

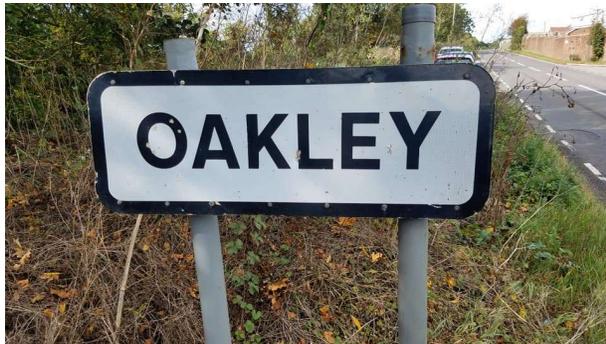
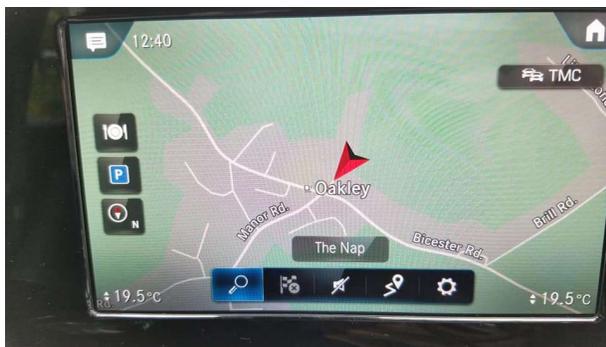
## Chapter 43A

### Rose Hubbard Dennis – We Share Six Sets of Common Ancestors

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#### *Introduction*

I recently went on a ten-day trip to England to see some of the places where my English-immigrant ancestors lived. While on this trip, I also visited a number of villages named Oakley and stayed at some old manor houses, including the Oakley Hall Hotel and the Oakley Court. Here are some photos from the trip:



On Monday, 23 September 2019, I visited Saffron Walden, Essex, where Mary Browne (1607-1682) was born. Mary married Miles Oakley (1612-1672), and they were my eighth-great grandparents. I posted some photos from my visit to Facebook:



I was quite surprised when my distant cousin Rose Hubbard (married name Dennis) responded:



Oh my! How cool to see that my distant cousin, Rose, also was descended from the Oakley-Browne couple. I contacted Rose in 2015 after I learned that she and I have a DNA match, and we became Facebook friends at that time.

Later that day, I visited Edworth, in Central Bedfordshire, to see where my Spencer ancestors lived. My tenth-great grandfather, Gerard Spencer (1576-1646), was born in Edworth and died in nearby Stotfold:



**Gerard Spencer**  
**BIRTH** 20 MAY 1576 • Edworth, Bedfordshire, England  
**DEATH** 8 JUN 1646 • Stotfold, Bedfordshire, England

I also posted some photos from my visit to Edworth on Facebook:

**Burks Oakley II**  
 September 23 at 9:23 AM · 🌐

Today was really special - a very memorable day for me!!! I drove from Cambridge to the little hamlet of Edworth, which is in Bedfordshire - out in the middle of nowhere. My 10th-great grandfather, Gerard Spencer, was born in Edworth on 20 May 1576. He died in the nearby village of Stotfold on 8 June 1646. I wanted to see where Gerard Spencer lived.

Quite honestly, there isn't much in Edworth - it probably hasn't changed much in 400+ years. But as I was taking a few phot... [See More](#)



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Rose Hubbard responded that she also is descended from this Spencer line:



**Rose Hubbard Dennis** Oh My Burks Oakley II, you are not going to believe this. I have copied and pasted this from my family tree at Ancestry.



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**Rose Hubbard Dennis**



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**Burks Oakley II** Rose Hubbard Dennis - OMG!!! This is amazing! Thanks so much for sharing this. I'll look into it all in more detail when I get back to Illinois later in the week. Another way we connect!!!

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**Burks Oakley II** This is really amazing! For some time, I have known that Rose Hubbard Dennis is a distant cousin on the Miller side of my family. And now it turns out that she also is related through the Spencer family - Gerard Spencer was her 10th-great grandfather! How cool is this!!

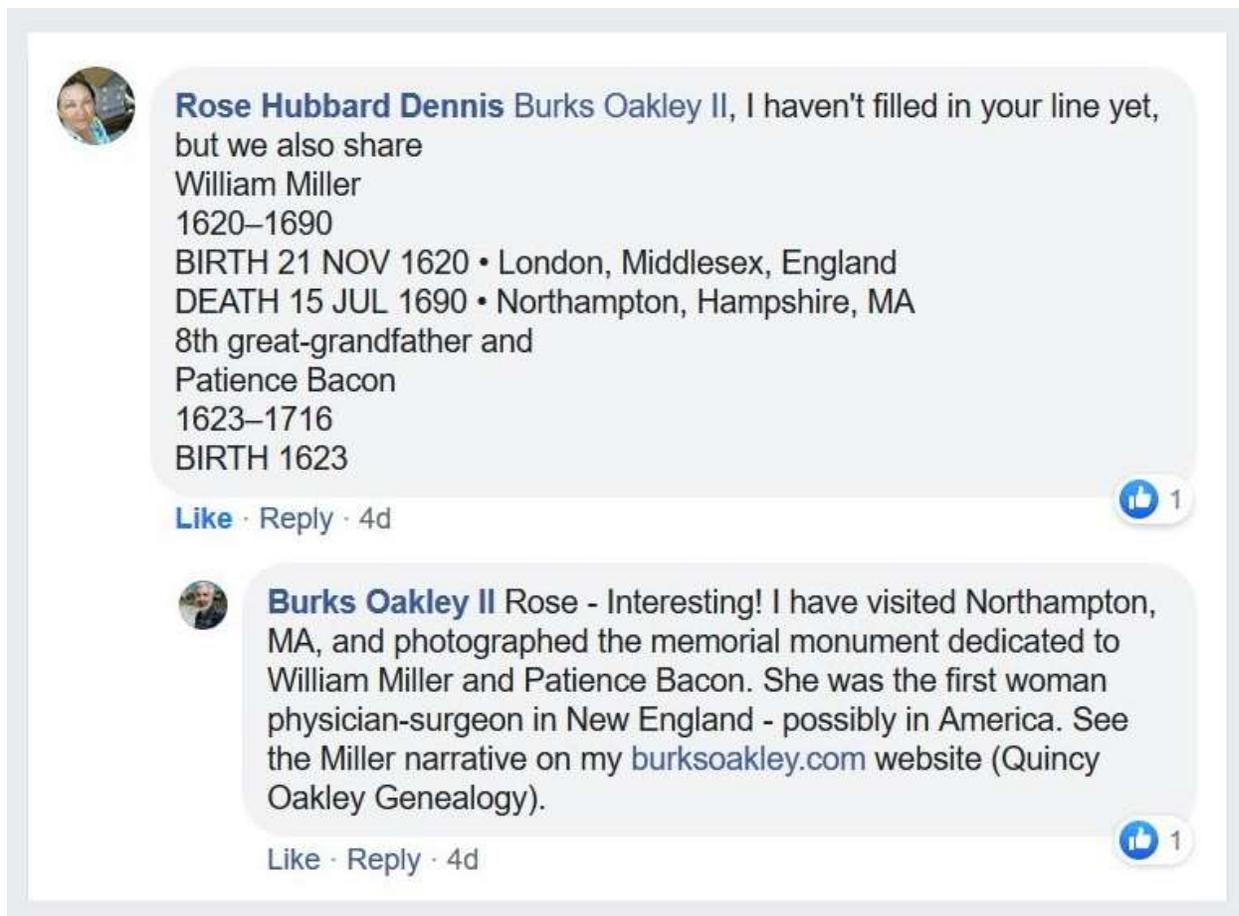
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Within a few hours after I visited two locations in central England where my Oakley, Browne, and Spencer ancestors lived, I had learned that these ancestors were Rose Hubbard's ancestors, as well.

In response to my posting in Facebook about my Spencer ancestors in Edworth, Rose then went on to add something about our common Miller ancestors (we have known about this connection for several years):

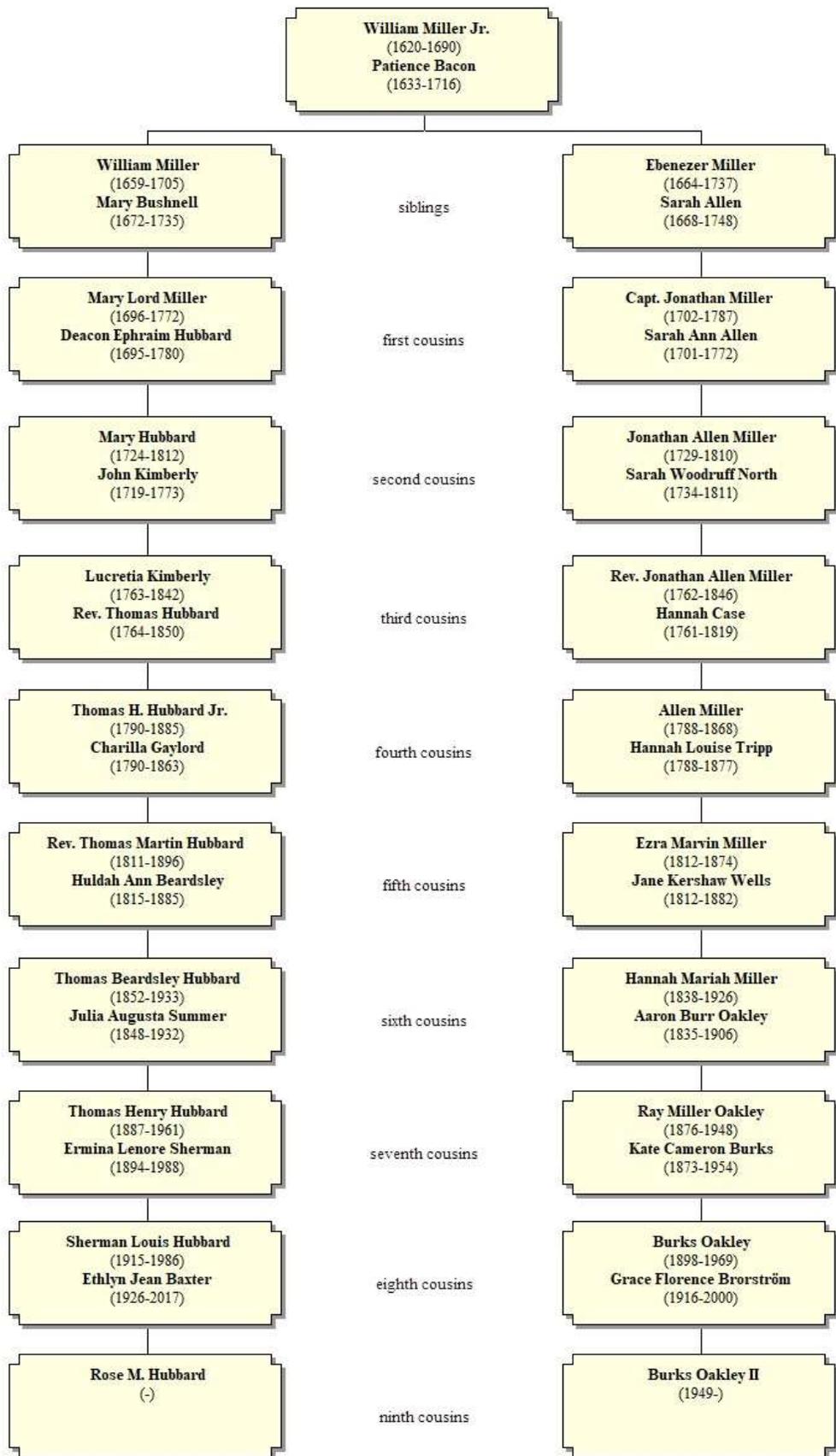


So quite amazing to see that Rose and I share three sets of common ancestors in our family trees.

I guess I knew all this before, but seeing it on Facebook – well, that makes it FBO – Facebook Official – so I decided to look more deeply into all this.

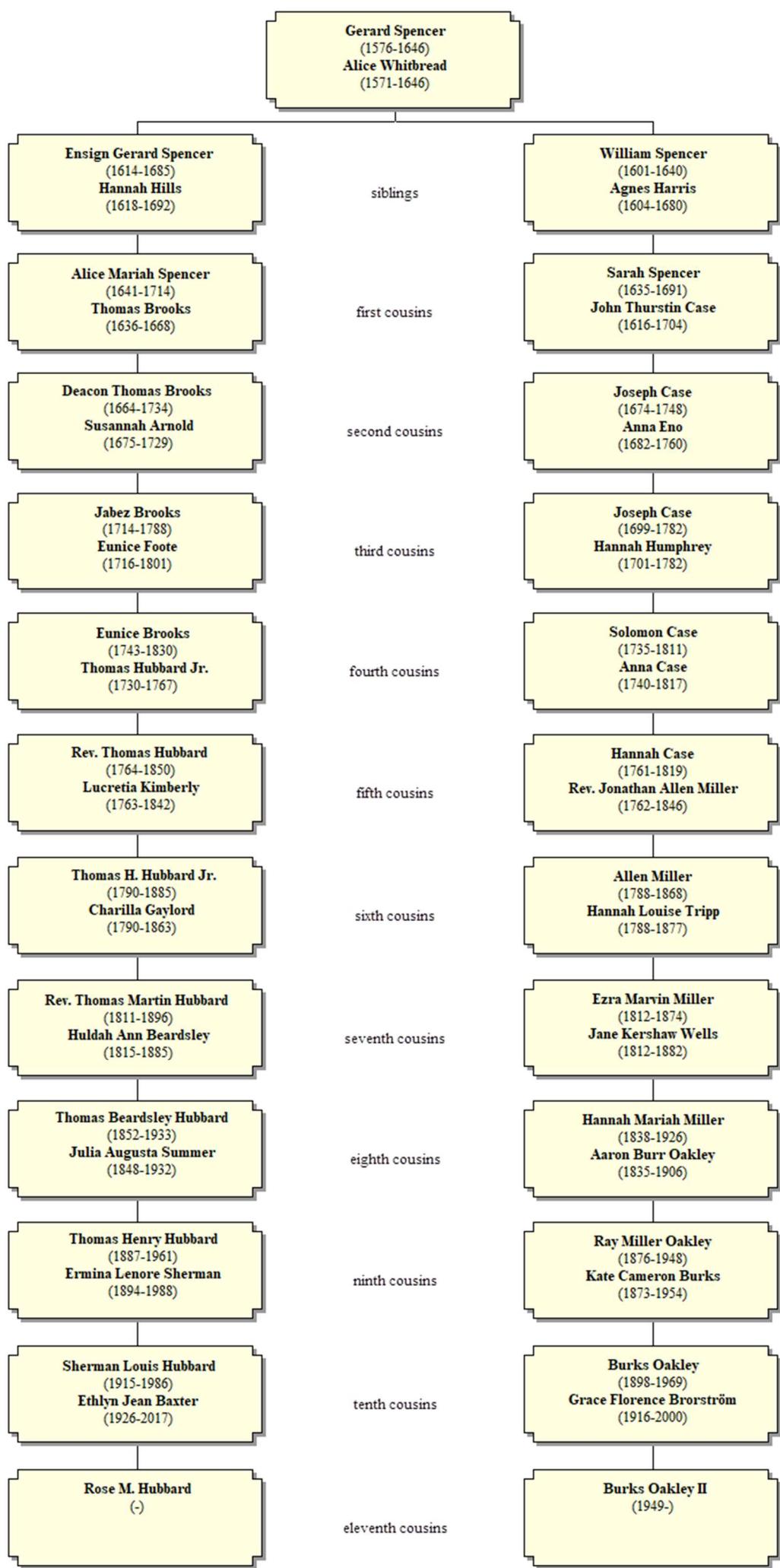
### ***My Shared Ancestors with Rose Hubbard***

Let me start with the Miller line. Here is a chart showing how Rose and I are related through our Miller ancestors:



Rose and I are ninth cousins on the Miller line, going back to William Miller (1620-1690) and his wife Patience Bacon (1633-1716).

Next comes the Spencer line:



On the Spencer line, Rose and I are eleventh cousins, going back to Gerard Spencer (1576-1646) and his wife Alice Whitbread (1571-1646).

Last is the Oakley line:

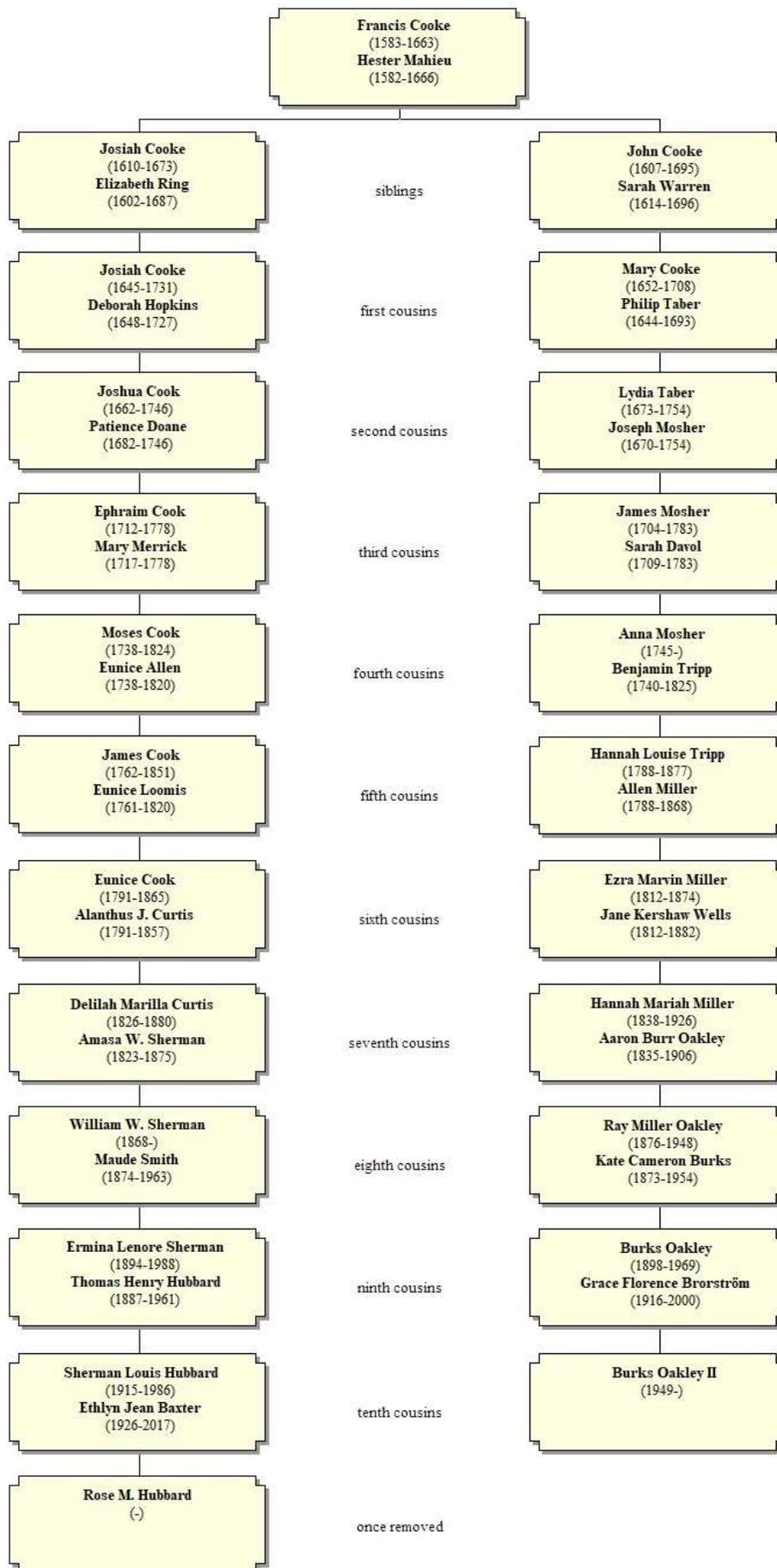


On the Oakley line, Rose and I are ninth-cousins, once-removed. We both are descended from Miles Oakley (1612-1672) and his wife Mary Browne (1607-1682).

At this point, I was really pleased to have found a DNA match with someone with whom I have three sets of common ancestors. But these common ancestors are so far back in the past that I doubted that any of them could account for the autosomal DNA match that I have with Rose (12 cM on a single DNA segment). I sent her a note and told her that we must have a more recent common ancestor.

So Rose went back and looked at our family trees, and she found another set of common ancestors – going back to the *Mayflower*!

It turns out that Rose and I both are descended from Francis Cooke (1583-1663) and his wife Hester Mahieu (1582-1666), as shown in the following chart:

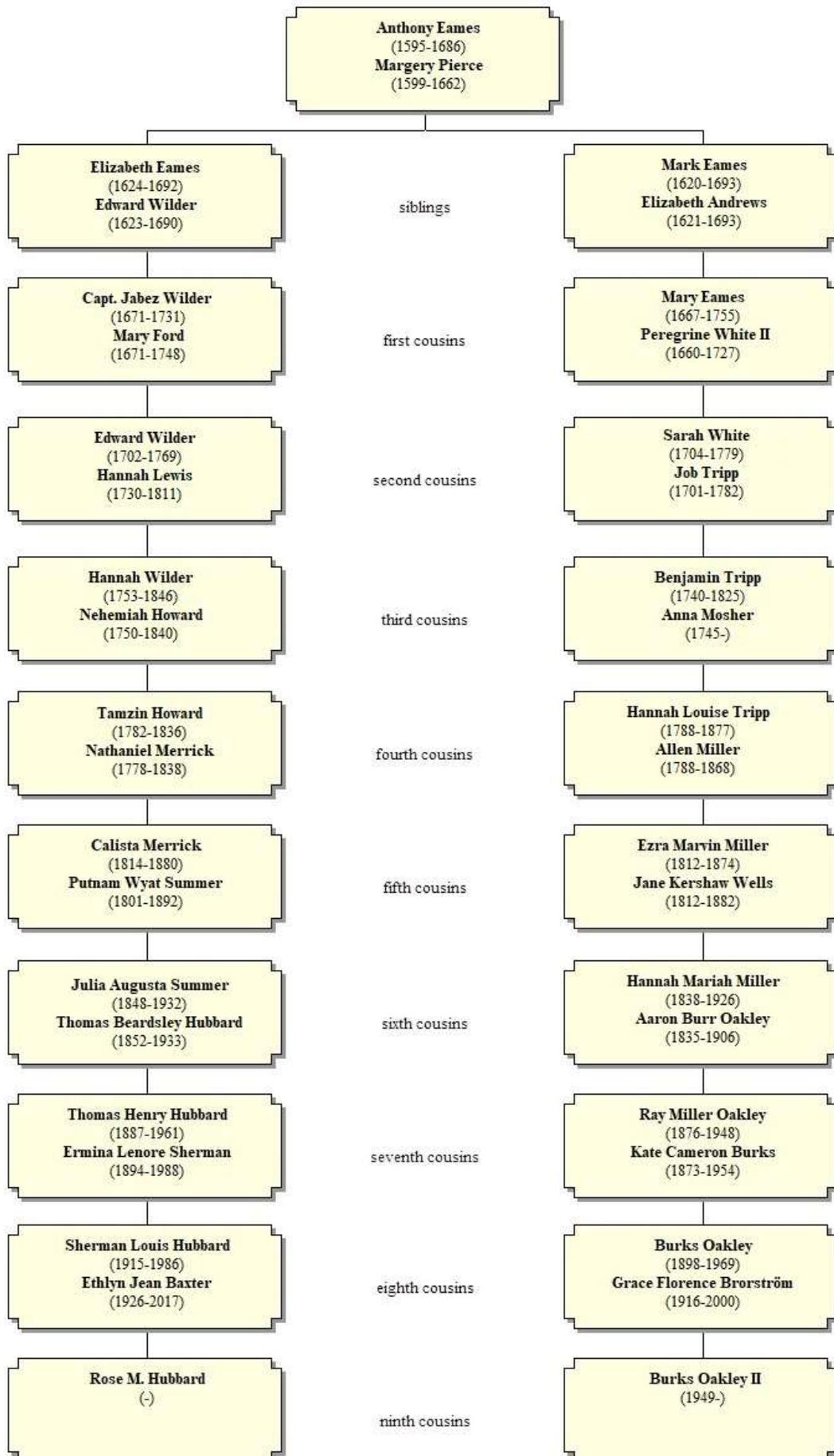


On this line, Rose and I are tenth-cousins once-removed. While this doesn't solve the problem of knowing exactly where our autosomal DNA match comes from, it nevertheless is intriguing to have a FOURTH set of common ancestors. And to think that this one goes back to Francis Cooke, who came to America on the

*Mayflower* in 1620. His wife and children came over on the ship *Anne* in July 1623.

But these common ancestors are most likely too far back to account for the DNA match that Rose and I share.

And then, out of the blue, Rose sent me the names of another couple we share as common ancestors – and they are Anthony Eames (1595-1686) and his wife Margery Pierce (1599-1662). Our relationship through this couple is shown in the following chart:



How cool is this – a FIFTH set of ancestors that we have in common! Note that in my line, Mary Eames (1667-1755) married Peregrine White II (1660-1727) – his father was Peregrine White, who sailed on the *Mayflower* in 1620 *in utero* and was the first child born in the New World, just a few weeks after the Pilgrims landed in Plymouth, Massachusetts. His parents brought a small wicker cradle with them on the voyage, and this cradle is in the museum in Plymouth, Massachusetts.<sup>1</sup>



At this point, Rose and I have five sets of common ancestors, but they are so far back in the past that it is doubtful that they could account for our autosomal DNA match. The problem is that we both have very complete family trees, and we can't find any common ancestor that makes us closer than ninth cousins (and ninth cousins typically don't share any autosomal DNA).

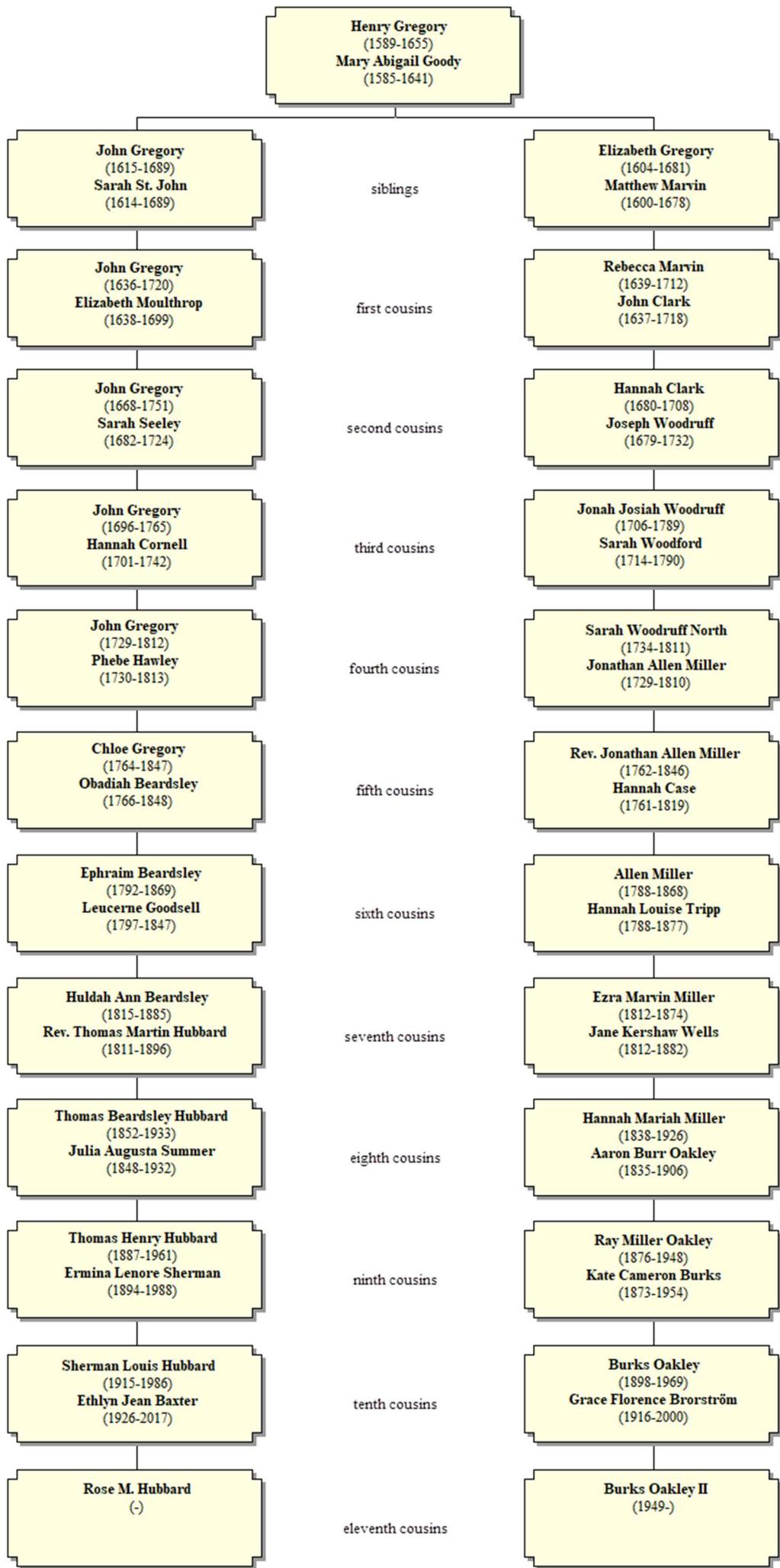
I have to say that Rose is very persistent. She wrote "Also, your ancestor Elizabeth Gregory (1604–1647) is my 10th great Aunt." Oh my – a connection via my Gregory ancestors.

Rose and I both are descended from Henry Gregory (1589-1655) and his wife Mary Abigail Goody (1585-1641). I have found multiple versions of Mary Abigail's name. One reference states that she is the "daughter of Lord Judah Rodger Goode and Lady Alice Allen" – in this case her last name would be Goode or Goody. Another reference states "Henry's wife is called Mary Abigail Goody. This is likely not her actual last name at birth since "Goody" was a term used during the colonial period interchangeably with "Goodwife"; sort of a term of respect." She must have been quite a woman – yet another reference about her states "Born in Nottinghamshire County, England, on 21 January 1585 to Judah Roger Goody and Lady Alice Allen. Mary Abigail Goody GOODE Gregory, "Puritan Immigrant", married Sir Henry GREGORY, Mayor of Nottingham, "Puritan Immigrant" (Shoemaker-Cobbler) and had 15 children. She passed away on 15 February 1641 in Stratford, Fairfield, Connecticut Colony, British Colonies."

At any rate, here is a chart showing how Rose and I both are descended from Henry Gregory (1589-1655) and his wife Mary Abigail Goody (1585-1641):

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<sup>1</sup> I photographed this cradle in the museum on 16 August 2016.



As shown in this chart, Rose and I are eleventh-cousins via our Gregory connection. And now Rose and I have six sets of common ancestors!

## Connecting the Six Ancestral Lines

Rose Hubbard and I have six sets of common ancestors:

- Miles Oakley and Mary Browne
- William Miller and Patience Bacon
- Henry Gregory and Mary Abigail Goody
- Gerald Spencer and Alice Whitbread
- Francis Cooke and Hester Madieu
- Anthony Eames and Margery Pierce

In thinking about how these six families were brought together, it struck me that all were immigrants from England, and they all settled in New England – specifically Massachusetts, Connecticut, and New York. Several of these families came to New England as part of the Puritan Great Migration (1620-1640).<sup>2</sup>

Here is a list of all the immigrants from the six families in my line:

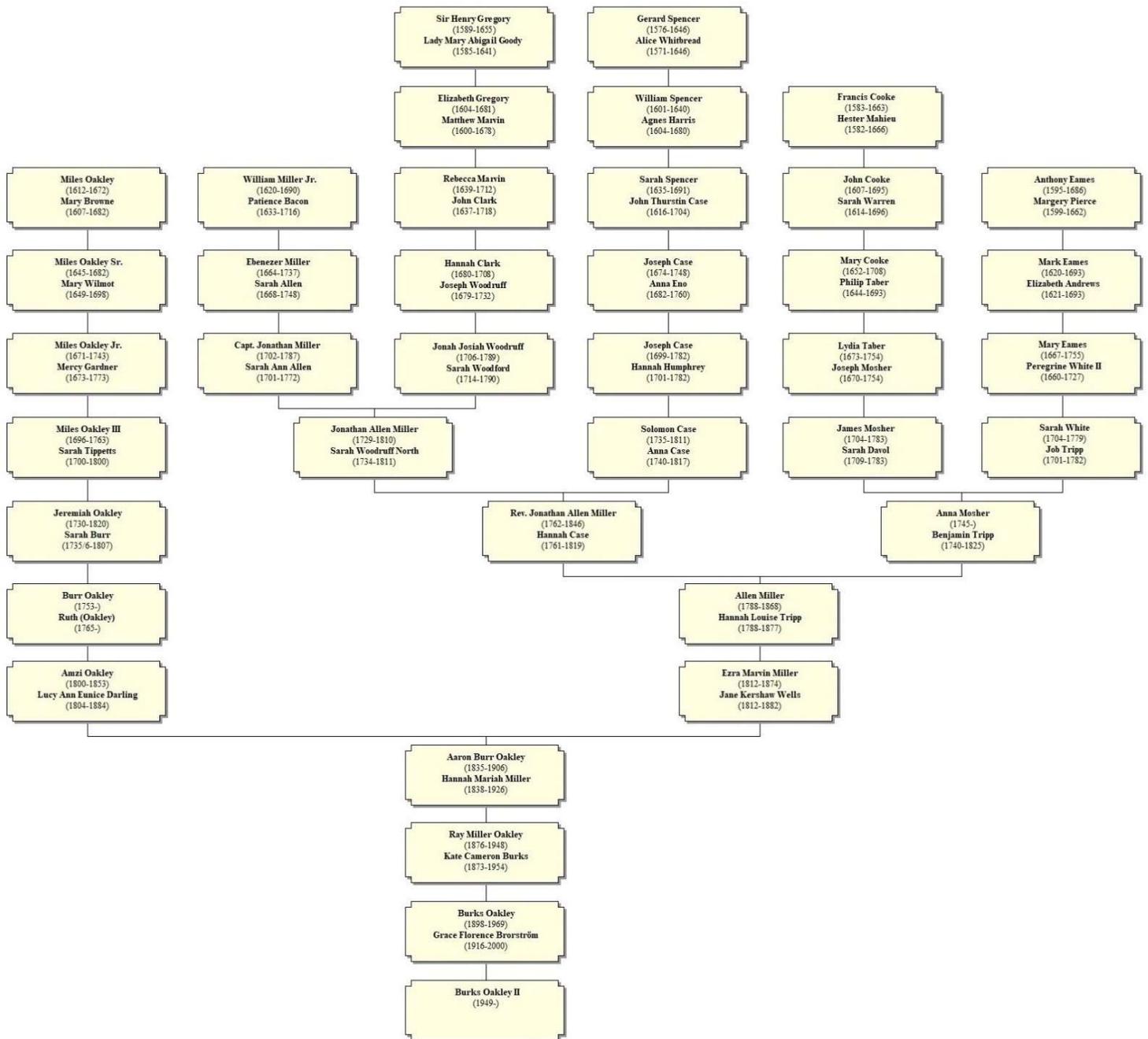
 <b>William Spencer</b> BIRTH 11 OCT 1601 • Stotfold, Bedfordshire, England DEATH 4 MAY 1640 • Hartford, Hartford, Connecticut	 <b>Agnes Pratt Harris</b> BIRTH 6 APR 1604 • Barnstable, Devon, England DEATH 1680 • Hartford, Hartford, Connecticut
 <b>William Miller</b> BIRTH 21 NOV 1620 • London, Middlesex, England DEATH 15 JUL 1690 • Northampton, Hampshire, Massachusetts, British America	 <b>Patience Bacon</b> BIRTH 1633 • St. Nicholas Par, London, England DEATH 20 MAR 1716 • Northfield, Hampshire, Massachusetts, British America
 <b>Francis Cooke</b> BIRTH 26 NOV 1584 • Gides Hall, Essex, England DEATH 7 APR 1663 • Plymouth, Plymouth, Massachusetts	 <b>Hester Mahieu</b> BIRTH 1585 • Canterbury, Kent, England DEATH 18 JUN 1666 • Plymouth, Plymouth, Massachusetts
 <b>Anthony Eames</b> BIRTH 1 DEC 1592 • Fordington, Dorset, England DEATH 06 OCT 1686 • Marshfield, Plymouth, Massachusetts	 <b>Margery Pierce</b> BIRTH 27 SEP 1597 • Fordington St. George, Dorset, England DEATH 31 DEC 1662 • Marshfield, Plymouth Colony
 <b>Miles Oakley</b> BIRTH 15 JUL 1615 • Oakley Parish, Cumberland, England DEATH 19 MAY 1698 • Westchester, New York, United States	 <b>Mary Browne</b> BIRTH 27 SEP 1607 • Saffron Walden, Essex, England DEATH DEC 1682 • New York, United States
 <b>William Henry Gregory</b> BIRTH 14 JAN 1589 • Nottingham, Nottinghamshire, England DEATH 14 JUN 1655 • Stratford, Fairfield, Connecticut, USA	 <b>Mary Abigail Goody</b> BIRTH 21 JAN 1585 • Nottingham, Nottinghamshire, England DEATH 15 FEB 1641 • Stratford, Fairfield, Connecticut Colony

It is important to note that all of them came from England and all settled in New England.

As an aside, I note that only the Oakley name survived in my family tree, while none of the family names survived in Rose's tree.

<sup>2</sup> [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Puritan\\_migration\\_to\\_New\\_England\\_\(1620%E2%80%931640\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Puritan_migration_to_New_England_(1620%E2%80%931640))

My six ancestral lines are shown in this chart:



The lines are shown in the following order (from left to right):

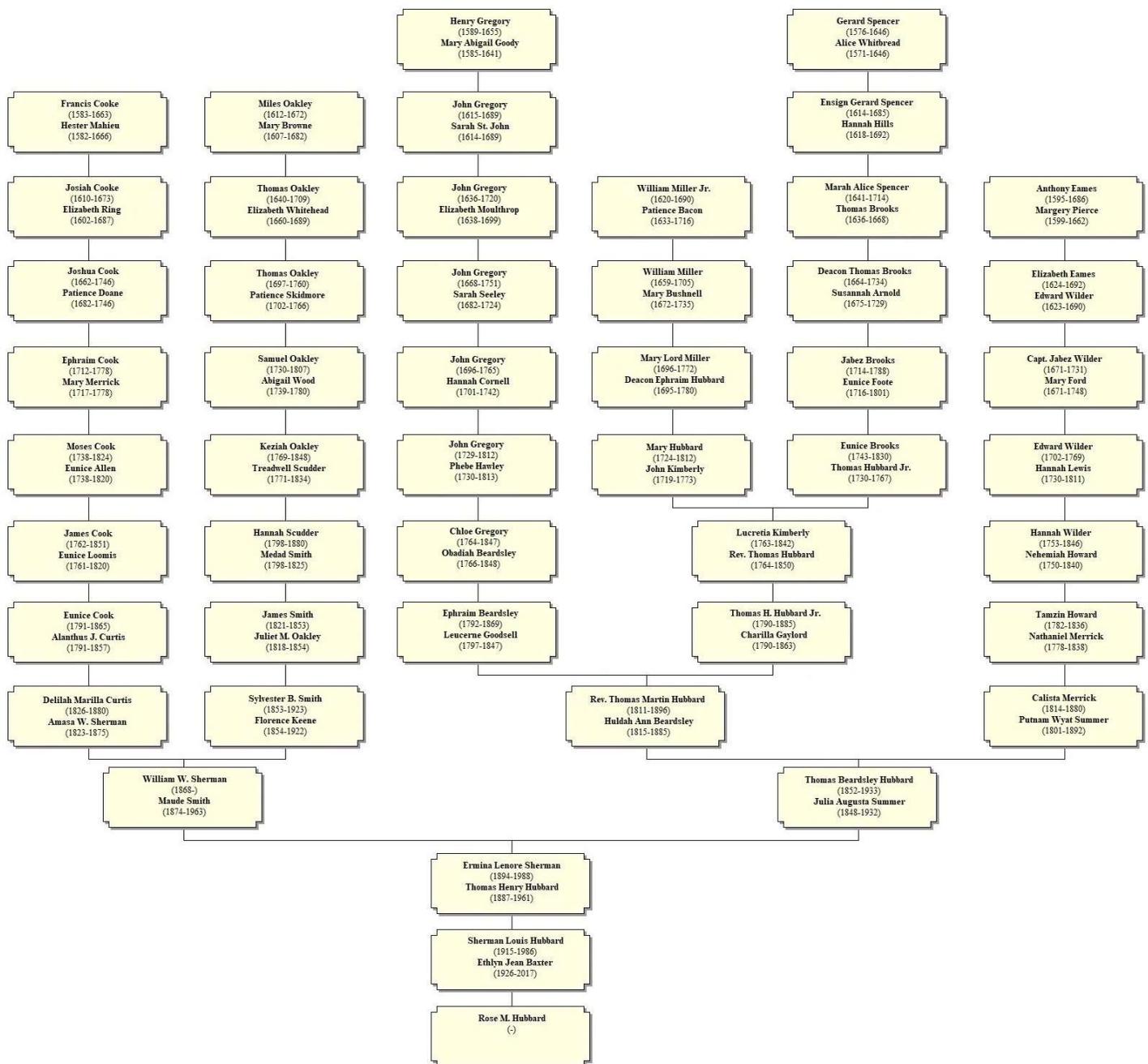
- Miles Oakley & Mary Browne
- William Miller and Patience Bacon
- Henry Gregory and Mary Abigail Goody
- Gerald Spencer and Alice Whitbread
- Francis Cooke and Hester Madieu
- Anthony Eames and Margery Pierce

It is interesting to see that the five lines from Massachusetts and Connecticut all connected first, and then the Oakley line from New York was the last. Based on the combined chart shown above:

- The Miller line and the Gregory line came together with the marriage of Jonathan Allen Miller and Sarah Woodruff.
- The Spencer line came together with those lines with the marriage of Rev. Jonathan Allen Miller and Hannah Case.

- The Cooke line came together with the Eames line with the marriage of Anna Mosher and Benjamin Tripp.
- The Miller, Gregory, Spencer, Cooke, and Eames lines came together with the marriage of Allen Miller and Hannah Louise Tripp.
- And finally the Oakley line connected with the others with the marriage of Aaron Burr Oakley and Hannah Mariah Miller (and I note that they most likely met in Illinois, as the families were moving west from Connecticut and New York).

The six ancestral lines for Rose Hubbard are shown in the following chart:



The lines are shown in the following order (from left to right):

- Francis Cooke and Hester Madieu
- Miles Oakley & Mary Browne
- Henry Gregory and Mary Abigail Goody
- William Miller and Patience Bacon
- Gerald Spencer and Alice Whitbread
- Anthony Eames and Margery Pierce

The pattern of marriages between these six lines is very different for Rose than for me. Based on the combined chart shown on the previous page:

- The Cooke line and the Oakley line came together with the marriage of William Sherman and Maude Smith.
- The Miller line and the Spencer line came together with the marriage of Rev. Thomas Hubbard and Lucretia Kimberly.
- The Gregory line came together with the Miller-Spencer lines with the marriage of Rev. Thomas Martin Hubbard and Huldah Ann Beardsley.
- The Eames line came together with the Miller-Spencer-Gregory lines with the marriage of Thomas Beardsley Hubbard and Julia Augusta Summer.
- And finally the Cooke-Oakley line came together with the Miller-Spencer-Gregory-Eames line with the marriage of Thomas Henry Hubbard and Ermina Lenore Sherman.

So while Rose and I share the same six ancestral lines, the way that the families connected is very different in our two lines.

### ***Where Does Our DNA Match Come From?***

At this point in time, I really don't know what is responsible for the autosomal DNA match that Rose and I have. It would seem that our English-immigrant ancestors are too distant in the past to account for this match. I intend to pursue this using GEDmatch.com sometime in the near future [see Chapter 43B]. For now, I'll have to use Rose's term of "Colonial Soup" to describe our relationship.

### ***Summary***

In this narrative, I have described how Rose Hubbard (married name Dennis) and I share six sets of common ancestors. All of these common ancestors were from England, and their families immigrated to New England in the 1600's. Our common ancestors are:

- Miles Oakley & Mary Browne
- William Miller and Patience Bacon
- Henry Gregory and Mary Abigail Goody
- Gerald Spencer and Alice Whitbread
- Francis Cooke and Hester Madieu
- Anthony Eames and Margery Pierce

Rose and I have an autosomal DNA match – 12.7 cM on Chromosome 5. More work is needed to determine our MRCA that is/are responsible for this DNA match.