

My DNA Match with Tord Bonde – A Swede Who is a Brorström Relative

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Introduction

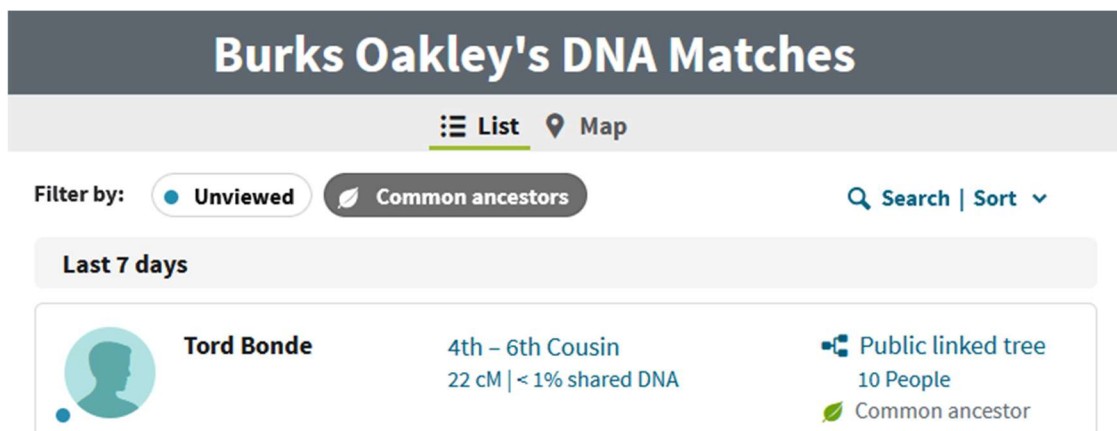
During the past five years, I have become very interested in my Swedish roots. My mother was Grace Florence Brorström (1916-2000), and all four of her grandparents immigrated to America from Sweden in the early 1880's, so her ethnicity was 100% Swedish. In turn, this means that I am 50% Swedish, and therefore I can proudly claim that I am a Swedish-American.

I regularly check Ancestry.com for new DNA matches on the Swedish side of my family, hoping to find additional genetic evidence in support of my Swedish roots.

Finding a New DNA Match with Tord Bonde

I recently looked at my DNA matches on Ancestry.com and filtered them for "Common Ancestors". This process turns up just those individuals who (1) have DNA matches with me and (2) family trees that show an ancestor (or ancestors) that we have in common. New matches are marked with a blue dot, so I do a lot of looking for blue dots – it always is a good day when I see a blue dot!

Here is what turned up the other day:



The screenshot shows the 'Burks Oakley's DNA Matches' interface. At the top, there are tabs for 'List' (selected) and 'Map'. Below this, there are filter options: 'Unviewed' (selected) and 'Common ancestors'. A search and sort dropdown is also visible. The main content area is titled 'Last 7 days' and displays a match for 'Tord Bonde'. The match details include a profile picture, the name 'Tord Bonde', the relationship '4th – 6th Cousin', and the shared DNA amount '22 cM | < 1% shared DNA'. To the right of the match, there are additional features: 'Public linked tree' with '10 People' and a 'Common ancestor' icon.

I learned that I have a new DNA match with a man named Tord Bonde. We share 22 cM of DNA and we could be as close as 4th-cousins.


I next looked at our Common Ancestors:

How are you and Tord Bonde related?


Common Ancestors 🌿

According to Ancestry member trees, these are the common ancestors that connect you and Tord Bonde. View a common ancestor to see the relationship path that connects you.

Tord Bonde could be your 4th cousin through:



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



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

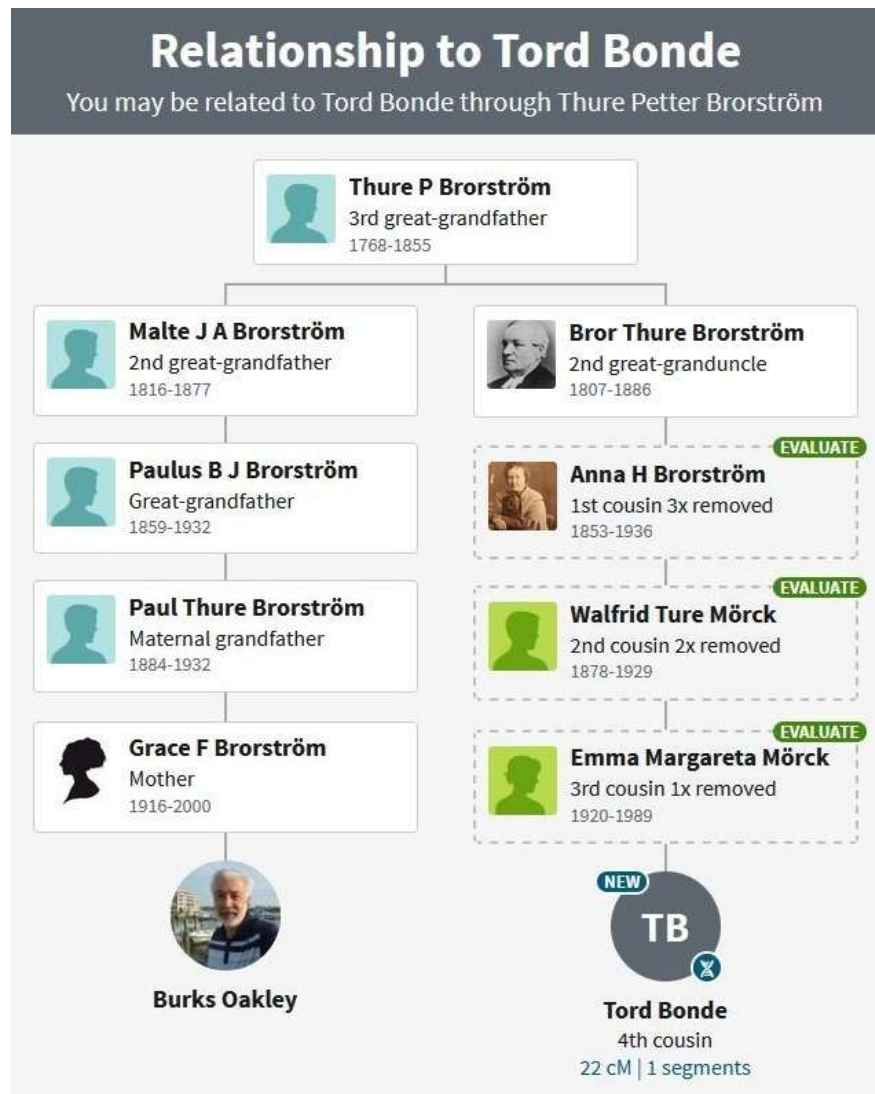
According to software on the Ancestry.com website, Tord and I are both descended from Thure Petter Brorström (1768-1855) and his wife Beata Christina Hultman (1787-1826). This couple were my third-great grandparents.

As an aside, Thure Petter Brorström was the priest in the church in Borrby, Skåne, and I visited this church and saw his grave (and his wife's grave) when I was in Sweden in May 2018. See:

<https://burksoakley.smugmug.com/Sweden2018/>

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I next went on to see exactly how Tord and I are related. Here is our relationship chart:




The chart for Beata Christina Hultman looks identical to this one, with Beata Christina substituted for Thure Petter at the top of the chart.

I am descended from the Brorström-Hultman couple through their son Malte Brorström (1816-1877), while Tord is descended from this couple through their older son Bror Thure Brorström (1807-1886).

According to this relationship chart, Tord and I are 4th-cousins.

Tord's profile on Ancestry.com provides some detailed information:



Tord Bonde

Husby-Oppunda, Smedstorp 1, 64298, Bettna,
Södermanland, Sweden Age: 60+

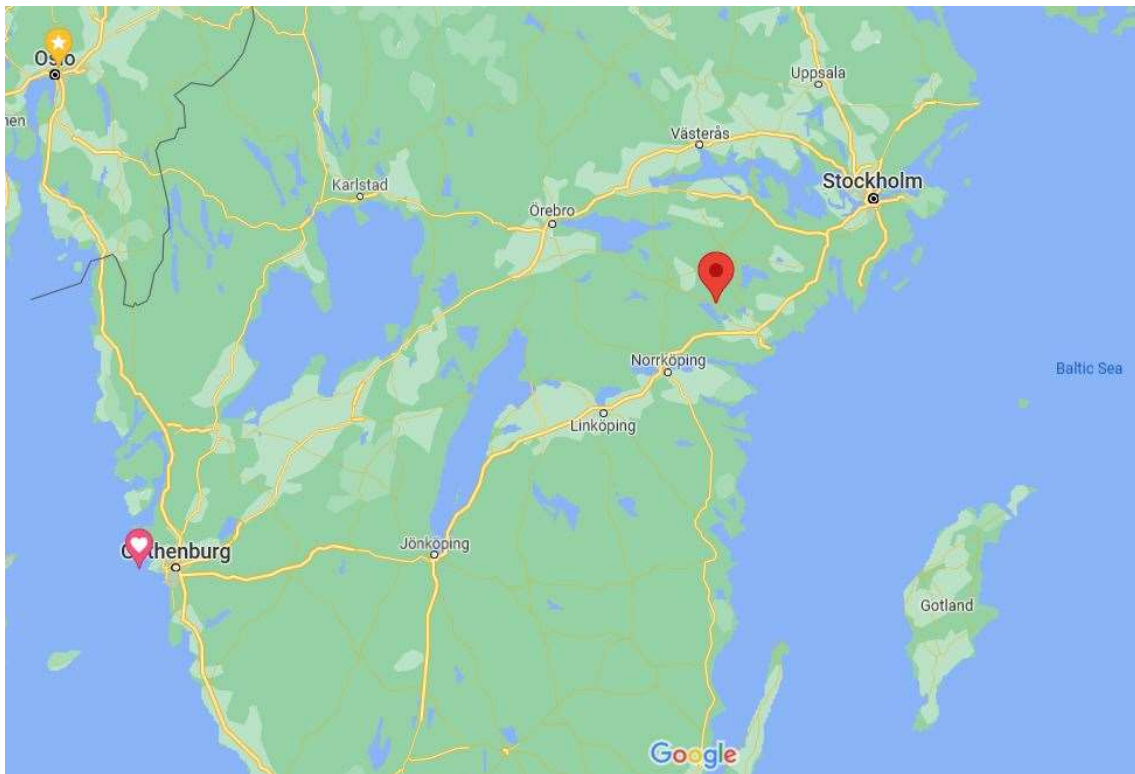
Lantmästare, lantbrukare, revisor.

Speaks: English, German, Swedish

Joined
25 Jun 2018

Last signed in
Last week

Tord lives in Bettna, Södermanland, Sweden, which is a small town located some 60 km northeast of Norrköping:



In his profile, Tord describes himself as “Lantmästare, lantbrukare, revisor”, which translates into English as “Landowner, farmer, accountant.”

I next went on to look at the “Shared DNA Matches” that I have in common with Tord:

You and Tord Bonde
4th – 6th Cousin
< 1% shared DNA: 22 cM across 1 segments

Trees Ethnicity Shared Matches

Filter by: Unviewed Common ancestors | Sort ▾

Parent/Child

	Amy Oakley Parent/Child 3,455 cM 50% shared DNA	Public linked tree 2,110 People Common ancestor
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Extended Family

	wceder 2nd – 3rd Cousin 193 cM 3% shared DNA	Public linked tree 6 People Common ancestor
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In order for someone to qualify as a DNA match shared by two people, both individuals must have a DNA match with that person that is at least 20 cM in size. My list of Shared DNA Matches with Tord has just two people on it – my daughter Amy Oakley, and Walter Cederholm (username of *wceder*).

The DNA match with Walter Cederholm is really great for me to see. The first person to take the Cederholm surname was Gustav Göran Cederholm (1841-1901), who was born out of wedlock. I have hypothesized that his father was Malte Brorström. See:

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

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

The fact that Tord Bonde (a descendant of Malte Brorström's father) has a DNA match with Walter Cederholm provides additional strong support for my hypothesis.

Going Back to Thure Petter Brorström

Here is my ThruLines™ chart for Thure Petter Brorström:



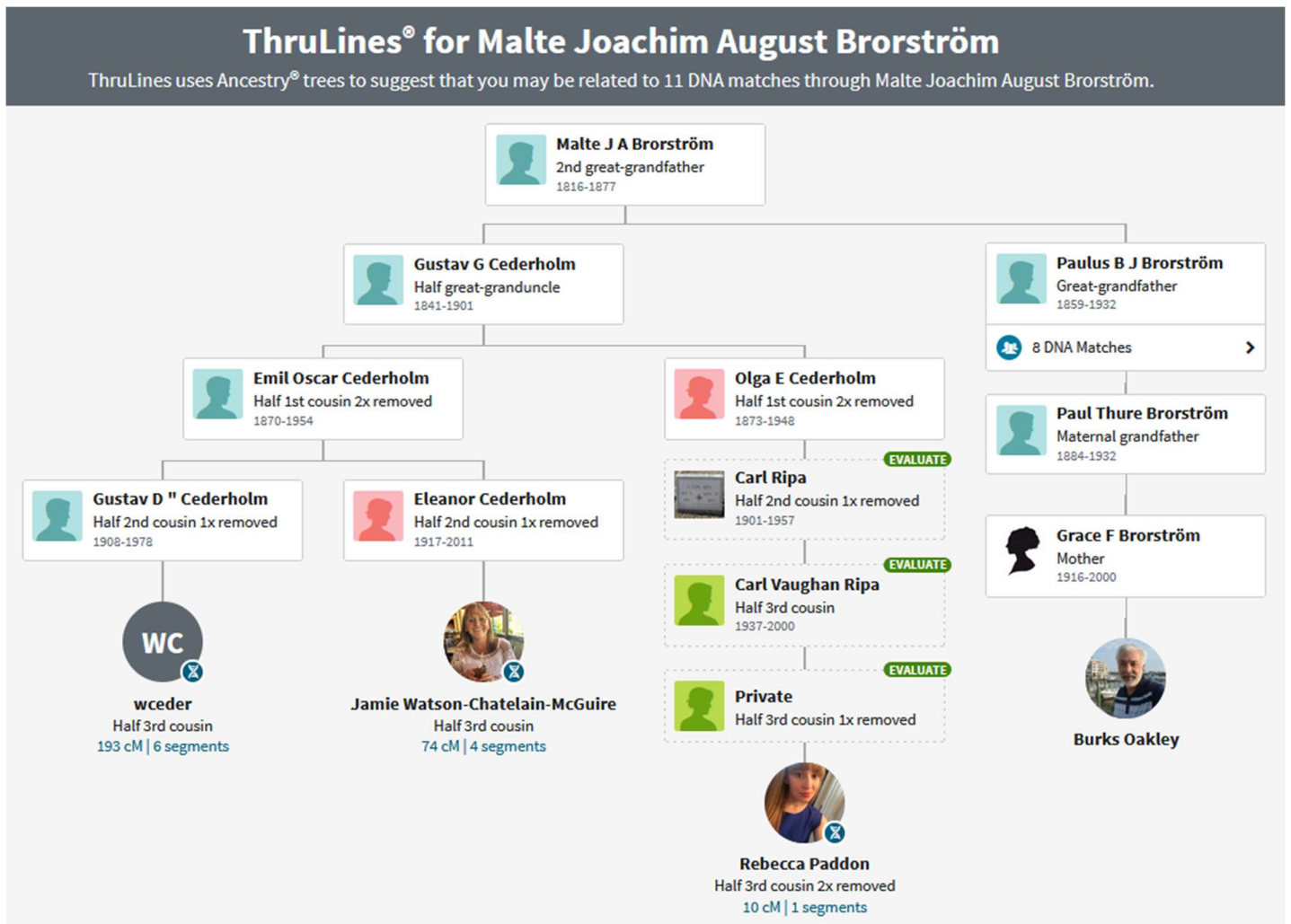
According to this chart, I have DNA matches with fourteen descendants of Thure Petter Brorström. Two of these matches are through his daughter Anna H. Brorström (1798-1858), one of these matches is through his son Bror Thure Brorström (and that match is Tord Bonde), while the remaining eleven DNA matches are through his son Malte Brorström.

I should add that Petter Thure Brorström was married twice. His first wife was Hedvig Maria Malmström (1773-1805). Hedvig Maria was the mother of Anna H. Brorström, and this is why Malin Engstedt and Pippi Engstedt are listed as my

“half 4th-cousins” in the ThruLines™ chart shown on the previous page; we have the same 3rd-great grandfather but a different 3rd-great grandmother.

The ThruLines™ chart for Thure Petter’s second wife, Beata Christina Hultman, is missing the line to Anna H. Brorström (obviously), but otherwise looks the same as the chart shown on the previous page.

For completeness, here is the branch of the ThruLines™ chart that connects back through Malte Brorström:



This chart shows that I have three DNA matches connecting back to Malte Brorström through his (hypothesized) son Gustav Göran Cederholm, as well eight DNA matches connecting back through his son Paulus Brorström (and those eight matches are with my close relatives Kendall Perks, Bill Horton, Peter Larson (born Brorström), Stuart Eck¹, Annmarie Brorström and her daughter Lauren, Susan Brorström Baker, and my daughter Amy E. Oakley).

I don’t recall seeing my DNA match with Rebecca Paddon previously. She also is a Cederholm descendant (and ultimately a Brorström descendant).

Finally, I should mention that I have many more DNA matches with Cederholm descendants, but they don’t have family trees on the Ancestry.com website that are linked to their DNA profiles, so they don’t show up in my ThruLines™ charts.

¹ Stuart is a half-brother of Peter, Annmarie, and Susan.

Summary

In this short narrative, I started with my new DNA match with a Swedish man named Tord Bonde. He and I share 22 cM of DNA and are 4th-cousins. We both are descended from Thure Petter Brorström (1768-1855) and his wife Beata Christina Hultman (1787-1826). This couple were my third-great grandparents.

To me, the most exciting part of this new DNA match with Tord is that he also has a DNA match with Walter Cederholm, and I have hypothesized that Walter's great-grandfather, Gustav Göran Cederholm, was a son of Malte Brorström. The finding that Tord Bonde, who is descended from Malte's older brother Bror Thure Brorström, also has a DNA match with Walter Cederholm is "priceless". This DNA match provides additional strong support for the hypothesis that the Cederholm family is descended from Malte Brorström.

Finally, I reviewed my ThruLines™ charts for Thure Petter Brorström, which includes the line down to Tord Bonde, but also lines to three Cederholm descendants.