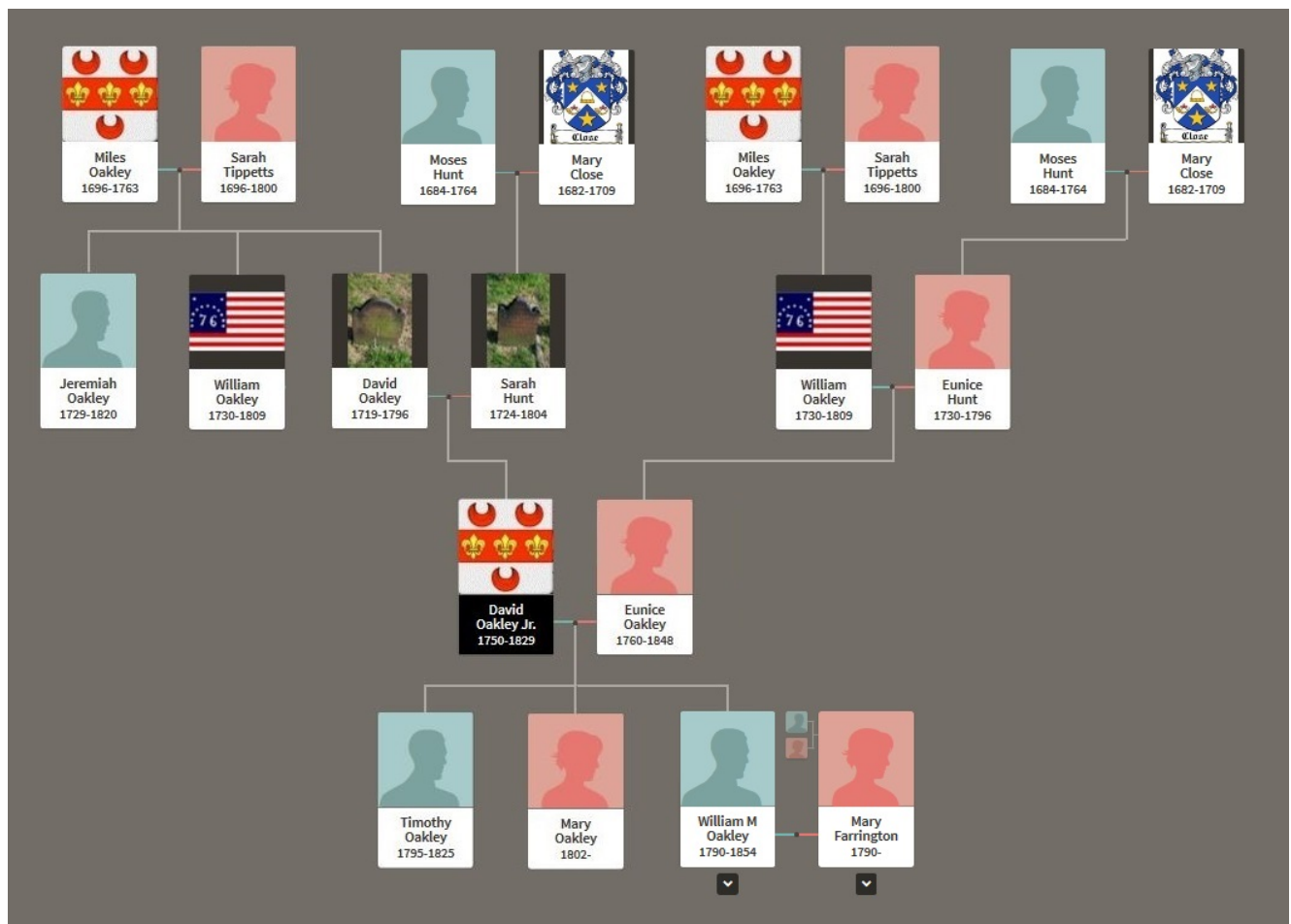


Chapter 33

David Oakley Jr. and Eunice Oakley: An Interesting Branch of the Oakley Family

One can learn some interesting things by looking at various **Oakley** family trees on the Ancestry.com website. For example, in the Borden/Hanlon Family Tree,¹ which is managed by Donna Pierro, we see our part of the Oakley family going back to the late 1600's in Westchester County, New York:



This family tree begins in the upper-left corner with Miles Oakley (1696-1763) and his wife Sarah Tippetts (1696-1800). These people were my 5th-great grandparents. Three of their sons are shown in the next generation: Jeremiah Oakley (1729-1820), William Oakley (1730-1809), and David Oakley (1719-

¹ <http://trees.ancestry.com/tree/25850611/family/>

1796). The “Quincy Oakleys” are descended from Jeremiah Oakley, who married Sarah Burr.

David Oakley married Sarah Hunt (1724-1804), who was a daughter of Moses Hunt and his wife Mary Close.

David Oakley and his wife Sarah Hunt had a son named David Oakley Jr. (1750-1829). David Oakley Jr. married Eunice Oakley (1760-1848), and they had a number of children, including sons Timothy Oakley (1795-1825) and William M. Oakley (1790-1854) and a daughter Mary Oakley (1802-).

Now let’s go back to the upper-right of this family tree. We see that William Oakley (a son of Miles Oakley and Sarah Tippetts) married Eunice Hunt (another daughter of Moses Hunt and Mary Close). Overall, we see that two brothers, David Oakley and William Oakley, married two sisters, Sarah Hunt and Eunice Hunt.

We also see that children of these two couples – David Oakley Jr. and Eunice Oakley – who were first cousins, married each other. David Jr. and Eunice had the same set of four grandparents. First cousins typically have one set of grandparents in common. In this case, they had both sets. I wonder, is there a term for this type cousin? I wonder if they would be genetically closer to siblings? And just imagine how much DNA they would have had in common!

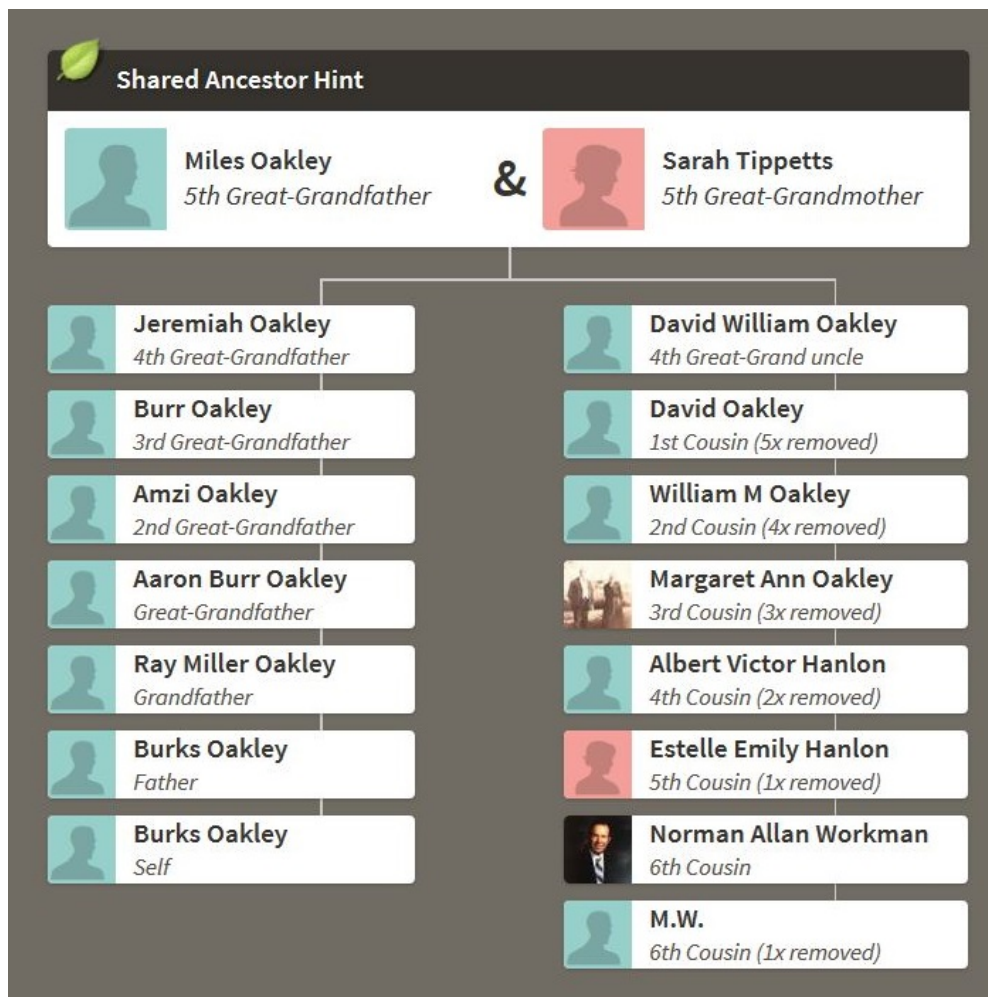
I had to **Google** this, and I found that they are called “double first cousins.” Double first cousins arise when two siblings of one family mate with two siblings of another family. The resulting children are related to each other through both of their parents and are thus doubly related. Double first cousins share both sets of grandparents and have twice the degree of consanguinity of ordinary first cousins; genetically, they are as related as half-siblings.

One can find several marriages of double first cousins in the Bourbon and Hapsburg pedigrees. For example, France’s King Louis XIII (son of King Henry IV and Maria de Medici) first married Anne (daughter of Philip III, King of Spain, and a Hapsburg). Meanwhile Louis XIII’s sister Elizabeth married Anne’s brother Philip IV, King of Spain. The Louis-Anne marriage produced Louis XIV, the Sun-King. His first wife was Maria Theresia, the product of the Elizabeth-Philip marriage.

As an aside, Maria Theresa Walburga Amalia Christina was the only female ruler of the Hapsburg dominions and the last of the House of Hapsburg.

Interestingly, David Jr. and Eunice each had a mother who was an aunt by marriage and a father who was an uncle by marriage. [Gosh, I hope I got that right.]

I have both my DNA profile and my family tree on the Ancestry.com website, and this site has software that regularly scans the family trees of all of my DNA matches to see if we share common ancestors. I actually have forty-six such “Shared Ancestor Hints”. One of them is with a man having the username of **M.W.** – we both are descended from Miles Oakley and Sarah Tippetts:



It suddenly dawned on me that **M.W.**'s line goes back through the double first cousins! William M. Oakley (1790-1854) was the son of David Oakley Jr. and his wife Eunice Oakley – the double first cousins.

When I examined **M.W.**'s complete family tree,² I found the following:

² <http://trees.ancestry.com/tree/70898869/family>



Yes, indeed, the information in **M.W.**'s tree matches the information in the Borden/Hanlon Family Tree: William M. Oakley (1790-1854) was the son of David Oakley Jr. and Eunice Oakley, and he married Mary Farrington (1790-1868).

William M. Oakley and Mary Farrington had a daughter, Margaret Ann Oakley, who was **M.W.**'s 2nd-great grandmother.

Like I wrote at the start of this narrative, one can learn some interesting things by looking at various Oakley family trees on the Ancestry.com website...