

My DNA Match with William Edwin Oakley

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I'll skip all the introductory material here. Suffice it to say that I recently wrote a detailed narrative about my DNA matches with descendants of Iola May Oakley (1884-1971) – see:

http://www.burksoakley.com/QuincyOakleyGenealogy/IolaMayOakley-Descendants_23Apr25.pdf

A key person in this narrative was Kathy Hill Orr. Kathy and I have a DNA match on Chromosome 15. We both are descended from Miles Oakley III (1612-1672) and his wife Mary Browne (1607-1682). We shared our DNA match on Chromosome 15 with other descendants of the **Oakley-Browne** couple.

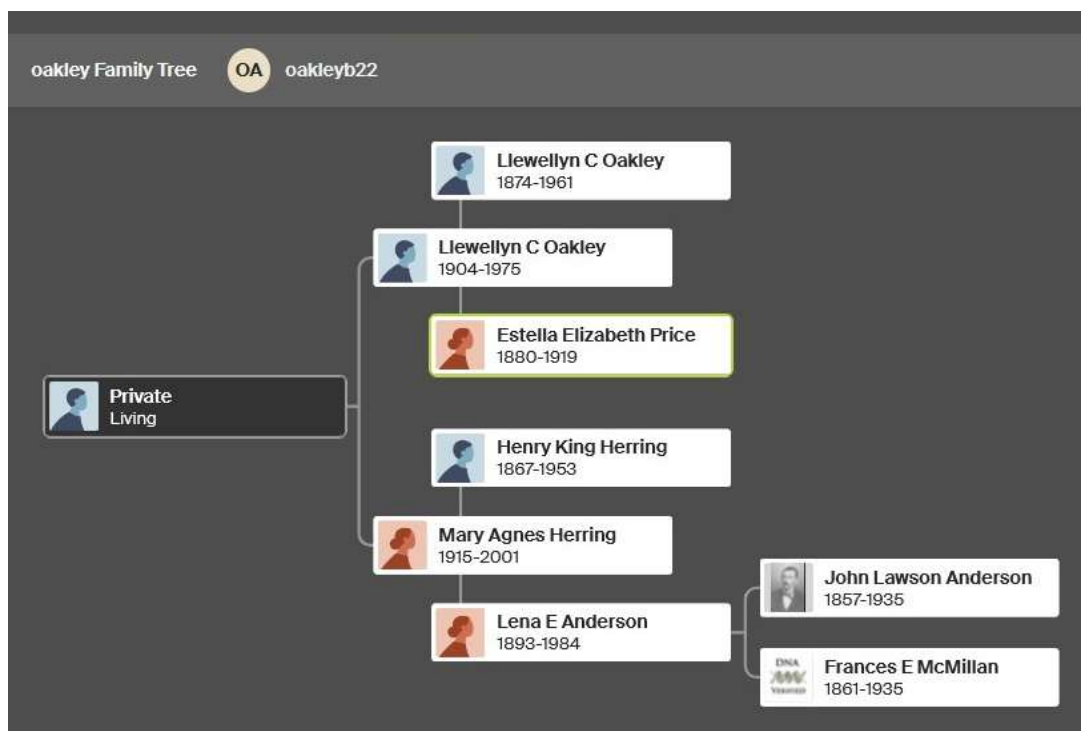
When I was writing the narrative about the descendants of Iola May Oakley, I looked in detail at my DNA match with Kathy Hill Orr on the Ancestry.com website. I was especially interested in our “Shared DNA Matches” – that is, the people with whom Kathy and I both have DNA matches. My assumption is that a large percentage of these people have the **Oakley-Browne** DNA segment on Chromosome 15 and are descended from the **Oakley-Browne** couple.

One of the “Shared DNA Matches” that Kathy and I have is Bill Oakley:

 bill oakley	Your: 4th cousin or half 3rd cousin 1x removed 8 cM Paternal side	KathyOrr60's: 2nd cousin or half 1st cousin 1x removed 301 cM
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Bill and I only have an 8 cM DNA match, but Bill and Kathy have a 301 cM DNA match. It appears that Kathy is a much closer relative to Bill than I am. Software on Ancestry.com predicted that Bill and Kathy are likely to be second-cousins.

When I looked at my DNA match with Bill Oakley, I learned that his father was Llewellyn Cardiff Oakley Jr. (1904-1975) and his paternal grandfather was Llewellyn Cardiff Oakley Sr. (1874-1961):



I was somewhat surprised to see that Bill Oakley was already in my RootsMagic database – listed as William Edwin Oakley, born in 1939:

The screenshot displays the 'Edit Person' interface for William Edwin Oakley. The main window has a title bar 'Edit Person' and a toolbar with buttons: '+ Add a fact', 'X Delete fact', 'Options', 'Address', 'Media', 'ToDo', 'Research log', and 'WebTags (0)'. Below the toolbar is a header for 'William Edwin Oakley'. The main content area is divided into two sections. The left section, titled 'Person', shows 'William Edwin Oakley' with a blue information icon. Below it, the 'Parents' section lists 'Llewellyn Cardiff Oakley Jr.'. A table below the parents section has columns: 'Facts', 'Date', 'Details', and 'Age'. The 'Birth' row shows '22 Oct 1939' in the 'Date' column and '0' in the 'Age' column. The right section, titled 'Person', contains form fields: 'Given Names' (William Edwin), 'Surname' (Oakley), 'Sex' (Male), 'Prefix' (empty), 'Suffix' (empty), 'Nickname' (empty), and a 'Living' checkbox (checked). At the bottom of this section are 'Save' and 'Cancel' buttons. Below the 'Person' section is the 'Person Details' section, which has two rows: 'Note' (No person note) and 'Sources' (No person sources). The bottom status bar shows 'Last edited: 12 Oct 2017' and a 'Close' button.

Facts	Date	Details	Age
Birth	22 Oct 1939		0

Person

Given Names: William Edwin

Surname: Oakley

Sex: Male

Prefix:

Suffix:

Nickname:

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Person Details

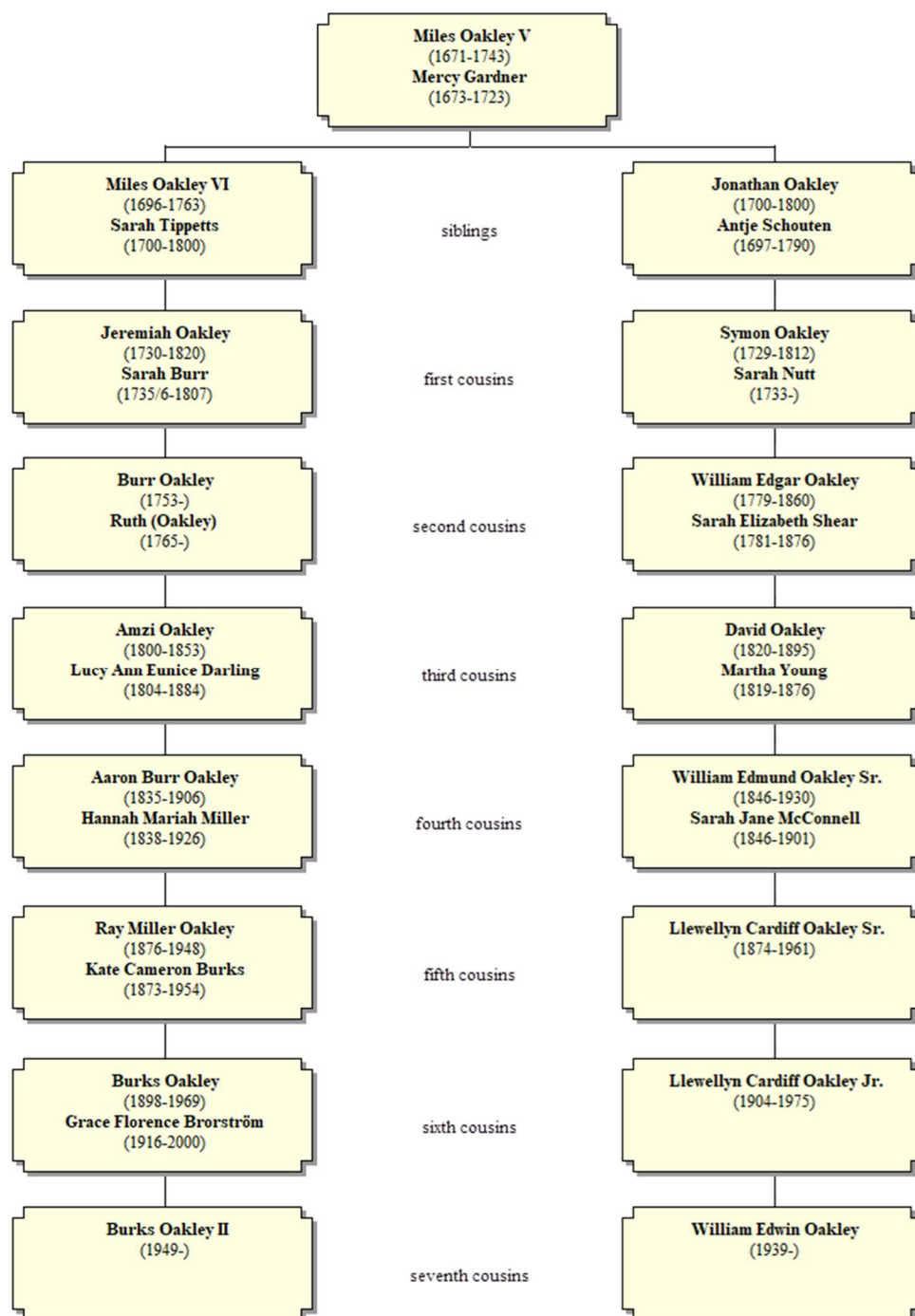
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Here is a chart showing how Bill and I are related:



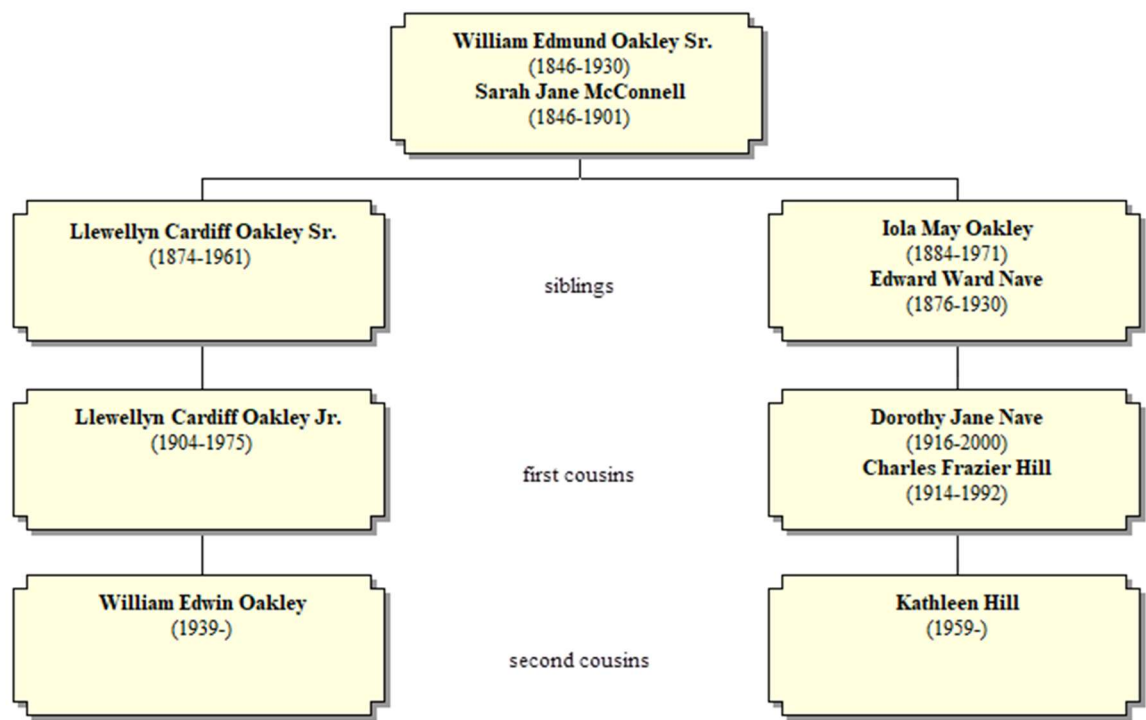
Bill and I both are descended from Miles Oakley V (1671-1743) and his wife Mercy Gardner (1673-1723). This Miles Oakley was a grandson of Miles Oakley III (1612-1672) and his wife Mary Browne (1607-1682).

I looked at the DNA matches that Bill Oakley and I have in common – our so-called “Shared DNA Matches”. This group includes a number of descendants of the ***Oakley-Browne*** couple:

- Howard Bever
- Kathy Hill Orr
- Betty Hill Jackson – Kathy Hill Orr’s sister
- Sheila Jackson Porter – Betty Jackson’s daughter
- Sharon Jackson Dragotto – Betty Jackson’s daughter
- Ann Hill Winningham – Kathy Hill Orr’s sister
- David West – Kathy Hill Orr’s first-cousin
- Dominick Caldarulo – Kathy Hill Orr’s first-cousin once-removed
- Bill Earls – Kathy Hill Orr’s first-cousin
- Leslie Earls Maher – Bill Earls’ daughter
- Angel Nicholson – Kathy Hill Orr’s first-cousin once-removed

I am 99% sure that all these people have the **Oakley-Browne** DNA segment on Chromosome 15.

For completeness, I generated a chart showing how Bill Oakley and Kathy Hill Orr are related:



Bill and Kathy are second-cousins, just as the software on Ancestry.com predicted (based solely on the size of their DNA match).

I just have to add one last thing. Bill Oakley’s paternal grandfather was Llewellyn Cardiff Oakley Sr. (1874-1961). Of course, this sounds like a good Welsh name to me – with TWO double-ells in Llewellyn, and Cardiff, as in the capital of Wales. And Llewellyn Sr.’s younger brother was John Bowen Oakley Sr. (1875-1947):



Bowen is a good Welsh name, and my wife’s paternal grandfather was a Welsh immigrant named John Bowen. And my wife’s brother is named John Bowen, after his Welsh immigrant grandfather. If my wife and I had had a son, he most likely would have been named John Bowen Oakley. Small world....

Concluding Remarks:

One of my “Shared DNA Matches” with Kathy Hill Orr is William “Bill” Edwin Oakley, who was born in 1939. In this short narrative, I showed how Bill and I are related, as well as how Bill and Kathy Hill Orr are related. We all are descended from Miles Oakley V (1671-1743) and his wife Mercy Gardner (1673-

1723). This Miles Oakley was a grandson of Miles Oakley III (1612-1672) and his wife Mary Browne (1607-1682).

I am 99% sure that Bill Oakley has the ***Oakley-Browne*** DNA segment on Chromosome 15. And right now, he is the only person with the ***Oakley*** surname, other than my daughter Amy and me, to have this segment.