

Chapter 58

My Cousin George Carpenter's Ancestors (and Mine) on Geni.com

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Introduction

I have started using the Geni.com website to expand my knowledge of my family tree. Geni.com has what they call the “World Family Tree”. Unlike Ancestry.com, where everyone has their own complete (or incomplete) family tree, Geni.com is having its users collaboratively build just a single family tree. On Ancestry.com, there can be one thousand or more duplicate entries for the same person – and these entries often have conflicting information. On Geni.com, there should only be one entry on the entire website for any given person. Individual users on Geni.com can add their ancestral lines until they connect with people already in the World Family Tree. And then their lines immediately become part of this enormous family tree. As of mid-August 2020, there are over 147 million individuals in the World Family Tree – see:

<https://www.geni.com/worldfamilytree>

Over the past year, I have added various lines from my family tree to Geni.com, and then connected these lines to individuals already in the World Family Tree. Using this website, I have found a number of my ancestral lines that go back twenty or even thirty generations into the past.

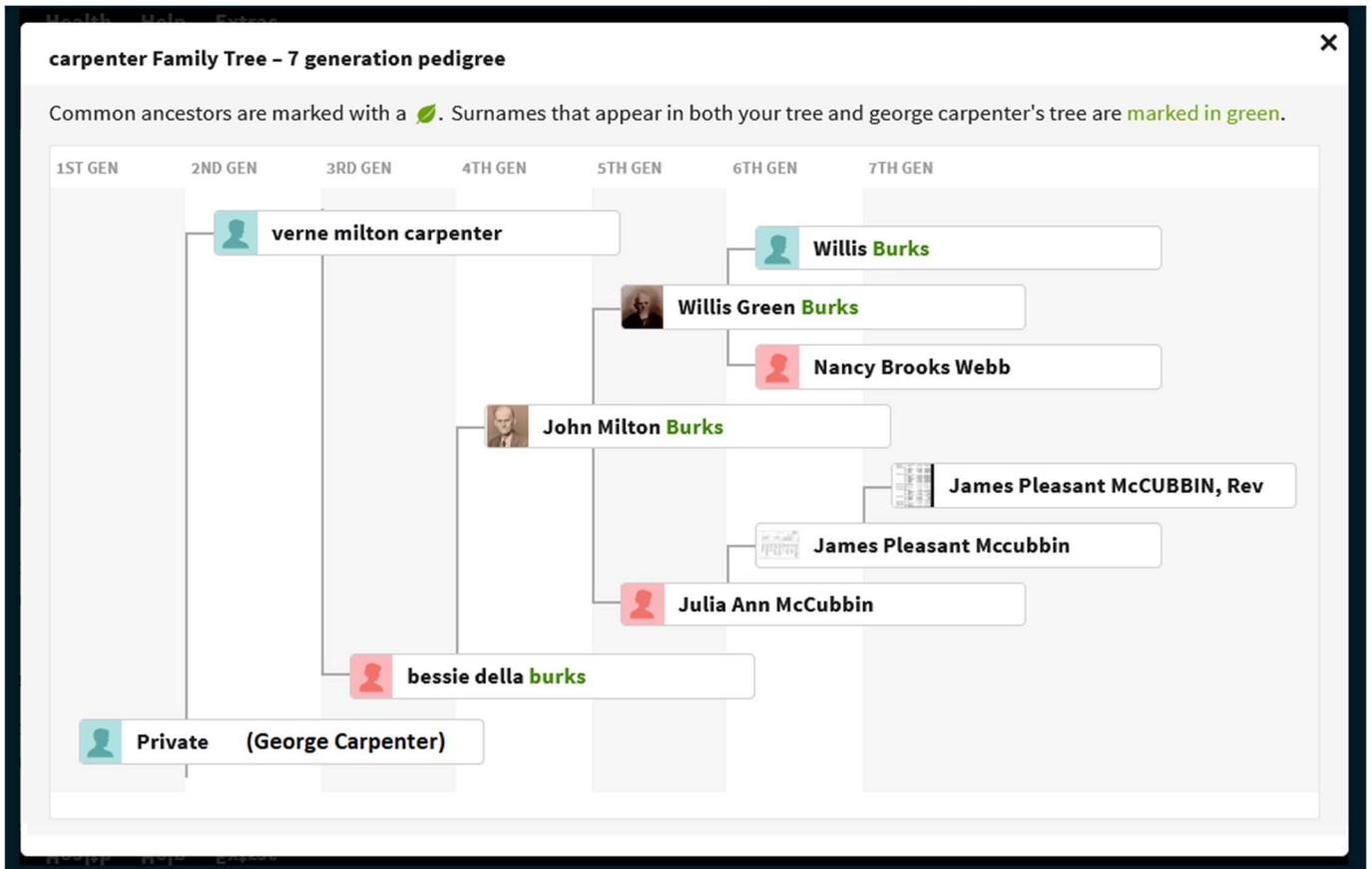
My cousin George Carpenter called me last week to chat about family genealogy. George is my fourth-cousin once-removed, and we are related through our ***Burks*** ancestors. George and I have a nice DNA match on Ancestry.com, and I wrote about how we are related earlier this year – see:

<http://www.burksoakley.com/QuincyOakleyGenealogy/45-GeorgeCarpenter-BurksFamily.pdf>

My conversation with George got me to thinking how I could use Geni.com to learn more about George's family tree. And that is what this narrative is about.

George Carpenter's Connection to the World Family Tree

My cousin George has his family tree on the Ancestry.com website – here is the relevant portion:



George's paternal grandmother was Bessie Della Burks (1890-1966). Her Burks family line goes back to Willis Allen Burks (1784-1870), who was a brother of my 2nd-great grandfather Levi Burks (1781-1854).

Willis Green Burks married Julia Ann McCubbin, and her paternal grandfather was Rev. James Pleasant McCubbin (1755-1824). Rev. McCubbin was an interesting person – he was born in Rockingham, North Carolina, and when he was in his early 50's, he moved his family to Green County, Kentucky. He and his wife had thirteen (or more) children.

I learned that Rev. James Pleasant McCubbin is part of the World Family Tree on Geni.com. Here is his profile:

James Pleasant McCubbin

Birth: April 14, 1755
USA, Rockingham, Richmond County, North Carolina, United States

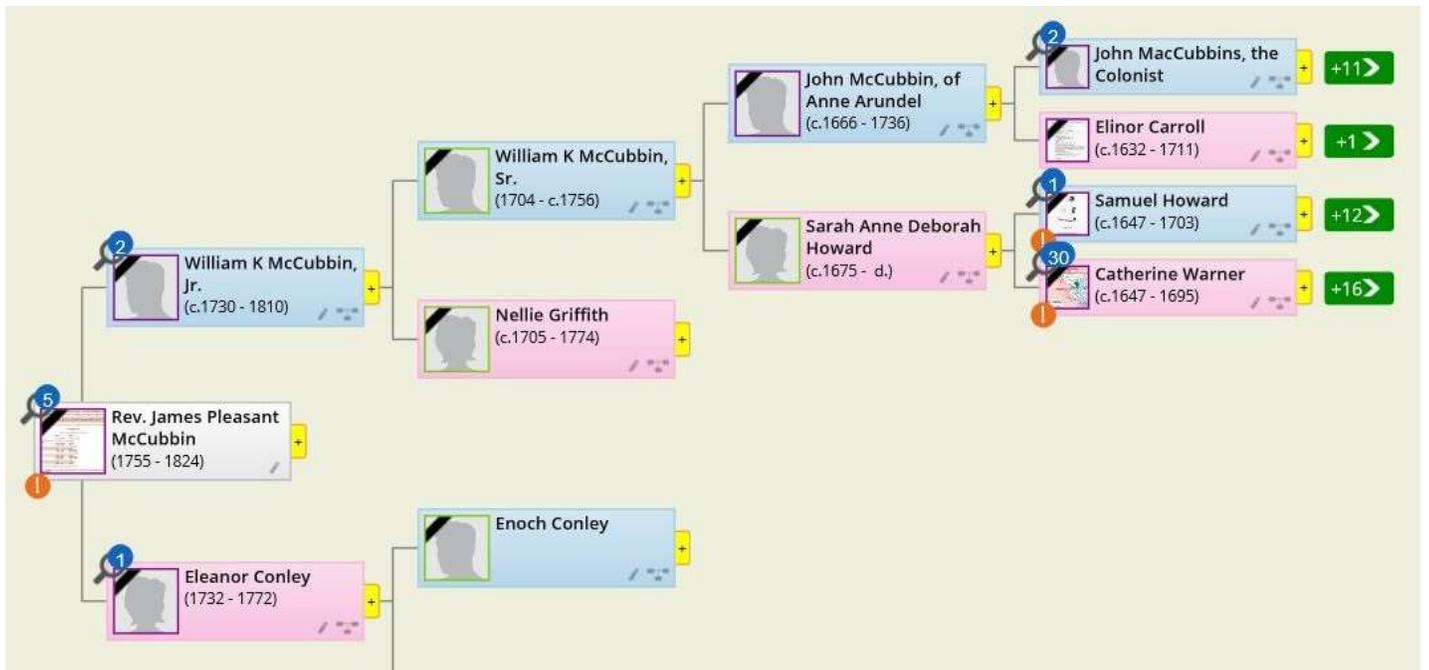
Death: March 10, 1824 (68)
Green, KY, United States

Place of Burial: Summersville, Green County, Kentucky, United States

Immediate Family: Son of William K McCubbin, Jr. and Eleanor Conley
Husband of Mary Parthena Cook
Father of John T. McCubbin; James Pleasant McCubbin, Jr.; Sarah "Sally" N McCubbin; Zachariah W. McCubbin; Joseph D. McCubbin and 15 others

Note that according to this profile, he had 20 children. I haven't seen more than thirteen listed on Ancestry.com.

Since James Pleasant McCubbin is part of the World Family Tree, I hoped to find some of his ancestral lines going way back into the past. Here is the first part of his pedigree:



This chart shows his line back through his 2nd-great grandparents. While this isn't as complete as I was hoping for, it does have several lines that go back further into the past. The little green boxes at the far right of this chart indicate the number of "new" ancestors that will appear on the "next" screen for that line. The maximum number is +30 if all the ancestors for the next four generations are known.

I decided to first follow the McCubbin line back from John MacCubbins, the Colonist:



Oh my! The family was from Scotland, and includes Sir John Fergus MacCubbins:

Sir John Fergus MacCubbins

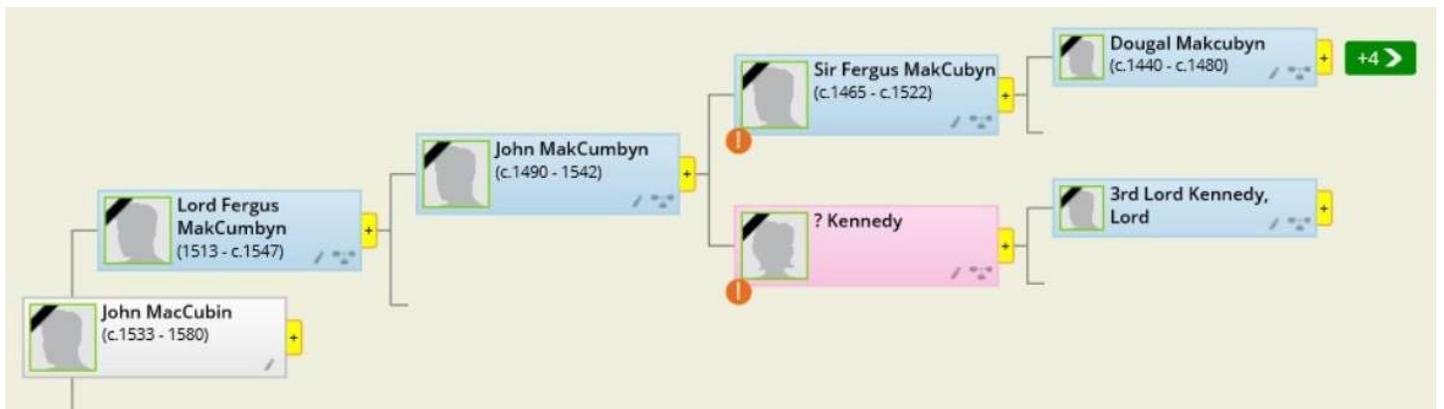
Birth: 1605
Knockdolian Castle, Ayrshire, Scotland (United Kingdom)

Death: November 28, 1666 (60-61)
Battle, Pentland Hill, Midlothian, Scotland, above the River Stinchar, close to the modern mansion of the same name, about a mile west of Colmonell

Immediate Family: Son of [John Maccubbins](#) and [Ceit MacGowan](#)
Husband of [Sarah McGregor Black](#)
Father of [Unknown MacCubbin](#); [John MacCubbins, the Colonist](#); [Fergus MacCubbin](#); [Richard MacCubbin](#); [James MacCubbin](#) and 3 others

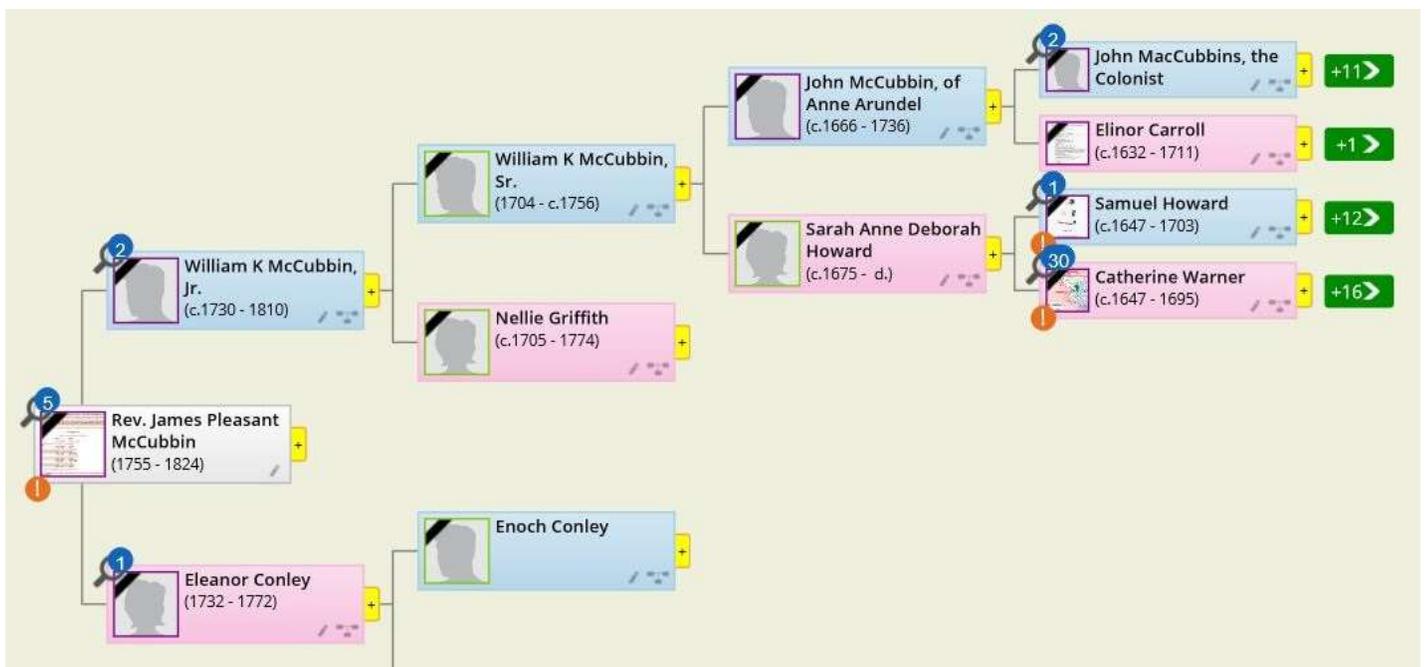
Sir John was born in 1605 in Knockdolian Castle in Ayrshire, Scotland, and was killed in battle in Midlothian, Scotland, in 1666.

One more screen with the **McCubbin** pedigree:



Wow! I had no idea that I would be able to take George's **McCubbin** line back so many generations in Scotland.

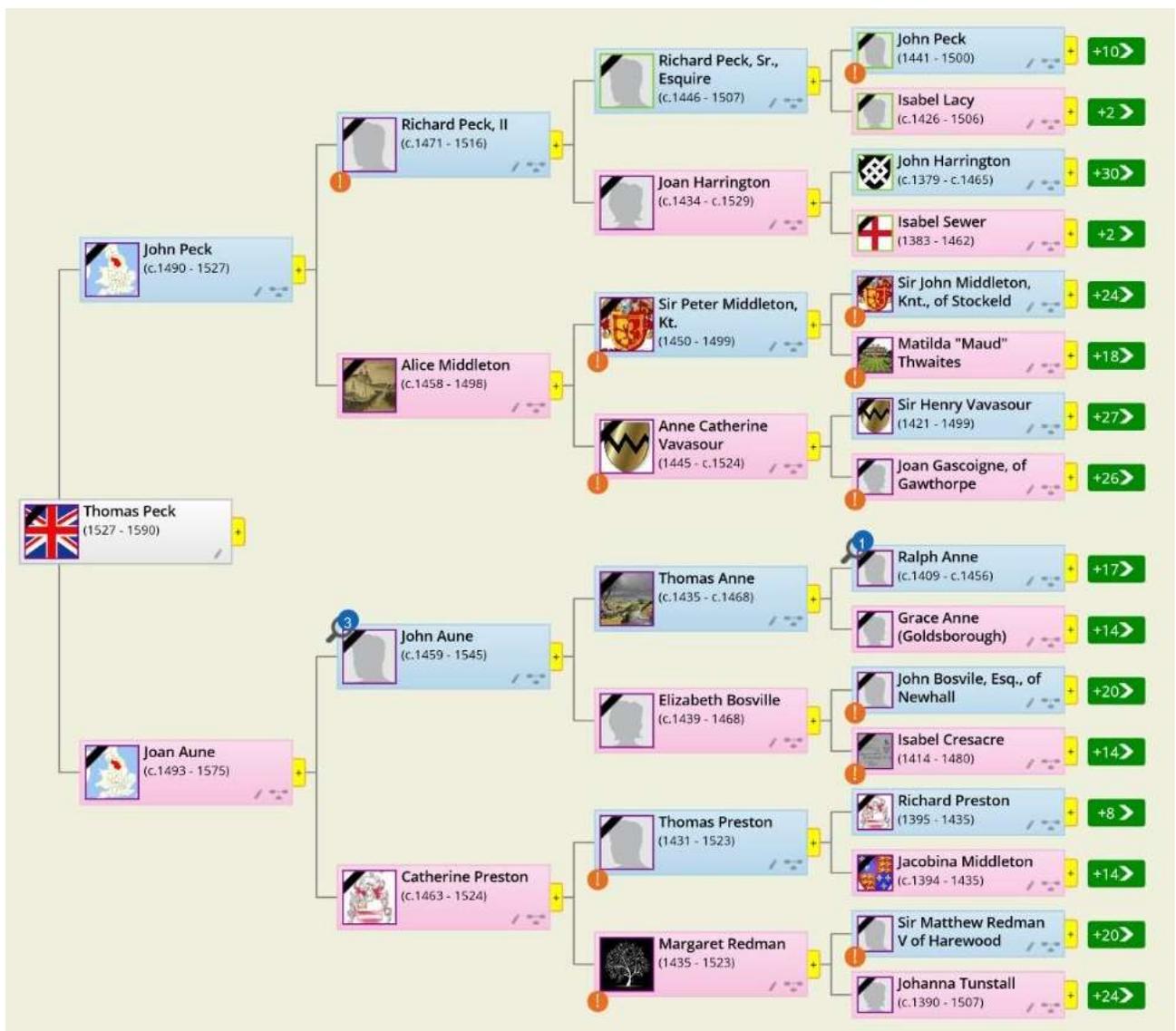
Now let me go back to the pedigree chart for James Pleasant McCubbin:



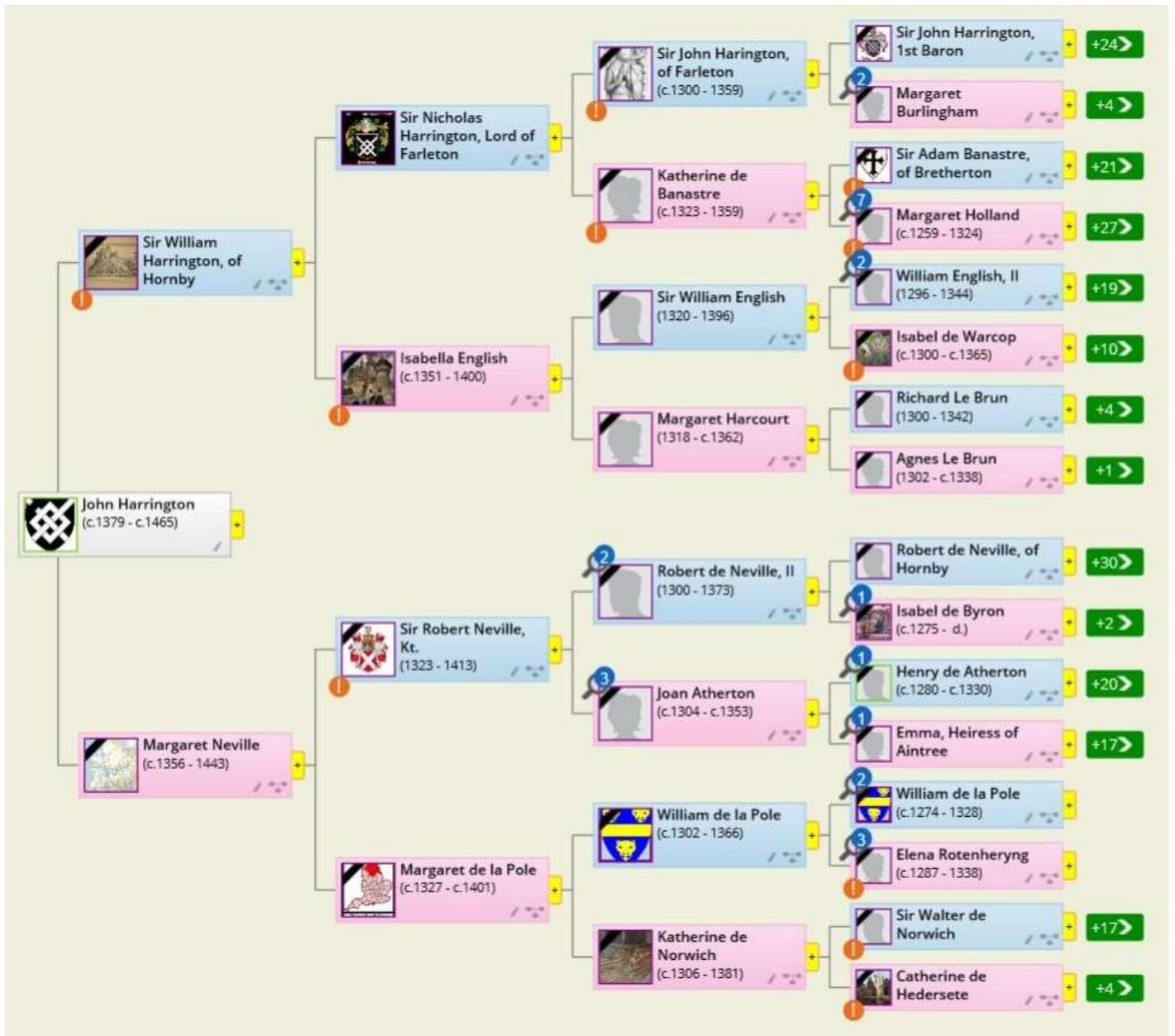
One of James Pleasant McCubbin's 2nd-great grandparents was Catherine Warner (1647-1695). Here is her pedigree chart:



This is really nice! Note that Catherine's 2nd-great grandfather Thomas Peck is a +30, meaning that all of his ancestors for the next four generations are known:



This is great! There are several Knights (Kt.) in this line. And note that Thomas Peck's 2nd-great grandfather John Harrington is also a +30:



In the chart above, Robert de Neville, of Hornby, is a +30. So there still is a lot more to see on these lines. But I think I've gone back enough to show that my cousin George has an incredible family tree, going back to England in the Middle Ages. I'll leave it up to him to dig into all the details.

My Connection to the McCubbin Family

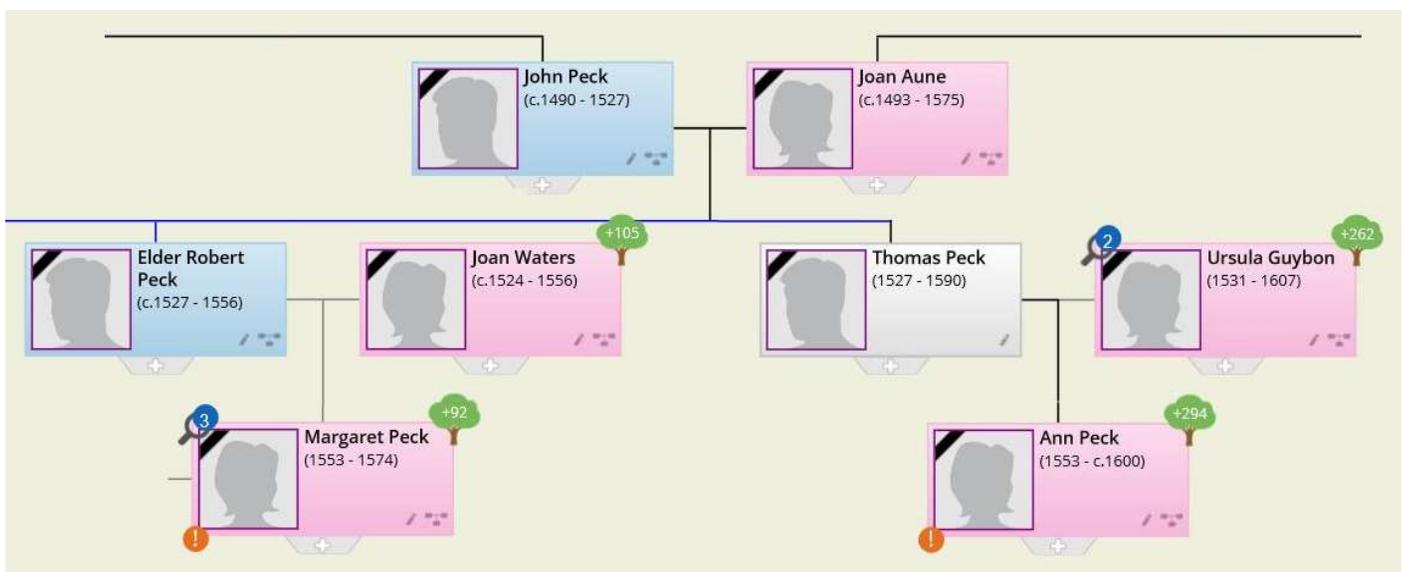
When I first looked at the profile for James Pleasant McCubbin on Geni.com, I learned that he and I were related.



When I looked at the details of our relationship, I learned that I am descended from Elder Robert Peck, while James Pleasant McCubbin is descended from Robert's brother Thomas Peck. [My ancestor's name was Robert Peck; he must have been an Elder in the church.] Here are the ancestral lines showing how we are related:



Thomas Peck appeared in the pedigree chart for Catherine Warner that I showed earlier. Since George and I are descended from two brothers, their parents John Peck and Joan Aune were our common ancestors:



This really is pretty cool! George and I are related as *Peck* descendants, in addition to being *Burks* descendants.

This means that we also have *all* the Peck-Aune ancestors in common.

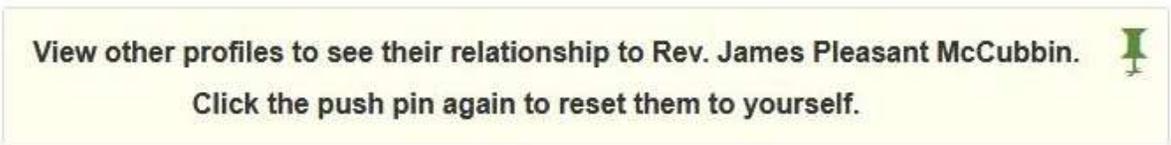
Here is my line back to John Peck:



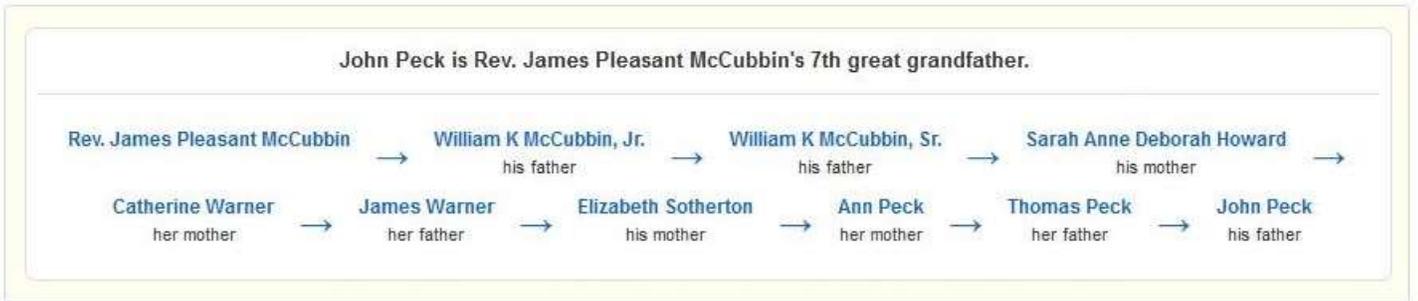
John Peck was my 13th-great grandfather. Since this line goes through my Woodford ancestors, I'll call it my *Woodford* line.

I need to pause and mention a feature on Geni.com. On every profile page, there is an icon representing a "green push pin". Clicking on that icon sets that person

to be the “target” person for all relationships. I went to the page for James Pleasant McCubbin and clicked on the pin:



I then went to the profile page of John Peck:



John Peck was James Pleasant McCubbin’s 7th-great grandfather. Since James Pleasant McCubbin was George Carpenter’s 4th-great grandfather, I believe that means that John Peck was George’s 13th-great grandfather. And that would make George and me 14th-cousins via the **Peck** line.

Other Ancestors in Common with George Carpenter

At this point, I wondered if I had other ancestors in common with George. I presented a number of pedigree charts for George’s ancestors earlier in this narrative, containing scores of George’s ancestors [I’ve always wanted to use the word *scores* in one of my narratives]. I decided to select random ancestors from these pedigree charts and see if they also were my ancestors. Interestingly, I found lots and lots of them! Here are some in no particular order. [I’ll leave it up to others to verify that all these people are also George’s ancestors.]

Sir Robert Neville, Knight



Sir Robert Neville was my 17th-great grandfather. My line back to him goes through my Gregory ancestors, so I’ll call this my **Gregory** line.

Sir Nicholas Lambert, Lord of Skipton and Owleton



Sir Nicholas Lambert was my 16th-great grandfather. Since this line goes through my Lamberton ancestors, I'll call this my **Lamberton** line.

Sir Richard Redman, Knight



Richard Redman Redmayne, Kt.

Birth: between circa 1350 and circa 1360
Levens Hall, Levens, Westmoreland (Present Cumberland), England

Death: March 22, 1426 (61-80)
Harewood Castle, Harewood Parish, Leeds, Yorkshire, England

Place of Burial: Church of the Black Friars, York, Yorkshire, England, United Kingdom

Immediate Family: Son of Sir Matthew Redmayne IV and Lucy NN
Husband of NN NN and Elizabeth de Aldeburgh
Father of Sir Matthew Redmayne; Jane Redmayne; Richard Redman; Sir Matthew Redman V of Harewood and Jane Redman

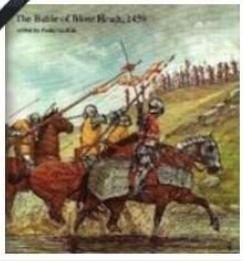


Sir Richard Redman was my 17th-great grandfather. He was a Knight, and he served as the Speaker of the House of Commons for the Parliament of 1415. How cool is this! More about Sir Richard on Wikipedia at:

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Richard_Redman_\(speaker\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Richard_Redman_(speaker))

I should add that my line back to Sir Richard is the same as the **Woodford** line I showed earlier.

James Touchett, 5th Lord Audley



James Touchett

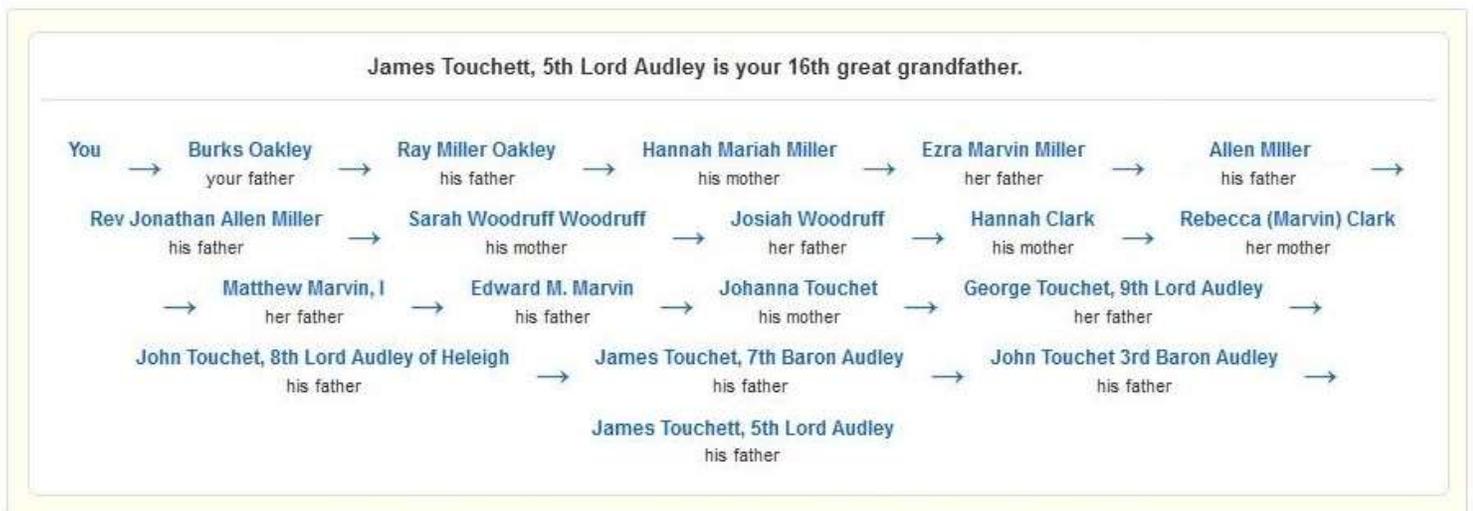
Birth: December 26, 1397
Derby, Derbyshire, England (United Kingdom)

Death: September 23, 1459 (61)
Blore Heath, Staffordshire, England (Killed in the Battle of Blore Heath, first battle of the War of the Roses.)

Place of Burial: Abbey Church, Darley Abbey, Derbyshire, England, United Kingdom

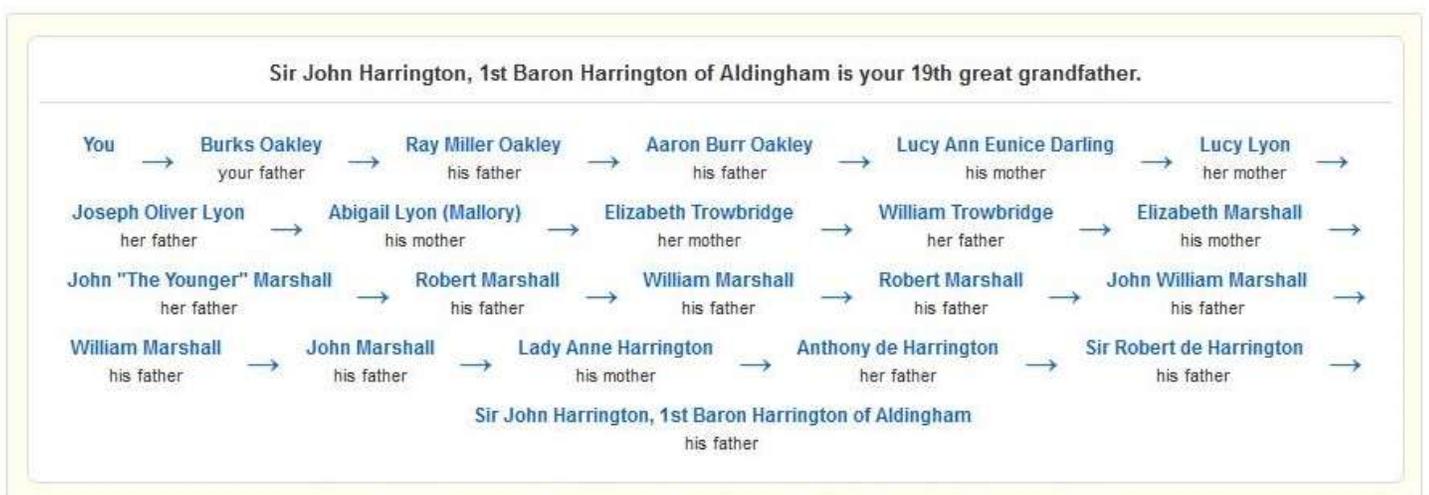
Immediate Family: Son of [John Touchet, 4th Lord Audley](#) and [Baroness Isabell or Elizabeth Stafford](#)
Husband of [Margaret de Ros](#) and [Eleanor Holland](#)
Father of [Anne Tuchet](#); [John Touchet 3rd Baron Audley](#); [Margaret Touchet](#); [Elizabeth Touchet](#); [Sir Humphrey Audley, Kt.](#) and 6 others

James Touchett, 5th Lord Audley, was a distinguished veteran of the Hundred Years' War. In the Wars of the Roses, he commanded the Lancastrian force that moved to block the Yorkist Earl of Salisbury's route to Ludlow where he intended linking up with the rest of the Yorkist army. The two forces clashed in the Battle of Blore Heath on 23 September 1459 and Audley was killed by Sir Roger Kynaston of Stocks near Ellesmere. Audley's Cross still stands on the battlefield marking the spot where he died.



James Touchett was my 16th-great grandfather. This line goes through my Woodruff ancestors, so I'll call it my **Woodruff** line.

Sir John Harrington, 1st Baron Harrington of Aldingham



Sir John Harrington was my 19th-great grandfather. Since this line goes through my Trowbridge ancestors, I'll call this my **Trowbridge** line.

Sir Roger Corbet, Knight



Sir Roger Corbet, Knight, was my 14th-great grandfather. Since this line goes through my Darling ancestors, I'll call it my **Darling** line.

Katherine Giffard



Katherine Giffard was my 19th-great grandmother. My line to her goes through one of my Pinckney ancestors, so I'll call this my **Pinckney** line.

Richard de Bassett, Royal Justice

Richard Basset was a royal judge and sheriff during the reign of King Henry I of England. His father was also a royal justice. In 1129, Basset was co-sheriff of eleven counties. Basset and his wife founded a monastic house in 1125 from their lands. More at:

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Richard_Basset

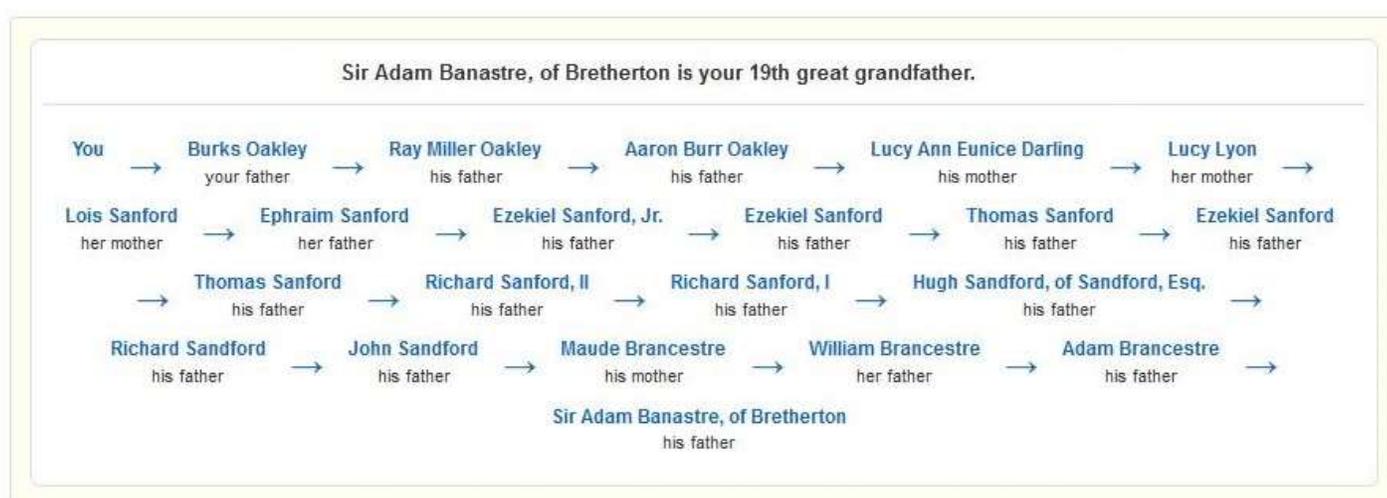


Richard de Bassett was my 22nd-great grandfather. Since this line goes through my Burr ancestors, I'll call it my **Burr** line.

Sir Adam Banastre, of Bretherton

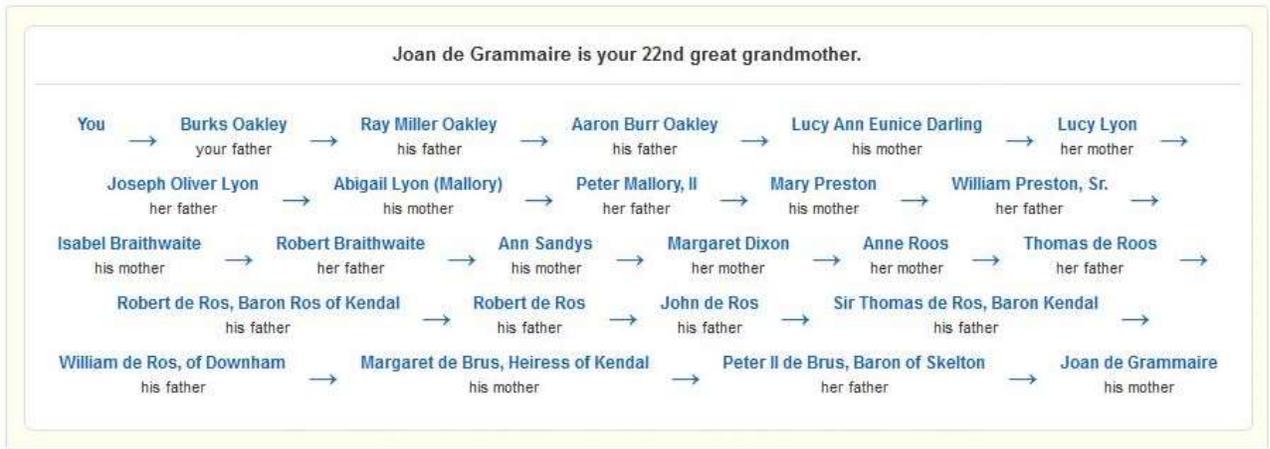
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Banastre_Rebellion

The Banastre Rebellion was an uprising in Lancashire, England in 1315 against the Earl of Lancaster and his supporters. It took place in 1315 when a group of disaffected knights decided to revenge themselves on the Earl of Lancaster by attacking his chief retainer and their rival, Sir Robert de Holland. The group was led by Sir Adam Banastre of Bank Hall, Bretherton, who had extensive landholdings in the county, and Sir Henry Lea of Charnock Richard. The cause of their grievance was that the powerful earl, the dominant force in the North-west of England, appeared to be favouring the Holland family to their disadvantage. **[Unfortunately, the rebellion didn't go so well for my ancestor.]** Sir Adam Banastre and Sir Henry de Lea were captured at Charnock Richard after being betrayed and were summarily beheaded.



Sir Adam was my 19th-great grandfather. My line to him goes through my Sanford ancestors, so I'll call this my **Sanford** line.

Joan de Grammaire



Joan de Grammaire was my 22nd-great grandmother. My line to her goes back through my Mallory ancestors, so I'll call this my ***Mallory*** line.

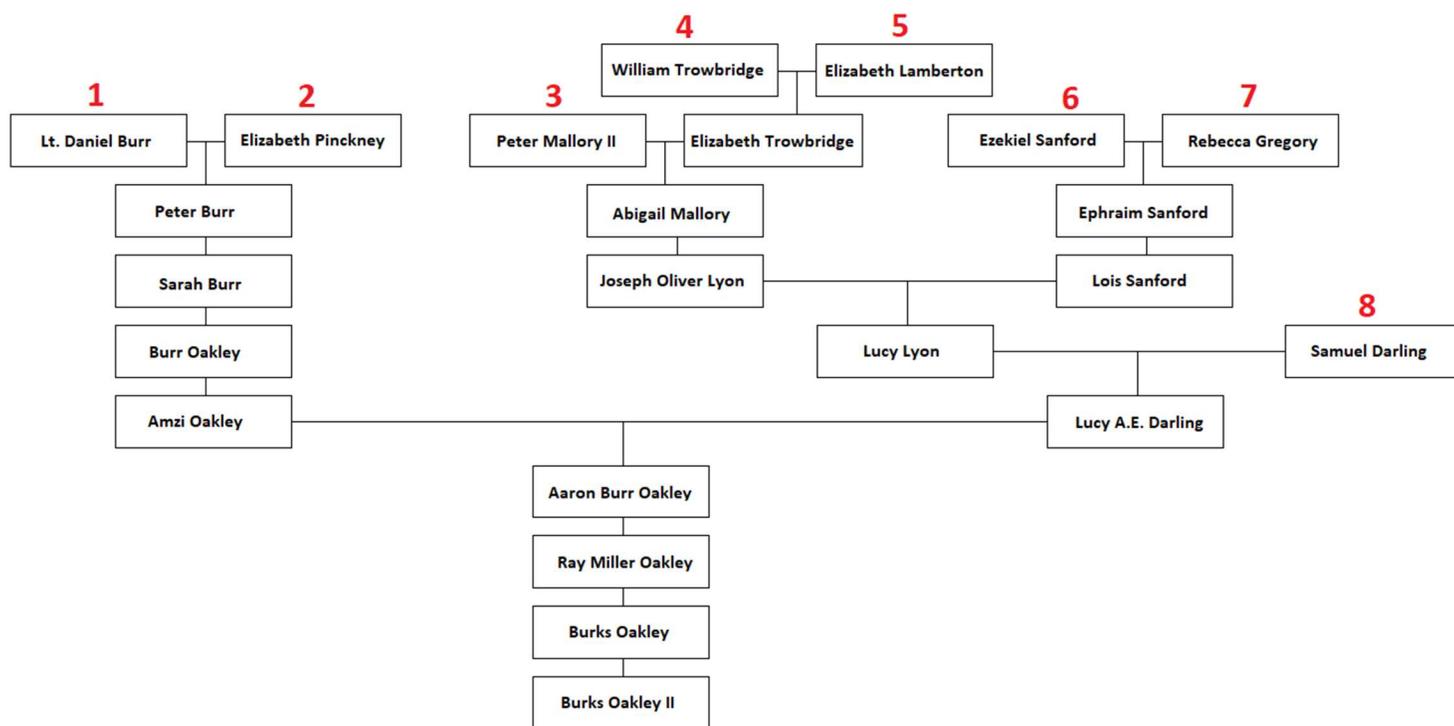
At this point, I have identified the following ten lines back to George Carpenter's ancestors:

1. Burr
2. Pinckney
3. Mallory
4. Trowbridge
5. Lamberton
6. Sanford
7. Gregory
8. Darling
9. Woodruff
10. Woodford

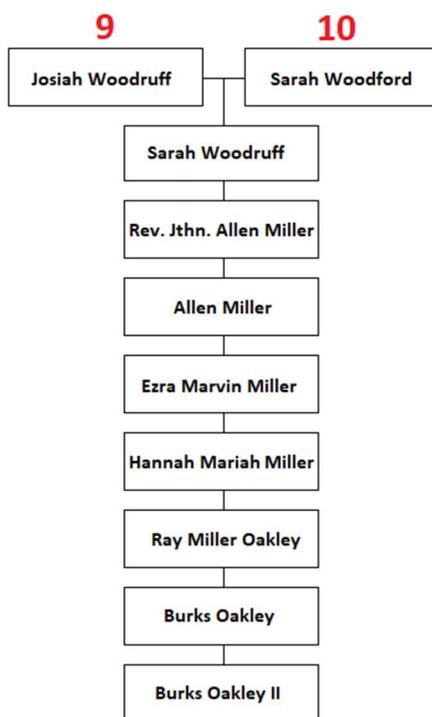
These ten lines are shown on the next page in landscape mode:

The first eight of these lines connect through my Oakley line; the other two connect through my Miller line.

Here are the *Oakley* lines



Here are the *Miller* lines:



I find it amazing to learn that Cousin George and I have so many English ancestors in common – all going back to nobility in the Middle Ages.

I actually have many more ancestors in common with George than I've shown here – but I tried to limit myself to one ancestor per line. I really just picked ancestors from George's tree at random, and there certainly could be other lines that I haven't identified in this narrative.

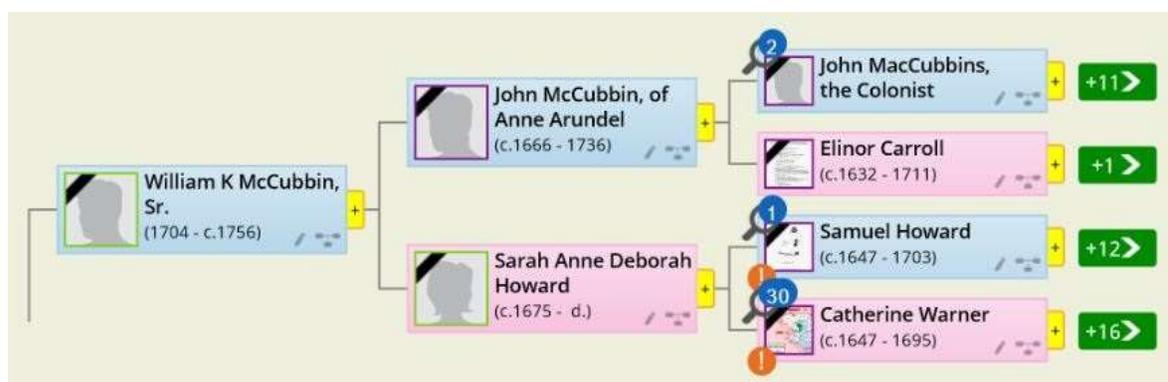
Connecting the McCubbin and Warner Families

In this narrative, I was able to follow a branch of George Carpenter's family tree back to English nobility in the Middle Ages. This branch of the tree went back through Catherine Warner (1647-1695), who was the first generation born in America. Her father, James Warner (1603-1673), was an English immigrant, who settled in Warner's Neck, Anne Arundel, Maryland.

The McCubbin family goes back a number of generations in Scotland. The Scottish immigrant John MacCubbins came to America in 1649 and settled in Anne Arundel County in Maryland. Fascinating reading about him at:

<https://www.geni.com/people/John-MacCubbins-the-Colonist/6000000003724780122>

Here is a part of the family tree showing how the McCubbin family connects to the Warner family:



This branch of George's family tree brings together Scottish and English immigrant families who settled in Maryland. As an aside, all of my immigrant ancestors with lines back to George's ancestors settled in Connecticut and Massachusetts.

Summary

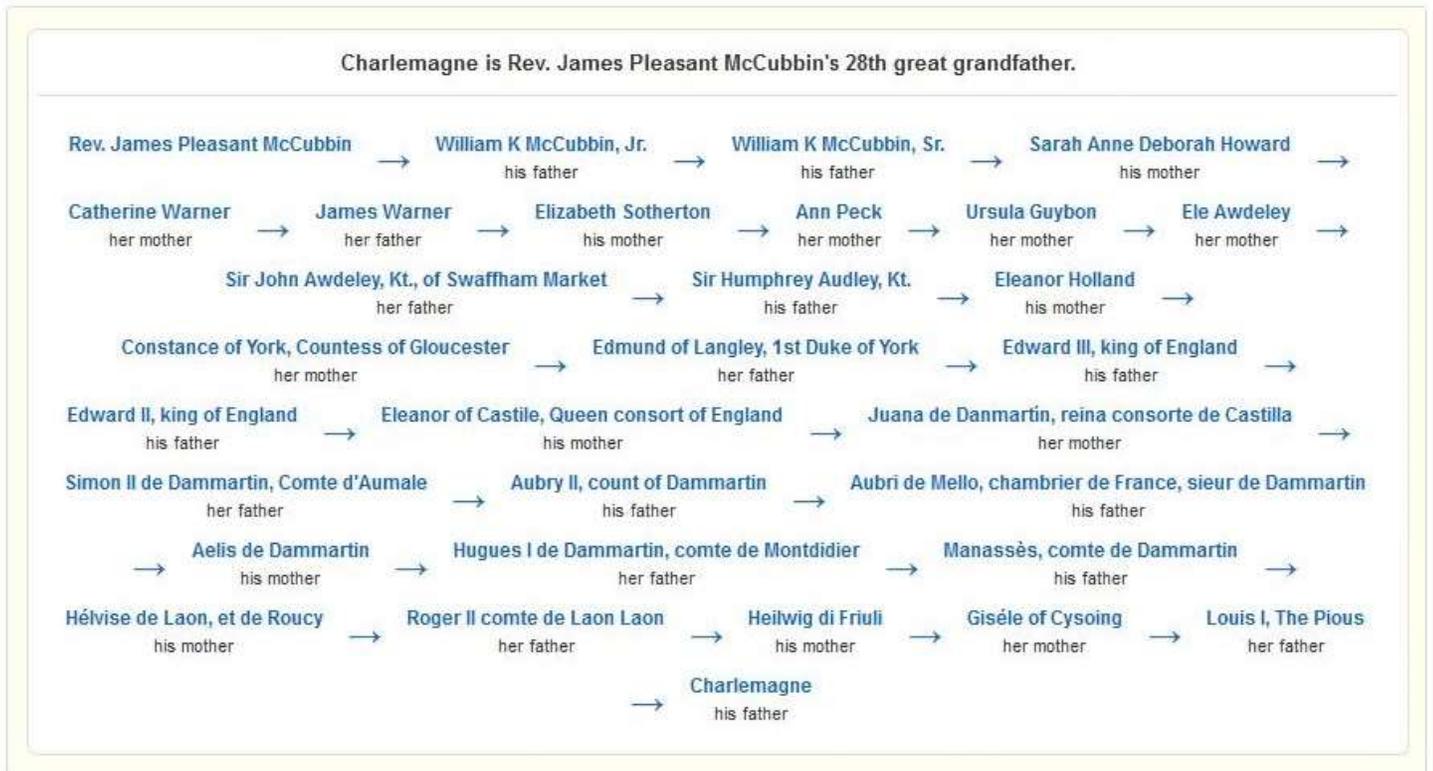
In this narrative, I first reviewed George Carpenter's family tree on Ancestry.com. George is my fourth-cousin once-removed on my **Burks** line. George's 2nd-great grandfather Willis Green Burks married Julia Ann McCubbin, and her paternal grandfather was Rev. James Pleasant McCubbin (1755-1824). I learned that James Pleasant McCubbin was connected to the World Family Tree on Geni.com. I was able to follow his **McCubbin** line in Scotland back to his 14th-great grandfather, John MakCubyn, who was born ca. 1345.

I also followed ancestral lines back from Catherine Warner (1647-1695), who was James Pleasant McCubbin's 2nd-great grandmother. Several of these ancestral lines went back many generations into the past – to Charlemagne, Alfred the Great, and King Edward I.

I learned that I am descended from a number of George's ancestors on the lines going back from Catherine Warner. I found a total of ten different ancestral lines going back from me to these ancestors. And the ancestors we have in common were English nobility, including Knights and Lords, and even a Speaker of the House of Commons.

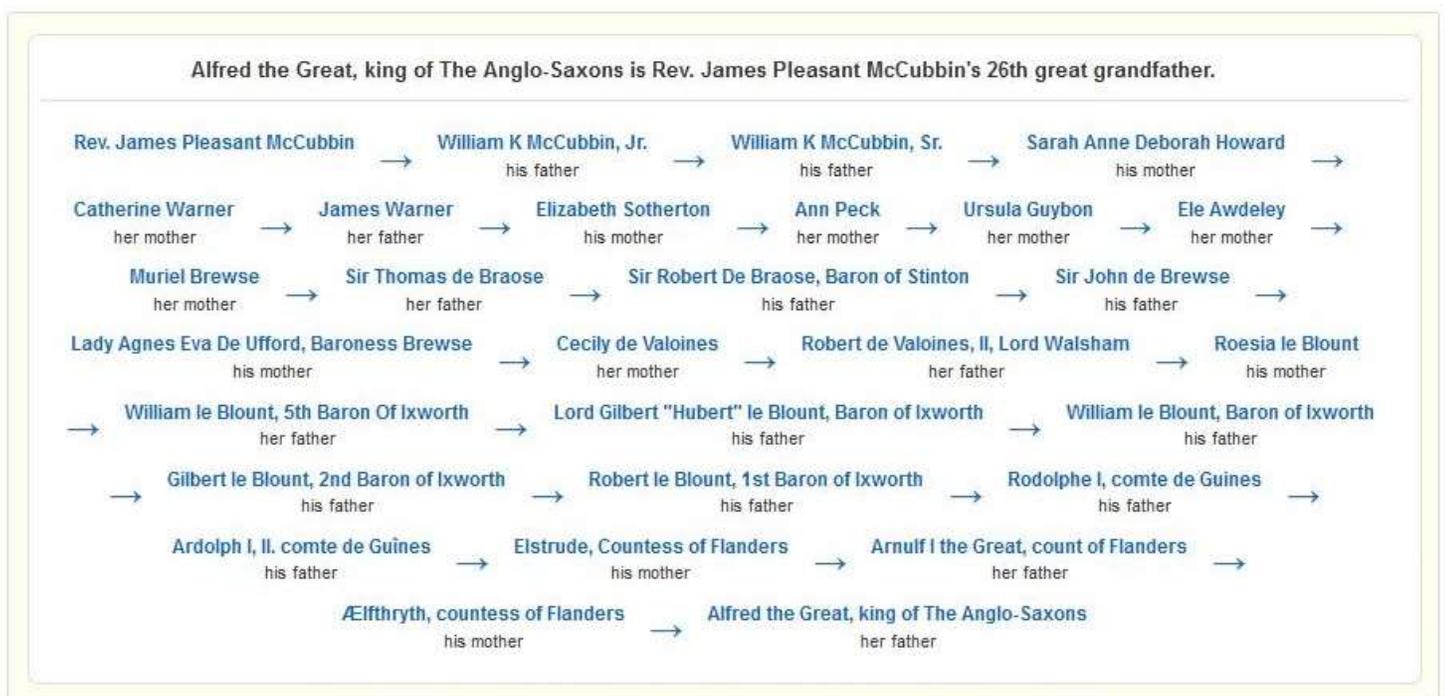
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It is always fun to see how my relatives are descended from famous European royalty. Here is the line back from James Pleasant McCubbin to Charlemagne:



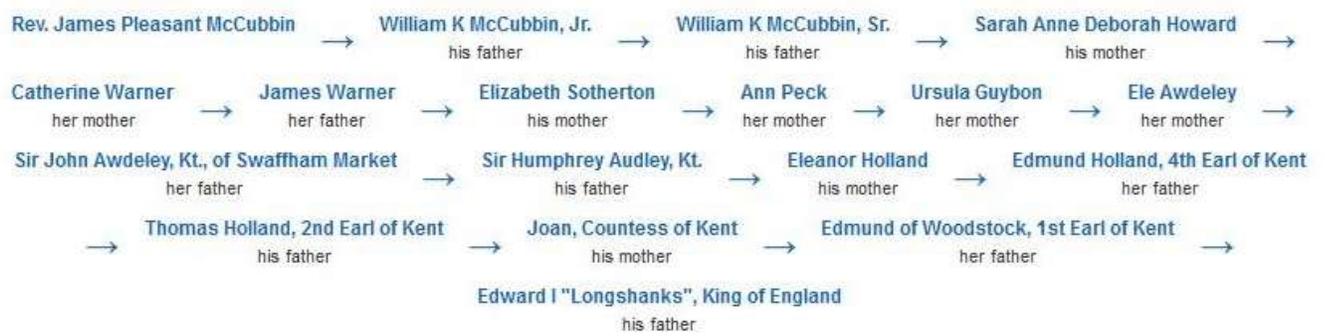
Note that this line goes back through King Edward III and King Edward II.

Here is the line back from James Pleasant McCubbin to Alfred the Great:



And finally, here is the line from James Pleasant McCubbin back to King Edward I:

Edward I "Longshanks", King of England is Rev. James Pleasant McCubbin's 15th great grandfather.



George certainly has a very distinguished group of ancestors!

I should point out that all three of the ancestral lines shown here in the Appendix go through Catherine Warner, and then back through her great-grandmother Ann Peck.