

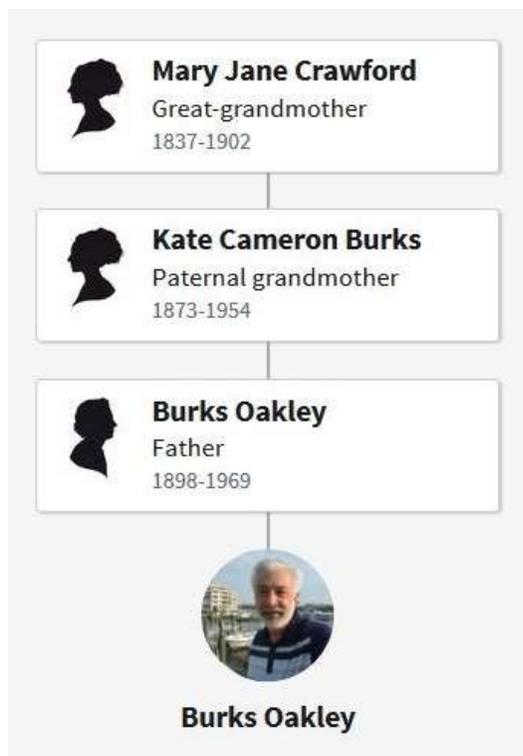
## Chapter 7B

### Mary Jane Cameron Crawford, Revisited

16 July 2019

#### *Introduction*

My father was Burks Oakley (1898-1969). His mother, from whom he got his given name of Burks, was Kate Cameron Burks (1873-1954). In turn, Kate's mother was Mary Jane Cameron Crawford (1837-1902).<sup>1</sup> Mary Jane was born in Grayson County, Virginia, moved west to Indiana with her family when she was a young girl, and eventually ended up living in Quincy, Illinois. She is buried in Greenmount Cemetery in Quincy. Here is my line back to Mary Jane Crawford:



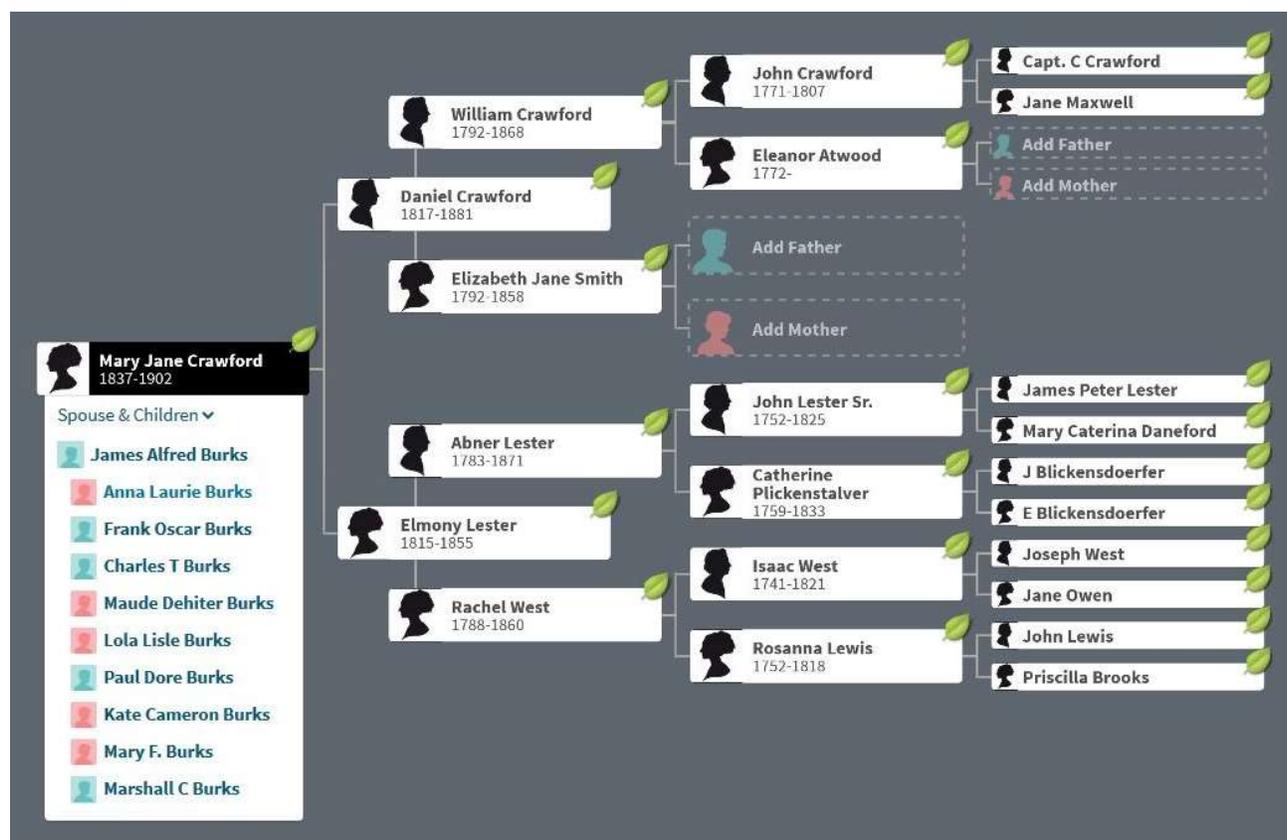
I previously wrote about our Crawford family history – see:

<http://www.burksoakley.com/QuincyOakleyGenealogy/7A-CrawfordGenealogy.pdf>

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<sup>1</sup> She was the first of many in the “Quincy Oakley” family to have the name “Cameron”.

The following chart shows a pedigree for Mary Jane Crawford:



Unfortunately, there are some gaps in this pedigree, and I haven't been very successful plugging these gaps.

In early 2019, Ancestry.com released a new software tool called ThruLines™. This software first identifies my DNA matches and then searches their family trees (and mine) to determine how we are related. It also searches through all family trees on the Ancestry.com website in an attempt to extend minimal family trees and find possible genealogical connections. It can even scan family trees that are marked "Private", as long as they are searchable. The ThruLines™ software came out of beta testing on 1 July 2019, and I decided that would be a good time to look at the ThruLines™ associated with my father's ancestors. This narrative deals with my ThruLines™ related to Mary Jane Crawford.

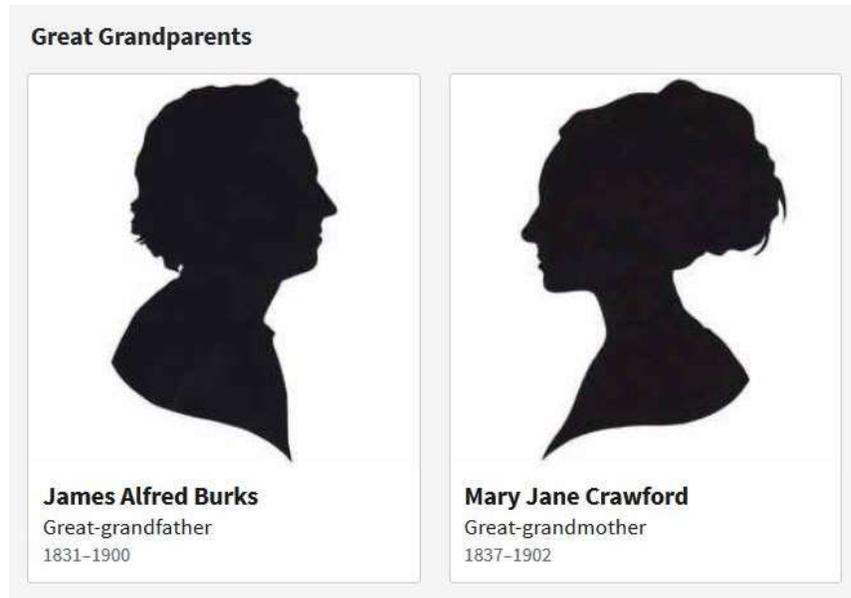
Elmony Lester was Mary Jane Crawford's mother. I wrote about Elmony Lester's ThruLines™ in an earlier narrative:

<http://www.burksoakley.com/QuincyOakleyGenealogy/9B-ElmonyLester-revisited.pdf>

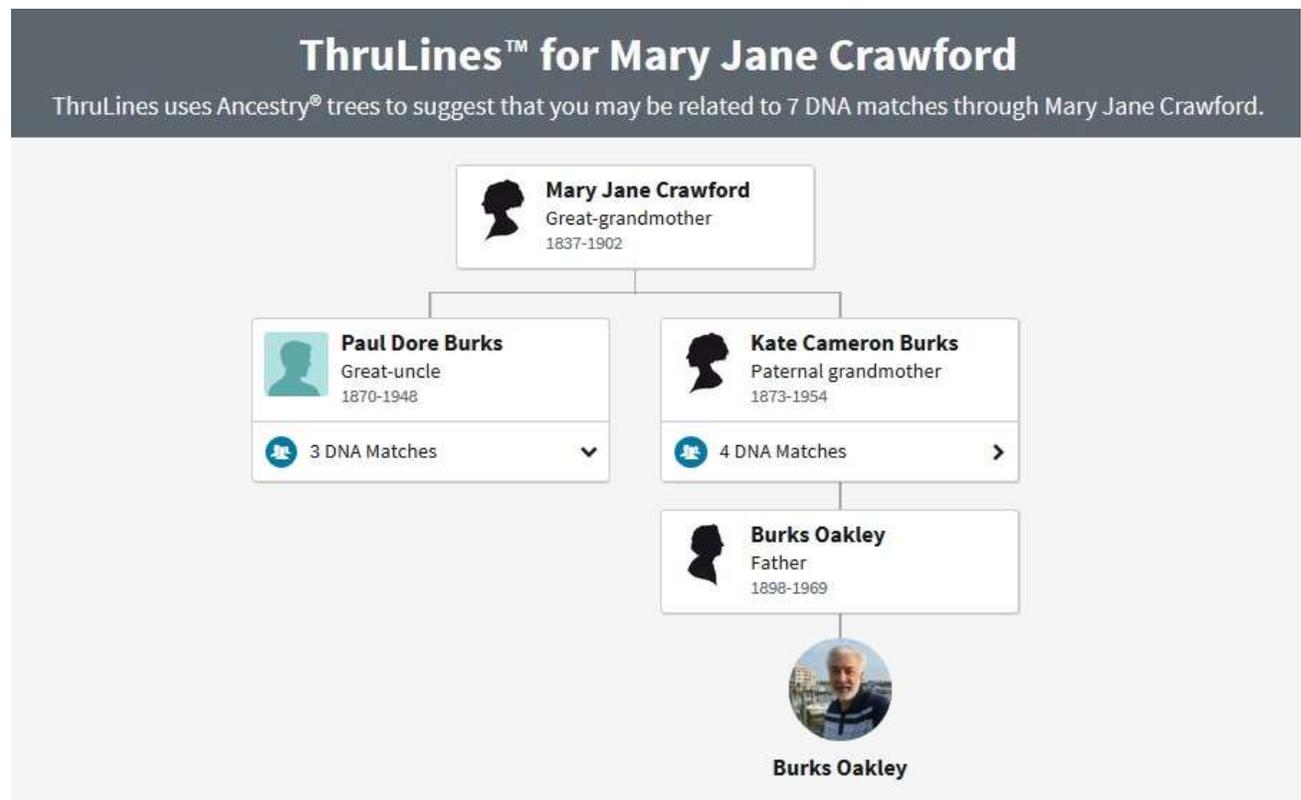
Therefore, this chapter will focus on Mary Jane Crawford's paternal line.

## Mary Jane Crawford

Mary Jane Crawford was my great-grandmother. She was married to James Alfred Burks.

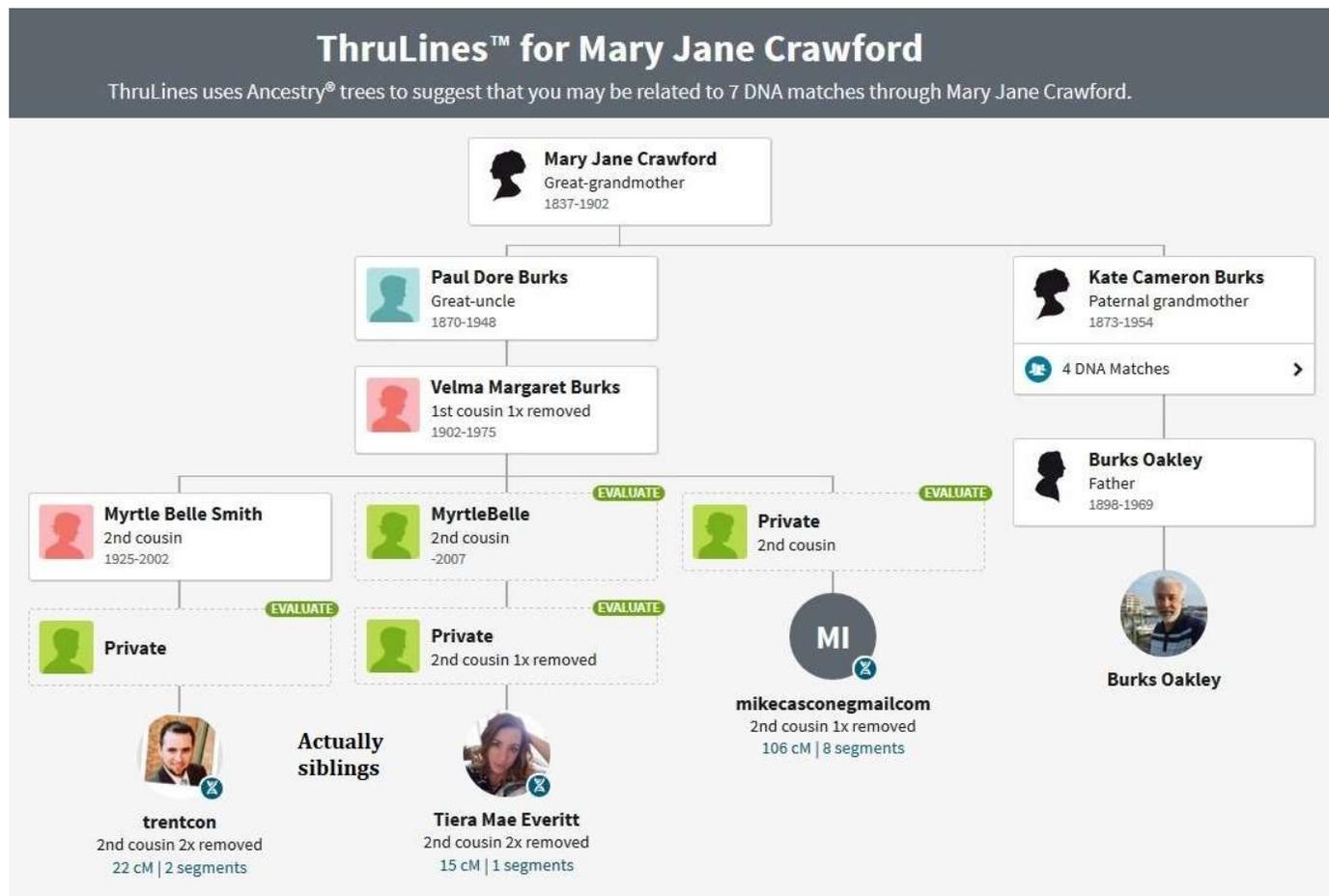


Here is my ThruLines™ for Mary Jane Crawford:



This ThruLines™ shows two lines going back to Mary Jane Crawford; the first is through her son Paul Dore Burks, the second is through her daughter Kate Cameron Burks.

Opening the Paul Dore Burks line at the left gives the following view of this ThruLines™:



This branch of the ThruLines™ connects to three of my DNA matches: **trentcon**, **Tiera Mae Everitt**, and **mikecasconemailcom**. Since Tiera Mae's family tree has her paternal grandmother as "MyrtleBelle", the software didn't make the connection that this is really Myrtle Belle Smith. Actually, Trent and Tiera Mae are siblings; their father was a son of Myrtle Belle Smith.

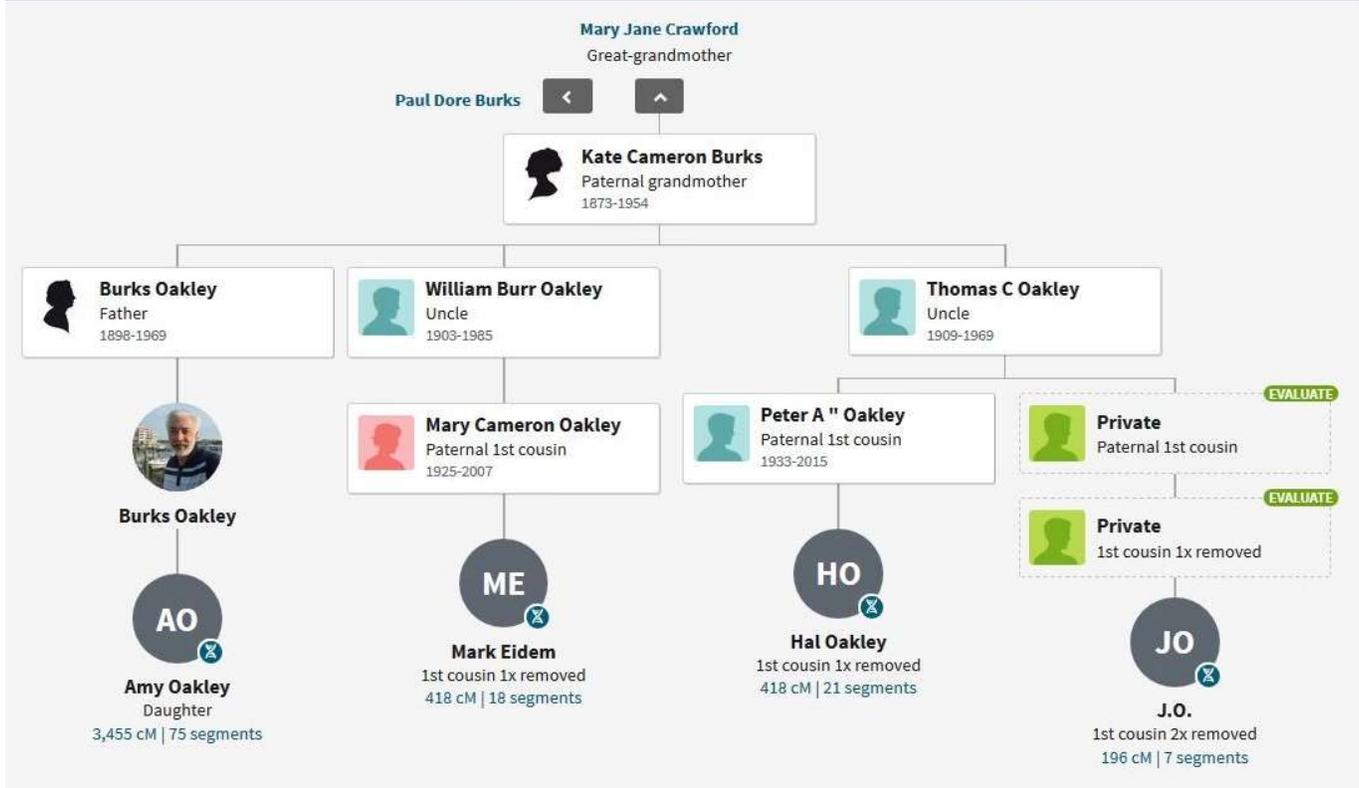
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Opening the line at the right of this ThruLines™ gives the following view:

# ThruLines™ for Mary Jane Crawford

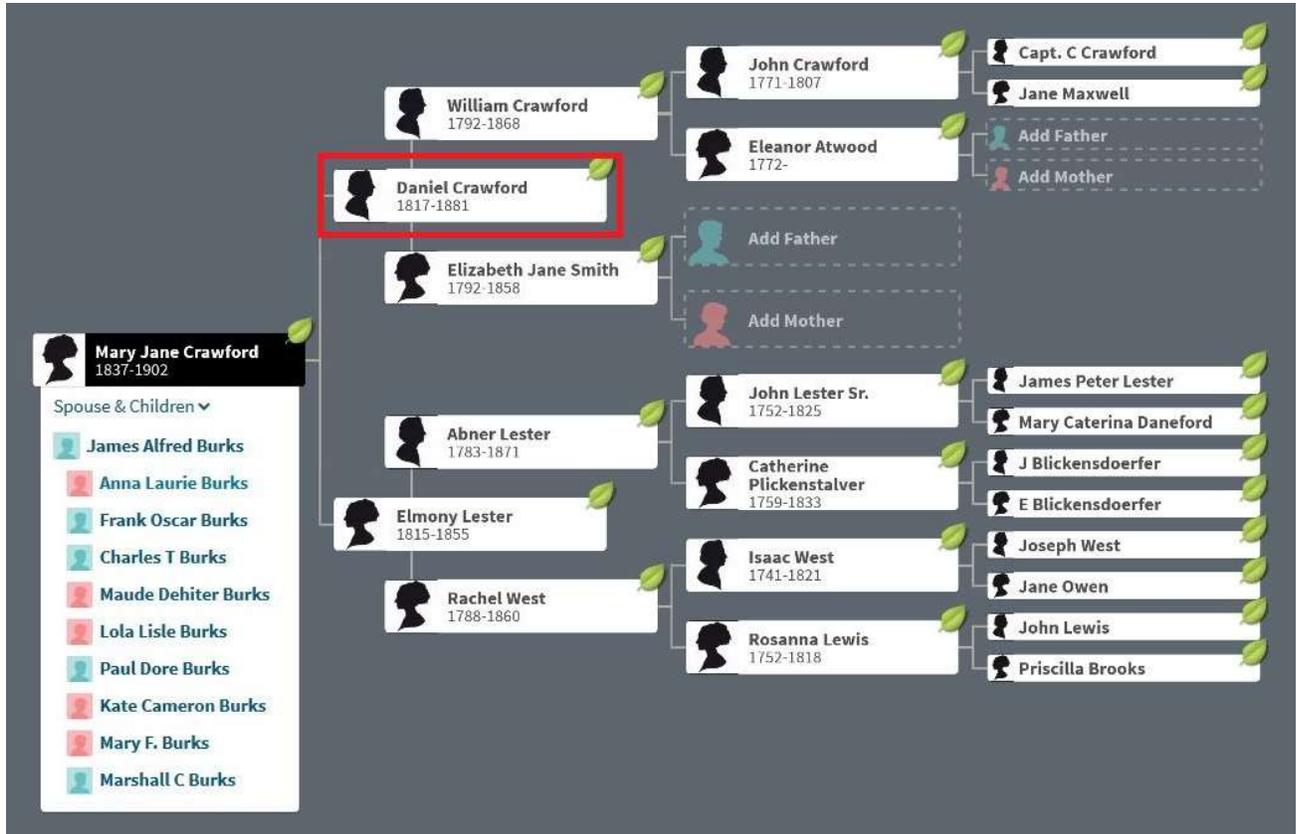
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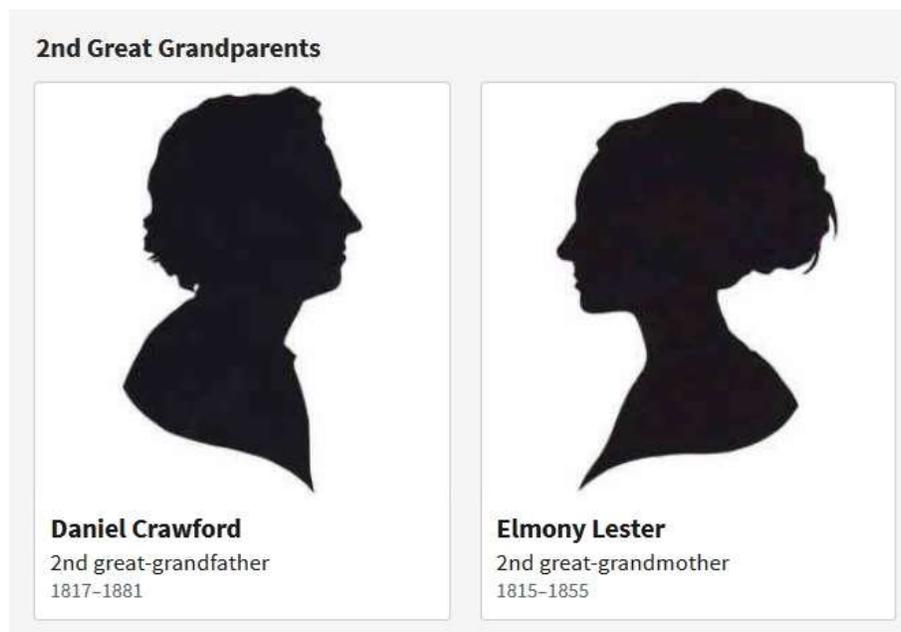
This line adds my DNA matches with Oakley family members who have had their DNA tested on Ancestry.com: my daughter Amy Oakley, my first-cousins once-removed Mark Eidem and Hal Oakley, and my first-cousin twice-removed John Oakley (a great-grandson of my Uncle Thomas Crawford Oakley).

## Daniel Crawford – My 2<sup>nd</sup>-Great Grandfather

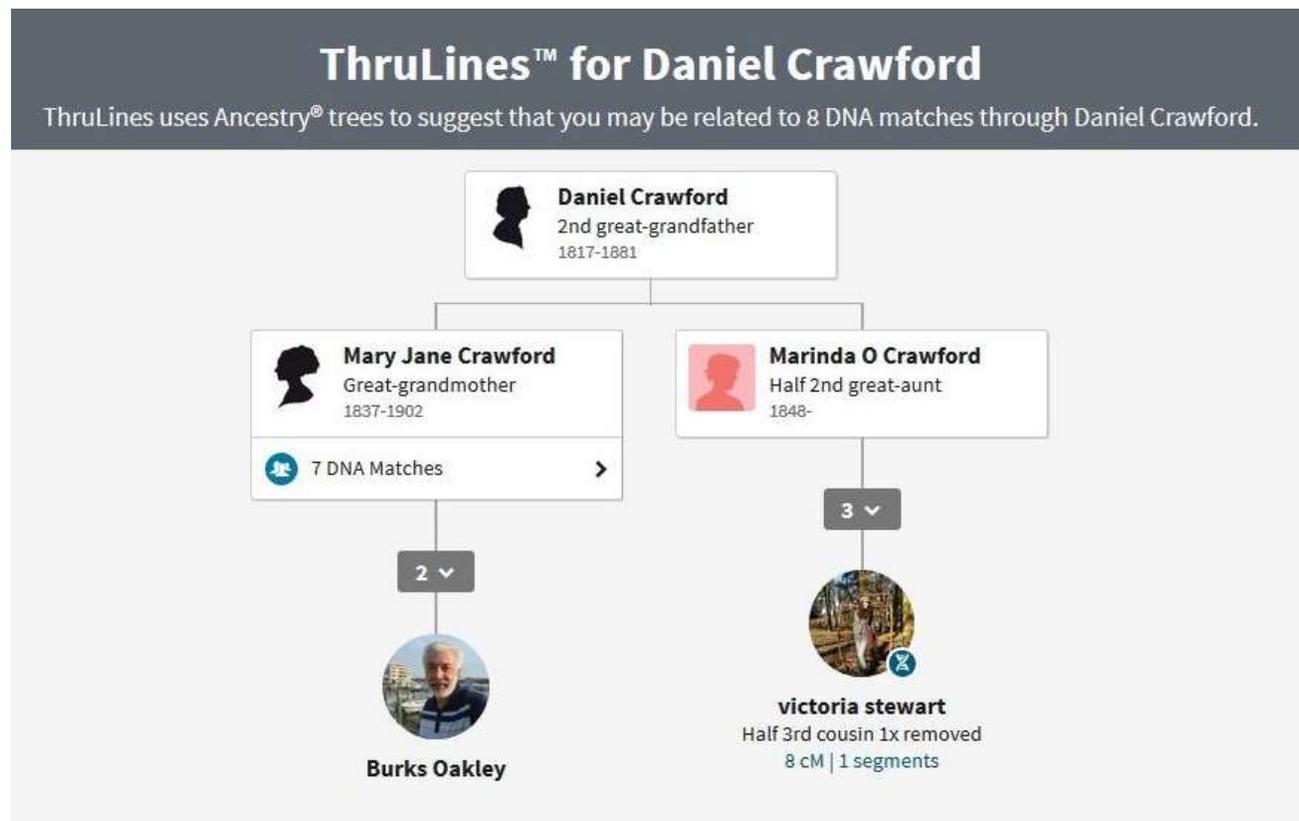
Mary Jane Crawford's father was Daniel Crawford (1817-1881), and this makes him my second-great grandfather.



Daniel Crawford was married to Elmony Lester:



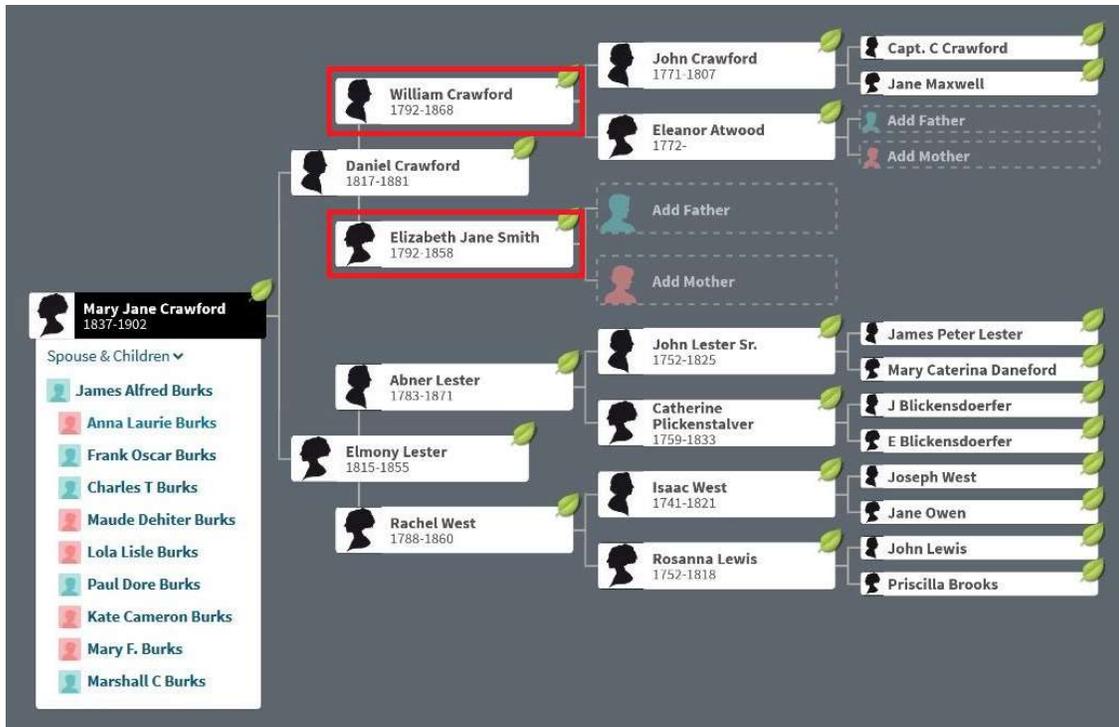
Here is my ThruLines™ for Daniel Crawford:



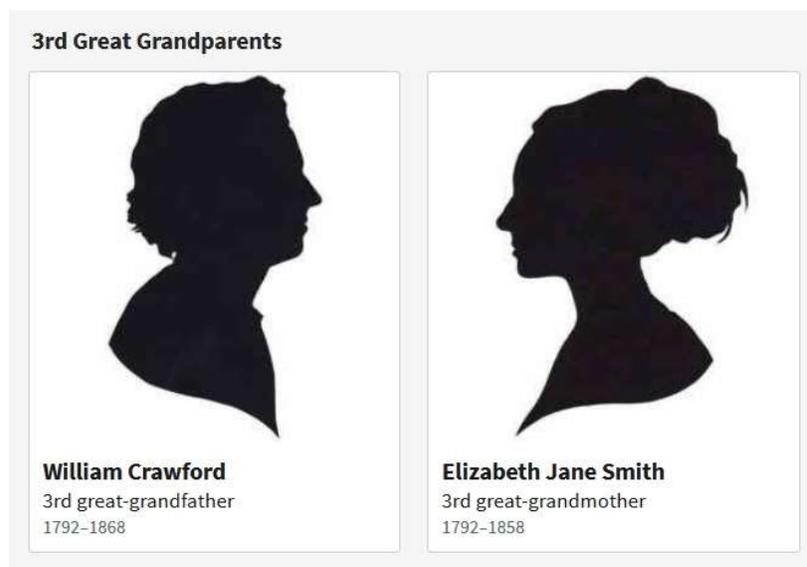
This shows a line back to Daniel Crawford through his daughter Marinda Olive Crawford, and this line connects to **Victoria Stewart**. It shows Marinda Crawford as a half-sister to Mary Jane Crawford, but I am certain that they had the same parents and were full siblings.

## Next Generation – My Third-Great Grandparents

Daniel Crawford's parents were William Crawford and Elizabeth Jane Smith, as shown in the following pedigree chart:



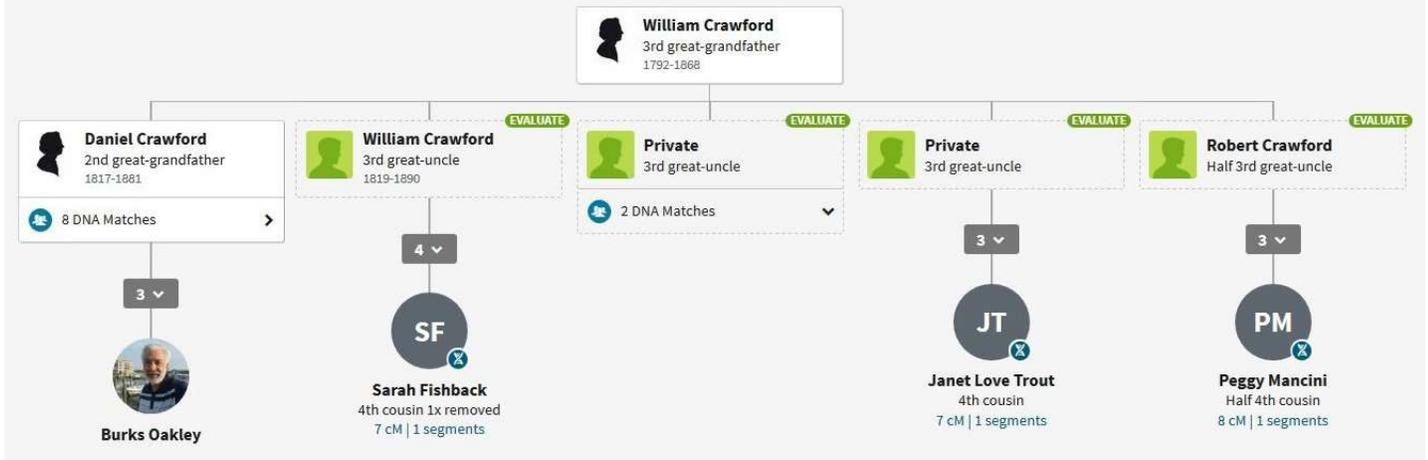
They were my third-great grandparents:



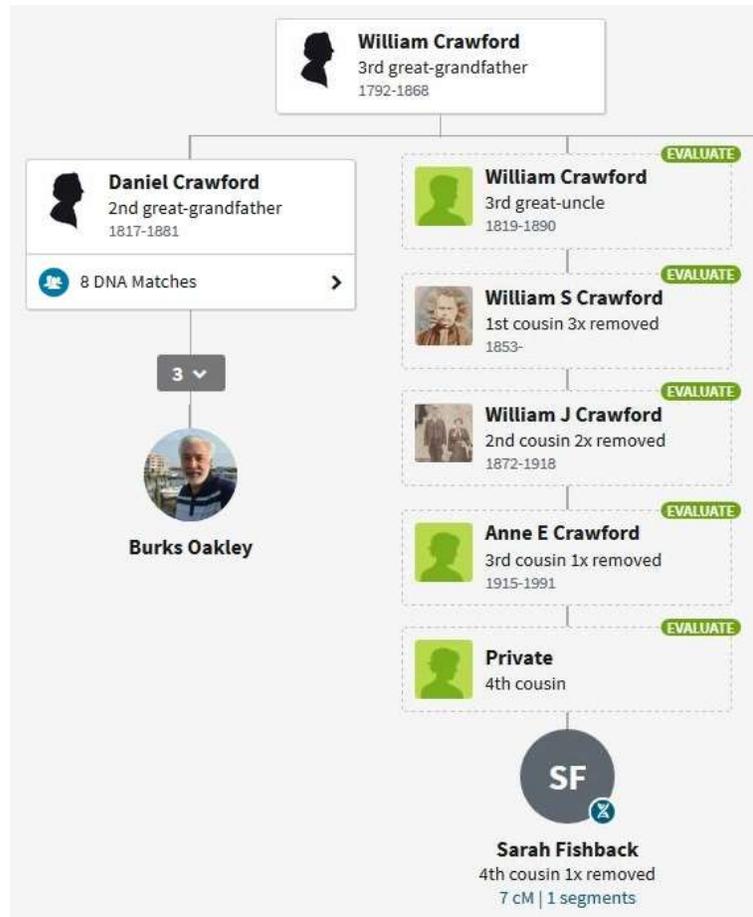
Here is my ThruLines™ for William Crawford (the one for his wife, Elizabeth Jane Smith, is identical):

# ThruLines™ for William Crawford

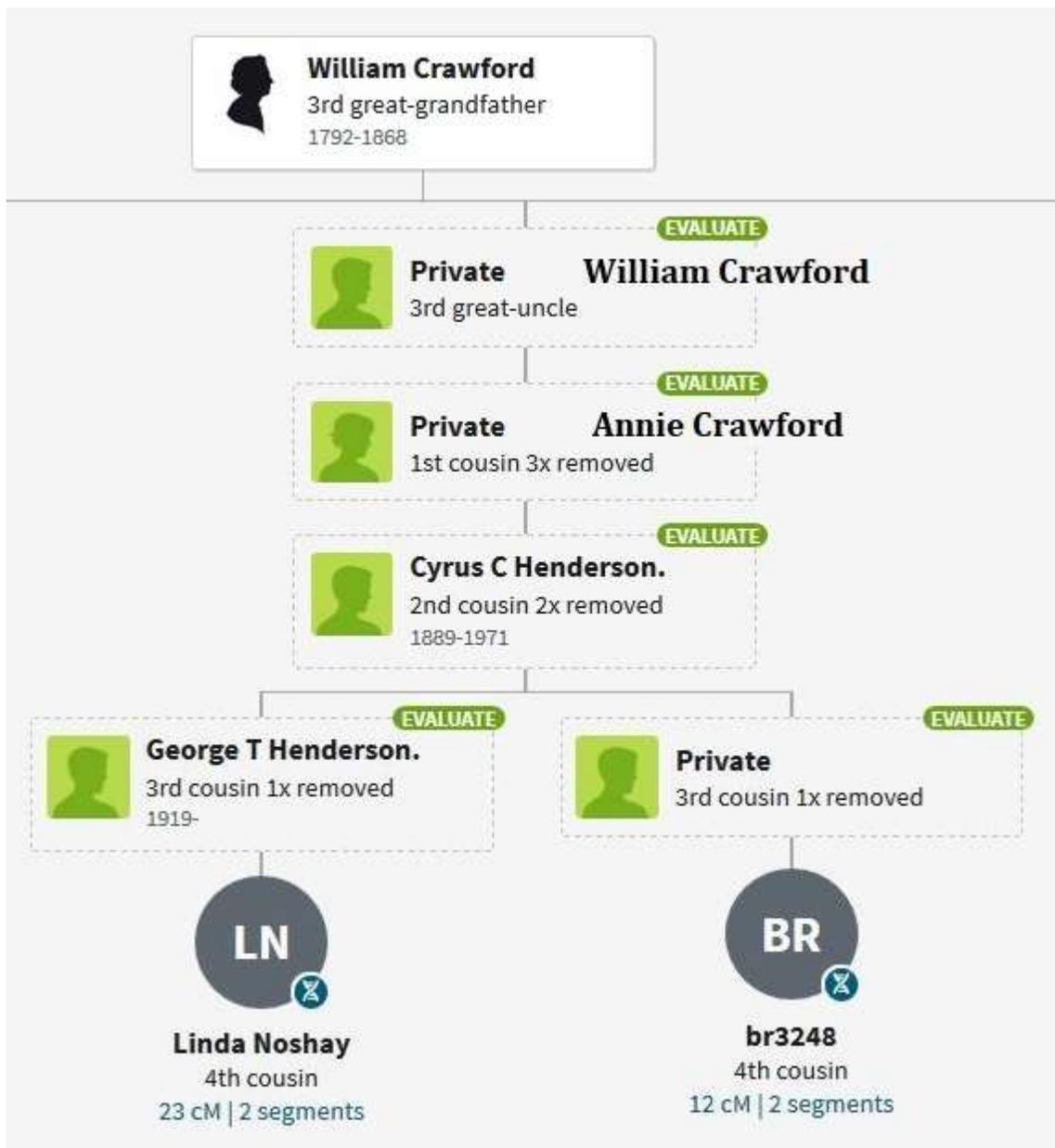
ThruLines uses Ancestry® trees to suggest that you may be related to 13 DNA matches through William Crawford.



This chart shows that I have DNA matches with five individuals who are descended from William Crawford. My line back though Daniel Crawford is at the far left. Then comes a line going back to William Crawford through his son William Crawford; this line connects to **Sarah Fishback**. Here is that line expanded:

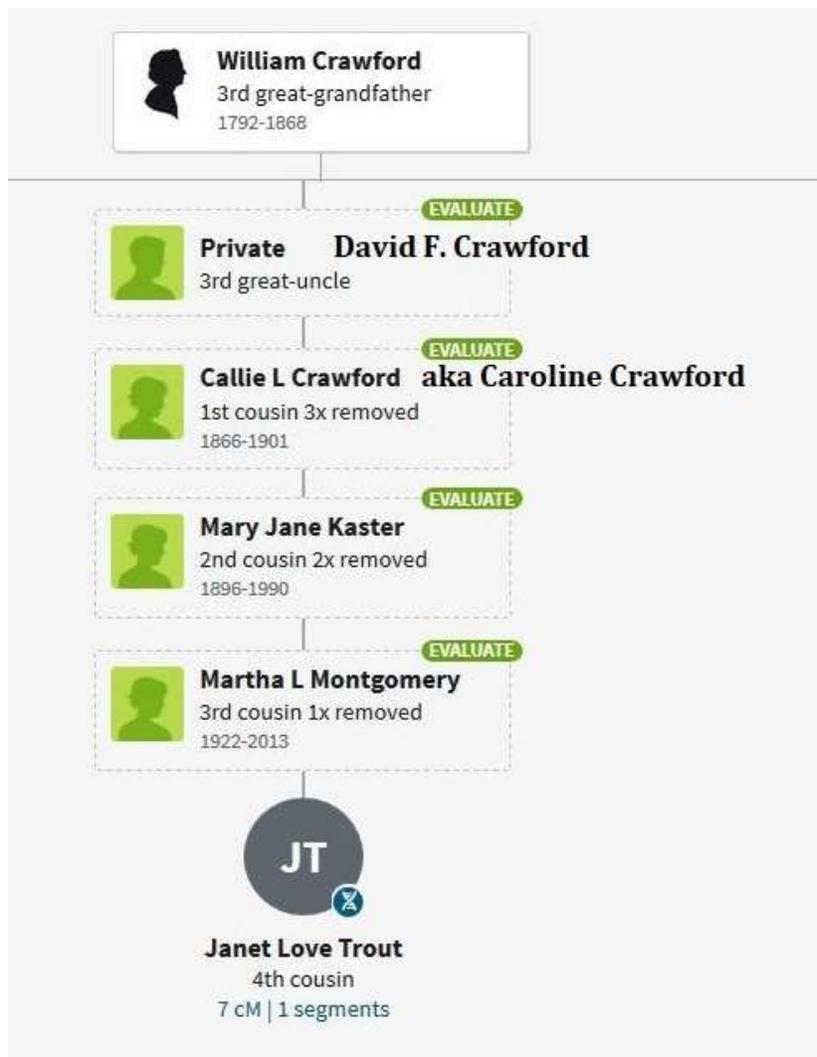


Next comes a line connecting with a son marked “Private”, but it turns out that this person is William Crawford (the same as in Sarah Fishback’s line):



This line connects to my DNA matches **Linda Noshay** and **br3248**. I have no idea why the ThruLines™ software didn’t combine the two William Crawford lines.

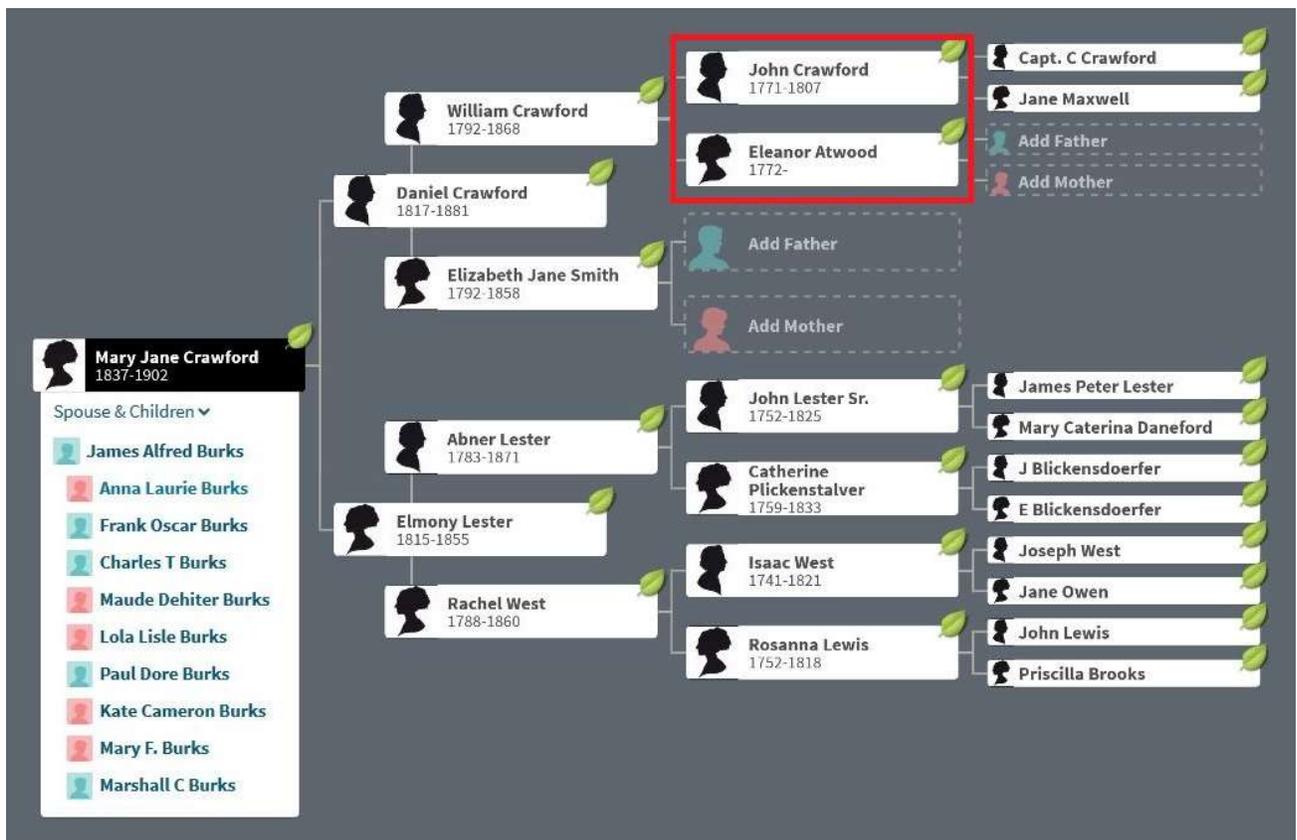
There is another line going through a son of William Crawford that is marked “Private” – this son turned out to be David F. Crawford:



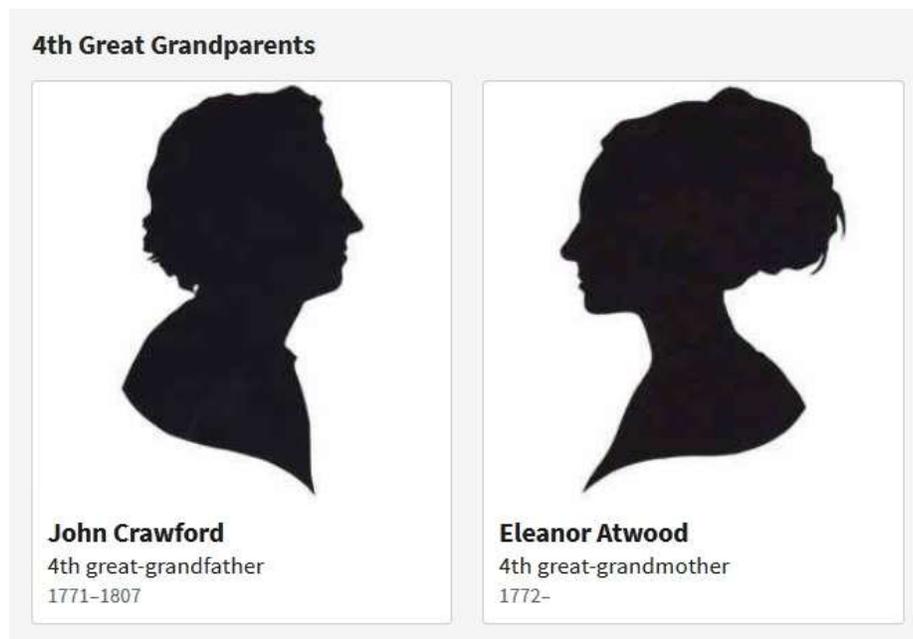
This line connects to my DNA match with *Janet Love Trout*.

### My 4<sup>th</sup>-Great Grandparents, John Crawford and Eleanor Atwood

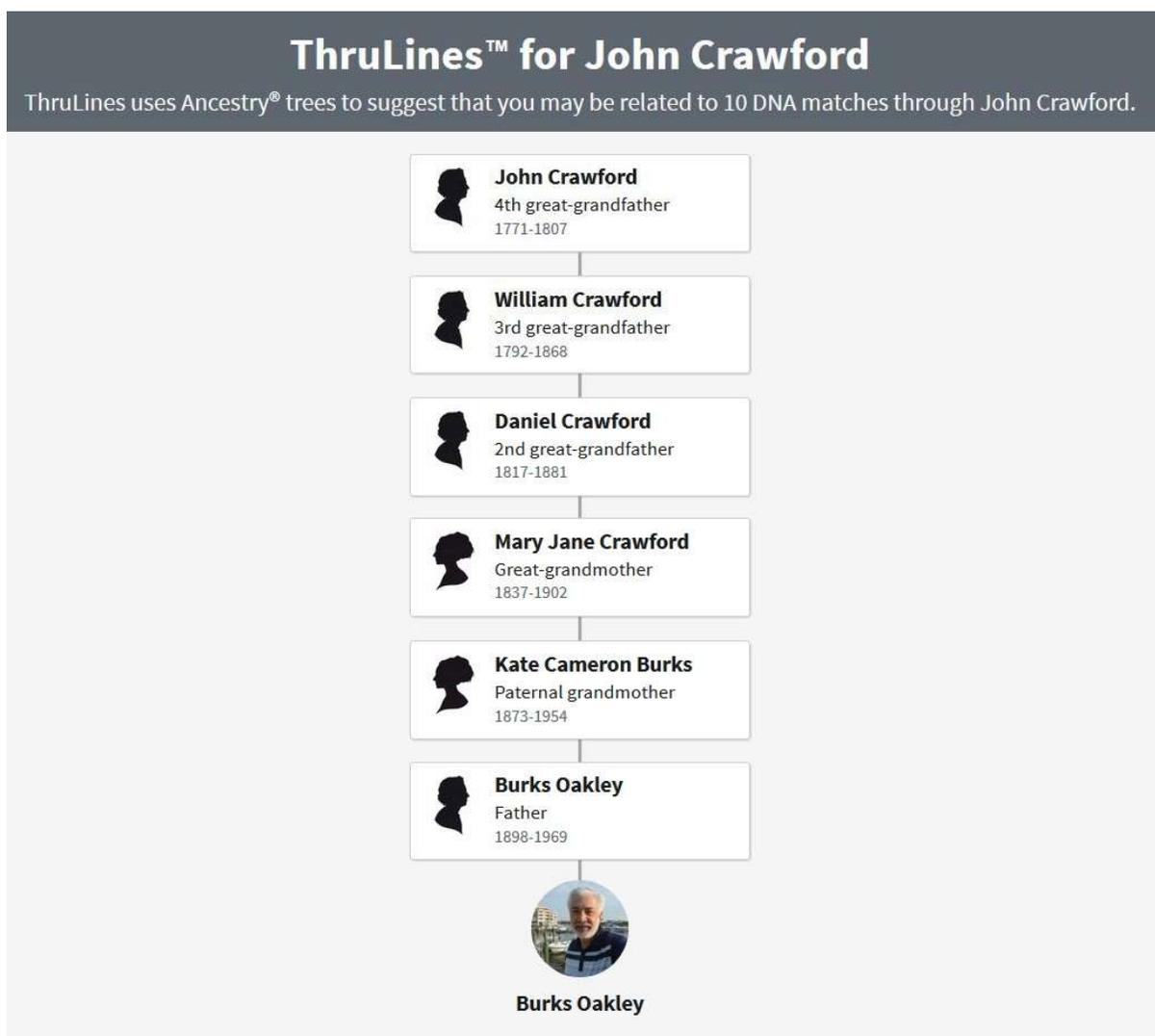
Going back to William Crawford's parents, I get to John Crawford and his wife Eleanor Atwood, as shown in the red box in the following pedigree chart:



They were my 4<sup>th</sup>-great grandparents:



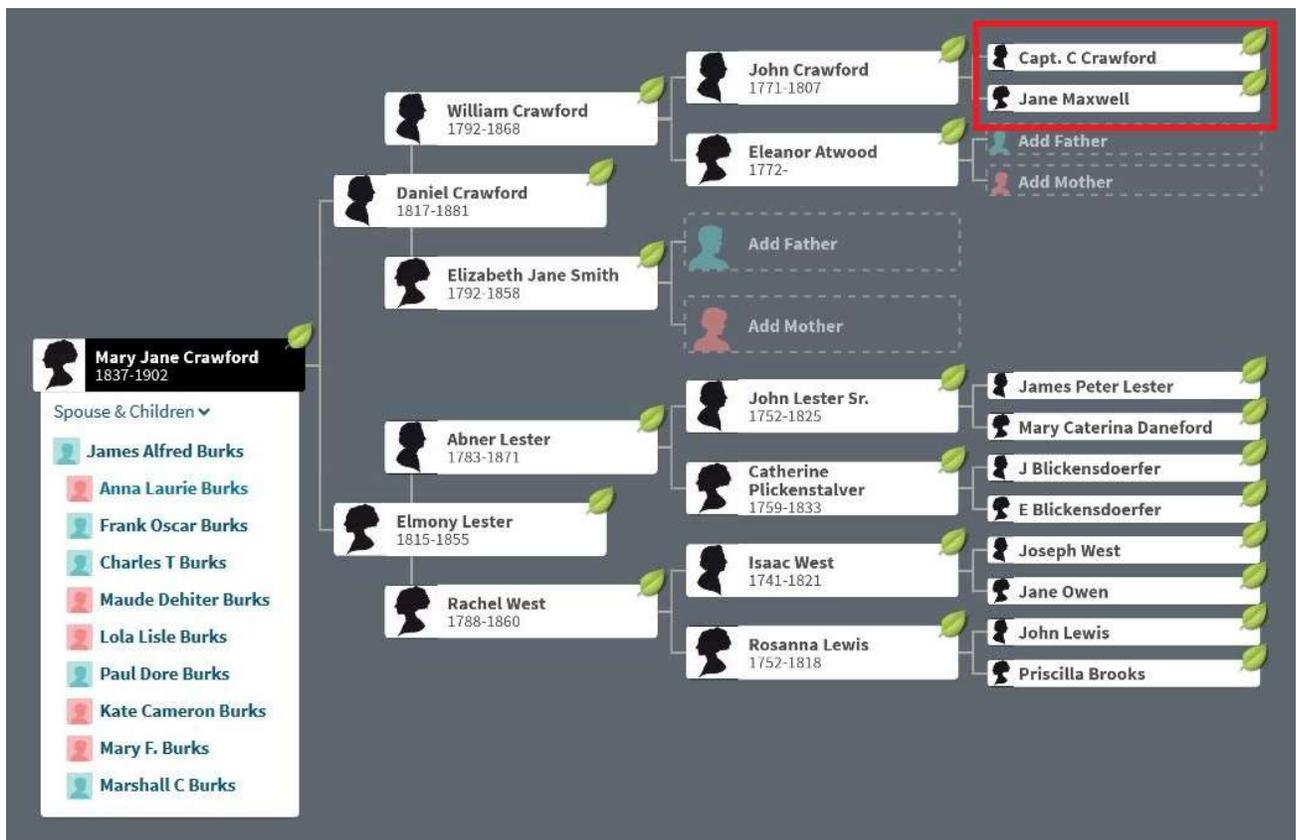
Here is my ThruLines™ for John Crawford:



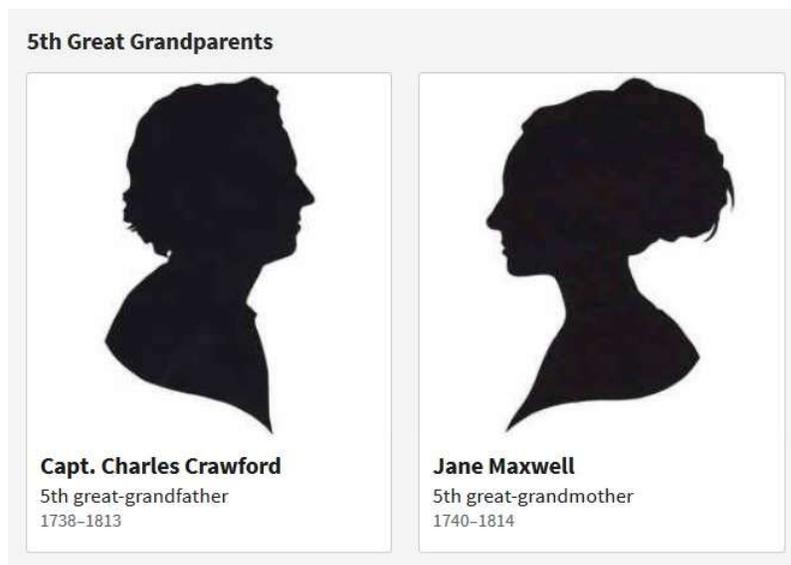
There are no new DNA matches here. Perhaps he didn't have very many children (siblings of William Crawford).

### **My Fifth-Great Grandparents – Capt. Charles Crawford and Jane Maxwell**

The end of the Crawford line for ThruLines™ takes me to Capt. Charles Crawford and his wife Jane Maxwell:



They were my 5<sup>th</sup>-great grandparents:



Here is my ThruLines™ for Capt. Charles Crawford:

# ThruLines™ for Capt. Charles Crawford

ThruLines uses Ancestry® trees to suggest that you may be related to 9 DNA matches through Capt. Charles Crawford.

Relationships List

**Capt. C Crawford**  
5th great-grandfather  
1738-1813

**Peter Crawford**  
Half 5th great-uncle  
1765-1830

**Mary Ann Crawford**  
Half 5th great-aunt  
1769-1852

**Mary Ann Crawford**  
5th great-aunt  
1769-1852

**John Crawford**  
4th great-grandfather  
1771-1807

**brenn163**  
6th cousin  
13 cM | 1 segments

**Burks Oakley**

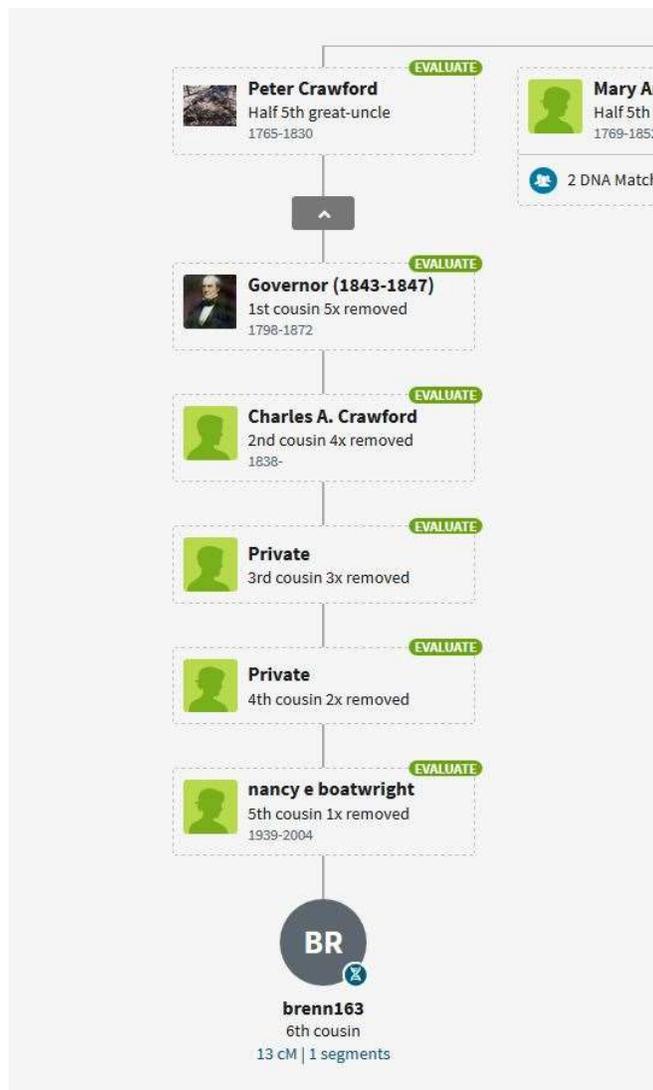
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This is nice to see! I have five new matches with descendants of Capt. Charles Crawford.

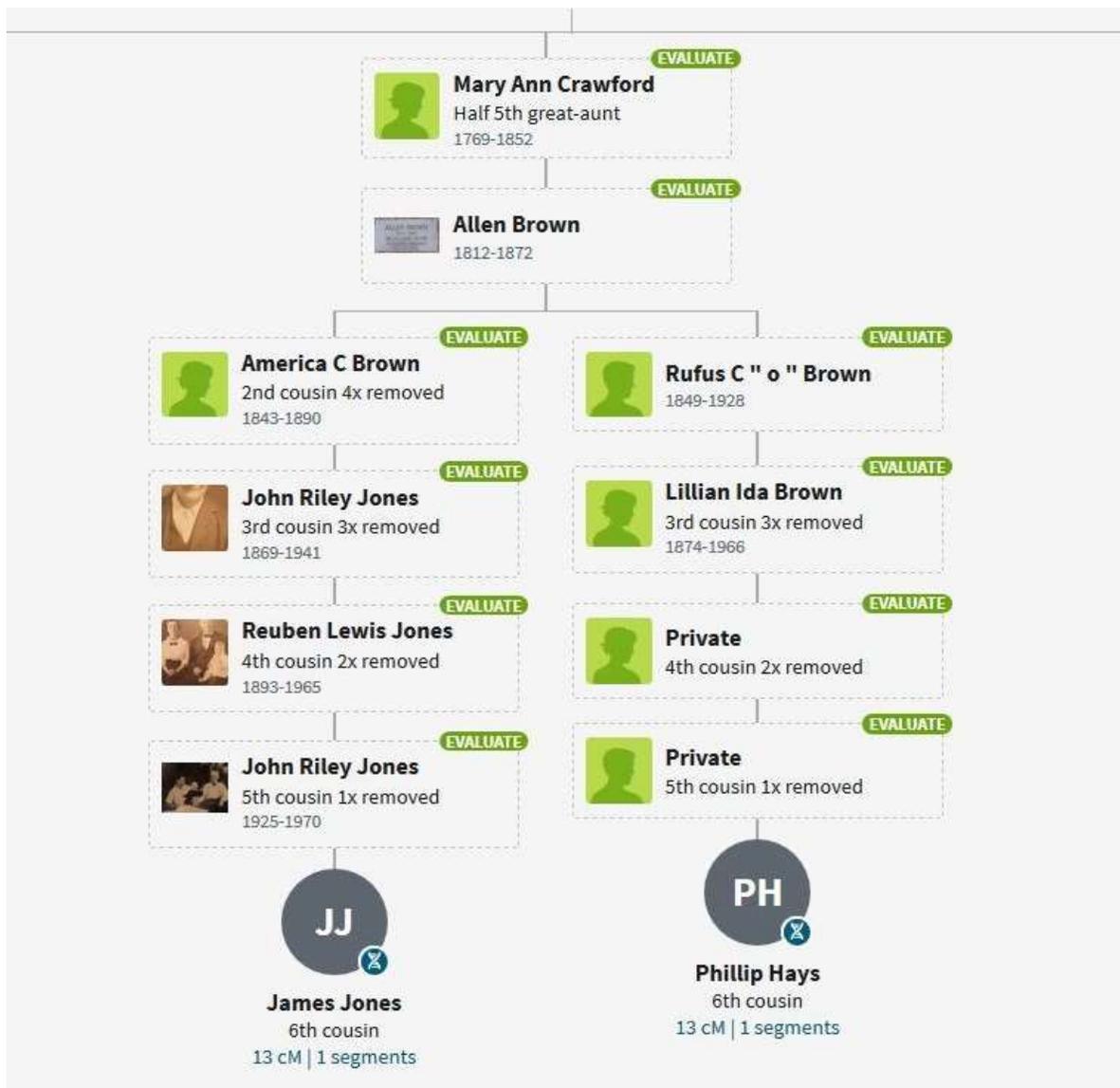
At the left of this ThruLines™ is a line connecting through Capt. Charles Crawford's son Peter Crawford. Expanding this line gives the following view:



This line connects to my DNA match ***brenn163***.

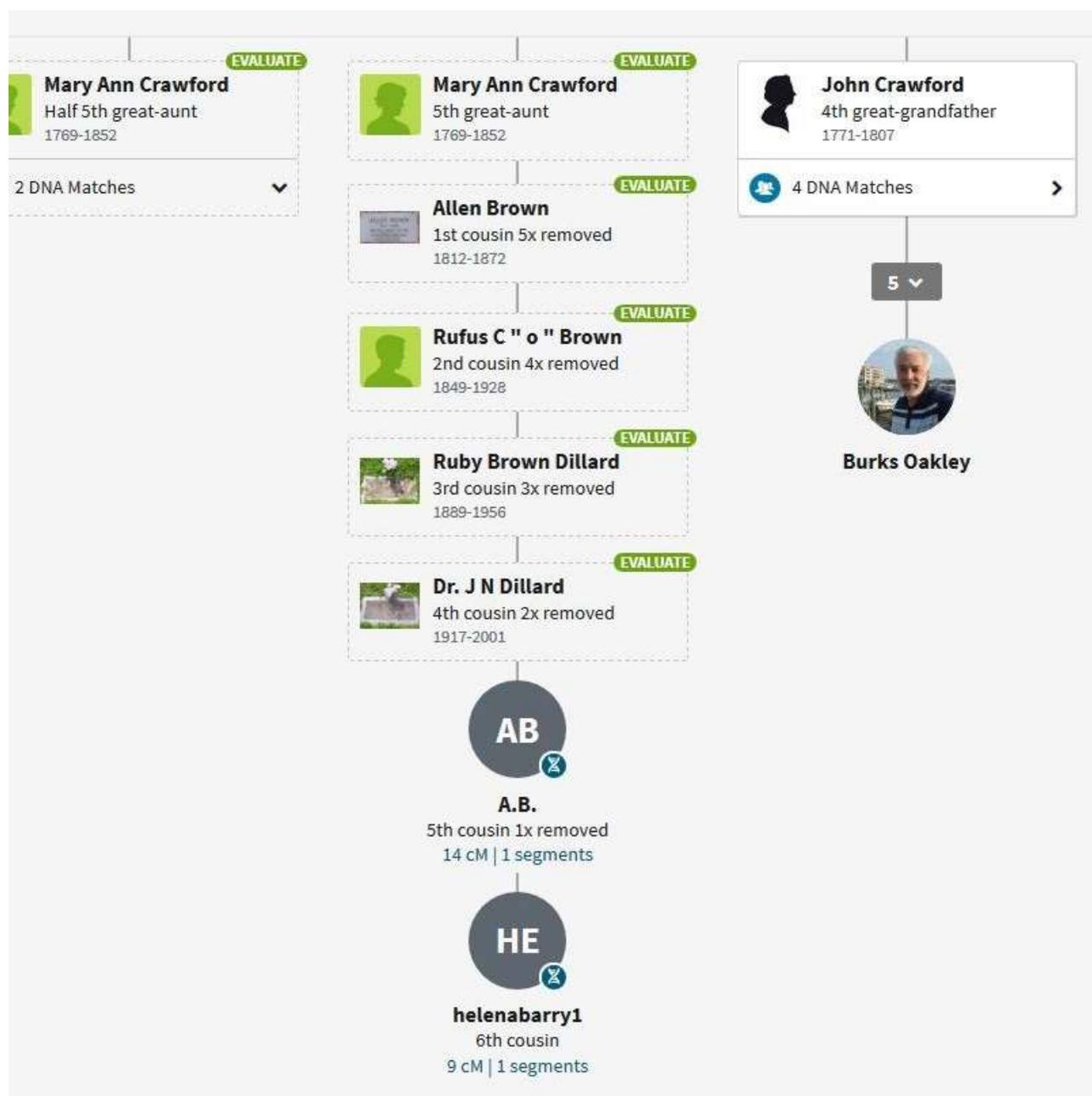
Note that Peter's son appears as Governor in the chart above. This individual was Governor George Walker Crawford. He served as the 38<sup>th</sup> Governor of Georgia (1843-1847) and then the Secretary of War (1849-1850) under President Zachary Taylor. How cool! My first-cousin, 5-times removed – the governor of Georgia and a US Cabinet member.

The middle two lines in the main ThruLines™ for Capt. Charles Crawford connect through his daughter Mary Ann Crawford. Here is the first one:



This section of the ThruLines™ connects to my DNA matches **James Jones** and **Phillip Hays**.

The second line through Mary Ann Crawford is shown below:



This line accounts for my DNA matches with a woman having the username *A.B.* (maiden name Dillard) and her daughter *helenabarry1*.

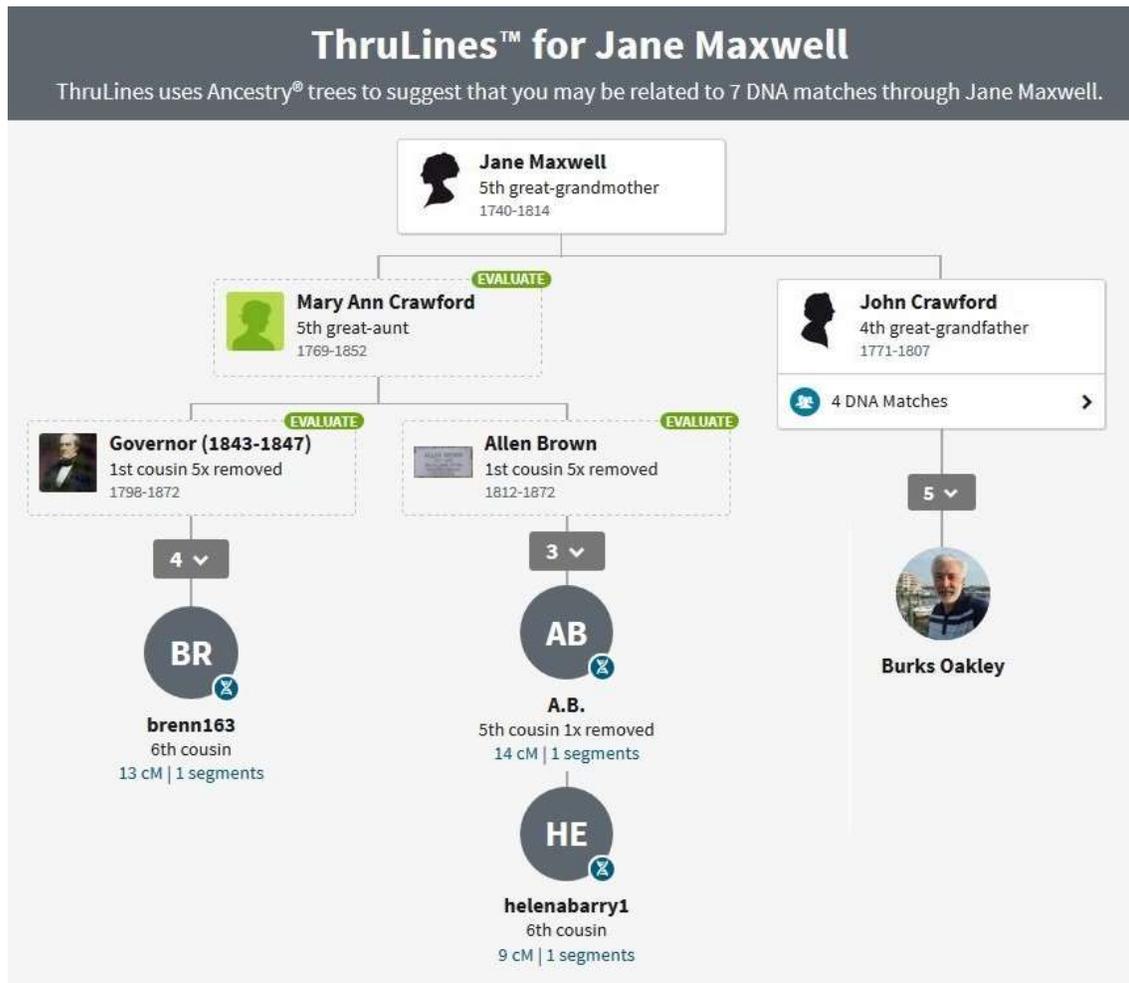
I should add that Capt. Charles Crawford was a patriot in the American Revolutionary War.<sup>2</sup> Here is a quick summary:

Capt. Crawford served in the 2nd North Carolina Regiment, raised in August 1775. Source page 71 Wheelers Historical Sketches. On page 72 it is stated that all officers of the 1st and 2nd North Carolina Regiments were

<sup>2</sup> <https://www.geni.com/people/Capt-Charles-Crawford/6000000028123228651>

called into service out of the state, in the Continental line. He served from Sept 1775 and survived the war. Additional source Heightman's Historical Register of Officers of the Continental Army.

Capt. Charles Crawford's wife was Jane Maxwell, and my ThruLines™ for her appears slightly different than the one for her husband:



Note that this one just has the line back from *helenabarry1* and *A.B.* through Mary Ann Crawford (and not the second Mary Ann Crawford line). And it has the Governor being a son of Mary Ann Crawford, whereas the previous ThruLines™ had the Governor being a son of Peter Crawford. Since the ThruLines™ are based on family trees, and since the family trees have errors, I see a number of inconsistencies like this in ThruLines™.

Here are two different "Evaluate" messages:

(#1) Governor George Walker Crawford, Sec. of War (1849-1850- Pres Zachary Taylor), 38th Governor of Georgia (1843-1847) may be the son of

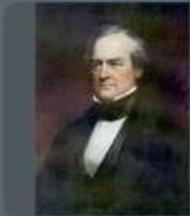
**Mary Ann Crawford.** Below is some of the information used to suggest this relationship:

(#2) Governor George Walker Crawford, Sec. of War (1849-1850- Pres Zachary Taylor), 38th Governor of Georgia (1843-1847) may be the son of **Peter Crawford.** Below is some of the information used to suggest this relationship:

It is interesting to see where this error originated. Here are some listings for Gov. George Walker Crawford. Note that his mother is listed as Mary Ann Lamb or alternatively Mary Ann Crawford.

Results 1–20 of 78,260		Parents
Member Tree	Name	
<p>Towery Family Tree</p> <p>Public Member Tree 5 attached records, 6 sources </p>	<p>Governor George Walker Crawford, Sec. of War (1849-1850- Pres Zachary Taylor), 38th Governor of Georgia (1843-1847)</p> <p>Birth: 12/22/1798 (22 Dec 1798) - Columbia, Georgia, USA            Death: 7/27/1872 (27 Jul 1872) - Augusta, Richmond, Georgia, USA            Marriage: 04 May 1826 (4 May 1826) - Richmond, Georgia, USA            Spouse: Mary Ann McIntosh</p>	<p>F: Peter Crawford</p> <p>M: Mary Ann Lamb</p>
<p>Mayes</p> <p>Public Member Tree 6 attached records, 7 sources </p>	<p>GEORGE WALKER (Governor) CRAWFORD</p> <p>Birth: 22 December 1798 (22 Dec 1798) - Columbia, Georgia, USA            Death: 27 July 1872 (27 Jul 1872) - Richmond, Georgia, USA            Marriage: 4 May 1826 - Richmond, Georgia, USA            Spouse: Mary Ann Macintosh</p>	<p>F: Peter Crawford</p> <p>M: Mary Ann Crawford</p>
<p>The Carr Project</p> <p>Public Member Tree 10 attached records, 13 sources </p>	<p>George Walker Crawford</p> <p>Birth: 22 Dec 1798 - Columbia, Banks, Georgia, USA            Death: 27 Jul 1872 - Richmond, Georgia, USA            Marriage: 4 May 1826 - Augusta, Richmond, Georgia, USA            Spouse: Mary Ann MacIntosh</p>	<p>F: Peter Crawford</p> <p>M: Mary Ann Crawford</p>

Here are two listings for Governor Crawford's parents:



## George Walker Crawford

**BIRTH** 22 DEC 1798 • Columbia, Georgia, United States  
**DEATH** 27 JUL 1872 • Belair, Richmond, Georgia, United States

**Family** 1

Parents



**Peter Crawford -GA State Senator, U.S. Senator (GA)**  
1765-1830



**Mary Ann Lamb**  
1769-1852

**Family** 2

Parents



**Peter Crawford**  
1765-1830



**Mary Ann Crawford**  
1769-1852

#1 on the left has his father as Peter Crawford and his mother as Mary Ann Lamb. #2 on the right has the same father, but since the person didn't know the mother's maiden name, they used the married name of Mary Ann Crawford. Of course, Peter's sister was also named Mary Ann Crawford. Hence the error in the ThruLines™ for Jane Maxwell.

But Peter's sister's married name was Brown, so the erroneous ThruLines™ for Jane Maxwell has Governor George Walker Crawford being the brother of Allen Brown. Different last names – come on!

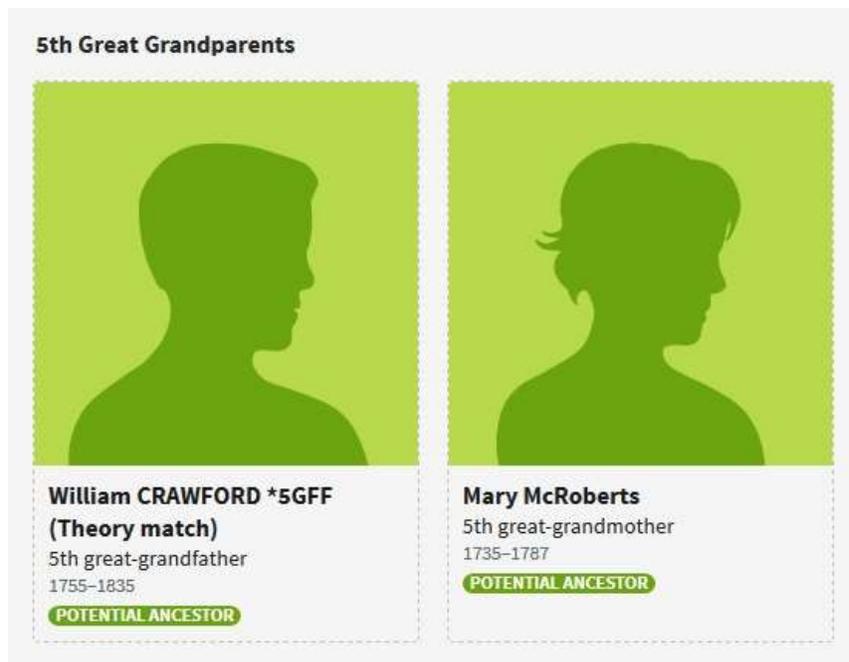
The ThruLines™ still have room for improvement. But overall, the ThruLines™ are of tremendous value to me.

### ***Another Set of DNA Matches Going Back Even Farther***

In looking at my ThruLines™ related to my Crawford ancestors, I encountered the ThruLines™ for my *suggested* 5<sup>th</sup>-great grandparents – William Crawford \*5GFF<sup>3</sup> and Mary McRoberts:

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<sup>3</sup> The woman who owns the family tree in which William Crawford \*5GFF appears uses a novel naming system to indicate her direct ancestors. In this case, \*5GFF indicates 5<sup>th</sup>-great grandfather on her father's side of the family. In addition, she uses the term "Theory match" to indicate that she has a DNA match with someone who also has this person in his/her ancestral line.



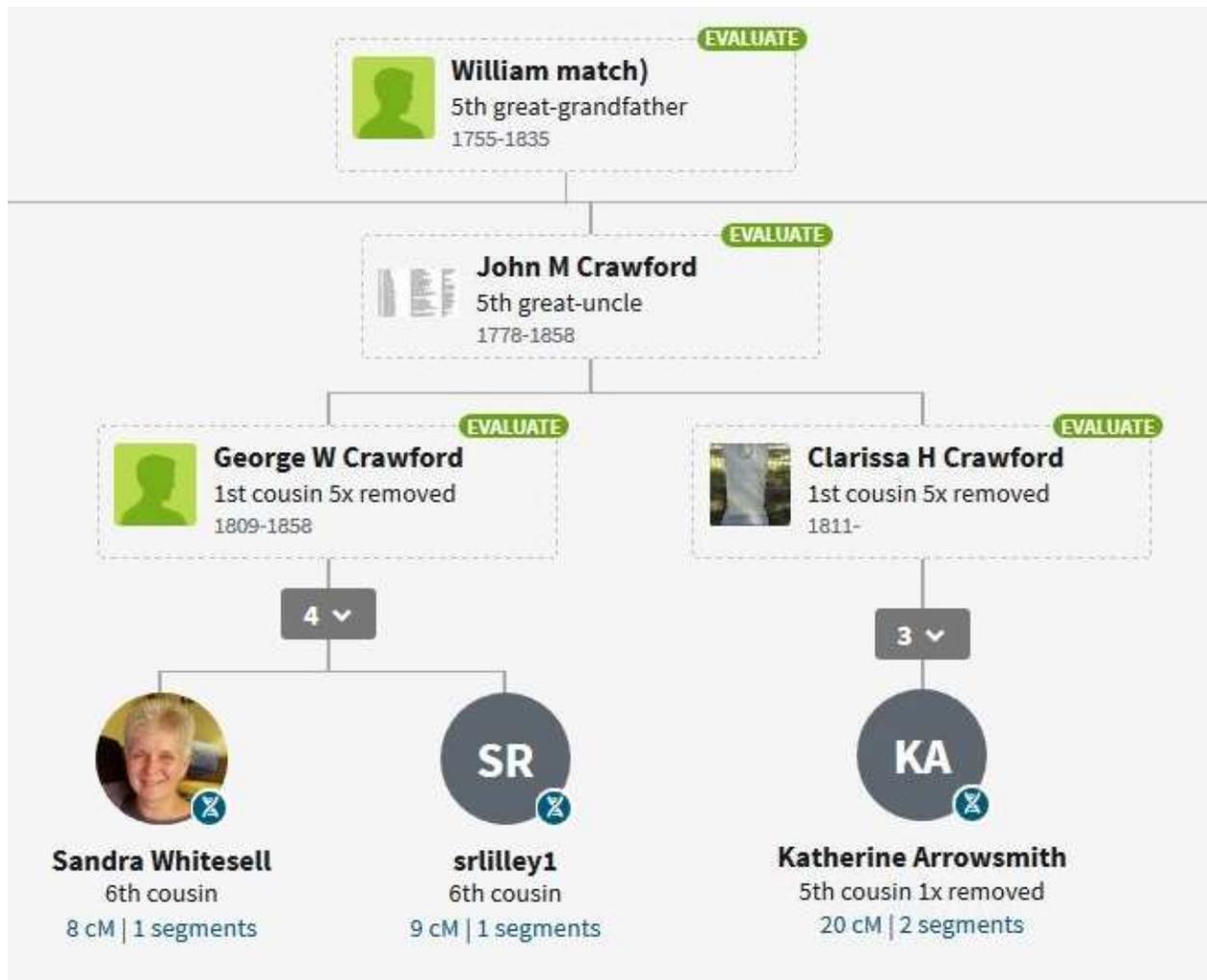
Note that this couple appears in green on the main page with all of my ThruLines™, since they are “potential ancestors” – they aren’t in my family tree on Ancestry.com, but the software is suggesting that they should be in my tree.

Here is the overall ThruLines™ for William Crawford \*5GFF:



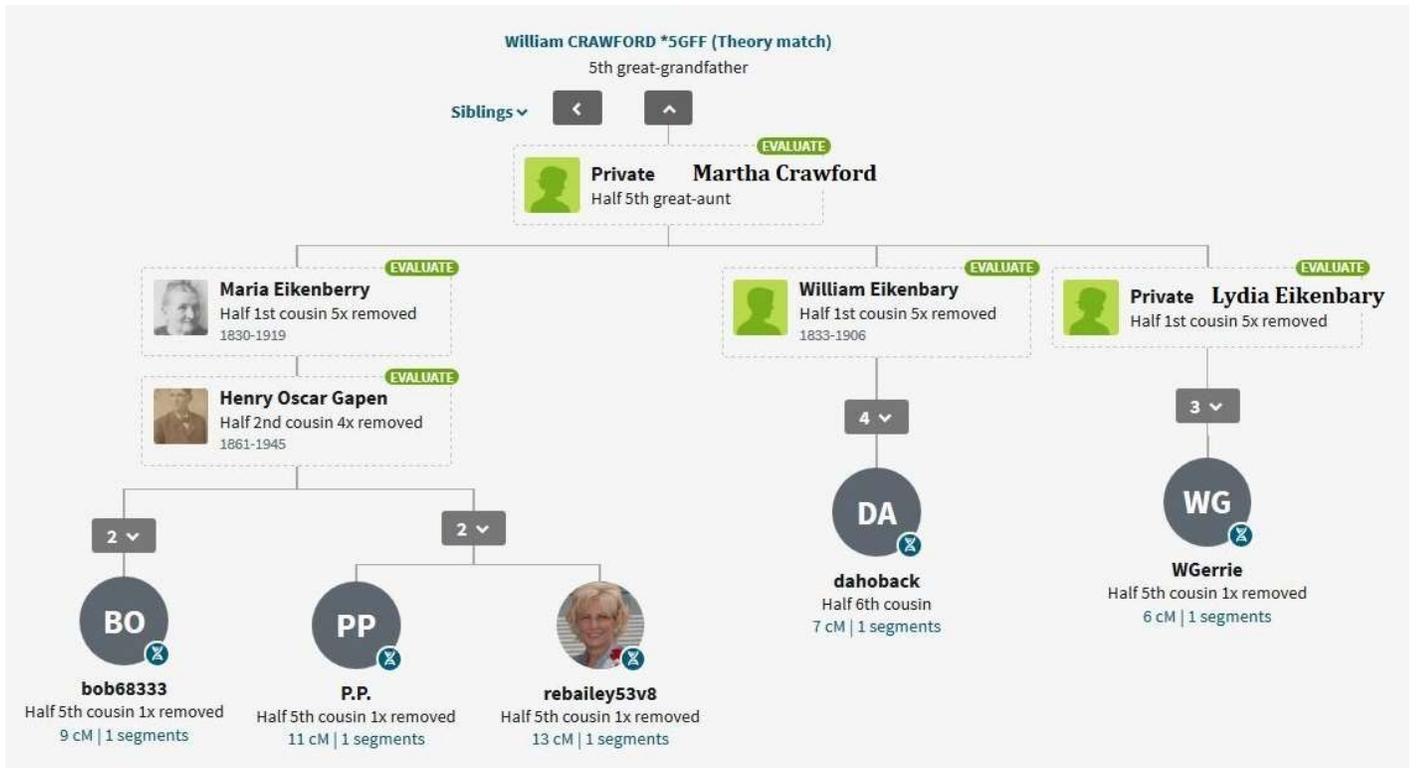
Oh my! This ThruLines™ shows that William Crawford \*5GFF (at the top of the chart) is the FATHER of Eleanor Atwood. Recall that Eleanor Atwood was married to John Crawford. Again, I bet that someone had a family tree showing her name as Eleanor Crawford, so the software made her the daughter of William Crawford.

For completeness, I looked at the DNA matches associated with this ThruLines™. The chart above shows my DNA matches with **J.C.** and **Euna Clark**. Opening the line in the middle gives the line back through John M. Crawford:



This adds three more DNA matches – with **Sandra Whitesell**, **srlilley1**, and **Katherine Arrowsmith**.

Finally, opening the line at the far right of the main ThruLines™ gives the line through “Private”, who really was Martha Crawford:



This adds five new DNA matches, with *bob68333*, *P.P.*, *rebailey53v8*, *dahoback*, and *WGerrie*.

In looking at this, William Crawford \*5GFF indeed had a daughter named Eleanor Crawford, who was born in 1775.

## William CRAWFORD \*5GFF (Theory match)

BIRTH 1755 • Virginia

DEATH 15 FEB 1835 • Rockbridge, Virginia; Craigs Creek, Botetourt, VA

### Family

Parents

**John CRAWFORD \*6GFF**  
1720-1796

**Margaret Jane Brown \*6GMF**  
1718-1796

### Spouse & Children

**Mary McRoberts**  
1755-1784

**Eleanor Crawford**  
1775-

**Williamina Crawford Patterson**

Eleanor Atwood, whose married name was Eleanor Crawford, was born in 1772. So the software confused the two people.

This got me to thinking. How could I have ten new DNA matches with Crawford descendants if this ThruLines™ was totally wrong? Something has to account for these DNA matches.

Well, William Crawford \*5GFF's paternal grandfather was John Crawford \*7GFF (1701-1759):



**John CRAWFORD \*6GFF**  
BIRTH 1720 • Hanover, New Kent County, Virginia, USA  
DEATH 1796 • Botetourt, Virginia, USA

**Family**

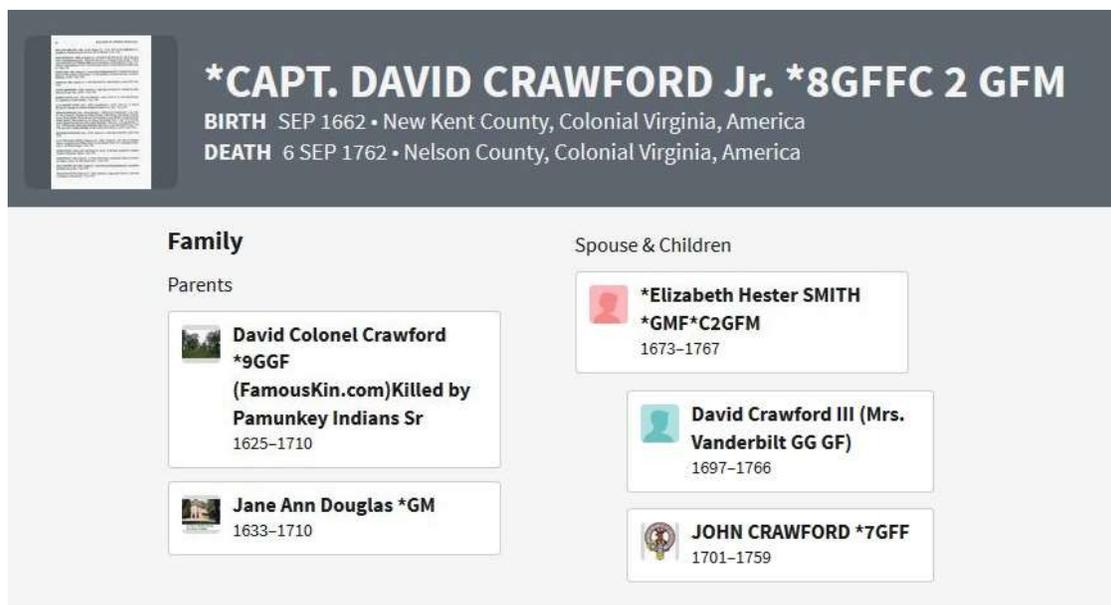
Parents

-  **JOHN CRAWFORD \*7GFF**  
1701-1759
-  **Mary Duke \*7GMF**  
1704-1761

Spouse & Children

-  **Margaret Jane Brown \*6GMF**  
1718-1796
-  **William CRAWFORD \*5GFF (Theory match)**  
1755-1835

And John Crawford \*7GFF's paternal grandfather was Col. David Crawford \*9GGF (1625-1710):



**\*CAPT. DAVID CRAWFORD Jr. \*8GFFC 2 GFM**  
BIRTH SEP 1662 • New Kent County, Colonial Virginia, America  
DEATH 6 SEP 1762 • Nelson County, Colonial Virginia, America

**Family**

Parents

-  **David Colonel Crawford \*9GGF**  
(FamousKin.com) Killed by Pamunkey Indians Sr  
1625-1710
-  **Jane Ann Douglas \*GM**  
1633-1710

Spouse & Children

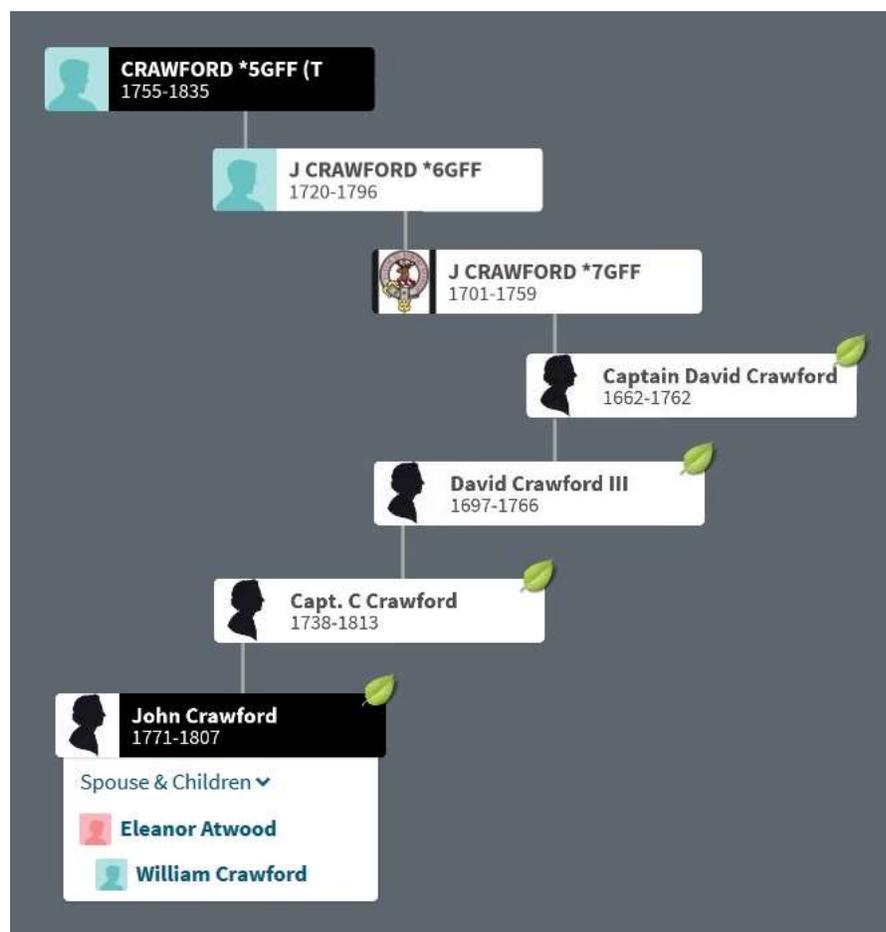
-  **\*Elizabeth Hester SMITH \*GMF\*C2GFM**  
1673-1767
-  **David Crawford III (Mrs. Vanderbilt GG GF)**  
1697-1766
-  **JOHN CRAWFORD \*7GFF**  
1701-1759

OMG!! Col. David Crawford \*9GGF is my ancestor! I wrote about him in my original narrative about our Crawford ancestors. Recall that he and his wife were killed by the Pamunkey Indians in 1710:

<http://www.burksoakley.com/QuincyOakleyGenealogy/7A-CrawfordGenealogy.pdf>

So I really am related to this William Crawford \*5GFF – even though he definitely is NOT the father of Eleanor Atwood.

The following chart shows how this William Crawford \*5GFF is related to my ancestor John Crawford (the husband of Eleanor Atwood).



Both William Crawford \*5GFF and John Crawford are descended from Capt. David Crawford (1662-1762). This is an incredibly fortunate error on the part of the ThruLines™ software. It shows that I have DNA matches that had to have come from Capt. David Crawford (1662-1772) or his wife Elizabeth Smith (1673-1767). To restate this, I have DNA matches with the descendants of William Crawford \*5GFF, and the only way for that to happen is that both our lines go back to my ancestor Capt. David Crawford. This is priceless!

## ***Conclusion***

In this narrative, I presented the ThruLines™ for a number of my ancestors on the lines going back from my great-grandmother Mary Jane Cameron Crawford. The large number of DNA matches in these ThruLines™ provide strong support the underlying family tree that I have for our Crawford ancestors.

The Crawford line itself goes back to John Crawford (1600–1676), who immigrated from Scotland to Virginia in 1643. He was killed while participating in Bacon's Rebellion.

To me, the value of the ThruLines™ is not in identifying new 5<sup>th</sup>-cousins. Instead, the value is in supporting the various branches of our family tree. In this case, the multiple DNA matches connecting back to the ancestors the Crawford limb of our family tree provide strong support for the genealogical record. And what a great family to be a part of – going back to the original immigrant from Scotland, who was clearly a leader (even if he was killed for his role in Bacon's Rebellion). Other Crawford descendants held high positions in government in the early days of our country. It is great to know that we really are a part of the extended Crawford family, which contributed so much to the early days of America.

## ***Appendix***

In searching for more information about William Crawford \*5GFF, I did a Google search for “William Crawford \*5GFF” (no quotes). The first hit was the Wikipedia article for William Harris Crawford.<sup>4</sup> Of course, this is NOT the person I was searching for, but it was interesting nevertheless. This article begins:

William Harris Crawford (February 24, 1772 – September 15, 1834) was an American politician and judge during the early 19th century. He served as United States Secretary of War and United States Secretary of the Treasury before running for president in the 1824 election.

Under the section about his family, the Wikipedia article has:

Crawford was a descendant of John Crawford (1600–1676), who had come to Virginia in 1643 but participated and died in Bacon’s Rebellion. John’s son David Crawford I (1625–1698), was the father of David Crawford II (1662–1762), and the grandfather of David Crawford III (1697–1766). David Crawford III married Ann Anderson in 1727 and had 13 children. His cousin George W. Crawford served as Secretary of War under President Zachary Taylor.

Yes, this is our line, for sure! And if you have a good memory, you will know that I covered all of this in my earlier chapter about our Crawford ancestors:

<http://www.burksoakley.com/QuincyOakleyGenealogy/7A-CrawfordGenealogy.pdf>

But now it sure is nice to see all the DNA matches confirming that this is indeed our Crawford family.



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<sup>4</sup> [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/William\\_H.\\_Crawford](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/William_H._Crawford)

William Harris Crawford