

## Chapter 72

### My Ancestral Lines Back to Hugh de Moreville

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#### ***Introduction***

I have started using the Geni.com website to expand my knowledge of my family tree. A key feature of this website is its “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 late November 2020, there are just over 150 million individuals in the World Family Tree – see:

Profiles connected by Geni's World Family Tree:

**150,370,418**

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

A number of my ancestral lines in the World Family Tree on Geni.com go back twenty or thirty generations into the past. This chapter is about one particular ancestral line, which goes back to Hugh de Moreville, Lord Cumberland, Constable of Scotland. Warning! This is a really long chapter and probably shouldn't be read in one sitting.

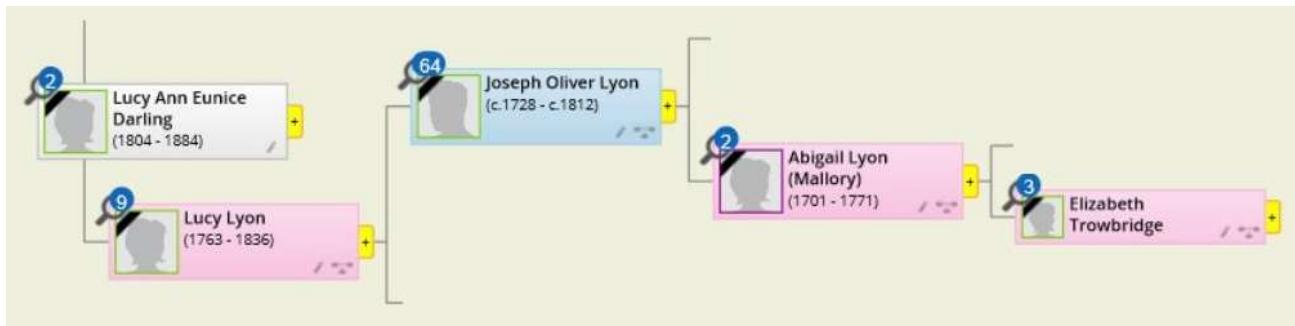
#### ***Going Back Many Generations on an Ancestral Line***

I am voluntarily self-quarantining (or is it self-isolating?) during the coronavirus pandemic of 2020, so I have lots of free time. A week or so ago, I went to the Geni.com website and started going back on various ancestral lines, just to see if I could find an interesting ancestor to write about. Here is the path I ended up taking.

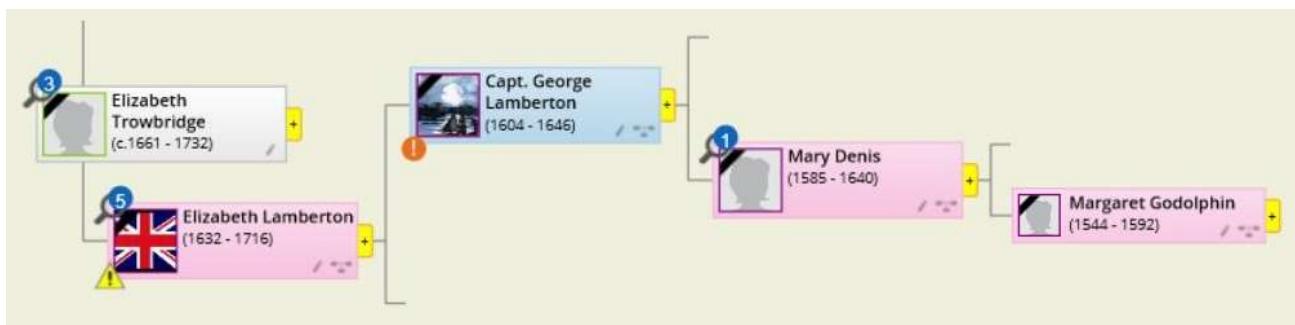
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Lucy Ann Eunice Darling to Elizabeth Trowbridge:



Elizabeth Trowbridge to Margaret Godolphin:



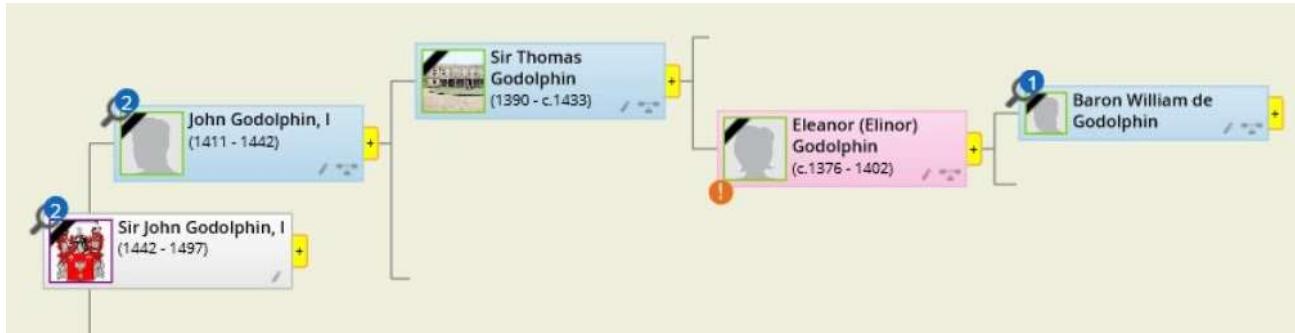
Note that that part of the line went through Capt. George Lamberton, who I wrote about this past summer – see:

<http://www.burksoakley.com/QuincyOakleyGenealogy/57-GeorgeLamberton.pdf>

Margaret Godolphin to Sir John Godolphin I:



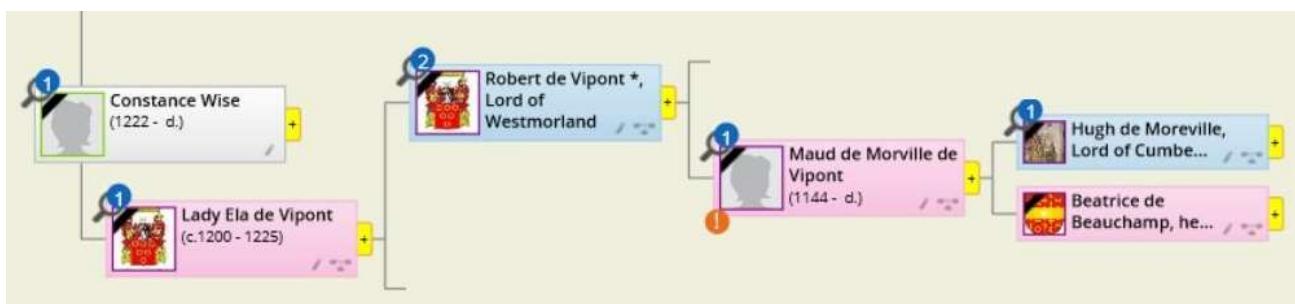
Sir John Godolphin I to Baron William de Godolphin:



Baron William de Godolphin to Constance Wise:



Constance Wise back to Hugh de Moreville, Lord of Cumberland:



OK, so this got me to Hugh de Moreville, Lord of Cumberland (1115-1162), and his wife Beatrice de Beauchamp, Heiress of Houghton Conquest (1107-1153). They sounded like interesting people, so I decided to look at them in more detail.

Here are brief excerpts from their profiles on Geni.com:



**Hugh de Moreville, Constable of Scotland**

Gender: Male

Birth: circa 1115

Kirkoswald, Cumbria, England (United Kingdom)

Death: 1162 (42-51)

Dryburgh, Scottish Borders, Scotland (United Kingdom)

Immediate Family: Son of Hugh de Morville, Kirkoswald and Ibia Trivers

Husband of Beatrice de Beauchamp, heiress of Houghton Conquest

Father of Roger de Morville; Hugh de Morville, Knt.; Malcolm Morville; Richard de Moreville, Constable of Scotland; Maud de Morville de Vipont and 1 other

Looks like Hugh de Moreville also had the title Constable of Scotland.

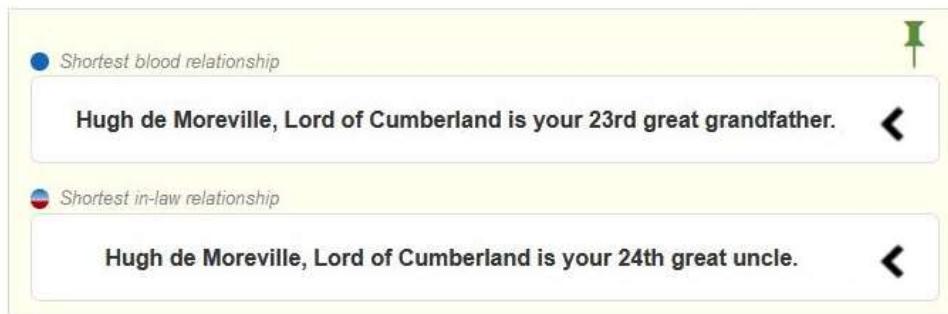
Here is part of the profile for Hugh de Moreville's wife, Beatrice de Beauchamp:



### Beatrice de Beauchamp, heiress of Houghton Conquest

Gender: Female  
Birth: 1107  
Death: after 1153  
Immediate Family: Daughter of Robert de Beauchamp, of Bedford and NN NN  
Wife of Hugh de Moreville, Lord of Cumberland  
Mother of Roger de Morville; Hugh de Morville, Knt.; Malcolm Morville; Richard de Moreville, Constable of Scotland; Maud de Morville de Vipont and 1 other  
Sister of Miles de Beauchamp; Muriel de Beauchamp; Oliver de Beauchamp and Payne de Beauchamp, Lord of Bedford

In looking at Hugh's profile page on Geni.com, I saw that he was my 23rd-great grandfather, and he also was my 24<sup>th</sup>-great uncle.



Interesting that he was my 23<sup>rd</sup>-great grandfather, but also my 24<sup>th</sup>-great uncle. I don't know that I have seen anything like this before. I'll come back to this at the end of this chapter.

I next went to review the main line that I took to get to Hugh de Moreville:



Oh no! This happens to me all the time – this is the “shortest blood line” and NOT the line that I actually followed to get back to Hugh de Moreville. This line goes through my 2<sup>nd</sup>-great grandfather, Ezra Marvin Miller – not through Lucy Ann Eunice Darling. On this line, Hugh de Moreville was my 23<sup>rd</sup>-great grandfather.

Recall that Geni.com always displays just the “shortest blood line” connecting two people. So this means that I have at least two lines going back to Hugh de Moreville.

I reconstructed the original path that I followed to get back to Hugh de Moreville:



Hugh de Moreville was my 26<sup>th</sup>-great grandfather on this line.

### ***Details about the Life of Hugh de Moreville***

It turns out that Hugh de Moreville was quite a man. Here is an excerpt from the Wikipedia article about him:

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hugh\\_de\\_Morville,\\_Constable\\_of\\_Scotland](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hugh_de_Morville,_Constable_of_Scotland)

#### **Hugh de Morville, Constable of Scotland**

Hugh de Morville (died 1162) of Appleby in Westmorland, England, hereditary Constable of Scotland, was a Norman knight who made his fortune in the service of David FitzMalcolm (d. 1153), Prince of the Cumbrians, later King of Scotland.

Hugh came from Morville in the Cotentin Peninsula, in northern France. [Also known as the Cherbourg Peninsula, it is a peninsula in Normandy.]

#### ***In service of David of Scotland***

Prince David of Scotland held Cotentin in northern France, given to him by King Henry I of England sometime after 1106. Hugh de Morville joined David's small military retinue in France. In 1113, following his marriage, Prince David was made Earl of Huntingdon and Northampton, and also became Prince of the Cumbrians, having forced his brother King Alexander I to hand over territory in southern Scotland. David achieved this with the help of his French followers.

David endowed Hugh with the estates of Bozeat and Whissendine, within his Huntingdon earldom. During David's conquest of northern England after 1136, Hugh was also given the lordship of Appleby, essentially northern Westmorland.

After the death of Edward, Constable of Scotland, in 1138 at the Battle of the Standard, Hugh was awarded that office. In addition, he obtained land and lordships which placed him in the very first rank of the Anglo-Norman nobility in Scotland. These comprised the Lordship of the Regality of

Lauderdale, together with detached estates at Saltoun, Haddingtonshire, Nenthorn and Newton Don, Berwickshire, at Dryburgh on the Tweed opposite Old Melrose, and probably also at Heriot in Midlothian. In the west of Scotland, he was given the whole of the Lordship of Cunningham, the northernmost third of Ayrshire. Lauderdale, with a castle at Lauder, was held, it seems, for six knights' service; Cunningham possibly for two, with a castle at Irvine.

In 1150, Hugh made a further mark on the history of southern Scotland by founding Dryburgh Abbey for Premonstratensian canons regular, where he died as a canon in 1162.

### *Marriage and Children*

Hugh married Beatrice de Beauchamp, the heiress of the manor of Houghton Conquest in Bedfordshire. She is presumed to be a daughter of Robert de Beauchamp (died pre-1130). By Beatrice, he had at least two sons and two daughters, including:

1. Hugh de Morville, Lord of Westmorland (died c. 1202), who inherited his father's estates in the north of England. He was a principal player in the 1170 murder of Thomas Becket, Archbishop of Canterbury. He subsequently fell out of favor with King Henry II who in 1174 confiscated his Lordship of Westmorland (which he had inherited from his father who had received it from David I) and re-granted it to his sister, Maud de Morville, wife of William de Vieuxpont.
2. Richard de Morville, possibly the second son, who inherited his father's Scottish estates and lands in the Honour of Huntingdon. He also succeeded to the hereditary office of Constable of Scotland.
3. Simon de Moreville (d. 1167), another possible son. He was seated at Kirkoswald, Cumbria, ward of Leath, Cumberland, and married Ada de Engaine, heiress of the Feudal barony of Burgh by Sands, Cumberland.
4. Ada de Morville, who at some time before 1157, married Roger Bertram, lord of Mitford, Northumberland.
5. Grace de Morville, another possible daughter, wife of the Cumbrian magnate Sir Hubert de Vaux, of Gilsland.

### *Death and Burial*

Hugh eventually retired as a canon to his foundation at Dryburgh Abbey, where he soon died in 1162. An ancient memorial to him in the south wall is said to mark his burial-place.

Here is a Google Map showing the location of Morville, Normandy, France:



Here is a map from Wikipedia showing the location of the historical English county of Westmorland:



Next is a Google Map showing the location of Dryburgh Abbey, which Hugh de Moreville founded:



Finally, a photo of the ruins of Dryburgh Abbey, where Hugh de Moreville is buried:



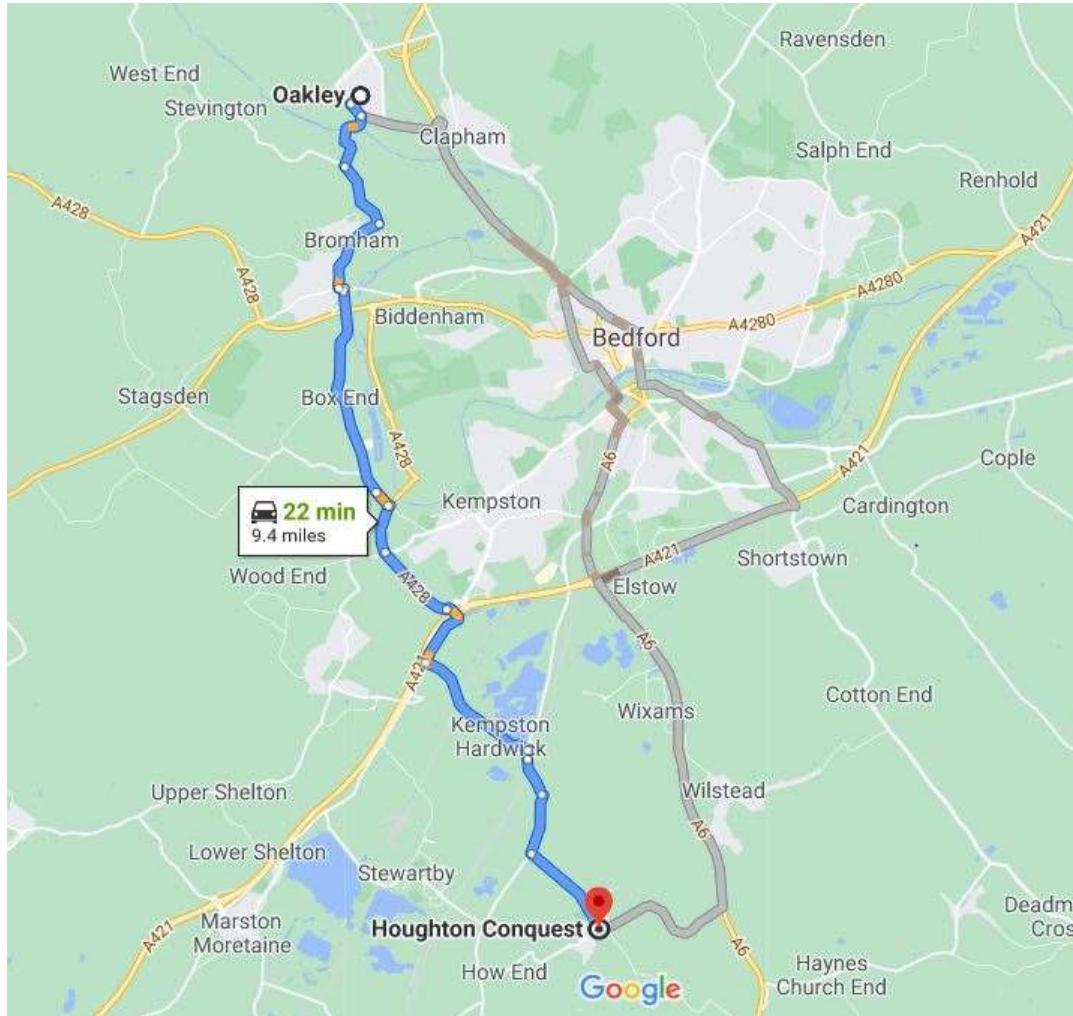
More about Dryburgh Abbey and the role that Hugh de Moreville took in establishing it can be found on Wikipedia.org at:

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Dryburgh\\_Abbey](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Dryburgh_Abbey)

### ***Beatrice de Beauchamp***

Hugh de Moreville was married to Beatrice de Beauchamp, Heiress of the Manor of Houghton Conquest. Houghton Conquest is located in Bedfordshire, just south of Bedford, and I note that her brother Payne de Beauchamp held the title Lord of Bedford. It appears that the Beauchamp family had extensive landholdings in Bedfordshire after the Norman Conquest.

As an aside, here is a Google Map showing the location of Houghton Conquest, south of Bedford:



Note that Houghton Conquest is less than ten miles from Oakley, Bedfordshire, a wonderful little town that I visited in September 2019. But I digress....

### ***Returning to my Ancestral Lines to Hugh de Moreville***

Earlier in this chapter, I wrote that I had two different ancestral lines going back to Hugh de Moreville. I previously have identified ancestors from the Middle Ages in England where I have multiple lines going back to the same person. For example, I have at least twelve different lines going back to King Edward I of England. See:

<http://www.burksoakley.com/QuincyOakleyGenealogy/50-MyLines-to-KingEdward.pdf>

I thought I should systematically go through the ancestral lines on my father's side of the family and see if I could find additional lines back to Hugh de Moreville (remember that I have a lot of free time these days). Here is my paternal pedigree, going back to my 2<sup>nd</sup>-great grandparents:



Jumping ahead, I found that I have ancestral lines going back to Hugh de Moreville through Lucy Ann Eunice Darling, Ezra Marvin Miller, Amy Griffey, and Elmony Lester. I'll now go through these lines in order of increasing complexity.

### **Amy Griffey**

Here is the line from my father going back to his four great-grandparents on his mother's side of the family:



I looked at all four of his great-grandparents on this side of his family – Levi Burks, Amy Griffey, Daniel Crawford, and Elmony Lester. I learned that neither Levi Burks nor Daniel Crawford are descended from Hugh de Moreville (actually, their lines in the World Family Tree on Geni.com don't go back many more generations, so it just isn't possible to see if either of them were descended from Hugh de Moreville). However, I did find that both Amy Griffey and Elmony Lester are descended from Hugh de Moreville. In this section, I'll deal with the ancestral line through Amy Griffey.

First, I viewed my line back to Amy Griffey:

Shortest blood relationship

Amy Griffey is your second great grandmother.

You → Burks Oakley  
your father → Kate Cameron Burks  
his mother → James Alfred Burks  
her father → Amy Griffey  
his mother

She was my 2<sup>nd</sup>-great grandmother. Note several things – in the upper-left of the panel, it states that this is the “Shortest blood relationship”. It is important to keep in mind that Geni.com always shows the shortest line between two people, and this means that it only displays a single line going back from me to Hugh de Moreville – the line I showed earlier in this chapter. If there are other lines, they have to be found manually. In addition, in the upper-right of this panel is an icon representing a little green push pin. Normally, all relationships with people in the World Family Tree are shown relative to me (such as “Amy Griffey is your second great grandmother.”). But clicking on the push pin icon changes the reference person to the person being viewed – in this case, Amy Griffey:

View other profiles to see their relationship to Amy Griffey. Click the push pin again to reset them to yourself.

One can toggle this feature back and forth. So I changed the reference person to Amy Griffey and then viewed Hugh de Moreville’s profile. I saw that that Hugh de Moreville was Amy Griffey’s 22<sup>nd</sup>-great grandfather – here is the line:

Shortest blood relationship

Hugh de Moreville, Lord of Cumberland is Amy Griffey's 22nd great grandfather.

Amy Griffey → Francis Wisdom Burris  
her mother → Mary Perry nee Wisdom  
her mother → Ann "Nancy" Collins  
her mother → Captain Joseph Collins, II  
her father  
→ Captain Joseph Oliver Collins, I  
his father → John Collins, I  
his father → William Collins, of Isle of Wight  
his father → John Collins, II  
his father  
Margaret Weeks  
his mother → Millencent Poole  
her mother → Lady Margaret Neville, formerly Cheney  
her mother →  
Sir George Neville, 5th and de jure 3rd Baron Bergavenny  
her father → George Neville, 4th and de jure 2nd Baron Bergavenny  
his father →  
Edward Neville, 3rd Baron of Bergavenny  
his father → Ralph Neville, 1st Earl of Westmorland  
his father → Maud de Percy, Lady Neville  
his mother →  
Idonea de Clifford, Baroness Percy  
her mother → Lord Robert de Clifford, 1st Baron Clifford & Marshall of England  
her father → Isabel Vidpont  
his mother →  
Robert de Vipont, Lord of Westmoreland  
her father → Sir John de Vipont, Baron of Appleby and Essindine  
his father →  
Robert de Vipont \*, Lord of Westmorland  
his father → Maud de Morville de Vipont  
his mother → Hugh de Moreville, Lord of Cumberland  
her father

At this point, I knew the line back from me back to Amy Griffey and the line from Amy Griffey back to Hugh de Moreville. So using “cut and paste” and graphics editing software, I was able to put together the line from me back to Hugh de Moreville:

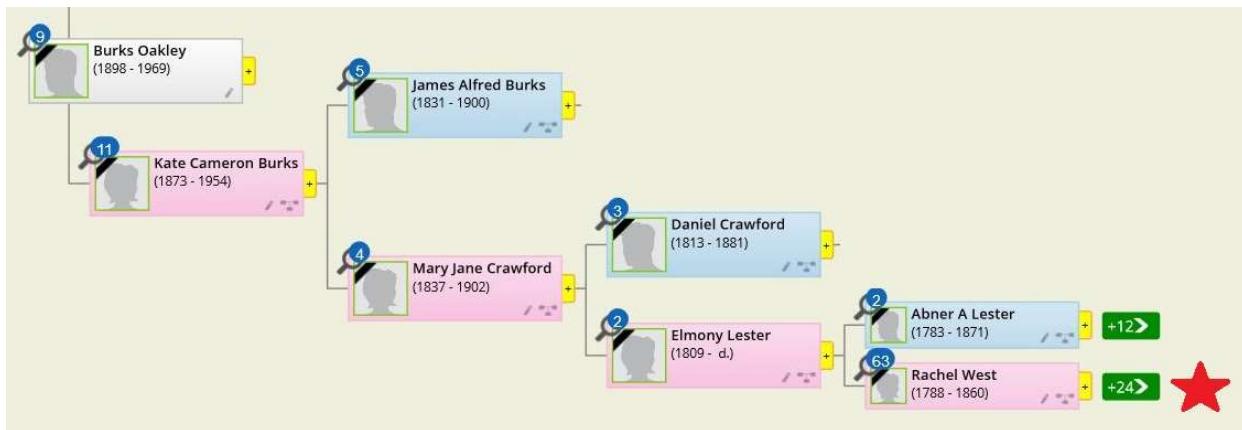


On this line, Hugh de Moreville was my 26<sup>th</sup>-great grandfather (I had to count the generations in the chart to figure this out). Recall that the “shortest blood line” calculated by Geni.com went through Ezra Marvin Miller and Benjamin Tripp, and on that line, Hugh de Moreville was my 23<sup>rd</sup>-great grandfather.

Since the “shortest blood line” goes through Ray Miller Oakley, while this line goes through Kate Cameron Burks, I learned once again that Ray and Kate (my paternal grandparents) were distant cousins. In this case, *very* distant cousins.

### Elmony Lester

I now will move on and look at another one of my 2<sup>nd</sup>-great grandparents who is descended from Hugh de Moreville; namely, Elmony Lester. Here is the line from my father back to Elmony Lester and to Elmony’s mother, Rachel West:



It turns out that all the ancestral lines going from me back to Hugh de Moreville through Elmony Lester also go through her mother, Rachel West. Yes, there are multiple lines.

Here is a pedigree chart for Rachel West – this chart goes back to her eight great-grandparents:



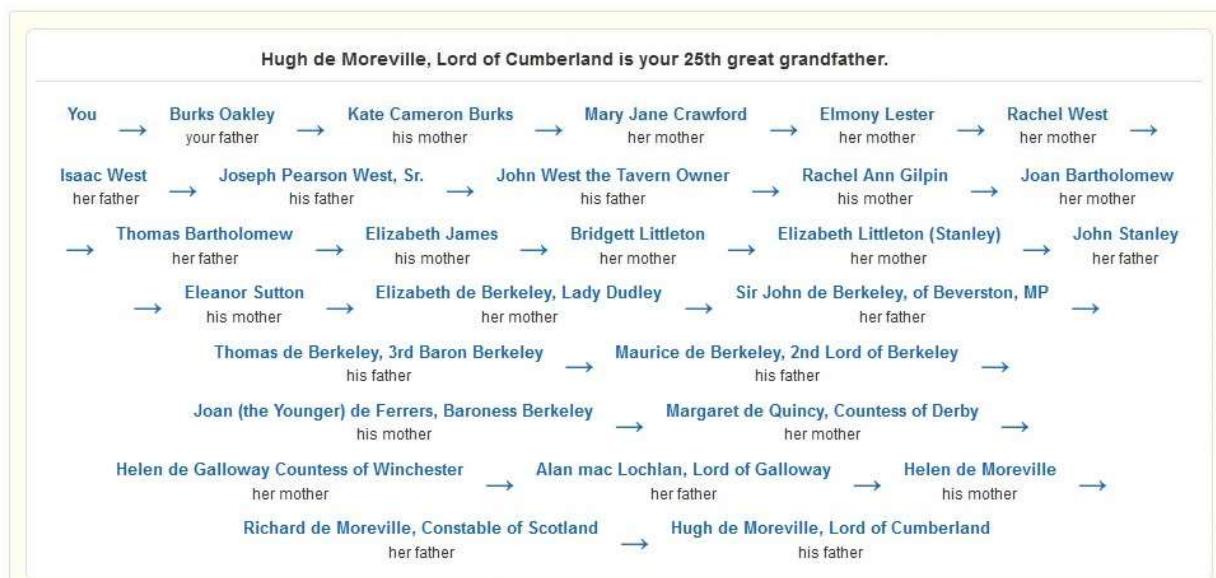
I found lines back to Hugh de Moreville that go through four of Rachel West's eight great-grandparents. To help organize this, I numbered her eight great-grandparents from 1 through 8 (even though #2 is unknown at this time).

Here are the lines I found:



I kept the numbering of Rachel West's eight great-grandparents, so that "line 1" goes through John West, while "line 8" goes through Elizabeth Warren. I did one more thing here – I added an "m" for maternal and "p" for paternal, to indicate where the line initially went.

Here is the line that goes through John West (the Tavern Owner):



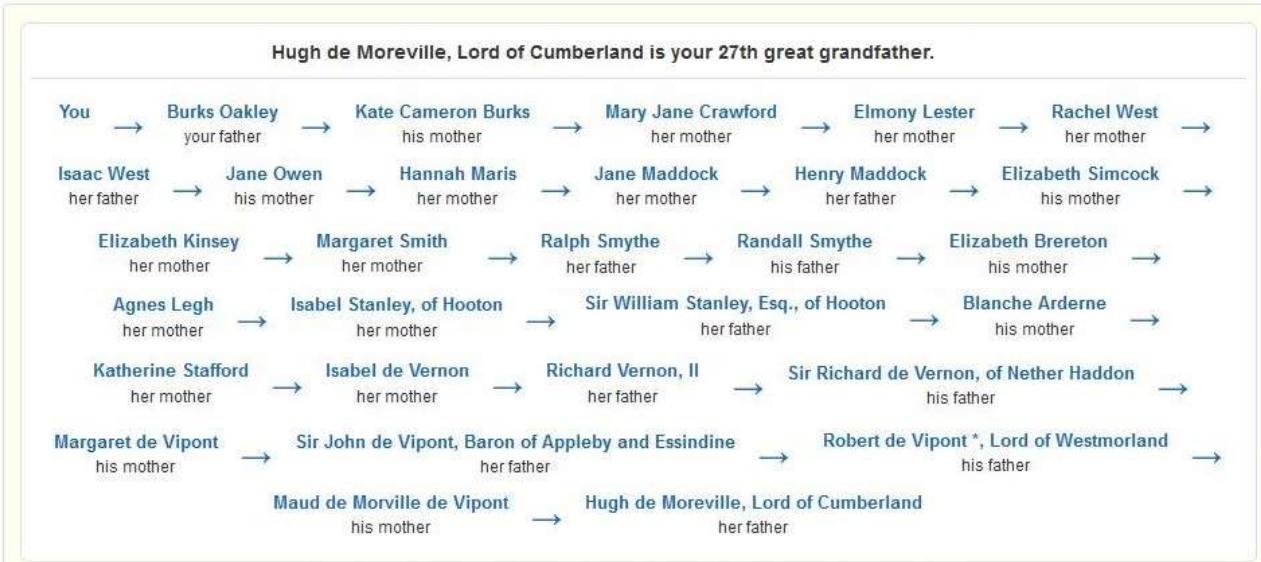
John West was in position #1 in the pedigree chart for Rachel West, and the line goes through his maternal line. So I called this “line 1-m”. Like the line involving Amy Griffey that I showed in the previous section, this chart was made it two parts using “cut and paste”. In fact, all the charts with ancestral lines that I will be showing were made this same way.

The next line goes through John Owen, High Sheriff:



John Owen was in position #3 in the pedigree chart, and since the line goes through John Owen’s mother, I called it “line 3-m”. This line goes through some Welsh ancestors, such as Elsbeth verch Owain.

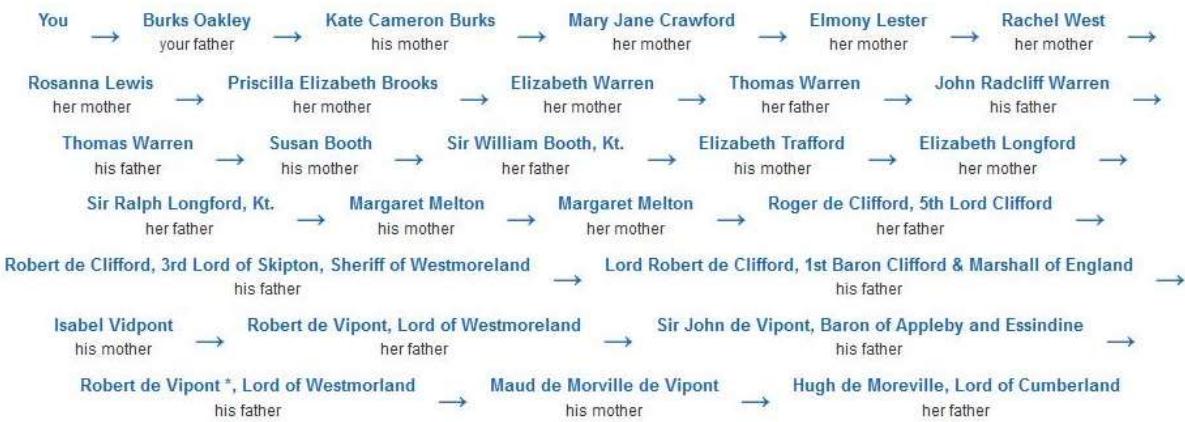
The next line goes through Hannah Maris, who was in position #4 in the pedigree chart:



This line goes through Hannah’s mother, Jane Maddock, so it is “line 4-m” (m for maternal).

The last line goes through Elizabeth Warren and her father, Thomas Warren. Elizabeth was in position #8 in the pedigree chart, so I called this “line 8-p”:

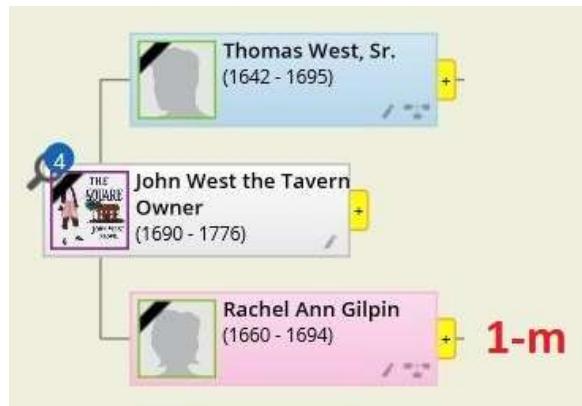
Hugh de Moreville, Lord of Cumberland is your 25th great grandfather.



It is interesting to look at my ancestors in all these ancestral lines – with titles such as Lord, Lady, Knight, Sheriff, Sir, Countess, Earl, Baron, and Baroness. Amazing!

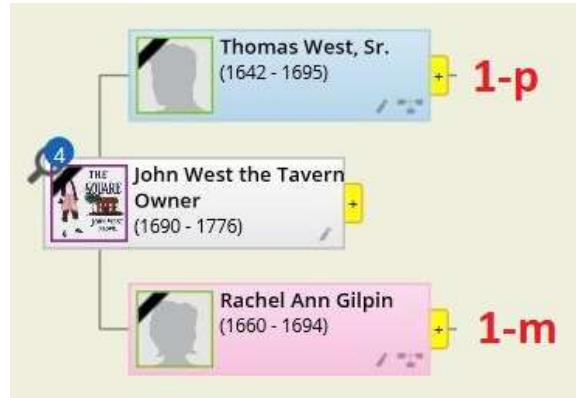
For completeness, I decided to go back and see if any of my ancestors in earlier (older) generations in this part of my family tree were also descended from Hugh de Moreville.

Recall that line 1-m went through John West, the Tavern Owner, and then his mother Rachel Gilpin. Here is a relevant diagram:

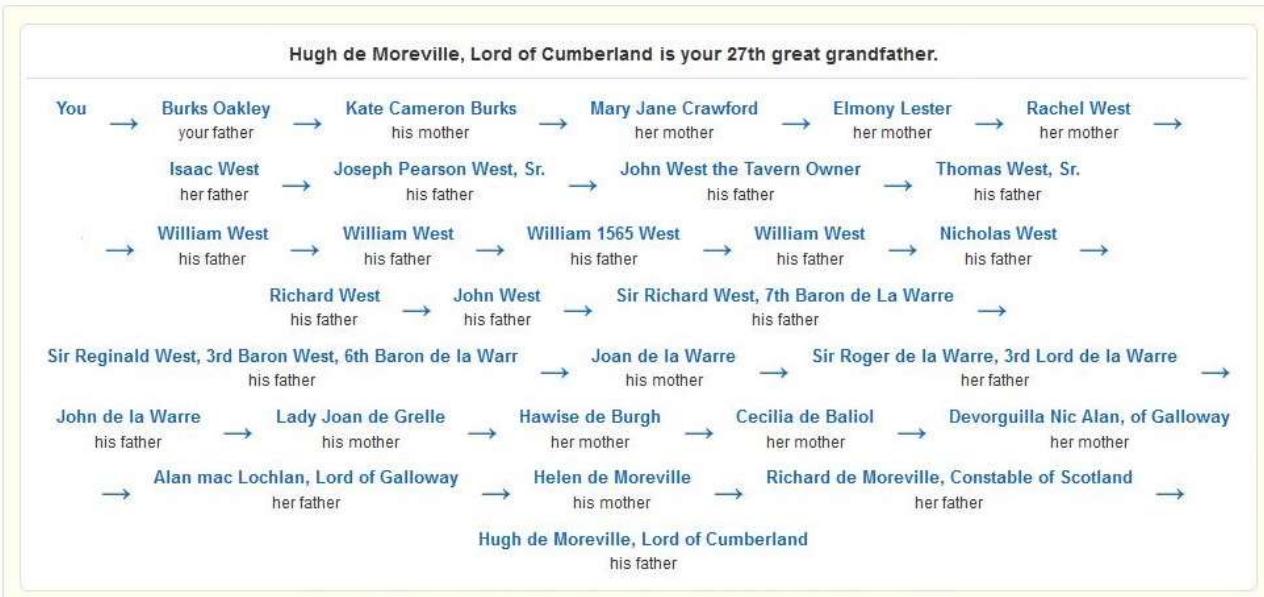


Remember, John West the Tavern Owner was in position #1 in the pedigree chart, and the ancestral line going through him went through his mother, Rachel Gilpin. I called that “line 1-m”. I created the chart showing line 1-m by displaying the line from me back to John West, and then the line from John West back to Hugh de Moreville. But that latter line was the “shortest blood relationship” between John West and Hugh de Moreville. It is still possible that there is a line from John West back to Hugh de Moreville that goes through John West’s father, Thomas West Sr. But the software on Geni.com just identified the “shortest” line, which in this case went through John West’s mother, Rachel Gilpin.

In fact, John West’s father, Thomas West Sr., also was descended from Hugh de Moreville. I named the line that goes back from John West to Hugh de Moreville through Thomas West Sr. “line 1-p”, since it is the paternal line going back from the person in position #1:



Again, using the line from me back to Thomas West Sr. and the line from him back to Hugh de Moreville, I was able to construct a chart showing line 1-p:



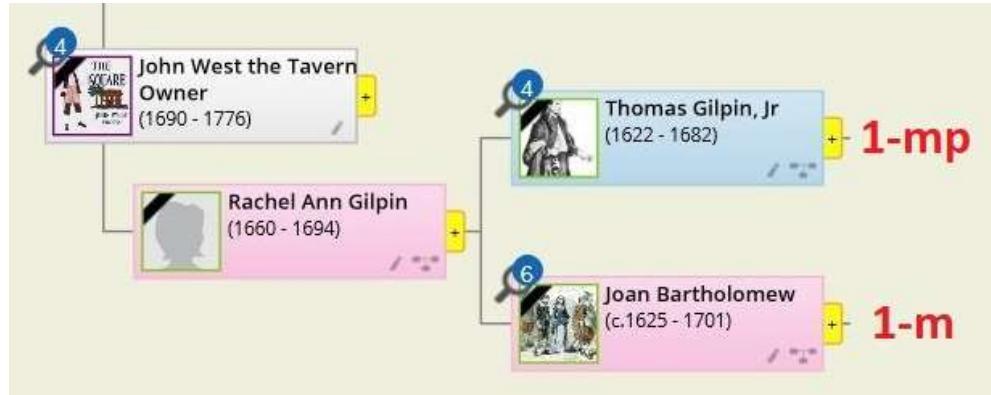
Note that on this line, Hugh de Moreville is my 27<sup>th</sup>-great grandfather. On line 1-m, Hugh de Moreville was my 25<sup>th</sup>-great grandfather. This explains why Geni.com only showed the line from John West to Hugh de Moreville that goes through John West's mother – since that was a shorter line than the one through his father. Nevertheless, by checking John West's father, I was able to learn that there were two different lines from John West to Hugh de Moreville – one through his mother (line 1-m) and one through his father (line 1-p).

It is interesting that Geni.com found the relationship between Thomas West Sr. AND his wife Rachel Gilpin:



They both were descended from Hugh de Moreville, meaning that they were (very) distant cousins.

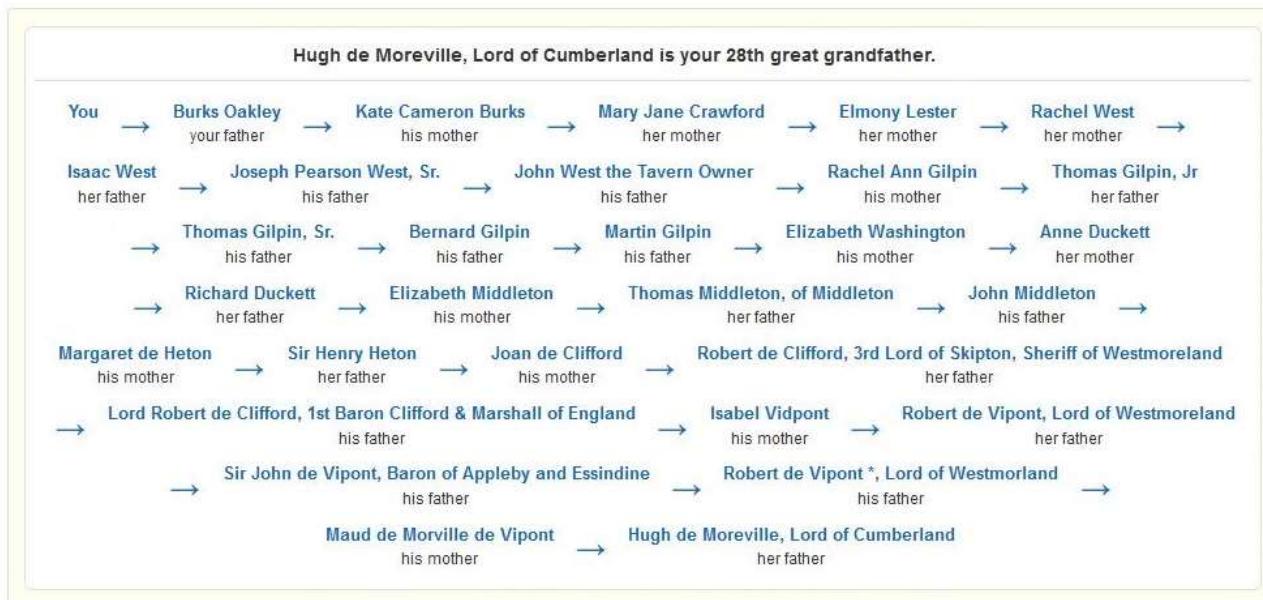
For completeness, I went back yet another generation:



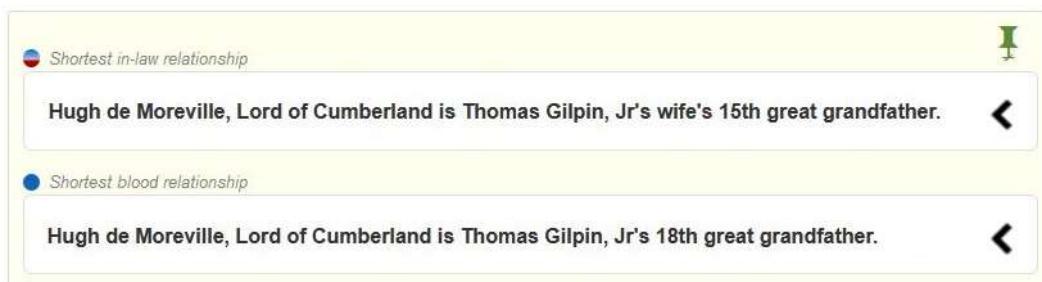
Sure enough, Rachel Gilpin's father, Thomas Gilpin Jr., was also descended from Hugh de Moreville. Since this line starts the same as "Line 1-m" and then branches to a paternal line, I'll call it "line 1-mp" (I came up with these names just to help keep all this straight in my mind, and so that I could name the files on my computer and know which lines they represented).

Rachel Gilpin was really special – she, her husband, and both her parents were all descendants of Hugh de Moreville.

Here is Line 1-mp:



It is interesting that Geni.com also found this relationship for Thomas Gilpin Jr. and his wife Joan Bartholomew:



Note that Thomas and his wife Joan were three generations apart on their respective lines going back to Hugh de Moreville.

Fortunately, there is only one more line to present in this section. Recall that Line 8-p went back from Elizabeth Warren. It actually went through her 2<sup>nd</sup>-great grandmother, Susan Booth:



Well, when I checked other ancestors on this line, I learned that Susan Booth's husband, Sir Edward Warren, Knight, also was descended from Hugh de Moreville. I'll call the line that goes through Sir Edward "Line 8-pppp", since it starts like Line 8-p and then goes back on the paternal line for four generations. Again, I'm using these names to keep things straight in my mind, and to simplify the file-naming process on my computer.

Here is Line 8-pppp:



To sum up, I found that I have seven distinct ancestral lines going back to Hugh de Moreville through Elmonylester and her mother Rachel West. And yes, each one of the seven lines is different – of course, they all go from me back through Elmonylester and her mother Rachel West. On these lines, Hugh de Moreville is anywhere from my 25<sup>th</sup>- to 28<sup>th</sup>-great grandfather. I'm amazed to see all the couples where both the husband and the wife were descended from Hugh de Moreville.

It is important to keep in mind that ALL of the people in these ancestral lines going back to Hugh de Moreville are MY ancestors, and it is pretty cool to see how large my family tree has become.

At this point, I should add that both Amy Griffey and Elmonylester were my 2<sup>nd</sup>-great grandparents on my father's maternal line, going through his mother Kate Cameron Burks.

## *Lucy Ann Eunice Darling*

Lucy Ann Eunice Darling was another one of my 2<sup>nd</sup>-great grandparents – but she was on my father's paternal line, going through his father Ray Miller Oakley. Here is the line from my father back to Lucy Darling:



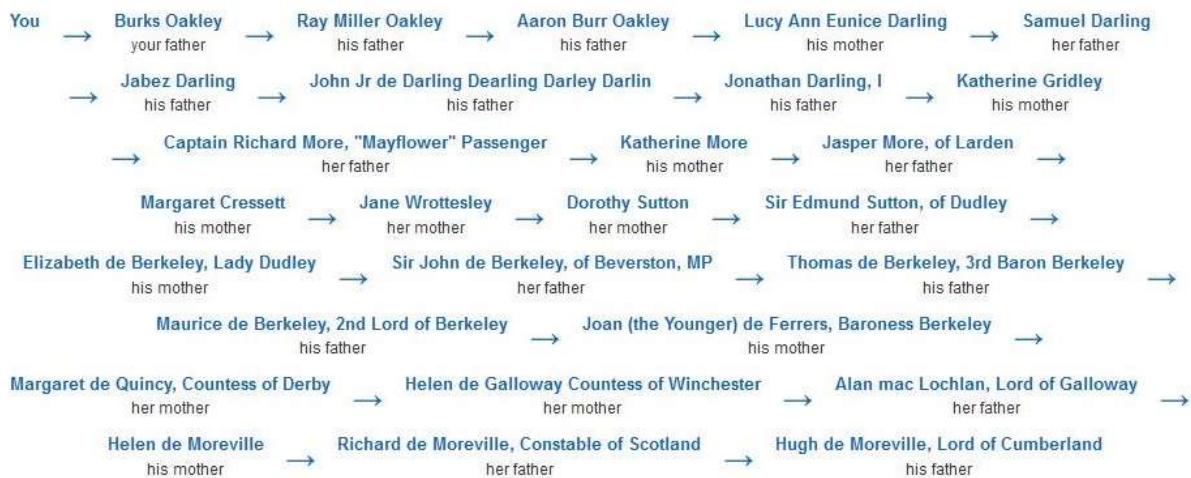
Here is Lucy's pedigree, going back to her 2<sup>nd</sup>-great grandparents:



In this case, I numbered Lucy's sixteen 2<sup>nd</sup>-great grandparents 1 through 16 (even though some of them are unknown to me at this time). I found seven ancestral lines (the lines with the red numbers) going from me through Lucy back to Hugh de Moreville. As in the previous section, I included the letter m or p to indicate the initial line – either maternal or paternal.

Line 1-m goes through Jonathan Darling and his mother Katherine Gridley:

Hugh de Moreville, Lord of Cumberland is your 25th great grandfather.

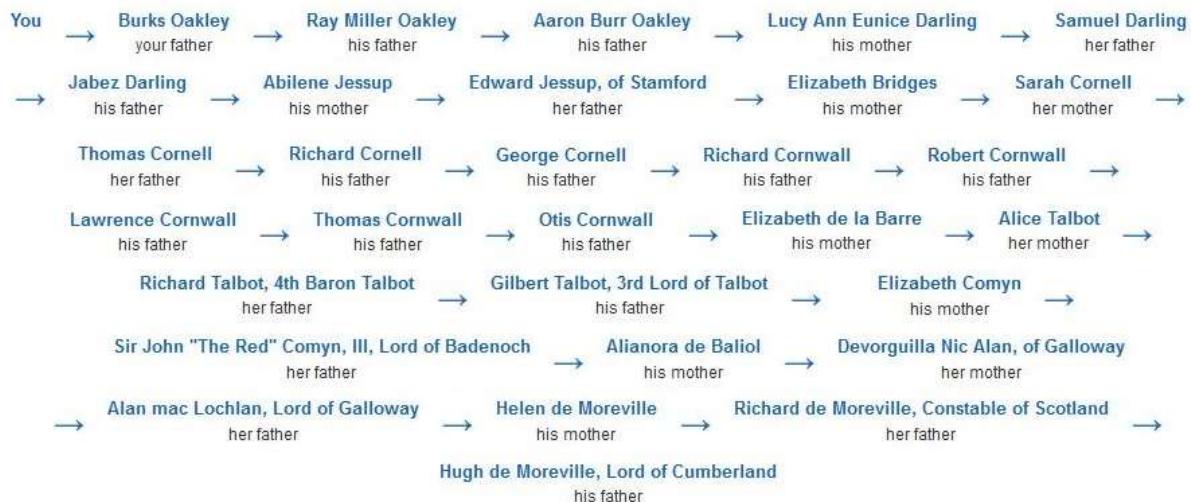


This line also includes Capt. Richard More, who came to America on the *Mayflower* (but wasn't a Pilgrim) – see:

<http://www.burksoakley.com/QuincyOakleyGenealogy/48-RichardMore-MayflowerAncestor.pdf>

Line 3-m goes through Edward Jessup and his mother Elizabeth Bridges:

Hugh de Moreville, Lord of Cumberland is your 28th great grandfather.



Again, I find it interesting to see all the titles held by these ancestors – Barons and Lords.

Line 4-p goes through Elizabeth Rose Hyde and her father John Hide, Sr.:

Hugh de Moreville, Lord of Cumberland is your 25th great grandfather.



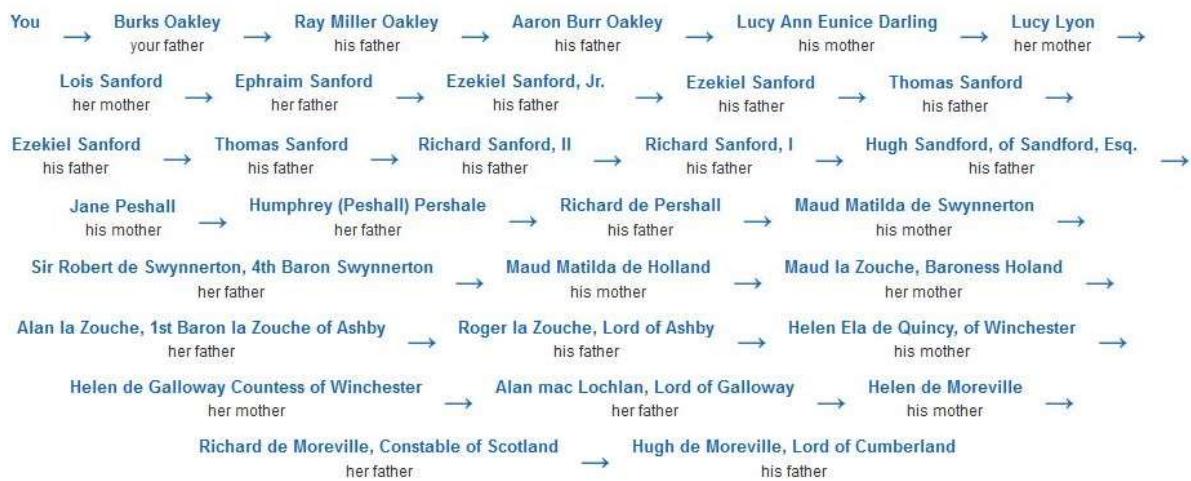
Line 12-m goes through Elizabeth Trowbridge and her father William Trowbridge:

Hugh de Moreville, Lord of Cumberland is your 26th great grandfather.



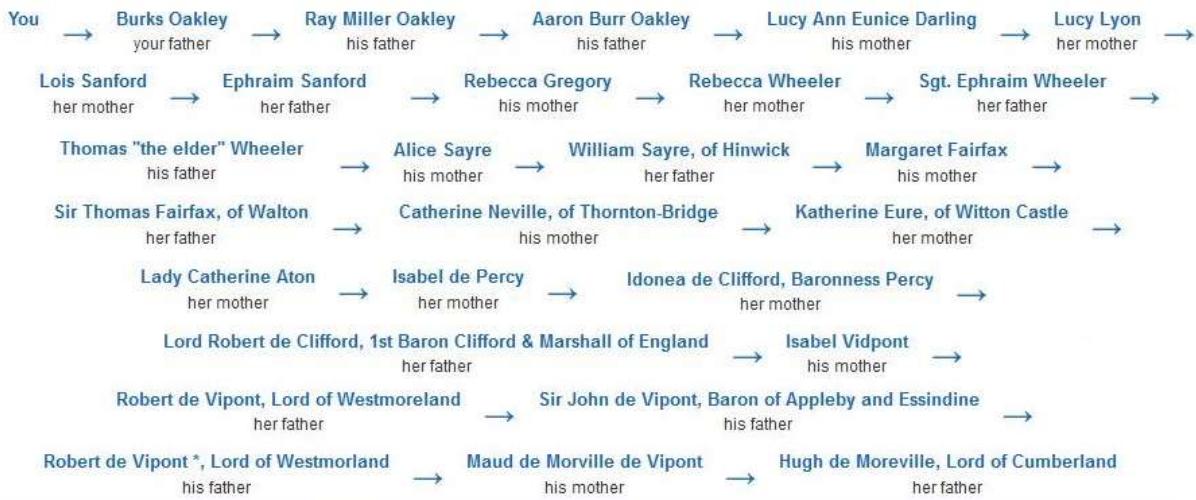
Line 13-p goes through Ezekiel Sanford Jr. and his father Ezekiel Sanford:

Hugh de Moreville, Lord of Cumberland is your 28th great grandfather.



Line 14-m goes through Rebecca Gregory and her mother Rebecca Wheeler:

Hugh de Moreville, Lord of Cumberland is your 25th great grandfather.



Line 15-m goes through John Mix and his mother Elizabeth Wilmot:

Hugh de Moreville, Lord of Cumberland is your 26th great grandfather.



Keep in mind that all of these charts are composites made in two parts – viewing my line back to one of Lucy’s 2<sup>nd</sup>-great grandparents, and then the line from that individual back to Hugh de Moreville. And that latter line will always show the “shortest blood relationship”.

I also looked at some of the earlier (older) generations, in order to see if there are additional lines (just like I did in the previous section with Elmony Lester’s ancestors). The line for Elizabeth Trowbridge was 12-m – the “m” indicates that it went through her maternal line. Well, her father William Trowbridge was also descended from Hugh de Moreville, so there is a new line 12-p:

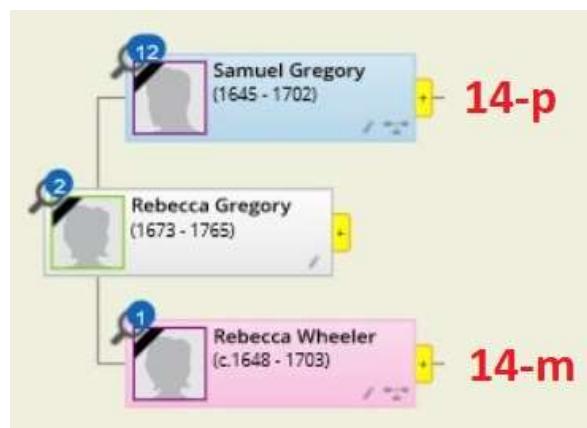


Here is the ancestral line 12-p through William Trowbridge:



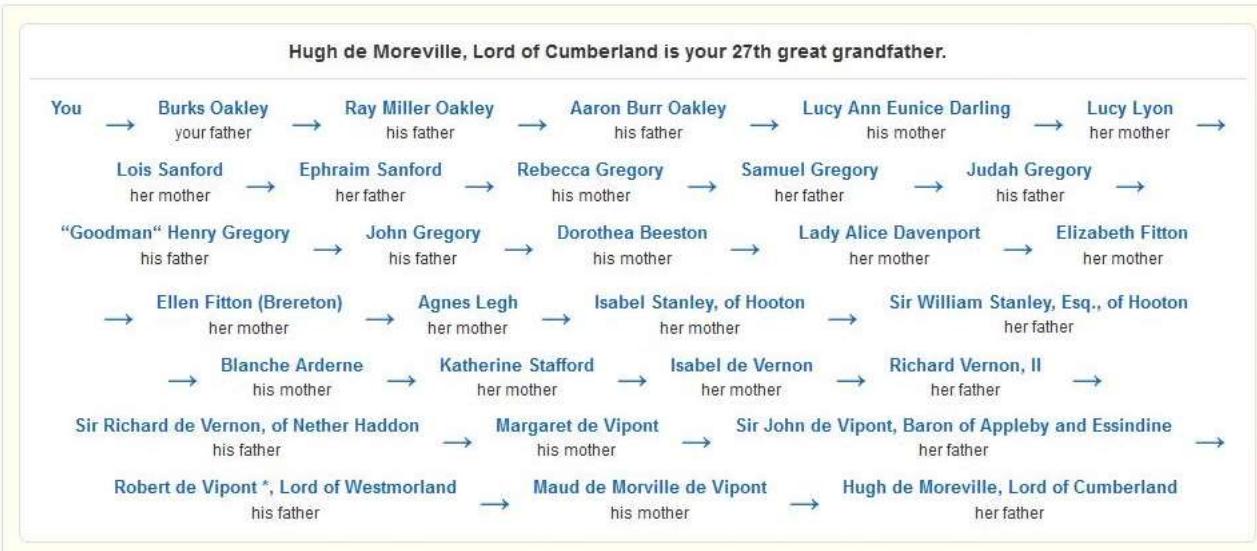
Hugh de Moreville is my 26<sup>th</sup>-great grandfather on line 12-p, and interestingly, he also was my 26<sup>th</sup>-great grandfather on line 12-m. It appears that the two lines from Elizabeth Trowbridge (one through her father, one through her mother) were the same length, and the software on Geni.com arbitrarily picked one over the other to display as the “shortest blood relationship”.

Line 14-m went through Rebecca Gregory and her mother Rebecca Wheeler, but I learned that Rebecca Gregory’s father, Samuel Gregory, also was descended from Hugh de Moreville. His line then is named 14-p:



Again, this naming convention was only so I could keep track of all the lines as I was discovering them.

Here is line 14-p through Samuel Gregory:



I note that Geni.com caught the relationship that both Samuel Gregory and his wife Rebecca Wheeler were both directly descended from Hugh de Moreville:



In all, I have nine ancestral lines that go back to Hugh de Moreville through Lucy Ann Eunice Darling. And again, they are indeed unique – of course, they all go from me back to my 2<sup>nd</sup>-great grandmother Lucy Darling. And then some of the lines go through Lucy's father and others go through Lucy's mother.

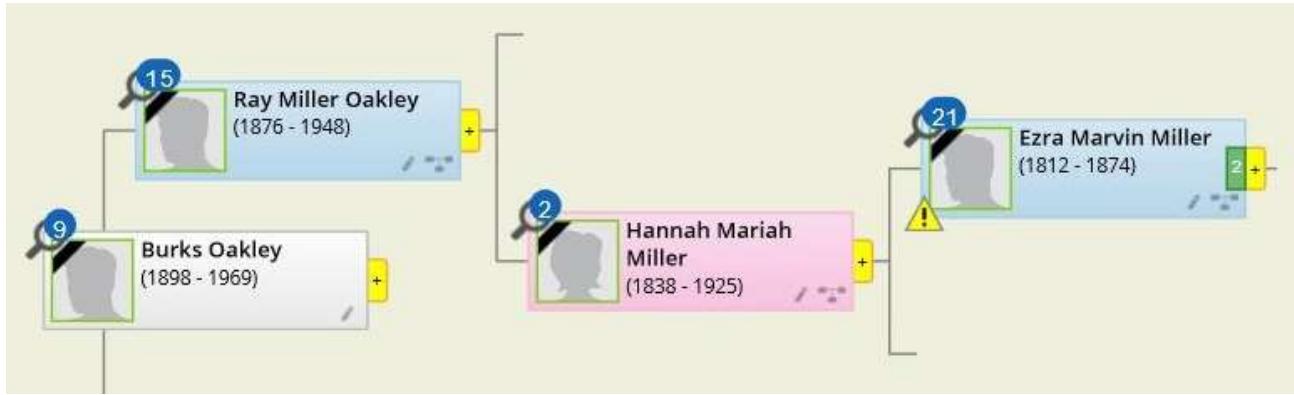
Up to this point, I have one ancestral line through Amy Griffey, seven lines through Elmony Lester, and nine lines through Lucy Ann Eunice Darling.

### Ezra Marvin Miller

Ezra Marvin Miller was another one of my 2<sup>nd</sup>-great grandparents on my father's paternal line, and so as not to keep you, the reader, in suspense, it turns out that I have a large number of ancestral lines that go back to Hugh de Moreville through Ezra Marvin Miller.

I've been trying to build this story one step at a time (how's that for a mixed metaphor!), since what I found about the ancestral lines going through Ezra Marvin Miller is a little more complicated than the others discussed up until this point. Well, really not any more complicated, but certainly found in much larger numbers. And it only was when I was dealing with all the lines through Ezra Marvin Miller that I realized that I needed a naming system to keep track of everything. So hopefully you the reader now understand what Line 8-p means (or at least where you can find it on a pedigree chart).

Here is the line from my father back to Ezra Marvin Miller:



Here is the pedigree chart for Ezra Marvin Miller:

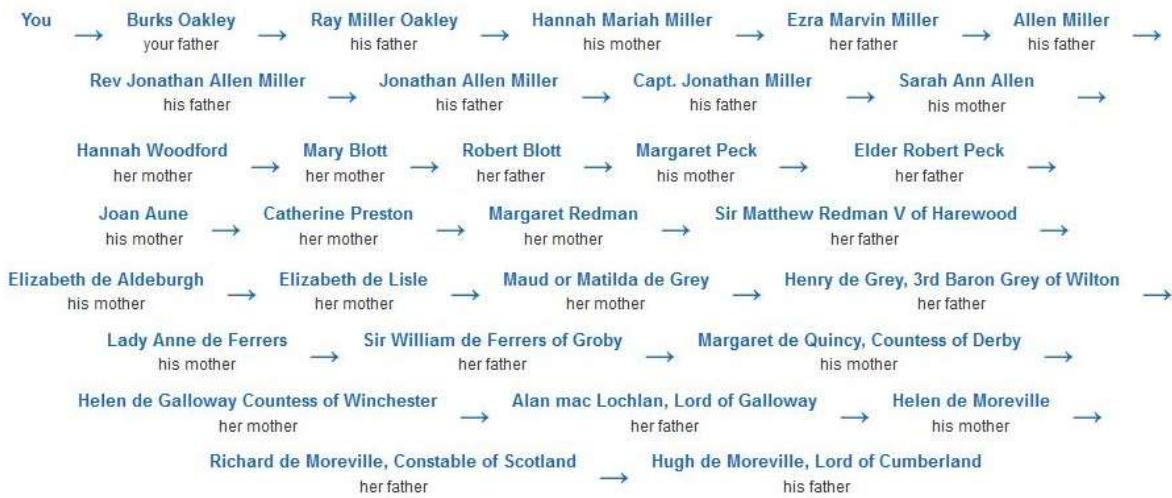


Once again, I numbered his 2<sup>nd</sup>-great grandparents 1 through 16, and I found that ten of them were descended from Hugh de Moreville. In fact, all eight of his 2<sup>nd</sup>-great grandparents in his father's side of the family were descended from Hugh de Moreville. And that is pretty amazing!

Let me now jump in and present these lines.

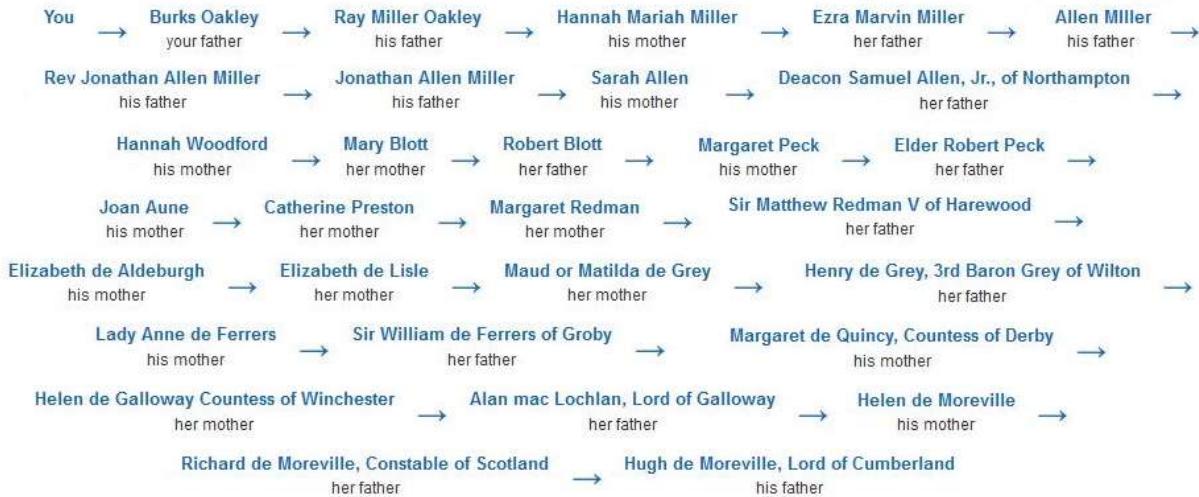
Line 1-m goes through Capt. Jonathan Miller and his mother, Sarah Ann Allen:

Hugh de Moreville, Lord of Cumberland is your 28th great grandfather.



Line 2-p goes through Sarah Allen and her father, Deacon Samuel Allen Jr.:

Hugh de Moreville, Lord of Cumberland is your 28th great grandfather.



Once again, look at the titles – Sir, Baron, Countess. Amazing!

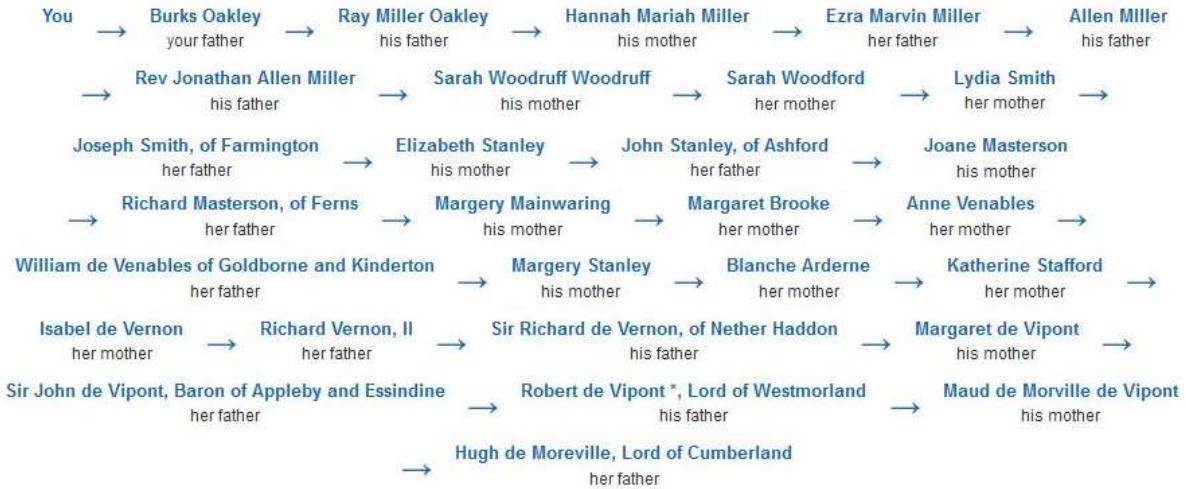
Line 3-p goes through Josiah Woodruff and his father Joseph Woodruff:

Hugh de Moreville, Lord of Cumberland is your 26th great grandfather.



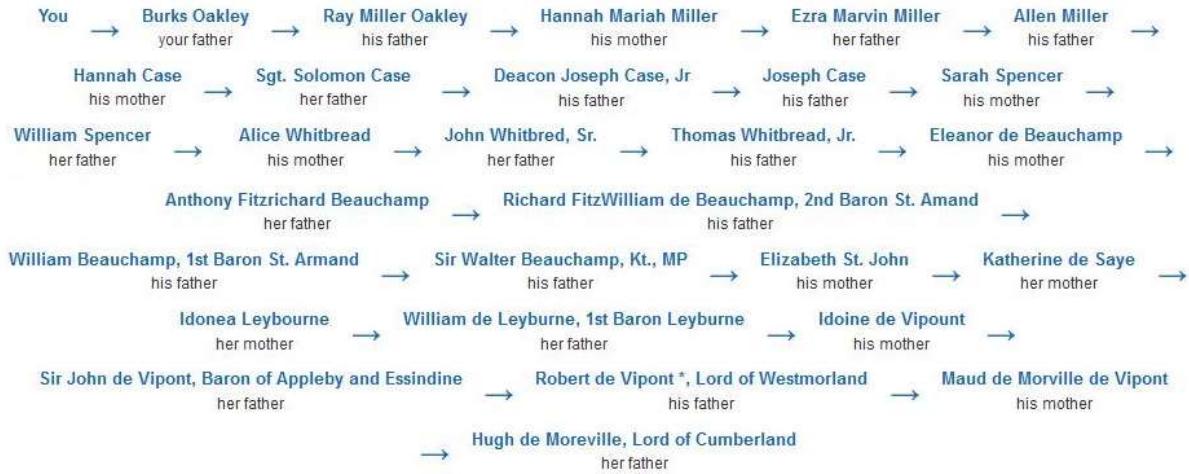
Line 4-m goes through Sarah Woodford and her mother Lydia Smith:

Hugh de Moreville, Lord of Cumberland is your 27th great grandfather.



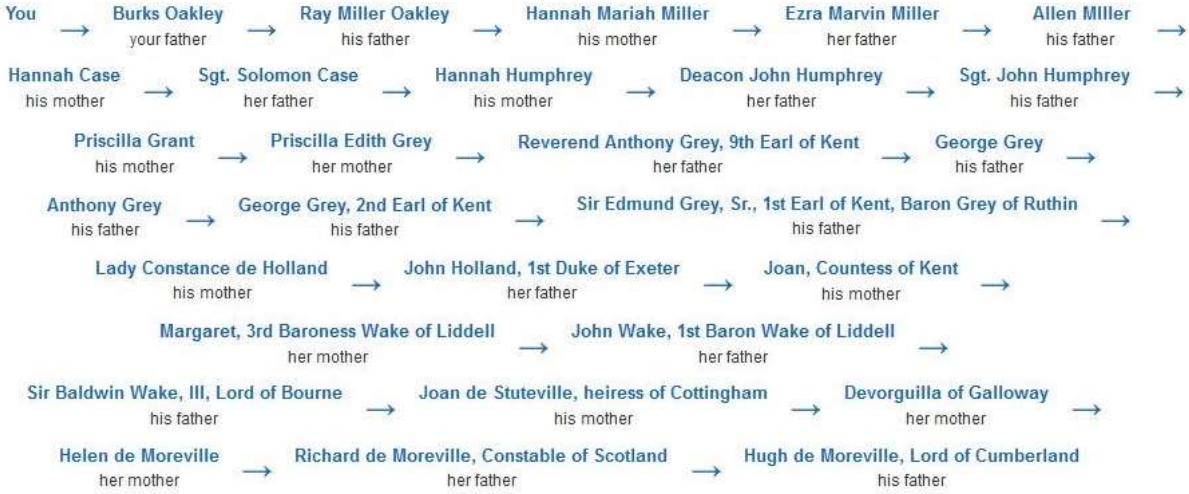
Line 5-p goes through Deacon Joseph Case Jr. and his father Joseph Case:

Hugh de Moreville, Lord of Cumberland is your 26th great grandfather.



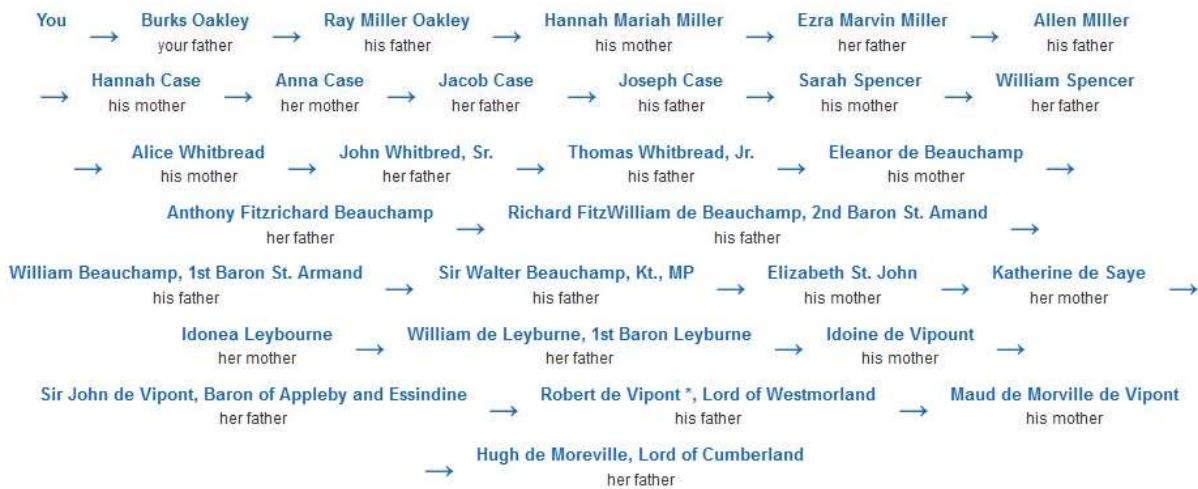
Line 6-p goes through Hannah Humphrey and her father Deacon John Humphrey:

Hugh de Moreville, Lord of Cumberland is your 26th great grandfather.



Line 7-p goes through Jacob Case and his father Joseph Case:

Hugh de Moreville, Lord of Cumberland is your 26th great grandfather.



OK, maybe this isn't really a new line, since it overlaps with Line 5-p. Recall that in the Case line, we had first-cousins marrying. If you don't recall that, perhaps this chart will jog your memory:

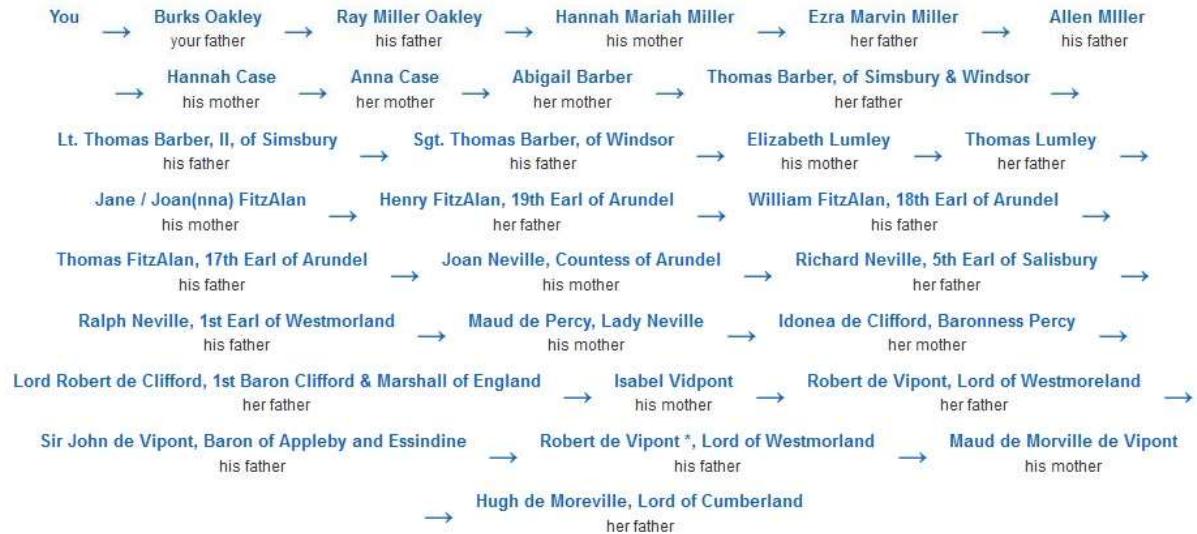


Deacon Joseph Case Jr. and Jacob Case were brothers. This means that Sgt. Solomon Case and his wife Anna Case were first-cousins, so there are two lines (5-p, 7-p) back to Hugh de Moreville through their daughter Hannah Case.

But I digress.... Let me now continue with the ancestral lines going back to Hugh de Moreville through Ezra Marvin Miller.

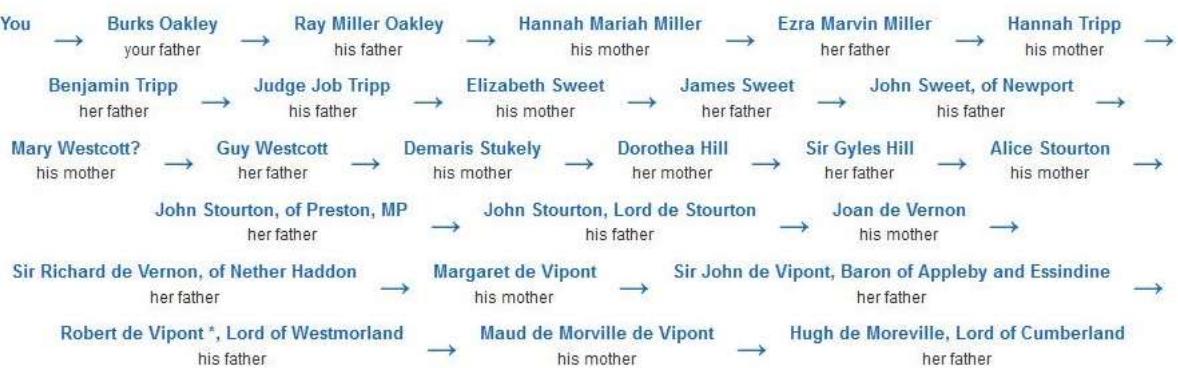
Line 8-p goes through Abigail Barber and her father Thomas Barber:

Hugh de Moreville, Lord of Cumberland is your 27th great grandfather.



Line 10-p goes through Elizabeth Sweet and her father James Sweet:

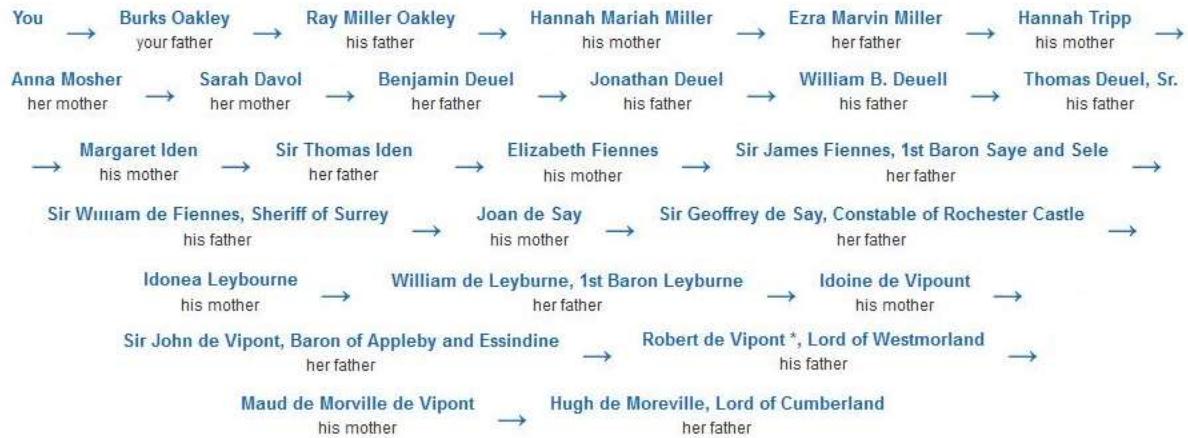
Hugh de Moreville, Lord of Cumberland is your 23rd great grandfather.



This is the “Shortest blood line” that I presented earlier. On this line, Hugh de Moreville is my 23<sup>rd</sup>-great grandfather. This is the only one of these relationship charts that was created by Geni.com – all of the other charts were created in two steps, as described previously.

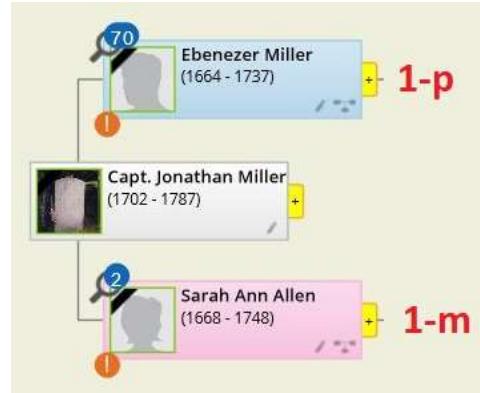
Line 15-p goes through Benjamin Davol (Deuel) and his father Jonathan Deuel:

Hugh de Moreville, Lord of Cumberland is your 23rd great grandfather.



Hopefully all this has been relatively straightforward. It is quite amazing to see all the ancestral lines going back to Hugh de Moreville through Ezra Marvin Miller. And to realize that all the people in these ancestral lines are part of my family tree. Now let me go back and begin to look at earlier (older) generations.

Person #1 was Capt. Jonathan Miller, and Line 1-m went through his mother Sarah Ann Allen. But his father, Ebenezer Miller, also was descended from Hugh de Moreville. This means that Line 1-p goes through Ebenezer:

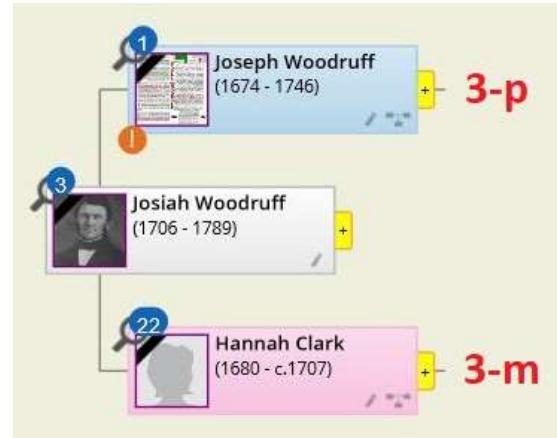


Here is Line 1-p:

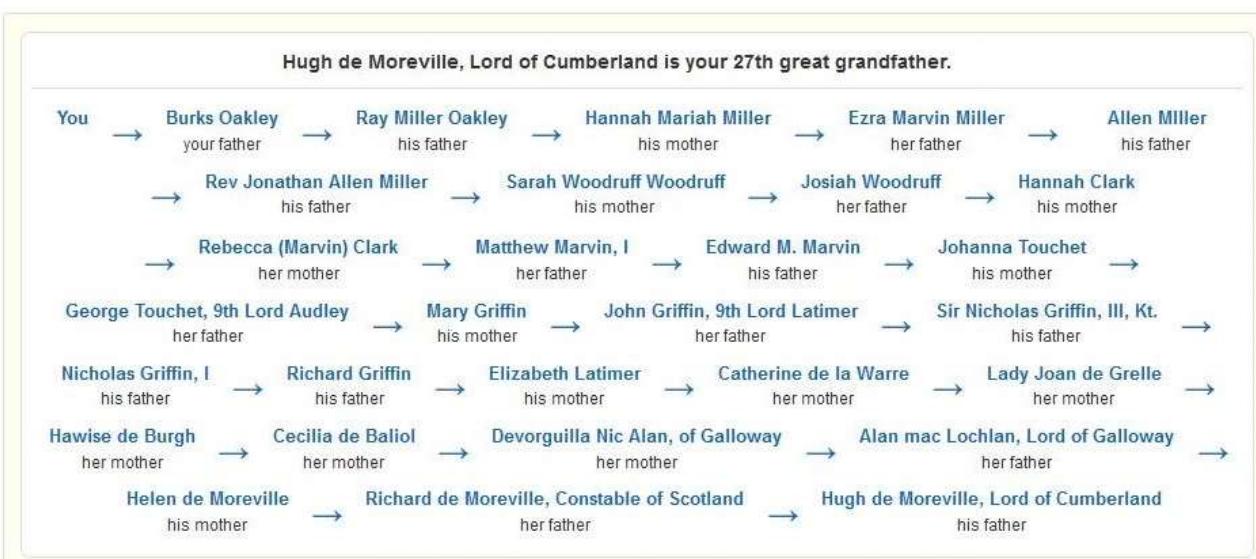


Wow! This is way cool – this line goes through Dr. Patience Bacon, who was the first woman surgeon and physician in New England, and perhaps in the entirety of the Colonies. She and her husband William Miller were among the founders of Northampton, Massachusetts, in 1653. And on this line, Hugh de Moreville was my 30<sup>th</sup>-great grandfather (meaning that the generations were spaced closer together on this line than in other lines).

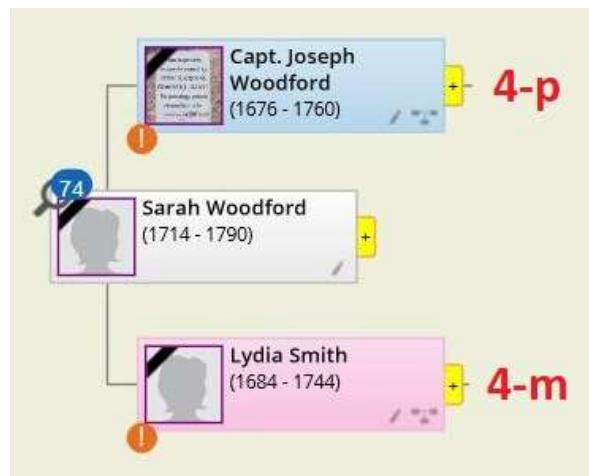
Line 3-p went through Josiah Woodruff and his father Joseph Woodruff:



But Josiah's mother, Hannah Clark, was also descended from Hugh de Moreville, leading to Line 3-m:



Line 4-m went through Sarah Woodford and her mother Lydia Smith:

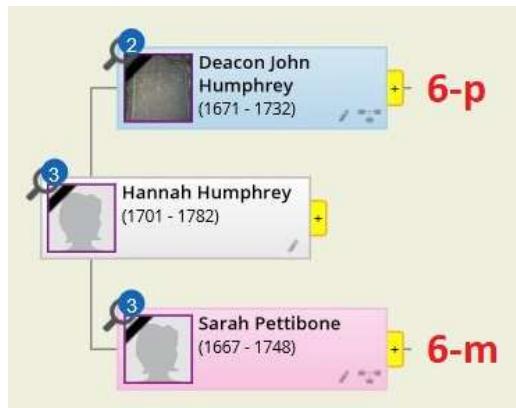


But Sarah's father, Capt. Joseph Woodford, also was descended from Hugh de Moreville, leading to Line 4-p:

Hugh de Moreville, Lord of Cumberland is your 28th great grandfather.

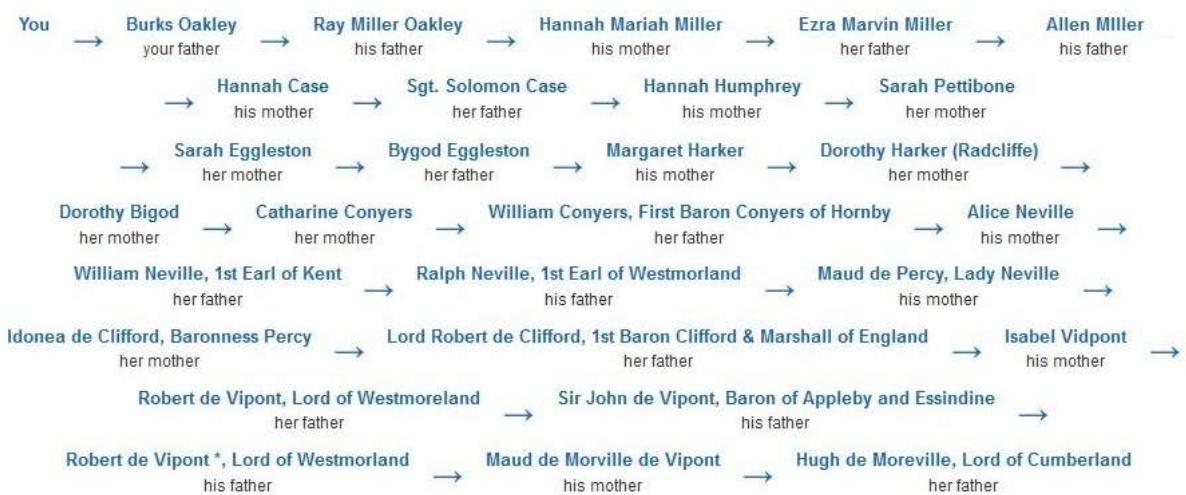


Line 6-p went through Hannah Humphrey and her father Deacon John Humphrey:



Hannah's mother, Sarah Pettibone, also was descended from Hugh de Moreville, leading to line 6-m:

Hugh de Moreville, Lord of Cumberland is your 26th great grandfather.



Geni.com identified that Sarah Pettibone and her husband Deacon John Humphrey were both descended from Hugh de Moreville:



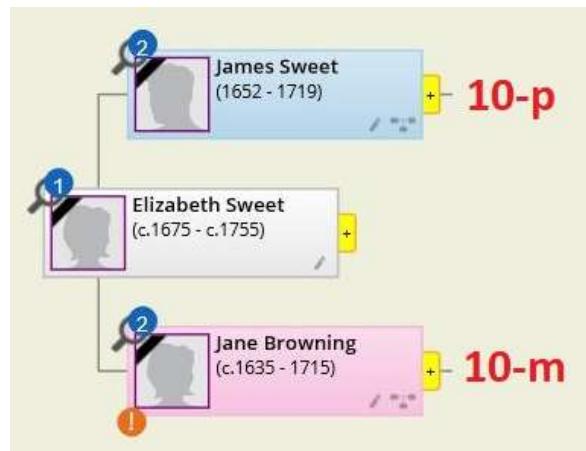
Line 8-p went through Abigail Barber and her father Thomas Barber.



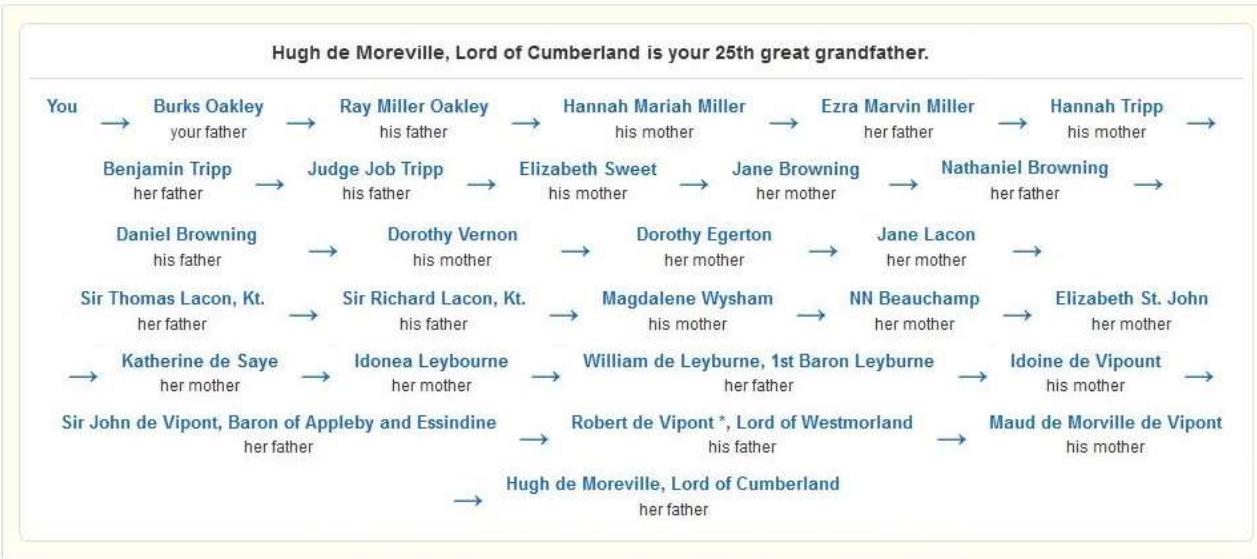
Abigail's mother, Abigail Buell, also was descended from Hugh de Moreville, leading to line 8-m:



Line 10-p went through Elizabeth Sweet and her father James Sweet (recall that this was the shortest blood line):



Elizabeth's mother, Jane Browning, also was descended from Hugh de Moreville, leading to line 10-m:



On line 10-m, Hugh de Moreville was my 25<sup>th</sup>-great grandfather, while on line 10-p (the shortest blood relationship), he was my 23<sup>rd</sup>-great grandfather.

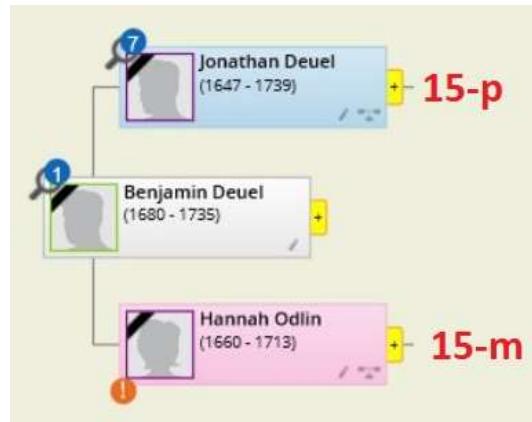
I note that Geni.com identified that James Sweet and Jane Browning were both descended from Hugh de Moreville:

**Shortest in-law relationship:**  
Jane Browning is Hugh de Moreville, Lord of Cumberland's 14th great grandson's wife.

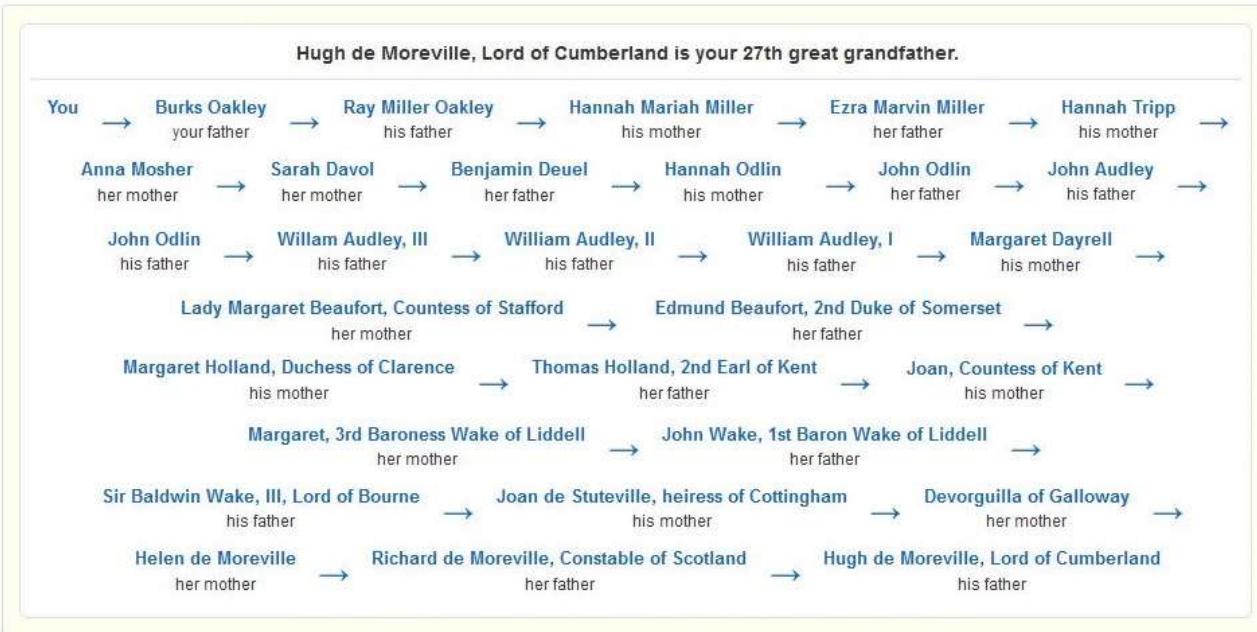
**Shortest blood relationship:**  
Jane Browning is Hugh de Moreville, Lord of Cumberland's 16th great granddaughter.

Further note that James was two generations closer to Hugh de Moreville, so that is why his line showed up in Geni.com as the shortest line from Elizabeth Sweet to Hugh de Moreville.

Line 15-p went through Benjamin Davol (Deuel) and his father Jonathan Deuel:



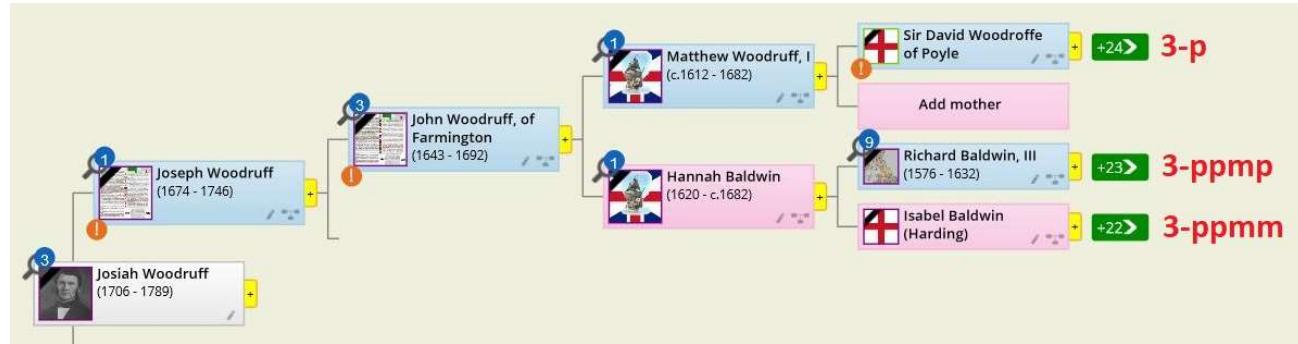
Benjamin's mother, Hannah Odlin, also was descended from Hugh de Moreville, leading to line 15-m:



OK, now I've gone through all of Ezra Marvin Miller's 2<sup>nd</sup>-great grandparents AND his 3<sup>rd</sup>-great grandparents. And by my count, I've found seventeen lines going back from me to Hugh de Moreville through Ezra Marvin Miller.

But wait, I'm not done yet.

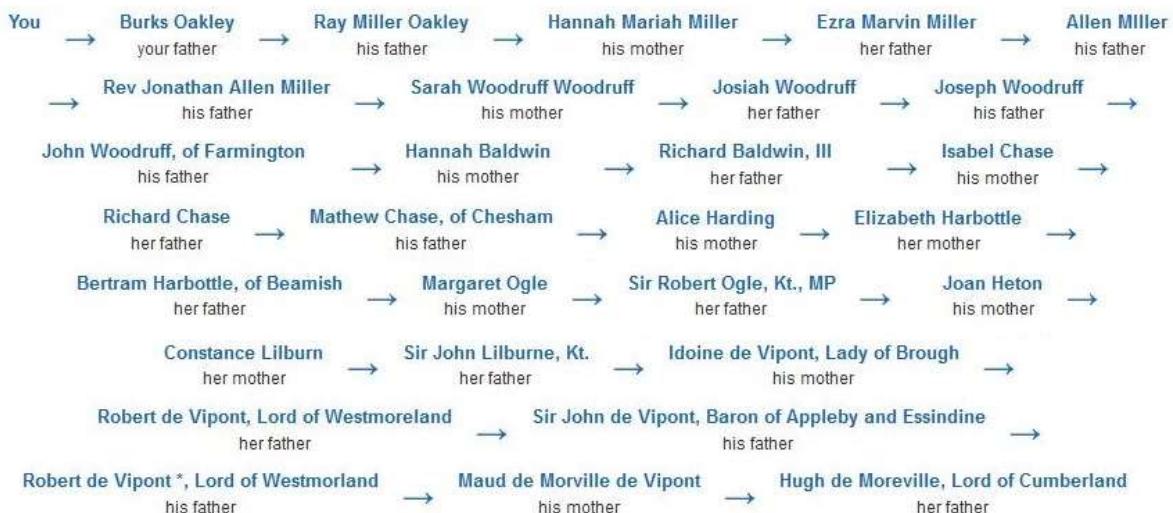
Josiah Woodruff was in position #3 in the pedigree chart. I previously showed Line 3-p, which goes back on Josiah's Woodruff line through Sir David Woodroffe:



Well, it turns out that two other ancestors of Josiah Woodruff also are descended from Hugh de Moreville. One is Richard Baldwin III and the other is Richard's wife Isabel Harding. Just so I can keep this straight in my mind, I called the line through Richard Baldwin 3-ppmp and the line through Isabel Harding 3-ppmm.

Here is line 3-ppmp through Richard Baldwin III:

Hugh de Moreville, Lord of Cumberland is your 27th great grandfather.



And here is line 3-ppmm through Isabel Harding:

Hugh de Moreville, Lord of Cumberland is your 27th great grandfather.



I note that Geni.com identified this relationship:

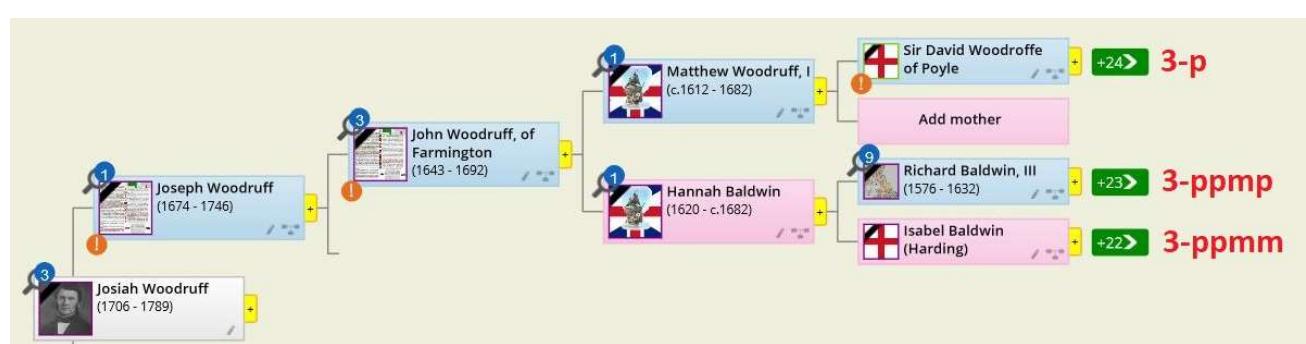
● Shortest blood relationship

Isabel Baldwin (Harding) is Hugh de Moreville, Lord of Cumberland's 15th great granddaughter. ◀

● Shortest in-law relationship

Isabel Baldwin (Harding) is Hugh de Moreville, Lord of Cumberland's 15th great grandson's 1st wife. ◀

Let me return to the pedigree chart for Josiah Woodruff:

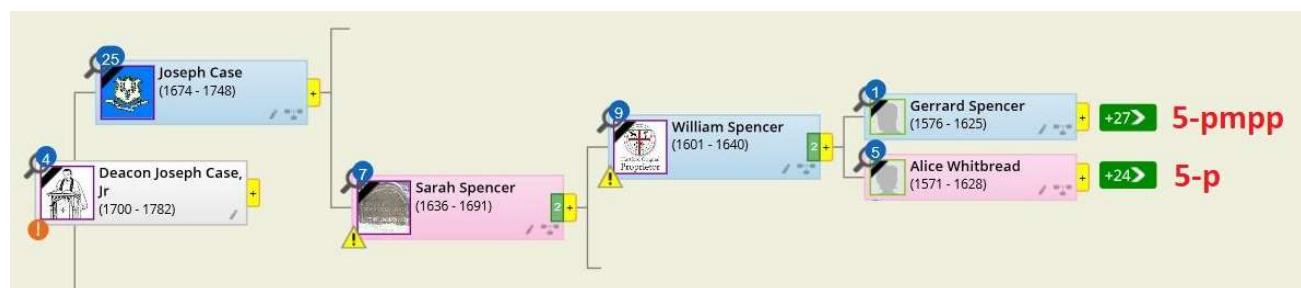


His great-grandparents, Matthew Woodruff I and Hannah Baldwin, were both descended from Hugh de Moreville (Matthew on line 3-p, Hannah on Lines 3-ppmp and 3-ppmm). Once again, Geni.com identified that Hannah and Matthew were both descended from Hugh de Moreville:

Shortest blood relationship  
Hannah Baldwin is Hugh de Moreville, Lord of Cumberland's 16th great granddaughter.

Shortest in-law relationship  
Hannah Baldwin is Hugh de Moreville, Lord of Cumberland's 15th great grandson's wife.

Deacon Joseph Case Jr. was in position #5 in the pedigree chart, and I previously showed his Line 5-p, which went through his father and his 2<sup>nd</sup>-great grandmother Alice Whitbread:



Well, Alice Whitbread's husband, Gerrard Spencer, also was descended from Hugh de Moreville. I'll call the line that goes through him 5-pmpp:

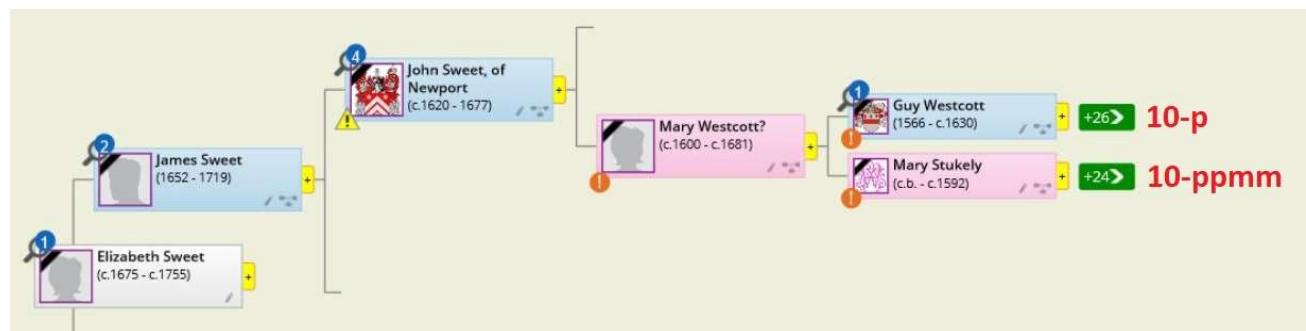


Recall that Gerrard Spencer's grandparents were John Spencer and his wife Anne, who were from Edworth, Bedfordshire, England. I visited Edworth in September 2019, and here is a photo I took of the plaque in St. George's Church in Edworth, where the Spencer family worshipped:

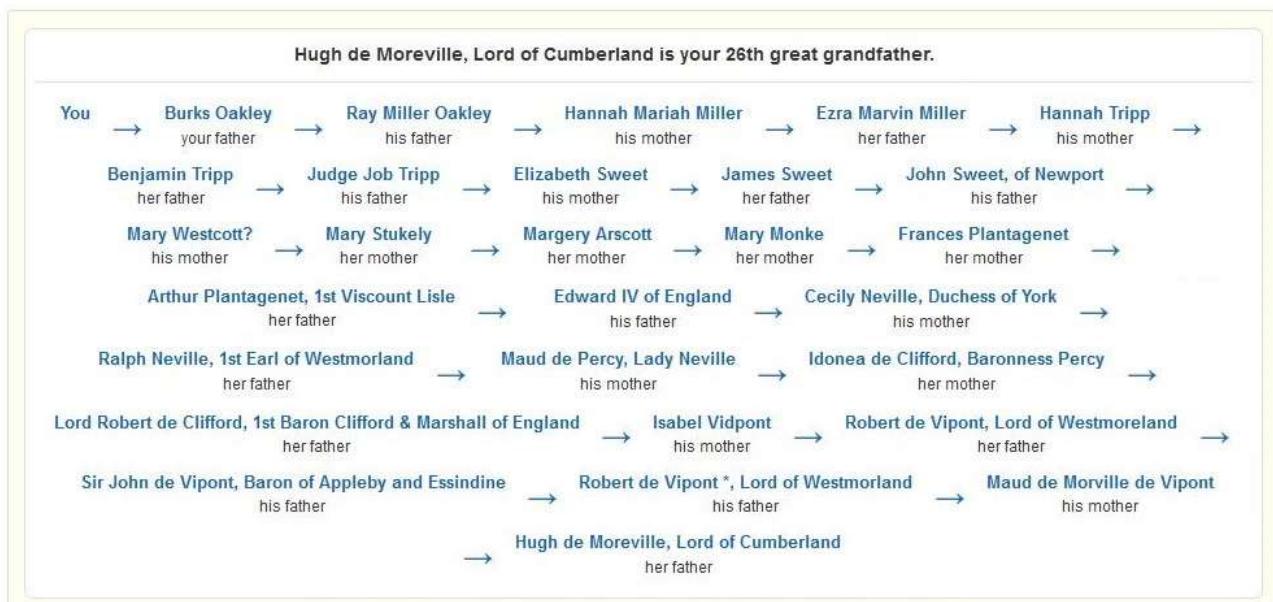


But I digress....

Elizabeth Sweet was in position #10 in the pedigree chart, and I previously showed her line 10-p that went through her 2<sup>nd</sup>-great grandfather Guy Westcott:



Guy's wife Mary Stukely was also descended from Hugh de Moreville, and I'll call the line that goes through Mary Stukely 10-ppmm:

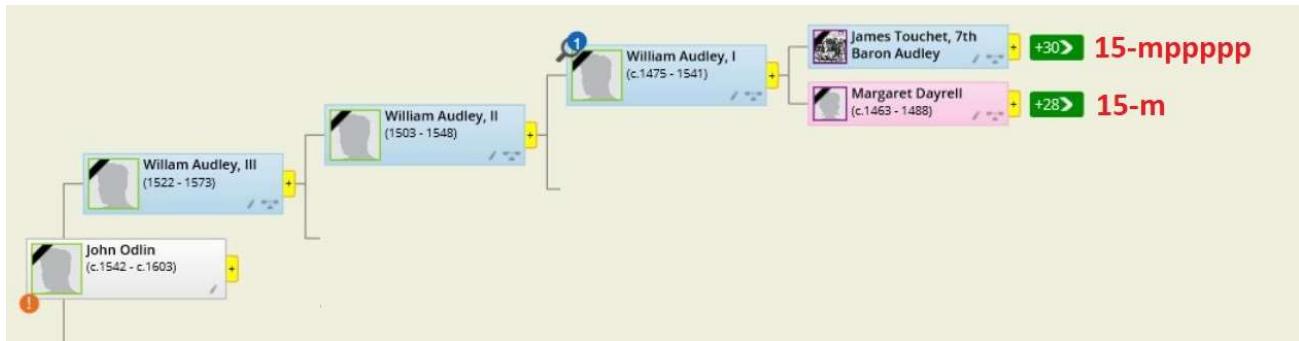


Note that this particular line goes through King Edward IV of England!!!

And once again, Geni.com caught the relationship that both Guy and his wife Mary were descended from Hugh de Moreville:



Benjamin Davol was in position #15 in the pedigree chart for Ezra Marvin Miller. I previously showed his line 15-m, which went through his mother Hannah Odlin. Hannah's father was John Odlin, and the following chart shows that line 15-m goes through John Odlin and his 2<sup>nd</sup>-great grandmother Margaret Dayrell:



Margaret's husband was James Touchet, 7<sup>th</sup> Baron Audley, and of course, he also was descended from Hugh de Moreville. I'll call the line that goes through James Touchet 15-mppppp, and here is that line:



As an aside, it was interesting to learn about Sir James Touchet. Here is an excerpt from the Wikipedia article about him:

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/James\\_Tuchet,\\_7th\\_Baron\\_Audley](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/James_Tuchet,_7th_Baron_Audley)

James Tuchet, 7th Baron Audley (c. 1463 – 28 June 1497) was a leading rebel in the 1<sup>st</sup> Cornish Rebellion of 1497 opposing the rule of Henry VII of England.

Tuchet was an army commander who succeeded to the title of 7<sup>th</sup> Lord Audley, of Heleigh on 26 September 1490. He became one of the commanders of the 1<sup>st</sup> Cornish Rebellion of 1497 in Wells during June 1497. The Cornish army under the command of Michael An Gof and

Thomas Flamank had marched to Wells and then onto Winchester via Bristol and Salisbury in a remarkable unopposed progress right across the south of England. In Somerset, Lord Audley had helped take command of the army which marched through Guildford and onto Blackheath near Deptford, south-east London where a battle took place on 17 June 1497. The Cornish were beaten by the King's forces and the leaders Michael An Gof, Thomas Flamank, and Lord Audley were captured on the battlefield.

Henry VII was said to be delighted and gave thanks to God for deliverance from the rebellious Cornish. An Gof joined Flamank and Audley in the Tower of London and a week later they were tried and condemned. An Gof and Flamank enjoyed the king's mercy by being hanged until they were dead before being disemboweled and quartered. Their heads were then stuck on pikes on London bridge. As a peer, Lord Audley was treated less barbarously and on Wednesday, 28 June 1497, was taken from Newgate gaol to Tower Hill where he was beheaded. He was buried at Blackfriars, London.

Once again, I digress. But at least now I'm done with the ancestral lines going back to Hugh de Moreville through Ezra Marvin Miller. And if you weren't counting, there were twenty-two of them.

### ***Recap of the Ancestral Lines back to Hugh de Moreville***

Let me summarize my ancestral lines back to Hugh de Moreville. I have one line through Amy Griffey, seven lines through Elmony Lester, nine lines through Lucy Ann Eunice Darling, and twenty-two lines through Ezra Marvin Miller. This makes a grand total (and I do mean grand) of thirty-nine lines. I'm sure that there has to be a fortieth one out there, if I just had the energy to search for it.

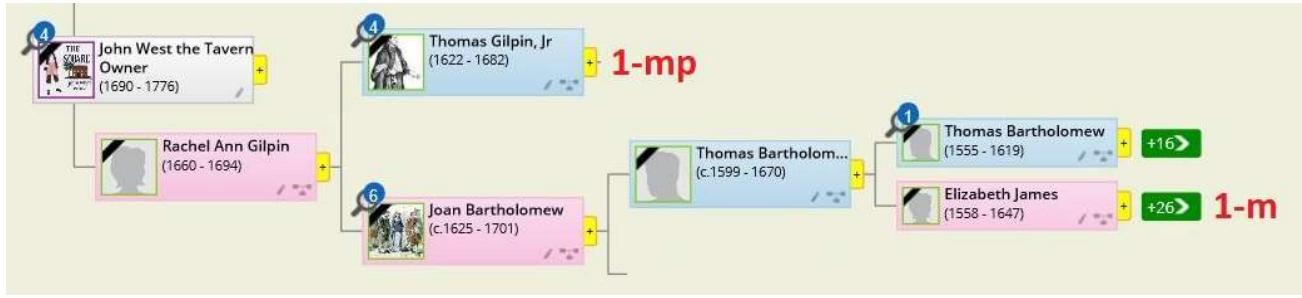
I went back and looked at the ancestral lines. All of them go through two of Hugh de Moreville's children – either Maud de Morville de Vipont or Richard de Moreville, Constable of Scotland. So while Hugh de Moreville and his wife Beatrice had other children, I am not descended directly from these other offspring.<sup>1</sup>

### ***Finding a Fortieth Line***

I decided that I shouldn't be lazy and quit before finding a fortieth line. And it actually turned out to be easy – the first line I examined, I found it! Let me go back to Elmony Lester and her mother Rachel West. In the pedigree chart for Rachel West's eight great-grandparents, John West (the Tavern Owner) was in position #1. Line 1-m went through his mother, Rachel Gilpin. I also found line 1-mp, which went through Rachel's father, Thomas Gilpin Jr. These lines are shown in the following pedigree chart:

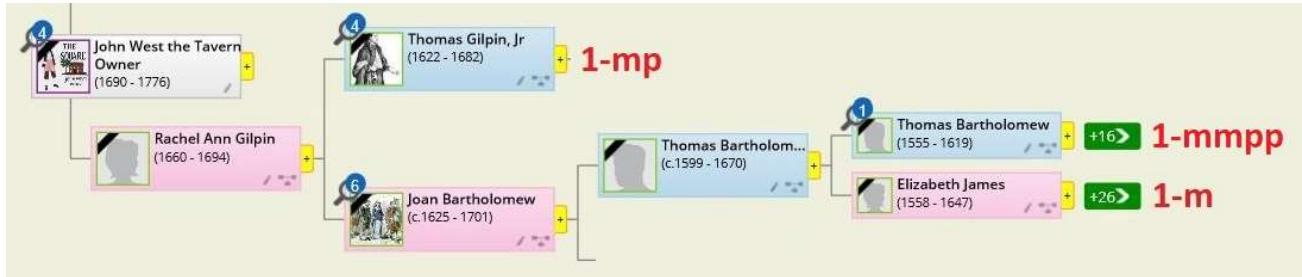
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<sup>1</sup> It is interesting to note that one of their sons, Hugh de Morville, Knight, was killed in 1174 in Jerusalem, Israel, while on pilgrimage as a Knight Templar. He is buried under the portico in front of the Aqsa mosque in Jerusalem.



I extended this chart several more generations on line 1-m to show that this line went through Elizabeth James. Elizabeth's husband was Thomas Bartholomew, and when I looked at him, voilà! He also was descended from Hugh de Moreville.

I'll call this new line through Thomas Bartholomew "line 1-mmpp" (just so I can keep track of it):



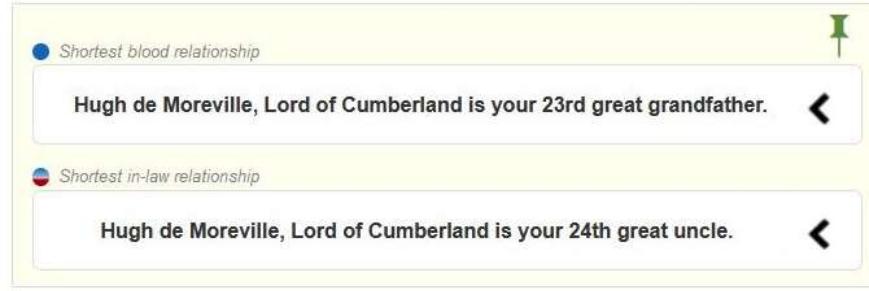
And here is line 1-mmpp:



This really is amazing! I have (at least) forty ancestral lines going back to Hugh de Moreville.

### ***Great-Uncle Relationship***

Let me now go back and re-visit one unresolved point from earlier in this chapter. When I first looked at the profile of Hugh de Moreville on Geni.com, I learned that he was my 23<sup>rd</sup>-great grandfather and also my 24<sup>th</sup>-great uncle:

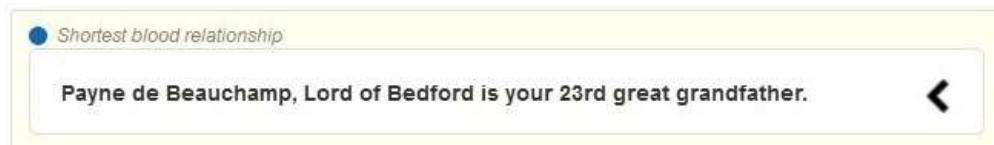


I know the “shortest blood relationship” back to Hugh de Moreville, and I know that he is my 23<sup>rd</sup>-great grandfather on this line. But how is it that he also is my 24<sup>th</sup>-great-uncle?

Recall that Hugh de Moreville’s wife was Beatrice de Beauchamp, Heiress of Houghton Conquest. So all of the lines that I have back to Hugh de Moreville apply equally to Beatrice de Beauchamp. On the “shortest blood line”, Beatrice was my 23<sup>rd</sup>-great grandmother:



Beatrice had a brother Payne de Beauchamp, Lord of Bedford. And it turns out that Payne de Beauchamp was my 23<sup>rd</sup>-great grandfather:



My line back to Payne goes through Lucy Ann Eunice Darling and then Capt. Richard More, the *Mayflower* passenger:



This line is totally unrelated to all my lines back to Hugh de Moreville. I now know that I am descended directly from Payne, and I also am descended directly from his sister Beatrice and Beatrice’s husband Hugh de Moreville. So my shortest in-law relationship with Hugh de Moreville appears to be through my 23<sup>rd</sup>-great grandfather, Payne de Beauchamp, and on this path, Hugh was Payne’s brother-in-law, making Hugh my 24<sup>th</sup>-great uncle:

Hugh de Moreville, Lord of Cumberland is your 24th great uncle.



I still find it somewhat strange that Hugh de Moreville is simultaneously my direct ancestor and also an “in-law”, since I am a direct descendant of his brother-in-law. But given how far back in time this is, and given all my English immigrant ancestors, maybe it isn’t really that strange that I am descended directly from Payne and from his sister Beatrice (on two completely unrelated lines).

Having written that, I’m much more used to seeing shortest in-law relationships such as this one:

Captain Richard More, "Mayflower" Passenger is your fifth great uncle's great aunt's husband's grandfather.



Recall that Capt. Richard More is my 8<sup>th</sup>-great grandfather. But for this in-law relationship, he is my “fifth great uncle’s great aunt’s husband’s grandfather.”

## Summary

In this lengthy chapter, I followed an ancestral line on Geni.com back to Hugh de Moreville, Lord of Cumberland, Constable of Scotland (1115-1162), and his wife Beatrice de Beauchamp, Heiress of Houghton Conquest (1107-1153). Hugh was an Anglo-Norman from Normandy, France, and he acquired large land holdings in Westmorland, in far northern England, and also large land holdings in Scotland.

I identified forty ancestral lines going from me back to Hugh de Moreville. These lines went through four of my 2<sup>nd</sup>-great grandparents – Amy Griffey, Elmon Lester, Lucy Ann Eunice Darling, and Ezra Marvin Miller. In a number of cases, I found couples who were my ancestors where both spouses were descended from Hugh de Moreville.

On the forty ancestral lines, Hugh de Moreville ranged from being my 23<sup>rd</sup>-great grandfather to my 30<sup>th</sup>-great grandfather. This just emphasizes how generations can spread out (or get closer together) over many centuries.

Finally, I found that I am directly descended from Beatrice's brother Payne de Beauchamp, meaning that I have a direct relationship with Hugh de Moreville, as well as an "in-law" relationship.

## Appendix

[Please feel free to ignore – this started out as a slight rant about the software on the Geni.com website, but there are some additional interesting relationships on the following pages...]

I discussed a number of couples in this chapter where both spouses were descended from Hugh de Moreville. One example of such a couple is Jane Browning and her husband James Sweet. In this case, Geni.com correctly identified this relationship – Jane was Hugh de Moreville's 16<sup>th</sup>-great granddaughter, and Jane's husband was Hugh de Moreville's 14<sup>th</sup>-great grandson:

The screenshot shows a genealogical interface for Jane Browning. It displays two separate lines of inheritance:

- Shortest in-law relationship:** Jane Browning is Hugh de Moreville, Lord of Cumberland's 14th great grandson's wife.
- Shortest blood relationship:** Jane Browning is Hugh de Moreville, Lord of Cumberland's 16th great granddaughter.

Notice in both cases, this is the “shortest” line. But in other cases, the “Shortest in-law relationship” doesn’t go through the person’s spouse. An example of this is James Touchet (the fellow who was beheaded) and his wife Margaret Dayrell. Geni.com shows that they were husband and wife:

The screenshot shows a genealogical interface for Margaret Dayrell. It displays one line of inheritance:

- Shortest in-law relationship:** Margaret Dayrell is James Touchet, 7th Baron Audley's 1st wife.

When looking at how James Touchet was related to Hugh de Moreville, Geni.com shows that James was the 11<sup>th</sup>-great grandson of Hugh de Moreville:

The screenshot shows a genealogical interface for James Touchet. It displays two lines of inheritance:

- Shortest in-law relationship:** James Touchet, 7th Baron Audley is Hugh de Moreville, Lord of Cumberland's wife's 9th great nephew.
- Shortest blood relationship:** James Touchet, 7th Baron Audley is Hugh de Moreville, Lord of Cumberland's 11th great grandson.

But in this case, the “Shortest in-law relationship” goes through Hugh de Moreville’s wife, and Geni.com states that James Touchet is Hugh de Moreville’s wife’s 9<sup>th</sup>-great nephew. I guess if one counts the generations, this might well be the shortest in-law relationship, but to me, it isn’t the one that makes the most sense.

The same holds true in looking at Margaret Dayrell:

Shortest in-law relationship  
Margaret Dayrell is Hugh de Moreville, Lord of Cumberland's wife's 9th great nephew's 1st wife. <

Shortest blood relationship  
Margaret Dayrell is Hugh de Moreville, Lord of Cumberland's 11th great granddaughter. <

She is Hugh de Moreville's 11<sup>th</sup>-great granddaughter, but the shortest in-law relationship goes through Hugh de Moreville's wife.

I guess this is how Geni.com programmed the software to work – it identifies the line with the fewest number of generations between two people in the World Family Tree.

At this point, I was going to add a flippant remark about how strange some of the relationships are (like the one I found for Capt. Richard More in the main part of this chapter). To show another such example, I went to the profile page for Benjamin Franklin – chosen completely off the top of my head. OMG! Benjamin Franklin was Hugh de Moreville's 19<sup>th</sup>-great grandson:

Shortest in-law relationship  
Benjamin Franklin, Signer of the "Declaration of Independence" is Hugh de Moreville, Lord of Cumberland's 14th great grandson's wife's nephew. <

Shortest blood relationship  
Benjamin Franklin, Signer of the "Declaration of Independence" is Hugh de Moreville, Lord of Cumberland's 19th great grandson. <

I figured that this was just a fluke, so I tried Franklin Delano Roosevelt. OMG once again! FDR was Hugh de Moreville's 21<sup>st</sup>-great grandson:

Shortest blood relationship  
Franklin D. Roosevelt, 32nd President of the USA is Hugh de Moreville, Lord of Cumberland's 21st great grandson. <

Shortest in-law relationship  
Franklin D. Roosevelt, 32nd President of the USA is Hugh de Moreville, Lord of Cumberland's wife's 21st great nephew. <

Next, I tried Thomas Jefferson:

Shortest blood relationship  
Thomas Jefferson, 3rd President of the United States of America is Hugh de Moreville, Lord of Cumberland's 19th great grandson. <

How about Ronald Reagan? Of course he is descended from Hugh de Moreville!

Shortest blood relationship  
Ronald W. Reagan, 40th President of the USA is Hugh de Moreville, Lord of Cumberland's 24th great grandson. <

Thomas Alva Edison? Undoubtedly!

A screenshot of a genealogy application interface. At the top left, there is a blue circular icon followed by the text "Shortest blood relationship". In the center, a yellow rectangular box contains the text "Hugh de Moreville, Lord of Cumberland is Thomas Alva Edison, Inventor's 21st great grandfather." To the right of this box is a small green icon resembling a tree or a leaf. In the bottom right corner of the yellow box, there is a black arrow pointing to the left.

I give up!! Everybody is descended from Hugh de Moreville.