

Chapter 38

My DNA Matches with Descendants of James Alfred Burks and his wife Mary Jane Cameron Crawford

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Introduction

My paternal grandmother was Kate Cameron Burks (1873-1954), and it is from her family's surname that I was given my first name of Burks. Kate's parents were James Alfred Burks (1831-1900) and Mary Jane Cameron Crawford (1837-1902).

I'll begin this chapter with some background about this branch of the Burks family. James A. Burks was born on 3 May 1831 in Mercer County, Kentucky, near the Harrodsburg Springs – a noted health resort at the time. This resort offered mineral water, gambling, horse racing, and gala entertainment and was nicknamed the “Saratoga of the South.” But I digress...

On 1 January 1857, Jim Burks (as he was known to his friends) married Mary Jane Cameron Crawford in Johnson County, Indiana. Mary Jane was born on 1 September 1837 in Grayson County, Virginia. She was the daughter of Daniel Crawford (1816/7-1881), who went to California in his later years to search for gold. He apparently found a rich claim, but while travelling back east for a visit, he died mysteriously on a train near Grand Island, Nebraska, and he the location of his claim remained a secret. But I digress....

James A. Burks and his family appear in the 1870 U.S. Census:

1870 United States Federal Census for Paul Burks				
Iowa > Des Moines > Burlington Ward 6				
Name	Age	Sex	Race	Occupation
Burks, James	35	M	W	Painter
Mary	20	F	W	Keeping House
Maud	5	F	W	
Lola	3	F	W	
Paul	3/2	M	W	

They were living in Burlington, Des Moines County, Iowa, at the time. James (age 35) listed his occupation as “Painter”. I had always assumed that he was a house painter, so I was quite surprised to learn that he was an artist who painted in oils! [More about this in Appendix A.] Mary’s occupation was listed as “Keeping House”.

James Alfred and Mary Jane had nine children:

- Anna Laurie Burks (1857-1859)
- Frank Oscar Burks (1860-1865)
- Charles Terhune Burks (1863-1864)
- Maude Dehiter Burks (1865-1926)
- Lola Lisle Burks (1867-1942)
- Paul Dore Burks (1870-1948)
- Kate Cameron Burks (1873-1954)
- Mary F. Burks (1877-1938)
- Marshall Connor Burks (1881-1882)

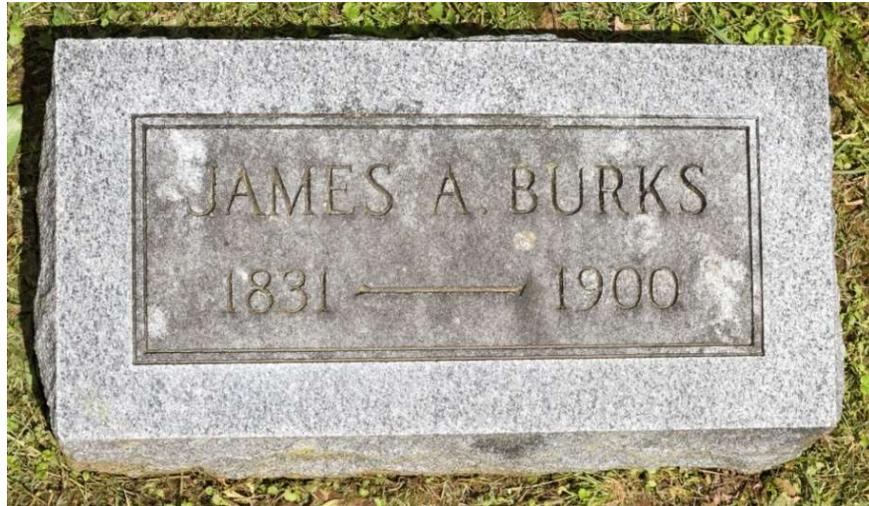
Life must have been difficult for James and Mary, as four of their nine children died before the age of five. Paul Dore Burks was the only one of their four sons who lived to adulthood. As an aside, Paul Dore Burks had two daughters, so that was the end of the Burks surname in this branch of the family.

James and Mary moved around quite a bit. Maude was born in 1865 in Marshall, Illinois (due south of Paris, Illinois). Lola was born in 1867 in Peoria, Illinois. Paul was born in 1870 in Des Moines, Iowa. Their last three children were born in Burlington, Iowa, in 1873, 1877, and 1881.

In the early 1880’s, the family moved to Keokuk, Iowa. And by 1887, they had moved to Quincy, Illinois. James A. Burks appeared in the 1887-88 Quincy Illinois Directory, published by H.N. Stone and Company.

The family was still living in Quincy at the time of the 1900 U.S. Census. But by this time, Paul (age 30) was listed as the head of the household. Paul’s father James A. Burks (age 69) was listed as paralyzed. Others in the household included Paul’s mother Mary (age 62) and Paul’s sisters Maude (age 35) and Marie/Mary (age 22). Lola Lisle Burks had married Johann “John” Hettich in Quincy in 1896, and Kate Cameron Burks had married Ray Miller Oakley in 1897, so neither of them were included in this household in 1900.

James A. Burks died on 12 November 1900, shortly after appearing in the US Census. And Mary died in late 1902 at the age of 65. They are buried in Greenmount Cemetery in Quincy.



As far as I can tell, just three of their children married – Lola, Paul, and Kate.

Maude died on 16 February 1926 in Oakland, California, at the age of 61, and Mary/Marie died on 17 July 1938 in Oakland, California, at the age of 60. How did these two unmarried sisters (Maude and Mary/Marie) end up in Oakland, California?

As an aside, California must have been a big draw for this family, since Paul Dore Burks lived much of his adult life in Los Angeles and San Diego, and Lola Lisle Burks died in El Cajon, California. But I digress yet again ...

With all of this as background, I now will describe DNA matches that I have with descendants of the three Burks children who did marry: Paul Dore Burks, Lola Lisle Burks, and Kate Cameron Burks.

DNA Matches with Descendants of Kate Cameron Burks

In Chapter 37, I covered my DNA matches with the “Quincy Oakleys” who are descendants of Kate Cameron Burks. To refresh your memory, I have DNA matches with my cousins Hal Oakley, Mark Eidem, and Jake Oakley, as well as my daughter Amy Oakley.

DNA Match with mikecasconegmailcom

The Ancestry.com website lists my DNA matches in order of size – from largest to smallest. Here is a screenshot showing two of my larger DNA matches (with many others omitted from this list):

The screenshot displays the AncestryDNA results for Burks Oakley, categorized as 3rd Cousins. It lists two matches:

- J.O. (managed by ginnyoak)**: Possible range: 3rd - 4th cousins, Confidence: Extremely High, No family tree, View Match.
- mikecasconegmailcom**: Possible range: 3rd - 4th cousins, Confidence: Extremely High, 10 people, View Match.

At the level of a 3rd-cousin, I have DNA matches with **J.O.** (Jake Oakley, who is my first-cousin twice-removed) and with **mikecasconegmailcom**. Since I have such a large DNA match with **mikecasconegmailcom**, I decided to see if I could figure out who he is and how we are related.

Some details about my DNA match with *mikecasconemailcom* are shown in the following screenshot:

The screenshot shows a match profile for 'mikecasconemailcom'. At the top, there is a breadcrumb trail: 'AncestryDNA Home > Member Matches for Burks Oakley'. The profile includes a star icon, a teal silhouette icon, and the name 'mikecasconemailcom' in bold. Below the name, it says 'Member since 2013, last logged in Aug 12, 2018'. A DNA double helix icon is next to the text 'Predicted relationship: 3rd Cousins'. Below this, it says 'Possible range: 3rd - 4th cousins (What does this mean?)'. A green progress bar is followed by the text 'Confidence: Extremely High' and an information icon. A dark grey callout box points to the information icon and contains the text: 'Amount of Shared DNA', '106 centimorgans shared across 8 DNA segments'.

We share 106 cM across 8 DNA segments. Recall that a centiMorgan (abbreviated cM) is a measure of the length of a DNA match; one centiMorgan is approximately one-million base pairs in length. Based on the size of this DNA match, Ancestry.com predicts that we could be as close as third-cousins.

I looked at the list of individuals who share this DNA match with *mikecasconemailcom* and me:

Shared matches with mikecasconemailcom

PARENT/CHILD



Amy Oakley

Possible range: Parent, Child - immediate family member

Confidence: Extremely High

1,901 people

[View Match](#)

2ND COUSIN



Hal Oakley

Possible range: 1st - 2nd cousins

Confidence: Extremely High

3 people

[View Match](#)

3RD COUSIN



nsn94

Possible range:

Confidence:

One of my top DNA matches - 135 cM shared across 9 DNA segments. Shared Matches with Hal Oakley, Mark Eidem, and Jake Oakley, so this must be a match on the OAKLEY side of my family. His father was born in 1907, so he must be an older man. Possibly some BURKS matches - worth looking into. 10Jun18.

2 people

[View Match](#)

I learned that we share this match with my daughter Amy and my first-cousin once-removed Hal Oakley. And we also share this match with a man having the username of **nsn94**. While I didn't know anything about my relationship with **nsn94** at the time, I previously had noted that he was possibly a Burks family relative.

I then went on to look at the family tree that **mikecasconemailcom** has on the Ancestry.com website:



I was initially disappointed that he only has his parents and grandparents in his family tree. But wait, his maternal grandmother was Velma Burke – what if her surname was really Burks, and not Burke? That certainly would provide a connection between our family lines.

mikecasconemailcom only has minimal information about Velma Burke in his family tree:



Velma Burke

Vital Events (2 of 2 timeline events)

Birth	1910
Death	1972

Parents

 **No Father**
? - ?

 **No Mother**
? - ?

Spouse and Children

 **Homer Smith**
1903 - 1976

 **Private**
? - ?

According to his tree, Velma was born in 1910 and died in 1972, and she was married to Homer Smith (1903-1976).

On a whim, I looked at the RootsMagic database that I have on my computer, which contains my entire family tree. OMG – I have a Velma Margaret Burks (1902-1975) in my family tree:

RootsMagic 6 - [C:\Users\Burks\Desktop\BurksOakleyll_genealogy_master.rmgc]

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Velma Margaret Burks

Spouses: 1 ▼ b: 21 Aug 1902 in Quincy, Adams, Illinois, United States

Parents: 1 ▼ m: 15 Jun 1923 in Los Angeles, Los Angeles, California, United States (age 20)
d: 21 Dec 1975 in San Diego County, California, United States (age 73)

Pedigree Family Descendants People WebSearch Timeline

Father: 1
Homer J. Smith
b: 15 Dec 1895, California
m: 15 Jun 1923, Los Angeles, Los Angeles, California, United States
d: , Escondido, San Diego, California, United States

Mother: 1
Velma Margaret Burks
b: 21 Aug 1902, Quincy, Adams, Illinois, United States
d: 21 Dec 1975, San Diego County, California, United States

Father's Parents:
+ Click to add father
+ Click to add mother

Mother's Parents:
Paul Dore Burks
Rosena Dorthea "Rose" Brogle

And she was married to Homer J. Smith (1895-)! While the dates associated with Velma and Homer are different in my family tree than in the tree that **mikecasconemailcom** has on Ancestry.com, this has to be the same couple.

The Velma Margaret Burks in my family tree was born in Quincy, Illinois, and was the daughter of Paul Dore Burks (1870-1948) and his wife Rosena Dorthea "Rose" Brogle (1881-1961). Paul Dore Burks was an older brother of my grandmother, Kate Cameron Burks (1873-1954). Recall that Paul Dore Burks was the only son of James Alfred Burks and his wife Mary Jane Cameron Crawford to live to adulthood.

I searched on the Ancestry.com website for more information about Velma Burks. She actually appears in a number of family trees – here are just a few:

Member Tree	Name	Parents
<p>Next Of Kin</p> <p>Public Member Tree 5 attached records, 6 sources</p>	<p>Velma Margaret Burks</p> <p>Birth: 21 Aug 1902 - Adams County (Adams), USA Death: 21 Dec 1975 - Escondido, San Diego, California Marriage: 14 Jun 1923 - Los Angeles, CA (California) Spouse: Homer J Smith</p>	<p>F: Paul Dore Burks M: Rosena Dorthea Brogle</p>
<p>Money Family File 2017</p> <p>Public Member Tree 1 attached record, 1 source</p>	<p>Velma Margaret Burks</p> <p>Birth: Aug 21, 1902 (21 Aug 1902) - Adams County (Adams), USA Death: Dec 21, 1975 (21 Dec 1975) - Escondido, San Diego County (San Diego), California, USA Marriage: Jun 15, 1923 (15 Jun 1923) - Los Angeles, Los Angeles County (Los Angeles), California, USA Spouse: Homer Joyce Smith</p>	<p>F: (Name Unknown) M: (Name Unknown)</p>
<p>BurksBurton Family Tree</p> <p>Public Member Tree 6 attached records, 7 sources</p>	<p>Velma M Burks</p> <p>Birth: 21 Aug 1902 Death: 21 Dec 1975 - Escondido, San Diego, California, USA Spouse: Homer Smith</p>	<p>F: Paul Doree Burks M: Rosena Dorthea Brogle</p>
<p>Laine Elliott Family Tree</p> <p>Public Member Tree 3 attached records, 4 sources</p>	<p>Velma Margaret Burks</p> <p>Birth: 21Aug1902 Death: 21Dec1975 - Escondido, San Diego, California Marriage: 15Jun1923 - Los Angeles, Los Angeles, California Spouse: Homer J Smith</p>	<p>F: Paul Dore Burks M: (Name Unknown)</p>
<p>Shade Family 2017</p> <p>Public Member Tree 4 attached records, 4 sources</p>	<p>Velma M Burks</p> <p>Birth: 21 Aug 1902 Death: 21 Dec 1975 - Escondido, San Diego, California, USA Spouse: Homer Joyce Smith</p>	<p>F: (Name Unknown) M: (Name Unknown)</p>
<p>EASTER FAMILY1</p> <p>Public Member Tree 4 attached records, 4 sources</p>	<p>Velma Margaret Burks</p> <p>Birth: 21 Aug 1902 - USA Death: Dec 1975 - Escondido, San Diego, California, USA Spouse: Homer Joyce Smith</p>	<p>F: (Name Unknown) M: (Name Unknown)</p>
<p>Trent Conyers</p> <p>Public Member Tree 7 attached records, 15 sources</p>	<p>Velma Margaret Burks</p> <p>Birth: 21 Aug 1902 - Adams Death: 21 Dec 1975 - Escondido, San Diego, California, United States Marriage: 14 Jun 1923 - Los Angeles, CA (California) Spouse: Homer Joyce Smith</p>	<p>F: Paul Dore Burks M: Rosena Dorothea Brogle</p>

The first hit shown above was the “Next Of Kin” family tree, which is owned by a woman having the username of *TwoOldSisters*. Here is the entry for Velma Margaret Burks from that tree:

Next Of Kin **TwoOldSisters**

Velma Margaret Burks
BIRTH 21 AUG 1902 • Quincy, Adams County, Illinois, USA
DEATH 21 DEC 1975 • Escondido, San Diego, California

Name and gender

1902 (AGE) 8
Birth
21 Aug 1902 • Quincy, Adams County, Illinois, USA
4 Sources

1910 8
Residence
1910 • San Diego Ward 1, San Diego, California, USA
Marital Status: Single; Relation to Head of House: Daughter
1 Source

1915 12
Birth of Sister Pauline Louise Burks (1915–1994)
14 Jul 1915 • San Diego, San Diego, California

1923 20
Marriage
14 JUN 1923 • Los Angeles, CA
Homer J Smith (1895–1981)

Parents

Paul Dore Burks 1870–1948

Rosena Dorthea Brogle 1881–1961

Siblings

Spouse & Children

Homer J Smith 1895–1981

Myrtle Belle Smith 1925–2002

Carol Smith 1933–

This reference has the same dates and locations for Velma Burks that I have in my family tree. As an aside, I should mention that I have a DNA match with *TwoOldSisters* – she also is a Burks family descendant and her family tree is a great resource for Burks family information.

The reference to Velma Burks on the “Next Of Kin” family tree also shows her in the 1910 US Census as a seven-year old living with her parents Paul D. Burks and Rose D. Burks in San Diego:

1910 United States Federal Census for Velma M Burks
California > San Diego > San Diego Ward 1 > District 0143

Name	Relation	Sex	Race	Age	Marital St	Years Mar	Children	Children	Birthplace	Father's Birthplace	Mother's Birthplace	Immigrat	Naturaliz	Speaks English	Occupation	Industry
Velma M. Burks	Wife	F	W	37	M	9	1	0	Illinois	Illinois	Illinois			English	Representative of H. Schools	

It also shows her in the 1940 U.S. Census as a 37-year old (Velma Smith – her married name) living in Los Angeles, California, with her husband Homer Smith and daughters Myrtle Belle and Carol:

1940 United States Federal Census for Velma Smith
California > Los Angeles > Los Angeles > 60-1055

Line No.	Street	House No	Visited Ne	Home Ow	Home Value	Farm	Name	Relation	Code A	Sex	Race	Age	Marital St	Attended	Grade	Code B	Birthplace	Code C	Citizensh	City
10	2687	68	0	5000			Smith, Homer	Husband	M	W	44	M	Mar	11	11		Illinois			Same Home
11							Velma	Wife	F	W	37	M	Mar	11	11		Illinois			Same Home
12							Myrtle Belle	Daughter	F	W	15	5	Un	11	11		California			Same Home
13							Carol	Daughter	F	W	7	5	Un	11	11		California			Same Home

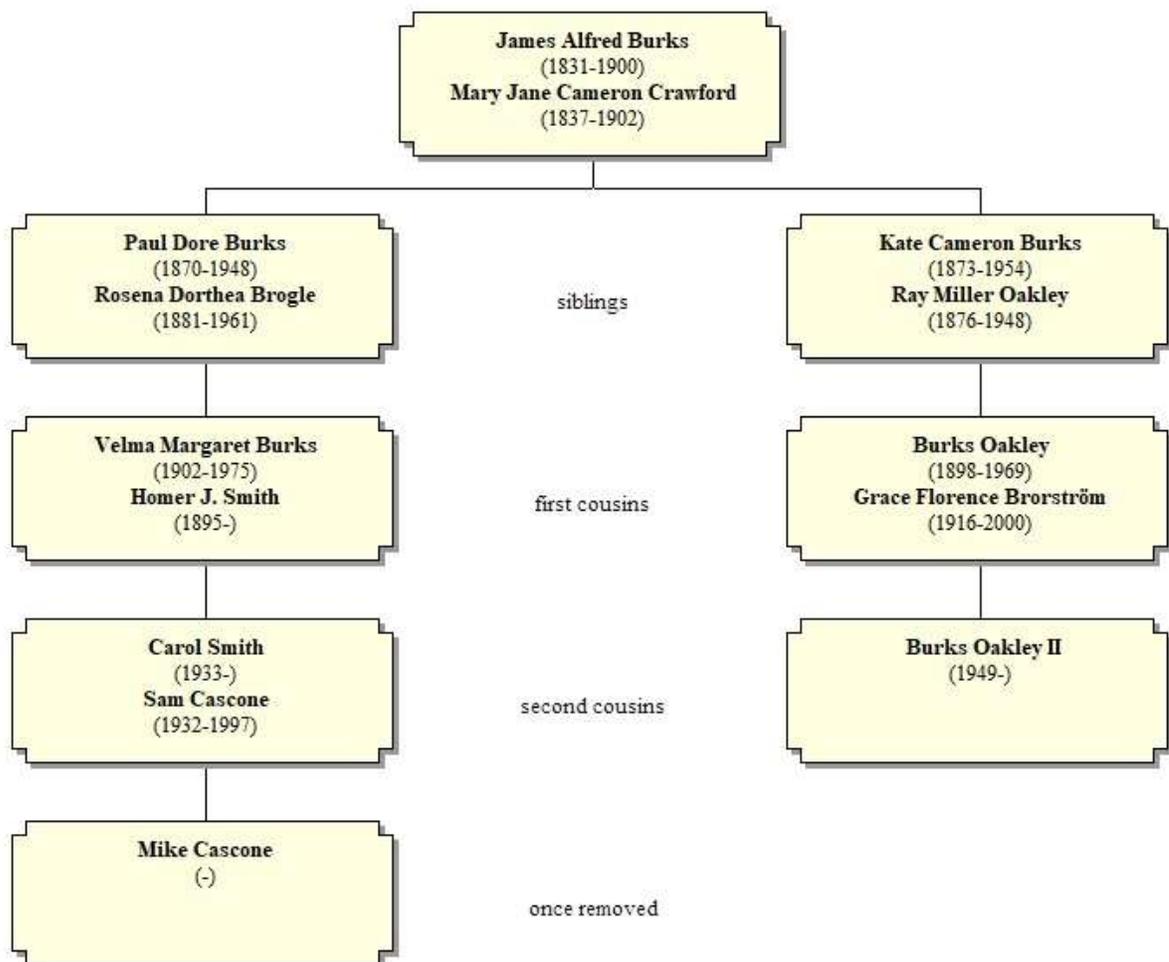
The entry for Homer J. Smith in the “Next Of Kin” family tree also show his draft registration card from World War Two:

REGISTRATION CARD—(Men born on or after April 28, 1877 and on or before February 16, 1897)

SERIAL NUMBER U 376	1. NAME (Print) Homer Joyce Smith (First) (Middle) (Last)	ORDER NUMBER
2. PLACE OF RESIDENCE (Print) 2687 Locksley Place Los Angeles Cal (Number and street) (Town, township, village, or city) (County) (State)		
3. MAILING ADDRESS Same (Mailing address if other than place indicated on line 2. If same insert word same)		
4. TELEPHONE NO 6978 (Exchange) (Number)	5. AGE IN YEARS 46 DATE OF BIRTH Dec 15 1895 (Mo.) (Day) (Yr)	6. PLACE OF BIRTH Kansas City (Town or county) (State or country)
7. NAME AND ADDRESS OF PERSON WHO WILL ALWAYS KNOW YOUR ADDRESS Frank Crabbs 826 No Normandie Los Angeles Cal		
8. EMPLOYER'S NAME AND ADDRESS Superior Products Co		
9. PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT OR BUSINESS 351 North Ave 21 Los Angeles Cal (Number and street or R. F. D. number) (Town) (County) (State)		
I AFFIRM THAT I HAVE VERIFIED ABOVE ANSWERS AND THAT THEY ARE TRUE.		
D. S. S. Form 1 (Revised 4-1-42)	(over)	16-21630-2 Homer J. Smith (Registrant's signature)

Amazing to see all of the historical information on the Ancestry.com website!!

At this point, I was 99% convinced that Velma Burke in Mike Cascone's family tree was really Velma Burks, the daughter of Paul Dore Burks. Assuming that this is the case, then Mike Cascone and I are second-cousins once-removed (2C1R), as shown in the following chart:



The noted genetic genealogist Blaine Bettinger found in a 2016 study that 2C1R average 129 cM of shared DNA, so my match with Mike Cascone (106 cM) is very close to this average.

While I am 99% confident that the relationship shown above is correct, it would be nice to have Mike Cascone confirm all this. But to date, he has not returned my messages (e-mail sent to mikecascone@gmail.com, as well as a note sent through the message system on Ancestry.com). It would be great to have some additional proof of a Burks family relationship. Stay tuned...

Revisiting nsn94

Recall that the DNA match that I have with **mikecasconegmailcom** on Ancestry.com is shared with several other individuals, including Amy Oakley, Hal Oakley, and a man having the username of **nsn94**:



← AncestryDNA Home > Member Matches for Burks Oakley

Shared matches with mikecasconegmailcom

PARENT/CHILD

- ★ **Amy Oakley**
Possible range: Parent, Child - immediate family member ⓘ
Confidence: Extremely High
1,901 people
[View Match](#)

2ND COUSIN

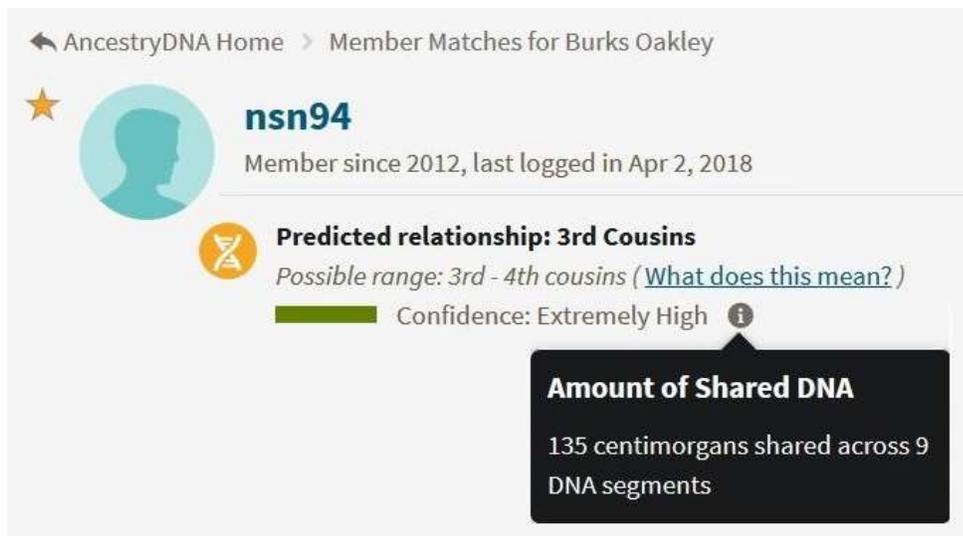
- ★ **Hal Oakley**
Possible range: 1st - 2nd cousins ⓘ
Confidence: Extremely High
3 people
[View Match](#)

3RD COUSIN

- ★ **nsn94** ⓘ
Possible range: 3rd - 4th cousins ⓘ
Confidence: Extremely High
2 people
[View Match](#)

One of my top DNA matches - 135 cM shared across 9 DNA segments. Shared Matches with Hal Oakley, Mark Eidem, and Jake Oakley, so this must be a match on the OAKLEY side of my family. His father was born in 1907, so he must be an older man. Possibly some BURKS matches - worth looking into. 10Jun18.

If I could show that **nsn94** was a Burks family relative, that would give me a lot more confidence in Mike Cascone also being a Burks descendant. So I went back and took another look at **nsn94**. He and I share 135 cM across 9 DNA segments:



← AncestryDNA Home > Member Matches for Burks Oakley

★ **nsn94**
Member since 2012, last logged in Apr 2, 2018

Predicted relationship: 3rd Cousins
Possible range: 3rd - 4th cousins ([What does this mean?](#))
Confidence: Extremely High ⓘ

Amount of Shared DNA
135 centimorgans shared across 9 DNA segments

nsn94 and I share our DNA match with Hal Oakley, Mark Eidem (**eidem67**), Jake Oakley (**J.O.**), and **mikecasconemailcom**:

← AncestryDNA Home > Member Matches for Burks Oakley

Shared matches with nsn94

2ND COUSIN

- ★ **Hal Oakley**
Possible range: 1st - 2nd cousins ?
Confidence: Extremely High  **3 people**
[View Match](#)
- ★ **eidem67** 
Possible range: 1st - 2nd cousins ?
Confidence: Extremely High  **145 people**
[View Match](#)

3RD COUSIN

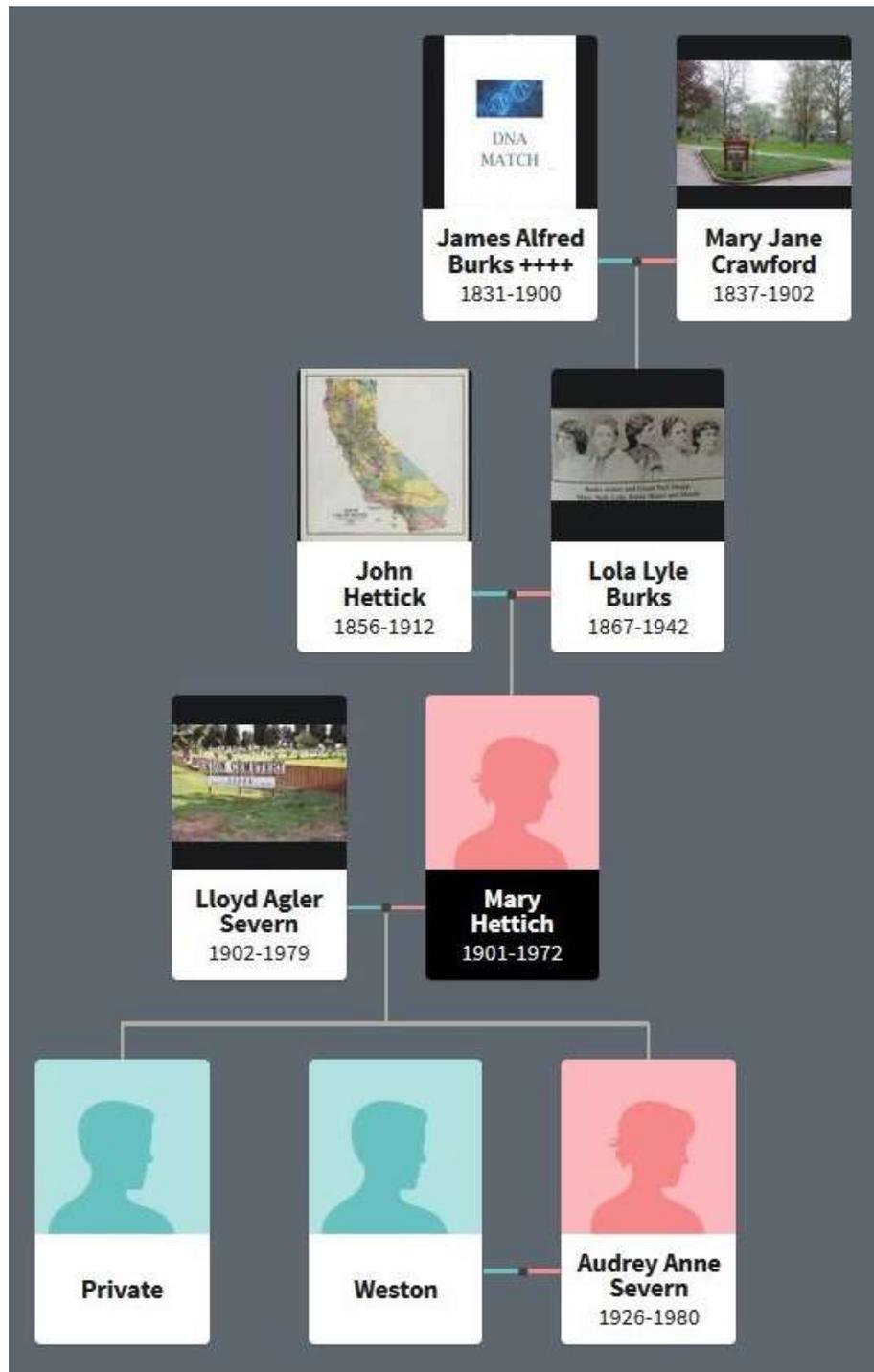
- ★ **J.O. (managed by ginnyoak)** 
Possible range: 3rd - 4th cousins ?
Confidence: Extremely High  **No family tree**
[View Match](#)
- ★ **mikecasconemailcom** 
Possible range: 3rd - 4th cousins ?
Confidence: Extremely High  **10 people**
[View Match](#)

Unfortunately, **nsn94** only has his father, Lloyd Agler Severn (1902-1979), in his family tree:



Wow, this isn't much to go on. I tried tracing the Severn family line back but struck out finding a Burks family connection. Since I had just looked at the family tree of **TwoOldSisters**, which I realized was a great source of Burks family information, I

looked at it and searched for the name Severn – and OMG (once again), I found Lloyd Agler Severn:



Lloyd's wife was Mary Hettich (1901-1972), and she was a daughter of Lola Lyle Burks (1867-1942). Of course, Lola Lyle Burks was an older sister of my grandmother, Kate Cameron Burks.

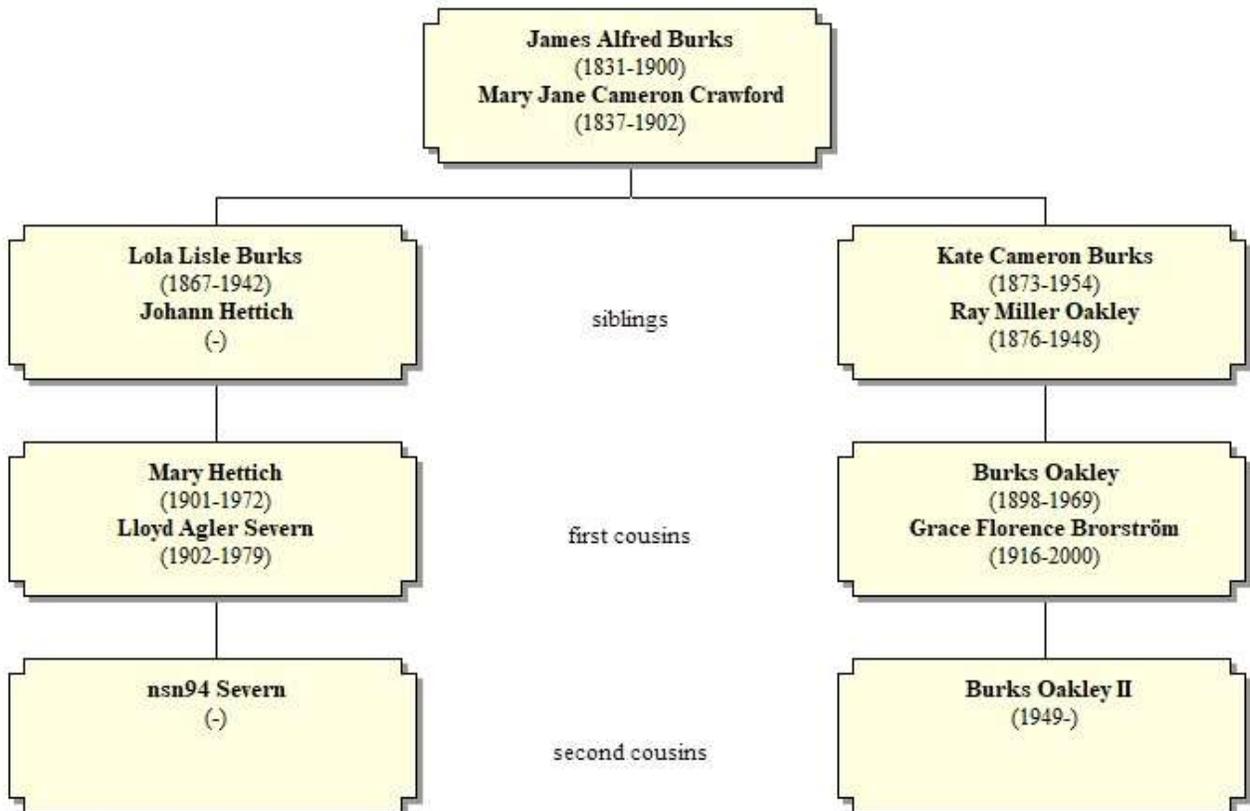
nsn94 has to be the man marked “Private” in the lower-left corner of the chart shown above. And indeed, he is a Burks descendant – a great-grandson of James Alfred Burks and his wife Mary Jane Crawford.

As an aside, Lola and Kate appear in the classic photo of the Burks sisters in Hal Oakley’s book about Allen Miller Oakley:



Burks sisters and friend Nell Shupp:
Mary, Nell, Lola, Kittie (Kate) and Maude

My relationship with **nsn94** is shown in the following chart:



nsn94 and I are second-cousins (2C). In Blaine Bettinger’s study of shared DNA, he found that 2C average 238 cM, with a range of 43-504 cM. So my DNA match with **nsn94** (135 cM) is below-average, but well within the range found by the Bettinger study.

The fact that **nsn94**, **mikecasconemailcom**, and I all share a common segment of DNA, is strong support of my genealogical record for the Burks family.

But who is **nsn94**? Again, his father, Lloyd Agler Severn appears in the “Next Of Kin” family tree. His record includes the 1940 US Census, where it lists his son as Lloyd Severn:

Lloyd A Severn in the 1940 United States Federal Census		
Name:	Lloyd A Severn	
Age:	38	
Estimated Birth Year:	abt 1902	
Gender:	Male	
Race:	White	
Birthplace:	California	
Marital Status:	Married	
Relation to Head of House:	Head	
Home in 1940:	Berkeley, Alameda, California	
Map of Home in 1940:	View Map	
Street:	Bonita Street	
House Number:	20141/2	
Household Members:	Name	Age
	Lloyd A Severn	38
	Mary Severn	38
	Audrey Severn	13
	Lloyd Severn	10

The son Lloyd was 10 years old at the time, meaning that he was born in 1930 and is currently 88 years old. I have tried contacting him through the message system on the Ancestry.com website, but he has not responded.

Rebecca Post – Yet Another Burks Relative with a DNA Match

I routinely look at my top DNA matches on the Ancestry.com website, which are listed in order of size from largest to smallest; the largest DNA matches are with my closest relatives, while the smallest DNA matches are with very distant cousins. In October 2018, I found a new DNA match with a woman named Rebecca Post:

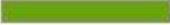


AncestryDNA Results for Burks Oakley

4TH COUSIN

  **Rebecca Post** 

Possible range: 4th - 6th cousins 

Confidence: Extremely High 

 Unlinked Tree

View Match

Based on the size of our DNA match, Ancestry.com estimated that we could be as close as fourth-cousins.

I next examined the details of my DNA match with Rebecca Post:



[← AncestryDNA Home](#) > [Member Matches for Burks Oakley](#)

  **Rebecca Post**
Washington State - Member since 2018, last logged in today

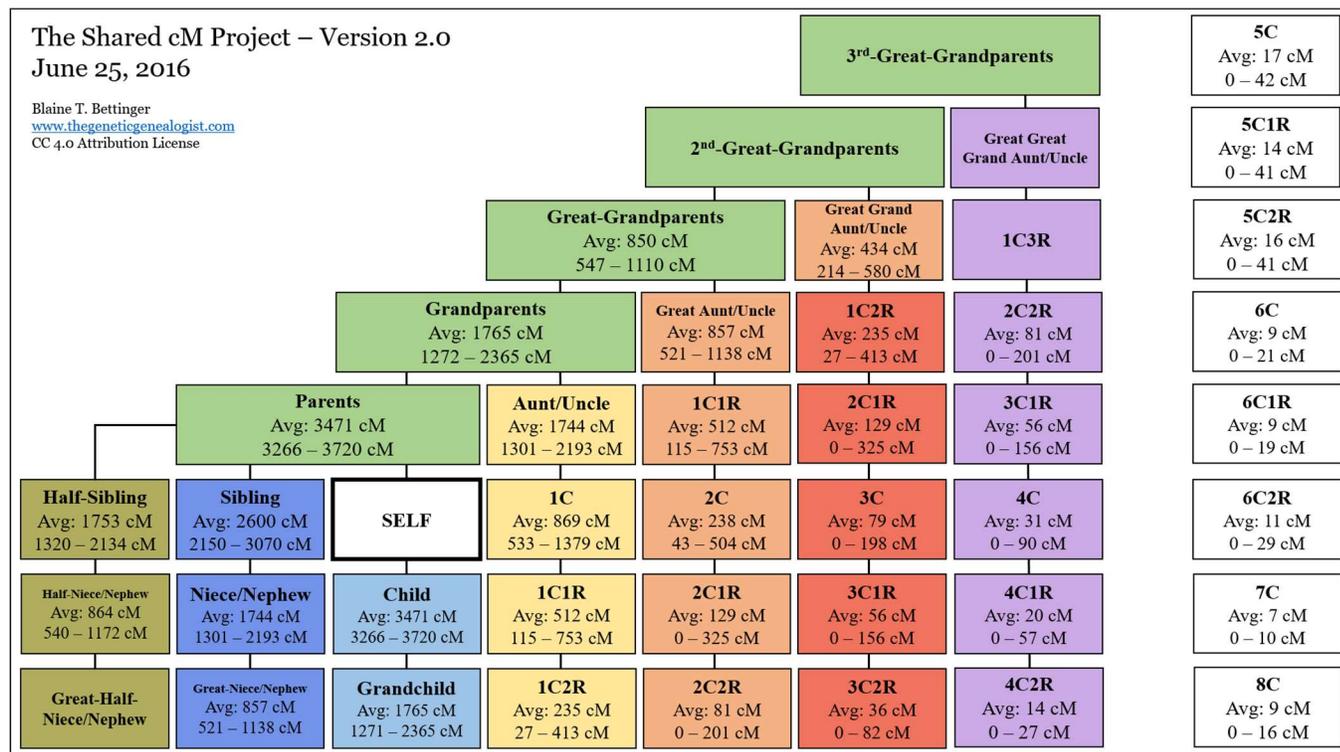
 **Predicted relationship: 4th Cousins**
Possible range: 4th - 6th cousins ([What does this mean?](#))

 Confidence: Extremely High 

Amount of Shared DNA
71 centimorgans shared across 5 DNA segments

Rebecca and I share 71 cM across 5 DNA segments.

In 2016, the noted genetic genealogist Blaine Bettinger published the results of a study in which he examined the size of DNA matches between individuals with a known relationship. These results are summarized in the following chart:



According to Bettinger’s chart, the size of my DNA match with Rebecca (71 cM) means that we could be as close as third-cousins (3C) or even second-cousins once-removed (2C1R).

I next looked at the family tree that Rebecca has on the Ancestry.com website:



Rebecca's family tree only shows her father, Joseph William Post (1920-2009), so this doesn't provide much help in figuring out how we are related.

The Ancestry.com website also has a feature called "Shared Matches"; for my DNA match with Rebecca, this feature lists all of the people that we both match on the same DNA segment. If we both match individual A, then it means that Rebecca, individual A, and I all are descended from the same person (the source of our matching DNA segment).

The following screenshot shows several of the DNA matches that I share with Rebecca Post:

← AncestryDNA Home > Member Matches for Burks Oakley

Shared matches with Rebecca Post

2ND COUSIN

- Hal Oakley**
Possible range: 1st - 2nd cousins ⓘ
Confidence: Extremely High
 3 people
[View Match](#)
- eidem67** ⓘ
Possible range: 1st - 2nd cousins ⓘ
Confidence: Extremely High
 145 people
[View Match](#)

3RD COUSIN

- nsn94** ⓘ
Possible range: 3rd - 4th cousins ⓘ
Confidence: Extremely High
 2 people
[View Match](#)

I learned that Rebecca and I share DNA matches with Hal Oakley and Mark Eidem (**eidem67**). Hal and Mark are my first-cousins once-removed (1C1R) on my father's side of the family. Hal is a grandson of my father's brother Thomas Crawford Oakley (1909-1969), while Mark is a grandson of my father's brother William Burr Oakley

(1903-1985). Putting this together, Hal, Mark, and I are all descended from Ray M. Oakley and his wife Kate Cameron Burks. The fact that Rebecca and I share DNA matches with Hal and Mark means that she must be descended from one of the ancestors of Ray or Kate.

Rebecca and I also have Shared DNA Matches with a man having the username of **nsn94**, who I believe is Lloyd Agler Severn Jr. Earlier in this chapter, I documented that he is a descendant of Lola Lisle Burks (1867-1942). Lola Lyle Burks was an older sister of my grandmother, Kate Cameron Burks. The fact that Rebecca and I share a DNA match with **nsn94** means that Rebecca Post has to be descended from one of the ancestors of Kate Cameron Burks.

Rebecca and I also share DNA matches with a number of other individuals who I believe (or know) are also Burks family descendants. These individuals include **Heather hdeschene**, **Jerry scoggan**, **rlburks26**, **M.B.** (managed by MarkCorrison), **kgranzella** (maiden name Burks), and **C.V.** (managed by NormaBurksVaughn).

At this point in my pursuit to figure out how Rebecca and I are related, I sent her a message using the message system on the Ancestry.com website. In part, I wrote:

I see we have a DNA match here on the Ancestry.com website. We have Shared DNA Matches with a number of my BURKS family relatives. You don't have a family tree on Ancestry.com. Do you know your BURKS family pedigree?

Rebecca replied right away

Hello Cousin - My sister and I are just starting this adventure. I am on the road right now headed back to Washington state where I live. My grandfather, Paul Hettich, did a great deal of genealogy and I will look up the Burks when I get home.

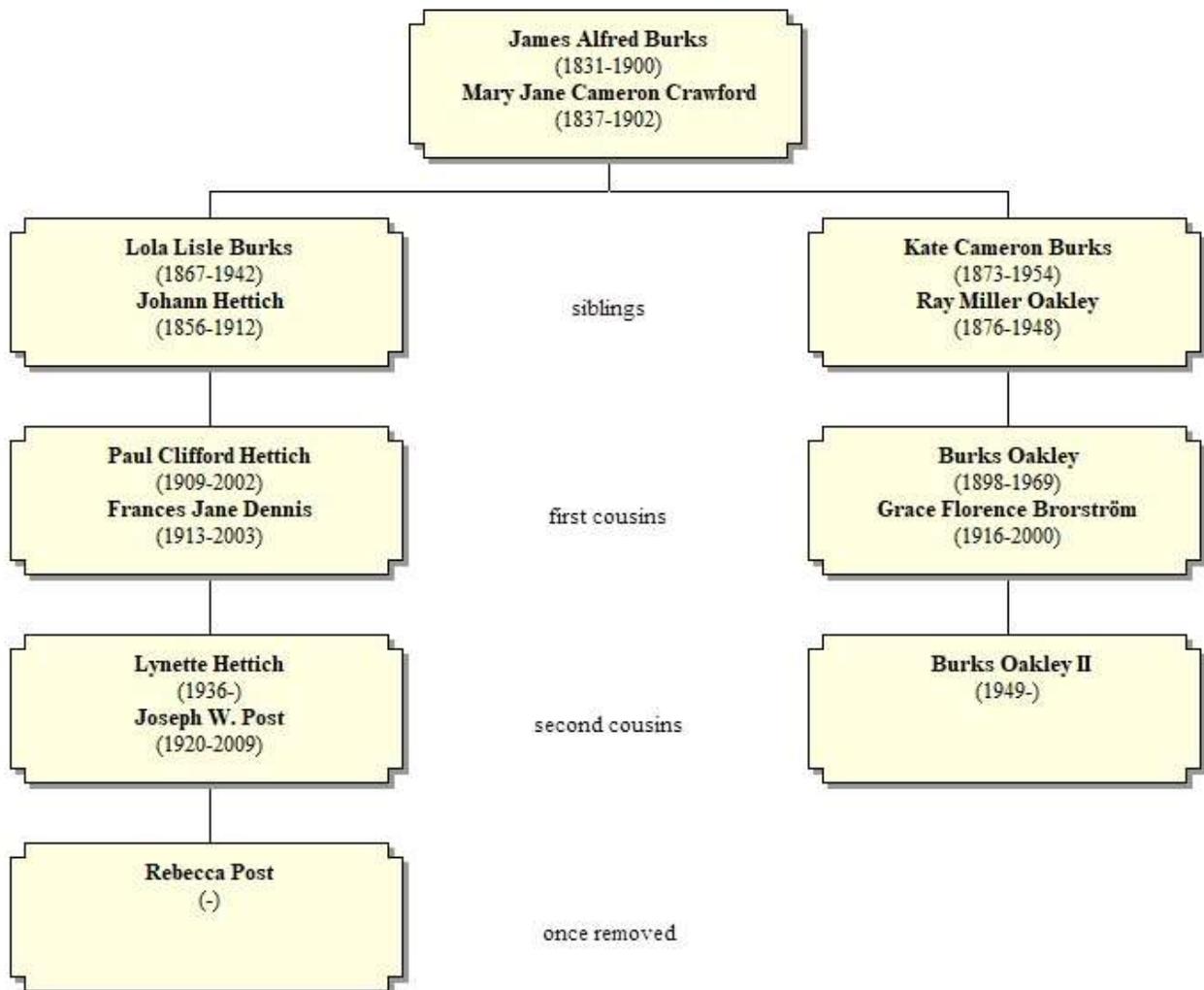
OMG – Paul Hettich (1909-2002) was a son of Lola Lisle Burks! My mother and I actually visited him in Big Sur, California, in the late 1970's. Paul Hettich was my father's first-cousin.

I looked at the family tree that I have on my computer, and I was amazed to see that I had Rebecca's father, Joseph W. Post, in this tree:

Name	Sex	Born	Birth Place	Died	Death Place
1 - James Alfred Burks	M	3 May 1831	Grapevine Creek, Mercer Co., Kentucky	12 Nov 1900	Quincy, Adams, Illinois, United States
+Mary Jane Cameron Crawford	F	1 Sep 1837	Grayson County, Virginia	26 Dec 1902	Quincy, Adams, Illinois, United States
2 - Anna Laurie Burks	F	17 Oct 1857		5 Oct 1859	
2 - Frank Oscar Burks	M	27 Sep 1860		30 Dec 1865	
2 - Charles Terhune Burks	M	30 Apr 1863		22 Feb 1864	
2 - Maude Dehiter Burks	F	9 Jan 1865	Marshall, Clark, Illinois, United States	16 Feb 1926	Oakland, Calif.
2 - Lola Lisle Burks	F	15 Jan 1867	Peoria, Peoria, Illinois, United States	9 Jun 1942	El Cajon, California
+Johann Hettich	M				
3 - John Hettich	M	abt 1897			
3 - Mary Hettich	F	1901		1972	
+Lloyd Agler Severn	M	1902		1979	
4 - nsn94 Severn	M				
3 - Paul Clifford Hettich	M	7 May 1909		20 Feb 2002	Sonoma, Sonoma, California, United States
+Frances Jane Dennis	F		California		
4 - Beverly Hettich	F	abt 1934	California		
4 - Lynette Hettich	F	26 Jan 1936	Alameda, California, United States		
+Joseph W. Post	M	abt 1920			
+Patrick D. Ballard	M	abt 1932			

Joseph was married to Lynette Hettich (born 1936), and Lynette was a daughter of Paul Hettich and therefore a granddaughter of Lola Lisle Burks.

I added Rebecca to my family tree as the daughter of Lynette Hettich and Joseph W. Post. Here is a chart showing how Rebecca and I are related:



Rebecca and I are second-cousins once-removed (2C1R).

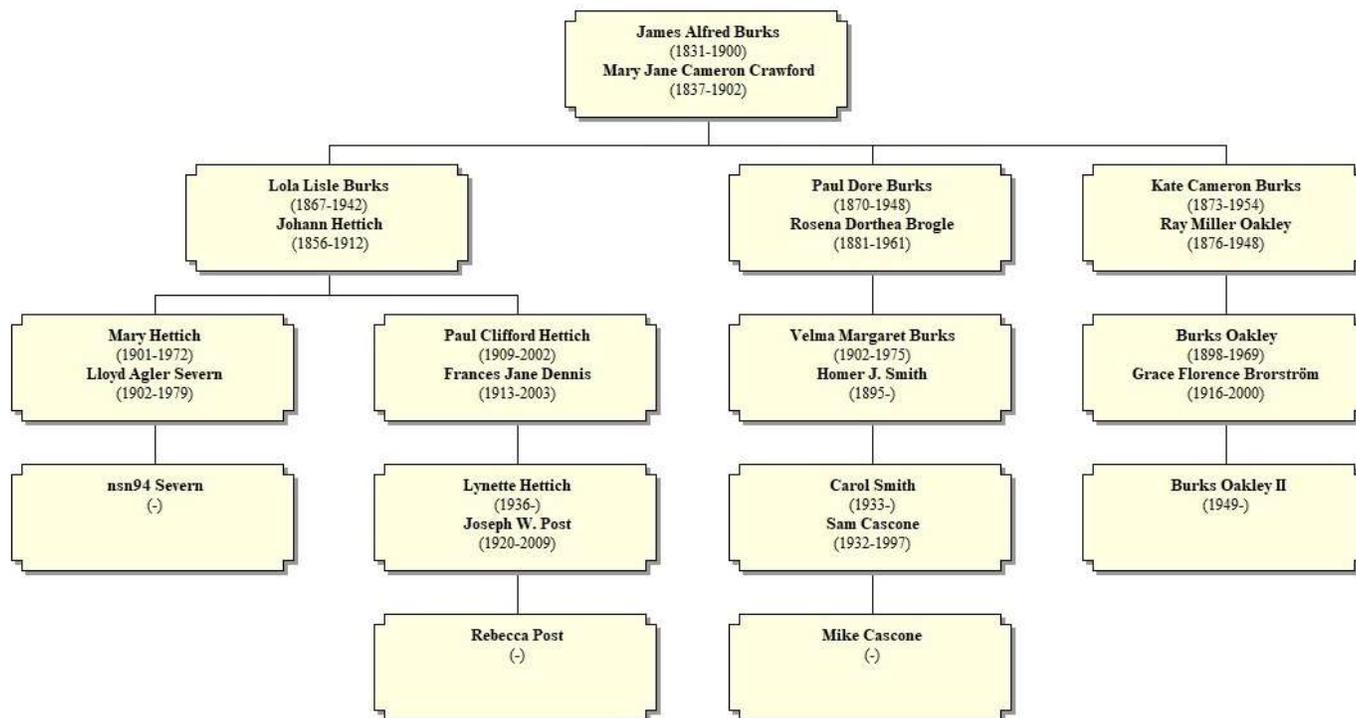
The 2016 Bettinger study found that 2C1R average 129 cM of shared DNA, with a range of 0 to 325 cM. My DNA match with Rebecca of 71 cM is smaller than average, but certainly within the observed range.

I also note from my family tree that Lynette Hettich was a first-cousin of Lloyd Agler Severn Jr. (*nsn94*), meaning that Rebecca and Lloyd are first-cousins once-removed (1C1R). So I predict that Rebecca and Lloyd will have a rather large DNA match.

Conclusion

In this narrative, I provided some details about the family of my great-grandparents, James Alfred Burks and Mary Jane Cameron Crawford. I then documented my DNA matches with living descendants of this couple. The first DNA match was with Mike Cascone, who is descended from James Alfred Burks and his wife Mary Jane Cameron Crawford through their son Paul Dore Burks. Mike and I are second-cousins once-removed. The second DNA match is with a man having the username of **nsn94** – and my guess is that he is Lloyd Agler Severn Jr. He is descended from James Alfred Burks and his wife Mary Jane Cameron Crawford through their daughter Lola Lisle Burks. Lloyd Agler Severn Jr. and I are second-cousins. The third and final DNA match was with Rebecca Post, who is my second-cousin once-removed. Like Lloyd Agler Severn Jr., he is descended from Lola Lisle Burks. Interestingly, I found that Rebecca's parents were already in my family tree; this tree is based on a database that Hal Oakley gave me about a decade ago, and some of Hal's tree was based on my father's genealogical research. Isn't it nice when the genetics (the DNA matches) support the genealogical record (the family tree)!

The DNA matches that I have described in this chapter provide strong support for the family tree shown below:



I find it amazing that the technology on the Ancestry.com website is able to identify DNA matches with distant cousins, and that users have access to family trees that help connect the dots and solve the puzzle of how DNA matches are related. The DNA doesn't lie.

Random Musings

As I have noted elsewhere, it is interesting to see how the Cameron and Crawford names have been used in the "Quincy Oakley" family. I'll mention it all again here.

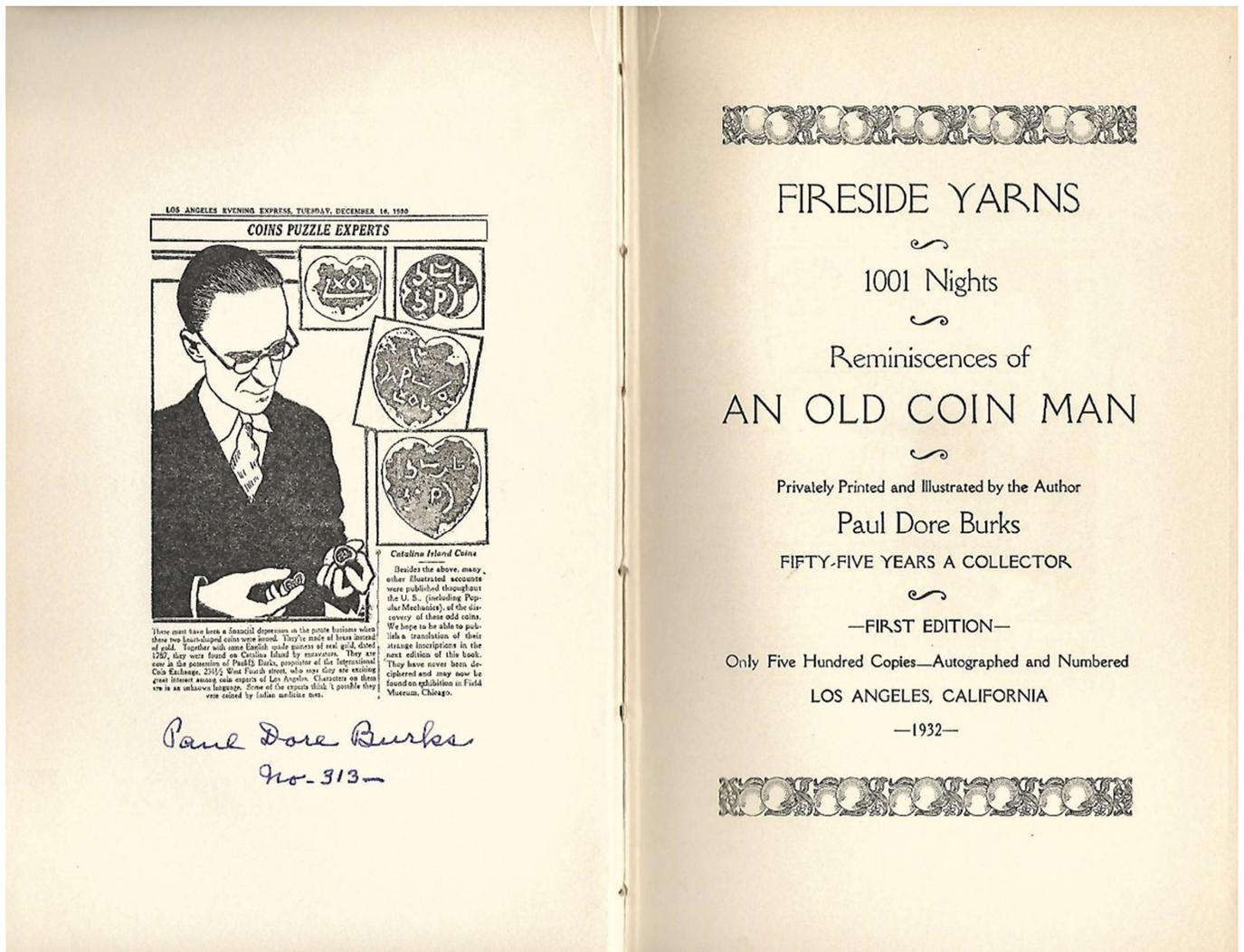
James A. Burks married Mary Jane Cameron Crawford. They named one of their daughters Kate Cameron Burks (my grandmother). Kate named one of her sons Thomas Crawford Oakley, and one of his grandsons was named Thomas Crawford Oakley II. Another one of Kate's sons was William Burr Oakley, and he named his daughter Mary Cameron Oakley. In turn, she named one of her sons Mark Cameron Eidem. My first-cousin David R. Oakley has a granddaughter named Cameron Crawford Oakley. And I'm sure that nobody reading this treatise will be surprised to learn that my first-cousin Thomas A. Oakley has a great-granddaughter named Cameron Lyle Van Ness.

Appendix A – Paul Dore Burks

In this narrative, I found that Mike Cascone is a great-grandson of Paul Dore Burks (and Paul Dore Burks was an older brother of my grandmother, Kate Cameron Burks). In 1932, Paul Dore Burks published a book entitled “Fireside Yarns – 1001 Nights – Reminiscences of an Old Coin Man”. A few years ago, I purchased a copy of this book from Amazon.com – in fact, a copy is still for sale on this site:

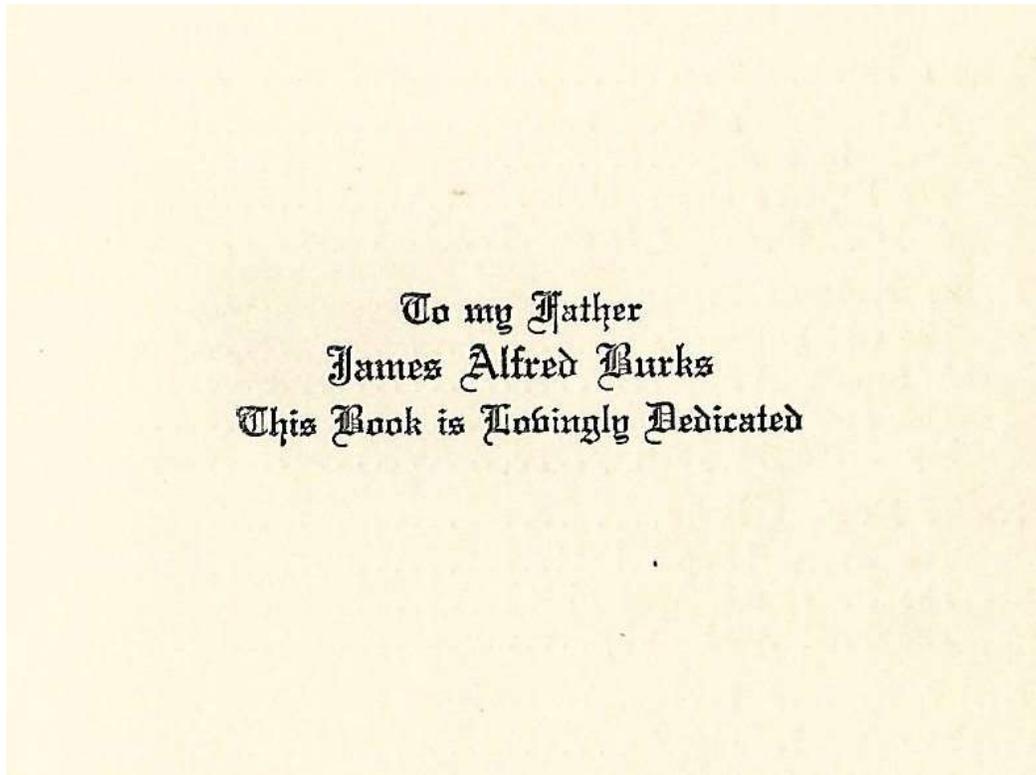
<https://www.amazon.com/Fireside-Yarns-Nights-Reminiscences-Signed/dp/B00JIGQ8YE>

Here is a scan of the title page:



Note that this book is autographed by the author, who was my great-uncle (technically, the term is grand-uncle).

Here is the dedication page:



Finally, the Introduction to this book is on the following four pages – well worth reading this bit of our family history.

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The Old Coin Man has been a collector nearly all his life, at any rate since way back in 1876, the One Hundredth Anniversary of the Signing of the Declaration of Independence, when he was but six years of age. He probably inherited the instinct from his father, James Alfred Burks, who had been interested in various hobbies, since early youth.

Jim Burks, as he was called by his many friends and acquaintances, was known far and wide as a collector of most anything in the collecting line, including of course both stamps and coins. It therefore seems exceedingly appropriate that this series of Fireside Yarns, should be dedicated to his memory, especially as they were originally told during 1931, the one hundredth anniversary of his birth.

He first saw the light of day on the third of May of the year 1831, in a little old log cabin, in Mercer County, Kentucky, near the Harrodsburgh Springs, a noted health resort. He married Mary Jane Crawford, a native of Grayson County, Virginia, who was born in 1837. She was the daughter of Daniel Crawford, a pioneer California gold seeker, who was born in Wythe County, Virginia, in 1816. From his letters he must have discovered a rich claim, as he spoke of finding nuggets as big as the end of his thumb, but while returning for a visit he died mysteriously, on the train as it was nearing Grand Island, Nebraska, and his body was removed and buried there. By his untimely death the location of his claim and personal property has always remained a secret, as only a few trinkets as well as dollars were found upon his person, when the coroner examined the remains.

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Only one son out of nine children born to the couple, lived through childhood, he being named after the noted artist, Paul Gustave Dore. The father being a painter in oil, whose creditable works of art were eagerly purchased by residents of the community, doubtless wished his son to follow in his footsteps, and that the name might inspire him to become a real artist.

From early boyhood Jim Burks had been a great reader, obtaining most of his education through that source, and among many other things took up the study of geology. The son never missed an opportunity to accompany him on his frequent expeditions, in search of specimens along that line. Such rare and unusual objects of prehistoric days, were only to be found in certain sections of the country, one of the favored few being Burlington, Iowa, where the son was born, April 5, 1870.

The stone quarries of this locality, afforded a valuable source of supply for the many rare collections of fossils, secured and arranged through the combined efforts of father and son. These were eagerly purchased by two prominent local geologists, Enoch May and Prof. Chas. Waxmouth. Mr. May's son was connected with the San Diego Gas & Electric Corporation, a few years ago, while Prof. Waxmouth was known the world over as an authority, and author of many works on geology. When this great scientist passed away, several car-loads of specimens, which were still on hand, were shipped to Smithsonian Institution according to his wishes.

While on expeditions in search of fossils, many fine Indian relics were found, which were also formed into collections and sold.

In the course of time many interesting hobbies were indulged in, by father and son, who grew to be real chums as years went by. Much pleasure was experienced through collecting and studying some of the many things they became interested in. Some of these were very unusual, as the following partial list will disclose:

Rare coins and stamps, books, papers, pamphlets, pictures, pictorial Civil War covers, almanacs, political documents and election tickets, campaign buttons and badges, nuts, fruit can labels, eye glasses, tobacco tags,

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advertising cards, bird eggs, mounted birds, sea shells and antique furniture.

When the family moved to Keokuk, Iowa, June 22, 1882, this writer's first collection of U. S. stamps, was either lost or stolen, for it never reached its destination. Though this was a terrible disappointment to the young philatelist, a new collection was started immediately, part of which is still in his possession. The family then moved to Quincy, Illinois, where they remained for twenty-three years, and the son became a printer, and was editor and proprietor of a weekly paper, when he became of age. This paper, during the course of five years became a daily and was finally sold to a political organization. During this time he became acquainted with Frederic Haskin, the Internationally known writer, who is now the head of the Bureau of Information, Washington, D. C., who at that time was publishing a Quincy newspaper. When Mr. Haskin discontinued his paper, to travel abroad, in search of matter to be used in syndicate newspaper articles, he sold part of his printing material to yours truly, the writer of these lines, who continued in the printing line until 1905, when he accepted a lucrative position with the International Correspondence Schools. After twelve years with this institution he re-entered the printing business in San Diego, where he took up his residence March 10, 1906, and residing there until 1921 when he came to Los Angeles. While in San Diego he spent some time as editor and advertising manager of Temple Tidings, a Masonic paper.

On arriving in Los Angeles he entered the printing business, on Main street, and during July, 1925, while exhibiting a few coins from his collection in one of the show windows, a young man approached him with some coins to sell. These were purchased at the price at which they were offered and placed in a pile beside the others, in the window. Soon another gentleman entered and asked if any of the coins were for sale. The poorest half of the ones just purchased were offered and quickly purchased at the price the entire lot had cost. Both buyer and seller were so well pleased that from that time on, the printing business was a secondary consideration. The International Coin and Stamp Exchange,

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had its origin at that particular time. From then on coins were placed on sale, plainly marked, which soon attracted many buyers, as well as others who wished to sell. He was soon kept busy from morning till night, mostly in giving free information to callers, although the sales gradually increased, until quite a business was being done.

Readers of this volume can readily understand, the hundreds of interesting incidents, that must have come to the attention of the Old Coin Man, during the years he has been a dealer. Day after day, and year after year the public continued to call, possibly 50,000 or more, each with something, more or less of interest, many with odd stories of coins, stamps or curios.

Of course these cannot all be vouched for as true, but are at least interesting. It would be impossible to run them all down, even if the writer had either the time or inclination to do so. They may be called part fact, part fiction, with some adventure, to make them interesting to those who do not collect. As the number increases the quality will no doubt improve, at least that is the aim of this writer.

If the yarns appearing in this series please the public, another volume will soon appear. They are far from being perfect, but when *Night One Thousand and One* appears in the far distant future, the author hopes it will please every person who reads it. This of course seems impossible, but who can tell? The impossible might in that day and age become possible.

If the goal of *One Thousand and One* is not reached, during the life time of the Old Coin Man, he hopes that Pauline will continue where he left off, with yarns that were told her in years gone by, before it was decided to put them in type, for the pleasure of the future generations.

THE AUTHOR.

Paul Dore Burks and his wife Rosena Dorthea "Rose" Burks are buried in Forest Lawn Memorial Park in Glendale, California. They are listed on the Find-A-Grave website:

<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/137982139/paul-dore-burks>

Paul Dore Burks

Birth 5 Apr 1870

Burlington, Des Moines County, Iowa, USA

Death 10 Jul 1948 (aged 78)

Los Angeles, Los Angeles County, California, USA

Burial

Forest Lawn Memorial Park (Glendale)

Glendale, Los Angeles County, California, USA

Plot Liberty, Map 1, Lot 1706, Space 3

<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/85358858/rosena-dorthea-burks>

Rosena Dorthea "Rose" Burks

Birth 12 Jun 1881

Illinois, USA

Death 7 Apr 1961 (aged 79)

Los Angeles, Los Angeles County, California, USA

Burial

Forest Lawn Memorial Park (Glendale)

Glendale, Los Angeles County, California, USA

Plot Liberty, Map 1, Lot 1706, Space 7

Appendix B – Lola Lisle Burks

In this narrative, I found that Lloyd Agler Severn Sr. was married to Mary Hettich (1901-1972). In turn, Mary's mother was Lola Lyle Burks (1867-1942). In searching for information about Lola Lyle Burks Hettich, I was surprised to see that she also published several books – about crocheting!

The Online Books Page

Online Books by

Lola Burks Hettich

Books from the extended shelves:

 Hettich, Lola Burks: *The Priscilla crochet book; a selection of useful articles from the Modern Priscilla with several new designs never before published; ed. by Lola Burks Hettich.* (Boston, Mass., The Priscilla publishing company, 1908) (page images at HathiTrust)

 Hettich, Lola Burks: *Priscilla wool crochet book:* (Boston, Mass., The Priscilla publishing company, c1912) (page images at HathiTrust)

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These two books have been digitized by the Hathi Trust and can be downloaded in PDF format. Here are screenshots of the two cover pages:

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LOLA BURKS HETTICH

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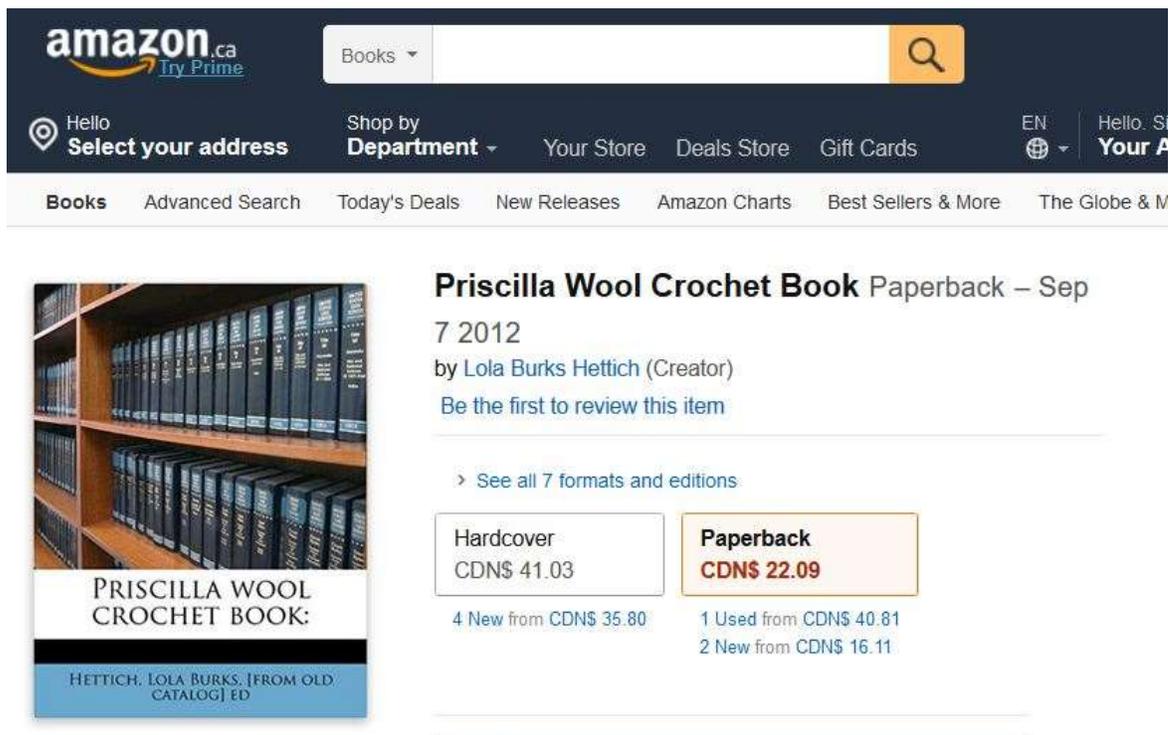
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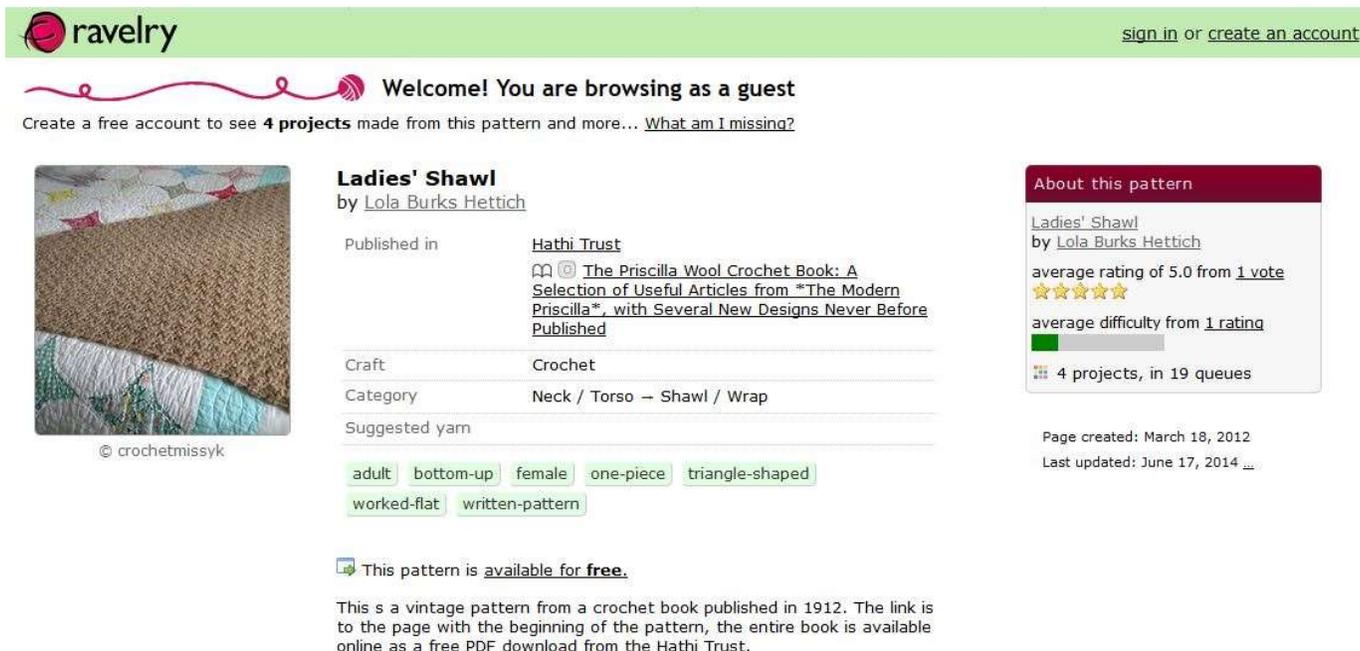
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Craft Crochet

Category Neck / Torso – Shawl / Wrap

Suggested yarn

adult bottom-up female one-piece triangle-shaped worked-flat written-pattern

This pattern is available for free.

This is a vintage pattern from a crochet book published in 1912. The link is to the page with the beginning of the pattern, the entire book is available online as a free PDF download from the Hathi Trust.

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Ladies' Shawl
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Appendix C – Joseph William Post III

In searching the Ancestry.com website for family trees that include Paul Hettich, I found this photo of Paul's son-in-law (and Rebecca Post's father), Joseph William Post III. He was my second-cousin.



Bill Post (1920-2009)

I learned that he went by the nickname of Bill.

A screenshot of the Ancestry.com website showing a user profile for Joseph William "Bill" Post III. The page includes the Ancestry logo, navigation tabs (Trees, Search, DNA, Help, Extras), and user account information (Gilbert/McKeel/Tickle/..., susanbabbitt1). The profile card displays a photo of the man in a cowboy hat and jacket, along with his birth and death information: BIRTH 24 AUG 1920 • Big Sur, Monterey County, California, USA; DEATH 26 JUL 2009 • Big Sur, Monterey County, California, USA. There is a small skull icon with the number 1 next to the death information.

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