

Annmarie's New DNA Match with *jschur165* (and lots more interesting information)¹

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A week or so ago, I looked at my first-cousin Annmarie's new DNA matches on the Ancestry.com website. One of those matches was with a man having the username of *jschur165*:

The screenshot shows the 'Annie Brorström's DNA Matches' page on Ancestry.com. The title is 'Annmarie Brorström's DNA Matches'. Below the title are tabs for 'All matches', 'By parent', 'By ancestor', and 'By location'. The 'All matches' tab is selected. There are filters for 'Filter by: Unviewed' and 'Common ancestors'. A search bar with 'Search | Sort' is visible. The main content area is titled 'Distant Family' and features a match for 'jschur165'. The match details are: '4th - 6th Cousin', '32 cM | < 1% shared DNA', and 'Paternal side'. To the right of the match details are links for 'Public linked tree' (180 People) and 'Common ancestor'.

Annmarie and *jschur165* share 32 cM of DNA. Based solely on the size of this DNA match, Annmarie and *jschur165* are not likely to be closer than fourth-cousins.

I looked at the family tree that *jschur165* has on Ancestry.com. His father was Bernhard Friedrich Schur, so from now on, I'll refer to *jschur165* as Mr. Schur.

I went on and looked at the ancestors that Annmarie and Mr. Schur have in common:

The screenshot shows a section titled 'How are Annmarie Brorström and jschur165 related?'. Below the title is the heading 'Common Ancestors' with a group of people icon. The text reads: 'According to Ancestry member trees, these are the common ancestors that connect Annmarie Brorström and jschur165. View a common ancestor to see the relationship path that connects them.' Below this is the text: 'Annmarie Brorström and jschur165 could be 4th cousin through:'. There are two entries for common ancestors: 'Thure Petter Brorström' (3rd great-grandfather, 1768-1855) and 'Beata Christina Hultman' (3rd great-grandmother, 1787-1826). Each entry has a 'View Relationship' link.

¹ Interesting to me, at least...

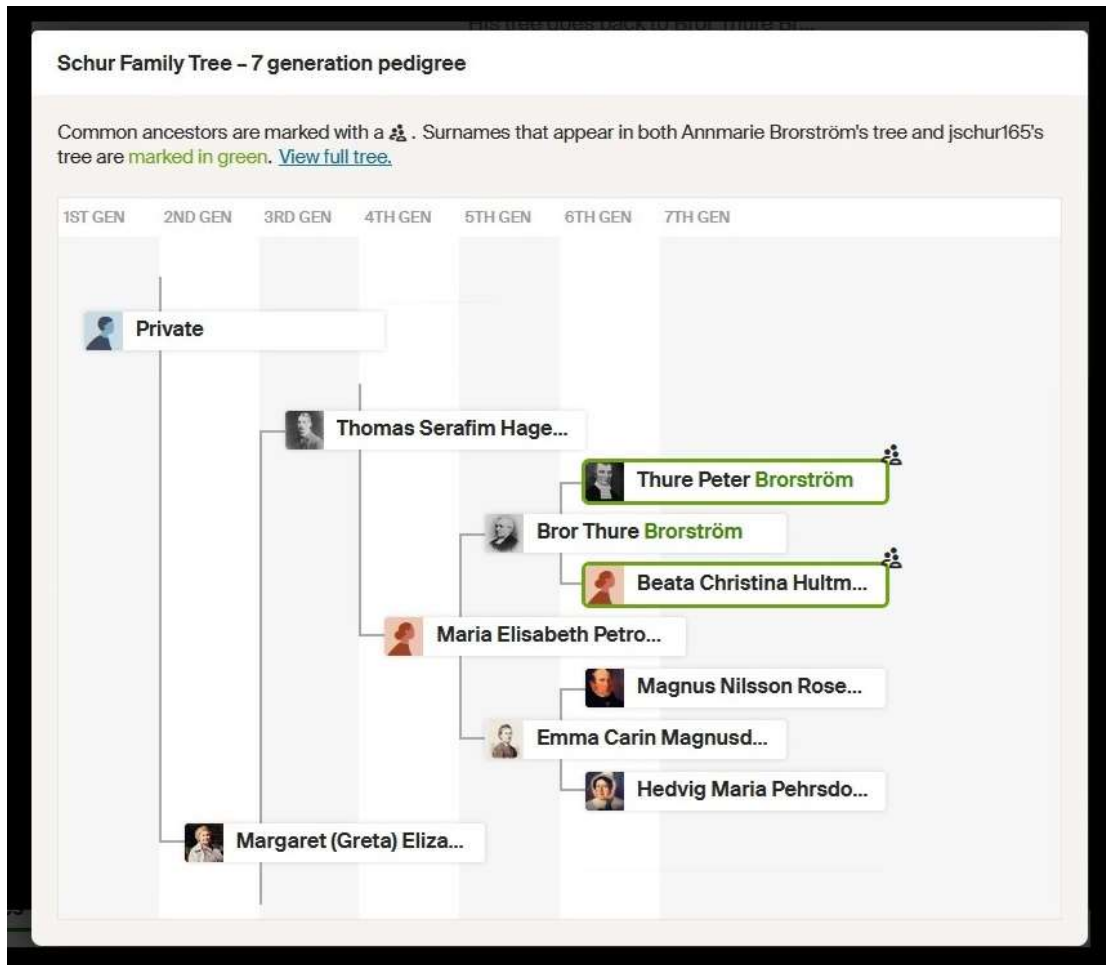
According to various family trees on Ancestry.com, Annmarie and Mr. Schur are both descended from Thure Petter Brorström (1768-1855) and his wife Beata Christina Hultman (1787-1826). This couple were Annmarie's third-great grandparents. Of course, they were my third-great grandparents, as well.

Software on Ancestry.com automatically created a chart showing how Annmarie and Mr. Schur are likely related:



Annmarie is descended from the Brorström-Hultman couple through their son Malte Brorström (1816-1877), while Mr. Schur is descended from this couple through their son Bror Thure Brorström (1807-1886). And based on this chart, Annmarie and Mr. Schur are fourth-cousins.

I wanted to verify Mr. Schur's ancestral line, so I looked at the family tree that he has on Ancestry.com. Here is the relevant part of his tree:



Son of a gun! Mr. Schur's tree does indeed go back to the Brorström-Hultman couple through their son Bror Thure Brorström. This convinced me that the relationship chart shown on the previous page is most likely to be valid, and that their fourth-cousin relationship does account for Annmarië's DNA match with Mr. Schur.

Here is part of the profile that I have on Ancestry.com for Thure Petter Brorström:

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Thure Petter Brorström
 BIRTH 10 OCT 1768 • Fågeltofta, Sweden
 DEATH 3 OCT 1855 • Borby, Sweden

Parents

- Jöns Lars Brorsson Brorström 1731-1802
- Kristina Charlotta Bergstedt 1736-1811

Spouse and children

- Beata Christina Hultman 1787-1826
- Petronella Christina Hultman Brorström 1806-1842
- Bror Thure Brorström 1807-1886
- Malte Joachim August Brorström 1816-1877

Spouse and children

- Hedvig Maria Malmström 1773-1805
- Anna Helena Brorström 1798-1858

I want to make several points about this profile. Thure Petter Brorström appears to be in the first generation of the family to be born with the surname **Brorström**.

His father, Jöns Lars Brorsson (1731-1802), seems to have taken the surname at some point in his life. When Jöns Lars was baptized on 22 August 1731, his name was recorded as Jöns Brorsson (he was Bror's son). However, by the time he married on 19 October 1766, he had the surname **Brorström**. So his son, Thure Petter Brorström, was the first in our family to be born with the Brorström surname.

Thure Petter Brorström was first married to Hedvig Maria Malmstrom (1773-1805). They had a daughter, Anna Helena Brorström (1798-1858). After Hedvig Maria died in 1805, Thure Petter Brorström married Beata Christina Hultman (1787-1826). They had three children: Petronella Christina Hultman Brorström (1806-1842), Bror Thure Brorström (1807-1886), and Malte Joachim August Brorström (1816-1877).

I note that Thure Petter Brorström appears to be the first in the family to have the given name **Thure**, and this name has appeared in every generation since then:

Bror **Thure** Brorstrom (1807-1886)

Thure Paulus Brorstrom (1856-1924) – a son of Malte

Paul **Thure** Brorstrom Sr. (1884-1932) – my grandfather

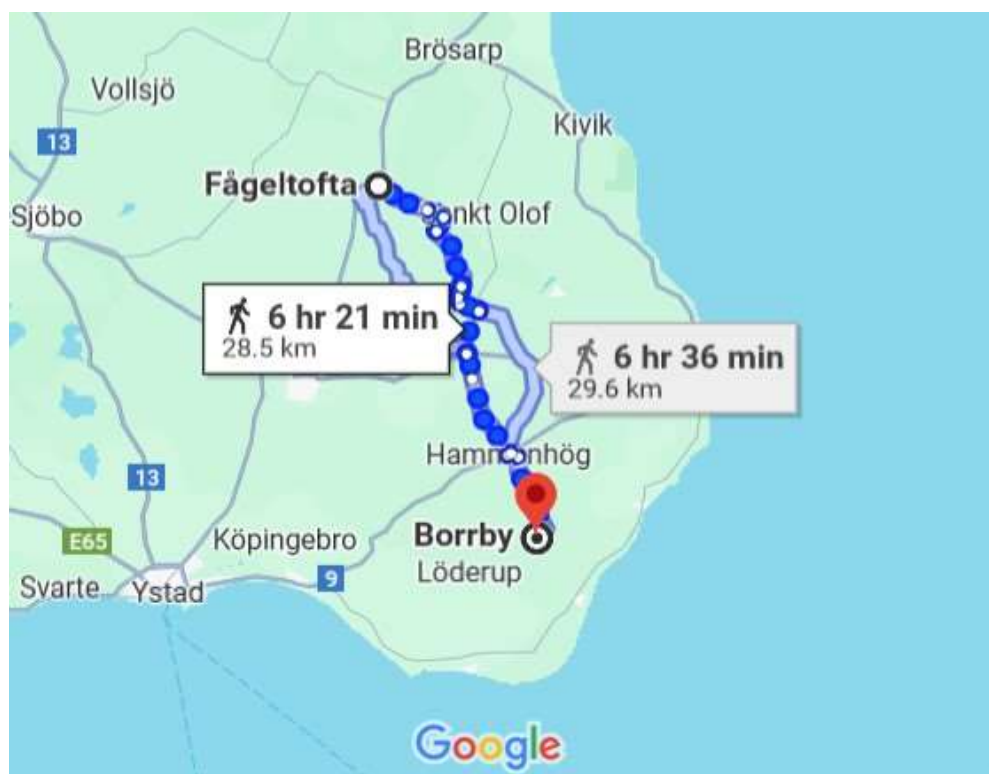
Paul **Thure** Brorstrom Jr. (1913-2001) – my uncle

Peter **Thure** Brorstrom (born 1947) – my first-cousin

John David **Thure** DeMattia (born 1989) – Annmarie's son

But I digress.

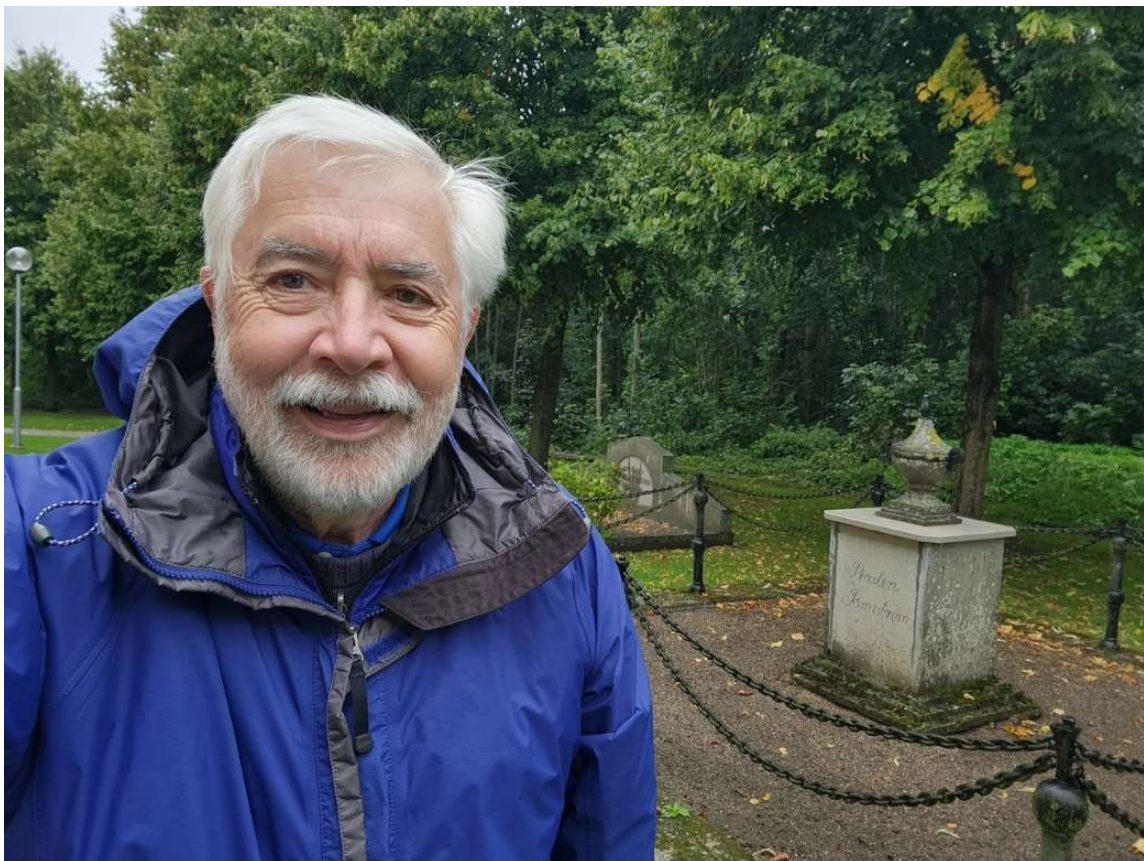
Going back to Thure Petter Brorström, he was born in Fågeltofta, Skåne, in southeast Sweden. As an adult, he lived in Borrby, Skåne. These two small towns are less than 30 km apart, as shown in the following Google Map:



Thure Petter Brorström was a priest at the church in Borrby, Skåne, Sweden. He and his wife are buried right next to the church. Their son Malte and his wife are also buried there. Here are a few photos that I took during my last visit to Borrby in September 2023:



The inscription on the side of the gravestone reads:
"Prosten Brorström" (the Provost Brorström).



Selfie taken next to the grave.

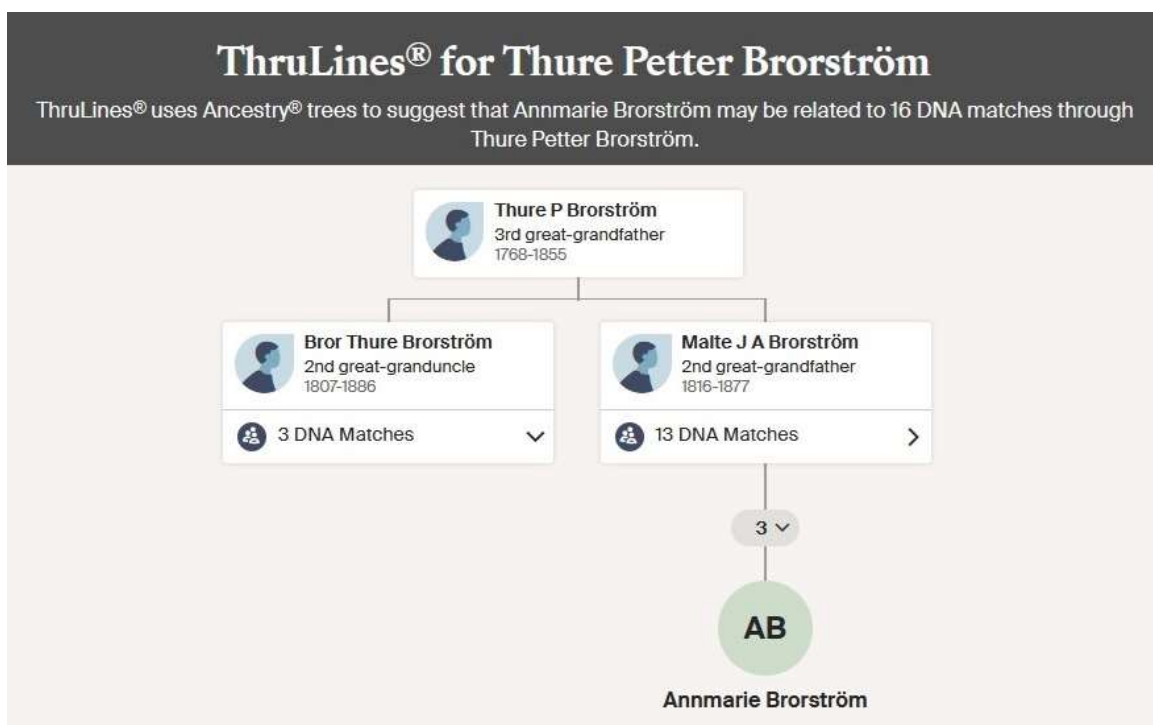


The church in Borrby. The Brorström graves are on the other side of the church.

So at this point, I was satisfied that Annmarie's DNA match with Mr. Schur (*jschur165*) goes back to Thure Petter Brorström and his wife Beata Christina Hultman, and this DNA match is another connection to our family's roots in southeast Skåne.

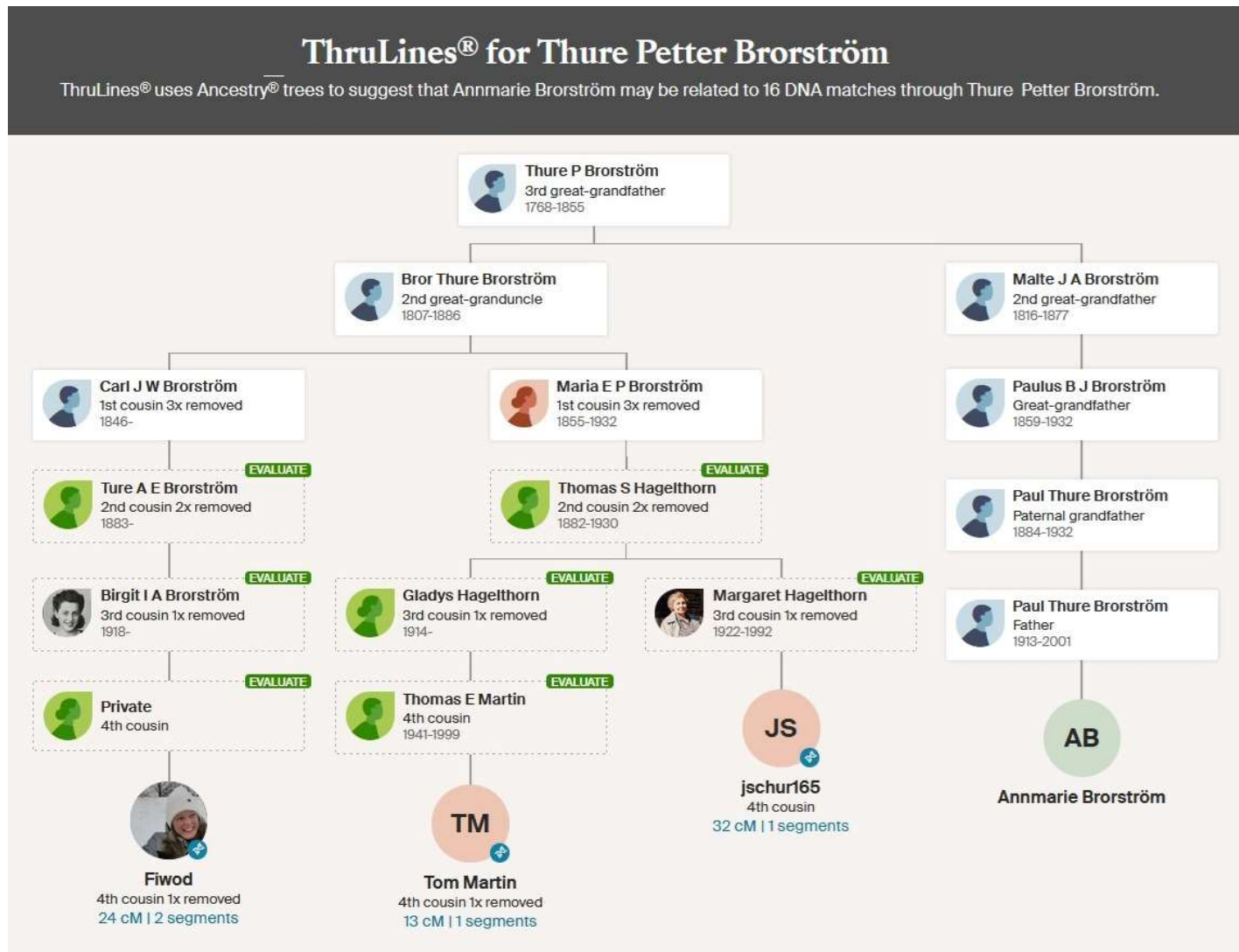
For some unknown reason, I then decided to look at all of Annmarie's DNA matches that go back to Thure Petter Brorström. Software on Ancestry.com automatically creates a chart showing all of a person's DNA matches going back to a given ancestor (it actually produces a different chart for each of a person's ancestors in his/her family tree, all the way back to the person's 128 fifth-great grandparents). Ancestry.com calls these charts ThruLines®. The ThruLines® charts can have hundreds of DNA matches in them (my cousin Stuart has a number of ThruLines® charts showing more than 100 DNA matches). Therefore, the charts are first shown with all the ancestral lines "closed", and then the users can decide which lines to open (see more about this below).

Here is Annmarie's ThruLines® chart for Thure Petter Brorström with all of the lines "closed":



This chart indicates that Annmarie has sixteen DNA matches with descendants of Thure Petter Brorström. Three of these matches are with descendants of his son Bror Thure, and thirteen of these matches are with descendants of his son Malte (our ancestor).

Here is the same ThruLines® chart, but with the lines going back to Bror Thure “open”:



This chart shows Annmarie’s DNA matches with **Fiwod** (Sofia Wodstrup), Tom Martin, and **jschur165**. The ancestral line going back from **Fiwod** connects to Bror Thure through his son Carl Jacob Walfrid Brorström (1846-1923), while the other two ancestral lines connect to Bror Thure through his daughter Maria Elisabeth Petronella Brorström (1855-1932).















Recall that Annmarie has thirteen DNA matches with descendants of Malte Brorström. Rather than try to show all thirteen in one chart (or even multiple charts), I thought I would just list them (ThruLines® actually can display a relationship chart OR a list). So here are the thirteen:

ThruLines® for Thure Petter Brorström

ThruLines® uses Ancestry® trees to suggest that Annmarie Brorström may be related to 16 DNA matches through Thure Petter Brorström.

Malte Joachim August Brorström Family Line

13 matches 

	Annmarie Brorström Thure Petter Brorström is the 3rd great-grandfather of Annmarie Brorström.		
	L.M.	Parent/child-immediate family 🔗 3,470 cM across 29 segments	Daughter
	PTB Larson	Immediate family-close family 🔗 2,668 cM across 50 segments	Brother
	Susan Baker	Immediate family-close family 🔗 2,664 cM across 47 segments	Sister
	Elizabeth Brorstrom Lynes	Immediate family-close family 🔗 2,477 cM across 53 segments	Sister
	Stuart Eck	Close family-1st cousin 🔗 1,905 cM across 33 segments	Half brother
	Burks Oakley	1st-2nd cousin 🔗 793 cM across 34 segments	Paternal 1st cousin
	Amy Oakley	1st-2nd cousin 🔗 447 cM across 19 segments	1st cousin 1x removed
	Peterhorton58	1st-2nd cousin 🔗 427 cM across 13 segments	2nd cousin
	jimhorton311	1st-2nd cousin 🔗 419 cM across 16 segments	2nd cousin
	Kendall Perks	3rd-4th cousin 🔗 187 cM across 8 segments	2nd cousin 1x removed
	wceder	4th-6th cousin 🔗 39 cM across 2 segments	Half 3rd cousin
	dtceder	5th-8th cousin 🔗 10 cM across 1 segments	Half 3rd cousin
	akceder	5th-8th cousin 🔗 10 cM across 1 segments	Half 3rd cousin 1x removed

The list includes:

1. Lauren Meier (daughter)
2. PTB Larson (brother)
3. Susan Baker (sister)
4. Elizabeth Brorstrom Lynes (sister)
5. Stuart Eck (half-brother)
6. Burks Oakley (first-cousin)
7. Amy Oakley (first-cousin once-removed)

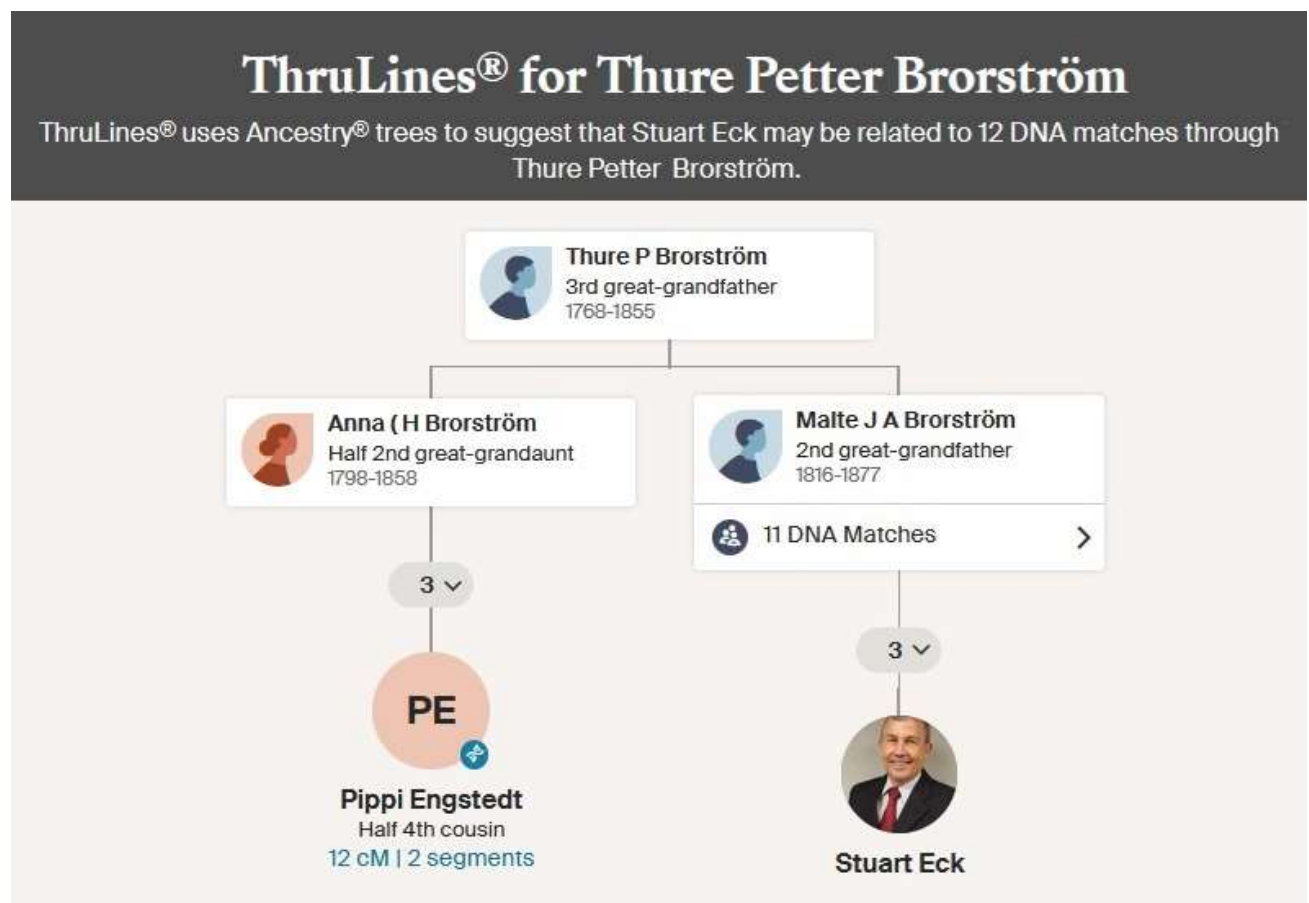
8. Peter Horton (grandson of Ebba Brorström, who was PTB Sr.'s sister)
9. Jim Horton (grandson of Ebba Brorström, who was PTB Sr.'s sister)
10. Kendall Perks (great-granddaughter of Alice Brorström, who was PTB Sr.'s sister)
11. Walter Cederholm (Malte Brorström fathered the first Cederholm out of wedlock in 1841)
12. David T. Cederholm (brother of Walter Cederholm)
13. Annie K. Cederholm (daughter of David T. Cederholm)

Note that in the screenshot showing the list of DNA matches on the previous page, the three **Cederholms** show up as having a “half” relationship, since Malte fathered their **Cederholm** ancestor (Gustav Göran Cederholm, 1841-1901) with a different woman than the main **Brorström** line.

Of course, I know that we have lots of other **Brorström** relatives, but many of them have not had their DNA “tested” on Ancestry.com, and others do not have their DNA linked to a family tree. I should emphasize that Annmarie’s ThruLines® chart for Thure Petter Brorström shows just his sixteen descendants who have their DNA profiles on Ancestry.com and have them linked to a family tree and have DNA matches with Annmarie.

At this point, I could have quit, but I thought I should see if any of Annmarie’s close relatives have additional DNA matches that appear in THEIR ThruLines® charts for Thure Petter Brorström.

I first looked at Annmarie’s half-brother, Stuart Eck. Here is Stuart’s ThruLines® chart for Thure Petter Brorström:



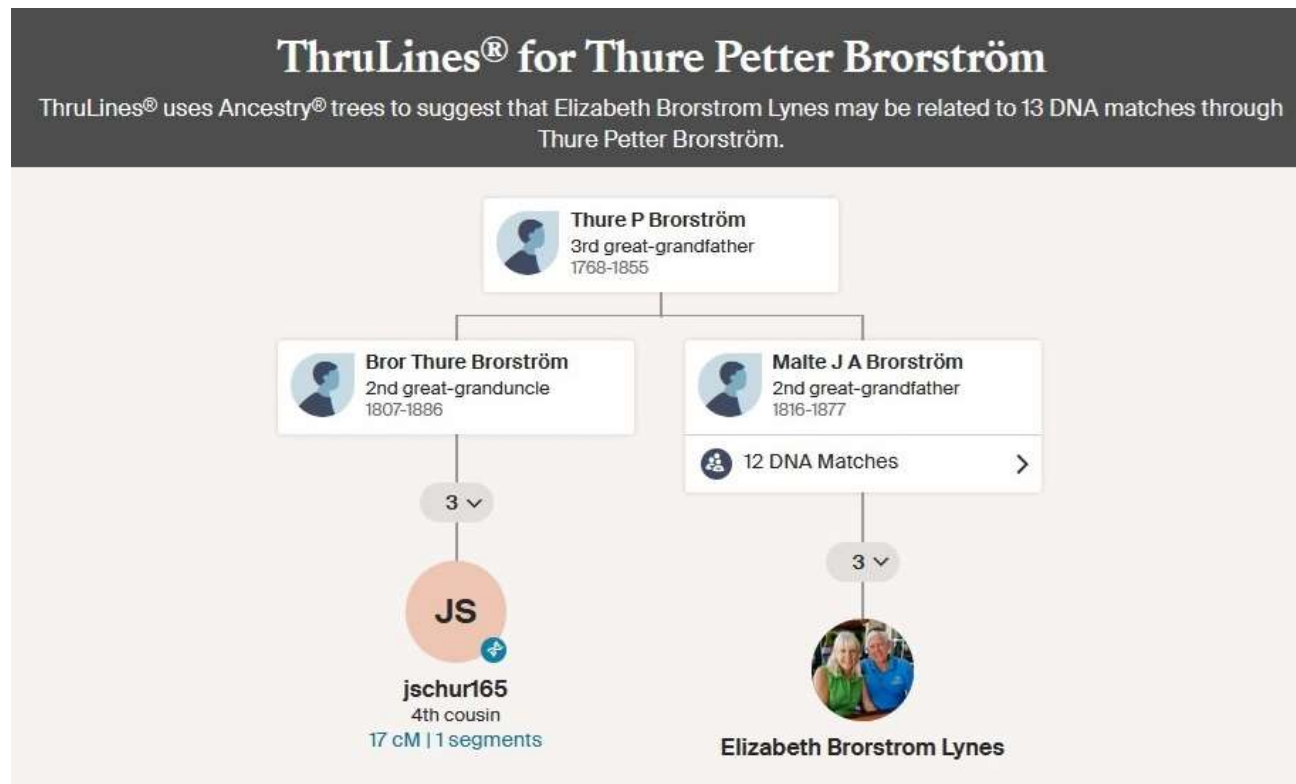
Oh my! Stuart has a new line that Annmarie doesn’t have. Stuart’s DNA match with Pippi Engstedt goes back to Thure Petter Brorström through his daughter from his first marriage, Anna H. Brorström (1798-1858). Since Anna and Malte had different mothers, everyone in Anna’s line shows up as having a “half” relationship with Stuart.

I next looked at Susan's ThruLines® chart for Thure Petter Brorström:



Nothing new here – Susan has DNA matches with Pippi Engstedt and **Fiwod** (Sofia Wodstrup), and both of these matches have appeared in previous ThruLines® charts.

I next looked at Beth's ThruLines® chart for Thure Petter Brorström:

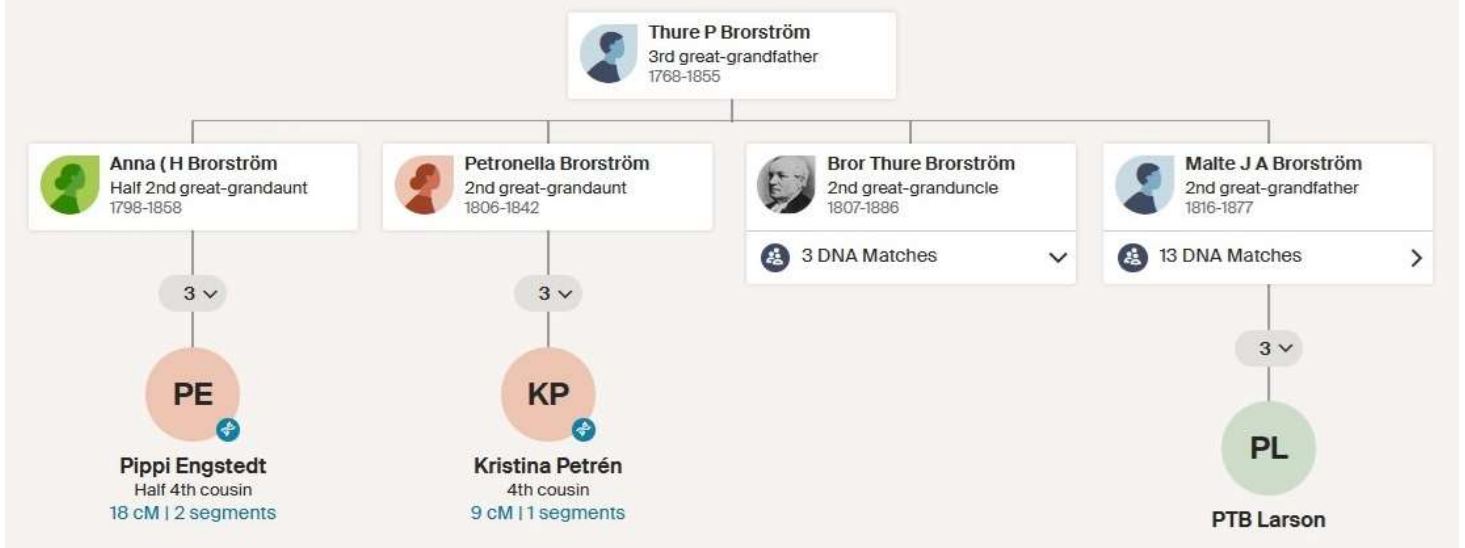


Beth just has a DNA match with Mr. Schur (**jschur165**).

The last of Annmarie's siblings to look at is Peter (**PTB Larson**):

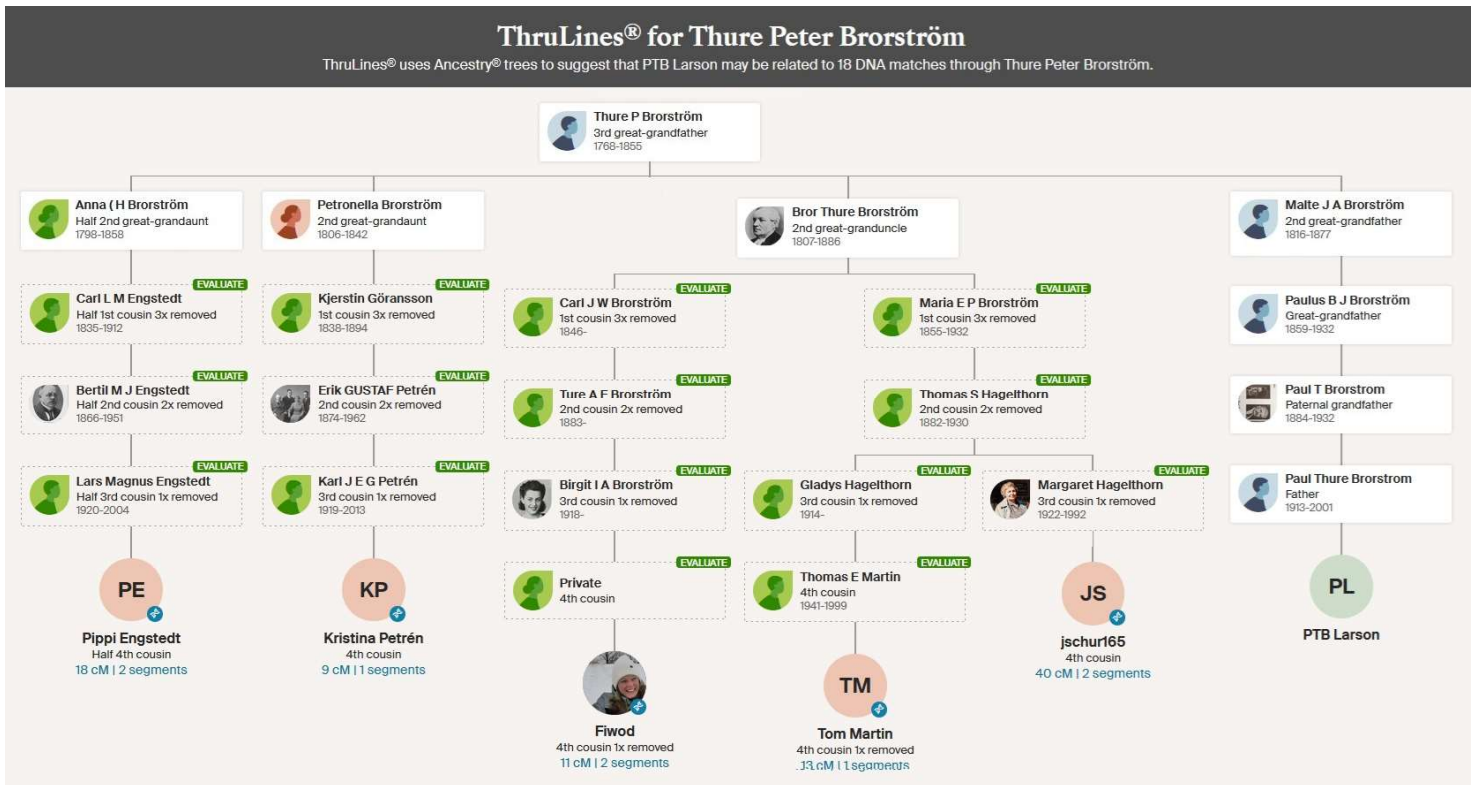
ThruLines® for Thure Peter Brorström

ThruLines® uses Ancestry® trees to suggest that PTB Larson may be related to 18 DNA matches through Thure Peter Brorström.



Oh my! Peter has a new line that none of his siblings have. Peter's DNA match with Kristina Petrén goes back to Thure Petter Brorström through his daughter, Petronella Brorström (1806-1842).

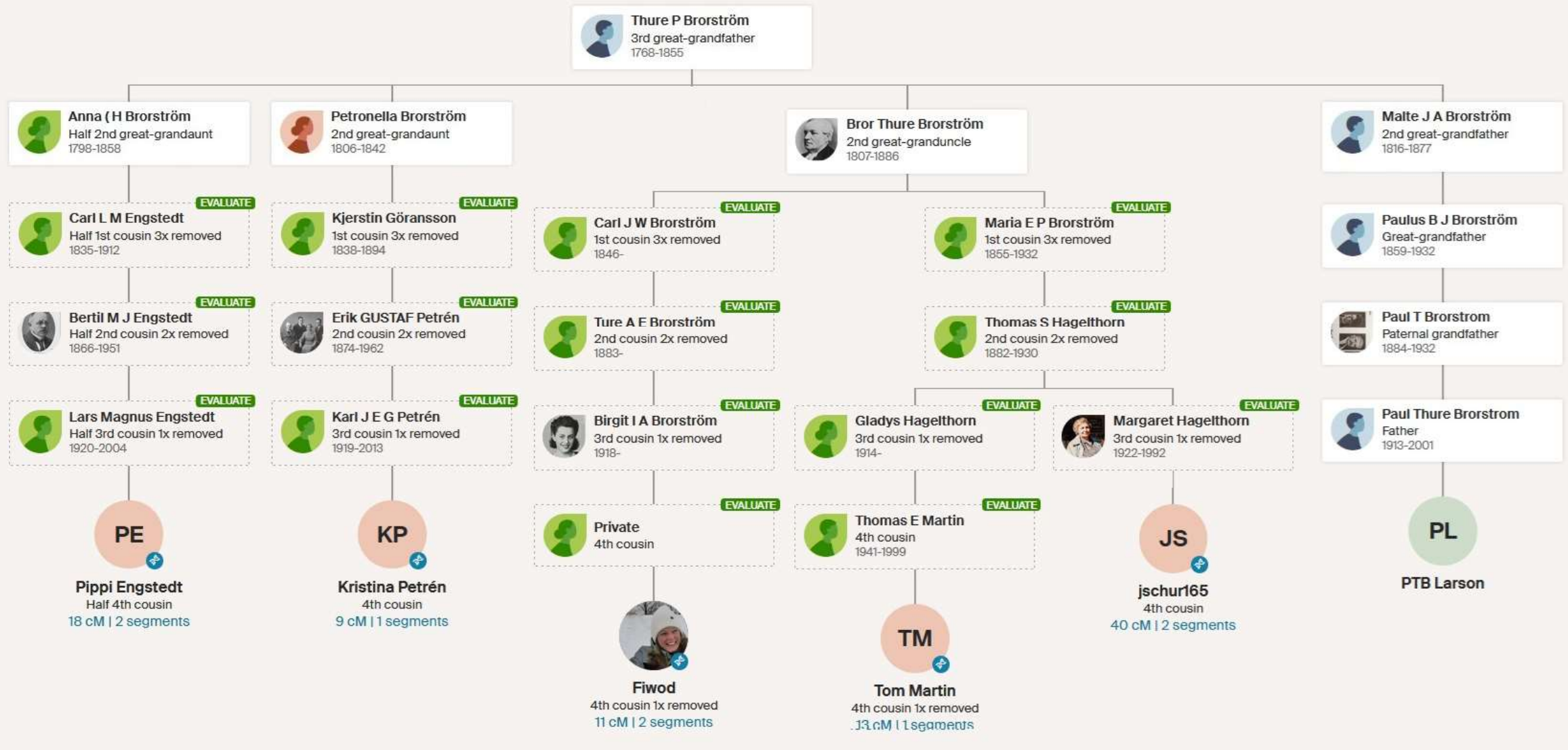
Here is Peter's ThruLines® chart with the three left lines open:



This chart is fairly unreadable at this magnification. It is shown on the next page in landscape view:

ThruLines® for Thure Peter Brorström

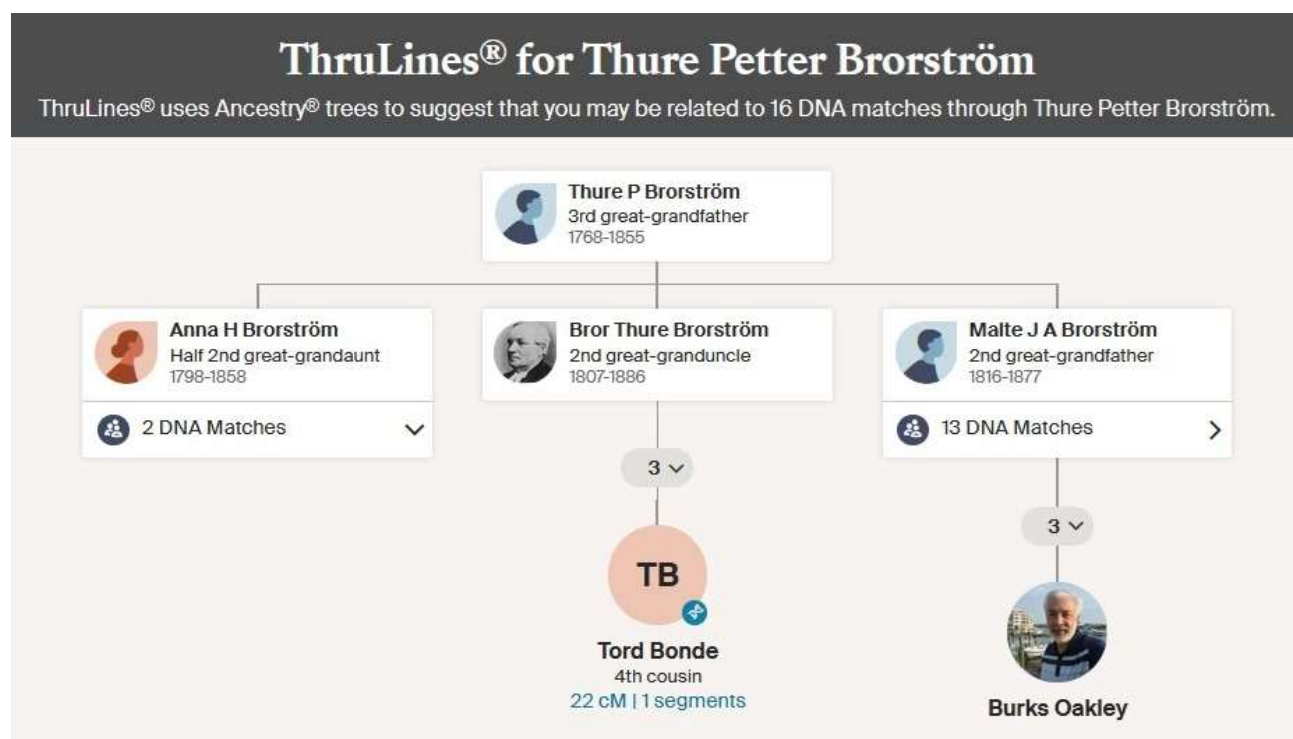
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Peter's ThruLines® chart on the previous page shows his DNA match with Pippi Engstedt (going back to Thure Petter Brorström through his daughter Anna Brorström), his DNA match with Kristina Petrén (going back to Thure Petter Brorström through his daughter Petronella Brorström), and his DNA matches with ***Fiwod***, Tom Martin, and ***jschur165*** (going back to Thure Petter Brorström through his son Bror Thure Brorström). Of course, this chart also shows Peter's line back to Thure Petter Brorström (going back to Thure Petter Brorström through his son Malte Brorström).

Not shown in this chart are Peter's thirteen DNA matches with descendants of Malte Brorström; these are closer relatives, and they are the same thirteen that I enumerated for Annmarie previously.

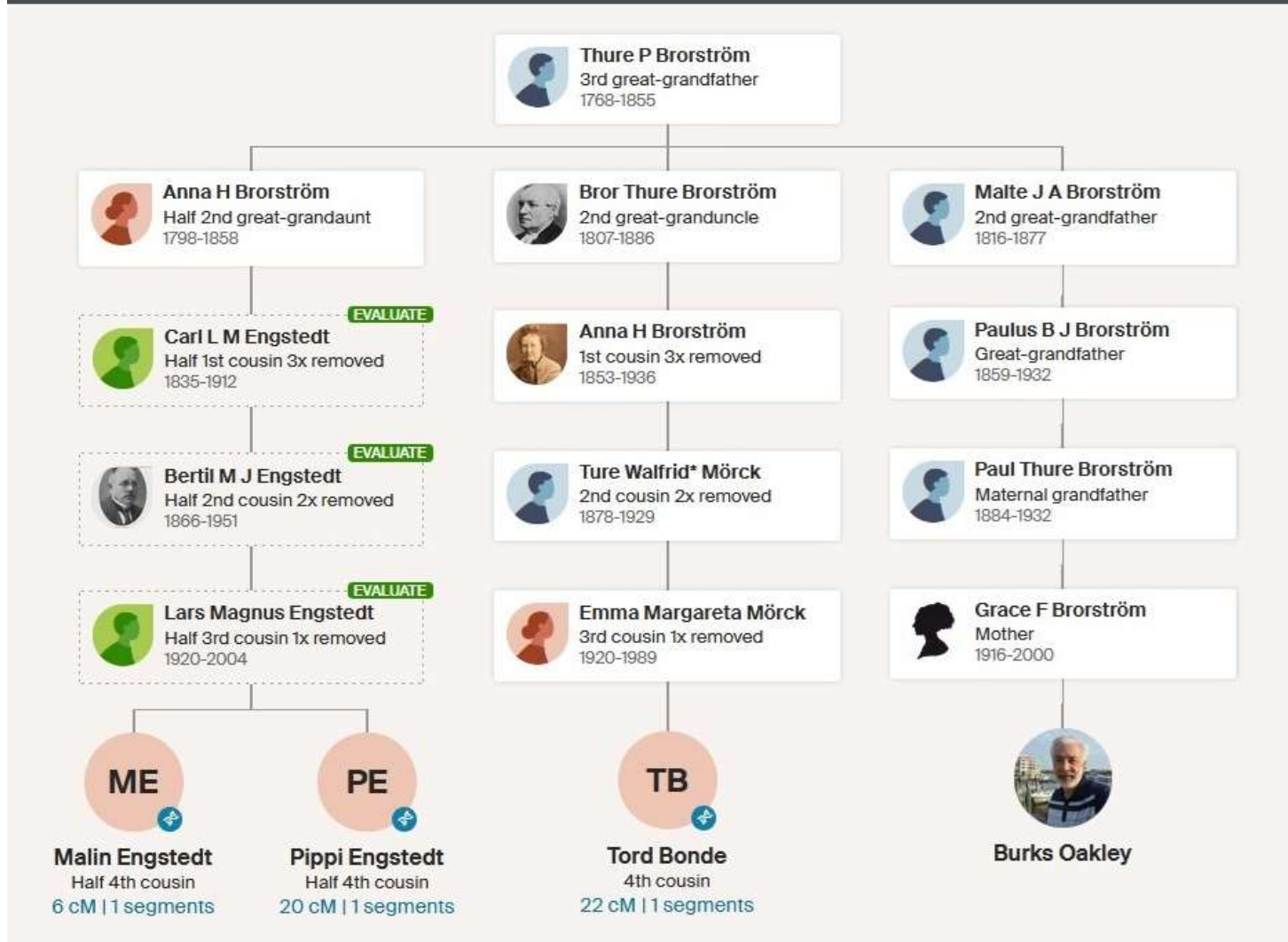
For completeness, I decided to look at my ThruLines® chart for Thure Petter Brorström. Here it is with all lines "closed":



Wow! This is really different than the charts for my first-cousins. Here is this chart with the lines "open":

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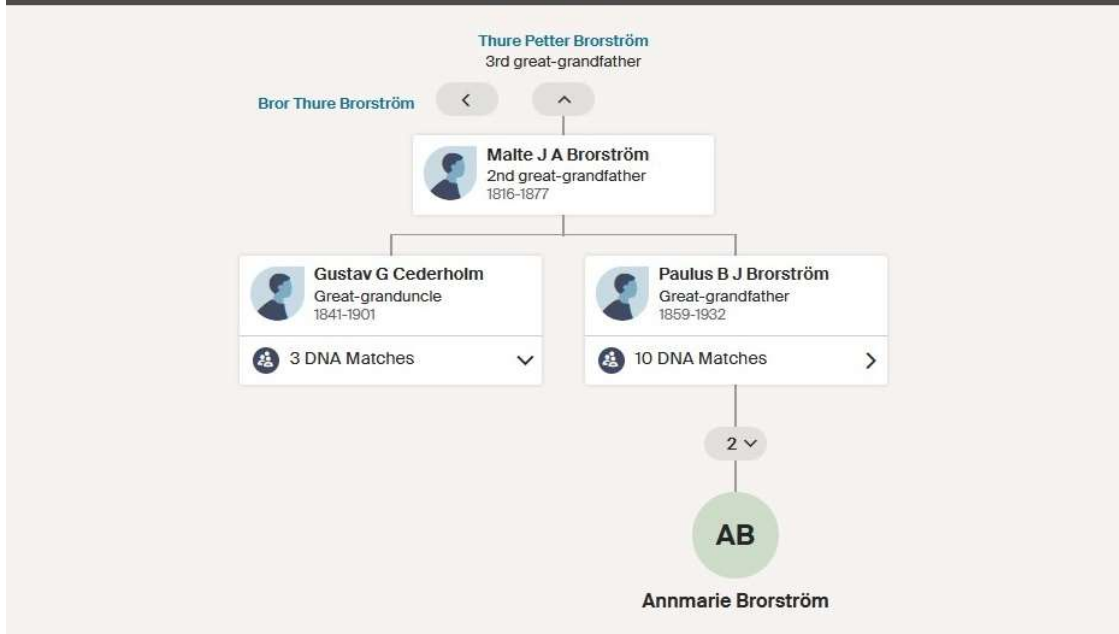


I have a new DNA match, and that is with Malin Engstedt, who is Pippi's sister. And then I have an entirely new DNA match with Tord Bonde, which goes back to Thure Petter Brorström through his son Bror Thure Brorström. Once again, the differences between all of our ThruLines® charts emphasizes the random ways in which autosomal DNA is inherited.

This randomness shows up in other parts of our family tree. For example, here is Anmarie's ThruLines® chart for Thure Petter Brorström, showing just the lines connecting back through Malte Brorström:

ThruLines® for Thure Petter Brorström

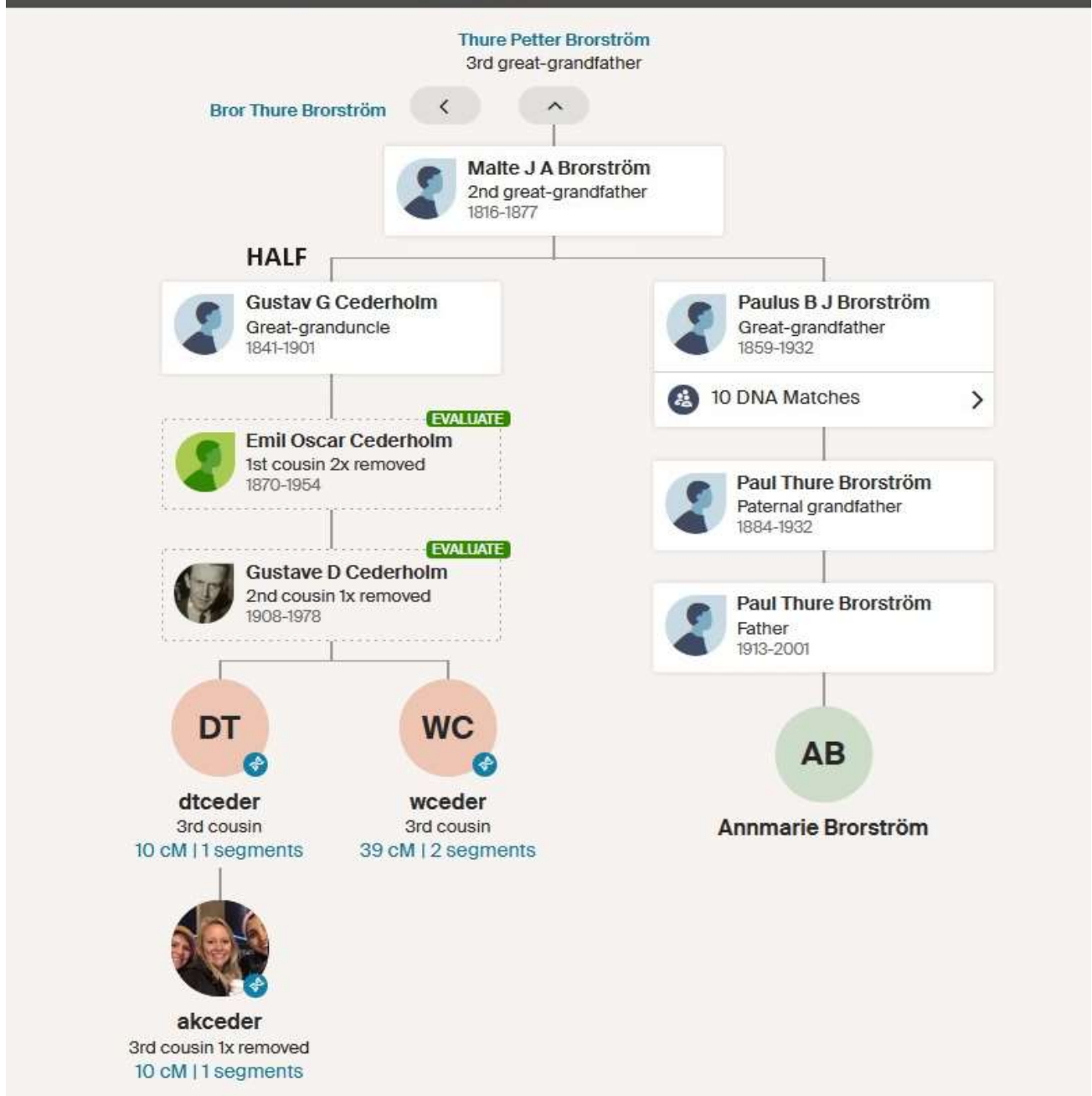
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And here is the ThruLines® chart with the *Cederholm* line open:

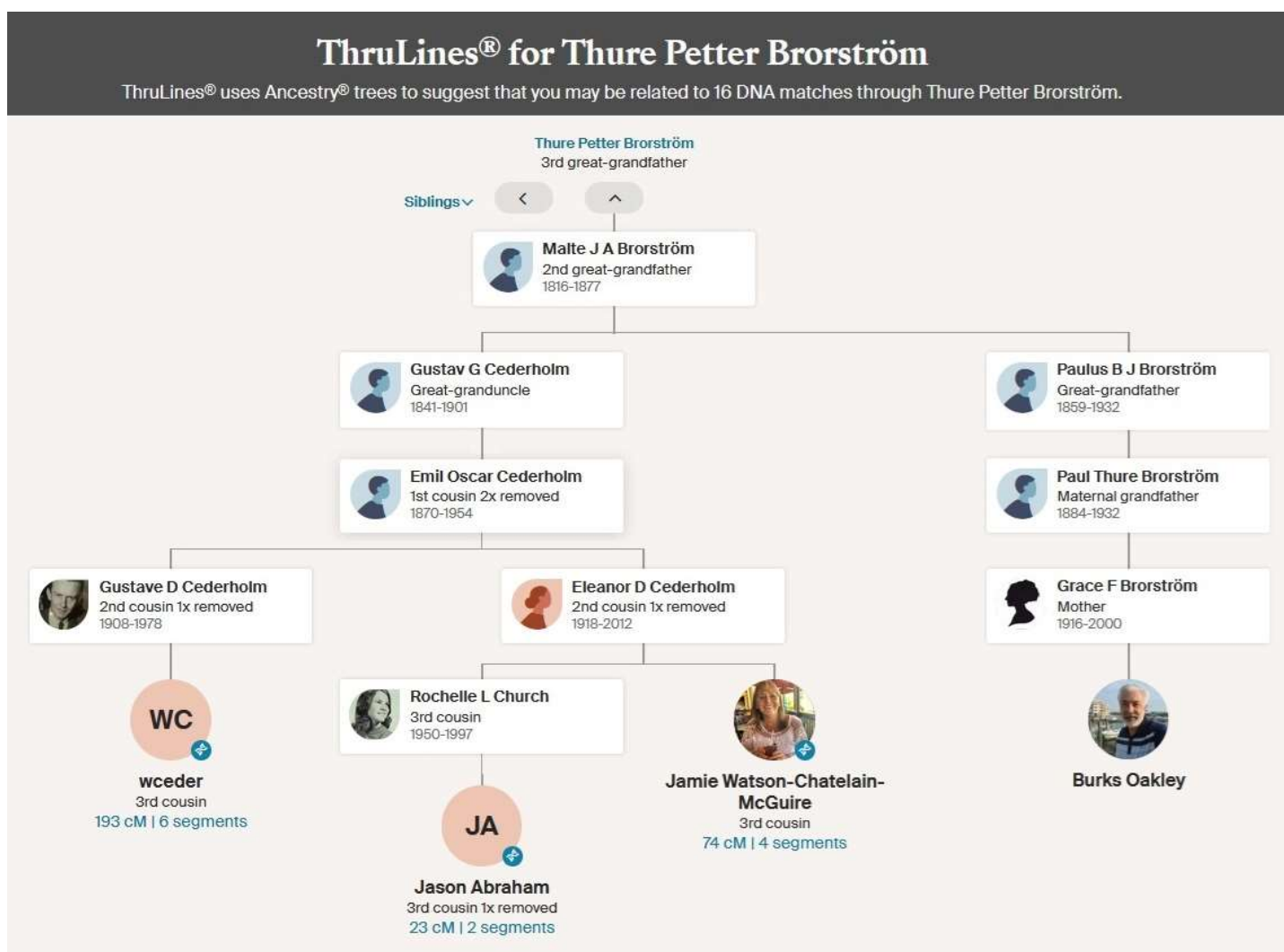
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This chart quite nicely shows Annmarie's DNA matches with David T. Cederholm, David's brother Walter Cederholm, and David's daughter Annie K. Cederholm.

But when I look at this part of MY ThruLines® chart, I see really different DNA matches:



I have the DNA match with Walter Cederholm, but I am missing the DNA matches with David T. Cederholm and David's daughter Annie. But I do have a DNA match with Walter's first-cousin Jamie Watson-Chatelain-McGuire, and with Jamie's sister's son, Jason Abraham. This difference is really quite amazing to me.

One last point to mention is that none of the DNA matches I have described in this narrative are with living male relatives having the surname of **Brorström**. In the USA, this surname has essentially disappeared from our branch of the family tree. And as I wrote previously, there are less than thirty adults in Sweden who have the surname of **Brorström**:

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