Chapter 3B

Ezra Marvin Miller, Revisited

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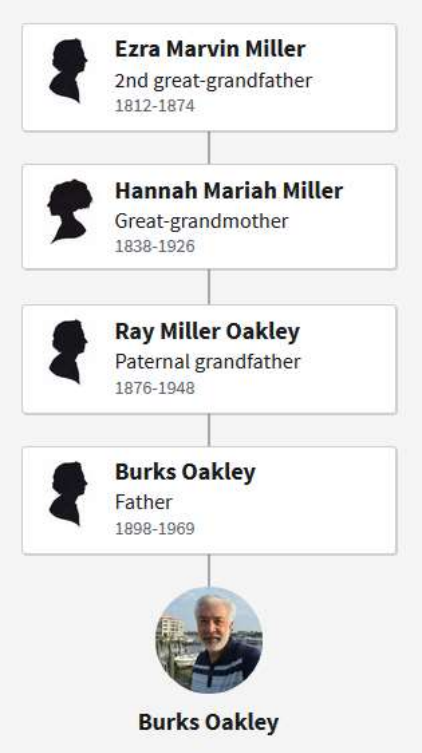
Introduction

My father was Burks Oakley (1898-1969). All eight of his great-grandparents came from families who immigrated from the British Isles to America in the 1600's and early 1700's. I have written extensively about these families at:

http://www.burksoakley.com/QuincyOakleyGenealogy/

One of my father's eight great-grandparents was Ezra Marvin Miller (of course, this means that Ezra was MY 2nd-great grandfather):

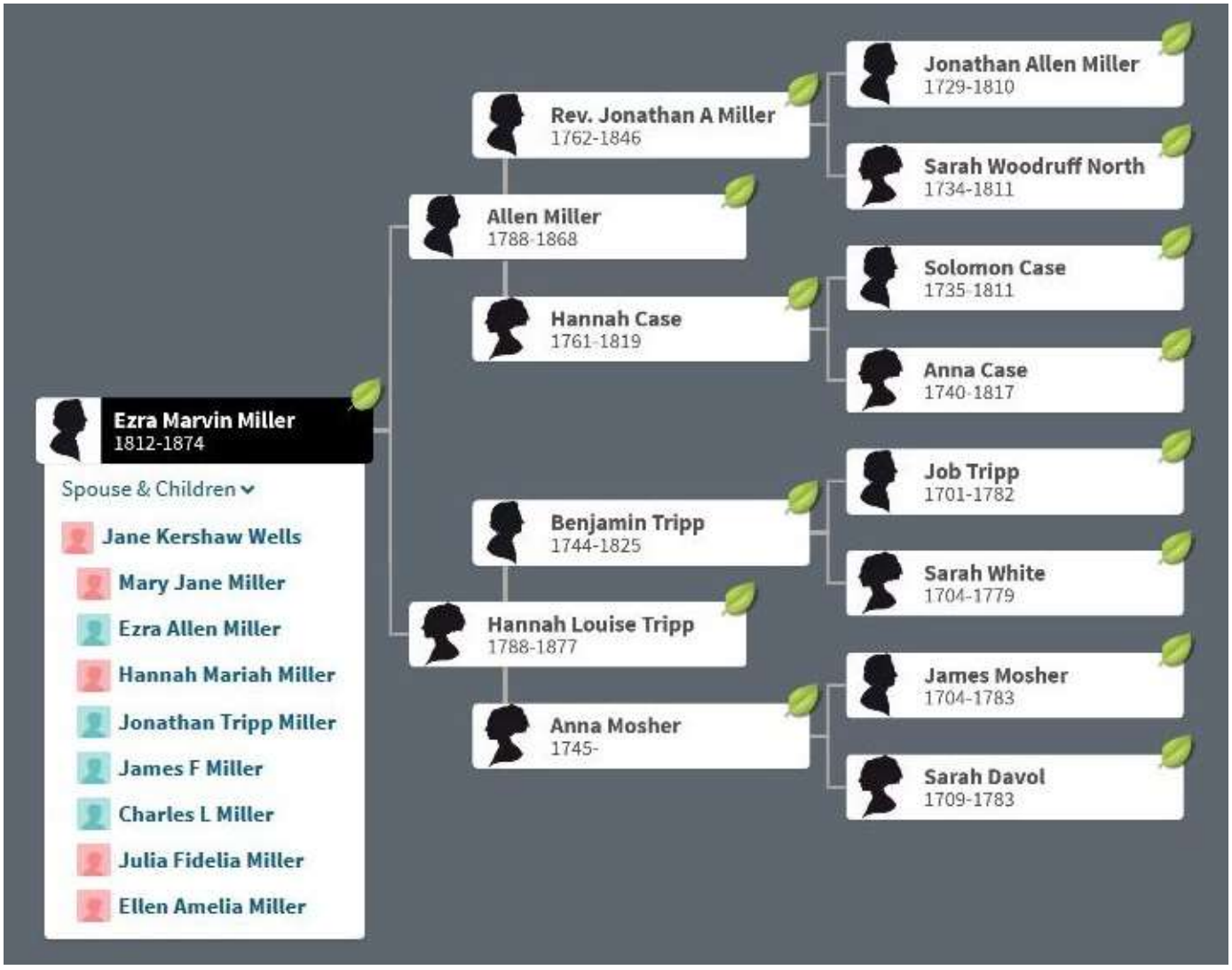


I previously wrote about Ezra Marvin Miller and the entire Miller line in my early research about Quincy Oakley genealogy – see Chapter 3A at:

http://www.burksoakley.com/QuincyOakleyGenealogy/3A-MillerGenealogy.pdf

This earlier narrative included descriptions of a large number of the DNA matches that I have with descendants of Ezra Marvin Miller's ancestors. In early 2019, Ancestry.com released a new software tool called ThruLines™. This software first identifies my DNA matches and then searches their family trees (and mine) to determine how we are related. It also searches through all family trees on the Ancestry.com website in an attempt to extend minimal family trees and find possible genealogical connections. It can even scan family trees that are marked "Private", as long as they are searchable. The ThruLines™ software came out of beta testing on 1 July 2019, and I decided that would be a good time to look at the ThruLines™ associated with my father's eight great-grandparents. This narrative deals with my ThruLines™ related to Ezra Marvin Miller.

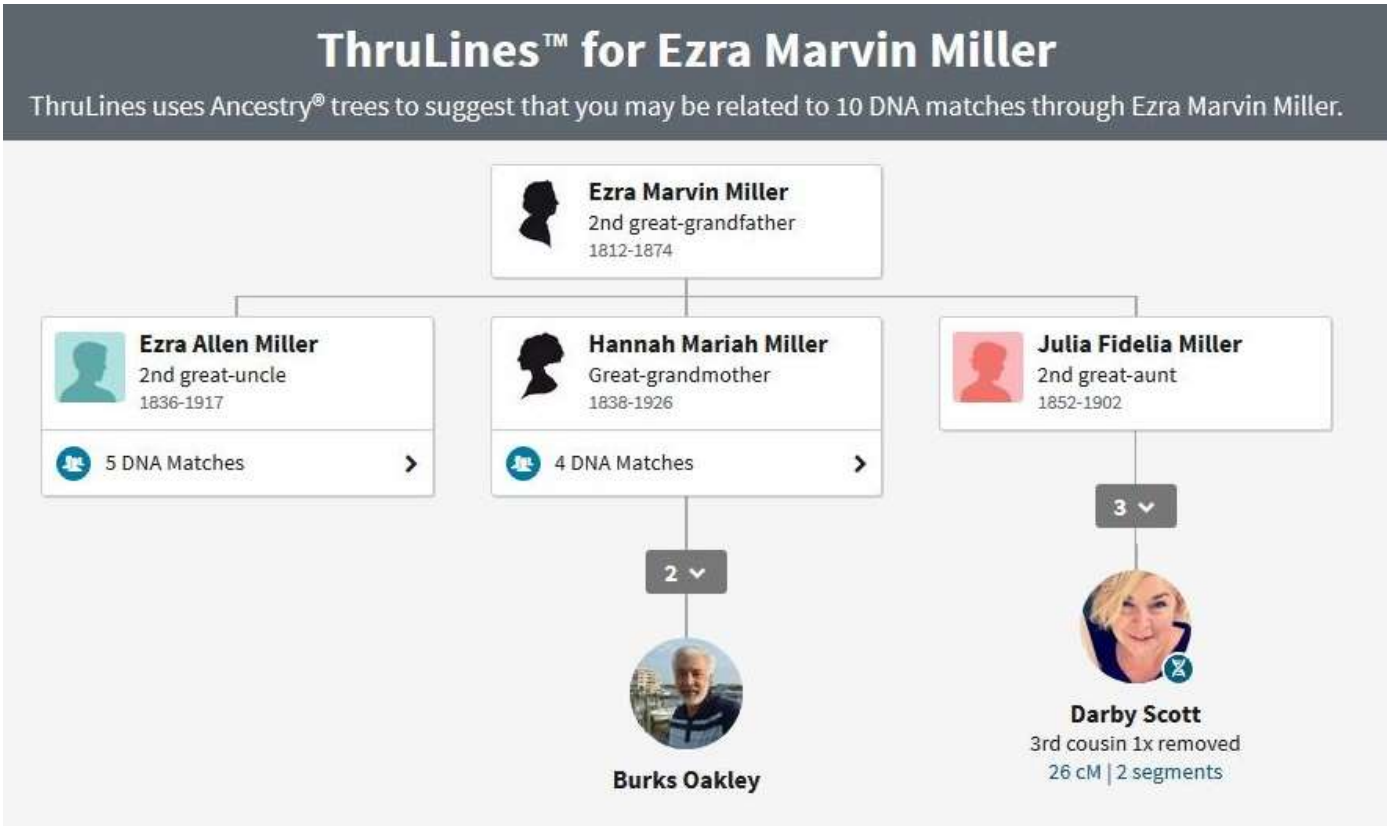
The following chart shows Ezra Marvin Miller's pedigree going back to his eight great-grandparents.



Ezra's eight great-grandparents are my 5th-great grandparents. The ThruLines™ software goes back as far as a user's 5th-great grandparents, which means that the Ancestry.com website has constructed ThruLines™ for all of the individuals shown in this pedigree chart. I now will go through all of them (well, since the ThruLines™ for each couple are the same, I really will only go through half of these ThruLines™).

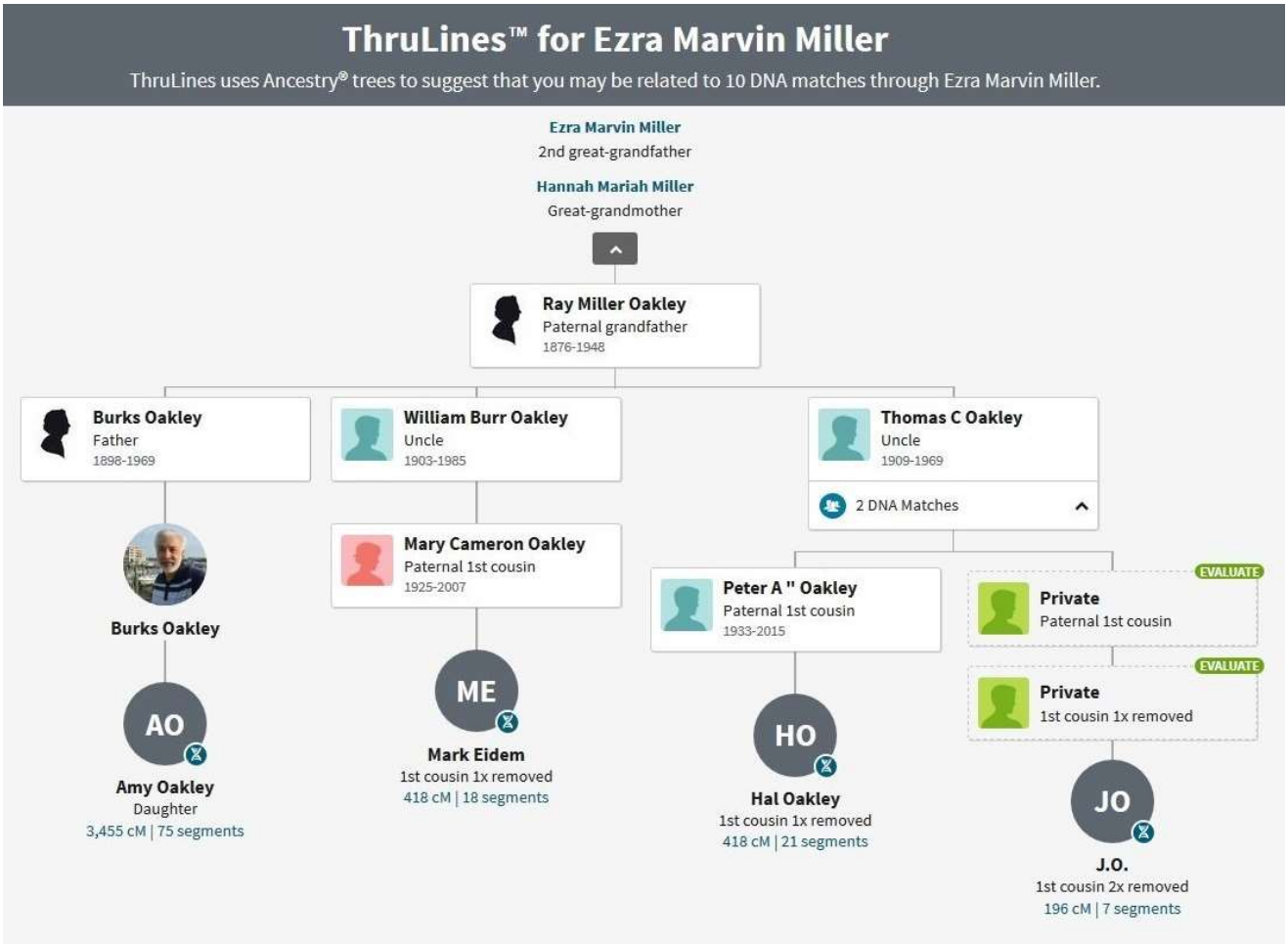
Ezra Marvin Miller and his wife Jane Kershaw Wells

I'll begin with my ThruLines™ for Ezra Marvin Miller (the ThruLines™ for Jane Kershaw Wells is exactly the same).



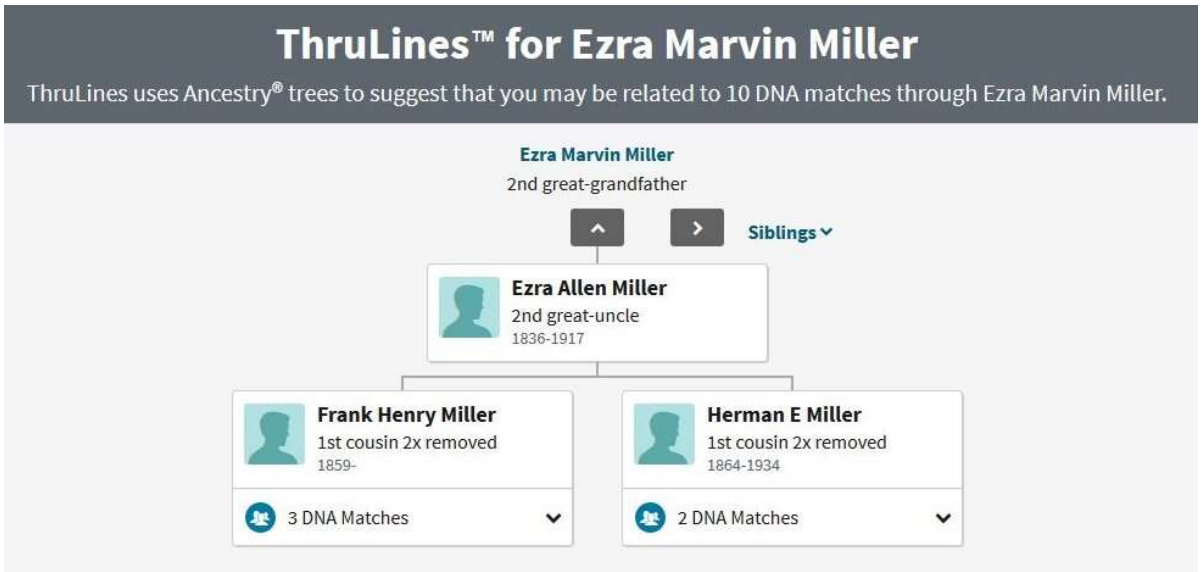
This ThruLines™ has branches through three of Ezra Marvin Miller's children: Ezra Allen Miller, Hannah Mariah Miller, and Julia Fidelia Miller. This chart also shows the one DNA match that I have from Julia Fidelia's line – it is with a woman named Darby Scott.

Next comes the Hannah Mariah Miller line in the middle of the ThruLines™ chart above, which connects to me:



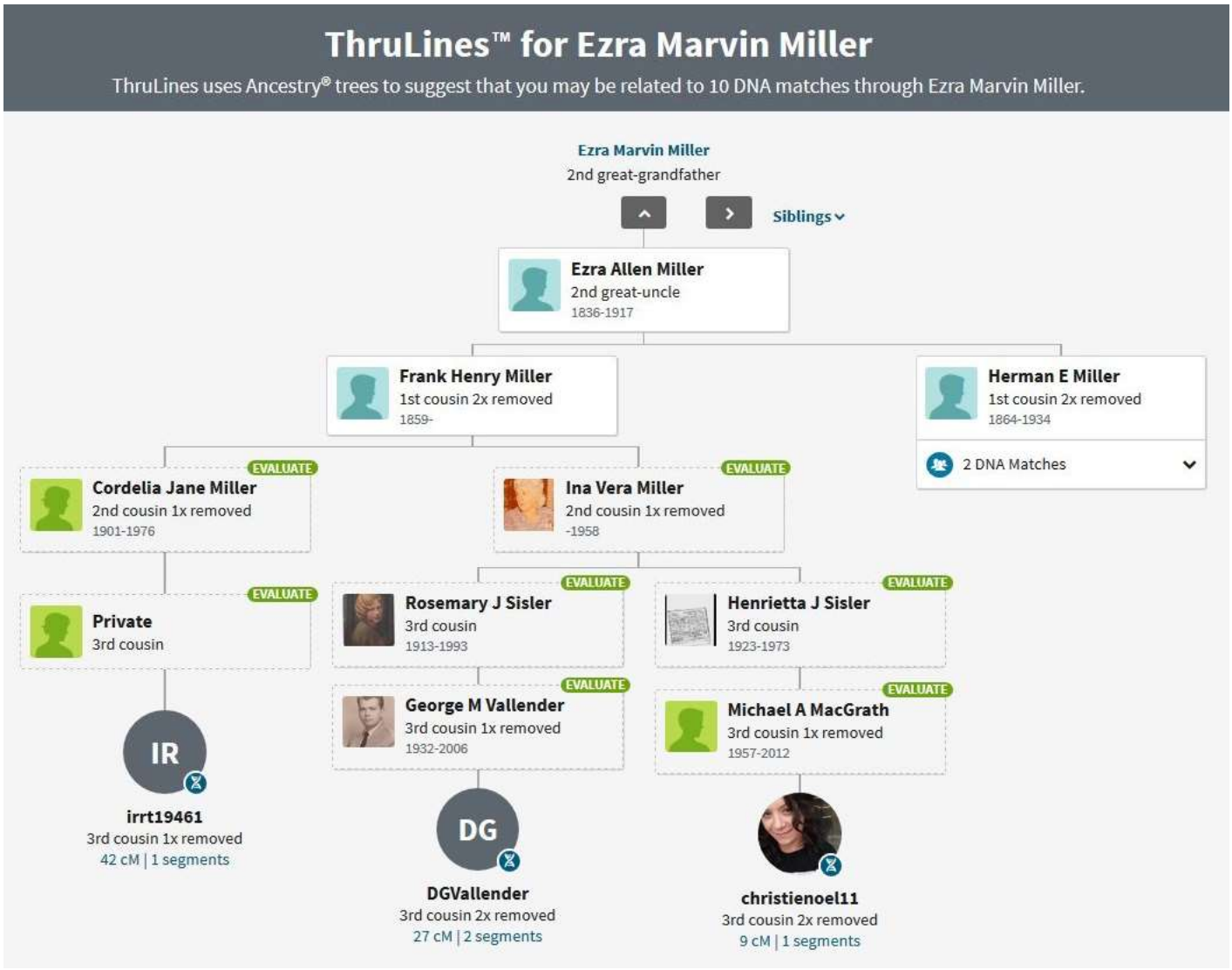
This branch of the ThruLines™ connects with my Oakley relatives: my daughter Amy Oakley, my first-cousins once-removed Mark Eidem and Hal Oakley, and my first-cousin twice removed John R. Oakley (***J.O.***).

Lastly is the Ezra Allen Miller line:



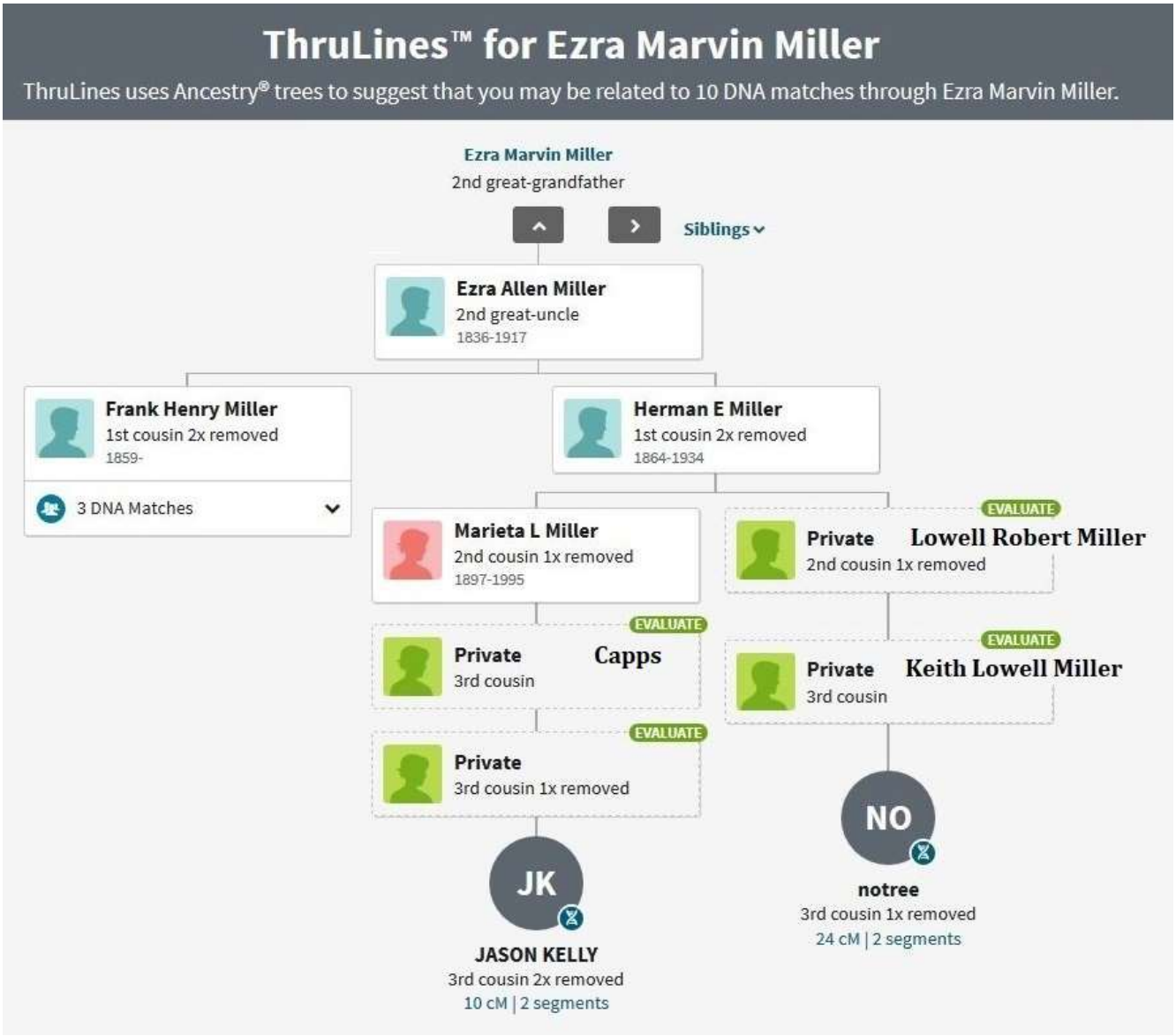
According to this part of the ThruLines™, I have three DNA matches with descendants of Ezra's son Frank Henry Miller, and two DNA matches with descendants of Ezra's son Herman Ellsworth Miller.

First is the Frank Henry Miller line:



This line shows my DNA matches with ***irrt19461***, ***DGVallender***, and ***christienoel11***.

Next is the Herman Ellsworth Miller line:



This part of the ThruLines™ connects to my DNA matches Jason Kelly and someone having the username of ***notree***.

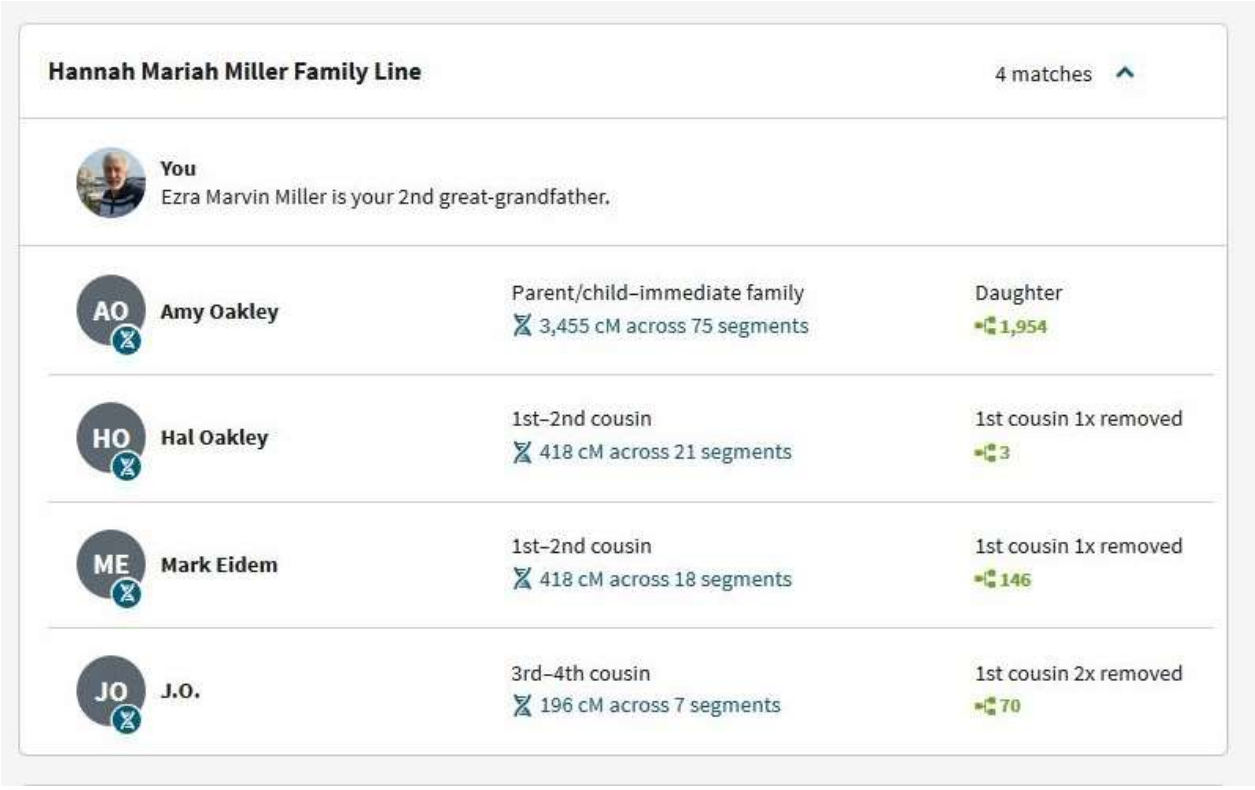
Overall, my ThruLines™ for Ezra Marvin Miller gives three different family lines – the "Julia Fidelia Miller Family Line":

The “Ezra Allen Miller Family Line”:

Ezra Allen Miller Family Line

IR **irrt19461**	4th–6th cousin 42 cM across 1 segments	3rd cousin 1x removed 3
DG **DGVallender**	4th–6th cousin 27 cM across 2 segments	3rd cousin 2x removed 60,045
NO **notree**	4th–6th cousin 24 cM across 2 segments	3rd cousin 1x removed 2,062
JK **JASON KELLY**	5th–8th cousin 10 cM across 2 segments	3rd cousin 2x removed 8
christienoel11	5th–8th cousin 9 cM across 1 segments	3rd cousin 2x removed 111

The “Hannah Mariah Miller Family Line”:



Hannah Mariah Miller Family Line — 4 matches

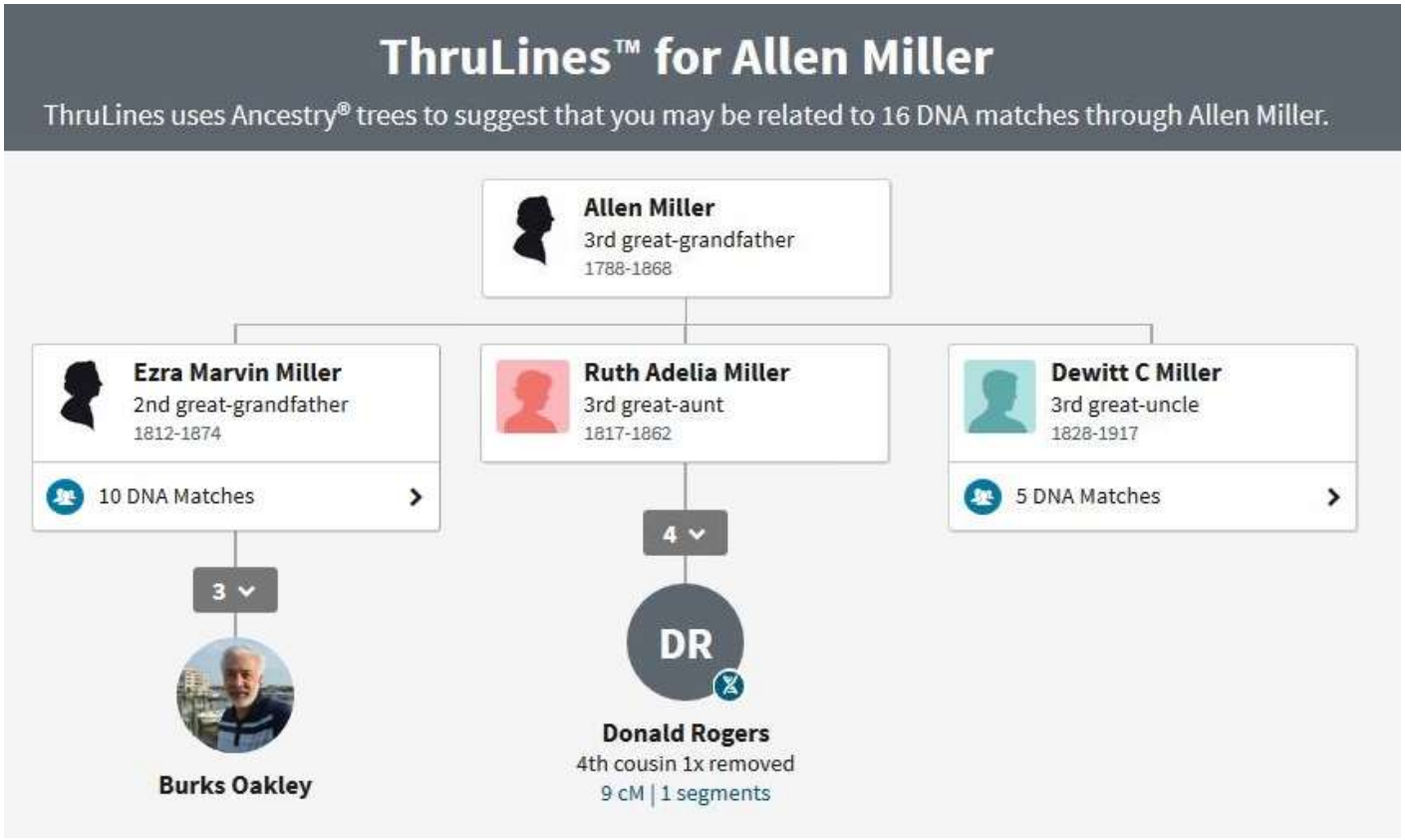
You
Ezra Marvin Miller is your 2nd great-grandfather.

AO **Amy Oakley**	Parent/child–immediate family 3,455 cM across 75 segments	Daughter 1,954
HO **Hal Oakley**	1st–2nd cousin 418 cM across 21 segments	1st cousin 1x removed 3
ME **Mark Eidem**	1st–2nd cousin 418 cM across 18 segments	1st cousin 1x removed 146
JO **J.O.**	3rd–4th cousin 196 cM across 7 segments	1st cousin 2x removed 70

Overall, the ThruLines™ suggests that I may be related to ten DNA matches through Ezra Marvin Miller.

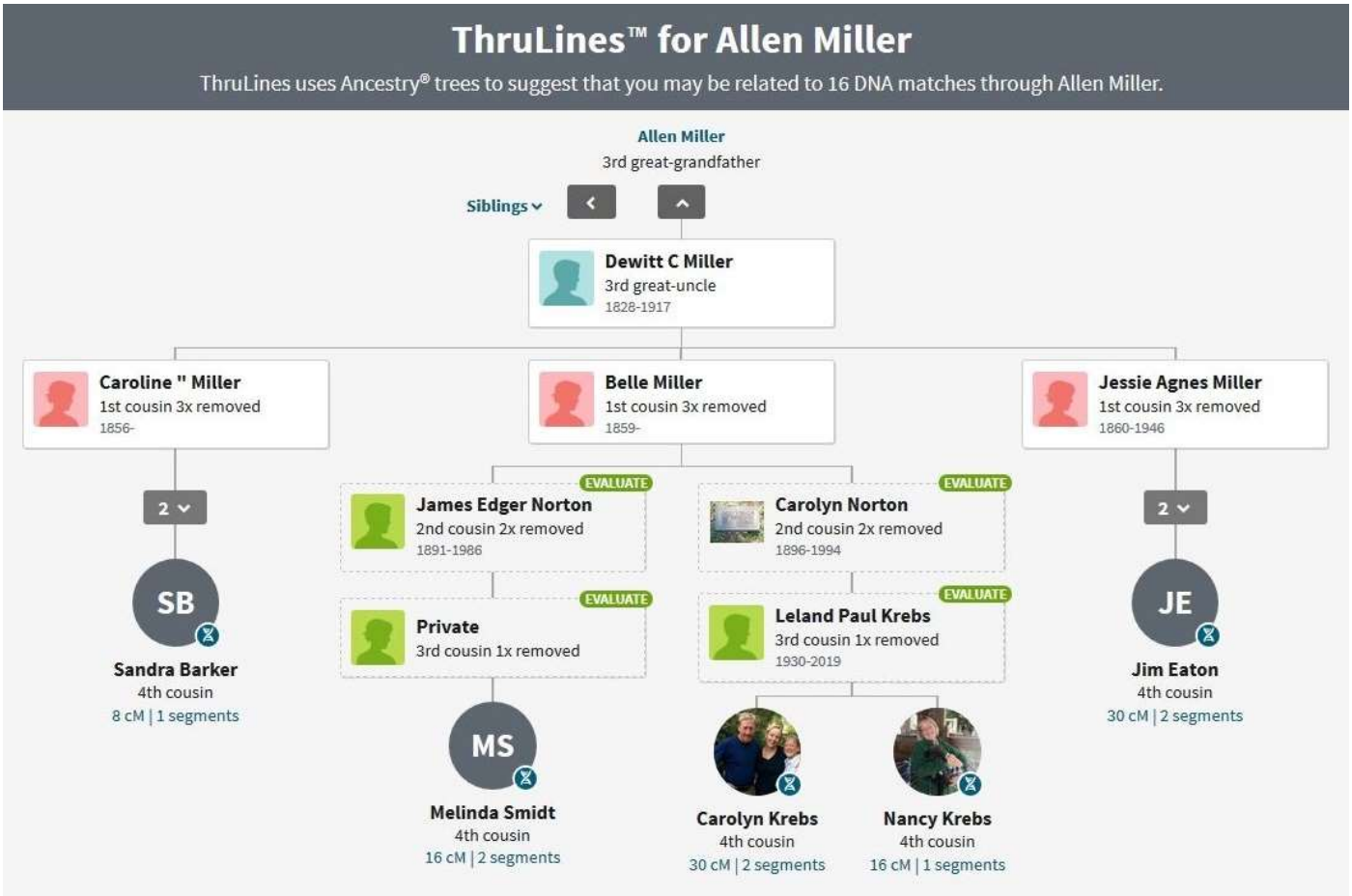
Allen Miller and Hannah Louise Tripp

I now will move back to the next generation – to the couple who were Ezra Marvin Miller's parents: Allen Miller and Hannah Louise Tripp. I'll show the ThruLines™ for Allen Miller, but the ThruLines™ for Hannah Louise Tripp is the same.



This screenshot shows three lines. The Ezra Marvin Miller line at the left of this ThruLines™ was already covered in the previous section. The middle line goes back to Allen Miller through his daughter Ruth Adelia Miller – this line adds just one DNA match, with Donald Rogers.

Next the Dewitt Clinton Miller line at the right, which leads to five new DNA matches:



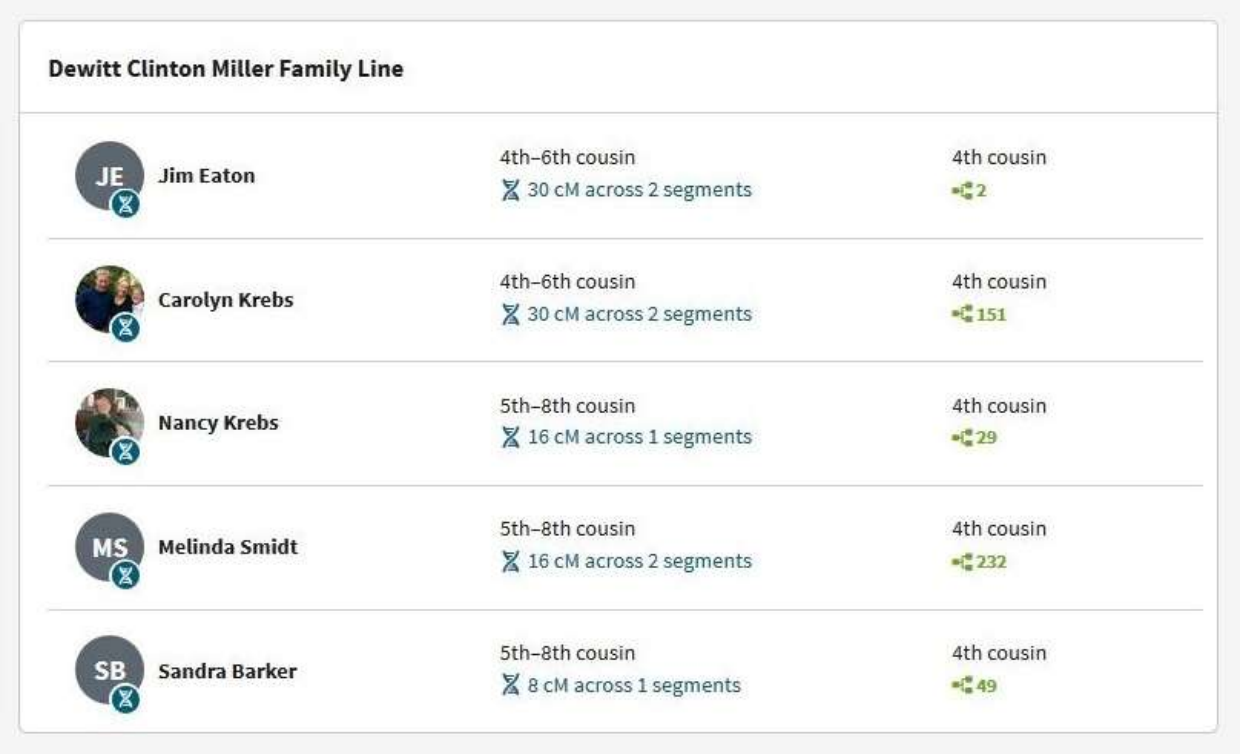
This branch of the ThruLines™ for Allen Miller adds five DNA matches: Sandra Barker, Melinda Smidt, Carolyn Krebs and her sister Nancy Krebs, and Jim Eaton.

The Eaton line is well-known to me – see:

http://www.burksoakley.com/QuincyOakleyGenealogy/12-EatonFamily.pdf

The other lines are new to me. All of these DNA matches are grouped into family lines; first is the "Ruth Adelia Miller Family Line":

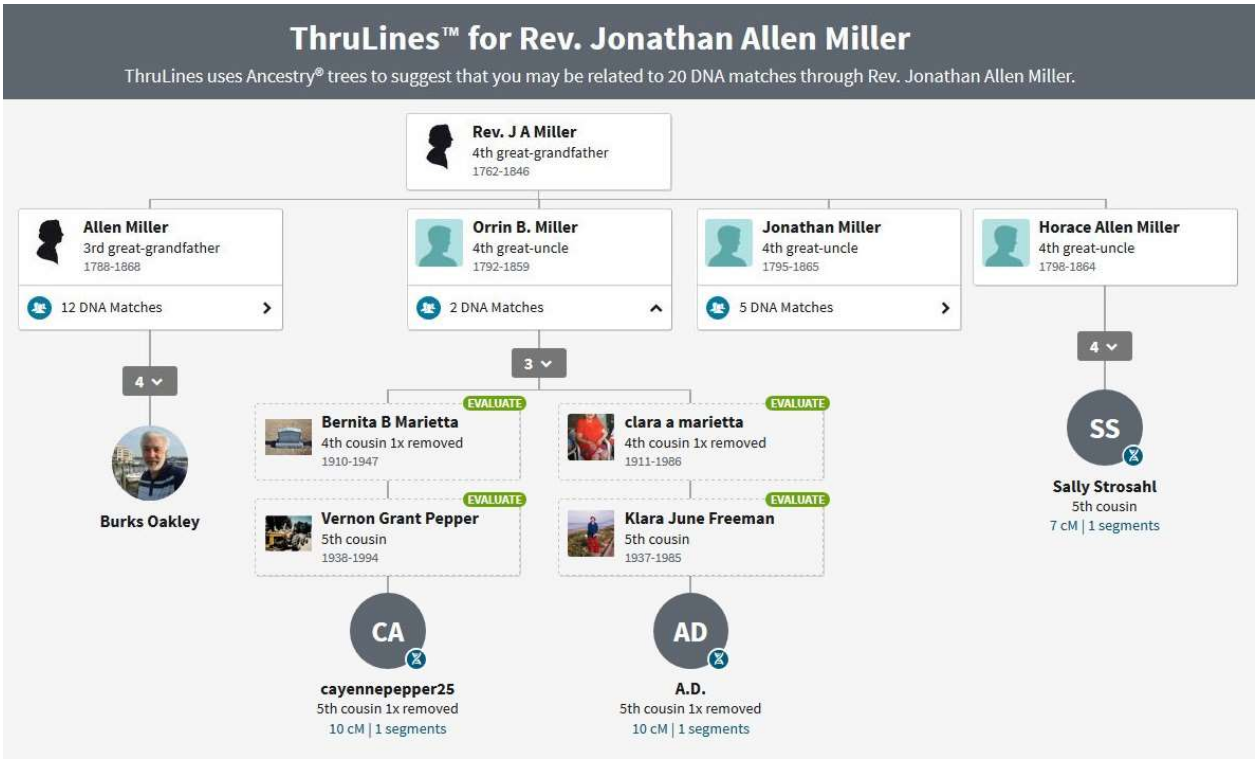
Then comes the “Dewitt Clinton Miller Family Line”:



This completes the ThruLines™ for Ezra Marvin Miller’s parents. Overall, the ThruLines™ suggests that I may be related to six DNA matches through Allen Miller and his wife Hannah Louise Tripp.

Rev. Jonathan Allen Miller and his wife Hannah Case

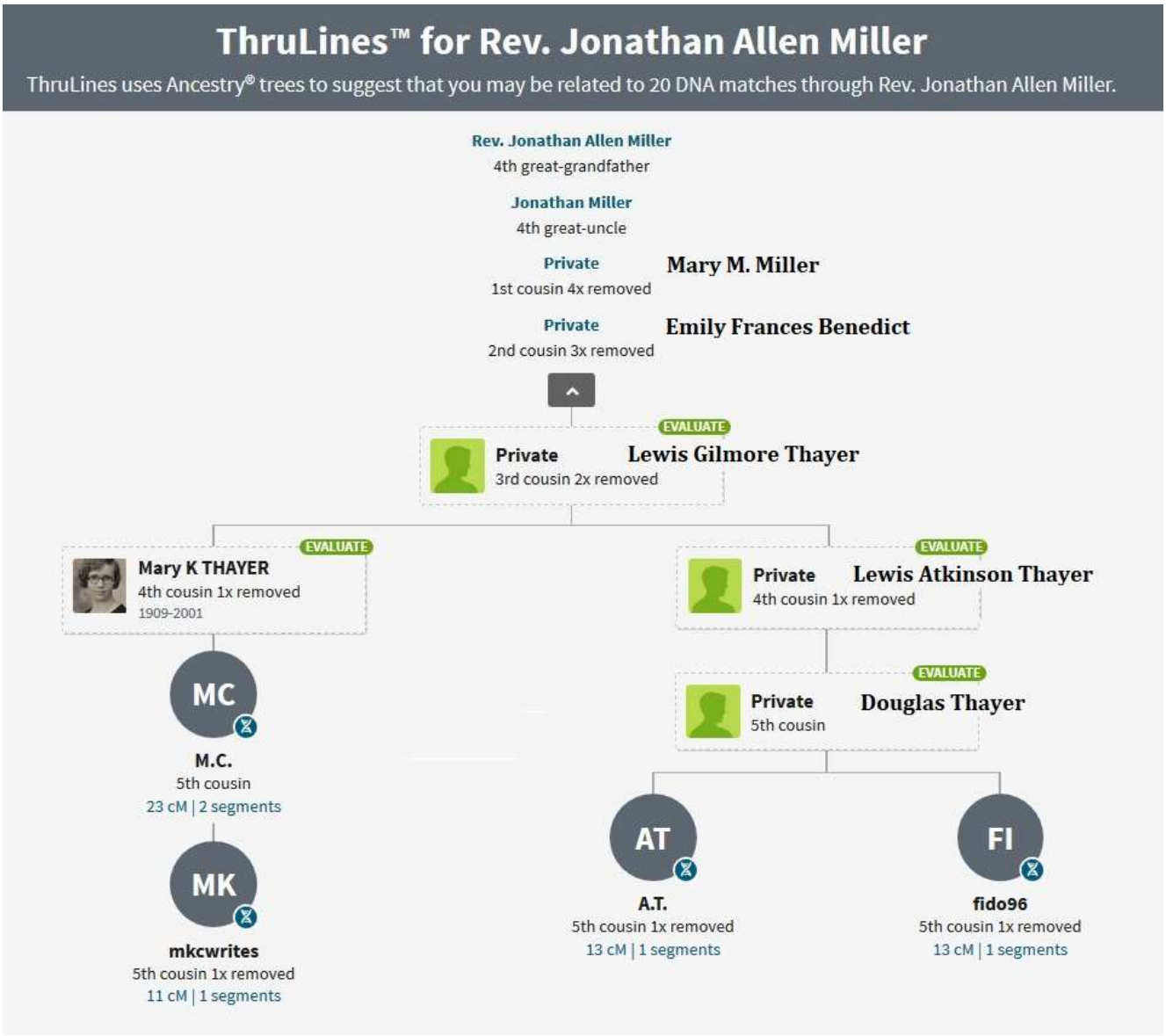
Now I’ll continue back to Ezra Marvin Miller’s grandparents. I will start with Ezra’s paternal grandparents, Rev. Jonathan Allen Miller and his wife Hannah Case. I’ll present Rev. Jonathan Allen Miller’s ThruLines™, although the one for Hannah Case is identical.



This ThruLines™ shows lines through four of Rev. Johnathan Allen Miller's children: Allen Miller, Orrin B. Miller, Jonathan Miller, and Horace Allen Miller. Of course, I already have discussed the Allen Miller line at the left of this chart. The Orrin B. Miller line connects to my DNA matches with ***cayennepepper25*** and ***A.D.*** The Horace Allen Miller line at the right of this chart connects with Sally Strosahl. This just leaves the five DNA matches with the descendants of Jonathan Miller. Here is the first part of that ThruLines™:

This part of the ThruLines™ connects through Mary M. Miller and Ely C. Benedict to a man having the username of ***K.B.***

The other branch of the ThruLines™ connects through Mary M. Miller and her daughter Emily Frances Benedict:



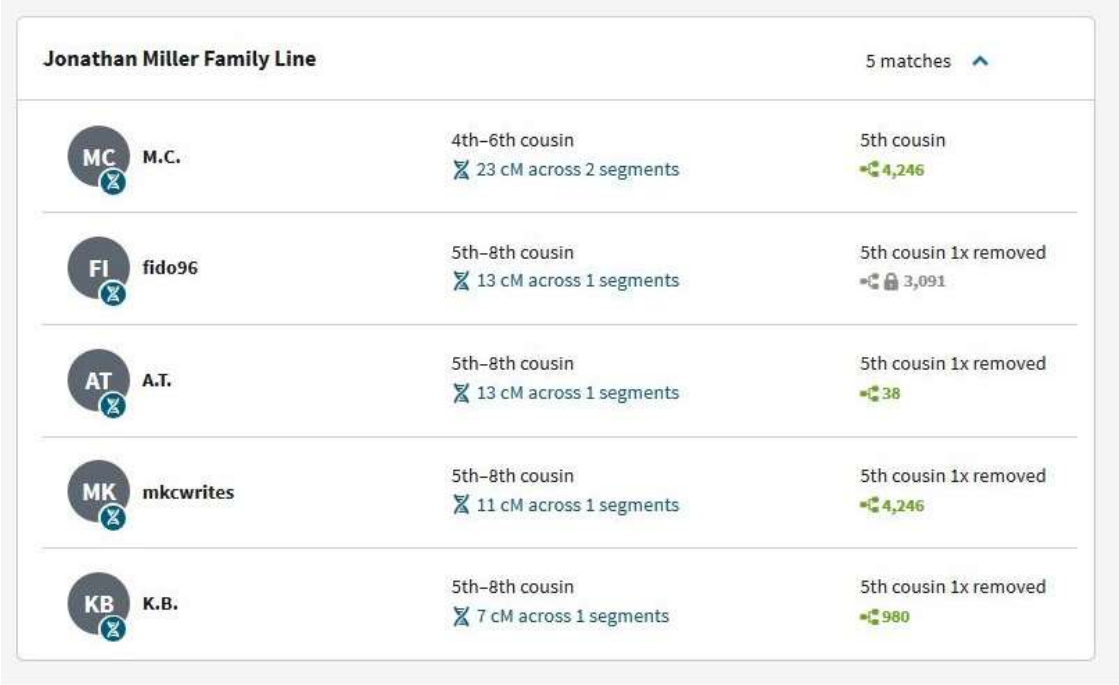
This part of the ThruLines™ picks up ***M.C.*** (Marjorie Coker) and her daughter ***mkcwrites*** (Mary Kay Coker). They are well known to me. See the narrative at:

http://www.burksoakley.com/QuincyOakleyGenealogy/15-OurSpencer-WhitbreadAncestors.pdf

This ThruLines™ also includes another part of the Thayer line – my DNA matches with ***A.T.*** and ***fido96***.

Taken together, the ThruLines™ for Rev. Jonathan Allen Miller include the "Horace Allen Miller Family Line":

The "Jonathan Miller Family Line":

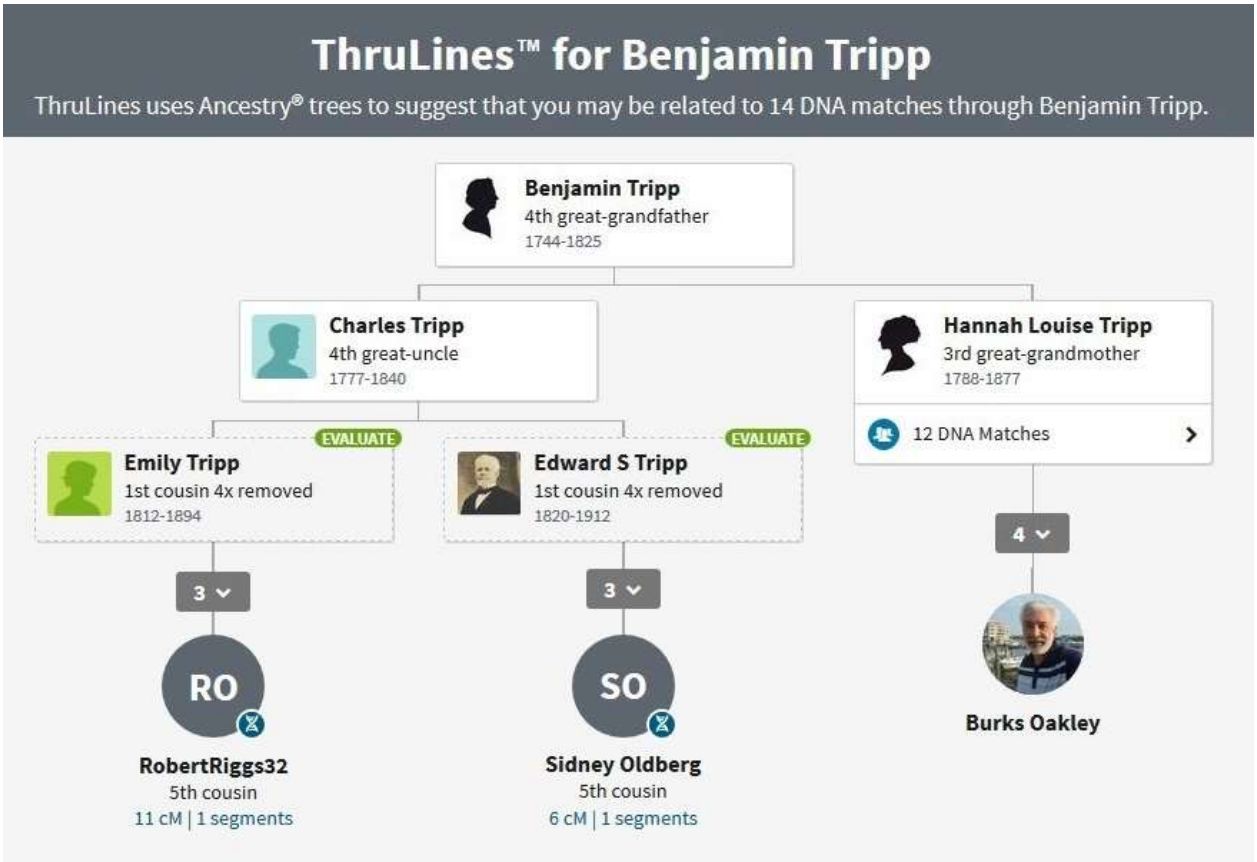


And the "Orrin B. Miller Family Line":

Overall, the ThruLines™ suggest that I may be related to eight DNA matches through Rev. Jonathan Allen Miller and his wife Hannah Case.

Benjamin Tripp and Anna Mosher

Ezra Marvin Miller's maternal grandparents were Benjamin Tripp and his wife Anna Mosher (they were the parents of Hannah Louise Tripp). Here is the ThruLines™ for Benjamin Tripp (the one for Anna Mosher is identical):

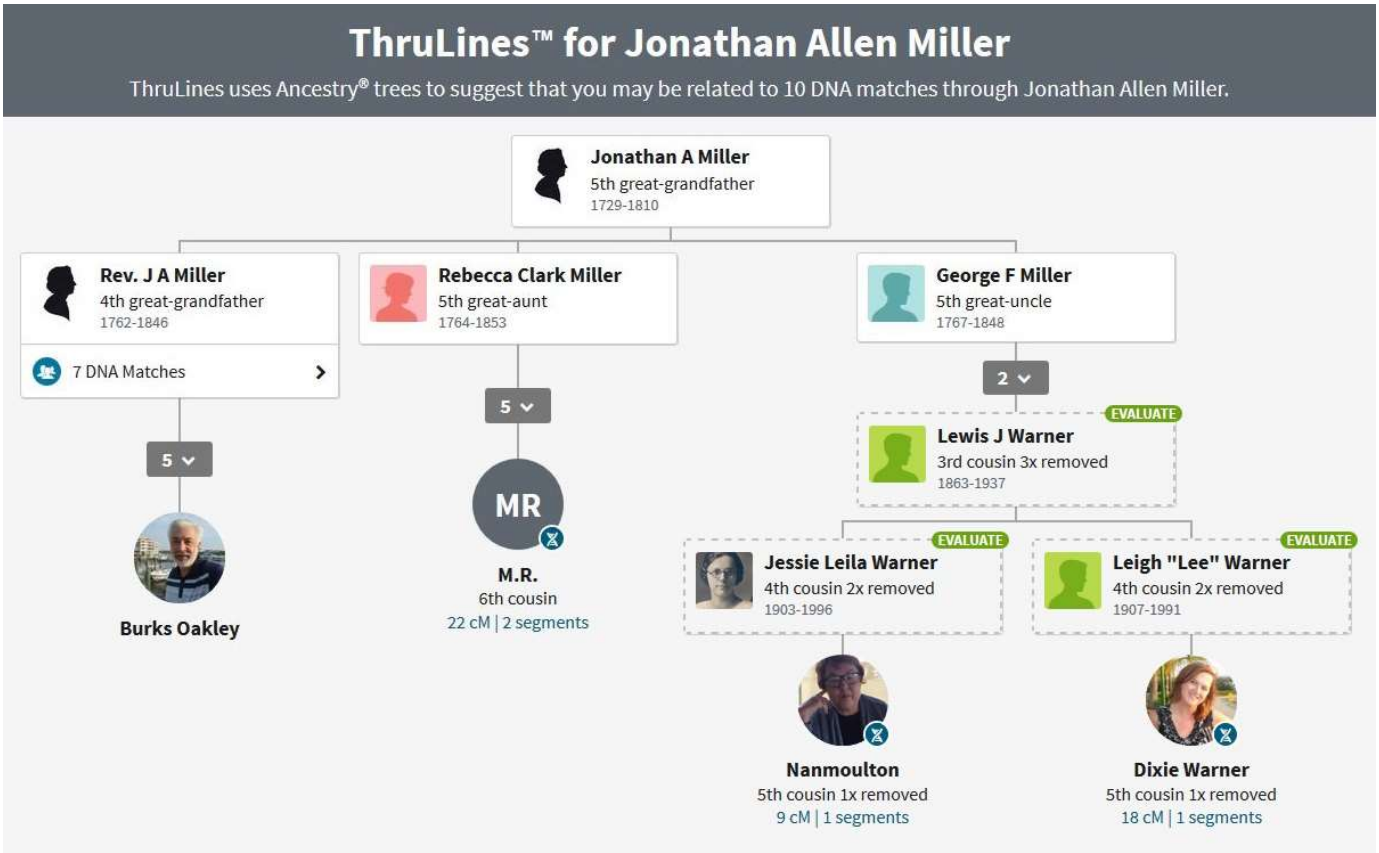


This ThruLines™ just gave me two more DNA matches – with RobertRiggs32 and Sidney Oldberg. These DNA matches are grouped into the "Charles Tripp Family Line":

At this point, I am ready to go back to the next generation - my 5th-great grandparents.

Jonathan Allen Miller and Sarah Woodruff North

There are four couples who were the great-grandparents of Ezra Marvin Miller. The first is Jonathan Allen Miller and his wife Sarah Woodruff North – here is the ThruLines™ for Jonathan Allen Miller (the one for Sarah Woodruff North is identical):



This ThruLines™ adds 3 new DNA matches – with ***M.R.***, ***Nanmoulton***, and Dixie Warner. They are grouped into the "Rebecca Clark Miller Family Line":

and the "George Frederick Miller Family Line":

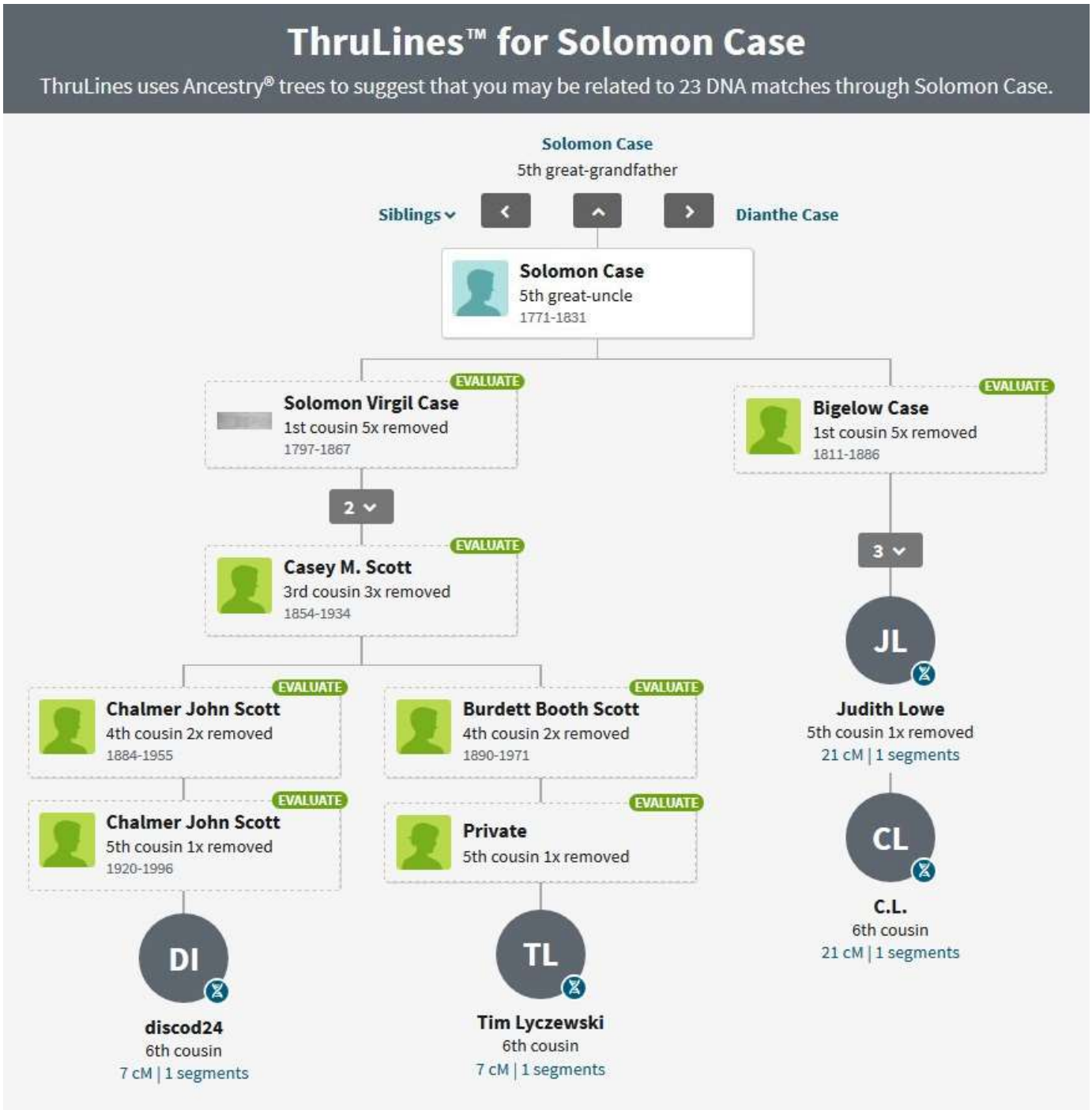
Solomon Case and Anna Case

Next couple who were Ezra Marvin Miller's great-grandparents is Solomon Case and Anna Case. [If you can't keep this straight, you might want to review the pedigree chart at the bottom of the second page of this narrative.] Here is the ThruLines™ for Solomon Case (the ThruLines™ for his wife Anna Case is identical):

The main chart shows my line at the left, which goes back to Solomon Case through his daughter Hannah Case; I already covered those DNA matches in the section on Rev. Jonathan Allen Miller and his wife Hannah Case. This main chart also shows my DNA match with someone having the username of ***S.F.***, who is descended from Solomon's daughter Chloe Case.

This ThruLines™ chart shows two other lines – with four matches going back through Solomon Case's son Solomon Case, and eleven matches going back through his daughter Dianthe Case.

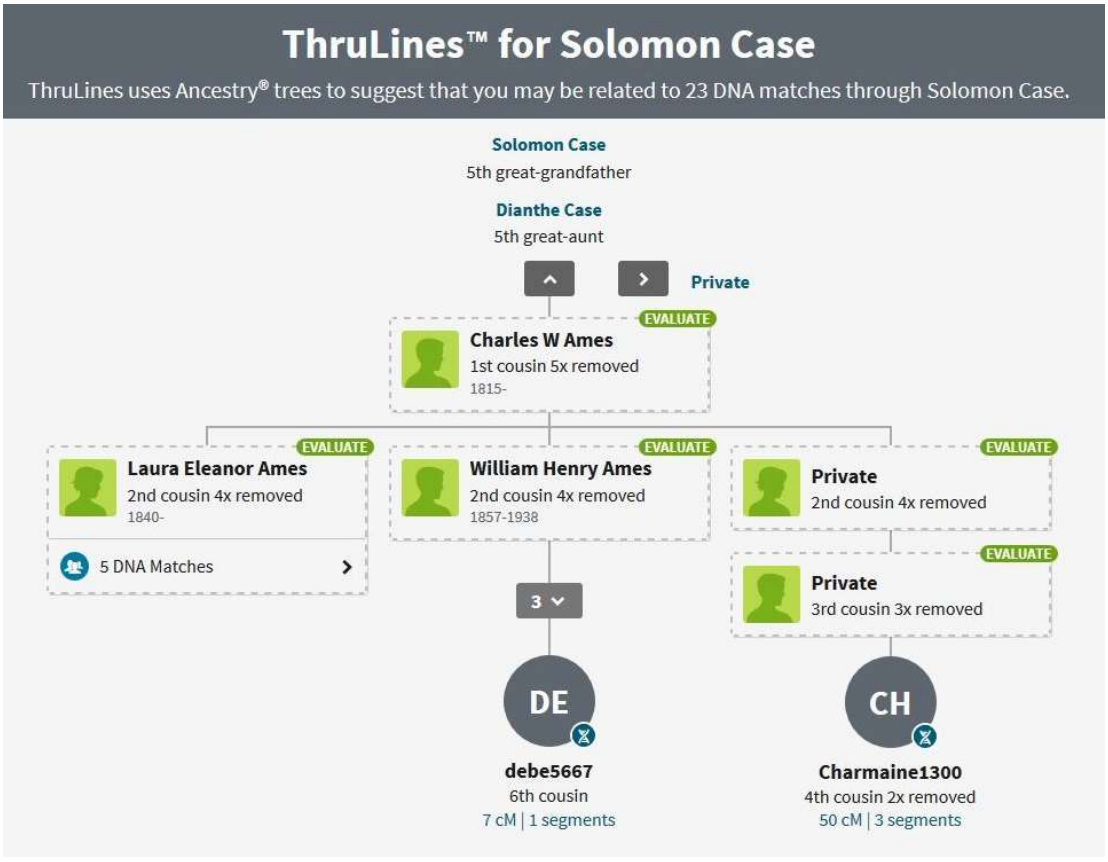
Here is the part of the ThruLines™ for the son Solomon Case:



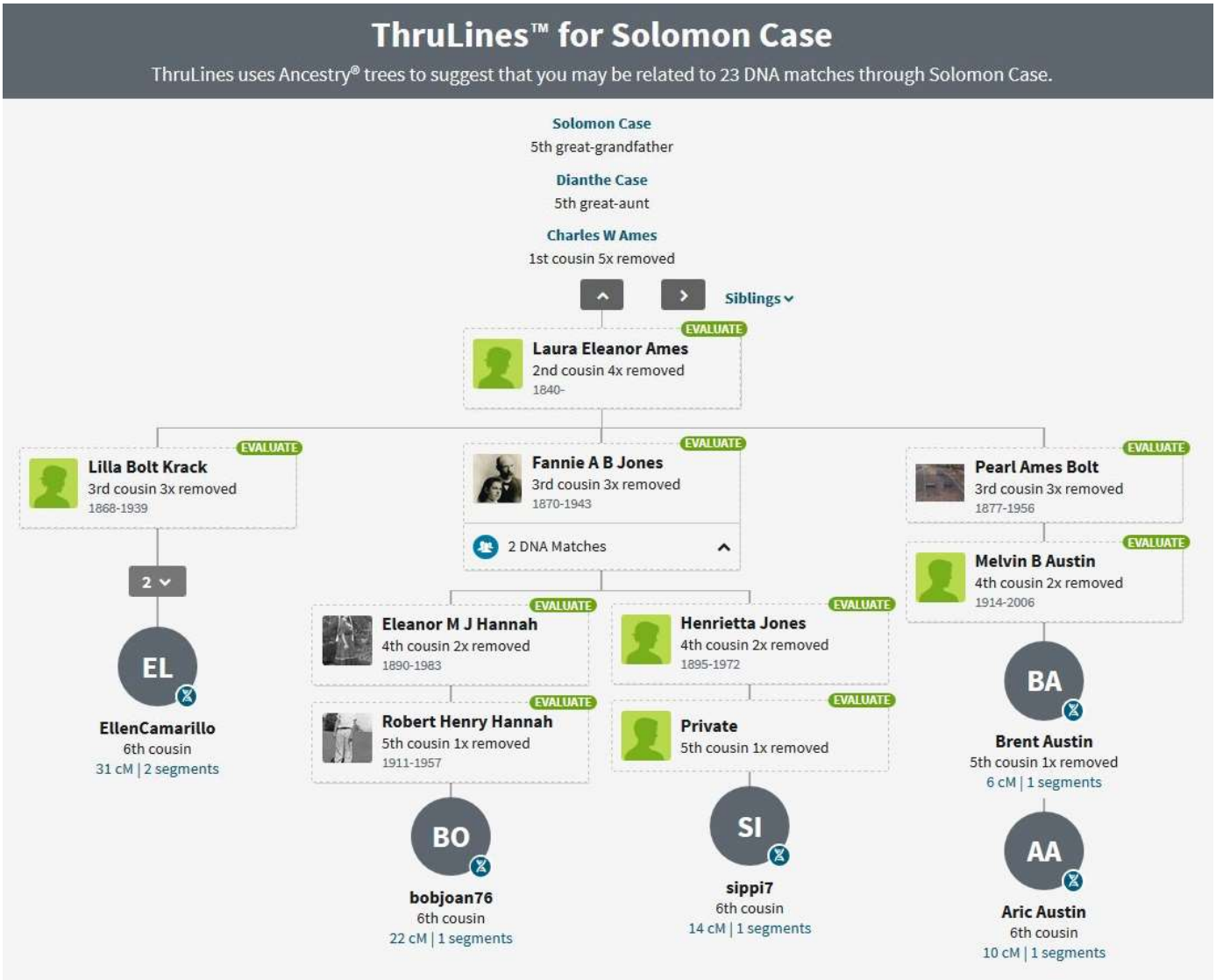
This part of the ThruLines™ adds DNA matches with ***discod24***, Tim Lyczewski, Judith Lowe, and Judith's son ***C.L.***

The section of the ThruLines™ for Dianthe Case has eleven DNA matches:

There are two separate lines through her sons Charles W. Ames and Loring Ames. How on earth could I have eleven DNA matches going back this far? Amazing! First is the line through Charles Ames:

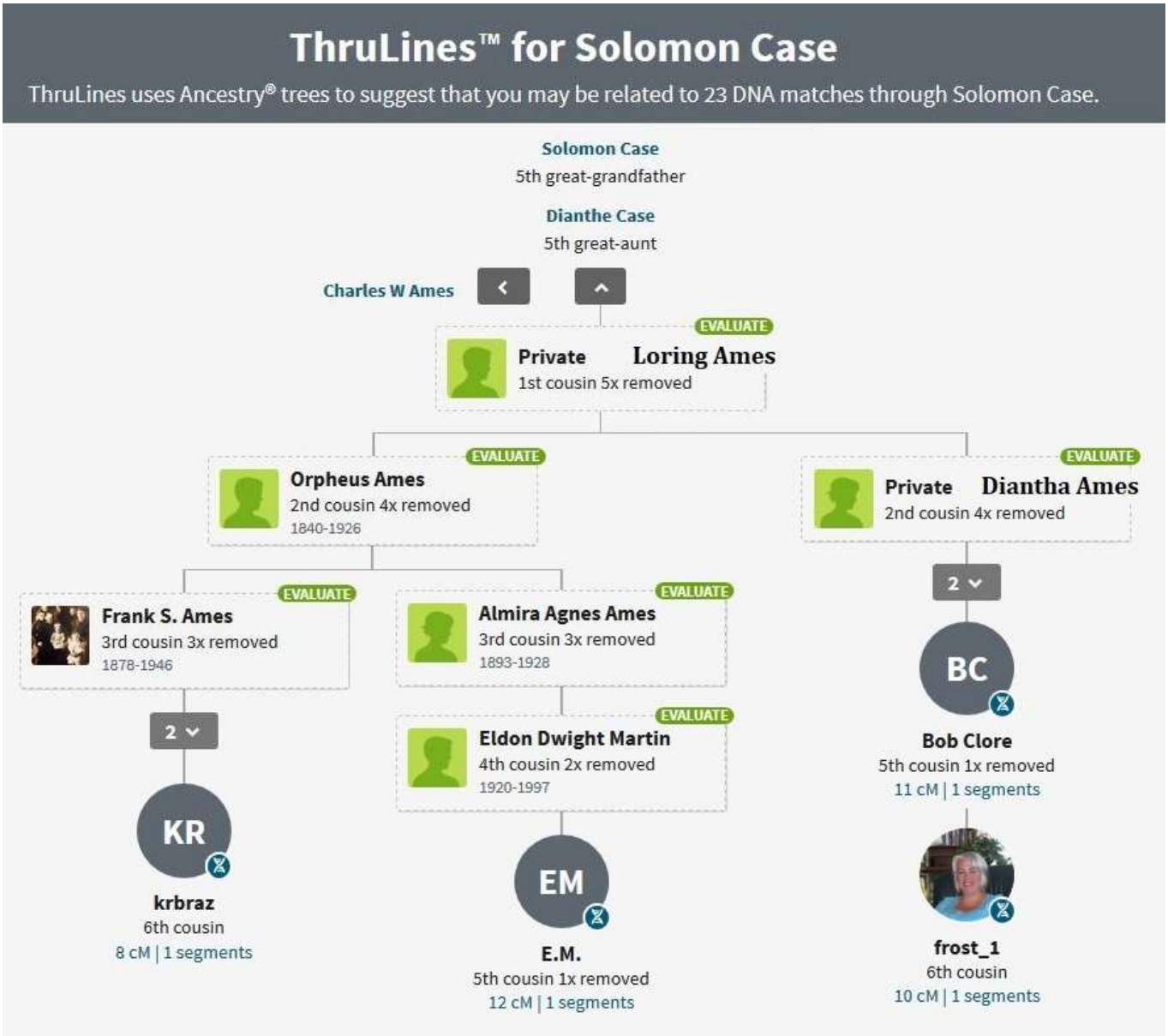


This line accounts for DNA matches with ***debe5667*** and ***Charmaine1300***, as well as five other matches through Charles' daughter Laura Eleanor Ames. Here are those five matches:



These five new matches include EllenCamarillo, ***bobjoan76***, ***sippl7***, Brent Austin, and his son Aric Austin. That is an amazing number of matches going back so long!

Here is the ThruLines™ going back on the line through Dianthe's other son, Loring Ames:



This ThruLines™ adds DNA matches with ***krbraz***, ***E.M.***, Bob Clore, and Bob's daughter ***frost_1***.

At this point, I should add that the Case and Ames families were prominent in Simsbury, Connecticut, in the 1600's and 1700's. I wrote about the families in my narrative at:

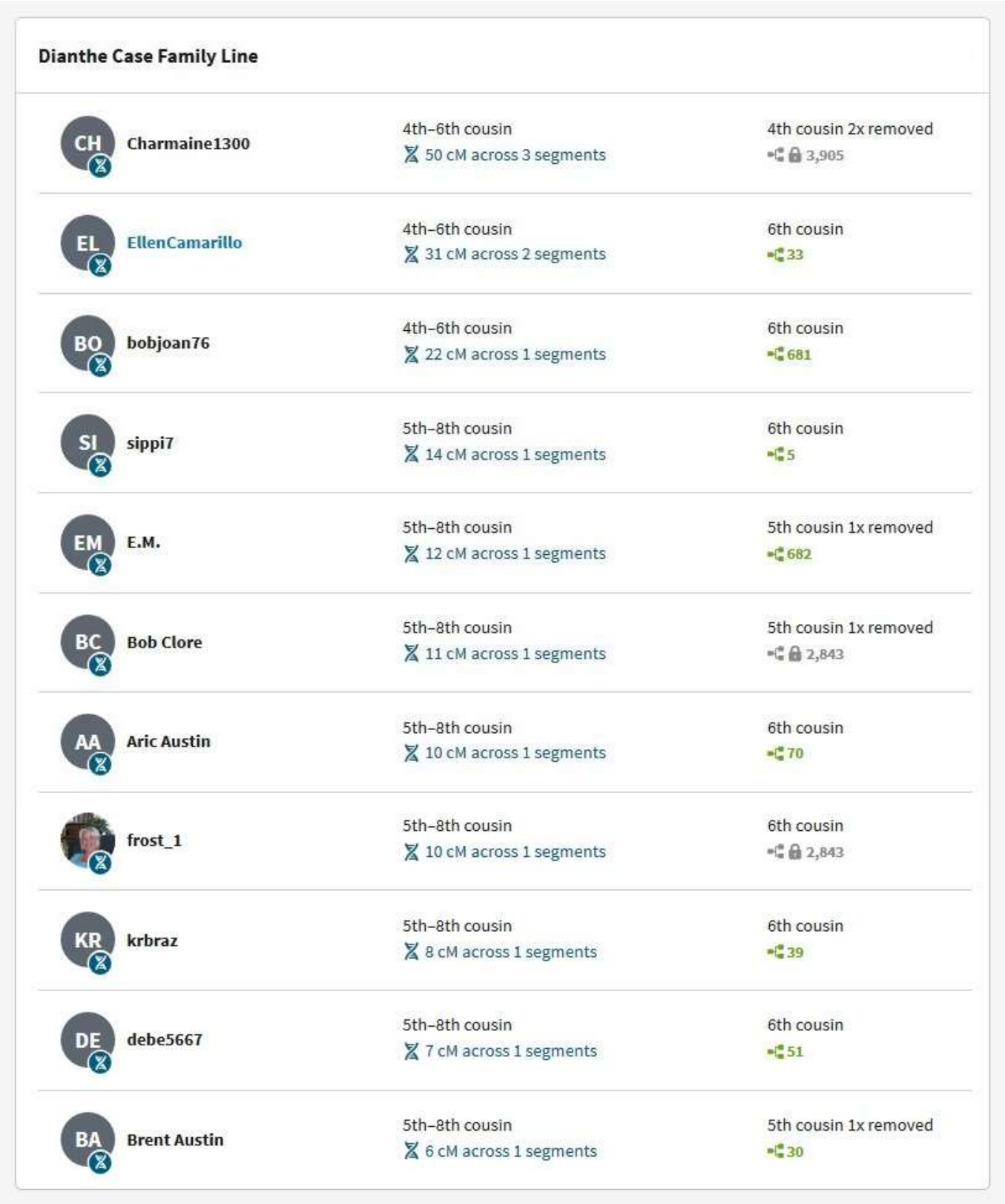
http://www.burksoakley.com/QuincyOakleyGenealogy/15-Spencer-WhitbreadAncestors.pdf

Overall, my ThruLines™ for Solomon Case gives the following family groups:

The “Chloe Case Family Line”:

The “Solomon Case Family Line”:

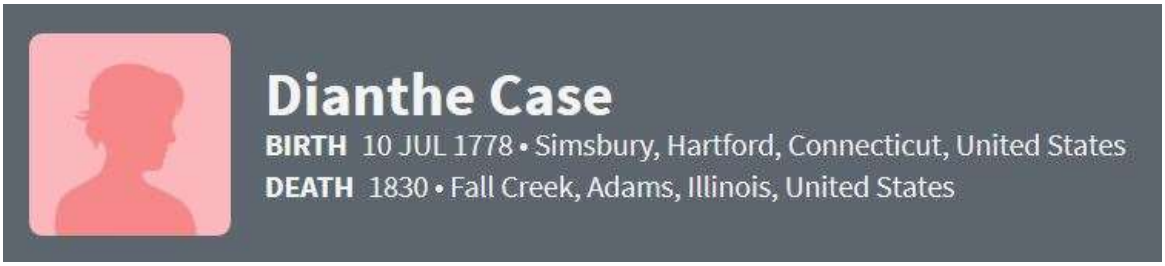
The “Dianthe Case Family Line”:



Dianthe Case Family Line

CH **Charmaine1300**	4th–6th cousin 50 cM across 3 segments	4th cousin 2x removed 3,905
EL **EllenCamarillo**	4th–6th cousin 31 cM across 2 segments	6th cousin 33
BO **bobjoan76**	4th–6th cousin 22 cM across 1 segments	6th cousin 681
SI **sippi7**	5th–8th cousin 14 cM across 1 segments	6th cousin 5
EM **E.M.**	5th–8th cousin 12 cM across 1 segments	5th cousin 1x removed 682
BC **Bob Clore**	5th–8th cousin 11 cM across 1 segments	5th cousin 1x removed 2,843
AA **Aric Austin**	5th–8th cousin 10 cM across 1 segments	6th cousin 70
frost_1	5th–8th cousin 10 cM across 1 segments	6th cousin 2,843
KR **krbraz**	5th–8th cousin 8 cM across 1 segments	6th cousin 39
DE **debe5667**	5th–8th cousin 7 cM across 1 segments	6th cousin 51
BA **Brent Austin**	5th–8th cousin 6 cM across 1 segments	5th cousin 1x removed 30

Dianthe Case (1778-1830) was my 5th-great aunt. She was born in Simsbury, Connecticut, where many generations of the Case family lived. Interestingly, she and her family moved west, and she died in Fall Creek, Illinois.

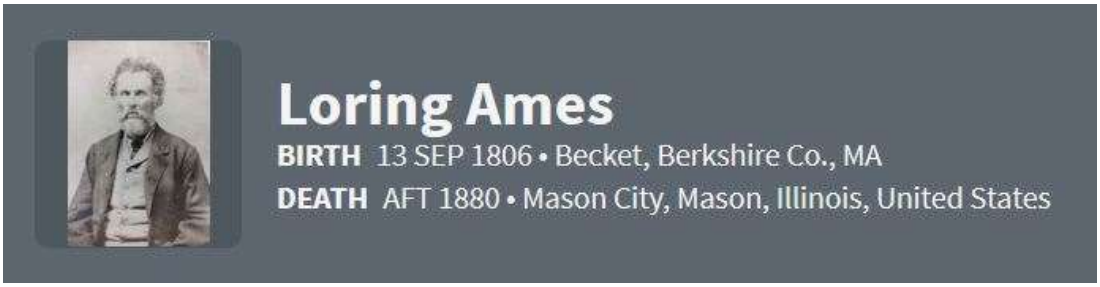


Fall Creek is in Adams County, just 13 miles south of Quincy, Illinois, where my Oakley family has its roots. I drive right by Fall Creek whenever I go to Quincy.

One of Dianthe's children, Lucina Ames, also lived in Adams County, and died in Payson.

What a small world!

I mentioned the line through Dianthe's son Loring Ames. Well, Loring also ended up in Illinois:

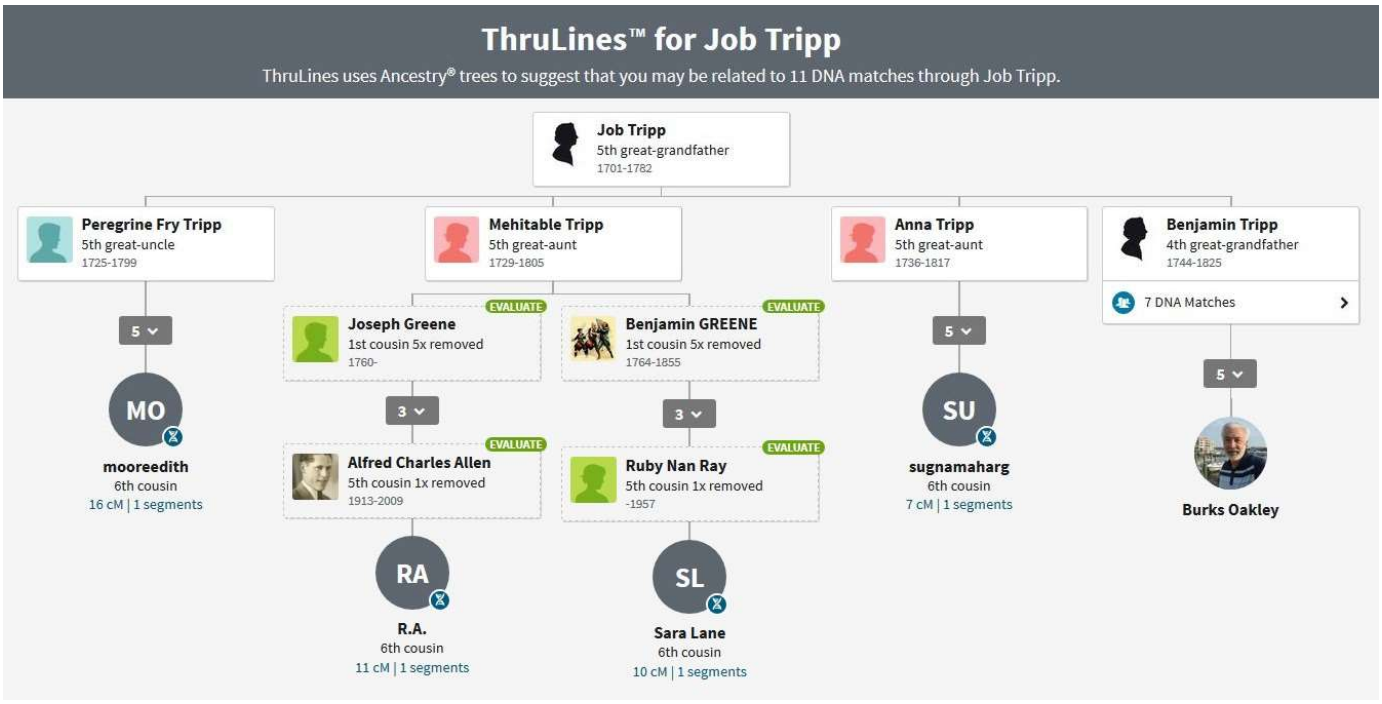


He died in Mason City, Illinois, which is ~75 miles west of where I live in Champaign, Illinois. Just go west on Illinois highway 10.

But I digress……

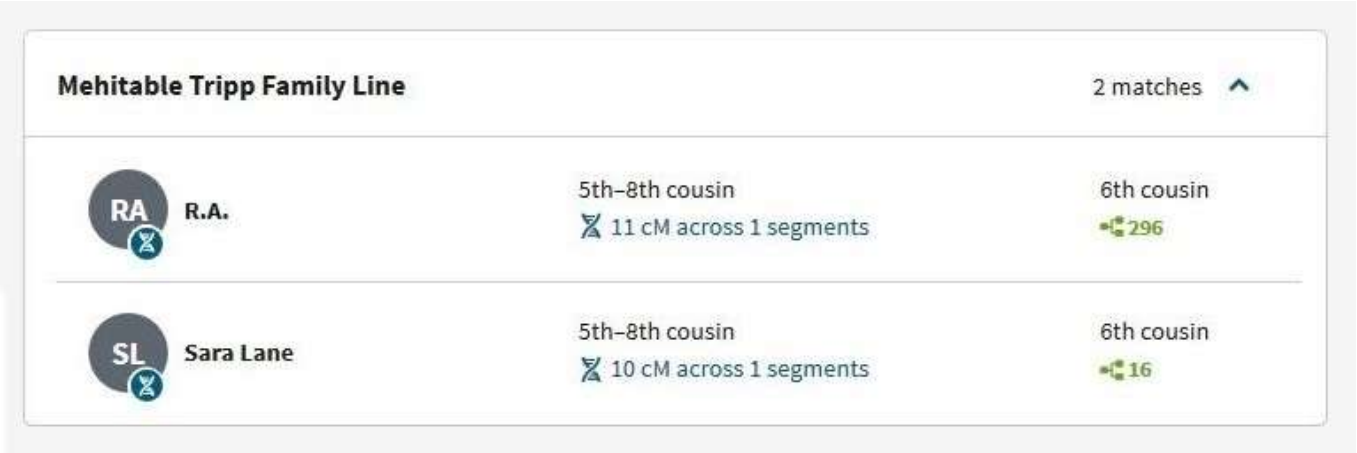
Job Tripp and Sarah White

Moving on to Ezra Marvin Miller's third set of great-grandparents, I get to Job Tripp and his wife Sarah White. Here is the ThruLines™ for Job Tripp (although the ThruLines™ for Sarah White is identical):



This ThruLines™ gives another four DNA matches- with ***mooreedith***, ***R.A.***, Sara Lane, and ***sugnamararg***. These individuals are grouped into three family lines – the "Peregrine Fry Tripp Family Line":

The “Mehitable Tripp Family Line”:



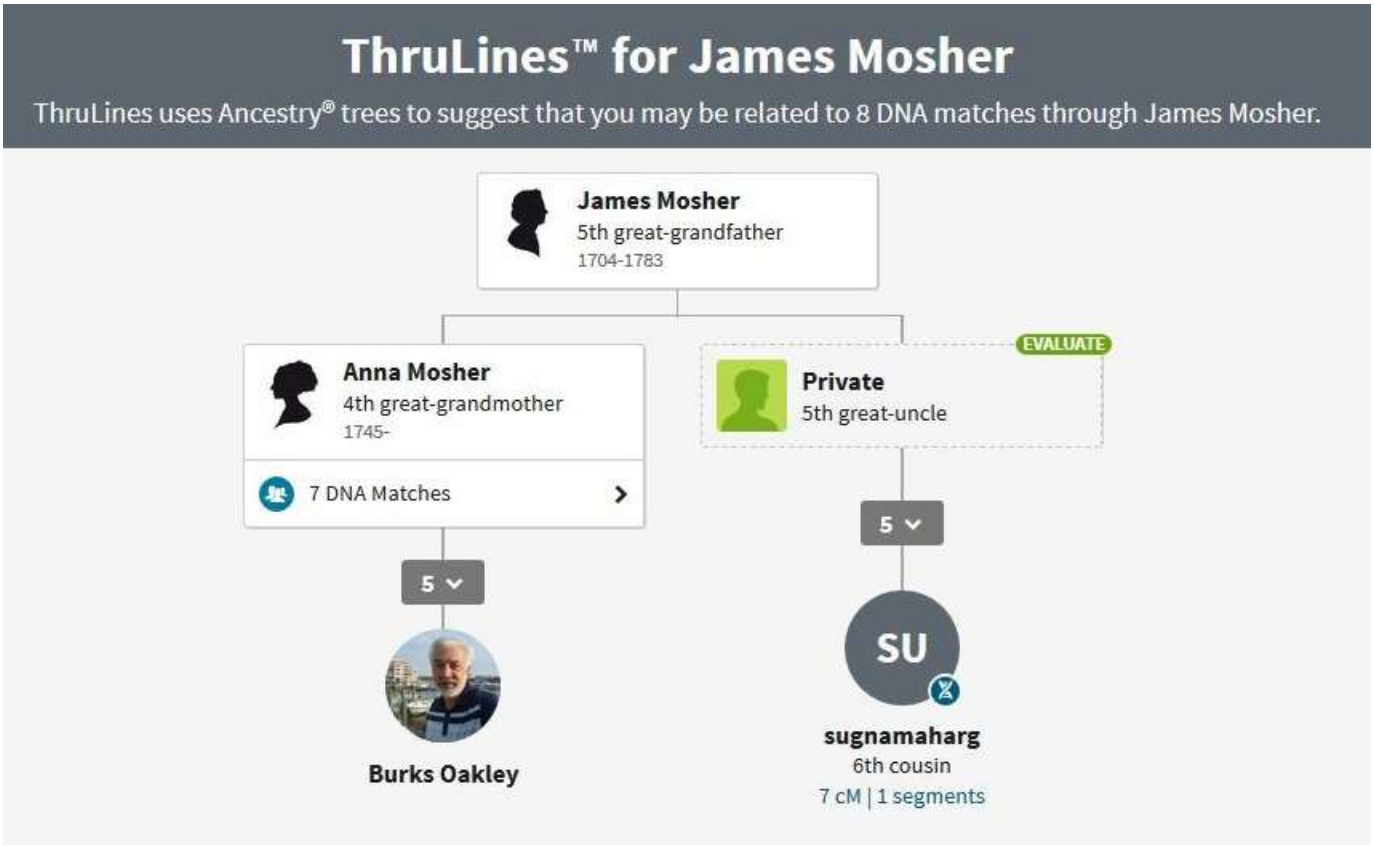
And the “Anna Tripp Family Line”:

Note that Sarah White was the granddaughter of Peregrine White, who was the first child born in the New World from a Pilgrim family that came to America on the ***Mayflower*** in 1620. See:

http://www.burksoakley.com/QuincyOakleyGenealogy/19-More-Tripp-Family-Heritage.pdf

James Mosher and Sarah Davol

The last couple to examine is James Mosher and his wife Sarah Davol. Here is the ThruLines™ for James Mosher (although the ThruLines™ for Sarah Davol is identical):



This ThruLines™ only adds someone having the username of ***sugnamaharg*** (which is Graham Angus spelled backwards). He appeared in the previous ThruLines™ for Job Tripp and Sarah White – his tree is "private", so I have no idea if he really is related to both of these families. I have written to him multiple times going back to 2015, and he never has responded. Interestingly, ThruLines™ put him in the "Private Family Line":

This now completes all of my ThruLines™ that are related to Ezra Marvin Miller.

Summary of All of MY DNA Matches Involving Ezra Marvin Miller

The following table summarizes the forty-nine individuals with whom I have a DNA match AND a plausible connection through Ezra Marvin Miller, based on family trees on the Ancestry.com website. Recall that these individuals were grouped into "Family Lines".

Family Line	**Members**	**Relationship to Burks**
Ezra Allen Miller	irrt19461	3C1R
	DGVallender	3C2R
	notree	3C1R
	Jason Kelly	3C2R
	Christienoel11	3C2R
Hannah Mariah Miller	Amy Oakley	Daughter
	Hal Oakley	1C1R
	Mark Eidem	1C1R
	John Oakley	1C2R
Julia Fidelia Miller	Darby Scott	3C1R
Ruth Adelia Miller	Donald Rogers	4C1R
Dewitt Clinton Miller	Jim Eaton	4C
	Carolyn Krebs	4C
	Nancy Krebs	4C
	Melinda Smidt	4C
	Sandra Barker	4C
Horace Allen Miller	Sally Strosahl	5C
Jonathan Miller	M.C.	5C
	fido96	5C1R
	A.T.	5C1R
	mkcwrites	5C1R
	K.B.	5C1R
Orrin B. Miller	cayennepepper25	5C1R
	A.D.	5C1R
Charles Tripp	RobertRiggs32	5C
	Sidney Oldberg	5C
Rebecca Clark Miller	M.R.	6C
George Fredrick Miller	Dixie Warner	5C1R
	Nanmoulton	5C1R
Chloe Case	S.F.	6C
Solomon Case	Judith Lowe	5C1R
	C.L.	6C
	Discod24	6C

	Tim Lyczewski	6C
Dianthe Case	Charmaine1300	4C2R
	EllenCamarillo	6C
	bobjoan76	6C
	sippi7	6C
	E.M.	5C1R
	Bob Clore	5C1R
	Aric Austin	6C
	frost_1	6C
	krbraz	6C
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Peregrine Fry Tripp	mooreedith	6C
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Conclusion

In this narrative, I presented the ThruLines™ from the Ancestry.com website that connect through my 2nd-great grandfather Ezra Marvin Miller. These ThruLines™ identified 49 of my DNA matches that are associated with family trees that indicate they are descended from Ezra Marvin Miller's direct ancestors.

ThruLines™ are not meant to be proof of a relationship – they only are a suggestion that should lead to additional research. But I am not really interested in adding new sixth-cousins to my family tree. I am definitely interested in finding support for my pedigree – that is, my knowledge of my direct ancestors. The fact that I have ThruLines™ for all of my ancestors in the Ezra Marvin Miller line is that support I am seeking – I really do have this branch of the family tree correct. To have eleven DNA matches in my "Dianthe Case Family Line", well, that is priceless. Dianthe Case was my 5th-great aunt, and she was born in Connecticut at the time of the Revolutionary War. Amazing to have so many DNA matches with her descendants!

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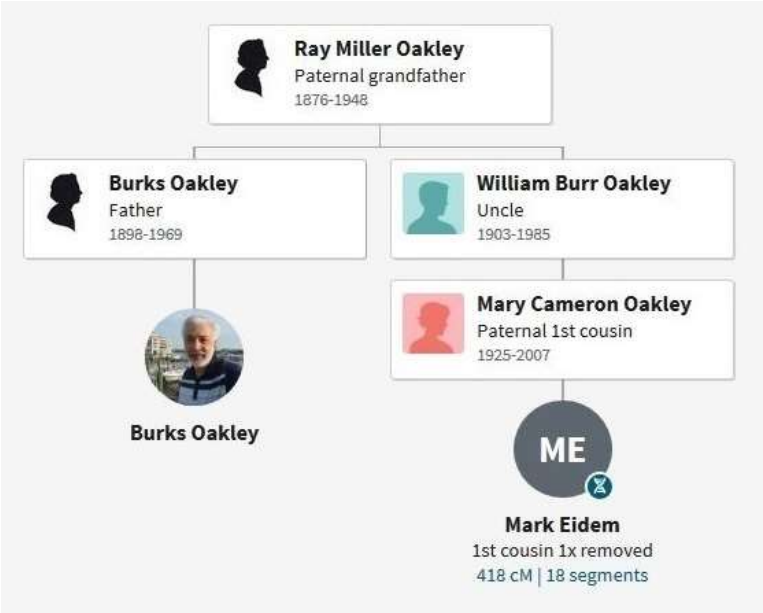
Appendix – Other Family Members

Just for fun, I decided to look at a few ThruLines™ for other Oakley family members. I started with my first-cousin once-removed Mark Eidem.

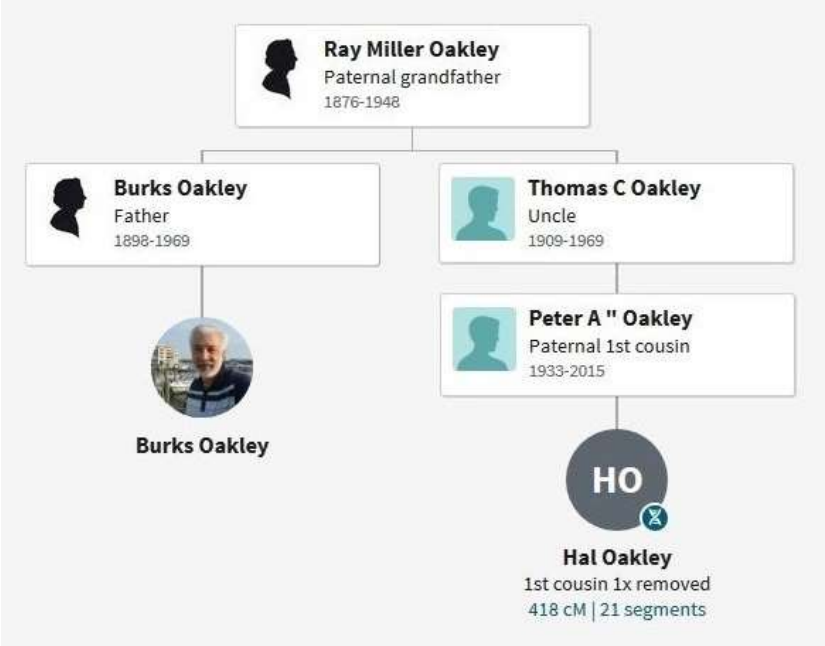


His maternal grandfather and my father were brothers. I looked at Mark's ThruLines™ for Allen Miller:

I was quite surprised to see that he did not have a single DNA match with descendants of any of Allen Miller's children except Ezra Marvin Miller. Recall

that I had DNA matches with descendants of Ruth Adelia Miller (1 match) and Dewitt Clinton Miller (5 matches). But Mark is one more generation removed from Allen Miller than I am.

I then went on to my first-cousin once-removed Hal Oakley.

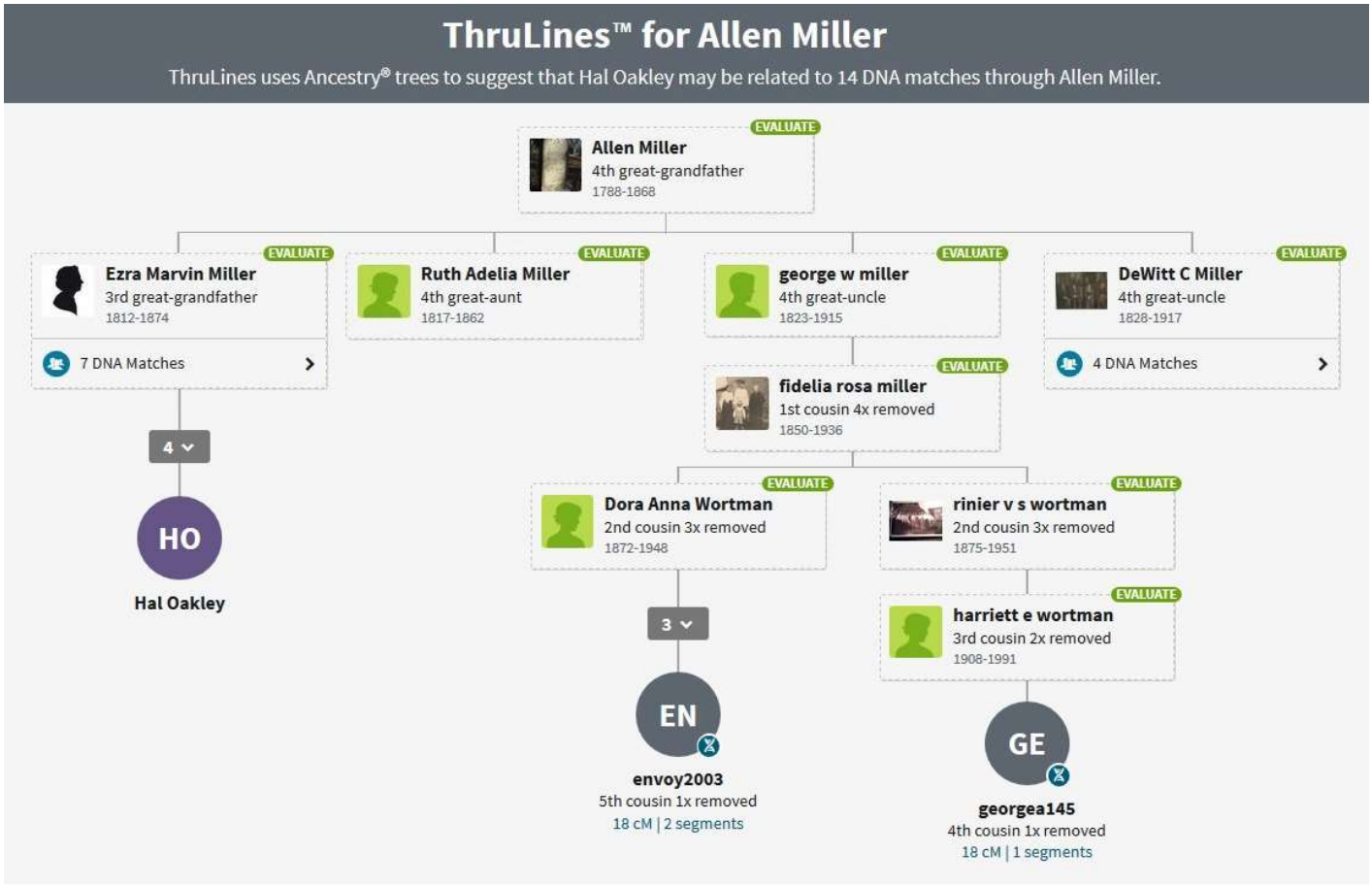


His paternal grandfather and my father were brothers. I looked at Hal's ThruLines™ for Allen Miller:

Wow! This ThruLines™ is very different than Mark's. Hal has DNA matches with descendants of four of Allen Miller's children: Ezra Marvin Miller, Ruth Adelia Miller, George W. Miller, and Dewitt Clinton Miller. The line through Ezra Marvin Miller goes to Hal and his Oakley cousins; this is what is expected.

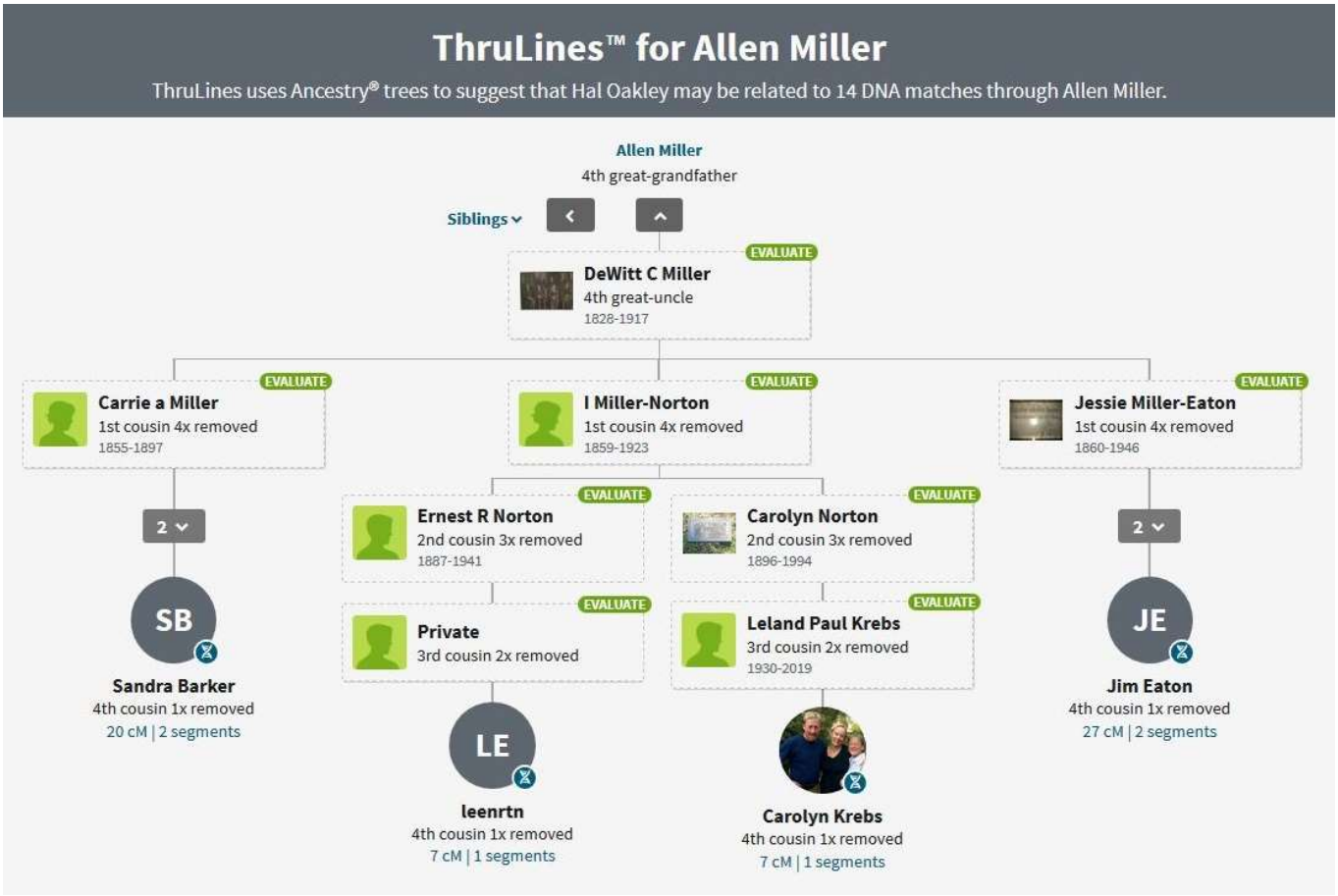
The line through Ruth Adelia Miller goes to Donald Rogers, just like mine.

Hal has a new line that I don't have, and that is through Allen Miller's son George W. Miller:



This really points out how autosomal DNA is inherited. Hal has DNA matches with descendants of George W. Miller that I don't have. And all this adds to our knowledge of our distant Miller cousins.

Finally, Hal has a line to four DNA matches that connects through Allen Miller through his son Dewitt (DeWitt?) Clinton Miller:



I also have DNA matches with descendants of DeWitt Clinton Miller – and my matches are with Sandra Barker, Melinda Smidt, Carolyn Krebs, Nancy Krebs, and Jim Eaton. Interestingly, Hal's matches are with three of these people – Sandra, Carolyn, and Jim – but he has a match with ***leenrtn*** that I don't have. Again, the vagaries of how autosomal DNA is inherited.

I added this Appendix material just to show how different family members have different DNA matches with distant cousins. As I mentioned in this narrative, I'm less interested in adding these distant cousins to my family tree, and much more interested in verifying the pedigree going back many generations.