

ThruLines™ for Jöns Jeppsson – Part II

DNA Going Back to Ancestors of Nils Wennström

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Introduction

My mother was Grace Florence Brorström (1916-2000), and all four of her grandparents were Swedes who immigrated to America in the 1880's. This means that ethnically she was 100% Swedish, and that makes me 50% Swedish. I have been using DNA on the Ancestry.com website in order to expand (and to confirm) my knowledge of my Swedish ancestors.

I also have been using the DNA tests of my Swedish-American first-cousins in my research, realizing that they will have DNA matches with distant cousins that I do not have (given the way that autosomal DNA is inherited). I recently wrote a narrative about a distant cousin Thord Johnson, who I identified through his DNA match with my first-cousin Susan Brorström (married name Baker) – see:

<http://www.burksoakley.com/SwedishGenealogy/ThordJohnson-WennströmLine.pdf>

Thord and Susan are both descended from Jöns Jeppsson (1709-1774).¹ Since I used the ThruLines™ feature on Ancestry.com to make this connection, the narrative about Thord could also have been called *ThruLines™ for Jöns Jeppsson – Part I*.

I recently revisited *my* DNA matches with descendants of Jöns Jeppsson, and I will describe what I found in this narrative.

¹ The reader should keep in mind that Jöns Jeppsson lived his entire life BEFORE the time of the Revolutionary War in America. So this narrative is about person who lived a LONG, LONG time ago.

Jöns Jeppsson - Background

Jöns Jeppsson was one of my 64 fifth-great grandfathers:

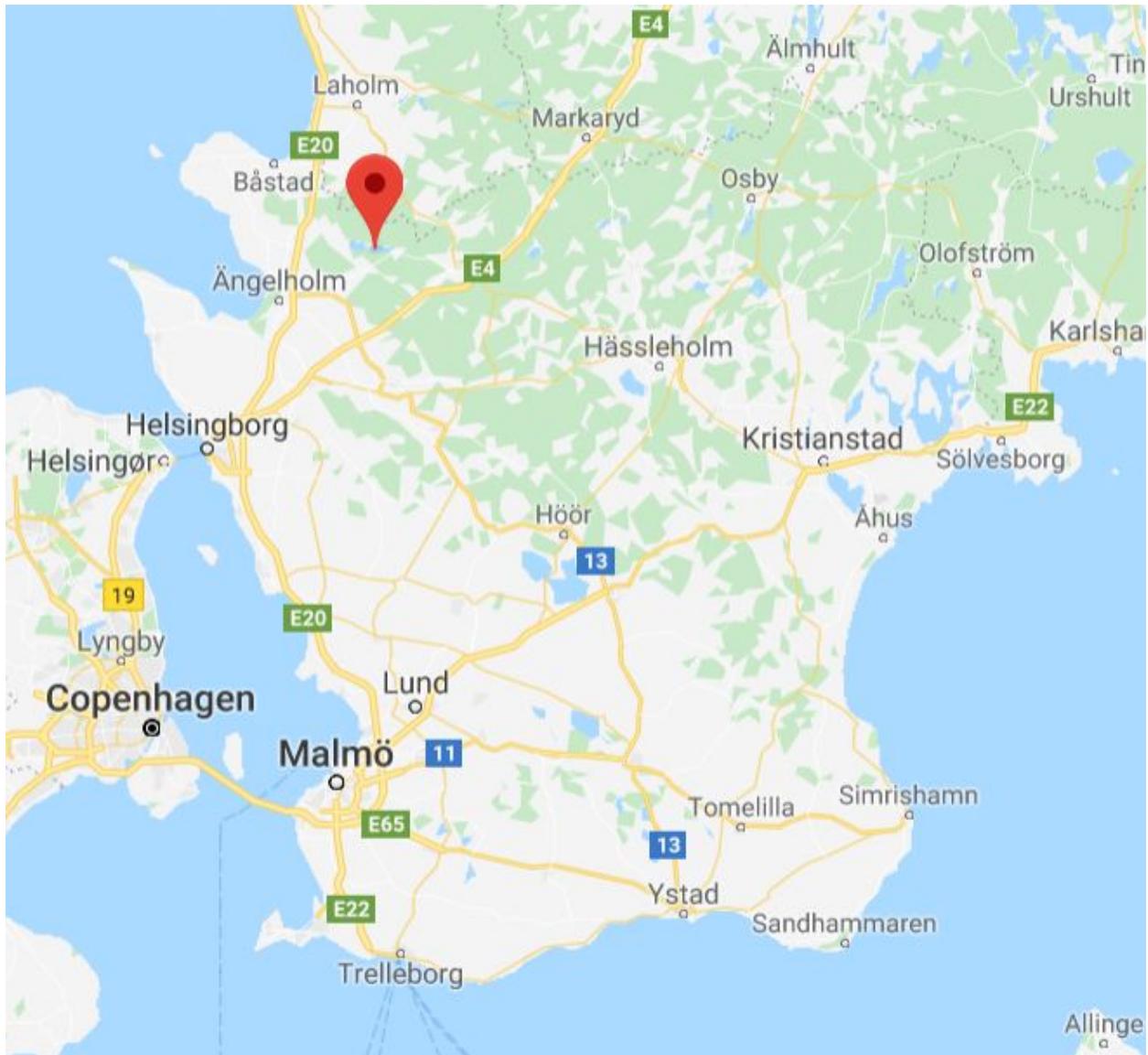
Number	Ancestor
1	Father
2	Grandfather
4	Great-Grandfather
8	2 nd -Great Grandfather
16	3 rd -Great Grandfather
32	4 th -Great Grandfather
64	5 th -Great Grandfather

My line back to Jöns Jeppsson is shown here:



My line back to Jöns Jeppsson goes through my Wennström ancestors; Bernhardine Wennström was one of my mother's Swedish immigrant grandparents.

Jöns Jeppsson lived his entire life in Tåssjö, Sweden, which is a small village in northwest Skåne County:



Map of Skåne, showing the location of Tåssjö.

Tåssjö is located in a rural area of Skåne, as can be seen in this photograph:



Aerial photo looking southeast over Skåne. The Tåssjö Church (*Tåssjö Kyrka*) is in the center of this photo, on the far side of the green field.

One of the highlights of Tåssjö is the church (*Tåssjö Kyrka*). The oldest parts of the present church were built in the Middle Ages, possibly in the 13th century.²



² [https://sv.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tåssjö kyrka](https://sv.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tåssjö_kyrka)

My ThruLines™ for Jöns Jeppsson

I recently examined my ThruLines™ for my fifth-great grandfather, Jöns Jeppsson. The ThruLines™ are organized in a hierarchical order, starting with a person's two parents and going all the way to their 128 5th-great grandparents. As of mid-April 2019, I have 90 of my 5th-great grandparents in my family tree on the Ancestry.com website.

5th Great Grandparents

 Anders Malmberg 5th great-grandfather 1727-1807 POTENTIAL ANCESTOR	 Maria Christina (Maja Stina) Tillberg 5th great-grandmother -1766 POTENTIAL ANCESTOR	 Jöns Jeppsson 5th great-grandfather 1709-1774	 Bengta Assarsdotter 5th great-grandmother 1705-1788
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Clicking on the Jöns Jeppsson name took me to the ThruLines™:

ThruLines™ for Jöns Jeppsson BETA

ThruLines suggests that you may be related to 7 DNA matches through Jöns Jeppsson.

Jöns Jeppsson
5th great-grandfather
1709-1774

- Sissa Jönsdotter**
4th great-grandmother
1735-1810
5 DNA Matches
- Karna Jönsdotter**
5th great-aunt
From Monica's tree
- Private**
5th great-uncle

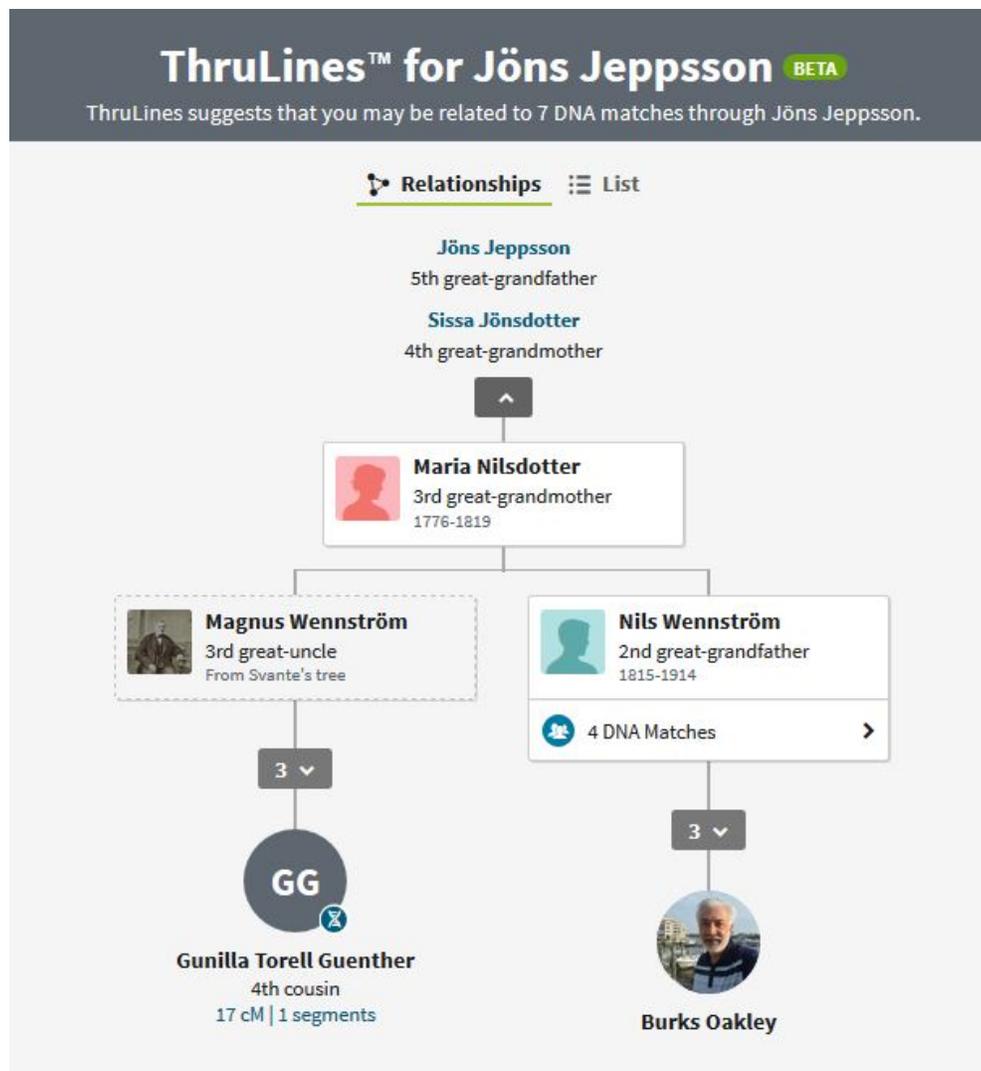
Burks Oakley
6th cousin
7 cM | 1 segments

Rolf Johansson
6th cousin
7 cM | 1 segments

Anne E Heller
6th cousin
8 cM | 1 segments

The ThruLines™ software suggests that I may be related to seven DNA matches through Jöns Jeppsson. The ThruLines™ has separate lines going through three different children of Jöns Jeppsson: Sissa Jönsdotter, Karna Jönsdotter, and a son marked Private, who I soon learned was Pehr (or Per) Jönsson.

I'll start with my line at the left – the ThruLines™ shows that I have five DNA matches with descendants of Sissa Jönsdotter. Opening up that line shows that one of the DNA matches is with Gunilla Torell:



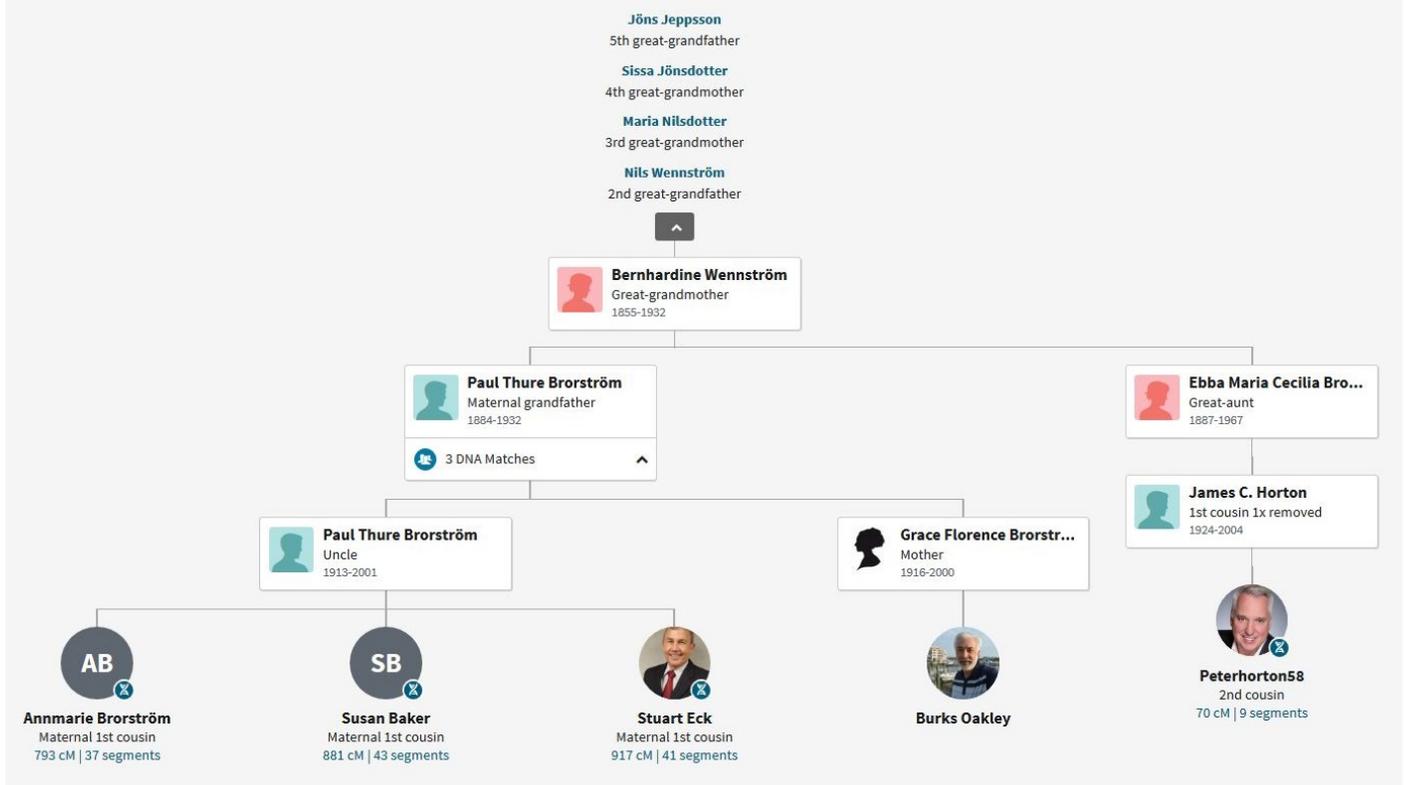
I wrote about my DNA match with Gunilla Torell previously:

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

The view of the ThruLines™ (above) shows that I have four DNA matches on my line going back through Nils Wennström. Opening this line gave:

ThruLines™ for Jöns Jeppsson BETA

ThruLines suggests that you may be related to 7 DNA matches through Jöns Jeppsson.



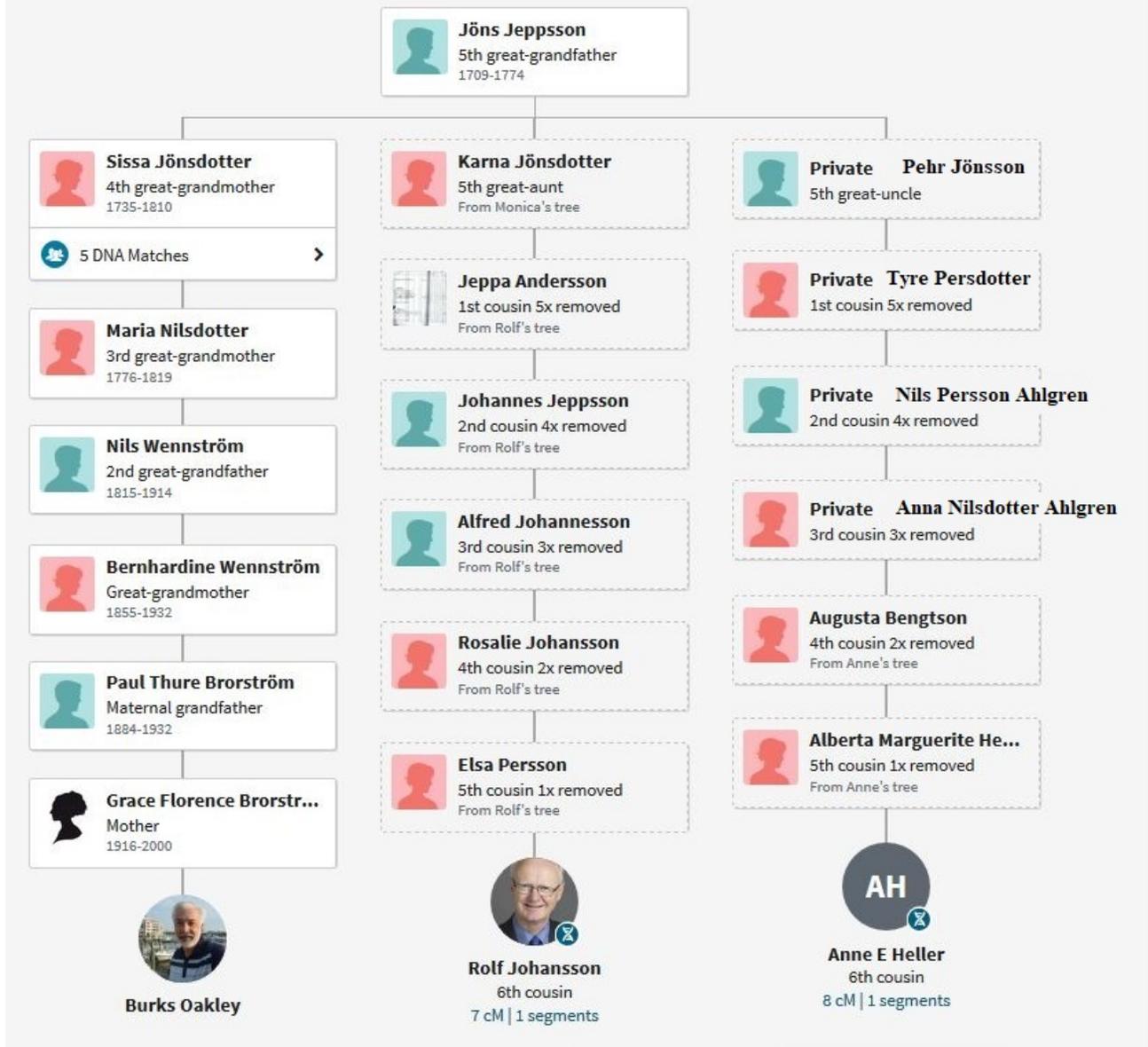
This part of the ThruLines™ shows that I have DNA matches™ with my maternal first-cousins Anmarie Brorström, Susan Baker, and Stuart Eck, and also with my second-cousin Peter Horton (*Peterhorton58*). We all are descended from Nils Wennström through his daughter Bernhardine Wennström. [I should add that the ThruLines™ only covers eight generations, so my DNA matches with my first-cousins children are not shown, since they are in the ninth generation.]

This branch of my ThruLines™ accounts for four more DNA matches. Adding in Gunilla Torell gives me a total of five DNA matches in my Sissa Jönsdotter line. None of this information was new to me.

Next are the lines to my sixth-cousins, Rolf Johansson and Anne E. Heller, and both these lines are new to me. Opening up those lines shows another part of my ThruLines™ for Jöns Jeppsson:

ThruLines™ for Jöns Jeppsson BETA

ThruLines suggests that you may be related to 7 DNA matches through Jöns Jeppsson.



Rolf's line (in the middle of the ThruLines™ shown above) goes back to Jöns Jeppsson in a very straightforward way. Rolf's family tree on Ancestry.com goes all the way back to his 3rd-great grandfather, Jeppa Andersson. Rolf's tree has Jeppa's father, but not his mother. Several trees on the Ancestry.com website show that Jeppa's mother was Karna Jönsdotter, as shown in the ThruLines™ above. And Jöns Jeppsson did indeed have a daughter named Karna Jönsdotter. So I am comfortable that this line could account for my DNA match with Rolf. As an aside, Rolf is a Swede who lives in Sollentuna, which is just north of Stockholm.

The line connecting Anne E. Heller back to Jöns Jeppsson is much more complicated than Rolf's, since it involves information taken from several different family trees on the Ancestry.com website. Anne's pedigree only goes to her maternal grandmother (*mormor* in Swedish), Augusta Bengtson.



The ThruLines™ software somehow was able to connect Augusta Bengtson back to Jöns Jeppsson. It turns out that most of the information about this line was in Barbara Brosz's family tree. Barbara also is descended from Jöns Jeppsson, and she has a DNA match with Annmarie. I wrote about this earlier:

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

Barbara's tree with this information is Private. However, clicking on each of the boxes marked Private in the ThruLines™ shows partial information about the person in that box. The first is Augusta Bengtson's mother, Anna Nilsdotter Ahlgren (born 1841):

Contact this member for more information

[BBrosz](#) has chosen to not make this tree publicly viewable. Click the "Contact BBrosz" button below to contact the tree owner using Ancestry's anonymous Connection Service.

This private tree contains information about:

Anna Nilsdotter Ahlgren

Born: 1841 in Långhult, Tässjö, Kristianstad, Sverige

You will also find attached to this person

- 4 attached records
- 5 sources
- 18399 people in this member tree

[Contact BBrosz](#)

The next is Anna Nilsdotter Ahlgren's father, Nils Persson Ahlgren (born 1808):

Contact this member for more information

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This private tree contains information about:

Nils ✓ Persson Ahlgren ☆ (soldat)
Born: 1808 in Långhult, Tåssjö, Kristianstad, Sweden

You will also find attached to this person

- 3 attached records
- 5 sources
- 6 attached photos
- 18399 people in this member tree

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Then comes Nils Persson Ahlgren's mother, Tyre Persdotter (born 1773):

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This private tree contains information about:

Tyre ✓ Persdotter ☆
Born: 1773 in Långhult, Tåssjö, Kristianstad, Sweden

You will also find attached to this person

- 1 attached records
- 3 sources
- 5 attached photos
- 18399 people in this member tree

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And the last person in Barbara Brosz's tree is Tyre Persdotter's father, Pehr Jönsson (born 1739):

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This private tree contains information about:

Pehr ✓ Jönsson ☆
Born: 1739 in Långhult, Tåssjö, Kristianstad, Sweden

You will also find attached to this person

- 4 attached records
- 6 sources
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In other family trees on Ancestry.com, his first name is written as Per, instead of Pehr. Wikipedia states "Per is a Scandinavian masculine given name. It is

derived from the Greek word πέτρος (petros) meaning “stone” or “rock”. The name is a variant of Peter, a common masculine name of the same origin. Other Scandinavian variants of Per are Pehr, Peer and Pär.”³

At this point, all that is left is to connect Pehr (Per) Jönsson (born 1739) to Jöns Jeppsson. Svante Burge’s family tree has this information:

The screenshot shows a family tree interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with "Burge - släkträd", "Tree Search", and a user profile for "Svante Burge". Below this is a profile card for "Jöns Jeppsson" with a teal silhouette icon. The card lists his birth as "19 APR 1709 • Tåssjö (L)" and his death as "27 NOV 1774 • Långhult, Tåssjö (L), Sweden".

Below the profile card is a "Family" section. It is divided into three columns:

- Parents:**
 - Jepe 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)
 - Jepe Jönsson (1746–1748)
 - Karina Karna* Jönsdotter (1748–1830)

In fact, this entry in Svante’s tree shows all three of Jöns Jeppsson’s children who appear in the ThruLines™ discussed in this document: Sissa Jönsdotter, Per Jönsson, and Karina Karna Jönsdotter.

³ [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Per_\(given_name\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Per_(given_name))

Overall, Anne Heller's line back to Jöns Jeppsson looks fine, and could indeed account for my DNA match with her.

Let me digress for a minute here. In Anne Heller's line, one of the people was:

Nils Persson Ahlgren (soldat). Born: 1808 in Långhult, Tåssjö, Kristianstad, Sweden.

Nils' father was Per Nilsson (1765-1841), so the "Nils Persson" part of the name makes sense, since it is consistent with the patronymic naming convention used in Sweden at that time. But where did the surname Ahlgren come from? One clue is that he was listed as a *soldat*, which is Swedish for soldier. Wikipedia has an interesting entry for Swedish names. It includes the following:

Soldiers were often given names either describing their character – e.g. Modig (brave), Skarp (sharp), or Snygg (handsome), weapons – e.g. Sabel (sabre), Lans (lance), or Sköld (shield), or names joining two elements from nature.⁴

Ahlgren is a Swedish ornamental name composed of the elements al (alder) and gren (branch), so this would be consistent with a surname for a soldier at the time.

Since the information about Per Nilsson Ahlgren came from Barbara Brosz's family tree on Ancestry.com, I wrote and asked her about his name. She replied:

The church records began adding the "Ahlgren" to the name of Nils Persson (1808-1860) at the same time that he was referred to as a "soldat" (soldier), when he was a young unmarried man. I can only assume that Ahlgren was a "soldier's name". However, I cannot find him in the Soldiers Register. Nils continued to use the Ahlgren name until his death.

You can refer to the church records below:

>> Tåssjö (L) AI:4 (1828-1833) Image: 45 Page: 41; "Sold. Nils Pehrsson Ahlgrén"; Residence

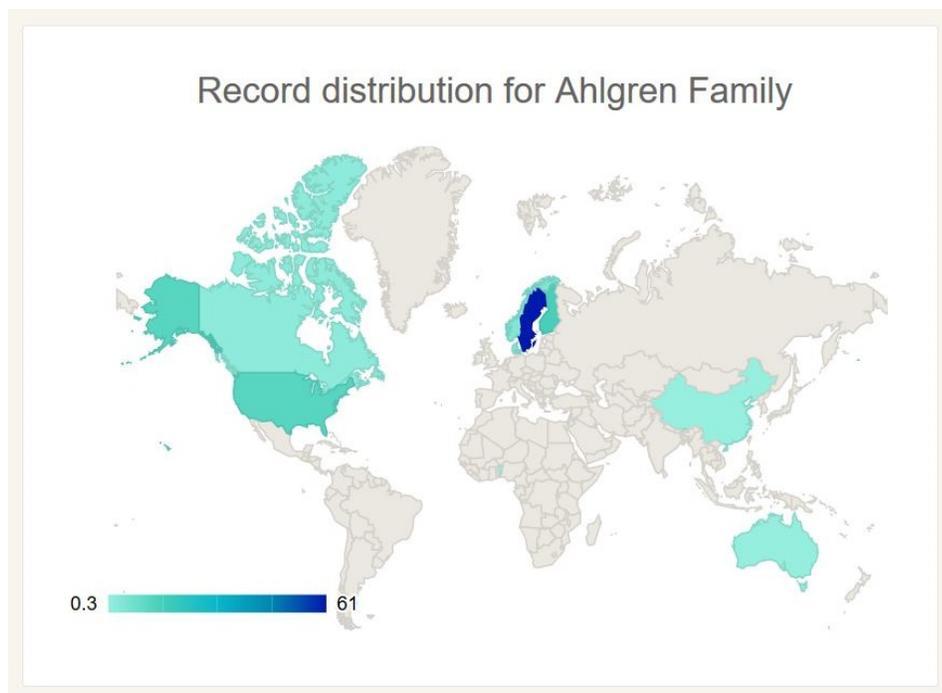
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>> Tåssjö (L) AI: 5 1833-1838 Image 42 / Page 38; "Soldat Nils Algren"; Residence; unmarried

⁴ https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Swedish_name

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- >> Tåssjö EI:2 p361 - "Soldat Nils Algren and Hanna Svensdotter"
Marriage Record, 28 Apr 1839
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- >> Tåssjö AI:11 1859-1860 p75: "Åbo Nils Ahlgren" Residence;
married with children
- >>
- >> Tåssjö CI:3 p414: "Åbo Nils Ahlgren" Death Record, 26 May 1860

As long as I am digressing, let me also show this map of the world showing where the Ahlgren family name is popular:



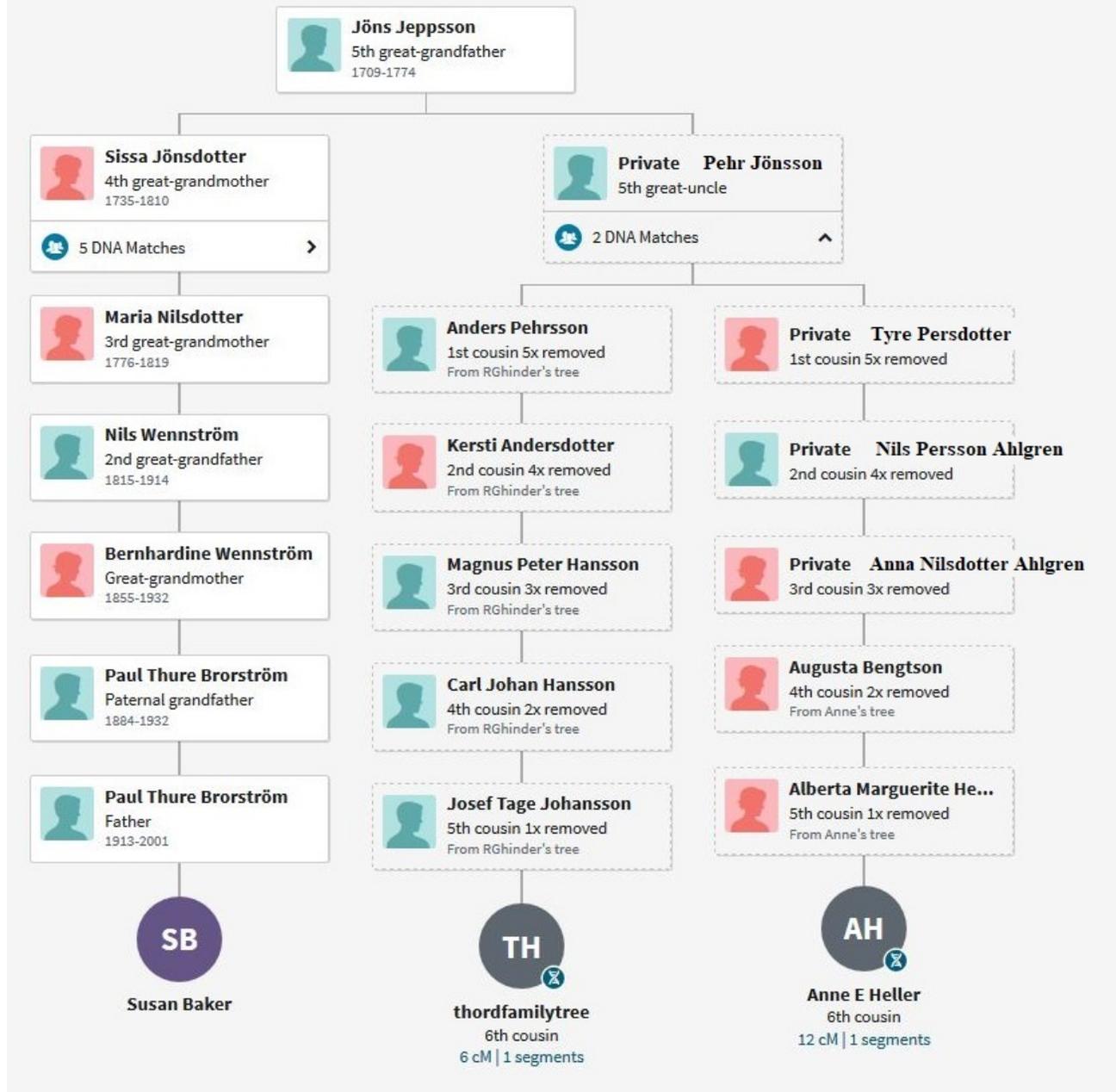
Clearly, Sweden wins for the popularity of the Ahlgren name!

Who Else in the Family Has this DNA?

I also looked at the ThruLines™ that my Swedish-American cousins have for Jöns Jeppsson. First is Susan's:

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ThruLines suggests that Susan Baker may be related to 7 DNA matches through Jöns Jeppsson.

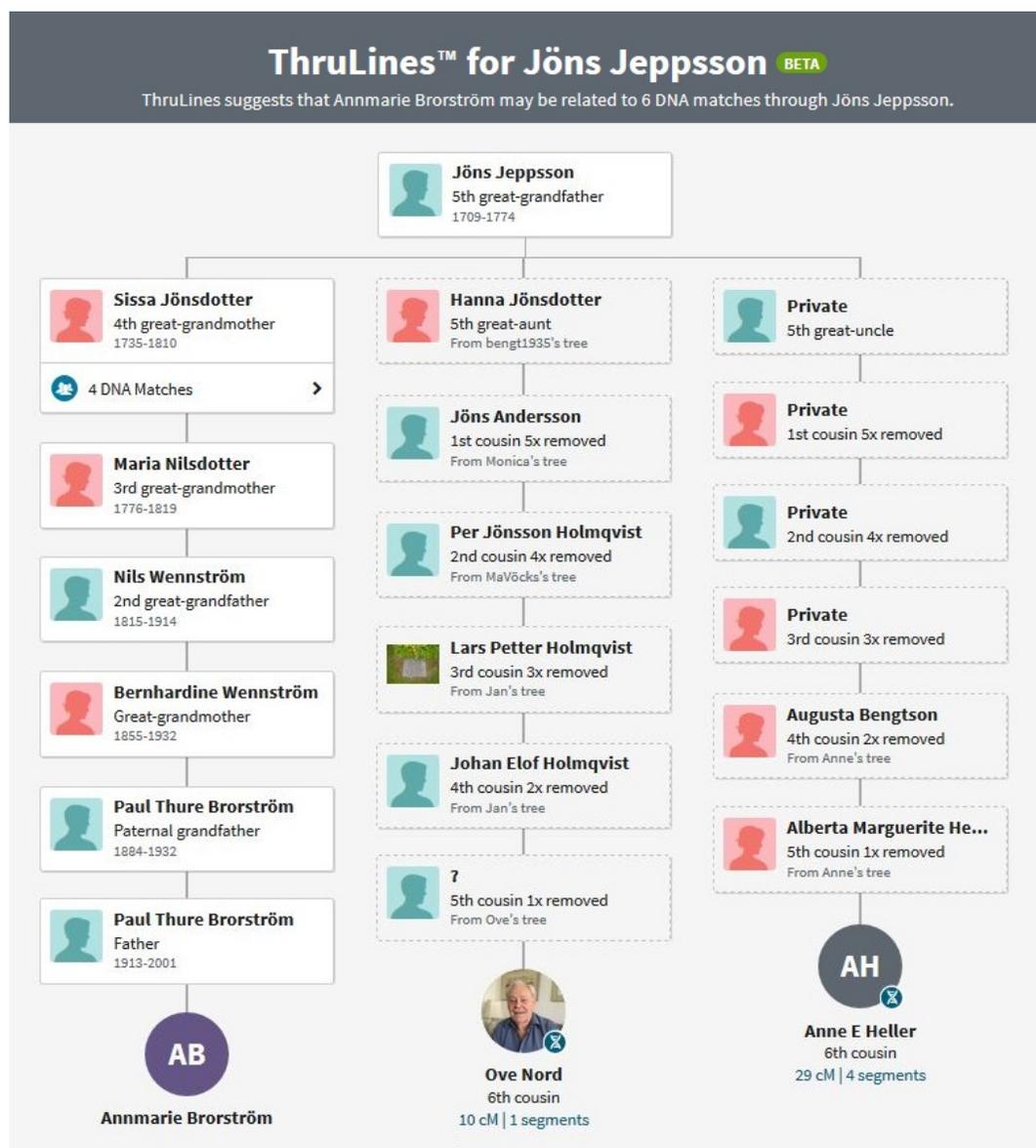


This shows her line connecting to Thord Johnson (*thordfamilytree*), which I wrote about earlier:

<http://www.burksoakley.com/SwedishGenealogy/ThordJohnson-WennströmLine.pdf>

Susan now also has the line connecting to Anne E. Heller. Their DNA match is 12 cM. Note that both Thord and Anne are descended from Jöns Jeppsson's son Pehr (Per) Jönsson.

I next looked at Annmari's ThruLines™ for Jöns Jeppsson:



Annmari also has the line going to Anne E. Heller. In fact, her DNA match with Anne is 29 cM, whereas mine is only 8 cM.

Annmari also has a line connecting with Ove Nord. However, his father is listed as just a question mark (?), so I have no idea how the ThruLines™ software made the connection from Ove Nord to his question mark (?) father to his paternal grandfather Johan Elof Holmqvist. And in a male line, I would have thought that Ove would have to be a Holmqvist. Let's just say that I am very skeptical of this line. Most likely this is a bug in the beta version of the ThruLines™ software that doesn't know how to deal with a question mark.

I also looked to see if Annmarie and Anne Heller have any Shared DNA Matches, and I was quite surprised to see that they do:



They both have a DNA match with Lise-Lotte Kolmberger. I wrote about our family's connection with Lise-Lotte earlier:

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

We are related to Lise-Lotte through Kristina Olsdotter (1821-1892), who was the **WIFE** of Nils Wennström. However, we are connected to Anne Heller via Nils Wennström himself. I wonder how Lise-Lotte is connected to Anne Heller. We clearly all have ancestors in the Tåssjö, Menlösa, Hasslöv, Våxtorp area, so that is where the connection has to be. This certainly is something to discuss with Lise-Lotte in the future.

Conclusion

In this narrative, I have discussed my ThruLines™ for Jöns Jeppsson (1709-1774). The ThruLines™ software identified my DNA matches with Rolf Johansson and Anne E. Heller and showed how these matches could be explained by our genealogical lines back to Jöns Jeppsson.

I also discussed the ThruLines™ that my Swedish-American first-cousins have for Jöns Jeppsson. Annmarie and Susan both have DNA matches with Anne Heller. Susan also connects through Jöns Jeppsson to Thord Johnson. The ThruLines™ software suggests that Annmarie's match with Ove Nord also is through Jöns Jeppsson, but this most likely is due to a bug in the ThruLines™ software.

These ThruLines™, and the underlying DNA matches and family trees, continue to reinforce our family's roots in northwest Skåne in the early 1700's.