

## Chapter 4B

### Lucy Ann Eunice Darling - Revisited

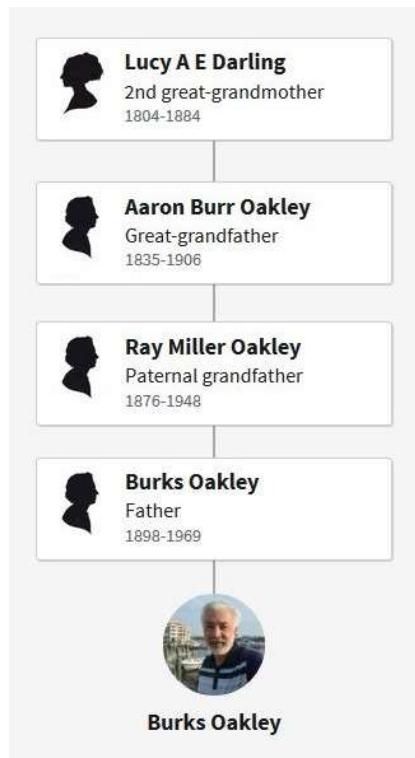
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#### ***Introduction***

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 about these families extensively at:

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

One of my father's eight great-grandparents was Lucy Ann Eunice Darling (of course, she was MY 2<sup>nd</sup>-great grandmother):



I previously wrote about Lucy Darling and the entire Darling line in my early research about Quincy Oakley genealogy – see Chapter 4 at:

<http://www.burksoakley.com/QuincyOakleyGenealogy/4-DarlingGenealogy.pdf>

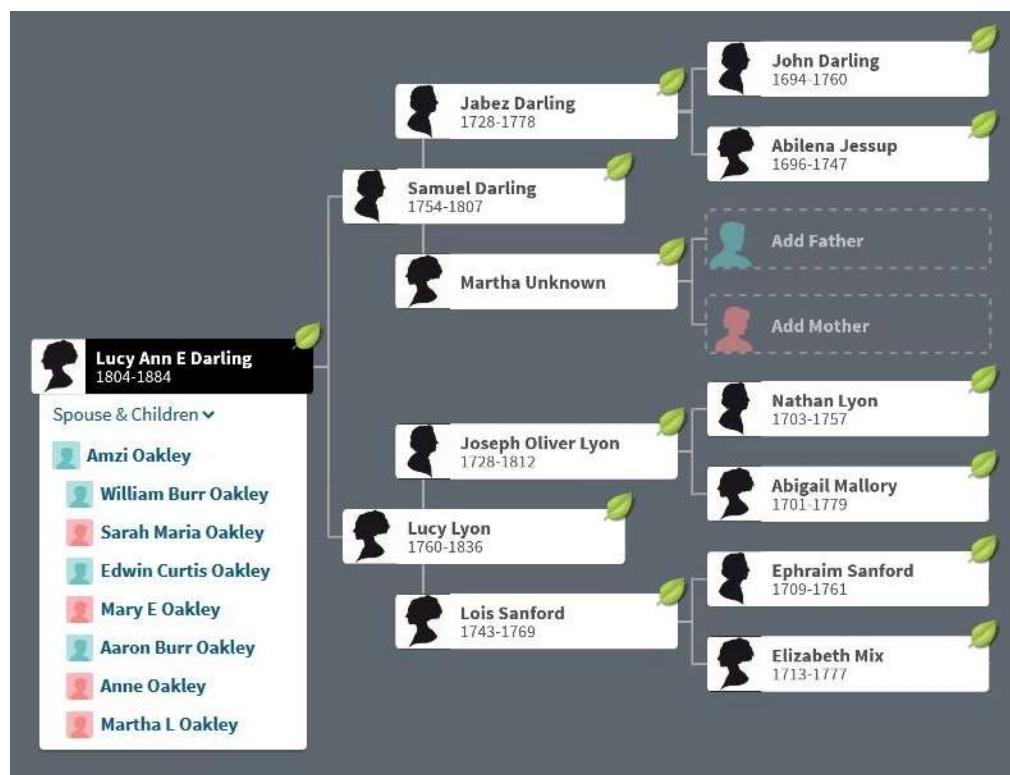
This earlier narrative included descriptions of a large number of the DNA matches that I have with descendants of Lucy Darling's ancestors.

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 to look at the ThruLines™ associated with my father's eight great-grandparents. For no good reason, I started with Lucy Ann Eunice Darling.

### ***ThruLines™ for Lucy Ann Eunice Darling and her Ancestors***

The following chart shows Lucy Ann Eunice Darling's pedigree. She was my 2<sup>nd</sup>-great grandmother, and this chart shows three generations of her ancestors, going back to my 5<sup>th</sup>-great grandparents. The ThruLines™ on Ancestry.com only go back to an individual's 5<sup>th</sup>-great grandparents, since after that, many autosomal DNA matches become too small to be significant (and including 6<sup>th</sup>-great grandparents would add 256 individual ThruLines™ for each user).



I will start this narrative with my ThruLines™ for Lucy Ann Eunice Darling herself. It turns out that I have DNA matches with descendants of two of her seven children – my great-grandfather Aaron Burr Oakley and his younger sister Anne Oakley:



When I accessed my ThruLines™ for Lucy, I saw the following:

### ThruLines™ for Lucy Ann Eunice Darling

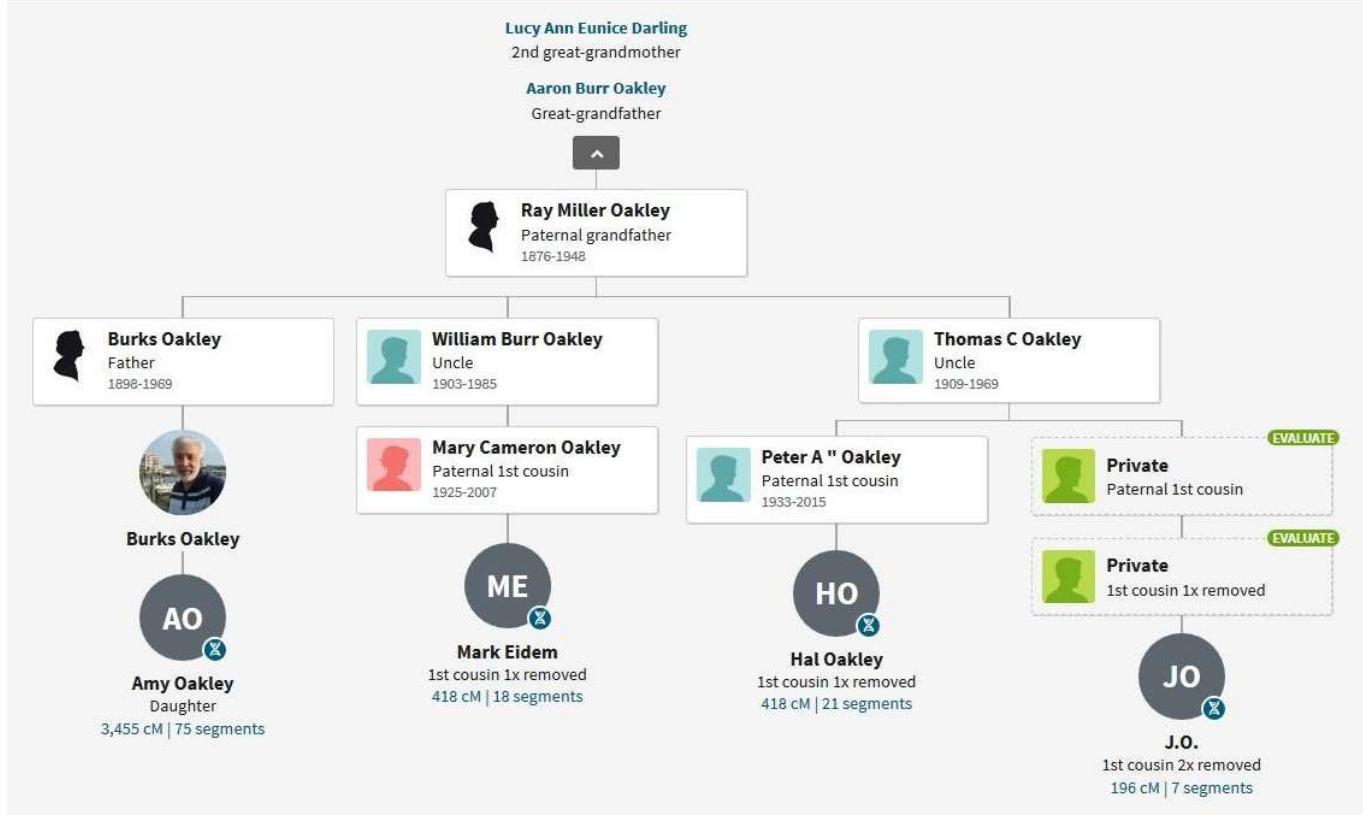
ThruLines uses Ancestry® trees to suggest that you may be related to 6 DNA matches through Lucy Ann Eunice Darling.

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graph TD; Lucy[Lucy A E Darling  
2nd great-grandmother  
1804-1884] --- Aaron[Aaron Burr Oakley  
Great-grandfather  
1835-1906]; Lucy --- Anne[Anne Oakley  
2nd great-aunt  
1838-1916]; Aaron --- DNA1[4 DNA Matches]; Anne --- DNA2[2 DNA Matches]; DNA1 --> Burks[Burks Oakley]
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This ThruLines™ shows that I may be related to six of my DNA matches through Lucy Ann Eunice Darling. When I opened the branch at the left, I saw the following:

## ThruLines™ for Lucy Ann Eunice Darling

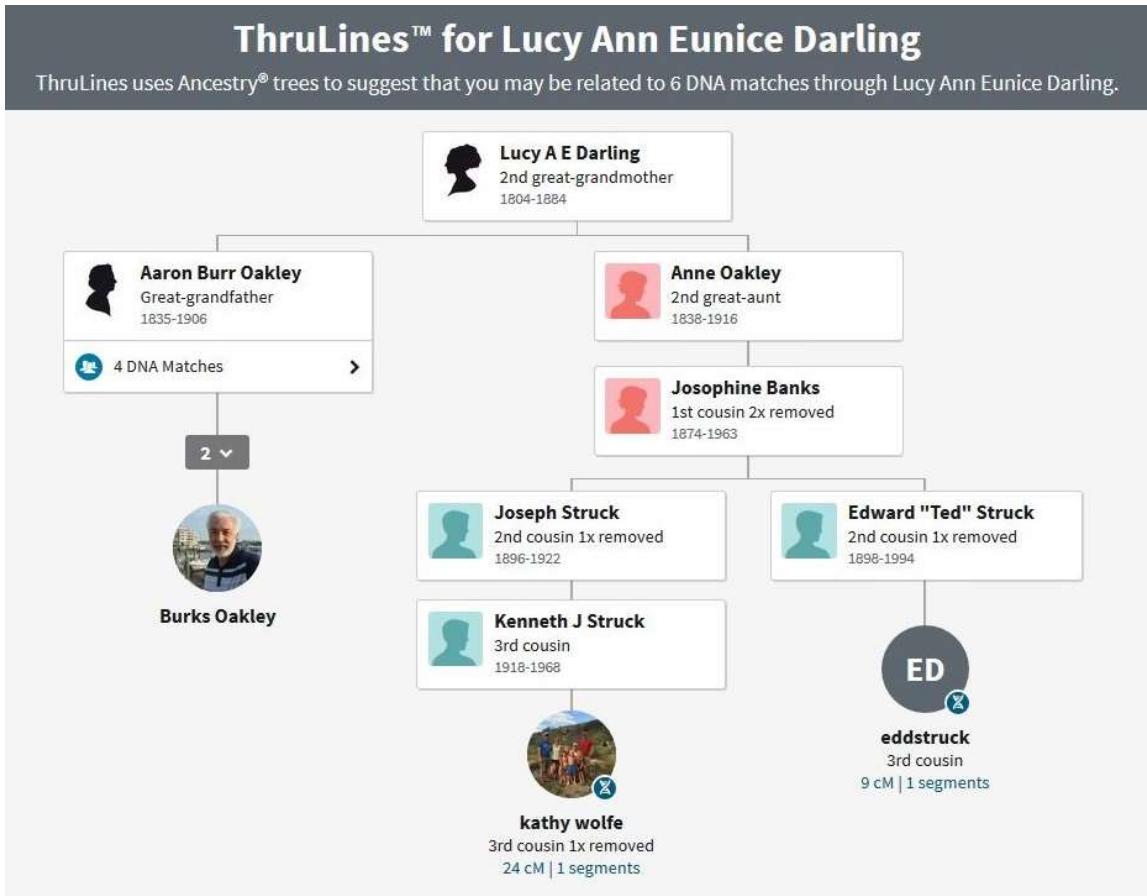
ThruLines uses Ancestry® trees to suggest that you may be related to 6 DNA matches through Lucy Ann Eunice Darling.



This part of the ThruLines™ picks up my Oakley relatives – my daughter Amy, my first-cousins once-removed Mark Eidem and Hal Oakley, and my first-cousin twice-removed, John Riley “Jake” Oakley (**J.O.** in the lower-right of the chart). The ThruLines™ software grouped these four DNA matches (and me) in the “Aaron Burr Oakley Family Line”:

Aaron Burr Oakley Family Line			
	<b>You</b> Lucy Ann Eunice Darling is your 2nd great-grandmother.		
	<b>Amy Oakley</b>	Parent/child-immediate family 3,455 cM across 75 segments	Daughter  1,944
	<b>Hal Oakley</b>	1st-2nd cousin 418 cM across 21 segments	1st cousin 1x removed  3
	<b>Mark Eidem</b>	1st-2nd cousin 418 cM across 18 segments	1st cousin 1x removed  146
	<b>J.O.</b>	3rd-4th cousin 196 cM across 7 segments	1st cousin 2x removed  70

I then opened the Anne Oakley branch of my ThruLines™ for Lucy Ann Eunice Darling and saw:



This branch of the ThruLines™ shows my DNA matches with the Struck branch of the family – Kathy Wolfe (nee Struck) and her first-cousin once-removed Ed Struck. I have corresponded extensively with Kathy about this branch of the Oakley family, and I met her and her husband in Florida in the fall of 2018.

The ThruLines™ software grouped Kathy Wolfe and Ed Struck into the “Anne Oakley Family Line”:



I should add that the ThruLines™ for Lucy's husband Amzi Oakley is identical to the one for Lucy herself.

I now will move one generation back to Lucy's parents – Samuel Darling and Lucy Lyon. I'll begin with a mini family tree for Samuel Darling (the one for Samuel's wife Lucy Lyon is identical):



This couple had a son Samuel Lyon Darling in 1800 and a daughter Lucy Ann Eunice Darling in 1804. In turn, Samuel had a son Francis Delos Darling and a daughter Rachel Darling, while Lucy had a son Aaron Burr Oakley and a daughter Anne Oakley. There actually are more children in these lines, but I only have DNA matches that connect back to Samuel Darling through the lines shown in this mini family tree.

Here is my ThruLines™ for Samuel Darling:

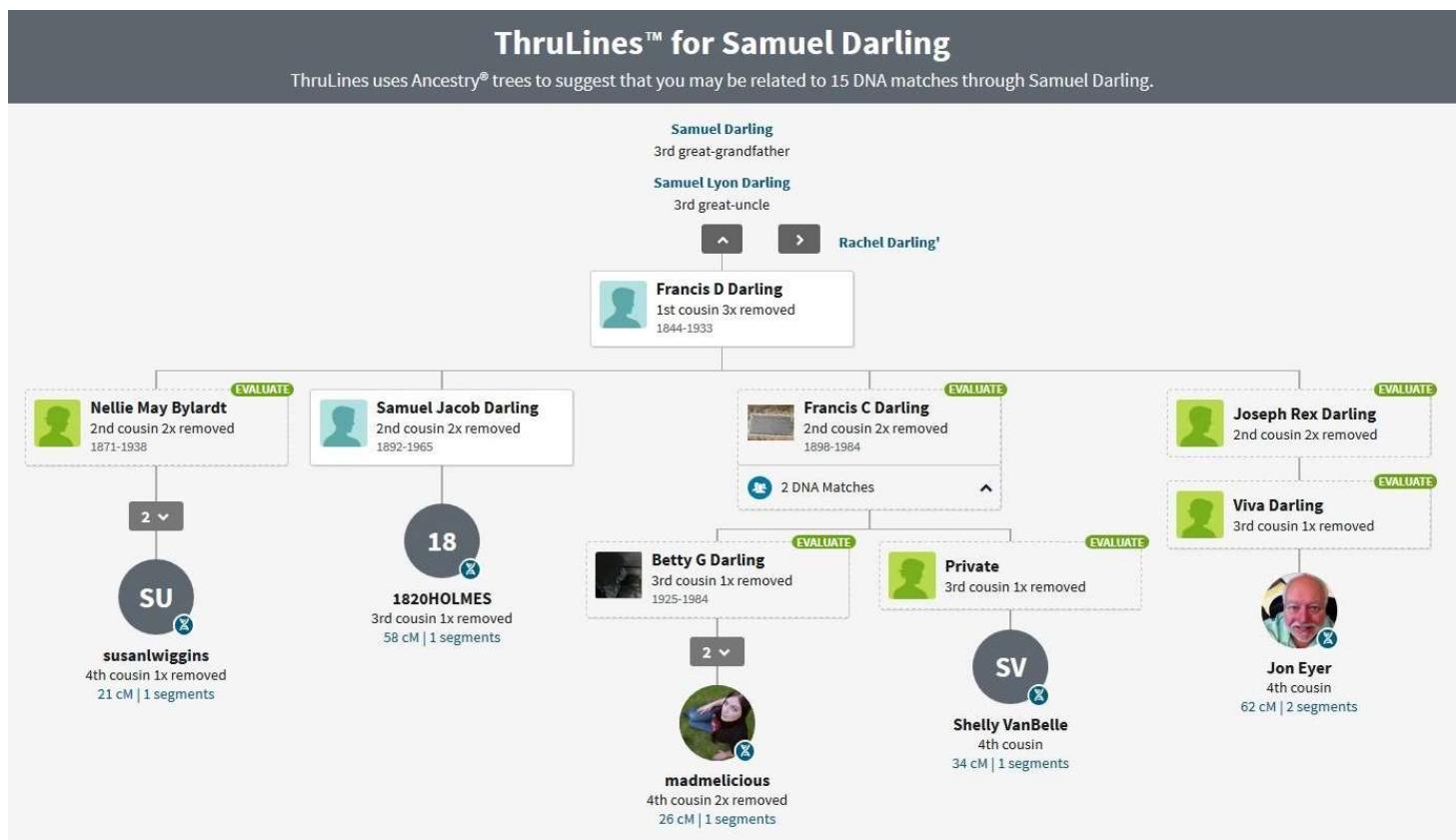
## ThruLines™ for Samuel Darling

ThruLines uses Ancestry® trees to suggest that you may be related to 15 DNA matches through Samuel Darling.

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graph TD; SD[Samuel Darling  
3rd great-grandfather  
1754-1807] --- SL[Samuel Lyon Darling  
3rd great-uncle  
1800-1871]; SD --- LAD[Lucy A E Darling  
2nd great-grandmother  
1804-1884]; SL --- 9Matches[9 DNA Matches]; LAD --- 6Matches[6 DNA Matches]; 3Dropdown[3 >]; BurksPortrait[Burks Oakley]
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At the top of this chart, it states that I may have fifteen DNA matches with people who are descended from Samuel Darling. If I try to create one large chart with all fifteen people, it becomes unreadable. I already showed the lines connecting through Lucy Darling, so I'll just cover the new lines connecting through Samuel Lyon Darling. According to the branch of the ThruLines™ shown on lower part of the previous page, this will account for nine new DNA matches. One of these lines is through Samuel's son Francis Delos Darling, while the other line is through his daughter Rachel Darling. I should add that my ThruLines™ for Samuel's wife Lucy Lyon looks identical to Samuel's.

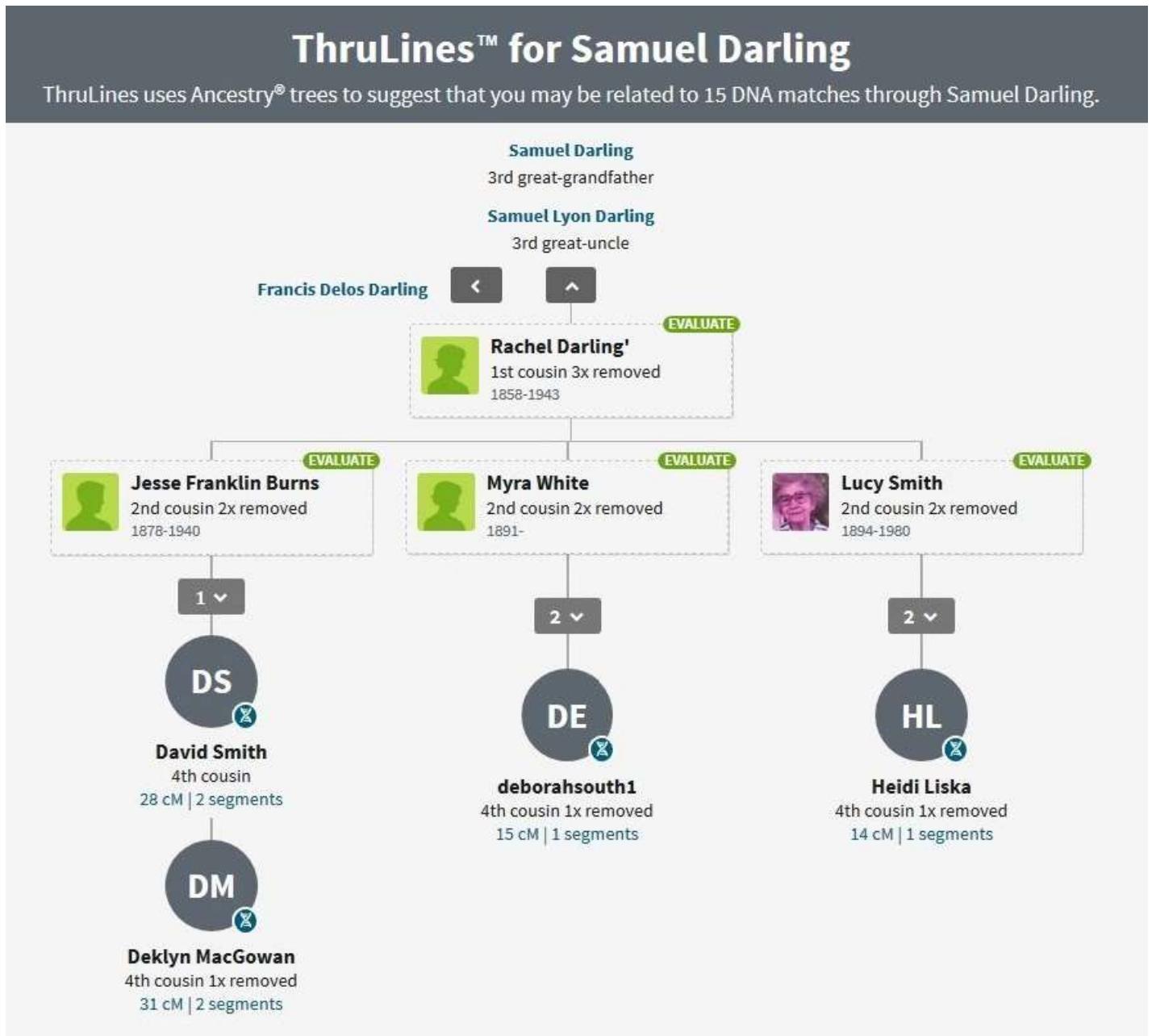
I'll look first at Francis Delos Darling:



This branch of the ThruLines™ may account for five more of my DNA matches – with

- Susanlwiggins
- 1820HOLMES (who I know is Dave Darling)
- madmelicious (who I know is Melissa Zimmerman nee Williams)
- Shelly VanBelle
- Jon Eyer

The last branch of my ThruLines™ for Samuel Darling goes through his granddaughter Rachel Darling:



This branch of the ThruLines™ may account for my DNA matches with four more individuals:

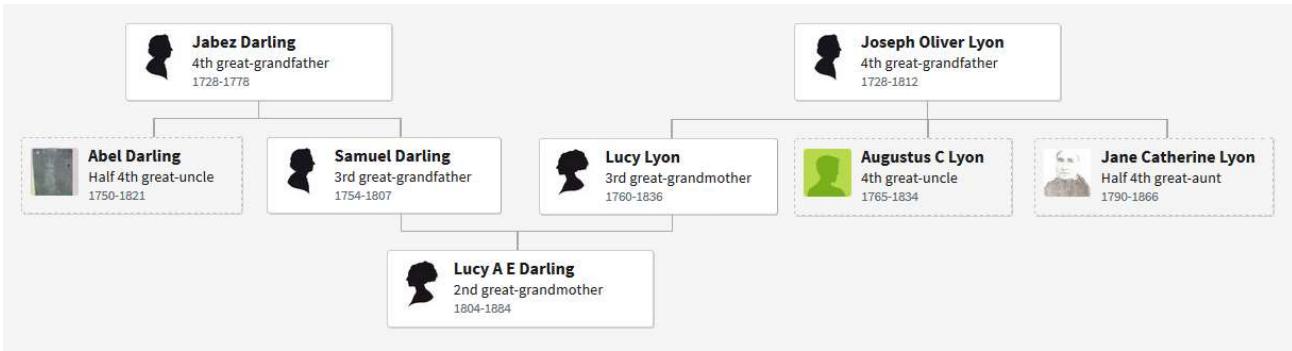
- David Smith
- David's son Deklyn MacGowan (no idea why he isn't a Smith)
- Deborahsouth1
- Heidi Liska

Overall, the ThruLines™ software grouped the nine individuals who are descended from Samuel Lyon Darling into the “Samuel Lyon Darling Family Line”:

Samuel Lyon Darling Family Line		9 matches
 Jon Eyer	4th–6th cousin 62 cM across 2 segments	4th cousin 7
 1820HOLMES	4th–6th cousin 58 cM across 1 segments	3rd cousin 1x removed 5,767
 Shelly VanBelle	4th–6th cousin 34 cM across 1 segments	4th cousin 45
 Deklyn MacGowan	4th–6th cousin 31 cM across 2 segments	4th cousin 1x removed 6,154
 David Smith	4th–6th cousin 28 cM across 2 segments	4th cousin 6,154
 madmelicious	4th–6th cousin 26 cM across 1 segments	4th cousin 2x removed 2,024
 susanlwiggins	4th–6th cousin 21 cM across 1 segments	4th cousin 1x removed 6
 deborahsouth1	5th–8th cousin 15 cM across 1 segments	4th cousin 1x removed 142
 Heidi Liska	5th–8th cousin 14 cM across 1 segments	4th cousin 1x removed 6,450

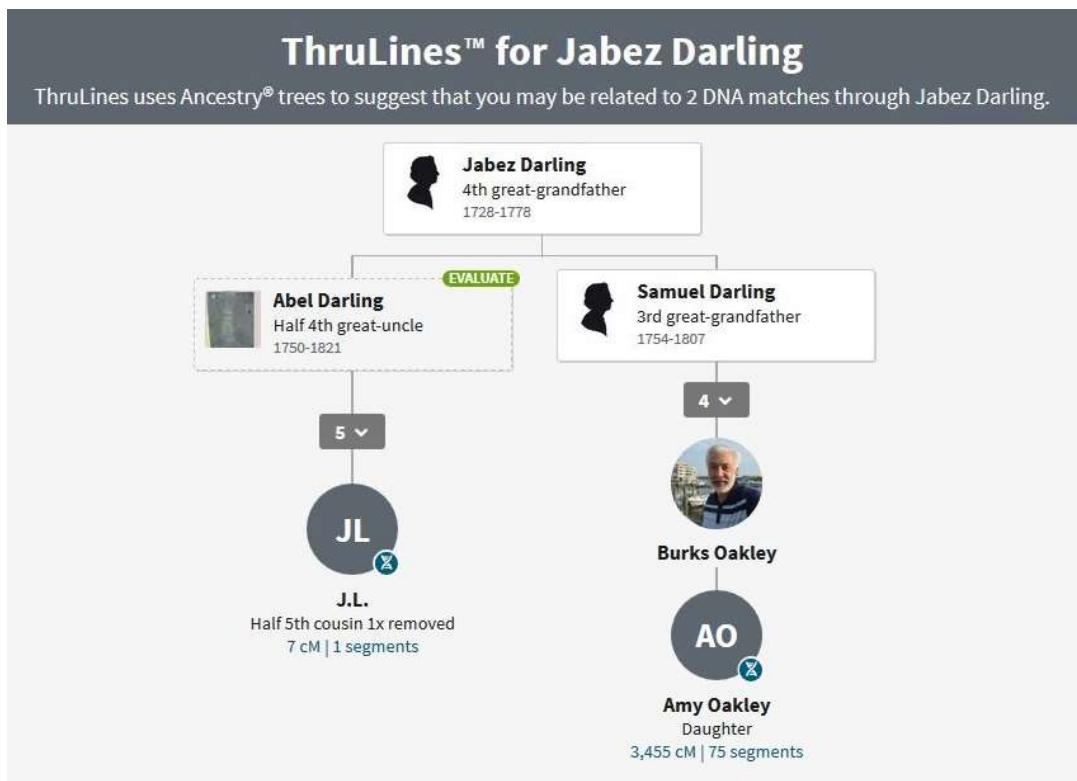
At this point, I have five DNA matches with the Aaron Burr Oakley Family Line, two DNA matches with the Anne Oakley Family Line, and nine DNA matches with the Samuel Lyon Darling Family Line.

Now I am ready to go back one more generation, to Lucy Ann Eunice Darling’s grandparents. Here is a mini family tree showing the key individuals:



I've only included her grandfathers, Jabez Darling and Joseph Oliver Lyon, in this mini family tree (Jabez was married to Martha Last-Name-Unknown, while Joseph was married to Lois Sanford). It turns out that I have DNA matches with descendants of one of Samuel Darling's brothers – Abel Darling. And I also have DNA matches with descendants of two of Lucy Lyon's siblings – Augustus Lyon and Jane Catherine Lyon.

Let me begin with Jabez Darling and his wife Martha (last name unknown):



This ThruLines™ only added a single new DNA match, and that match is with a woman having the username of **J.L.**

I note that Abel Darling is listed as a “Half” 4<sup>th</sup>-great uncle, and this is because my family tree lists Jabez’s wife as “Martha Unknown”, while the family tree used to

make the connection between Jabez and Abel lists her name as “Martha Darling”. So the ThruLines™ software thinks that they are two different women.

The ThruLines™ software put **J.L.** into the “Abel Darling Family Line”:

A screenshot of the ThruLines software interface. At the top, it says "Abel Darling Family Line" and "1 match". Below that, there's a circular profile picture of a person labeled "JL". To the right of the profile, it says "5th–8th cousin" and "7 cM across 1 segments". Further to the right, it says "Half 5th cousin 1x removed" and "1,769".

I looked at **J.L.**'s tree, and her last name is Larson, and she has Swedish ancestors. I will assume for now that we are related through this Darling line, but without additional chromosome mapping, I cannot know for sure that this is the correct explanation for our DNA match (since I am fully Swedish on my mother's side of the family).

I now will move on to Lucy Ann Eunice Darling's other set of grandparents, Joseph Oliver Lyon and his wife Lois Sanford. Here is my ThruLines™ for Joseph Oliver Lyon:

A screenshot of the ThruLines software interface for Joseph Oliver Lyon. At the top, it says "ThruLines™ for Joseph Oliver Lyon". Below that, it says "ThruLines uses Ancestry® trees to suggest that you may be related to 15 DNA matches through Joseph Oliver Lyon".

The pedigree tree starts with Joseph Oliver Lyon (4th great-grandfather, 1728-1812). He has three children: Lucy Lyon (3rd great-grandmother, 1760-1836), Augustus C Lyon (4th great-uncle, 1765-1834), and Jane Catherine Lyon (Half 4th great-aunt, 1790-1866). The tree then branches down to several descendants, each with a "DNA Matches" button.

- Lucy Lyon:** 13 DNA Matches. One match is highlighted with a blue icon and labeled "Burks Oakley". A dropdown menu shows "4 ▾".
- Augustus C Lyon:** EVALUATE. A dropdown menu shows "5 ▾".
- Jane Catherine Lyon:** EVALUATE. A dropdown menu shows "5 ▾".
- Descendants of Lucy Lyon:** LynnRobertHalpin (5th cousin 1x removed, 12 cM | 1 segments) and Tom Cole (Half 5th cousin 1x removed, 6 cM | 1 segments).

This ThruLines™ shows the Lucy Lyon DNA matches plus DNA matches with two new people – Lynn Robert Halpin and Tom Cole. Several family trees on Ancestry.com do indeed show Joseph Lyon’s children include Augustus C. Lyon and Jane Catherine Lyon. And they do show that he had several wives. But without taking more time to research these lines carefully, I’ll just accept them for now (but I won’t add these lines to my family tree).

The ThruLines™ software put Lynn Robert Halpin and Tom Cole in two different family groups – the “Augustus C. Lyon Family Line” and the “Jane Catherine Lyon Family Line”:

The screenshot displays two sections of the ThruLines software interface. The top section, titled 'Augustus C Lyon Family Line', shows a match with 'LynnRobertHalpin'. It indicates a 5th-8th cousin relationship, with 12 cM across 1 segments. The bottom section, titled 'Jane Catherine Lyon Family Line', shows a match with 'Tom Cole'. It also indicates a 5th-8th cousin relationship, with 6 cM across 1 segments. Both sections include a 'View relationship' button and a '1 match' indicator.

An interesting point about Joseph Oliver Lyon is that he was born in Redding, Connecticut (where many of my ancestors lived) – but he fled to New Brunswick, Canada, during or after the Revolutionary War – he must have been a Tory.

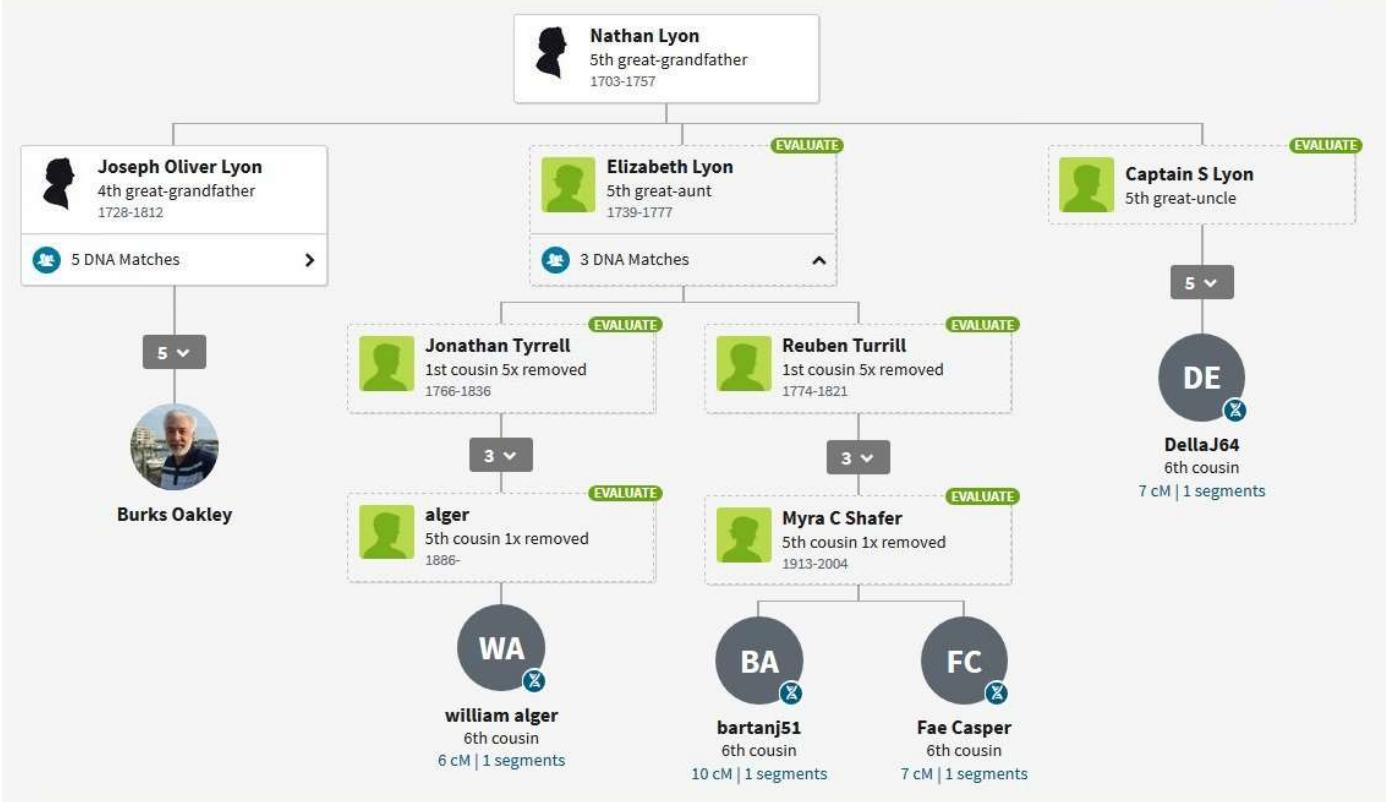
Well, I’ve now covered my 4<sup>th</sup>-great grandparents on the Lucy Ann Eunice Darling line. Up to this point, I believe that I have DNA matches with nineteen individuals that could be accounted for by my Darling family relationships.

I finally got to my 5<sup>th</sup>-great grandparents, which is as far as ThruLines™ goes. I first examined my ThruLines™ for John Darling and for his wife Abilena Jessup. These ThruLines™ didn’t add any new DNA matches. And since Martha Darling’s maiden name is unknown, I don’t have either of her parents in my family tree – so that cuts out two of my 5<sup>th</sup>-great grandparents. [The reader might want to review the pedigree for Lucy Ann Eunice Darling at the bottom of the second page of this narrative.]

I then moved on to Nathan Lyon and Abigail Mallory, who were the parents of Joseph Oliver Lyon. In my ThruLines™ for Nathan Lyon (on the next page), I was amazed to see that I have three new DNA matches with descendants of Joseph Oliver Lyon’s sister Elizabeth Lyon, and one new DNA match with a descendant of Joseph Oliver Lyon’s brother Capt. S. Lyon:

## ThruLines™ for Nathan Lyon

ThruLines uses Ancestry® trees to suggest that you may be related to 9 DNA matches through Nathan Lyon.



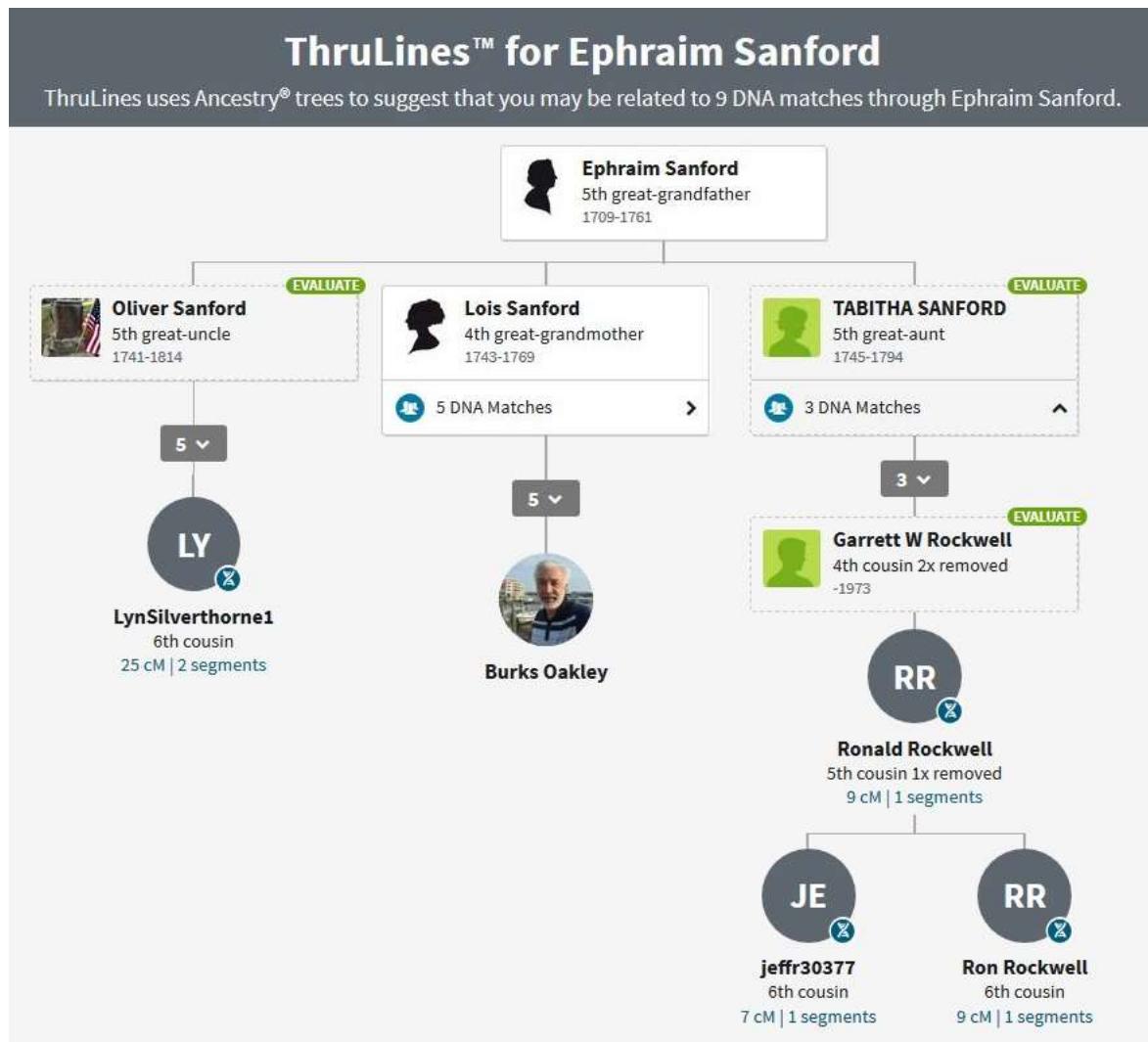
The match in the right column is with a woman having the username of **DellaJ64**. Her own family tree on Ancestry.com indeed goes all the way back to Capt. S. Lyon, so I am inclined to believe that this line could account for our DNA match.

The Elizabeth Lyon line in the middle of the above ThruLines™ certainly could account for my DNA matches with William Alger, **bartanj51**, and Fae Casper. Again, I'll accept them, since I don't have time to research such distant lines. But I won't add them to my family tree.

Overall, my ThruLines™ for Nathan Lyon added four new DNA matches. Three were grouped into the “Elizabeth Lyon Family Lines”, while the fourth was placed into the “Captain S. Lyon Family Line”, as shown on the next page:

Elizabeth Lyon Family Line			3 matches ▲
 bartanj51	5th–8th cousin 7 cM across 1 segments	6th cousin 3,281	
 Fae Casper	5th–8th cousin 7 cM across 1 segments	6th cousin 3,281	
 william alger	5th–8th cousin 6 cM across 1 segments	6th cousin 4	
Captain S Lyon Family Line			1 match ▲
 DellaJ64	5th–8th cousin 7 cM across 1 segments	6th cousin 1,417	

I now have only one more set of my 5<sup>th</sup>-great grandparents to examine - Ephraim Sanford and his wife Elizabeth Mix, who were the parents of Lois Sanford. Here is my ThruLines™ for Ephraim Sanford:



This ThruLines™ adds four new DNA matches. The line at the left goes back to Ephraim Sanford through his son Oliver Sanford, while the line at the right goes back to Ephraim Sanford through his daughter Tabitha Sanford. The left line goes to my DNA match **LynSilverthorne1**, while the line at the right goes to my DNA matches Ronald Rockwell and his sons **jeffr30377** and Ron Rockwell.

The ThruLines™ software put **LynSilverthorne1** into the “Oliver Sanford Family Line” and the other three into the “Tabitha Sanford Family Line”:

The screenshot displays two separate ThruLines reports. The top report is for the "Oliver Sanford Family Line" and shows one match, LynSilverthorne1, who is a 4th-6th cousin with 25 cM across 2 segments. The bottom report is for the "TABITHA SANFORD Family Line" and shows three matches: Ronald Rockwell (5th-8th cousin, 9 cM across 1 segment), Ron Rockwell (5th-8th cousin, 9 cM across 1 segment), and jeffr30377 (5th-8th cousin, 7 cM across 1 segment). Each match is accompanied by their initials in a circle and a green 'X' icon.

Oliver Sanford Family Line		1 match
LynSilverthorne1	4th-6th cousin 25 cM across 2 segments	6th cousin 44

TABITHA SANFORD Family Line		3 matches
Ronald Rockwell	5th-8th cousin 9 cM across 1 segments	5th cousin 1x removed 395
Ron Rockwell	5th-8th cousin 9 cM across 1 segments	6th cousin 394
jeffr30377	5th-8th cousin 7 cM across 1 segments	6th cousin 412

My ThruLines™ for Ephraim Sanford’s wife Elizabeth Mix looks identical to his.

At this point, I have gone through all of the ThruLines™ that connect me to my DNA matches through Lucy Ann Eunice Darling and her ancestors. The large number of DNA matches with my distant Darling cousins provide strong support for the genealogical records.

## ***Summary of All of MY DNA Matches Involving Lucy Ann Eunice Darling***

The following table summarizes twenty-six individuals with whom I have a DNA match AND a plausible connection through family trees on the Ancestry.com website. Recall that these individuals were grouped into “Family Lines”.

<b>Family Line Name</b>	<b>Members</b>	<b>Relationship to Burks</b>
Aaron Burr Oakley	Amy Oakley	Daughter
	Hal Oakley	1C1R
	Mark Eidem	1C1R
	John R. Oakley	1C2R
Anne Oakley	Kathy Wolfe (nee Struck)	3C1R
	Ed Struck	3C
Samuel Lyon Darling	Susanlwiggins	4C1R
	Dave Darling	3C1R
	Melissa Williams	4C2R
	Shelly VanBelle	4C
	Jon Eyer	4C
	David Smith	4C
	Deklyn MacGowan	4C1R
	Deborahsouth1	4C1R
	Heidi Liska	4C1R
Abel Darling	J. Larson	(half) 5C1R
Augustus C. Lyon	Lynn Robert Halpin	5C1R
Jane Catherine Lyon	Tom Cole	5C1R
Elizabeth Lyon	bartanj51	6C
	Fae Casper	6C
	William Alger	6C
Captain S. Lyon	DellaJ64	6C
Oliver Sanford	LynSilverthorne1	6C
Tabitha Sanford	Ronald Rockwell	5C1R
	Ron Rockwell	6C
	jeffr30377	6C

In all, 26 of my DNA matches may be accounted for my genealogical relationship with Lucy Ann Eunice Darling and her ancestors.

## ***Conclusion***

In this narrative, I have discussed the ThruLines™ associated with my 2<sup>nd</sup>-great grandmother, Lucy Ann Eunice Darling. I worked back through all of her ThruLines™, and eventually found 26 individuals with whom I have DNA matches who are descended from Lucy Ann Eunice Darling's ancestors. I presented how the ThruLines™ software displays the various lines, and how it organizes the matches into family lines.

One of the goals of genetic genealogy is to have the DNA matches support the genealogical records, and in this case, I think that there is ample evidence to show that indeed I am descended from Lucy Ann Eunice Darling.