

Chapter 79B

A Continuation of Chapter 79...

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Introduction

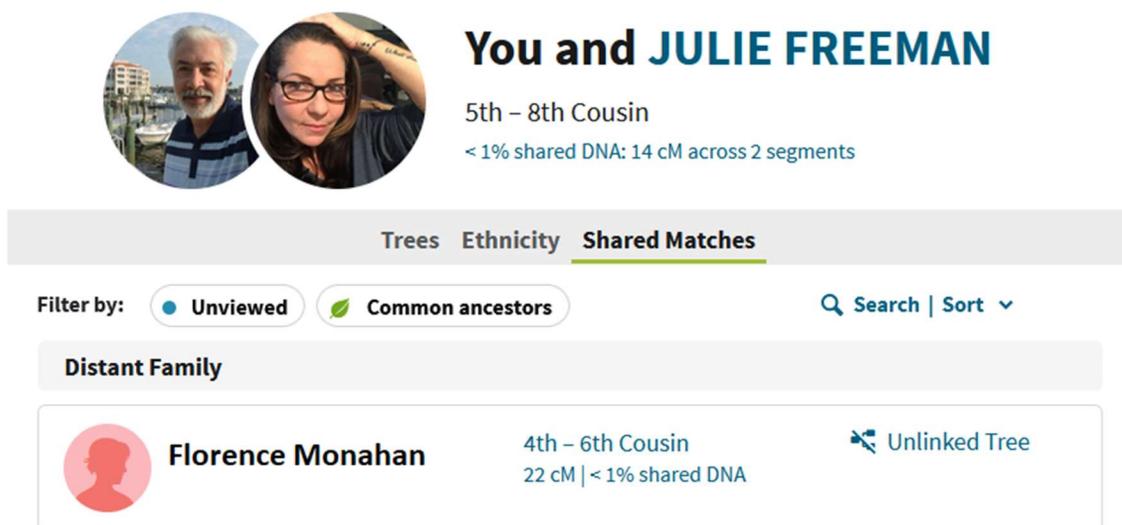
After I finished writing Chapter 79 about my new DNA match with Julie Freeman, I saved it as a PDF and uploaded that file to my website; I then shared the link with a number of relatives:

<http://www.burksoakley.com/QuincyOakleyGenealogy/79-JulieFreeman.pdf>

Then I re-read the narrative, and I realized that I didn't go into sufficient detail on several topics. So this short chapter is really a continuation of Chapter 79, and I assume that the readers of this chapter will have read that chapter before tackling this narrative.

Florence ~~Monahan~~ Messina

One of my Shared DNA Matches with Julie Freeman was with a woman named Florence Monahan:



You and JULIE FREEMAN
5th – 8th Cousin
< 1% shared DNA: 14 cM across 2 segments

Trees Ethnicity **Shared Matches**

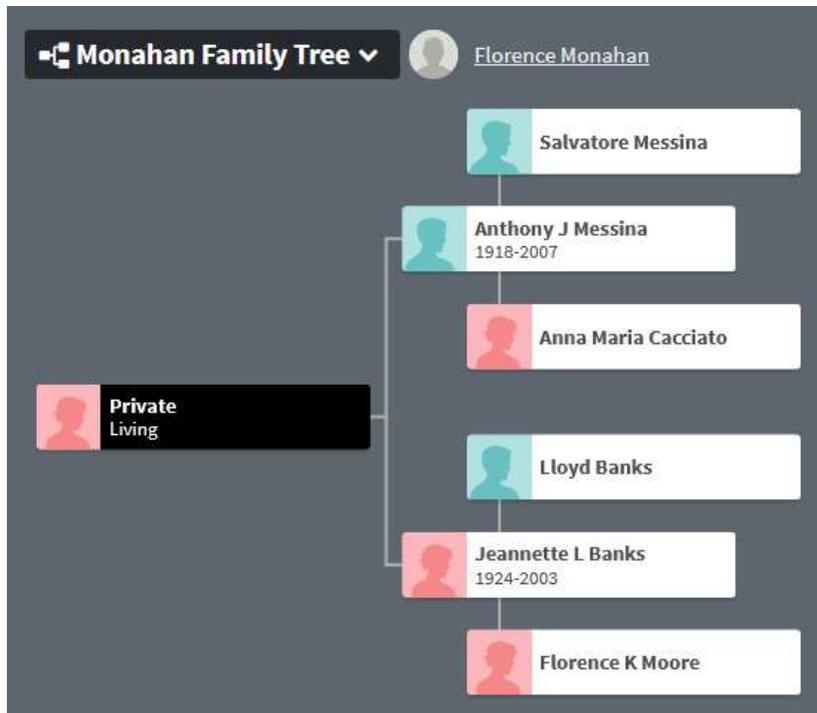
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Distant Family

	Florence Monahan	4th – 6th Cousin 22 cM < 1% shared DNA	Unlinked Tree
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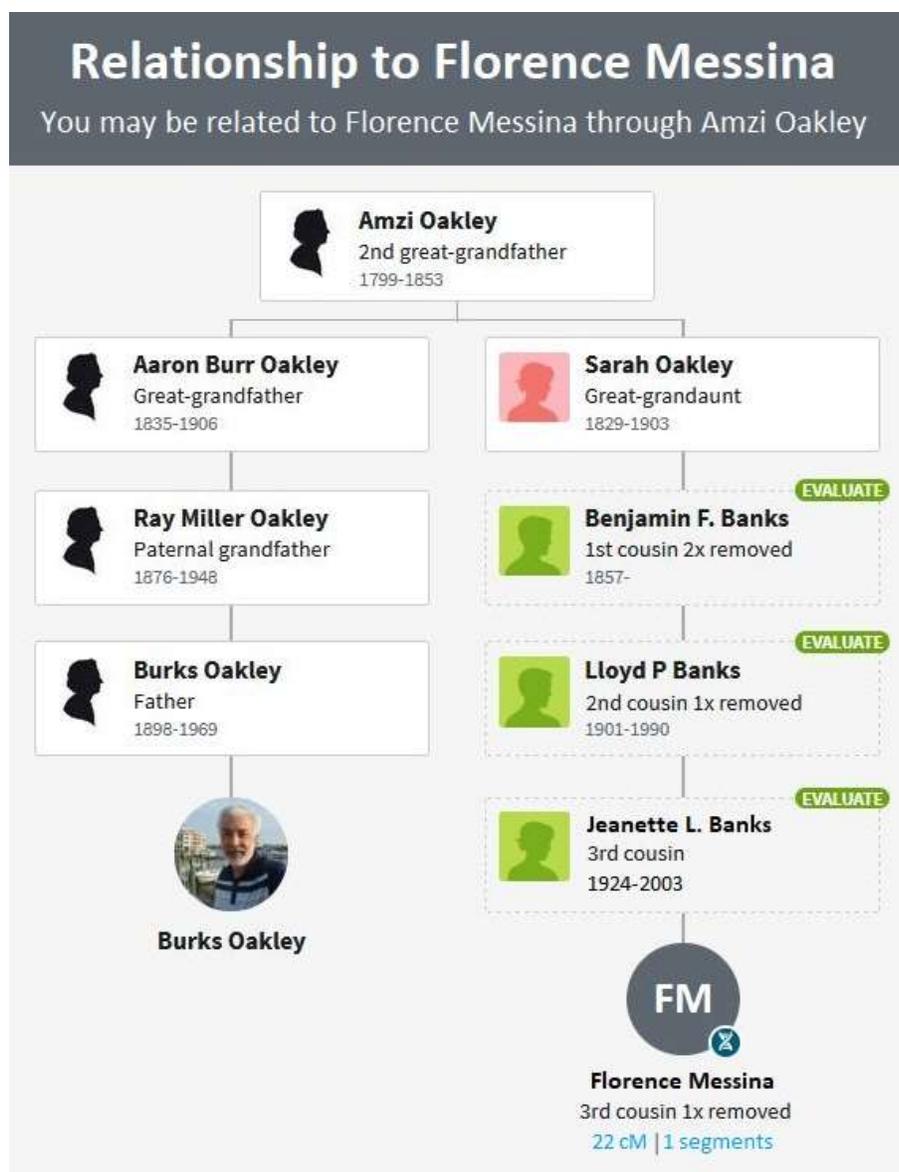
In researching Chapter 79, I learned that Florence's mother was Jeanette Louise Banks (1924-2003), and I was able to trace her ancestral line back through several generations of the **Banks** family to Sarah Oakley, who was married to Alba Oyster Banks. Of course, Sarah Oakley was a daughter of Amzi Oakley and his wife Lucy Ann Eunice Darling. This path back to the Oakley-Darling couple certainly could account for our shared DNA match.

I was somewhat surprised when I went back and looked at Florence's pedigree:



Florence’s father was Anthony Joseph Messina (1918-2007). I conclude that Florence Monahan is her married name, and her maiden name was Florence Messina. From now on, I’ll refer to her Florence Messina.

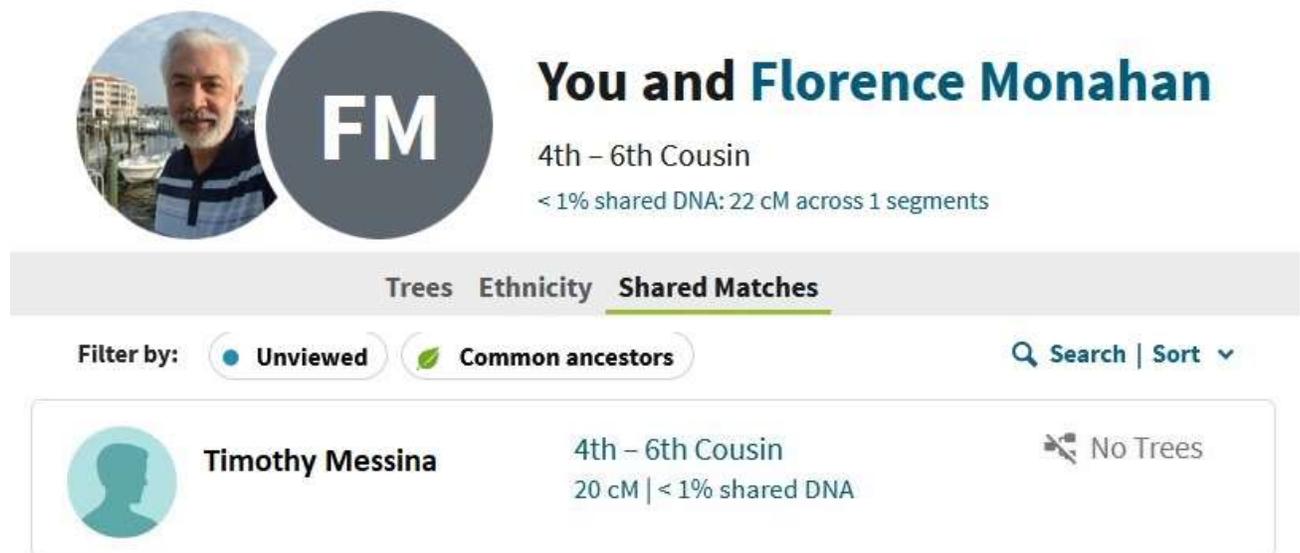
Using Florence’s line back to Amzi Oakley, I was able to construct a relationship chart showing how Florence and I are related:



Of course, the relationship chart going back to Lucy Ann Eunice Darling would look the same.

Florence Messina doesn't appear in my ThruLines™ for Amzi Oakley since her DNA profile is not linked to her entry in her family tree. One or two clicks and she would make life so much easier for her DNA relatives. Oh well...

I next looked at my Shared DNA Matches with Florence Monahan – here is one of them:



The screenshot shows a DNA match interface. At the top, there is a circular profile picture of a man with a beard and a dark circle with the initials 'FM'. To the right, the text reads 'You and Florence Monahan' in a large blue font, followed by '4th – 6th Cousin' and '< 1% shared DNA: 22 cM across 1 segments'. Below this is a navigation bar with 'Trees', 'Ethnicity', and 'Shared Matches' (the last one is underlined). Under 'Filter by:', there are two buttons: 'Unviewed' (selected) and 'Common ancestors'. To the right is a search and sort icon. Below the navigation bar is a match card for 'Timothy Messina'. The card shows a silhouette icon, the name 'Timothy Messina', '4th – 6th Cousin', '20 cM | < 1% shared DNA', and a 'No Trees' icon.

Florence Monahan and I both have a DNA match with Timothy Messina.

No – strike that! She is Florence Messina:



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Unfortunately, Timothy Messina doesn't have a family tree on Ancestry.com. Perhaps he is Florence's brother or nephew. At any rate, I'm sure that he has to have a line back to Amzi Oakley and Lucy Darling.

I went on to look at my shared DNA matches with Timothy Messina:

Filter by: Unviewed Common ancestors Search | Sort

Close Family

	Mark Eidem	1st - 2nd Cousin 418 cM 6% shared DNA	Public linked tree 537 People Common ancestor
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OMG! Timothy has a DNA match with Mark Eidem! One big happy family connected by DNA.

I went on to look at Mark's DNA match with Timothy Messina. Specifically, I looked at their Shared DNA Matches:

Filter by: Unviewed Common ancestors Search | Sort

Close Family

	Burks Oakley	1st - 2nd Cousin 418 cM 6% shared DNA	Public linked tree 2,099 People Common ancestor
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Distant Family

	lesliebryan33	4th - 6th Cousin 31 cM < 1% shared DNA	Public linked tree 3 People Common ancestor
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In addition to a shared match with me, they both have a DNA match with a man having the username of *lesliebryan33*. Based on his limited family tree, his last name has to be *Bryan*. I noted in the screenshot shown above that Mark and *lesliebryan33* have a common ancestor. Who could it be? On the *Oakley* line? On the *Darling* line?

Go on to the next page....

The suspense is killing me.....

How are Mark Eidem and lesliebryan33 related?

Common Ancestors

According to Ancestry member trees, these are the common ancestors that connect Mark Eidem and lesliebryan33. View a common ancestor to see the relationship path that connects them.

Mark Eidem and lesliebryan33 could be 6th cousin through:



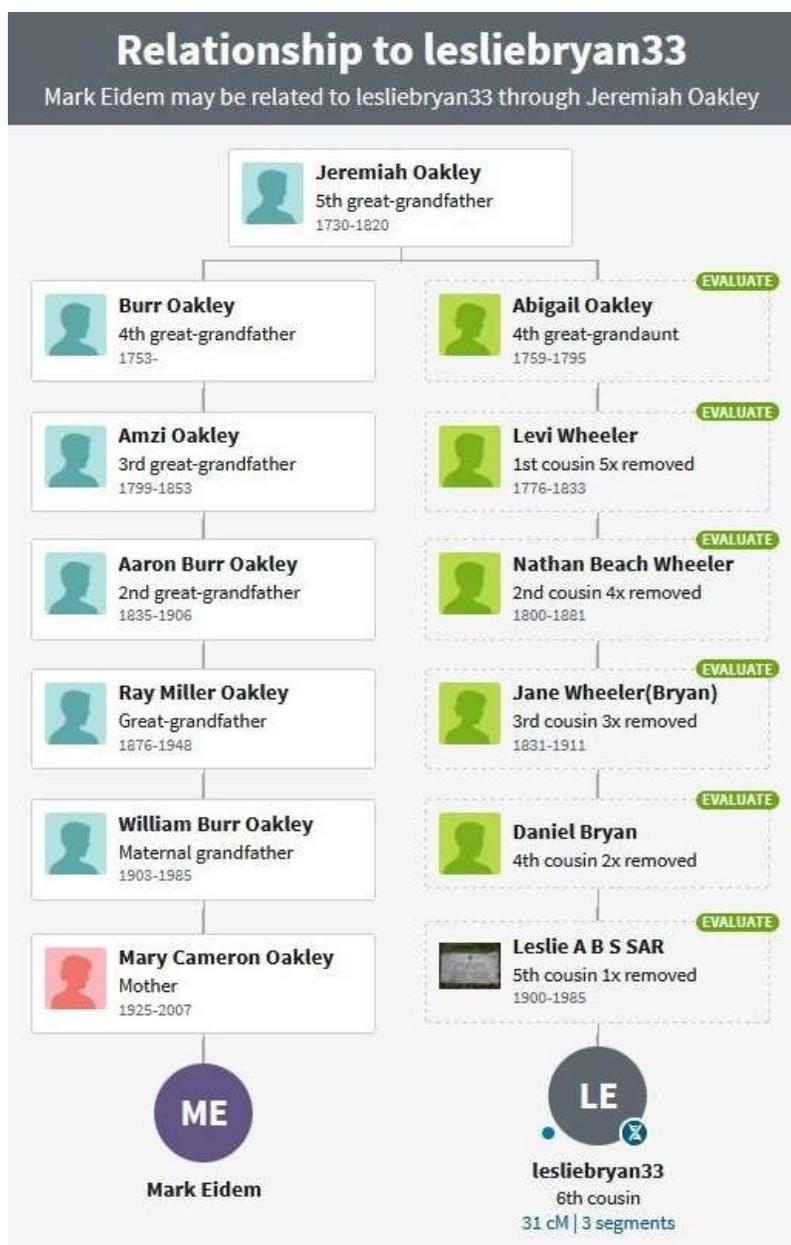
Jeremiah Oakley
5th great-grandfather
1730-1820
[View Relationship](#)



Sarah Burr
5th great-grandmother
1735-1807
[View Relationship](#)

OMG! It was the **Oakley** line! Their common ancestors were Jeremiah Oakley (1730-1820) and his wife Sarah Burr (1735-1807). This couple were Mark's fifth-great grandparents. Of course, Sarah Burr was a first-cousin of Aaron Burr, the third Vice President of the United States.

Here is a chart showing how Mark and Leslie are related:



This DNA match is quite amazing – it goes a long way back into the past. Mark and Leslie are sixth-cousins, and they share 31 cM of DNA on three segments.

In 2020, the noted genetic genealogist Blaine T. Bettinger published the results of his research, which showed the amount of DNA shared between two people with a known genealogical relationship. These results are shown in the following chart:

The Shared cM Project – Version 4.0 (March 2020)												
Blaine T. Bettinger www.TheGeneticGenealogist.com CC 4.0 Attribution License		How to read this chart: Aunt/Uncle 1741 ← 1201 - 2282 ←			Relationship Average Range (min-max)		Great-Great-Grandparent		GGG-Aunt/Uncle		Other Relationships	
Half GG-Aunt/Uncle 208 103 - 284	Great-Grandparent 887 485 - 1486						Great-Great Aunt/Uncle 420 186 - 713	1C3R 117 25 - 238	2c3R 51 0 - 154			
Half 1C2R 125 16 - 269	Half Great-Aunt/Uncle 431 184 - 668	Grandparent 1754 984 - 2462				Great Aunt/Uncle 850 330 - 1467	1C2R 221 33 - 471	2c2R 71 0 - 244	3C2R 36 0 - 166	6C 18 0 - 71		
Half 2c1R 66 0 - 190	Half 1C1R 224 62 - 469	Half Aunt/Uncle 871 492 - 1315	Parent 3485 2376 - 3720		Aunt/Uncle 1741 1201 - 2282	1C1R 433 102 - 980	2c1R 122 14 - 353	3C1R 48 0 - 192	4C1R 28 0 - 126	6C1R 15 0 - 56		
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Half 3c1R 37 0 - 139	Half 2c1R 66 0 - 190	Half 1C1R 224 62 - 469	Half Niece/Nephew 871 492 - 1315	Niece/Nephew 1740 1201 - 2282	Child 3487 2376 - 3720	1C1R 433 102 - 980	2c1R 122 14 - 353	3C1R 48 0 - 192	4C1R 28 0 - 126	5C1R 21 0 - 80	7C 14 0 - 57	
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Half 3c3R 60 0 - 120	Half 2c3R 60 0 - 120	Half 1C3R 60 0 - 120	Half GG Niece/Nephew 208 103 - 284	Great-Great Niece/Nephew 420 186 - 713	Great-Grandchild 887 485 - 1486	1C3R 117 25 - 238	2c3R 51 0 - 154	3C3R 27 0 - 98	4C3R 19 0 - 60	5C3R 13 0 - 30	8C 11 0 - 42	

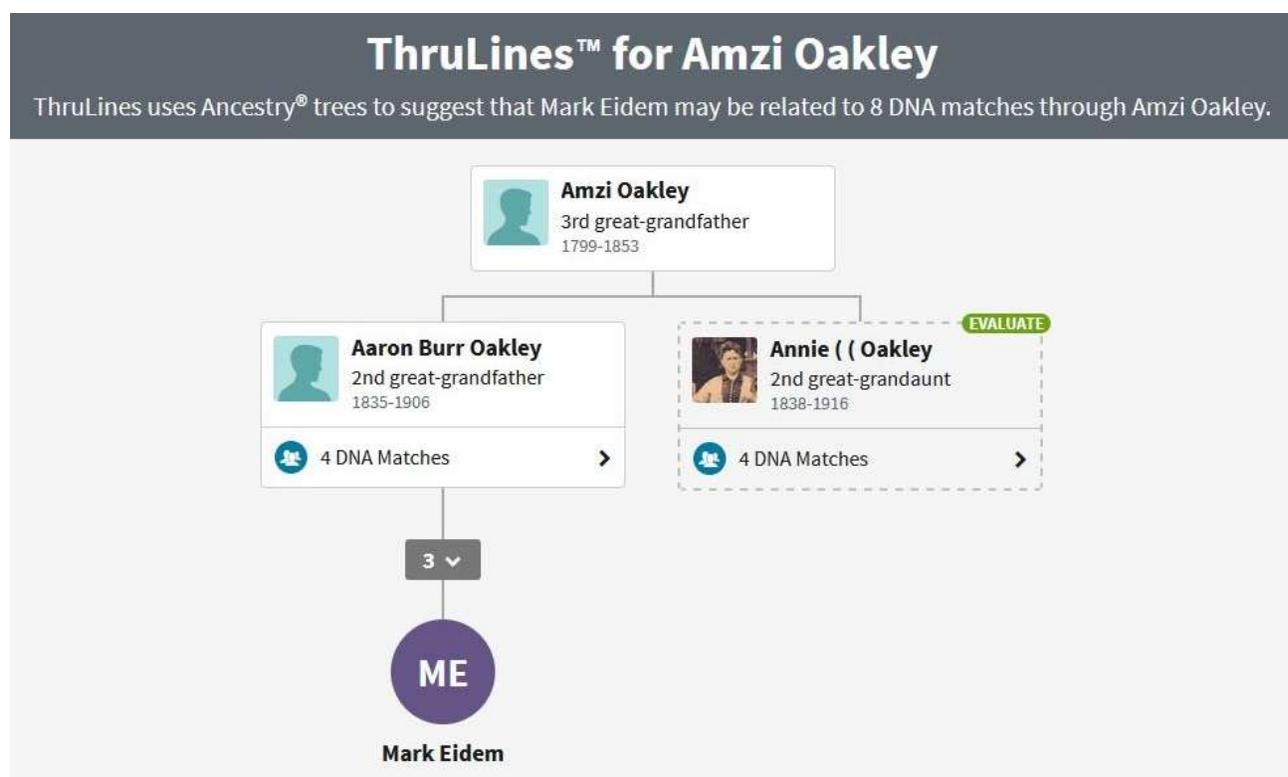
Minimum was automatically set to 0 cM for relationships more distant than Half 2C, and averages were determined only for submissions in which DNA was shared

Sixth-cousins (6C) average 18 cM, with a range of 0-71 cM. So the DNA match between Mark and Leslie (31 cM) is much larger than normal.

And Jeremiah Oakley and Sarah Burr were Amzi Oakley’s grandparents. Quite an interesting match!

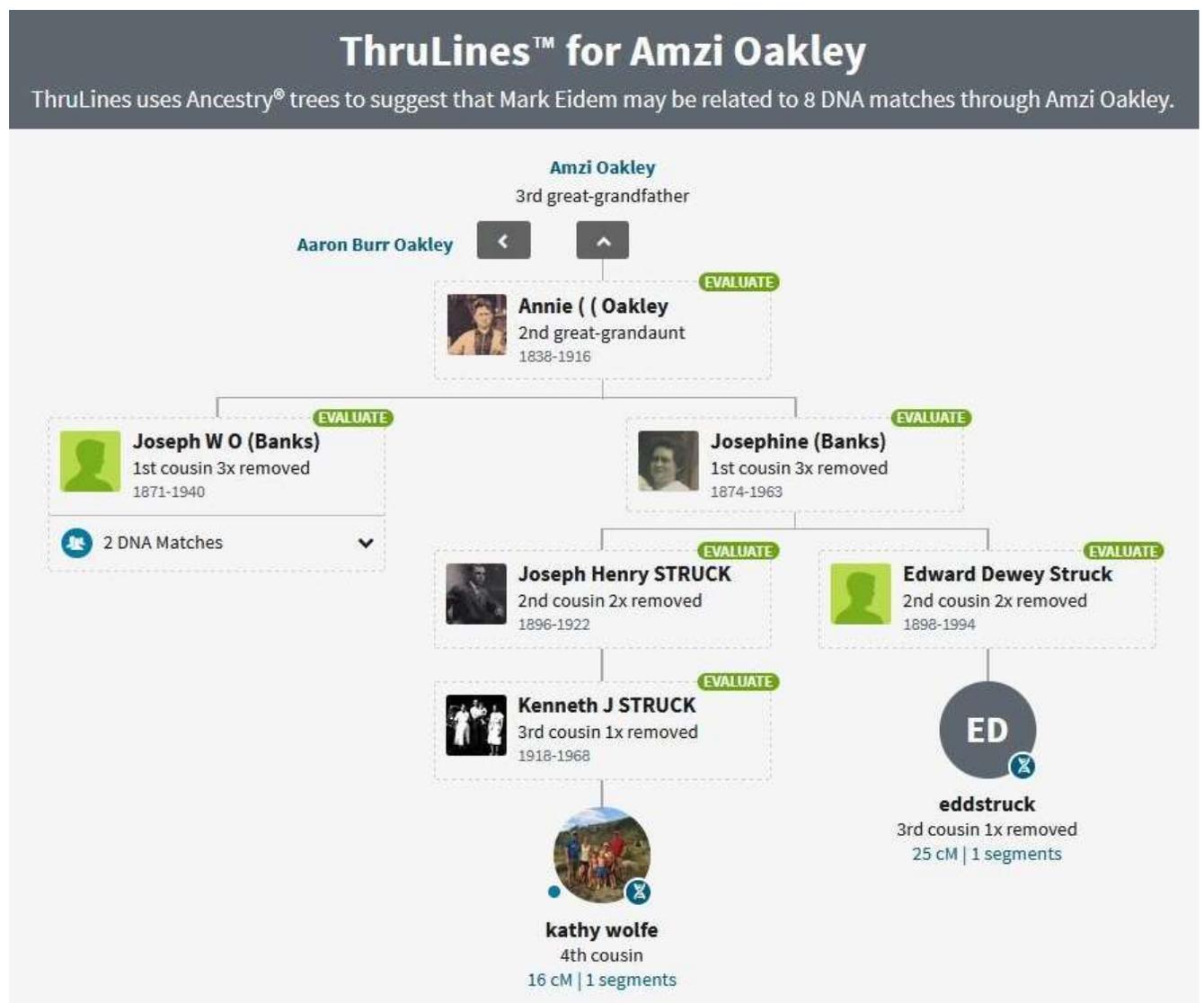
Returning to Amzi Oakley and his wife Lucy Ann Eunice Darling, who were the focus of Chapter 79, I decided to look at Mark’s ThruLines™ for this couple – something I neglected to do when I wrote that chapter.

Here is Mark’s ThruLines™ for Amzi (although the ThruLines™ for Lucy looks the same as this one):



Mark has four DNA matches that go through Amzi's daughter Anne (Annie) Oakley.

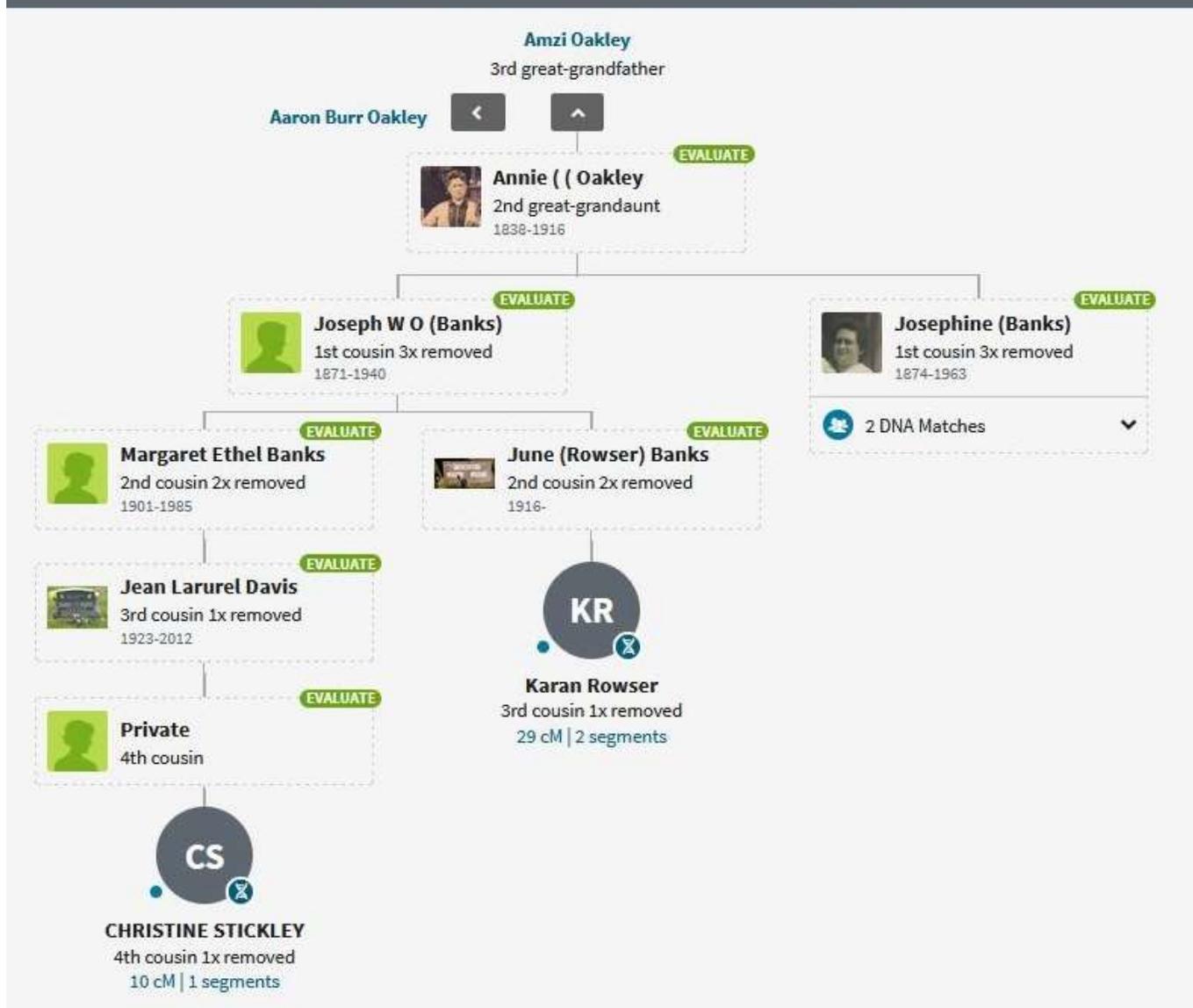
Two of these matches are on the **Struck** line and connect back through Josephine (or Josophine) Banks (married name Struck):



Again, these lines are well known to us. The other two DNA matches connect back through Josephine's brother Joseph Banks (1871-1940):

ThruLines™ for Amzi Oakley

ThruLines uses Ancestry® trees to suggest that Mark Eidem may be related to 8 DNA matches through Amzi Oakley.



This line includes Karan Rowser, who was discussed in Chapter 79. But it also includes a new DNA match with Christine Stickley. I don't believe that I have seen this line previously.

I looked at the match between Mark and Christine Stickley. Of course, their common ancestors are Amzi Oakley and his wife Lucy Darling:

How are Mark Eidem and CHRISTINE STICKLEY related?

Common Ancestors 🌿

According to Ancestry member trees, these are the common ancestors that connect Mark Eidem and CHRISTINE STICKLEY. View a common ancestor to see the relationship path that connects them.

Mark Eidem and CHRISTINE STICKLEY could be 4th cousin 1x removed through:

- Amzi Oakley**
3rd great-grandfather
1799-1853
[View Relationship](#)
- Lucy Ann Eunice Darling**
3rd great-grandmother
1804-1884
[View Relationship](#)

Here is the chart showing how Mark and Christine are related:



Mark is a fourth-cousin of Christine's mother. This means that Mark and Christine are fourth-cousins once-removed.

Of course, I had to look at Mark's Shared DNA Matches with Christine:



Mark Eidem and CHRISTINE STICKLEY

5th – 8th Cousin

< 1% shared DNA: 10 cM across 1 segments

Trees Ethnicity Shared Matches

Filter by:

Unviewed

Common ancestors

Search | Sort

Distant Family

	Karan Rowser	4th – 6th Cousin 29 cM < 1% shared DNA	Private linked tree 10 People Common ancestor
	eddstruck	4th – 6th Cousin 25 cM < 1% shared DNA	Private linked tree 9 People Common ancestor
	Timothy Messin..	4th – 6th Cousin 25 cM < 1% shared DNA	No Trees
	E.O. Managed by seanhitc...	4th – 6th Cousin 22 cM < 1% shared DNA	Public linked tree 9,299 People Common ancestor

Mark and Christine both have DNA matches with Karan Rowser and Ed Struck – not surprising given what I wrote about in Chapter 79. And they both have a DNA match with Timothy Messina – again not surprising given what we know about Florence Messina’s line back to Amzi Oakley and his wife Lucy Darling. The fourth person on the list of Shared DNA Matches is a woman having the username **E.O.** – and the listing shown above indicates that she and Mark have a common ancestor. What a surprise when I looked at this:

How are Mark Eidem and E.O. related?

Common Ancestors

According to Ancestry member trees, these are the common ancestors that connect Mark Eidem and E.O.. View a common ancestor to see the relationship path that connects them.

Mark Eidem and E.O. could be 4th cousin 2x removed through:

	Jeremiah Oakley 5th great-grandfather 1730–1820 View Relationship
	Sarah Burr 5th great-grandmother 1735–1807 View Relationship

Mark and **E.O.** are both descended from Jeremiah Oakley (1730-1820) and his wife Sarah Burr (1735-1807). Really nice to see this!

I've written enough in this continuation of Chapter 79, so I'll just have to leave *E.O.* for another time.

Summary

In this narrative, I provided more details about some of our ***Oakley*** family DNA matches with descendants of Amzi Oakley (1799-1853) and his wife Lucy Ann Eunice Darling (1804-1884).

I first discussed Florence Messina, who is descended from the Oakley-Darling couple through their daughter Sarah Oakley. I then found that Florence and I both have DNA matches with Timothy Messina, who may be her brother or nephew (no way to tell without a family tree).

It turns out that my cousin Mark Eidem also has a DNA match with Timothy Messina. And to keep the connection wheel turning (so to speak), Mark and Timothy both have DNA matches with Leslie Bryan (***lesliebryan33***). And Leslie is descended from Jeremiah Oakley (1730-1820) and Sarah Burr (1735-1807).

When I looked at Mark's ThruLines™ for Amzi Oakley, I learned that he has a new DNA match with Christine Stickley. Finally, Mark and Christine have a Shared DNA Match with a woman having the username of *E.O.*, and the ancestors that she and Mark have in common are Jeremiah Oakley and Sarah Burr.

The DNA matches described in this chapter once again provide strong support for the genealogical record.