

ThruLines™ for Jöns Jeppsson

DNA Going Back to Ancestors of Nils Wennström

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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. I have been using Ancestry DNA to add additional branches to my Swedish family tree, and I have been aided in this work by the new tools that Ancestry.com released in February 2019. I also have been helped by the fact that several of my Swedish-American first-cousins also have their DNA on Ancestry. They have DNA matches with distant relatives that I don't have, and by investigating their matches, I learn more about my family's history.



The gravestone of Nils Wennström and his wife Kristina Wennström (nee Olsdotter) in the church cemetery in Hasslöv, Sweden. They were my 2nd-great grandparents. Their daughter, Bernhardine Wennström, immigrated to America in 1882, right after marrying Paulus Brorström.

Susan's DNA Matches

One of my Swedish-American cousins is Susan Brorström (married name Baker). Her father and my mother were siblings. I looked at Susan's DNA matches, and I filtered them to show just the DNA matches with individuals that have ancestors in common with Susan. One of the names on this list was new to me – a man having the username of *thordfamilytree*.

The screenshot shows the 'DNA matches for Susan Baker' page. At the top, there's a header with a back arrow and 'DNA matches for Susan Baker'. Below that, the main title is 'Susan Baker's DNA Matches' with a 'BETA' badge. There are three buttons: 'All matches', 'Common ancestors', and 'Search'. Underneath, a section titled 'Distant Cousin' features a profile for 'thordfamilytree' managed by 'RGhinder'. It indicates a '5th-8th Cousin' relationship with 'Shared DNA: 6 cM across 1 segments'. To the right, it shows '956 People' and a 'Common ancestor' link.

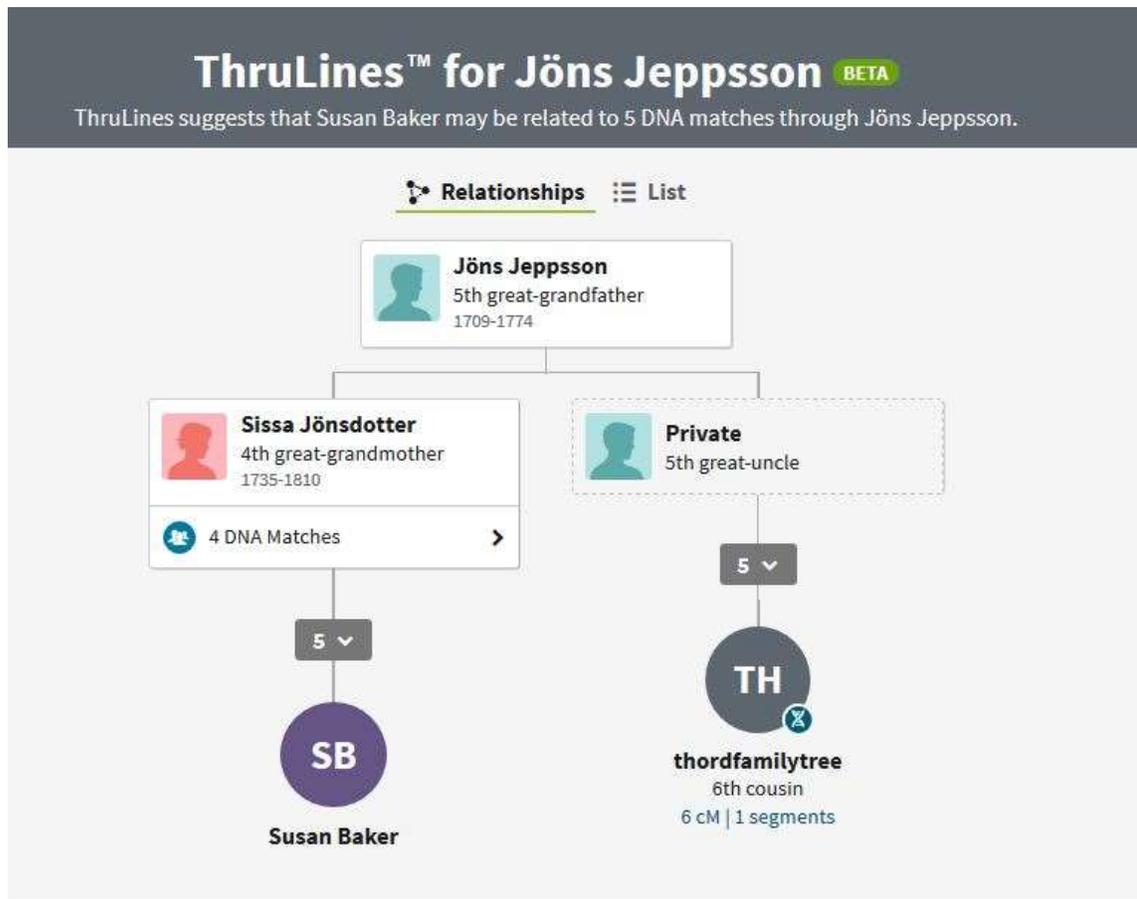
He and Susan have a very small DNA match – just 6 cM on a single segment. This indicates that their connection is way in the past – they could be 5th-cousins or even 8th-cousins.

I clicked on the Common ancestor link next to *thordfamilytree* and got:

The screenshot shows the 'Shared DNA with thordfamilytree' page. It states 'Predicted Relationship: Distant Cousin' and 'Amount of shared DNA is 6 centimorgans across 1 DNA segments'. On the left, there's a section for 'thordfamilytree's Linked Tree' showing 'TRJohnson' with '956 people'. On the right, under 'How are Susan Baker and thordfamilytree connected?', it lists 'Common Ancestors'. Two ancestors are shown: 'Jöns Jeppsson' (5th Great-grandfather, 1709-1774) and 'Bengta Assarsdotter' (5th Great-grandmother, 1705-1788). Each has a 'View Relationship' link.

Their common ancestors are Jöns Jeppsson (1709-1774) and his wife Bengta Assarsdotter (1705-1788). They were Susan's 5th-great grandparents. [Of course, they also were my fifth-great grandparents]. Yes, this is very back in the past.

I next clicked on View Relationship for Jöns Jeppsson, and then went on to view the ThruLines™ that Susan has for Jöns Jeppsson:



This ThruLines™ suggests that Susan is descended from Jöns Jeppsson's daughter Sissa Jönsdotter (1735-1810), while *thordfamilytree* is descended from a man that shows as Private.

I opened both lines and saw the lines connecting Susan and *thordfamilytree* to Jöns Jeppsson:



As one can see from Susan's line, Sissa Jönsdotter was Nils Wennström's maternal grandmother (*mormor* in Swedish).

The man in the upper-right of this chart, who was a son of Jöns Jeppsson, is not named in this ThruLines™ - he is marked "Private". But it was pretty easy to determine what his name had to be. Since he was Jöns' son, his last name would have to be Jönsson. And since HIS son had the last name of Persson, I figured that his first name would have to be Per. Therefore, I reasoned that I was looking for a man named Per Jönsson who was the son of Jöns Jeppson and the father of Jöns Persson. I searched for Jöns Jeppson on Ancestry.com - and found him in Svante Burge's tree:

Burge - släkträd ▾ Tree Search Svante Burge

Jöns Jeppsson
 BIRTH 19 APR 1709 • Tåssjö (L)
 DEATH 27 NOV 1774 • Långhult, Tåssjö (L), Sweden

Family

Parents

- Jeppe Jönsson** 1661-1745
- Johanna Persdotter** 1674-1753

Spouse & Children

- Bengta Assarsdotter** 1705-1788
- Sissa Jönsdotter** 1735-1810
- Pål Jönsson** 1737-1741
- Per Jönsson** 1739-1830

Children (continued)

- Anders Jönsson** 1742-1827
- Pahl Jonsson** 1742-1748
- Jöns Jönsson** 1744-1748
- Jeppe Jönsson** 1746-1748
- Karina Karna* Jönsdotter** 1748-1830

This family tree shows Jöns Jeppsson's daughter Sissa Jönsdotter (Susan's ancestor) and his son Per Jönsson (*thordfamilytree's* ancestor). Per Jönsson is indeed the name I was looking for in Susan's ThruLines™ for Jöns Jeppsson.

Here is what Svante Burge has for Per Jönsson:

Burge - släkträd ▾ Tree Search Svante Burge

Per Jönsson
 BIRTH 17 JUL 1739 • Långhult, Tåssjö, Skåne, Sverige
 DEATH 17 AUG 1830 • Lärkeryd

Family

Parents

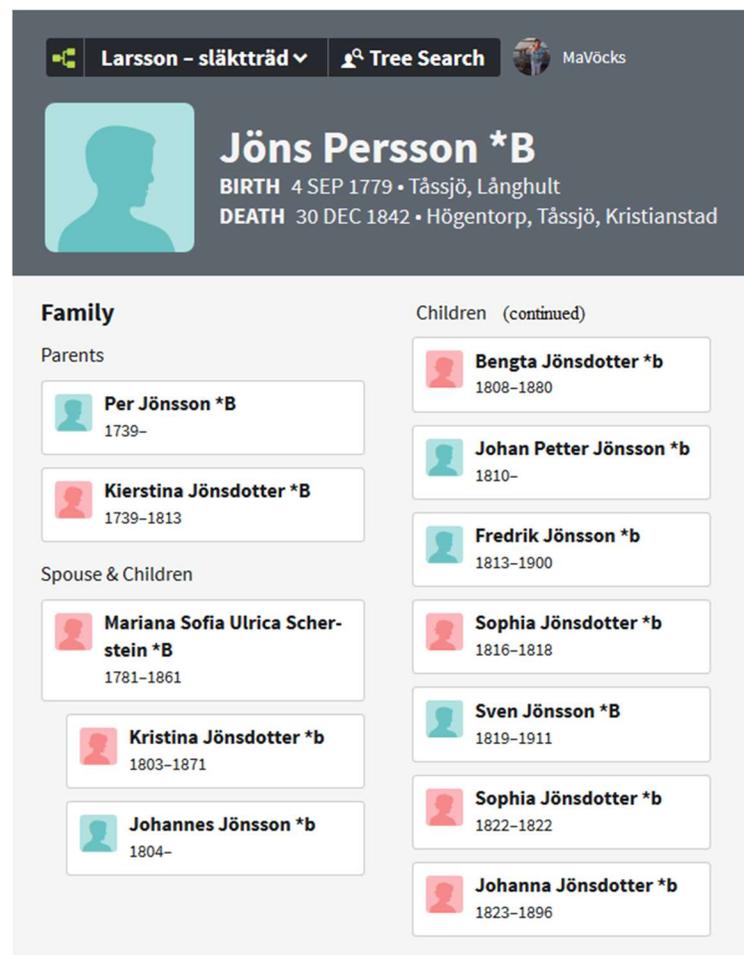
- Jöns Jeppsson** 1709-1774
- Bengta Assarsdotter** 1705-1788

In the ThruLines™, Per Jönsson was found in the Larsson – Släktträd (Larsson family tree), owned by MaVöcks (a Swedish woman living in Ängelholm, Skåne, Sweden):



The screenshot shows a profile for Per Jönsson. At the top, there is a navigation bar with "Larsson – släktträd" and "Tree Search" buttons, and a user profile for "MaVöcks". The profile itself features a teal silhouette icon, the name "Per Jönsson", and the following details: "BIRTH 17 JUL 1739 • Tåssjö, Långhult" and "DEATH Unknown".

These are the same birth date in the same location as in Svante's tree - so it has to be the same person. Going back to the ThruLines™, Per Jönsson's son was Johan Petter Jönsson (1810-?), and this information was from GHinder's tree (GHinder is the person who manages the DNA profile for *thordfamilytree*). I note that MaVöcks' tree has the same son: - Johan Petter Jönsson, born 1810.



The screenshot shows a profile for Jöns Persson *B. At the top, there is a navigation bar with "Larsson – släktträd" and "Tree Search" buttons, and a user profile for "MaVöcks". The profile features a teal silhouette icon, the name "Jöns Persson *B", and the following details: "BIRTH 4 SEP 1779 • Tåssjö, Långhult" and "DEATH 30 DEC 1842 • Högentorp, Tåssjö, Kristianstad".

Family

Parents

- Per Jönsson *B
1739–
- Kierstina Jönsdotter *B
1739–1813

Spouse & Children

- Mariana Sofia Ulrica Scherstein *B
1781–1861
- Kristina Jönsdotter *b
1803–1871
- Johannes Jönsson *b
1804–

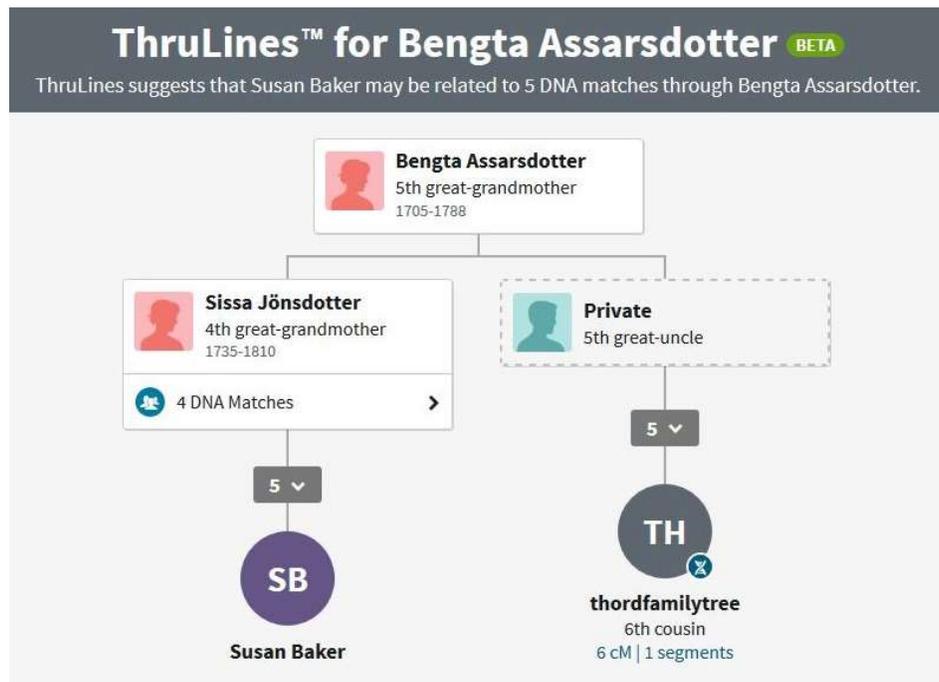
Children (continued)

- Bengta Jönsdotter *b
1808–1880
- Johan Petter Jönsson *b
1810–
- Fredrik Jönsson *b
1813–1900
- Sophia Jönsdotter *b
1816–1818
- Sven Jönsson *B
1819–1911
- Sophia Jönsdotter *b
1822–1822
- Johanna Jönsdotter *b
1823–1896

At this point, I'm convinced that this line for *thordfamilytree* back to Jöns Jeppsson is accurate. And therefore it is possible that this relationship accounts for the DNA match that Susan has with *thordfamilytree*. While we won't know for sure that the ThruLines™ is responsible for the DNA match that Susan has with Thord Johnson, it certainly is consistent.

Susan's ThruLines™ for Bengta Assarsdotter

While I have discussed everything in terms of being descendants of Jöns Jeppsson, I just as well could have presented this as descendants of his wife, Bengta Assarsdotter (1705-1788). Here is Susan's ThruLines™ for Bengta:



It really should be a ThruLines™ that goes back to Jöns and Bengta as a married couple.

More about Svantes' Family Tree – The Burge Släkträd

As an aside, Svante's tree also has my line to Nils Wennström.

Svante's family tree includes Sissa Jönsdotter, who was a daughter of Jöns Jeppsson. She had a daughter Maria (Maja) Nilsson (1776-1819).

Burge – släkktred v Tree Search Svante Burge

Sissa Jönsdotter
 BIRTH JUL 1735 • Långhult, Tåssjö (L)
 DEATH 25 JUN 1810 • Tåssjö (L)

Family

Parents

- Jöns Jeppsson 1709–1774
- Bengta Assarsdotter 1705–1788

Spouse & Children

- Nils Månsson 1742–1816
- Maria (Maja) Nilsdotter 1776–1819

And then Maria (Maja) Nilsdotter married Jan Petter Wennström and had a son Nils Wennström (1815-1914):

Burge – släkktred v Tree Search Svante Burge

Maria (Maja) Nilsdotter
 BIRTH 25 AUG 1776 • Hålshult, Tåssjö (L)
 DEATH 26 JUL 1819 • Svenstorp, Tåssjö, Skåne, Sverige

Family

Parents

- Nils Månsson 1742–1816
- Sissa Jönsdotter 1735–1810

Spouse & Children

- Jan Petter Wennström 1778–1862
- Karl Petter Wennström 1802–1887
- Anna Stina Wennström 1806–1855
- Magnus Wennström 1809–1898
- Sissela Wennström 1812–
- Nils Wennström 1815–1914
- Sven Wennström 1817–1912

Of course, Nils Wennström was the father of Bernhardine Wennström, who immigrated to America. This part of Svante's line fits with my research (well, really the research of my cousin Göran Grotting – see the appendix).

Learning More about thordfamilytree

I sent a message to Bob Ghinder, who manages the DNA profile for ***thordfamilytree***. Bob replied right away, telling me that this man is Thord R. Johnson. Thord was born in Sweden and immigrated to America, and he is in his mid-80's. The family tree associated with Thord's DNA profile is based on Thord's own research, which Bob Ghinder then uploaded to Ancestry.com. Bob also sent me Thord's kit number on GEDmatch.com.

While I don't have Susan's DNA profile from Ancestry.com on the free GEDmatch.com website, I do have her DNA profile from 23andme.com. I looked on GEDmatch.com to see additional details about their DNA match.

Here is Susan's match with Thord:

Chr	B37 Start Pos'n	B37 End Pos'n	Centimorgans (cM)	SNPs
1	241,849,430	249,210,707	15.1	828
16	22,829,010	25,102,520	4.2	269

I have no idea why Susan's match with Thord on Ancestry.com is 6 cM, but it is 15 cM using her DNA from 23andme.com. No idea....

Just for fun, I looked at my match with Thord:

Chr	B37 Start Pos'n	B37 End Pos'n	Centimorgans (cM)	SNPs
1	243,087,106	244,953,565	4.7	249
8	128,125,195	129,697,564	4.6	386

While I was at it, I looked at my other Swedish-American cousins who have their DNA on GEDmathc.com. Here is Stuart's match with Thord:

Chr	B37 Start Pos'n	B37 End Pos'n	Centimorgans (cM)	SNPs
15	24,199,507	27,290,638	7.3	697

Here is Annmarie's match with Thord:

Chr	B37 Start Pos'n	B37 End Pos'n	Centimorgans (cM)	SNPs
5	3,609,781	5,063,242	4.7	349

And finally, here is Beth's match with Thord:

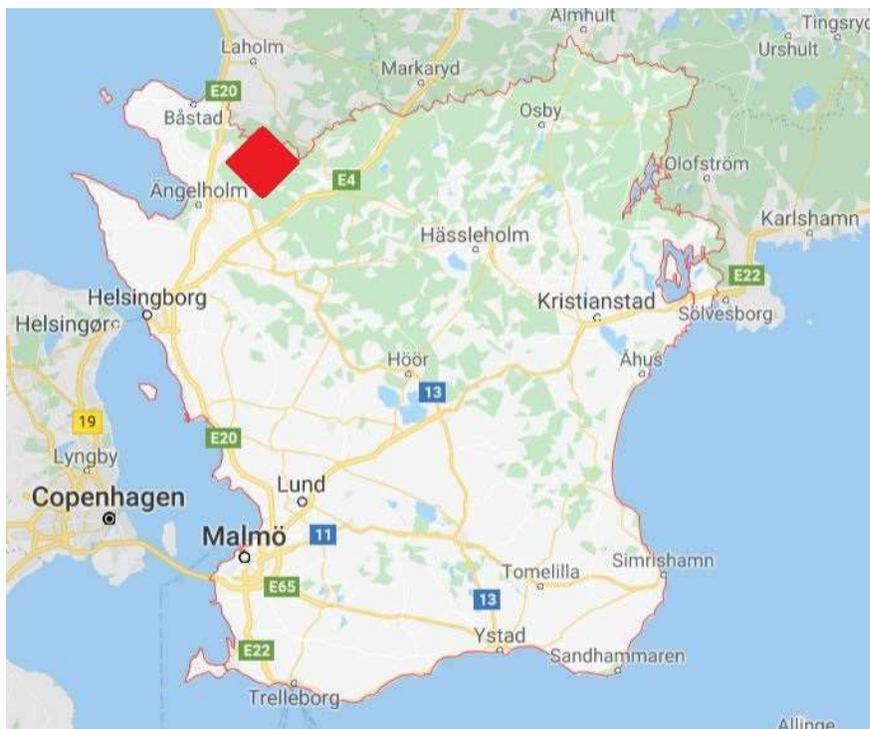
Chr	B37 Start Pos'n	B37 End Pos'n	Centimorgans (cM)	SNPs
1	241,849,430	249,210,707	15.1	832
15	24,433,948	27,268,034	6.8	413

Susan, Beth, and I all have matches with Thord on Chromosome 1, while Stuart and Beth have matches with Thord on Chromosome 15.

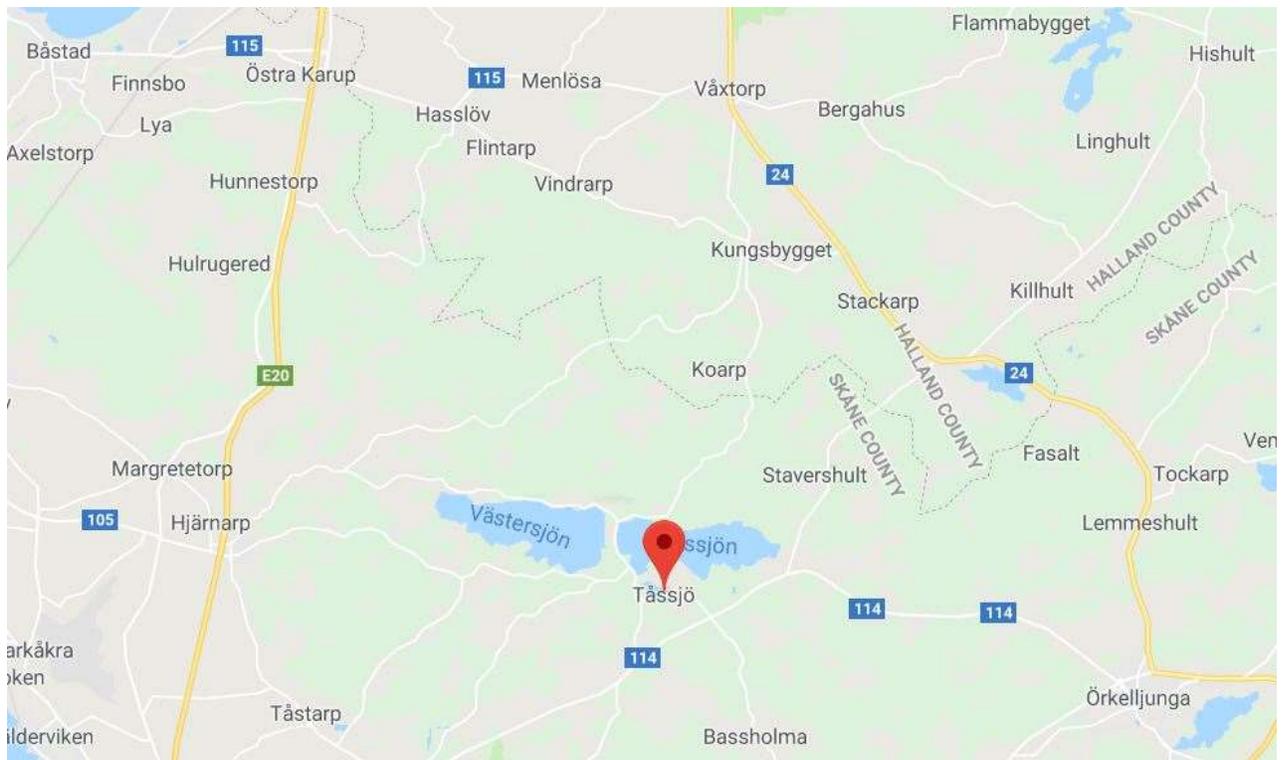
Conclusion

In this narrative, I have described Susan's DNA match with Thord Johnson, and how they both are descended from Jöns Jeppsson and his wife Bengta Assarsdotter. I used several new features on the Ancestry.com website to find this DNA match. In the past, users never viewed matches as small as 6 cM. But with the new search features, they now are visible.

Our DNA matches with Thord Johnson certainly support the genealogy in this branch of our family tree, which goes back to life in the village of Tåssjö, in northwest Skåne County, in the early 1700's.



Map showing location of Tåssjö in northwest Skåne County



Map showing Tåssjö, as well as the villages of Hasslöv, Menlösa, and Våxtorp to the north.

Appendix

I thought that this would be a good time for me to review the origin of my line back to Jöns Jeppson. Where did this information come from in the first place?

When I first became interested in my DNA matches with my distant Swedish cousins, I spent a lot of time interacting with Göran Grotting, trying to determine how we are related (we are fourth-cousins, once-removed). Göran lives in Gothenburg, Sweden, and he is an expert genealogist. He investigated all four of my mother's Swedish grandparents, who had immigrated to America in the 1880's. The following is part of what he found for Bernhardine Wennström:

The family line goes back to Jöns Jeppson and his wife Bengta Assarsdotter (actually, Göran's tree goes back one more generation, but I'll start with this generation):

Generation IV

IV:7 fm mf

Jöns **Jeppson** (21). Född 1709 i Tåssjö (L). Död 1774 i Tåssjö (L). (Barn III:4, Far V:13, Mor V:14)

Gift 1735 i Tåssjö (L) med efterföljande ana.

Barn:

Sissa **Jönsdotter** (19). Född 1735 i Tåssjö (L). Död 1810 i Tåssjö (L). (Se III:4).

IV:8 fm mm

Bengta **Assarsdotter** (22). Född 1705 i Tåssjö (L). Död 1788 i Tåssjö (L). (Barn III:4, Far V:15, Mor V:16)

Gift 1735 i Tåssjö (L) med föregående ana.

Here we have Jöns Jeppson, born 1709 in Tåssjö, died 1774 in Tåssjö, married 1735 in Tåssjö. His wife was Bengta Assarsdotter, born 1705 in Tåssjö, died 1788 in Tåssjö.

Their daughter was Sissa Jönsdotter, born 1735 in Tåssjö, died 1810 in Tåssjö.

Then comes Sissa's generation:

Generation III

III:3 fm f

Nils **Månsson** (18). Född 1742 i Våxtorp (N). Död 1816-02-27 i Tåssjö (L). (Barn II:2)

Gift 1776 i Tåssjö (L) med efterföljande ana.

Barn:

Maria **Nilsdotter** (11). Född 1776 i Tåssjö (L) (Ministerials). Död 1819 i Tåssjö (L). (Se II:2).

III:4 fm m

Sissa **Jönsdotter** (19). Född 1735 i Tåssjö (L). Död 1810 i Tåssjö (L). (Barn II:2, Far IV:7, Mor IV:8)

Gift 1776 i Tåssjö (L) med föregående ana.

This section shows that Sissa Nilsdotter (1735-1810) married Nils Månsson (1742-1816) in 1776. They had a daughter, Maria Nilsdotter, born 1776 in Tåssjö, died 1819 in Tåssjö.

Next is Maria Nilsdotter's generation:

Generation II

II:1 ff

Petter **Venström** (12). Född 1778 i Ornö (AB). Död 1862 i Tåssjö (L). (Barn I:1, Mor III:2)

Gift 1:o 1802 i Tåssjö (L) med efterföljande ana.

Barn:

Sven **Venström** (207). Född 1817-12-22 i Tåssjö (L).

Carl Petter **Venström** (203). Född 1802-10-04 i Tåssjö (L).

Alma Stina **Venström** (206). Född 1806-11-14 i Tåssjö (L).

Magnus **Venström** (204). Född 1809-09-10 i Tåssjö (L).

Sissela **Venström** (205). Född 1812-01-23 i Tåssjö (L).

Nils **Wennström** (8). Född 1815-01-07 i Tåssjö (L) (Ministerials). Död 1914-01-19 i Hasslöv (N) (Ministerials). (Se I:1).

Gift 2:o 1823 i Tåssjö (L) med Johanna **Persdotter** (16). Född 1801 i Tåssjö (L). Död 1888 i Tåssjö (L).

II:2 fm

Maria **Nilsdotter** (11). Född 1776 i Tåssjö (L) (Ministerials). Död 1819 i Tåssjö (L). (Barn I:1, Far III:3, Mor III:4)

Gift 1802 i Tåssjö (L) med föregående ana.

This shows Maria Nilsdotter married Petter Venström (1778-1862). He also is known as Jan Petter Wennström. Maria was his first wife. They had a number of children, including my 2nd-great grandfather, Nils Wennström (1815-1914). After Maria died in 1819, Jan Petter married Johanna Persdotter (1801-1888).

Finally, Göran's research shows Nils Wennström's generation:

I:1 f

Nils **Wennström** (8). Född 1815-01-07 i Tåssjö (L) (Ministerials). Död 1914-01-19 i Hasslöv (N) (Ministerials). (Barn Proband, Far II:1, Mor II:2)

Gift 1839-12-29 i Tåssjö (L) med efterföljande ana.

Barn:

Mathilda **Wenström** (212). Född 1841-07-11 i Hasslöv (N). She returned from America 1878-11-08. She emigrated a second time 1880-03-07.

Bernhardina **Vennström** (5). Född 1855-04-16 i Hasslöv (N) (Ministerials). Död 1932-03-23 i U.S.A.. (Se Proband).

Alma Sofia **Wenström** (211). Född 1859-11-22 i Hasslöv (N). Död 1895-04-22 i Jersey City, NJ. She emigrated 1883-07-06. When she dies, her last name is Brorström Wennstrom! She must have married a Brorström in the U.S. Maybe a brother to Paulus Brorström? Could be John Alfred Brorström, born 1860-10-25, died in New York City 1919-10-18.

Nils Gustaf Viktor **Wenström** (210). Född 1863-12-23 i Hasslöv (N). He emigrated 1881-04-12.

I:2 m

Kristina **Olsdotter** (9). Född 1821-04-25 i Hasslöv (N) (Ministerials). Död 1892-07-18 i Hasslöv (N) (Ministerials). (Barn Proband, Far II:3, Mor II:4)

Gift 1839-12-29 i Tåssjö (L) med föregående ana.

This shows that Nils Wennström married Kristina Olsdotter (1821-1892) in 1839. Their second child was Bernhardina Vennström (Berhardine Wennström), who was born in 1855 and died in 1932. She was one of my mother's four Swedish grandparents who immigrated to America.

I am truly indebted to Göran for doing all this research on my Swedish ancestors. And once again, the genetics (DNA) supports the genealogy!!