

Torsten Andersson Bärnström and Katarina Andersdotter (Ancestors of Ida Gustava Larsson) – DNA Matches with Their Descendants

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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 DNA on the Ancestry.com website to learn more about each of the families represented by these four Swedish immigrants; their family names were Brorström, Wennström, Larsson, and Larsson. And yes, a Larsson married a Larsson after they came to America.

Out of all four of my mother's grandparents, I have the fewest DNA relationships with descendants of my mother's maternal grandmother (*mormor* in Swedish) – this woman was Ida Gustava Larsson (1871-1954). So when I find a new one, it is really something very special.

This narrative discusses DNA evidence that extends the Ida Gustava Larsson line back in time. Quite frankly, the DNA matches that are presented in this document are really amazing to see, and they provide strong support for the genealogical record.

Bergum, Sweden

Ida Gustava Larsson was born in 1871 in Bergum Parish, Sweden. So let me start this narrative by providing a little background information about Bergum. This parish is located northeast of Gothenburg in what was Älvsborg County at the time of Ida Gustava's birth, although it now is part of Västra Götaland County. Ida Gustava would have been baptized in the Bergum Parish Church, and her family would have worshiped there.



Map showing the location of Bergum, northeast of Gothenburg



Map showing the location of the Bergum Parish Church (just to the north of the cross in the center of the map).



View of the landscape from the back of the Bergum Parish Church property
(photo taken by Burks on 10 May 2019)

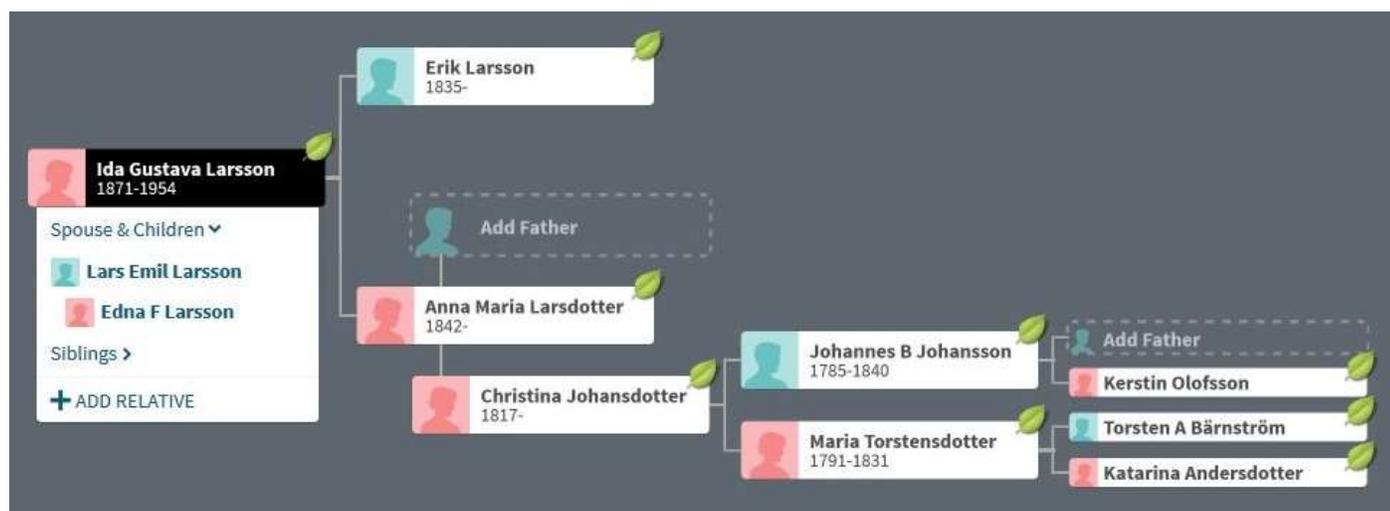
ThruLines™ for a Couple who were my Fifth-Great Grandparents

In February 2019, Ancestry.com released a beta version of its ThruLines™ software. This software first identifies my DNA matches (that is, the individuals with whom I have matching segments of DNA, indicating a common ancestor) and then examines my family tree and theirs, seeking to discover how we are related. An important feature of this software is that it also examines all of the family trees on Ancestry.com as it seeks to discover these genealogical connections.

I have been systematically working my way through my ThruLines™ on Ancestry.com, as well as the ThruLines™ of my Swedish-American first-cousins – Peter, Annmarie, Susan, and Stuart – since their Swedish relatives are also my Swedish relatives. The ThruLines™ are organized in a hierarchical manner, starting with a person's two parents and going all the way to the person's one hundred twenty-eight 5th-great grandparents. I finally got to my fifth-great grandparents Torsten Andersson Bärnström (1750-1815) and his wife Katarina Andersdotter (1759-1829).



This couple were the 2nd-great grandparents of the Swedish immigrant Ida Gustava Larsson, and in turn, Ida Gustava was my great-grandmother. Part of Ida Gustava's pedigree is shown here:

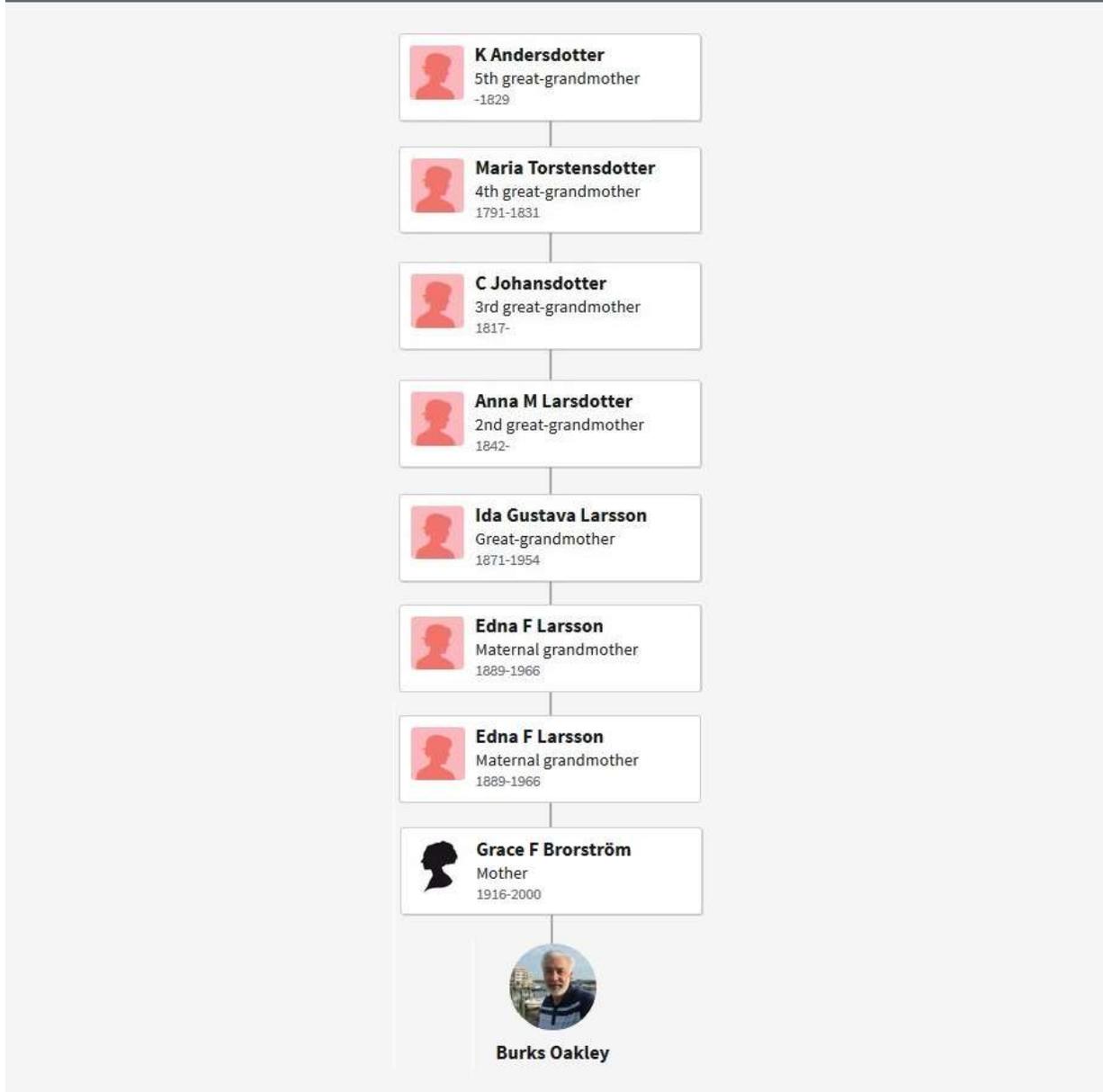


This pedigree shows that Katarina Andersdotter was Ida Gustava's *mormor's mormor*.

I first looked at my ThruLines™ for Katarina Andersdotter.

ThruLines™ for Katarina Andersdotter BETA

ThruLines uses Ancestry® trees to suggest that you may be related to 2 DNA matches through Katarina Andersdotter.

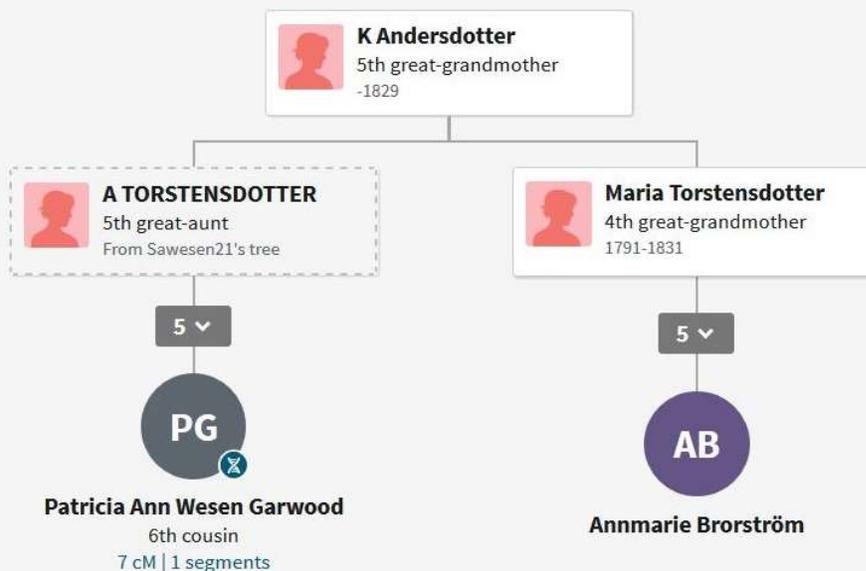


This ThruLines™ is unremarkable, in that it just shows my line back to Katarina Andersdotter – I am descended from her daughter Maria Torstensdotter. This line goes back through my mother's *mormor*, Ida Gustava Larsson. Well, I guess that one remarkable feature of this line is that all of my ancestors in this line are women. [Note that I have omitted my DNA matches with my Swedish-American first-cousins from this chart.]

I next looked at Annmarie's ThruLines™ for Katarina Andersdotter:

ThruLines™ for Katarina Andersdotter BETA

ThruLines uses Ancestry trees to suggest that Annmarie Brorström may be related to 3 DNA matches through Katarina Andersdotter.

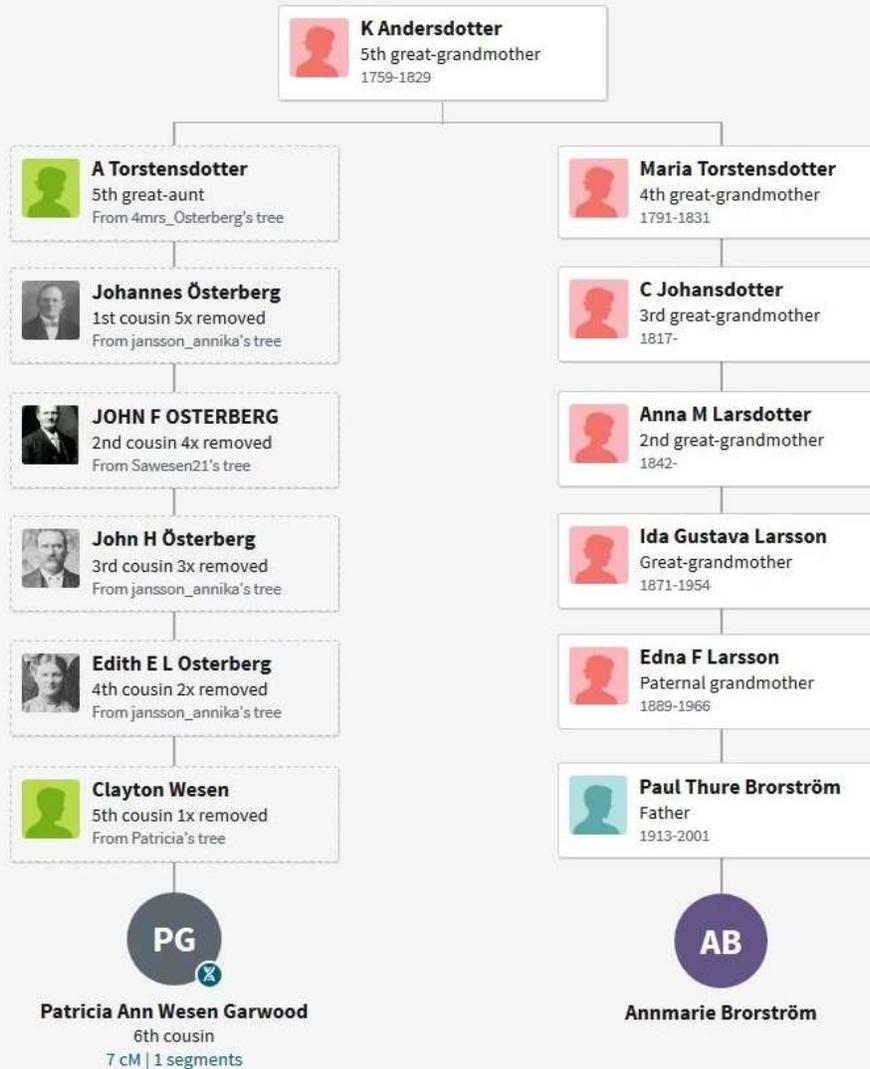


I immediately saw that Annmarie's ThruLines™ for Katarina Andersdotter was different than mine. She has a DNA match with a woman named Patricia Ann Wesen Garwood, who is descended from Katarina Andersdotter through her daughter A. Torstensdotter (full name Annicka Torstensdotter). According to this ThruLines™, Patricia and Annmarie are sixth cousins.

I opened both of these lines to view the entire ThruLines™:

ThruLines™ for Katarina Andersdotter BETA

ThruLines uses Ancestry® trees to suggest that Annmarie Brorström may be related to 3 DNA matches through Katarina Andersdotter.



Patricia Ann's father was Clayton Wesen, so it would appear that her maiden name was Patricia Ann Wesen, and her married name is Garwood.

Here are the details of Annmarie's DNA match with Patricia Ann:

← AncestryDNA Home > Member Matches for Annmarie Brorström

★  **Patricia Ann Wesen Garwood**
Member since 2017, last logged in Feb 11, 2019

 **Predicted relationship: Distant Cousins**
Possible range: 5th - 8th cousins ([What does this mean?](#))

 Confidence: Moderate ⓘ

Amount of Shared DNA
7.1 centimorgans shared across 1 DNA segment

Patricia has her family tree (pedigree) on the Ancestry.com website:

Patricia Ann Wesen Garwood's Linked Tree

Wesen Garwood Family Tree  5 people

This public tree is linked to Patricia Ann Wesen Garwood's DNA results. You can preview up to five generations. [View full tree](#)

 **Clayton Wesen**
1916-2005

 Private

 Private

Oh my! She only has her father (Clayton Wesen) in her family tree. This means that the ThruLines™ software somehow figured out how to go from her father back to Katarina Andersdotter.

The noted genetic genealogist Arthur Sissman warns about using ThruLines™ as anything more than a starting point for research.¹ The genealogical connections

¹ Mr. Sissman is the Chair of the DNA SIG for the Collier County Genealogical Society in Florida.

shown in ThruLines™ definitely should not be taken as fact. So the big question here for me is: How did the ThruLines™ software do this? That is, how did it connect Clayton Wesen back to Katarina Andersdotter?

The ThruLines™ shows Clayton Wesen's mother and his maternal grandfather, and their information was in the *Jansson/Karlsson Släkträd* owned by *jansson_annika*. Here is Clayton's mother, Edith Elvira Lydia Osterberg:

Jansson/Karlsson Släk... Tree Search jansson_annika

Edith Elvira Lydia Osterberg
BIRTH 21 JUL 1888 • Kensington, Douglas, Minnesota, USA
DEATH 18 AUG 1977 • Glasgow, Valley, Montana, United States

Family

Parents

- John Henrik Österberg** 1859–1932
- Christina W Mattson** 1858–1933

Spouse & Children

- Lewis Claus Henry Wesen** 1886–1954
- Lewis Alton Wesen** 1912–1962
- Vera Judith Wesen** 1914–2004
- Clayton Arthmer Wesen** 1916–2005

Children

- Maurice Oliver Wesen** 1918–2010
- Paul Albin Wesen** 1921–2010
- John Alfred Wesen** 1923–2013
- June Alice Wesen** 1923–2007
- Forrest Edwin Wesen** 1925–1989
- Rita Ester Wesen** 1931–2011
- Private**

Yes, this family tree shows Clayton (in the lower left) with the same birth and death dates as in Patricia's tree. I note that Edith Osterberg was born in Minnesota and died in Montana.

The screenshot above also shows that Edith Elvira's father was John Henrik Österberg (1859-1932), and his information is:

The screenshot shows a genealogy profile for John Henrik Österberg. At the top, there is a navigation bar with "Jansson/Karlsson Släk..." and "Tree Search" buttons, and a user profile for "jansson_annika". The main profile header includes a portrait of John Henrik Österberg, his name, birth date (6 JAN 1859) in Nolgården, Fullestad, Älvsborg, Sweden, and death date (27 JUL 1932) in Mohall, Renville, North Dakota, United States. Below the header, the profile is divided into two columns: "Family" and "Children".

Family

Parents

- Johan Frederick Österberg** (1838-1937)
- Johanna Sophia Johannesdotter (Andersson)** (1840-1879)

Spouse & Children

- Christina W Mattson** (1858-1933)
- Edwin Herman Osterberg** (1880-1975)
- Henry Leonard Osterberg** (1882-1971)
- Hulda (Judith) Evana Osterberg** (1884-1904)
- Esther Evana Österberg** (1886-1938)

Children

- Edith Elvira Lydia Osterberg** (1888-1977)
- George Adolph Osterberg** (1890-1973)
- Hazel Wilhelmenia Frances Osterberg** (1893-1970)
- Karel (Carl) Arthur Osterberg** (1894-1895)
- Bernhard David Osterberg** (1897-1953)
- Pearl Alice Osterberg** (1899-1919)
- John Alvin Osterberg** (1903-1988)

Departure
15 Apr 1868 • Älvsborg

John Henrik Österberg lived in Älvsborg, Sweden, and immigrated to America; he died in North Dakota.

John Henrik's father was Johan Frederick Österberg (1838-1937).

Osterberg Family Tree ▾ Tree Search Sawesen21



JOHN FREDRICK OSTERBERG

BIRTH 23 JUN 1837 • Jonstorp Sorgarden Hol, Alvsborg, Sweden
DEATH 4 APR 1937 • Spokane, Spokane, Washington, United States

Family

Parents

-  **JOHANNES F OSTERBERG**
1814–1870
-  **Johanna Christina Andersdotter (Andersson)**
1814–1908

Spouse & Children

-  **Johanna Sopia (Johansdotter) Andersson**
1840–1879
-  **John Henric Osterberg**
1859–1932

Children

-  **Carl Wilhelm "Charles William" Osterberg**
1863–1954
-  **John Albert G Osterberg**
1869–1957
-  **Alfreda Osterberg**
1870–
-  **Hilda M. Osterberg**
1872–1883
-  **Herman Osterberg**
1876–1887

John Fredrick also was born in Sweden and immigrated to America. He died in Spokane, Washington.

Continuing back on this line, John Fredrick's father was a Swede named Johannes F. Österberg (1814-1870):


Jansson/Karlsson Släk...

Tree Search

 jansson_annika



Johannes Österberg

BIRTH 7 AUG 1814 • Tubbetorp, Siene, Alvsborg, Sweden

DEATH 17 DEC 1870 • Asmundstorp, Ornunga, Alvsborg, Sweden

Family

Parents


Lars Jonasson Österberg
 1772-1832


Annicka Torstensdotter
 1787-1824

Spouse & Children


Johanna Christina Andersdotter
 1814-1908


Johan Frederick Österberg
 1838-1937


Jan Henrik Österberg
 1841-1902

Children


Anna Sophia Österberg
 1843-1930


Eva Charlotta Österberg
 1846-1900


Carl August Österberg
 1849-1908


Per Nicklas (Claus) Österberg
 1851-1934


Ella Maria Österberg
 1855-1936

And finally, Johannes' father was Annicka Torstendotter (1787-1824). Although this entire line is in the family tree owned by *jansson_annika*, the ThruLines™ software used the entry for Annicka Torstendotter from *Sawesen21*'s family tree:

Osterberg Family Tree ▾ Tree Search Sawesen21

 **ANNICKA TORSTENSDOTTER**
 BIRTH 16 DEC 1787 • Älvsborg, Norrbotten, Sweden
 DEATH 4 AUG 1824 • Älvsborg, Norrbotten, Sweden

Family

Parents

 **TORSTEN ANDERSSON BRANDKULA BANSTROM**
1750-1815

 **CATHARINA ANDERSDOTTER**
1759-1829

Spouse & Children

 **LARS JONASSON OSTERBERG**
1772-1832

 **JOHANNES F OSTERBERG**
1814-1870

 **INGRID LARSDOTTER OSTERBERG**
1815-1870

 **JOHANNA LARSDOTTER OSTERBERG**
1819-1819

Gosh, this all looks OK. Certainly the ThruLines has the correct dates and locations and all the lines check. And it was nice that all this information was in a single family tree (owned by *jansson_annika*).

I note that *Sawesen21*'s research interests on Ancestry.com include the Österberg family in Montana. Recall that Edith Elvira Lydia Österberg died in Montana.

Katarina appears in some trees as Catharina or Catarina (my records have Katarina):

Osterberg Family Tree ▾ Tree Search Sawesen21

 **CATHARINA ANDERSDOTTER**
 BIRTH 1 MAY 1759 • Älvsborg, Norrbotten, Sweden
 DEATH 2 JAN 1829 • Älvsborg, Norrbotten, Sweden

Katarina's husband Torsten has an even more interesting name. My records have Torsten Andersson Bärnström. Others have:

Osterberg Family Tree ▾ Tree Search Sawesen21



TORSTEN ANDERSSON BRANDKULA BANSTROM
BIRTH 22 FEB 1750 • Älvsborg, Norrbotten, Sweden
DEATH 28 NOV 1815 • Älvsborg, Norrbotten, Sweden

thorsen ▾ Tree Search quiltermom5552



Torsten Andersson Brandkula BANSTROM
BIRTH 22 FEB 1750 • Ostergard, Sodra Harene, Alvsborg, Sweden
DEATH 28 NOV 1815 • Banatorp, Algutstorp, Alvsborg, Sweden

Stenberg ▾ Tree Search kent_stenberg



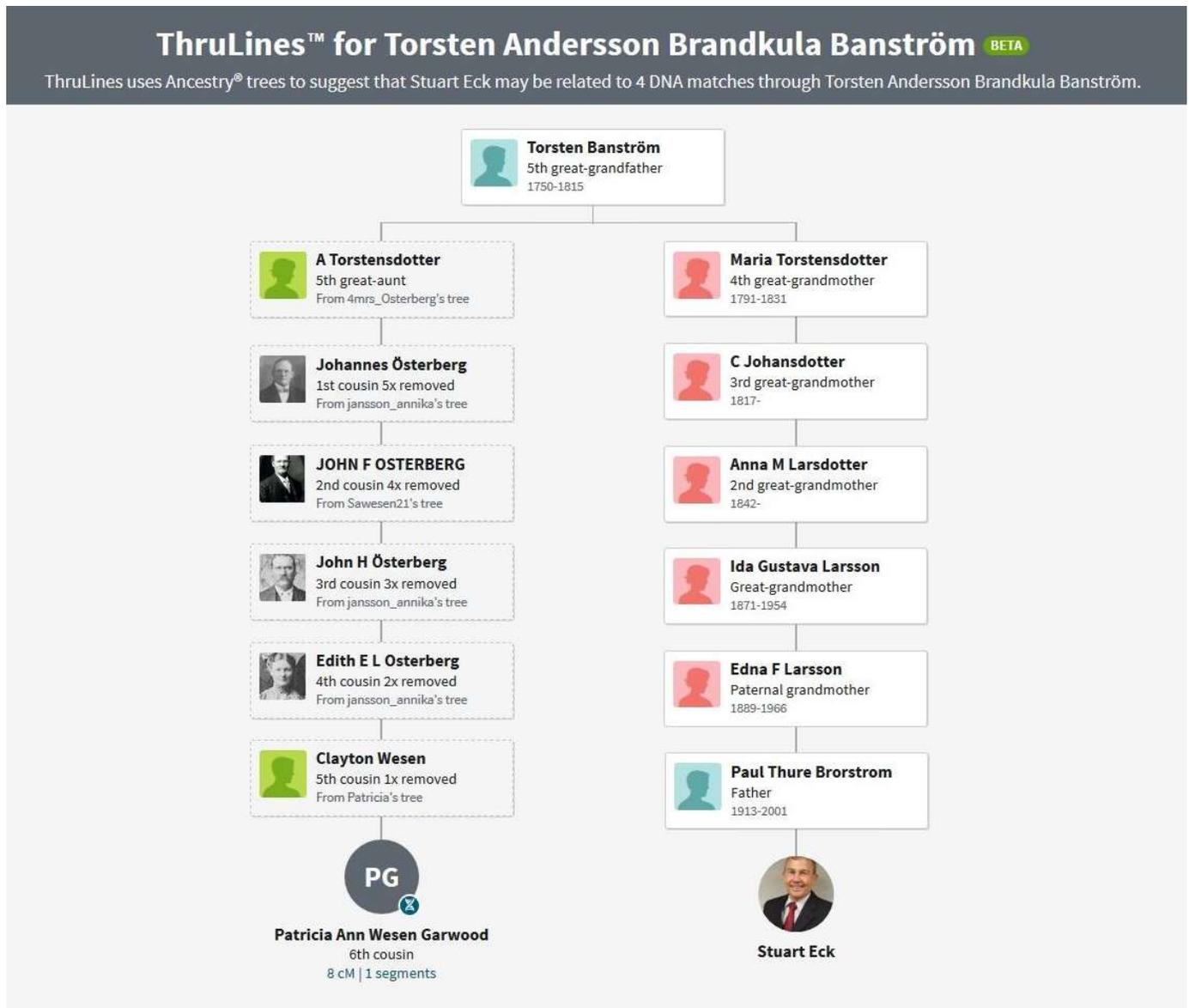
Torsten Andersson Brandkula Banström
BIRTH 22 FEBRUARI 1750 • Östergård, Södra Härene, Västra Götaland, Sverige
DEATH 28 NOVEMBER 1815 • Bänatorp, Algustorp, Älvsborg, Västra Götaland, Sverige

GBO_ancestors_GEDC... ▾ Tree Search



Torsten Andersson Bärnström
BIRTH 1750 • Södra Härene, Sweden
DEATH 1815 • Algutstorp, Sweden
[+](#)

Since Torsten and Katarina were husband and wife, the ThruLines™ that Annmarie has for Torsten should be the same as the one for Katarina, and it is. It turns out that my first-cousin Stuart Eck also has a DNA match with Patricia Ann Wesen Garwood. Here is his ThruLines™ for Torsten Bärnström (Banström):



This looks just the same as Annmarie's ThruLines™ for Katarina Andersdotter.

In looking at my other Swedish-American first-cousins, it turns out that Peter also has a DNA match with Patricia:

PG
Patricia Ann Wesen Garwood
Member since Nov 15, 2017 | Last signed in Feb 11, 2019

DNA Summary
DNA Relationship to PTB Larson
PL **PG**
Distant Cousin
Shared DNA: 7 cM across 1 segments

Peter's family tree on the Ancestry.com website doesn't go back far enough to have a ThruLines™ for either Torsten or Katarina.

It is amazing that Annmarie, Peter, and Stuart all have DNA matches with a sixth-cousin. This really is at the far extreme of autosomal DNA. The following chart from Blaine T. Bettinger's research shows the amount of shared DNA for various relationships:

The Shared cM Project – Version 3.0 August 2017
Blaine T. Bettinger www.TheGeneticGenealogist.com CC 4.0 Attribution License

For MUCH more information (including histograms and company breakdowns) see: goo.gl/Z1EcJQ

How to read this chart:
 Relationship: Aunt/Uncle
 Average: 1750
 Range (low-high): 1349 - 2175
 (99th Percentile)

HalfGG-Aunt/Uncle 187 12 - 383	Great-Grandparent 881 464 - 1486										Great-Great-Aunt/Uncle 427 191 - 885	GGGG-Aunt/Uncle	Other Relationships
Half Great-Aunt/Uncle 432 125 - 765	Grandparent 1766 1156 - 2311					Great Aunt/Uncle 914 251 - 2108						6C 21 0 - 86	
	Half Aunt/Uncle 891 500 - 1446	Parent 3487 3330 - 3720			Aunt/Uncle 1750 1349 - 2175						6C1R 16 0 - 72		
Half 3c 61 0 - 178	Half 2c 117 9 - 397	Half 1C 457 137 - 856	Half-Sibling 1783 1317 - 2312	Sibling 2629 2209 - 3384	SELF	1C 874 553 - 1225	2c 233 46 - 515	3c 74 0 - 217	4c 35 0 - 127	5c 25 0 - 94	6C2R 17 0 - 75		
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Half 3c2R 34 0 - 96	Half 2c2R 61 0 - 353	Half 1C2R 145 37 - 360	Half Great Niece/Nephew 432 125 - 765	Great Niece/Nephew 910 251 - 2108	Grandchild 1766 1156 - 2311	1C2R 229 43 - 531	2c2R 74 0 - 261	3C2R 35 0 - 116	4C2R 22 0 - 109	5C2R 17 0 - 43	7C1R 13 0 - 53		
Half 3c3R 187 12 - 383	Half 2c3R 87 0 - 191	Half 1C3R 427 191 - 885	HalfGG Niece/Nephew 187 12 - 383	Great-Great Niece/Nephew 427 191 - 885	Great-Grandchild 881 464 - 1486	1C3R 123 0 - 283	2c3R 57 0 - 139	3C3R 22 0 - 69	4C3R 29 0 - 82	5C3R 11 0 - 44	8C 12 0 - 50		

Minimum was automatically set to 0 cM for relationships more distant than Half 2C, and averages were determined only for submissions in which DNA was shared

According to this chart, sixth cousins (6C) average 21 cM, with a range of 0-86 cM.

Patricia's Daughter Stacy Garwood

I also searched through Annmarie's DNA matches to see if she had matches with any other members of the Wesen family. Recall that Patricia's maiden name was Wesen. This search turned up a Stacy Garwood:

Annmarie Brorström's DNA Matches BETA

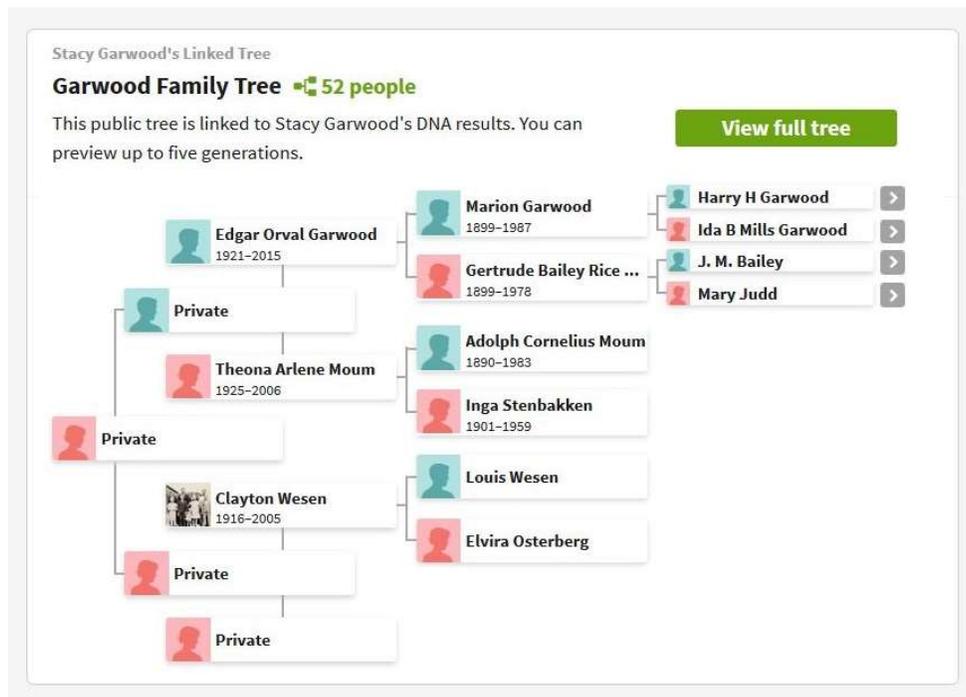
Search Matches Trees:

Wesen Search by birth location [Search](#)

Distant Cousin

	Patricia Ann Wesen Garwood	5th-8th Cousin Shared DNA: 7 cM across 1 segments i	5 People Common ancestor
	Stacy Garwood	5th-8th Cousin Shared DNA: 7 cM across 1 segments i	52 People

Stacy's pedigree is on the Ancestry.com website:



Stacy's pedigree shows that her maternal grandfather was Clayton Wesen, so this means that she has to be the daughter of Patricia Wesen Garwood. And she also has DNA matches with Stuart and Peter. They are sixth-cousins, once-removed. How amazing to have a DNA match that has survived for so many generations!

About Patricia Ann Wesen Garwood

A search for Patricia Ann Wesen Garwood on Google turned up her father's entry on FindAGrave.com, which included his full obituary [see Appendix]. This obituary included

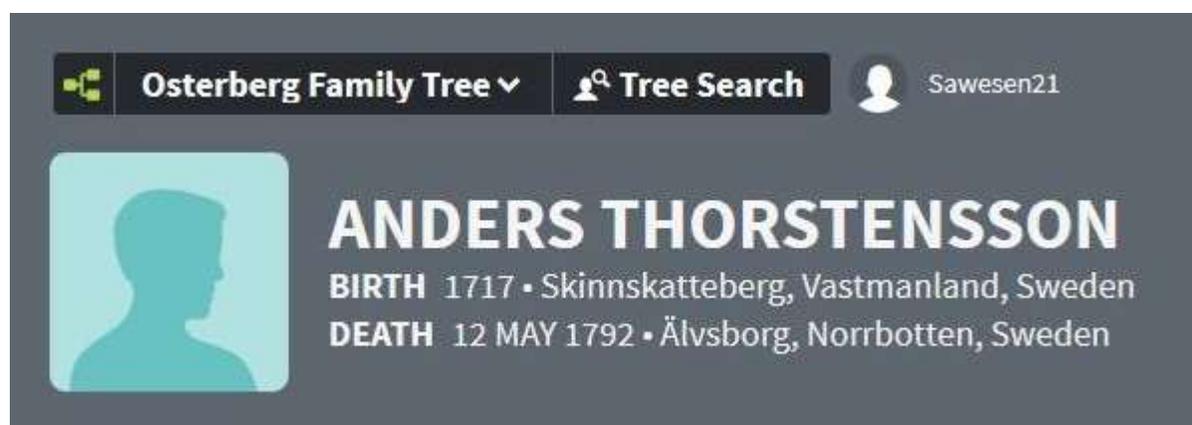
He is survived by his wife Pearl Wesen of Glasgow, his children Evelyn and Ivy Wells of Mountain Home, Idaho, **Patricia and Ron Garwood of Nashua, MT**, Gary Wesen of Glasgow, and Beverly and Mark Falcon of Glasgow.

So Patricia lives in Nashua, Montana, with her husband Ron Garwood. I Googled them and found their address – on a farm on Garwood Road. So it seems that this branch of the Österberg family is still residing in Montana.

Can We Go Back Farther?

While I was looking at Torsten Andersson Bärnström and Katarina Andersdotter, I wondered how far back this line goes.

One more generation is found in **Saweson21**'s tree. Here is Torsten's father:



The image shows a screenshot of a family tree interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with "Osterberg Family Tree" and "Tree Search" buttons. Below this, a profile card for "ANDERS THORSTENSSON" is displayed. The card includes a teal silhouette of a person's head and shoulders. To the right of the silhouette, the name "ANDERS THORSTENSSON" is written in large, bold, white capital letters. Below the name, the birth and death information is listed: "BIRTH 1717 • Skinnskatteberg, Vastmanland, Sweden" and "DEATH 12 MAY 1792 • Älvsborg, Norrbotten, Sweden". The user's name "Sawesen21" is visible in the top right corner of the interface.

And here is Torsten's mother:

Osterberg Family Tree ▾ Tree Search Sawesen21



ELIN HANSDOTTER
BIRTH 1729 • Sweden
DEATH 8 JUL 1790 • Älvsborg, Norrbotten, Sweden

Here is Katarina's father:

Osterberg Family Tree ▾ Tree Search Sawesen21



Anders Jonsson
BIRTH 1710 • Dalskog, Vastra Gotaland, Sweden
DEATH 1769 • Dalskog, Vastra Gotaland, Sweden

Finally, here is Katarina's mother:

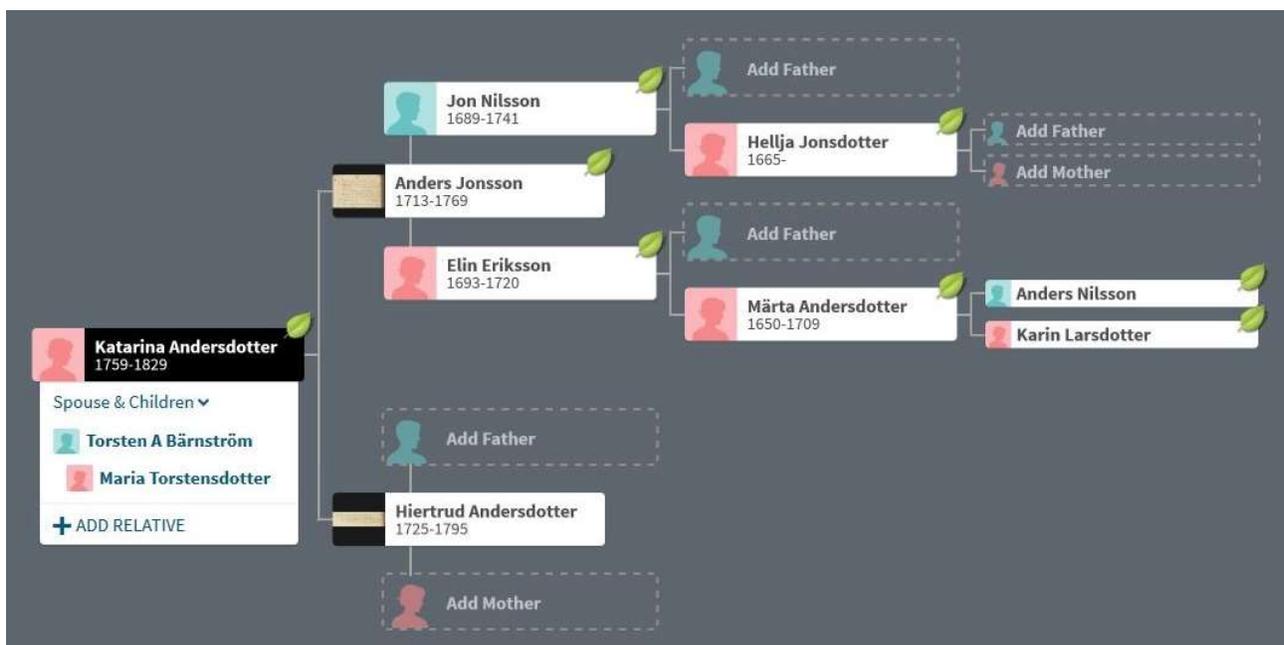
Osterberg Family Tree ▾ Tree Search Sawesen21



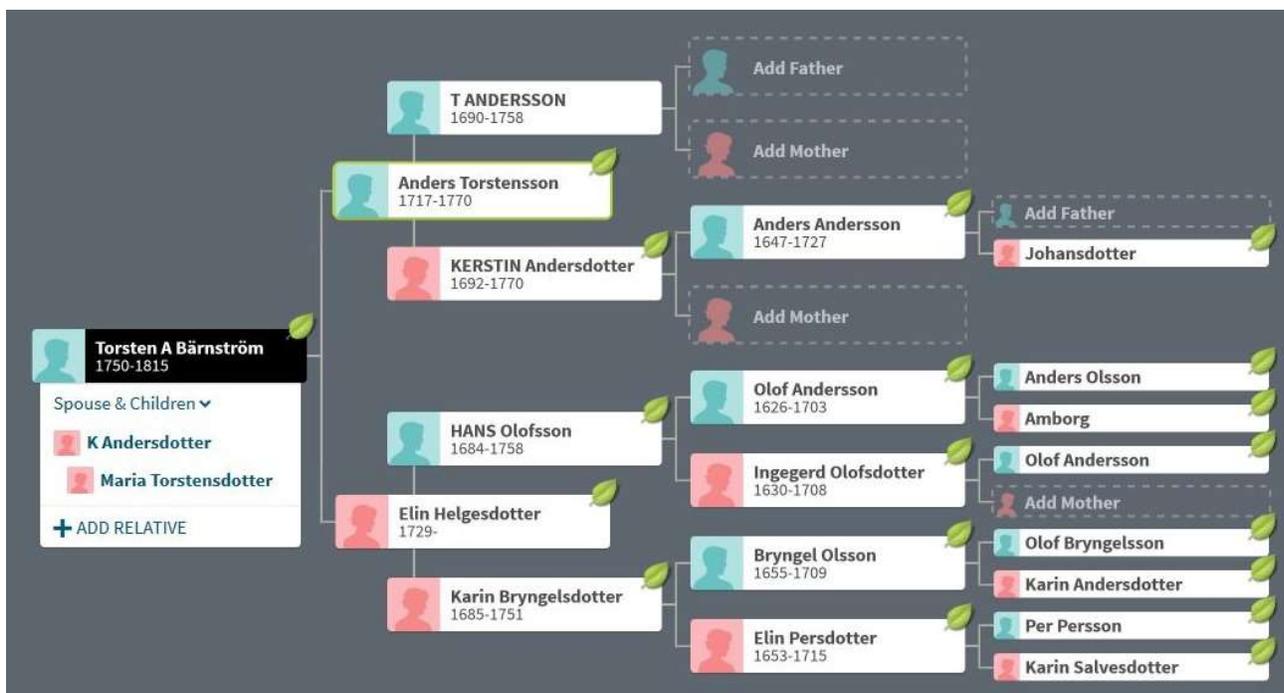
Hiertrud or Gertrud Andersdotter
BIRTH 4 APR 1725 • Älvsborg, Norrbotten, Sweden
DEATH 1795 • Älvsborg, Norrbotten, Sweden

It turns out that these people also are found in other trees on the Ancestry.com website. I have no idea if these trees are correct or not, so please take the following with a grain of salt.

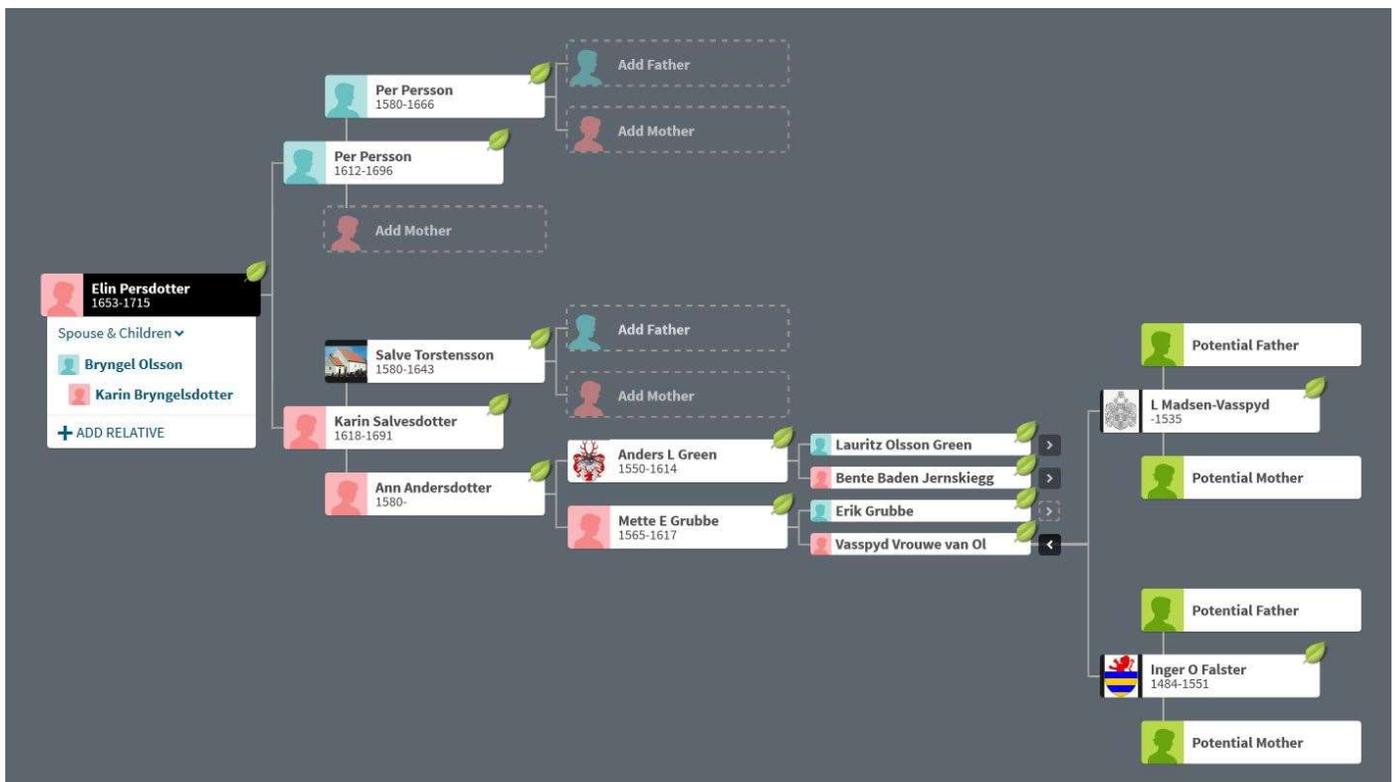
Here is Katarina's pedigree:



Torsten's is much more interesting. Here is the first part of it:



Looking at the *mormor-mor* line at the bottom:



This line goes back to Denmark in the 1400's!!

Conclusion

In this narrative, I have described DNA matches that three of my Swedish-American first-cousins have with Patricia Ann Wesen Garwood and her daughter Stacy Garwood. Patricia and Stacy are descended from Torsten Andersson Bärnström and his wife Katarina Andersdotter, who were the great-grandparents of my great-grandmother Ida Gustava Larsson. My cousins and I are sixth-cousins of Patricia, and sixth-cousins once-removed of Stacy.

My cousins and I have very few DNA matches connecting with ancestors of Ida Gustava Larsson. So it is really outstanding to see this one. Thank goodness I can view my first-cousins DNA matches on Ancestry.com, since I don't have DNA matches with these distant relatives.

Overall, these DNA matches provide strong support for the genealogical record, and confirm our Swedish roots in Älvsborg County in the mid-1700's.

Appendix

Here is some information from the FindAGrave.com website about Clayton Wesen, who was my fifth-cousin once-removed.

<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/182012688/clayton-a-wesen>

Clayton A. Wesen

NAME: Clayton A. Wesen Age: 89

DATELINE: Glasgow, Montana

DATE OF DEATH: Wednesday December 28, 2005

CAUSE OF DEATH: Natural Causes

PLACE OF DEATH: Valley View Nursing Home in Glasgow, Montana

SERVICE: Saturday December 31, 2005 at 2:00 P.M.

PLACE OF SERVICE: First Lutheran Church in Glasgow, MT

INTERMENT: Highland Cemetery in Glasgow, MT

MORTUARY IN CHARGE: Bell Mortuary of Glasgow, MT

Clayton A. Wesen was born in Mohall, North Dakota on January 16, 1916 to Louis and Elvira Wesen. They lived in North Dakota until 1924, when they moved to Glasgow, Montana where the Wesen family homesteaded at the present Wesen family farm. Clayton was the second oldest out of six boys, and a brother to four sisters.

When Clayton was five years old he had polio, and missed a year of school. He had to relearn how to crawl and walk. It resulted in his left leg being shorter and his left side markedly smaller. He was just as active as the other children, and he graduated from Glasgow High School in 1934.

Clayton worked in the CC Corp, and in 1939 he attended Radio School in San Francisco. He enlisted in the Army in 1941 in the Communication branch, where he was stationed in Alaska. On one of his leaves in Edmonton, Alberta, he met Pearl Zamotsony. After a few years of being pursued, the couple were joined in marriage on August 19, 1944. This blessed union lasted 61 years.

After their wedding, Clayton was stationed in New Orleans to train for the European Theatre. Pearl joined him in March, and they resided in the French Quarter. Fortunately the war ended in June, and Clayton was discharged from the service in late October. The couple returned to Glasgow where they lived, worked, and raised their family.

They were blessed with four children, Evelyn, Patricia, Gary and Beverly. Clayton worked as a service technician for Glasgow Electric, Rundle's, and later Wesen's, where he also built and repaired bicycles. Clayton would also fix lunch for his kids when they came home during school. Bread and gravy was his specialty and they all would watch "Days of Our Lives" together while they ate. He had also mastered the art of making the best popcorn around. He was an avid hunter of game and birds, with his son and his brothers.

Every summer the family would take vacations to visit relatives. They traveled to Canada many times to visit their maternal grandparents, to the World's Fair in Seattle, and to Minnesota. Many times we also took extra friends along.

Clayton and Pearl loved to square dance. It was usually three nights a week and a yearly trip to the International Square Dance Convention. Clayton also had a green thumb and loved working in his large gardens. He planted and prepared for the growing season all year round. He grafted peach branches to apple trees and one summer he planted purple potatoes. He was best known for his very large and beautiful geranium plants.

Clayton and Pearl were very fortunate to be able to travel to many places in the United States and Canada. They visited Washington D.C., New York, Pittsburgh, Orlando, Toronto, and Hawaii. Clayton retired in 1988 when he was 72 years old. He continued gardening and working in his shop at home. Clayton was very active in the community and the First Lutheran Church. He was a member of the Chamber of Commerce, Jaycee's, Legion, and belonged to the Lutheran Brotherhood. He was a HAMM Radio Operator and attended many picnics with other amateur radio operators from around the state. He was also a member of the 843rd Battalion, and attended many reunions all around the USA.

The past seven years Clayton was cared for by his wife Pearl after fracturing both hips. He resided in Valley View Sunshine Square for the past three years and was cared for lovingly by the wonderful care givers there.

Clayton was preceded in death by his brothers, Alton and Forrest, his sister, Vera, and his grandson Christopher.

He is survived by his wife Pearl Wesen of Glasgow, his children Evelyn and Ivy Wells of Mountain Home, Idaho, Patricia and Ron Garwood of Nashua, MT, Gary Wesen of Glasgow, and Beverly and Mark Falcon of Glasgow. He was blessed with 12 grandchildren and 14 great grandchildren whom he dearly loved and enjoyed. He is also survived by his brothers: Maurice and John Wesen of Glasgow, Paul

Wesen of Federal Way, Washington; by his sisters Rita Herbold of Glasgow, June Kimpton of Seattle, and Myrna Bell of Sheridan, Wyoming. He also has many nieces and nephews, great nieces and nephews that were all a very important part of his life.

Clayton was a kind and gentle man. He was a loving and supportive husband, father, brother, and friend. He will be missed by all who knew him.