

My New DNA Match with Gil George

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I am interested in genetic genealogy – that is, the use of DNA to verify and to extend my family tree. To that end, I make extensive use of the Ancestry.com website. On a fairly regular basis (i.e., daily), I view my DNA matches on Ancestry.com and filter them so that I only see those matches that I have not viewed previously where software on the website has been able to identify our common ancestors. Most of the time, this filtering process comes up empty – no new matches where our common ancestors are known. But a few days ago, I saw that I had a new DNA match with Gil George:

Distant Family



Gil George

Managed by mkcwrites

4th cousin or half 3rd cousin 1x removed

Paternal side

13 cM | < 1% shared DNA

 Public linked tree

6,469 people

 Common ancestor

Gil and I share just 13 cM of DNA, which means that we are rather distant relatives. I immediately noticed that Gil’s DNA “test” is managed by *mkcwrites*, who I know is Mary Kay Coker. I first interacted with Mary Kay in 2015, when I was investigating a shared DNA segment on Chromosome 8. See:

<http://www.burksoakley.com/QuincyOakleyGenealogy/15-OurSpencer-WhitbreadAncestors.pdf>

I went on to look at the details of my DNA match with Gil George. Here is a panel showing our common ancestors:

How are you and Gil George related?

Common Ancestors



According to Ancestry member trees, these are the common ancestors that connect you and Gil George. View a common ancestor to see the relationship path that connects you.

Gil George could be your 5th cousin through:



Rev. Jonathan Allen Miller

4th great-grandfather

1762-1846

View Relationship



Hannah Case

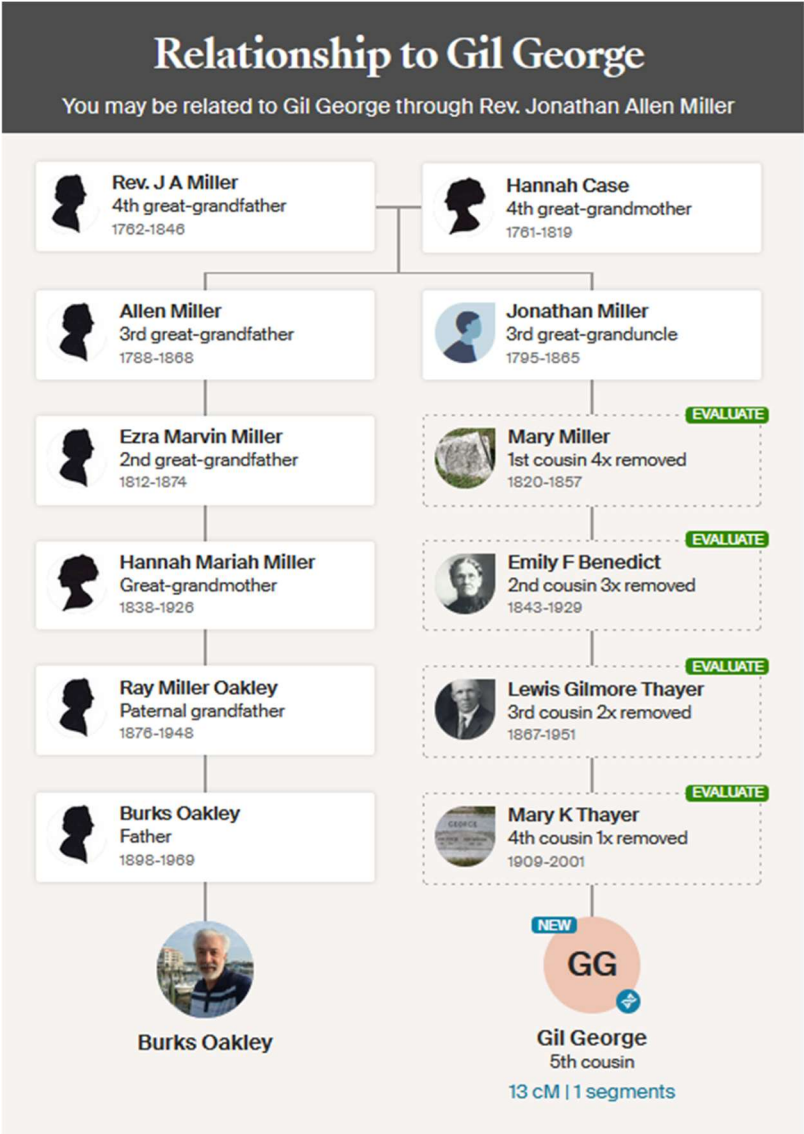
4th great-grandmother

1761-1819

View Relationship

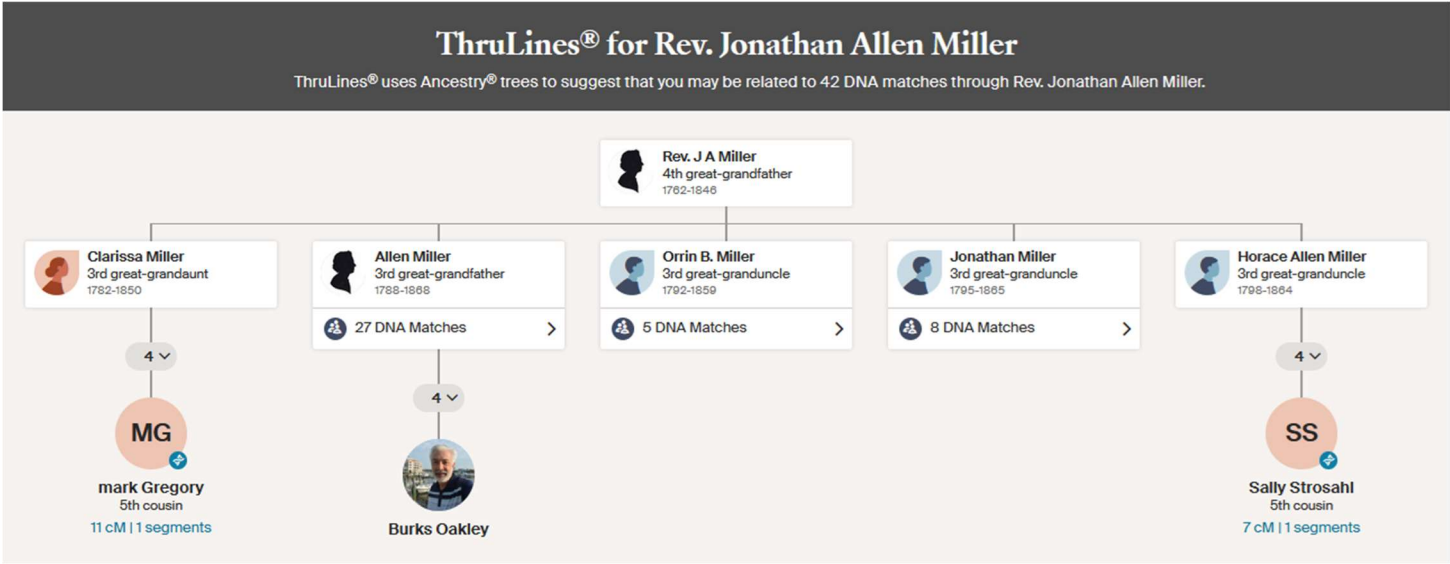
Gil and I both are descended from Rev. Jonathan Allen Miller (1762-1846) and his wife Hannah Case (1761-1819).

I next looked at the chart showing how Gil and I most likely are related:



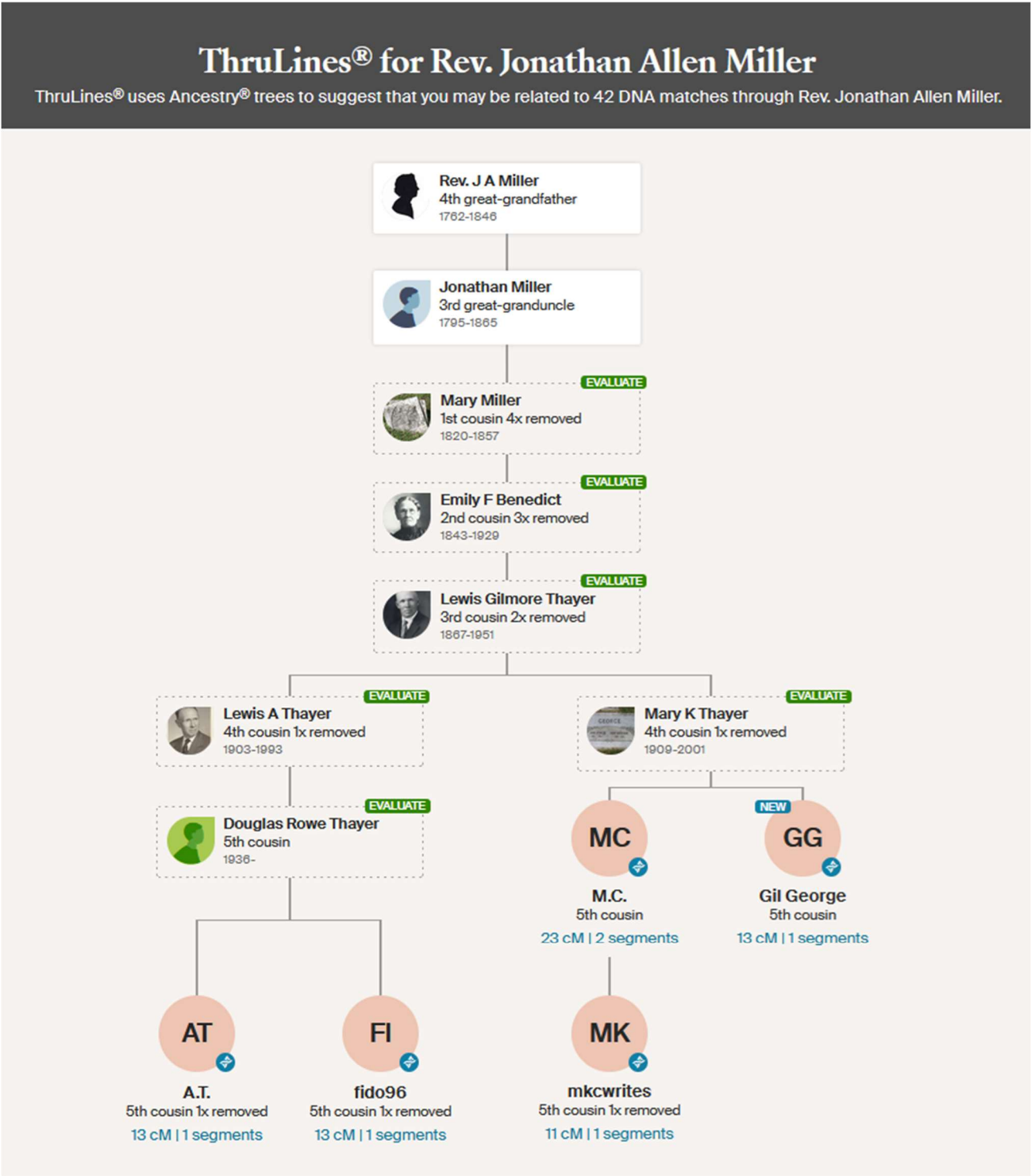
I am descended from the Miller-Case couple through their son Allen Miller (1788-1868), while Gil is descended from this couple through their son Jonathan Miller (1795-1865). Based on this chart, Gil and I are fifth-cousins.

I went on to look at my ThruLines® chart for Rev. Jonathan Allen Miller:



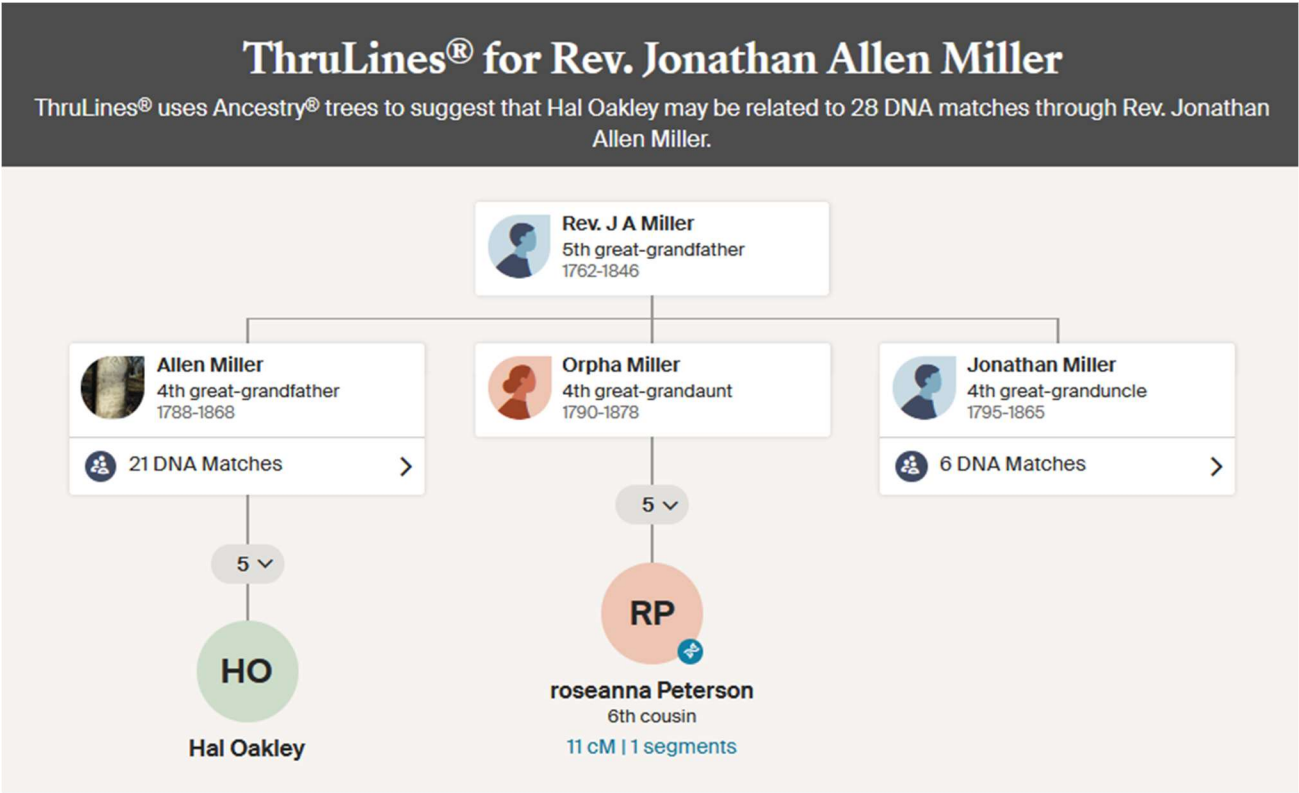
Oh my! I have DNA matches with 42 individuals who are descended from Rev. Jonathan Allen Miller. These matches go back to him through his children Clarissa, Allen, Orrin, Jonathan, and Horace. [I should add that my ThruLines® chart for Rev. Jonathan Allen Miller's wife, Hannah Case, looks identical to this chart.]

I won't go through all of the various sections of this ThruLines® chart. But I will show the section that includes Gil George:



This branch of the ThruLines® chart includes Gil George, his sister *M.C.* (Mary Coker, née George), and *M.C.*'s daughter, *mkcwrites* (Mary Kay Coker). It also includes Mary Kay's second-cousins, *A.T.* and *fido96*.

I also looked at my cousin Hal Oakley's ThruLines® chart for Rev. Jonathan Allen Miller:

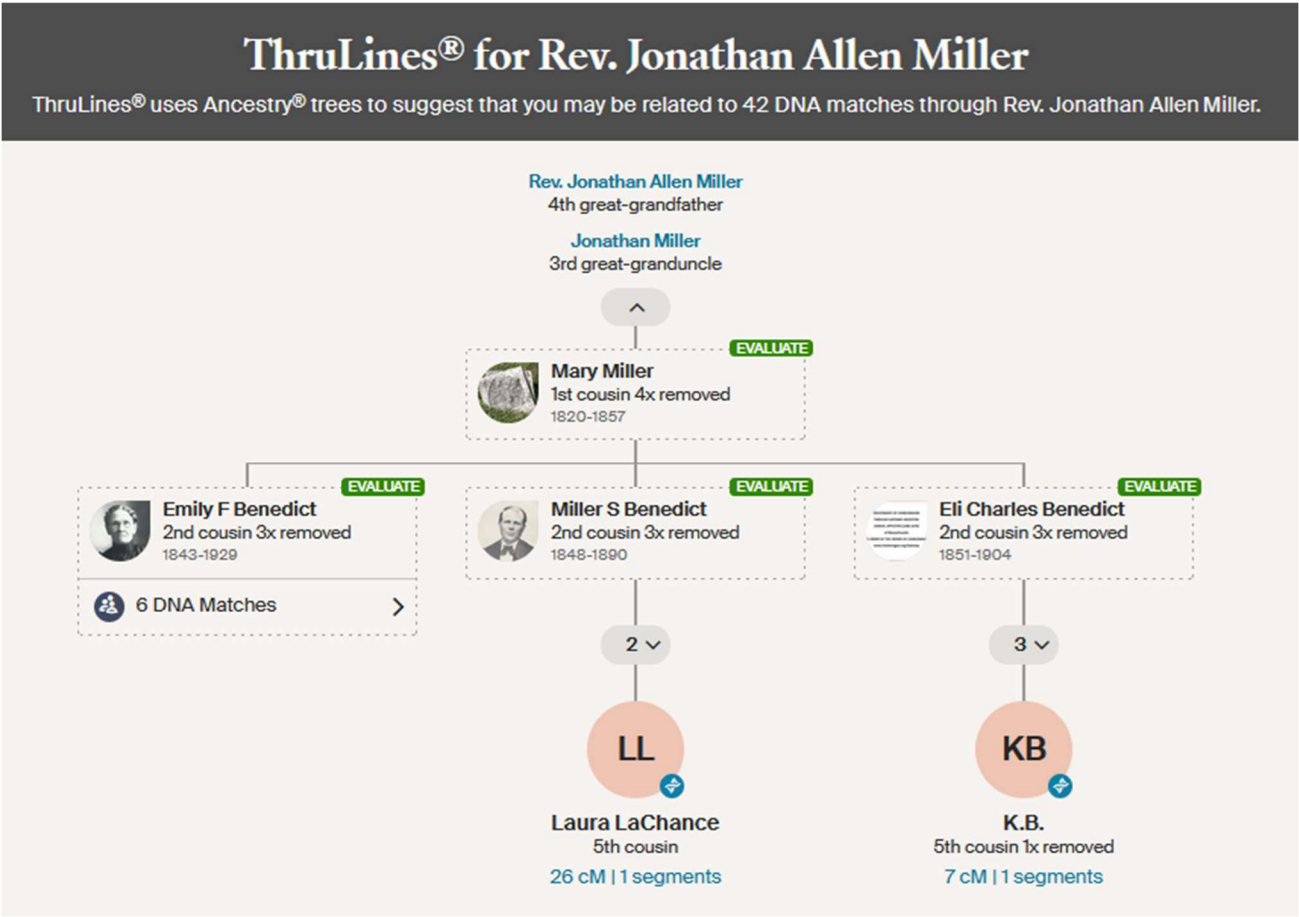


Hal has 28 DNA matches with descendants of Rev. Jonathan Allen Miller. Note that Hal’s DNA match with Roseanna Peterson goes back to Rev. Jonathan Allen Miller through his daughter Orpha Miller (1790-1878) – and I don’t have DNA matches with any of her descendants.

I should add that I have discussed my ThruLines® chart for Rev. Jonathan Allen Miller previously, when I wrote about my DNA match with Laura LaChance:

68-LauraLaChance-and-MillerLine.pdf<http://www.burksoakley.com/QuincyOakleyGenealogy/68-LauraLaChance-and-MillerLine.pdf>

Here is the branch of my ThruLines® chart for Rev. Jonathan Allen Miller with Laura LaChance:



Note that Laura's great-grandfather was Miller Samuel Benedict (1848-1890). I wrote about Miller S. Benedict previously:

http://www.burksoakley.com/QuincyOakleyGenealogy/MillerAsAFirstName_29Jul24.pdf

His mother was Mary Miller, and she married a Mr. Benedict, and they named their son Miller Benedict. Just like Burks Oakley, Bennett Oakley, etc.

Finally, let me wrap this up by mentioning that out of the 42 DNA matches in my ThruLines® chart for Rev. Jonathan Allen Miller, not a single one of them still has the surname ***Miller***.