancestry.com is quite small and has just seven people (Sheila is the left-most person marked "Private"):



Even though this tree is small, it does show that she is descended from Nellie Bully (Bullie). This information was enough for the software on Ancestry.com to connect her all the way back to Lars Hansson and his wife Anna Börjesdotter (using information from other family trees on this site).

I then went on to re-examine the ThruLines™ for Lars Hansson, which currently includes a total of twelve of his descendants with whom I have DNA matches. One branch of this ThruLines™ is shown below; it shows that I have DNA matches with five descendants of Lars Hansson's daughter Anna Louisa Larson, who was a sister of my second-great grandfather Börje Larsson. The line at the left shows that I have DNA matches with descendants of three of Nellie Bullie's children – Floyd Henry Roberts, Forrest Bernie Roberts, and a living daughter whose name is unknown (Mary Lou Fuller's mother in the chart shown below).



Oh my! It seems that several people are missing. In my previous narratives about this family, I had many more DNA matches with the descendants of Anna Louisa Larson. Well, upon reading some of my earlier narratives, I learned that

several of the DNA matches were with my Brorström cousins (Peter, Beth, Annmarie, Susan, and Stuart), so that explains why they don't turn up in MY ThruLines™.

Some of the missing people from my ThruLines™ include:

- Mark Thackaberry (Gail's late brother)
- Chris Prostka – great-grandson of Nellie Bullie
- Anthony Bosco Jr. (**guido548**) – grandson of Mattie Mae Lindgren
- Tiffany Walsh – daughter of Maureen Roberts
- Alexandra Soltis – daughter of Maureen Roberts
- Kelly Roberts – sister of Maureen Roberts
- Molly McDonald – 4<sup>th</sup>-great granddaughter of Anna Louisa Larson

I have DNA matches with Mark Thackaberry, Chris Prostka, Anthony Bosco Jr., and Tiffany Walsh. But they are no longer in my ThruLines™. More about this below.

Molly McDonald still shows up in Stuart's ThruLines™, and Alexandra Soltis and Kelly Roberts still show up in Annmarie's ThruLines™.

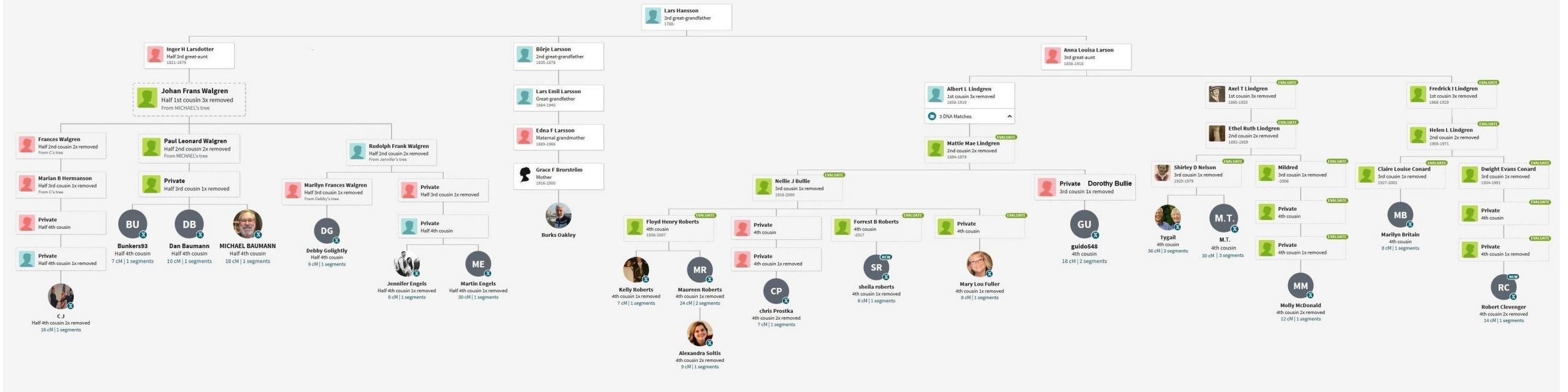
The ThruLines™ on the Ancestry.com website are based on family trees on this site, and if someone deletes a critical entry in his or her family tree, then the software can no longer make the connections. Note that many of my DNA matches, such as Sheila Roberts, have very minimal family trees on Ancestry.com, so the software has to find our connection by examining other family trees. And if one of these trees is edited, it can impact various ThruLines™.

Since I have screenshots of these earlier ThruLines™, I still know how all of us are related.

### ***Combining All the ThruLines™ for Lars Hansson and Anna Börjesdotter***

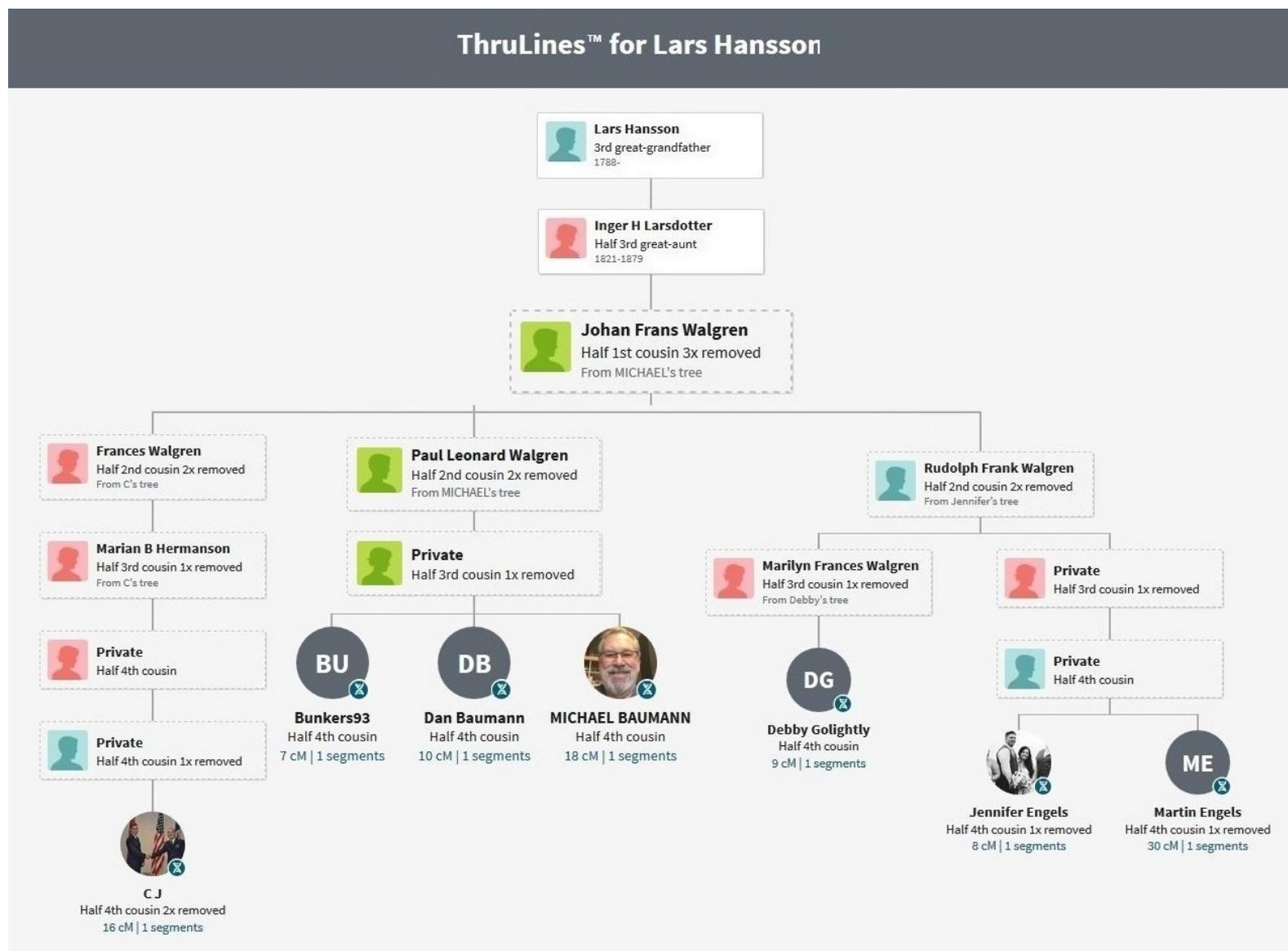
I decided to go back and combine all of the ThruLines™ that I had saved in the past for my third-great grandparents Lars Hansson and Anna Börjesdotter. In putting them all together, I used the ThruLines™ for my Swedish-American Brorström cousins, in addition to mine. Overall, I found that we have twenty-five DNA matches with descendants of Lars Hansson and Anna Börjesdotter. The combined relationship chart is shown on the next page.

ThruLines™ for Lars Hansson

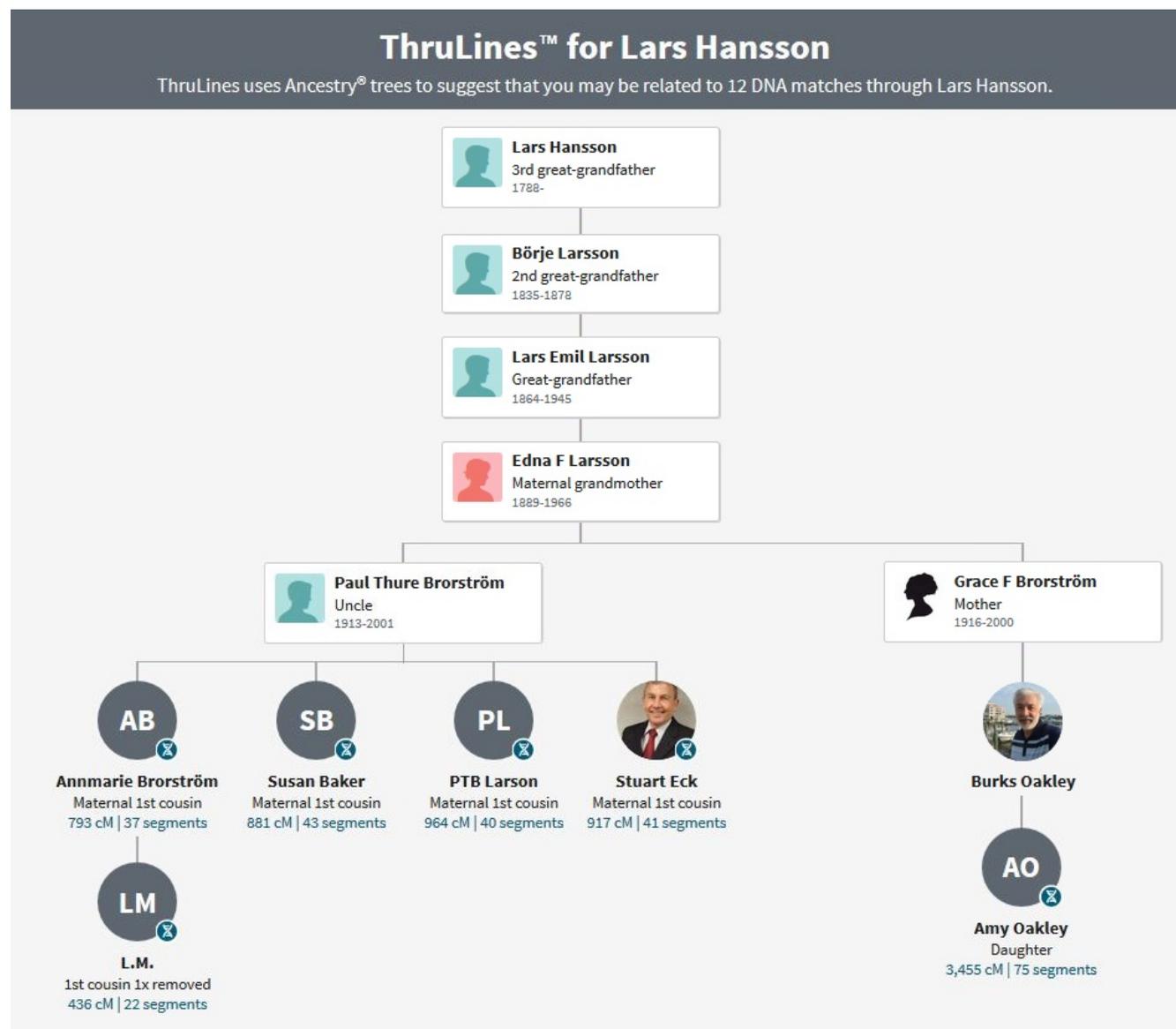


This is still difficult to read. So let me split up the lines from each of the three children of Lars Hansson – Inger Helena Larsdotter, Börje Larsson, and Anna Louisa Larson.

Here is the line for Inger Helena Larsdotter:

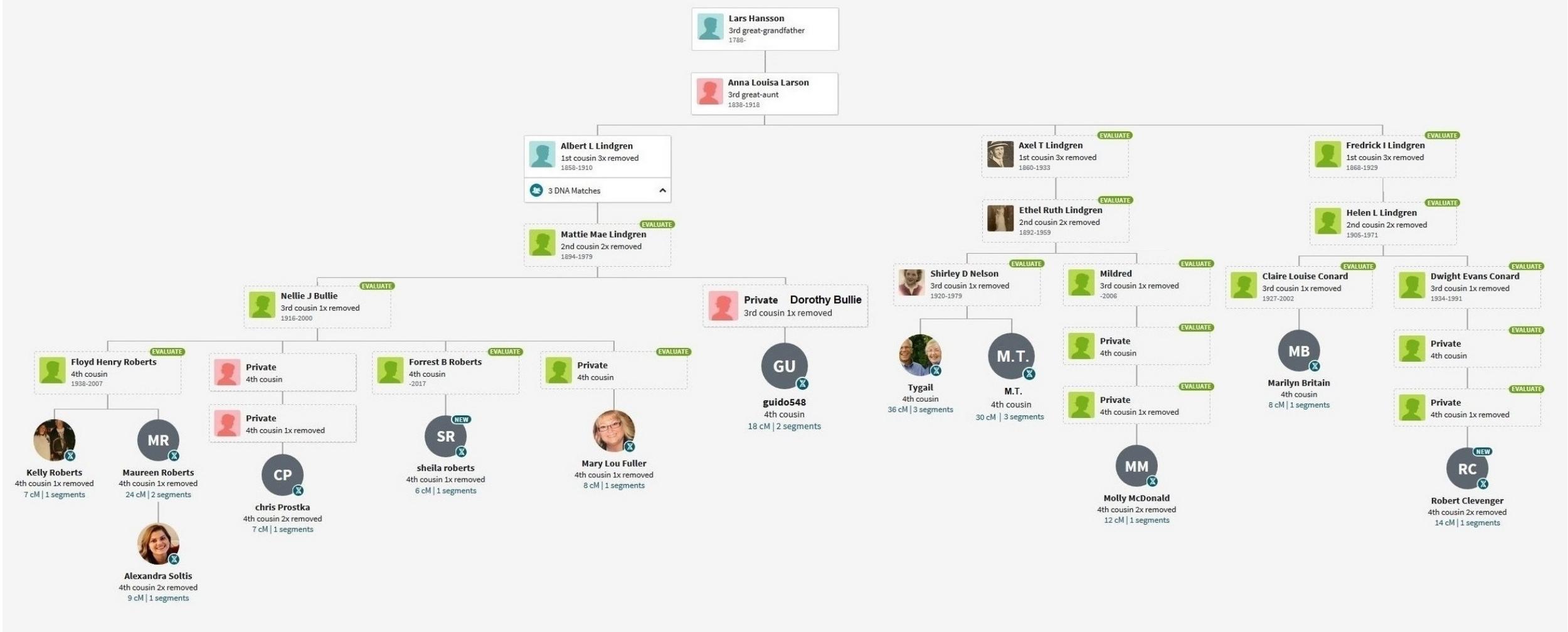


Next is the line for Börje Larsson – note that I have expanded this line to include my daughter and my Swedish-American Brorström cousins:



The third line goes back to Lars Hansson through his daughter Anna Louisa Larson:

### ThruLines™ for Lars Hansson



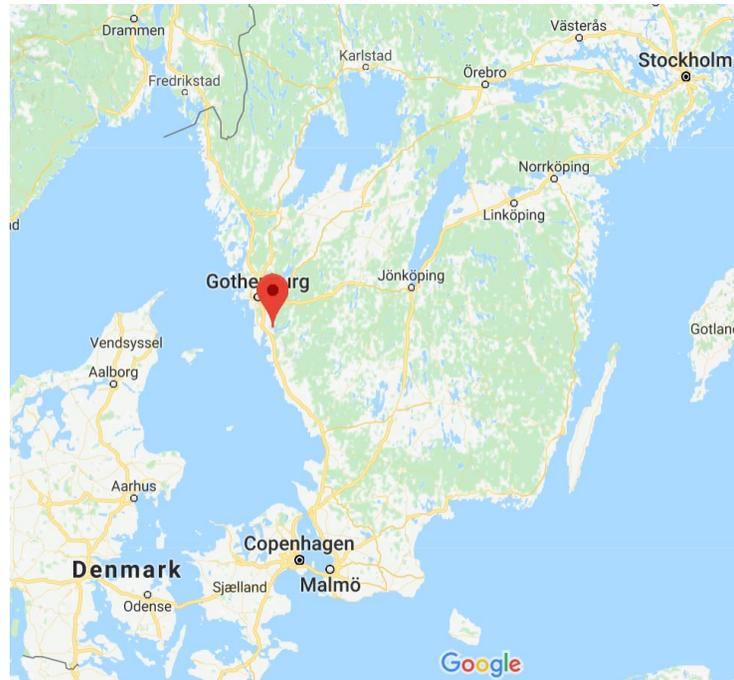
## ***Conclusion***

In this narrative, I have discussed my DNA match with Sheila Roberts. She and I both are descended from my third-great grandparents, Lars Hansson (1788-1838) and Anna Börjesdotter (born 1795), who lived in Fjärås, Sweden. Sheila and I are fourth-cousins once-removed. My Swedish-American cousin Susan Brorström Baker also has a DNA match with Sheila.

In looking at my ThruLines™ for Lars Hansson, I realized that the ThruLines™ change over time, as people edit their family trees. This prompted me to go back and look at all the ThruLines™ for Lars Hansson that I have collected during the past year for myself and my Swedish-American first-cousins (Annmarie, Susan, Peter, and Stuart). Collectively, we have a total of twenty-five DNA matches with descendants of Lars Hansson and Anna Börjesdotter.

## ***Appendix – Photos from Fjärås***

Fjärås is located on the west coast of Sweden, about 25 miles south of Gothenburg:



A photo of the beautiful church in Fjärås:



The interior of the church (photo from the church's Facebook page):



Sign on the road going into the town:



The view of the sea from the church:

