

# A New DNA Match on the Brorström Side of Our Family

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## *Introduction*

I am using DNA on the Ancestry.com website to confirm and to extend my family tree. I especially am 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 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 their Swedish line, it is as good as me having that match. I recently found a new DNA match for my cousin Annmarie Brorström, and this narrative is about that match.

## *Annmarie's DNA Match with Fiwod*

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 Annmarie's new DNA match with a woman whose username on the Ancestry.com website is **Fiwod** [the little blue dot next to her photo indicates that I had not previously viewed this match]:

The screenshot displays the 'Ancestry.com' interface for 'Annmarie Brorström's DNA Matches'. At the top, there are tabs for 'List' and 'Map'. Below this, there are filter options: 'Filter by: Unviewed' (selected) and 'Common ancestors'. A search and sort function is also visible. The main content area shows a match from 'One week ago' with a profile picture of 'Fiwod' (marked as unviewed with a blue dot). The match details are: '4th-6th Cousin', 'Shared DNA: 24 cM across 2 segments', and '137 People' with a 'Common ancestor' icon.

Annmarie and **Fiwod** share 24 cM of DNA across two segments, and based on the size of this match, they could be as close as 4<sup>th</sup>-cousins.

I next went on to view their common ancestor(s):

How are Annmarie Brorström and Fiwod related?

**Common Ancestors** 

According to Ancestry member trees, these are the common ancestors that connect Annmarie Brorström and Fiwod. View a common ancestor to see the relationship path that connects them.

**Annmarie Brorström and Fiwod could be 4th cousin 1x removed through:**



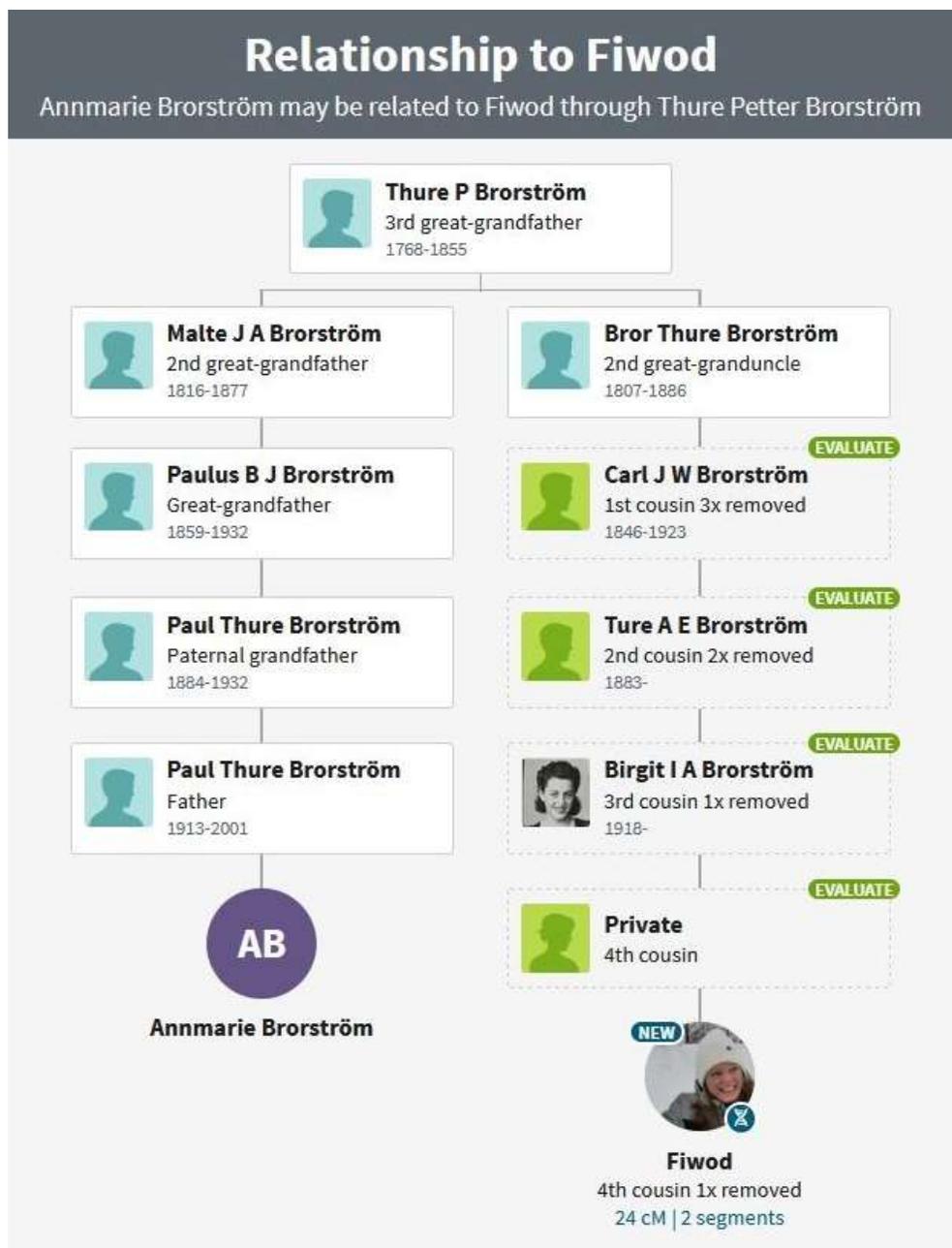
**Thure Petter Brorström**  
3rd great-grandfather  
1768-1855  
[View Relationship](#)



**Beata Christina Hultman**  
3rd great-grandmother  
1787-1826  
[View Relationship](#)

Oh my!! Annmarie and **Fiwod** are both descended from Thure Petter Brorström (1768-1855) and his wife Beata Christina Hultman (1787-1826). This couple were Annmarie's 3<sup>rd</sup>-great grandparents.

I next viewed the chart showing exactly how Annmarie and **Fiwod** are descended from Thure Petter Brorström:

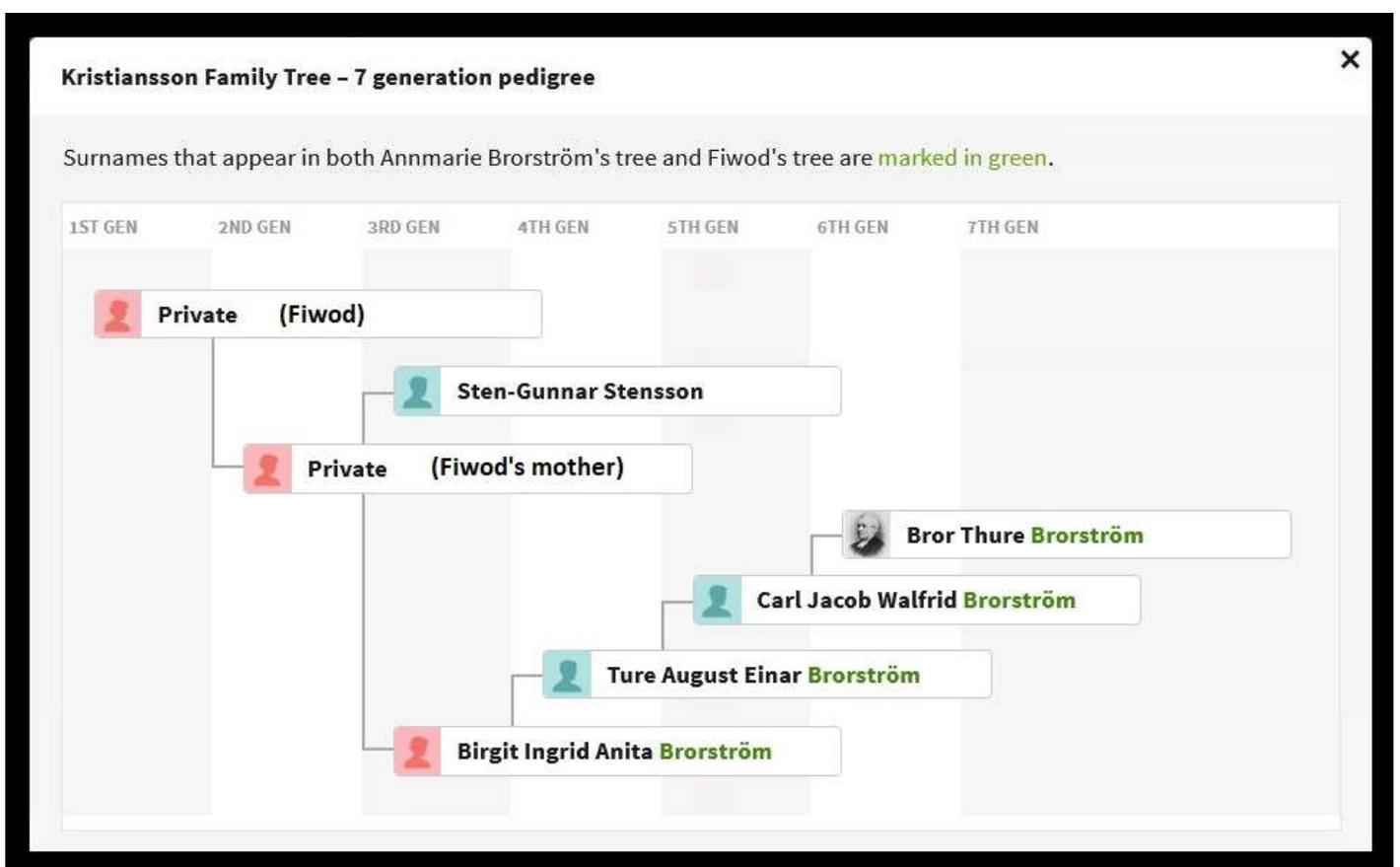


Annmarie is descended from Thure Petter through his son Malte Joachim August Brorström (1816-1877), while ***Fiwod*** is descended from Thure Petter through his son Bror Thure Brorström (1807-1886). According to this relationship chart, Annmarie is a 4<sup>th</sup>-cousin of ***Fiwod***'s mother, which makes her a 4<sup>th</sup>-cousin once-removed of ***Fiwod***.

I should add that the relationship chart going back to Thure Petter's second wife Beata Christina Hultman looks identical to the chart shown on the previous page (with Beata Christina substituted for Thure Petter).

I note that several generations of Brorströms appear in ***Fiwod***'s line, all the way down to her *mormor* (maternal grandmother), who was Birgit Ingrid Anita Brorström (1918-).

I went on to look at ***Fiwod***'s pedigree for the Brorström line:



This line goes back to Bror Thure Brorström, who was ***Fiwod***'s 3<sup>rd</sup>-great grandfather. However, her line doesn't go back to the next generation – Thure Petter Brorström and his wife Beata Christina Hultman – who are the ancestors she has in common with Annmarie.

The ancestral line back through Birgit Brorström appears in the extended family tree on the guttorps.se website, which is maintained by my distant cousin Anna Guttorp. Here is the entry for Ingrid BIRGIT Brorström:

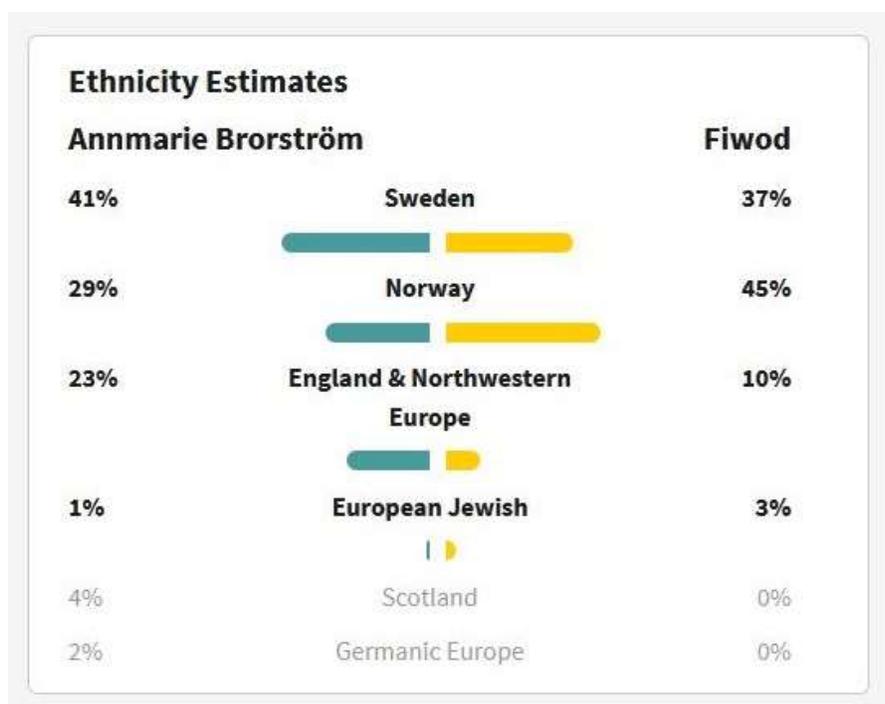
## Släkten Guttorp med närstående - Family Card



This entry shows Birgit's husband Sten-Gunnar Stensson, and their two daughters BARBRO Ingrid Anita Stensson (born 1943) and Britt Inger Stensson (born 1947). So my assumption is that either Barbro or Britt Inger is the mother of *Fiwod*.

### *Ethnicity Estimates*

Just for fun, I looked at the "Ethnicity Estimates" for Anmarie and *Fiwod*:



Certainly there are no surprises here – they both have considerable Scandinavian ethnicity.

Ancestry.com also has a section called "Shared Communities", and this shows that they both had ancestors in Southern Sweden (Skåne) and Southwest Sweden:

## Shared Communities



### Southern Sweden

Sweden's southeastern provinces of Skåne and Götaland included rich farmland where families...

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### Central & Southern Sweden

Southwest Sweden, consisting of the counties of Västra Götaland, Halland, and part of Småland is...

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## Shared DNA Matches

Ancestry.com also has a feature named “Shared Matches”, which in this case, lists all of the people who have DNA matches with BOTH Annmarie and **Fiwod**. Here are their Shared Matches:



## Annmarie Brorström and Fiwod

Predicted relationship: 4th-6th Cousin

Shared DNA: 24 cM across 2 segments

Trees Ethnicity Shared Matches

Filter by:

Unviewed

Common ancestors

[Search](#) | [Sort](#) ▾

### Parent/Child



**L.M.**

Managed by Kmeier59

**Parent/Child**

Shared DNA: 3,470 cM across 29 segments

**18,083 People**

Common ancestor

### 2nd Cousin



**Peterhorton58**

**1st-2nd Cousin**

Shared DNA: 427 cM across 13 segments

**15 People**

Common ancestor

### 4th Cousin



**wceder**

**4th-6th Cousin**

Shared DNA: 39 cM across 2 segments

**6 People**



**Rasmus Wodstrup**

**4th-6th Cousin**

Shared DNA: 32 cM across 3 segments

**Unlinked Tree**

There are only four people on this list, which is somewhat disappointing. Let me go through them one-by-one.

**L.M.** is Lauren Meier, who is Annmarie's oldest child. No surprises here.

The next person is Peter Horton (username of **Peterhorton58**). Peter is descended from Paulus Brorström (the Swedish immigrant) through Paulus' daughter Ebba Brorström:



Since the DNA match between Annmarie and **Fiwod** is through the Brorström line, Peter's match with **Fiwod** is not surprising.

As an aside, in looking through all my Swedish-American Brorström cousins, I found that Annmarie's younger sister Susan Brorström Baker also has a small DNA match with **Fiwod**:

**Susan Baker and Fiwod**  
Predicted relationship: 5th-8th Cousin  
Shared DNA: 8 cM across 1 segments

I also found that Annmarie's older brother Peter Thure Brorström (now Larson) has a small DNA match with **Fiwod**:

**PTB Larson and Fiwod**  
Predicted relationship: 5th-8th Cousin  
Shared DNA: 11 cM across 2 segments

I have no idea why Susan and Peter didn't show up on the list of Shared DNA Matches, unless the small sizes of their matches kept them from being listed.

Now let me skip to Rasmus Wodstrup. I didn't think I had seen this family name before, but then I realized that **Fiwod** maintains a separate family tree on

Ancestry.com named “Wodstrup – släktträd” (Swedish for “Wodstrup family tree”).

DNA Relationship to **Annmarie Brorström** ▾



**AB**

**4th–6th Cousin**

Shared DNA: 24 cM across 2 segments ⓘ

**Family History**

Public Family Tree	People	Records	Media
<b>Kristiansson Family Tree</b>	137	172	13
<b>Wodstrup – släktträd</b>	7	0	2

At this point, my best guess is that ***Fiwod*** and Rasmus Wodstrup are closely related. And are they Swedish?

I went to the Swedish website named ratsit.se, which seems to have a complete database of all adults in Sweden. When I searched for Rasmus Wodstrup, I found a single listing:

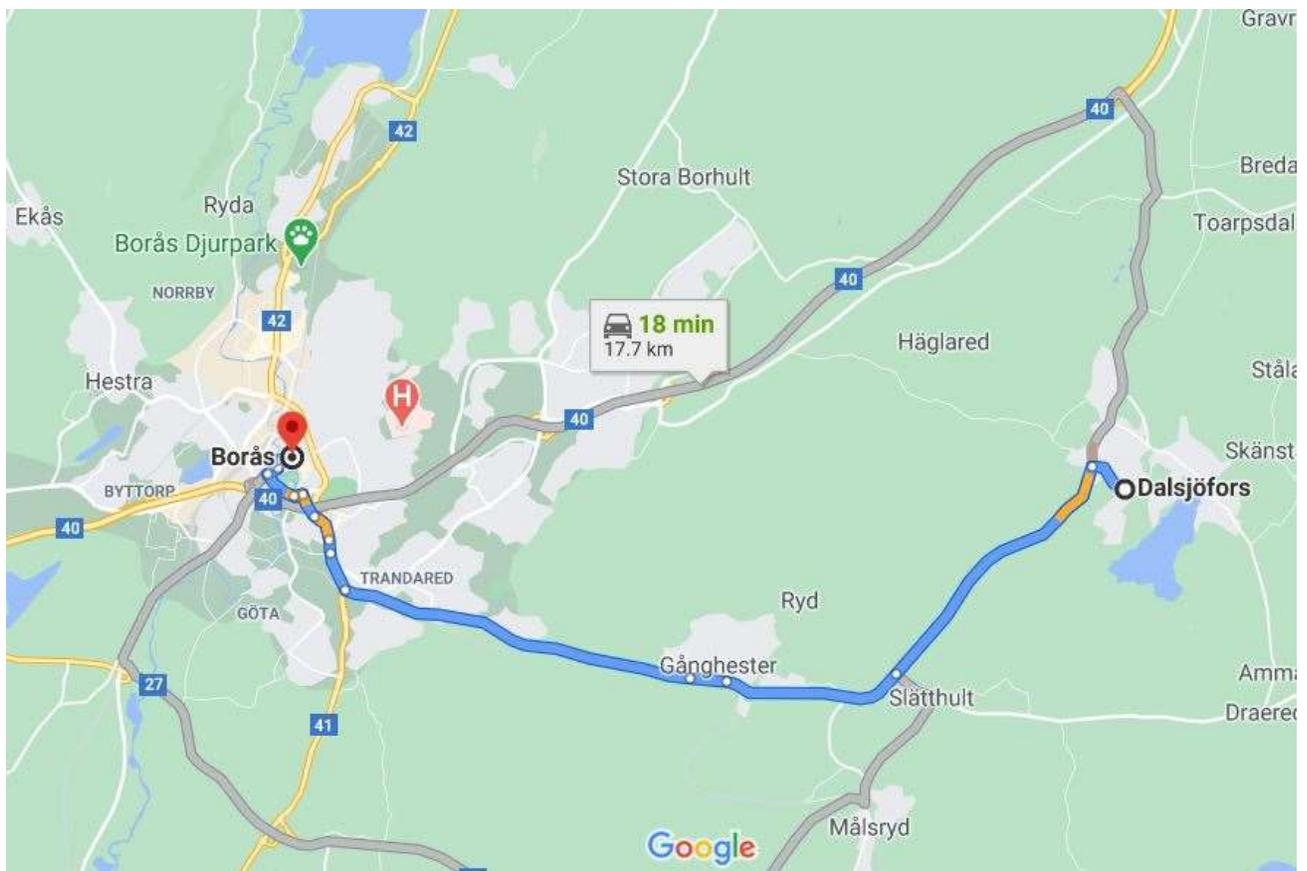


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**Rasmus** Viktor Wodstrup 21 år DALSJÖFORS  
Näckrosvägen 1 D lgh 1102 **M** **O**

Rasmus is 21 years old and lives in Dalsjöfors – a small town in western Sweden, about 13 km east of Borås<sup>1</sup> – essentially straight east from Göteborg:

<sup>1</sup> As an aside, my Brorström cousin Björn Brorström is the Vice Chancellor of the University of Borås.



Keep in mind that there appears to be a close family connection between **Fiwod** and Rasmus Wodstrup. I'll come back to this later in the narrative.

Finally, I got to the last shared match, which is with a man having the username of **wceder**. I know that this man is Walter Cederholm, and I have written about his connection to the Brorström family previously – see:

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

Let me briefly summarize how I believe the Cederholm family is connected to the Brorström family. Walter's Cederholm line goes back to his great-grandfather Gustave Göran Cederholm, who was born out of wedlock in 1841:

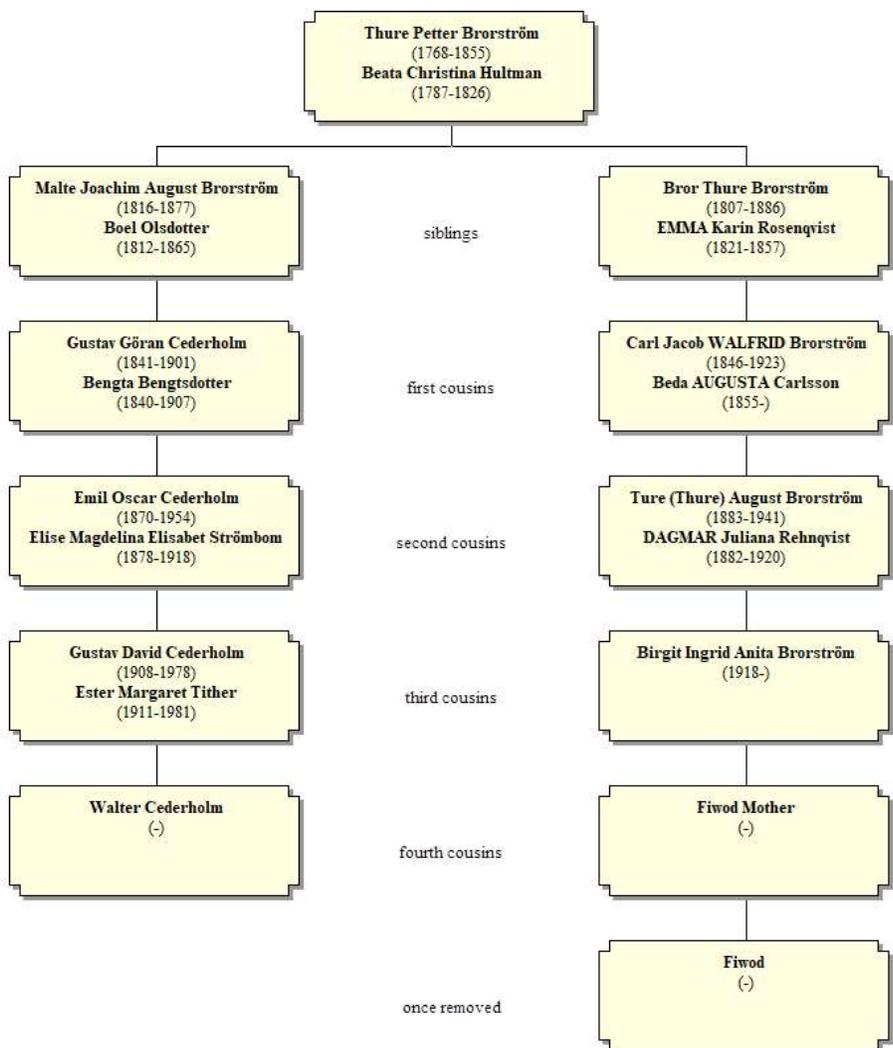


When Gustave Göran was still a young child, his mother married a man named Pål Jeppsson, and Gustave Göran was given the family name Pålsson. As an adult, Gustave Göran dropped the Pålsson surname and chose the name Cederholm.

Based on all the DNA matches between Cederholm family members and Brorström family members, as well as the large size of the DNA match that I have with Walter Cederholm (193 cM), I have hypothesized that Malte Brorström was the biological father of Gustave Göran Cederholm (remember that Gustave Göran was born out of wedlock).

The fact that *Fiwod* has a DNA match with Walter Cederholm is yet another bit of evidence supporting my hypothesis about how the Brorström family is connected to the Cederholm family.

I constructed a chart showing how *Fiwod* could be related to Walter Cederholm:



## Who is *Fiwod* and Where Did She Get Her Username?

Being the curious person that I am, I thought that I should spend some time trying to figure out who *Fiwod* is, and where she got her username.

Since I had reason to believe that she is closely related to Rasmus Wodstrup, I first went to the ratsit.se website and searched for people having the surname Wodstrup living in Dalsjöfors. This gave me a list of ten people; here are the first five:

<b>Bent</b> Wodstrup Hulta Skintegården 2	76 år	DALSJÖFORS	M	⊞	
Kerstin <b>Inger</b> Marianne Wodstrup Hulta Skintegården 2	72 år	DALSJÖFORS	K	⊞	
<b>Marie</b> Madelaine Wodstrup Hulta Eriksgården 3	50 år	DALSJÖFORS	K	○	
Bent <b>Nicklas</b> Wodstrup Hulta Skintegården 1	47 år	DALSJÖFORS	1	M	⊞
Åsa Charlotta <b>Sofia</b> Wodstrup Hulta Skintegården 1	45 år	DALSJÖFORS	1	K	⊞

Note that Swedes often have multiple given names, and often they are called by a name that is not their first name. Here is an excerpt from Wikipedia:

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Swedish\\_name](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Swedish_name)

The calling name (Swedish *tilltalsnamn*) by which the person is normally identified in conversation, is in Scandinavian countries one of the given names, not necessarily the first. In contexts where the full name is spelled out, the calling name is often indicated by an asterisk, by capital letters, or underlines or italics.

So for the Wodstrup family members in Dalsjöfors, it appears that Bent (age 76) could be married to Inger (age 72). Marie (age 50) could be their daughter. Nicklas (age 47) could be their son, and Sofia (age 45) could be Nicklas' wife.

BINGO!!!

Sofia Wodstrup

So-**FI**-a **WOD**-strup

**FIWOD** ***Fiwod***

This has to be the woman with the username of *Fiwod* on Ancestry.com.

For completeness, here are the other five Wodstrup family members living in Dalsjöfors:

<b>Matina</b> Karin Madelaine Wodstrup Hulta Skintegården 2	24 år	DALSJÖFORS	K	O
<b>Sanna</b> Isabella Wodstrup Boråsvägen 46 Igh 1001	23 år	DALSJÖFORS	K	O
<b>Rasmus</b> Viktor Wodstrup Näckrosvägen 1 D Igh 1102	21 år	DALSJÖFORS	M	O
<b>Tobias</b> Arne Wiktor Wodstrup Ripbärsvägen 13	21 år	DALSJÖFORS	M	O
Fredrik Peter Verner Wodstrup Hulta Eriksgården 3	17 år	DALSJÖFORS	M	O

This list includes Rasmus Wodstrup. Given the ages of the second five, one or more of them (including Rasmus) could be children of Sofia and Nicklas.

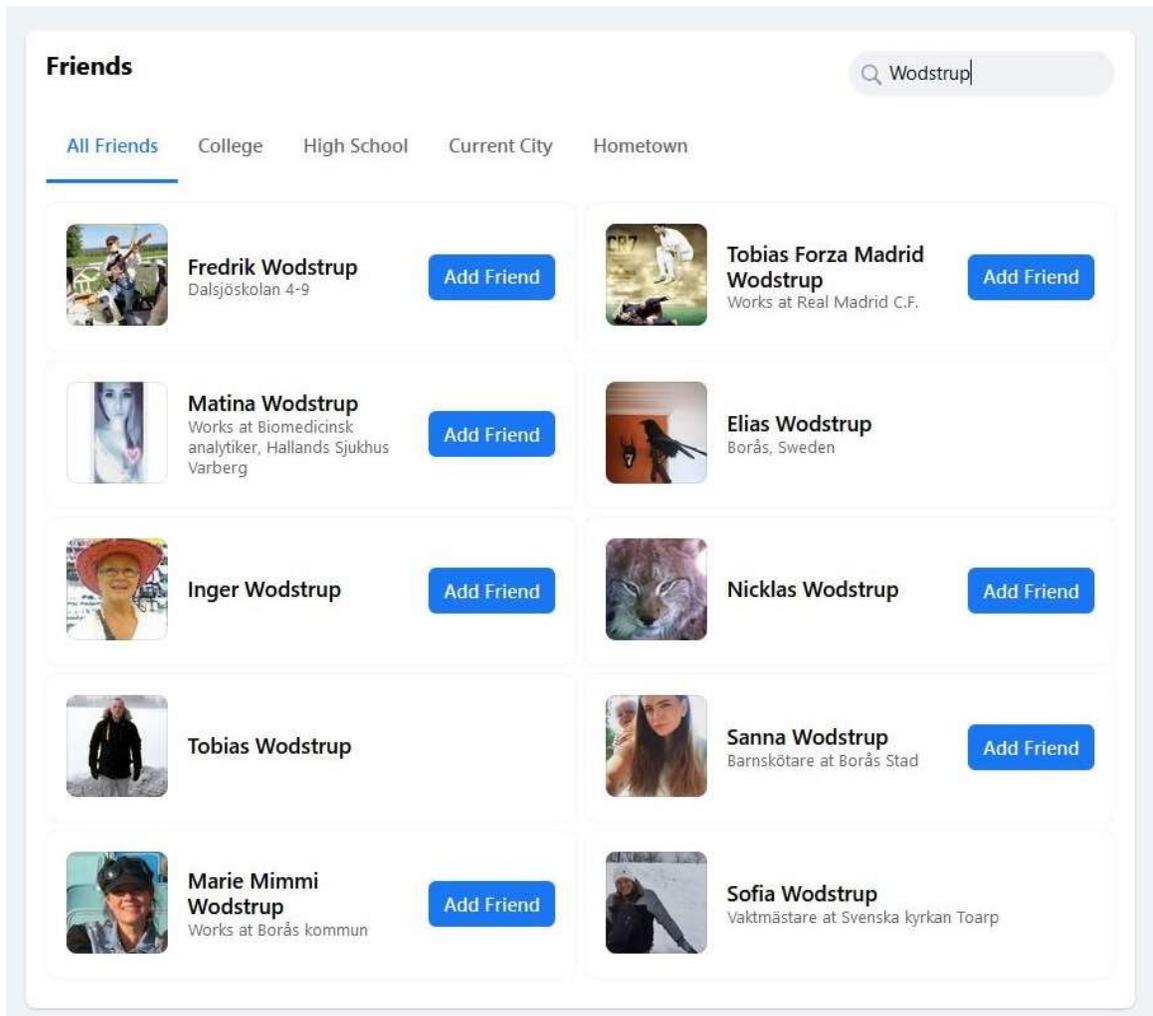
But wait, there is more!

A quick Google search on “Rasmus Wodstrup” (no quotes) turned up his Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/rasmus.wodstrup>

His profile states that he is from Dalsjöfors.

And a quick search of his FB friends turned up ten with the surname Wodstrup:

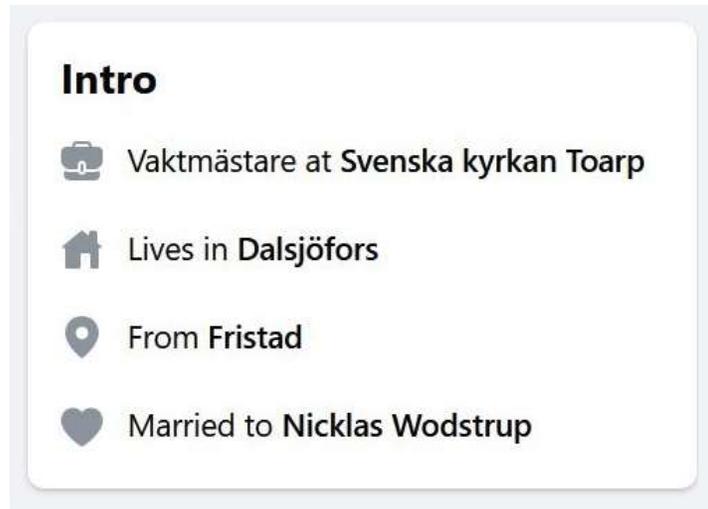


The screenshot shows a Facebook profile page for Rasmus Wodstrup. At the top, there is a search bar with "Wodstrup" entered. Below the search bar, there are tabs for "All Friends", "College", "High School", "Current City", and "Hometown". The "All Friends" tab is selected. The list of friends is displayed in a grid format, with each friend's profile picture, name, and location visible. Each friend has an "Add Friend" button next to their name. The friends listed are:

- Fredrik Wodstrup, Dalsjöskolan 4-9
- Matina Wodstrup, Works at Biomedicinsk analytiker, Hallands Sjukhus Varberg
- Inger Wodstrup
- Tobias Wodstrup
- Marie Mimmi Wodstrup, Works at Borås kommun
- Tobias Forza Madrid Wodstrup, Works at Real Madrid C.F.
- Elias Wodstrup, Borås, Sweden
- Nicklas Wodstrup
- Sanna Wodstrup, Barnskötare at Borås Stad
- Sofia Wodstrup, Vaktmästare at Svenska kyrkan Toarp

And the one in the lower-right of this panel is Sofia Wodstrup, and the photo appears to be the same photo as she is using for her profile on Ancestry.com. As I wrote earlier, Bingo!!

I went to Sofia's Facebook page, where I learned she is indeed married to Nicklas Wodstrup:



Sofia's Facebook page has this lovely photo of her:



And one of the comments for this photo was:



Bingo yet again! Sofia's mother is Britt-Inger Christiansson (née Stensson). And my guess is that Rasmus is Sofia's son.<sup>2</sup>

### ***Connection with Ann Brorström in Sweden***

It turns out that Brorström is an uncommon surname in Sweden. I wrote about this earlier:

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

In this earlier narrative, I used ratsit.se to find all the Swedish adults with this surname. One of them was Ann Brorström, and I have corresponded with her via e-mail. As I was adding Sofia's line to my RootsMagic database, I realized that Sofia and Ann are closely related. So I sent an e-mail to Ann, asking if she knew any of the people in Sofia's line, and she replied:

Birgit Brorström was my father's older sister, a few years older. She had two girls, Barbro and Britt-Inger. I know that Britt-Inger had at least one girl, but I can't find my material on the Brorström-family tonight. But I will look for it tomorrow and I will write to you again.

This fits with Britt-Inger's comment in Facebook about being Sofia's mother.

Ann sent me several family photos. Here is Birgit and her husband Sten-Gunnar Stensson from 1956:

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<sup>2</sup> I don't have any direct evidence that Rasmus is Sofia's son. He is the correct age and lives in the correct location. I'm troubled by the apparent fact that his DNA match with Annmarie (32 cM on three segments) is larger than Sofia's DNA match with Annmarie (24 cM on 2 segments). A child shouldn't have a larger DNA match with a relative than their parent has. Perhaps there is something "off" with the way that Ancestry.com is comparing these matches.



Here is a photo of part of the Brorström family from 1972:



(L-to-R)  
Brita - born 1925, married Sidenbladh  
Börje - born 1920, Ann Brorström's father  
Gunvor (called Titti) - born 1922, married Hamne  
Göran - born 1934  
Birgit - born 1918, married Stensson

And Birgit is Britt-Inger's mother and therefore Sofia's *mormor* (maternal grandmother).

I note that these five children of Thure August EINAR Brorström appear on the guttorps.se website, which I mentioned earlier. Here are the first two children, Birgit and Börje:

Carl Jacob WALFRID Brorström (1846 - 1923)	
Beda AUGUSTA Carlsson (1855 - )	
<b>Thure August EINAR Brorström</b>	<b>DAGMAR Juliana Rehnqvist</b>
b. 2 Jun 1883, Sjämrorp, Östergötlands län d. 27 Sep 1941, Uddevalla bur. occ. Läkare edu. rel.	b. 25 Mar 1882 d. 23 Jun 1920, Göteborg bur. occ. edu. rel.
Spouses: 1, 2	
<b>Children</b>	
Ingrid BIRGIT Brorström (26 Sep 1918 - )	
Karl BÖRJE Brorström (13 Jun 1920 - )	

Note that Einar's first wife Dagmar died within days of giving birth to Börje. Einar remarried and had three children with his second wife, Ebba:

Carl Jacob WALFRID Brorström (1846 - 1923)	
Beda AUGUSTA Carlsson (1855 - )	
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Spouses: 1, 2	
<b>Children</b>	
Margit GUNVOR (Titti) Brorström (20 Nov 1922 - )	
BRITTA Elisbet Brorström (14 Mar 1925 - )	
Ulf GÖRAN Einar Brorström (30 Oct 1934 - )	

Those three children were Gunvor (called Titti), Britta, and Göran. Exactly like in the photo that Ann Brorström sent me.

Finally, here is a photo of Britt-Inger and Sofia from Facebook:



My Swedish relatives!!

### ***Conclusion***

In this narrative, I started with Annmarie Brorström's new DNA match with a woman having the username of ***Fiwod*** on Ancestry.com. I later learned that this woman is a Swede named Sofia Wodstrup.

I learned that both Annmarie and Sofia are descended from Thure Petter Brorström (1768-1855) and his wife Beata Christina Hultman (1787-1826). They are fourth-cousins once-removed.

Annmarie and Sofia both have matches with Susan Brorström Baker, Peter Thure Brorström (now Larson), Lauren Meier (Annmarie's daughter), Peter Horton (a Brorström descendant and Annmarie's second-cousin), and Rasmus Wodstrup (who I believe is Sofia's son). They also both have a DNA match with Walter Cederholm, and this is one more piece of evidence connecting the Cederholm line back to Malte Brorström.

Much of Sofia's Brorström line can be found on the guttorps.se website, which is maintained by Anna Guttorp.

Finally, Ann Brorström sent me several priceless photos of Sofia's *mormor* Birgit Brorström, and I also found a wonderful photo of Sofia, as well as Sofia with her mother Britt-Inger, on Facebook.

And as I always say, once again the DNA confirms the genealogical record. The DNA doesn't lie.

## ***Appendix - A Thure in Every Generation***

As I was looking at the Brorström family line going back to Thure Petter Brorström, I realized that there is a Thure in every generation for seven generations:

Thure Petter Brorström - born 1768  
Bror Thure Brorström - born 1807  
Thure Paulus (one of Malte's sons) - born 1856  
Paul Thure Brorström Sr. - born 1884  
Paul Thure Brorström Jr. - born 1913  
Peter Thure Brorström- born 1947  
John David Thure DeMattia- born 1989

This is pretty amazing!

Here is a photo of Bror Thure Brorström from Ancestry.com:

