

More About Our Family’s Roots in New England

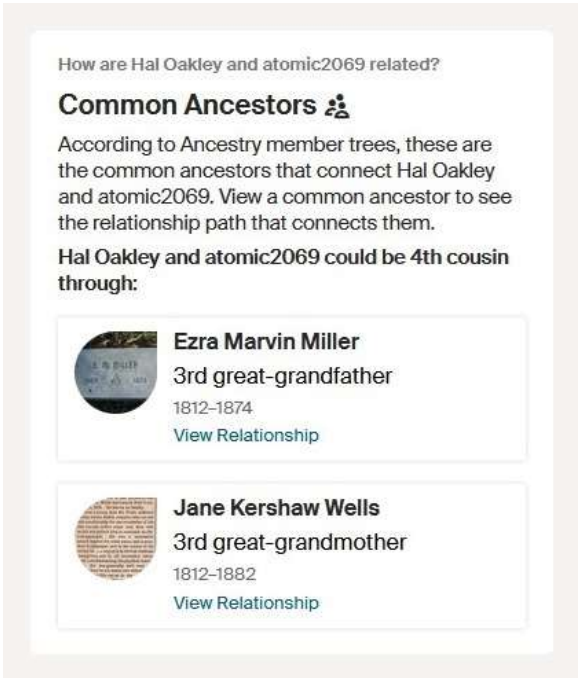
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A few days ago, I was looking to see if I could find something new and different in my cousin Hal Oakley’s DNA matches on the Ancestry.com website. I scrolled down through the list of his DNA matches, and his match with ***atomic2069*** caught my eye:¹



I’m not sure why a woman would pick the username ***atomic2069***....

Hal and this woman share 48 cM of DNA and they have a common ancestor (or ancestors) on Hal’s paternal line. So not having anything pressing, I looked into this match. I learned that their common ancestors were Ezra Marvin Miller (1812-1874) and his wife Jane Kershaw Wells (1812-1882):



This couple were Hal’s third-great grandparents.

¹ I actually mentioned Hal’s DNA match with ***atomic2069*** in an earlier narrative:

<http://www.burksoakley.com/QuincyOakleyGenealogy/35-LaVerneCMiller.pdf>

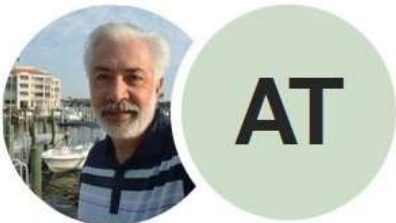
I next looked at the chart showing how Hal and *atomic2069* are related:



Hal is descended from the Miller-Wells couple through their daughter Hannah Mariah Miller (1838-1926), while *atomic2069* is descended from this couple through their son James Fritz Miller (1842-1926).² Based on this chart, Hal and *atomic2069* are fourth-cousins.

Note that Hal’s paternal grandfather, Thomas Crawford Oakley (1909-1969), was a second-cousin of *atomic2069*’s paternal grandmother, Mary Elizabeth Miller (1912-1943).

I looked at other *Oakley* family members, to see if anyone else had a DNA match with *atomic2069*. Here is what I found:

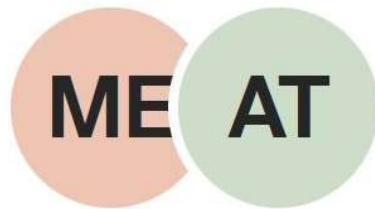


You and *atomic2069*

3rd cousin 1x removed | Paternal side

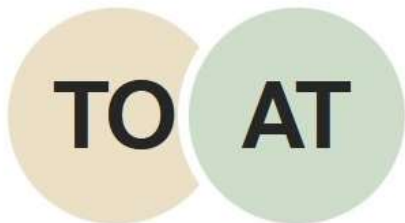
< 1% shared DNA: 21 cM across 2 segments

² I have also seen his name written as James Fitzjames Miller.



Mark Eidem and [atomic2069](#)

5th – 8th Cousin | Maternal side
< 1% shared DNA: 9 cM across 1 segments



Tim Oakley and [atomic2069](#)

4th – 6th Cousin | Paternal side
< 1% shared DNA: 46 cM across 3 segments



Sullivan Oakley and [atomic2069](#)

5th – 8th Cousin | Parent 2's side
< 1% shared DNA: 12 cM across 1 segments

Oh my! All of the **Oakley** family members whose DNA “tests” I can view on Ancestry.com have DNA matches with **atomic2069**. Cousin Tim wins the prize with a whopping 46 cM match.

Based on the relationship chart on the previous page, **atomic2069**’s father was John Wesley Norick (1938-2011). And her family tree is called the “jeanne norick family tree”:

PUBLIC FAMILY TREE

jeanne norick family tree

People:

Records:

Media:

32

44

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So I’m going to refer to her from now on as Jeanne Norick.

I looked at my DNA match with Jeanne Norick in more detail. Specifically, I looked at the list of our “Shared DNA Matches”. Recall that in order to be on this list, an individual has to have DNA matches with both Jeanne and me that are at least 20 cM in size.

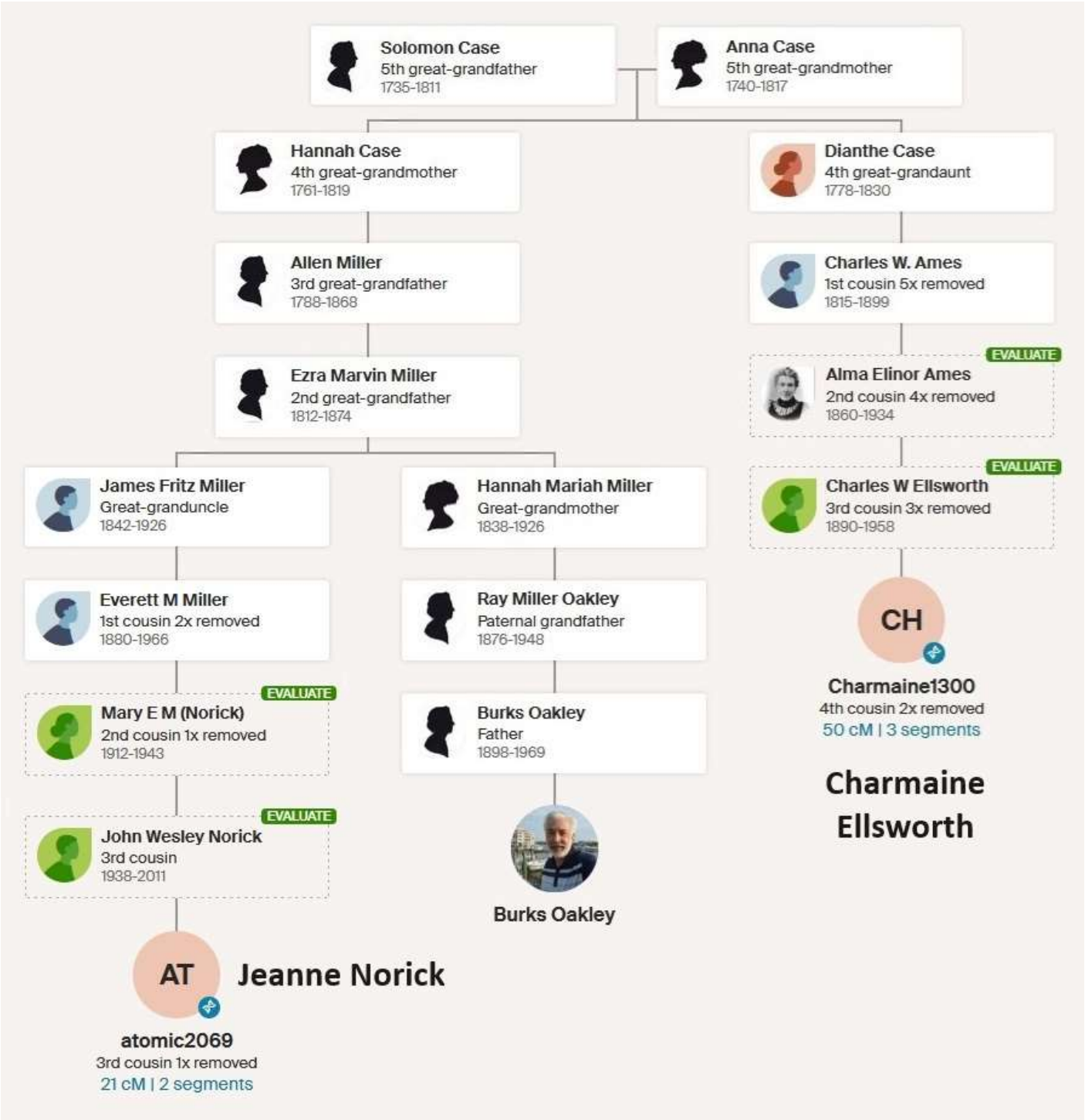
One of the people on this list was a woman with the username **Charmaine1300**:

Charmaine1300 and I are both descended from Solomon Case (1735-1811) and his wife Anna Case (1740-1817). I am descended from this couple through their daughter Hannah Case (1761-1819), while **Charmaine1300** is descended from this couple through their daughter Dianthe Case (1778-1830). Based on these lines, **Charmaine1300** and I are fourth-cousins twice-removed (4C2R).

I noted that in the relationship chart on the previous page, **Charmaine1300's** maiden name was Ellsworth, so I'm going to refer to her from now on as Charmaine Ellsworth.

Note that my ancestral line back to the Case-Case couple (yes, they were first-cousins) goes through Ezra Marvin Miller. And remember that Jeanne Norick is also descended from Ezra Marvin Miller – and that is how Jeanne is connected to Charmaine.

I combined several relationship charts into a single chart:



This chart shows that Jeanne (**atomic2069**) and I are both descended from Ezra Marvin Miller. And it shows that Jeanne is also descended from the Case-Case couple at the top of the chart.

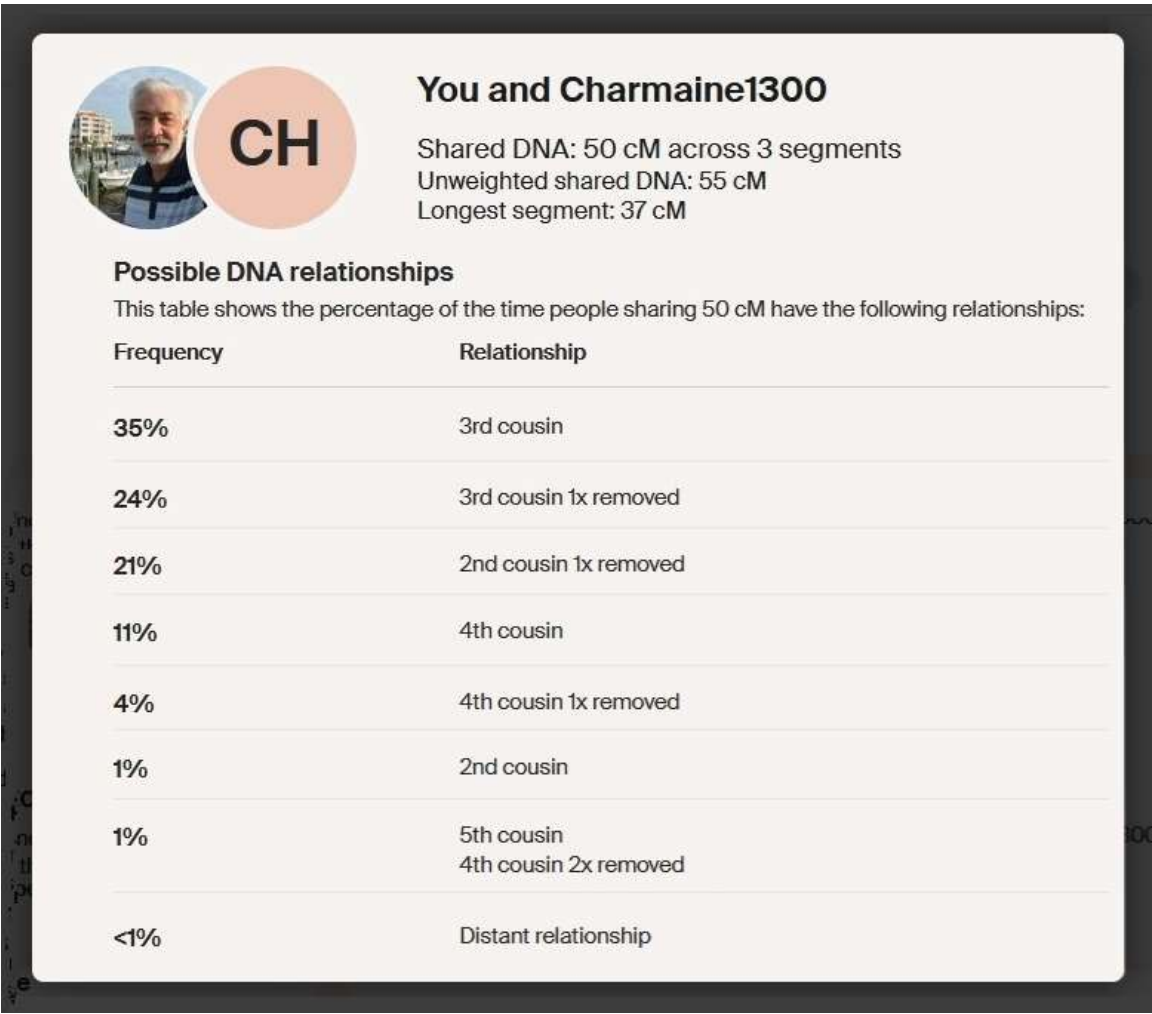
This combined chart shows the genealogy that explains why Jeanne and I have a “Shared DNA Match” with Charmaine. As an aside, I looked at my DNA match with Charmaine, and she and I have a “Shared DNA Match” with Jeanne – the DNA matches are consistent. It would certainly be nice if Ancestry.com included a “chromosome browser”, so I could see if all three of us have the same exact segment of DNA on the same chromosome.

I’m now going to digress and point out a few things about my DNA match with Charmaine.

I was quite surprised to see that Charmaine is in the same generation as my paternal grandfather Ray Miller Oakley – and Ray was born in 1876! And it appears that Charmaine was born in 1936 (see Appendix A).

I was even more surprised to see that Charmaine and I share 50 cM of DNA. This seemed to me to be a rather large match for such a distant relationship. And I was right!

Software on the Ancestry.com website calculated the probabilities of various relationships for people sharing 50 cM:



Note that the highest probability (35%) is that we are third-cousins. And the probability of being a fourth-cousin twice-removed is just 1%! So our DNA match really is much larger than would be expected for our actual relationship.

I also went back and looked at the data from Bettinger’s Shared cM Project. Here is the entry for 4C2R:

$$\begin{array}{c} 4C2R \\ 22 \\ 0 - 93 \end{array}$$

Bettinger found that 4C2R on average share 22 cM of DNA, with a range of 0-93 cM. So indeed my DNA match with Charmaine (50 cM) is larger than normal.

I now want to show a little more about Solomon Case and his wife Anna Case. They lived their entire lives in Simsbury, Connecticut:

Solomon Case

BIRTH 11 MAR 1735 • Simsbury, Hartford, CT

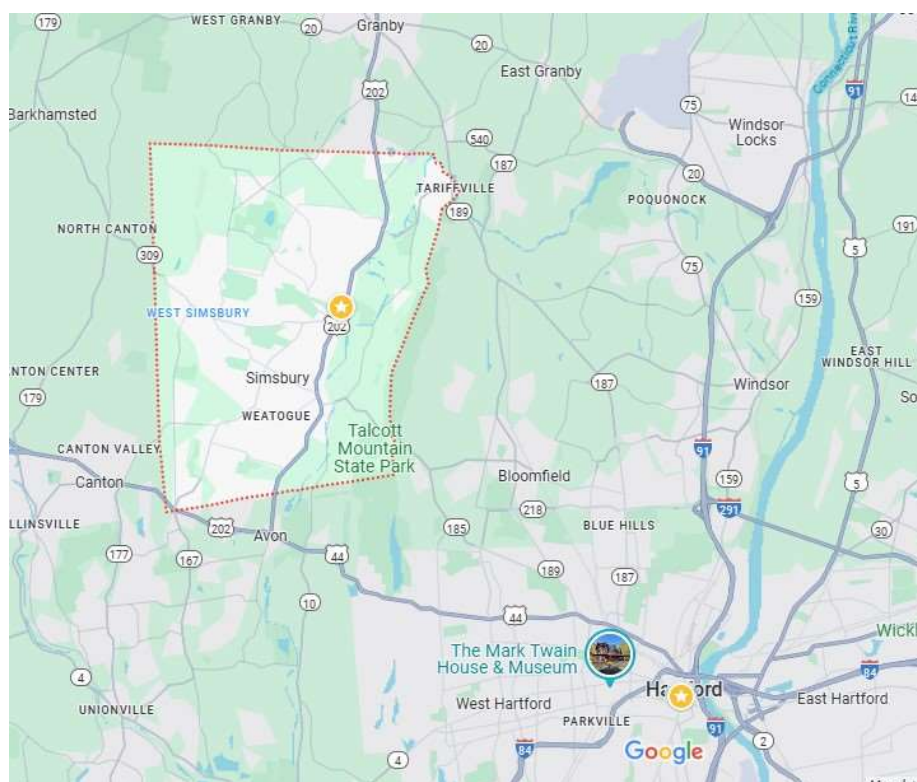
DEATH 03 JUL 1811 • Simsbury, Hartford, CT

Anna Case

BIRTH 4 APR 1740 • Simsbury, Hartford, Connecticut

DEATH 6 APR 1817 • Simsbury, Hartford, Connecticut, United States

Simsbury is a charming New England town, located on the Farmington River, northwest of Hartford:

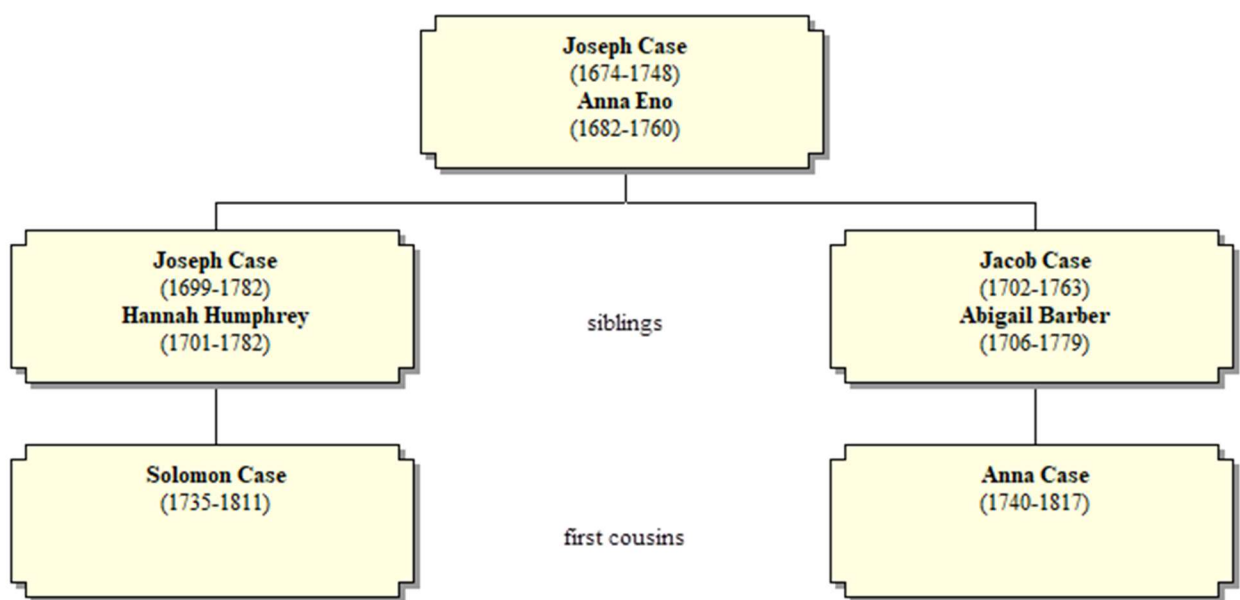


I say “charming”, because the first time I visited there, I had a lobster roll at the local McDonald’s:



But I digress...

It turns out that Solomon Case and his wife Anna Case were first cousins:



Through Anna’s mother, Abigail Barber (1706-1779), and also through Solomon’s mother Hannah Humphrey (1701-1782), the “Quincy Oakleys” are descended from King Edward I of England:

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

I should also mention that our **Case** family line is part of our ancestral line back to our **Spencer-Whitbread** ancestors:

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

I have identified a group of individuals who share a common DNA segment on Chromosome 8, and we all are descended from Michael Spencer (1556-1599) and his wife Elizabeth Whitbread (1540-1599), who lived in England.

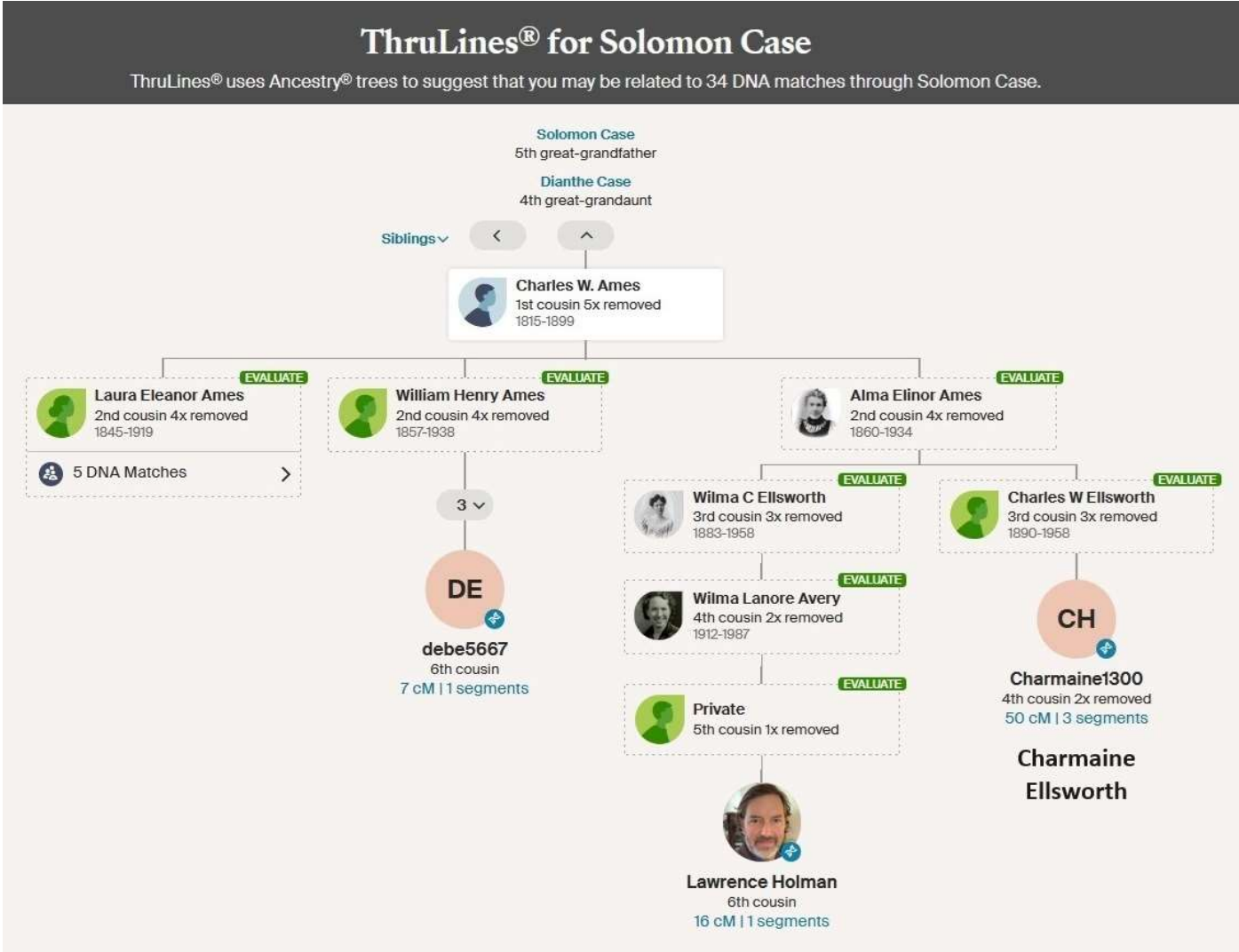
But I digress once again....

For completeness, I looked at the ThruLines® chart for Solomon Case:



[The ThruLines® chart for Anna Case is identical to this one.] I have DNA matches with 34 descendants of Solomon Case, connecting back through his children Hannah Case, Solomon Case, and Dianthe Case.

I can’t possibly show all 34 ancestral lines that constitute the entire ThruLines® chart. So I’ll just show the branch connecting to Charmaine Ellsworth:



As an aside, Jeanne Norick (*atomic2069*) doesn’t appear in any branch of my ThruLines® chart for Solomon Case, since these charts only show up to a fifth-great grandparent – and Solomon Case was Jeanne’s sixth-great grandfather (see the combined chart on the fifth page of this document).

So what is the take-away message here, Burks?

Well, there is an overwhelming amount of DNA evidence connecting the “Quincy Oakleys” back to Solomon Case and his wife Anna Case – the DNA supports the genealogical record. This couple lived in Simsbury, Connecticut, in Colonial times. We connect back to them through our **Miller** ancestors, and of course, it was Hannah Mariah Miller Oakley’s brother Charles L. Miller who ultimately was responsible for bringing the **Oakley** family to Quincy, Illinois, in 1891. Where would we be without the Millers?!!

And as an aside, I note that Ezra Marvin Miller named one of his daughters Hannah, and his paternal grandmother was Hannah Case. I wonder if the selection of the name Hannah for his daughter was because it was a family name.

Appendix A: Charmaine Ellsworth

I know from Charmaine’s ancestral line back to the Case-Case couple that her father was Charles Ellsworth, and that he was born in 1890. [Her family tree is “private”, so I can’t see anything else about her parents.]

I did a Google search for a Charmaine Ellsworth. I found her in the 1940 US Census (on the Ancestry.com website), where she was listed as a four-year-old girl living with her parents in Los Angeles, California:

Charmaine Ellsworth in the 1940 Census

Age 4, born abt 1936

Birthplace California

Gender Female

Race White

Home in 1940 407 West 112 Street
Los Angeles,
Los Angeles, California

Household Members		Age
Head	Charles Ellsworth	49
Wife	Jennie Mae Ellsworth	27
Daughter	Charmaine Ellsworth	4
Son	Budson Ellsworth	2

View Actual Record

Or find other results in the 1940 census for Charmaine Ellsworth

1940 U.S. CENSUS

Not the Charmaine Ellsworth you were looking for? [View more results from the 1940 Census.](#)

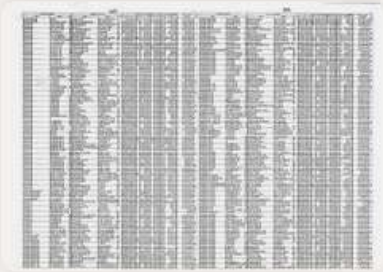
This snapshot of Charmaine Ellsworth's life was captured by the 1940 U.S. Census. When Charmaine Ellsworth was born about 1936, her father, Charles, was 45, and her mother, Jennie, was 23. In 1940, she was 4 years old and lived in Los Angeles, California, with her father, mother, and brother.

Her father was Charles, and he was 49 years old at the time – meaning that he was born in 1890 or 1891. So this checks.

The webpage showing the US Census entry for Charmaine Ellsworth also had links to Charmaine Shellcross, and that led me to information about Charmaine’s marriage in 1954 to Glenn L. Shellcross:

Charmain J Ellsworth

in the California, U.S., Marriage Index, 1949-1959



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Detail	Source
Name	Charmain J Ellsworth
Gender	Female
Estimated Birth Year	abt 1935
Age	19
Marriage Date	8 Aug 1954
Marriage Place	San Joaquin, California, USA
Spouse	Glenn L Shellcross
Spouse Age	18
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And more Googling turned up an article from the Stockton, California, newspaper (Charmaine is on the right in the photo):

<https://www.newspapers.com/article/stockton-evening-and-sunday-record-charm/128170757/>

Dance Planned in Honor of SC Graduates

The 11th and 13th grades at Stockton College will be host groups for a dance Saturday night honoring members of the lower and upper division graduating classes.

Teen-agers will don semi-formal attire for the 9 p. m. to 1 a. m. event.

Jack Hanna's orchestra, directed by Ed Pilon, will play for the "Sentimental Journey" dance.

Miss Dorothea Surryhne, general chairman, has announced that decorations will be carried out in pink and black with stylized trains placed around the walls and couples' names inscribed on tags.

Miss Surryhne's assistants are Miss Pat Hobin and Mr. James Cornelius, band; Miss Carla Lindsey and Miss Margot Seymour, decorations; Mr. Keith Gosnell, concessions; Mr. Ralph Aguilar, bids; Mr. Joseph Garcia, publicity; Miss Charmaine Ellsworth, chaperones, and Miss Frances Bell, checkroom.

Miss Hobin is president of the 11th grade, while Mr. Garcia is president of the 13th grade.

Stockton BPW to Hear Convention, Safety Reports

Reports on both the recent state convention of Business and Professional Women's Clubs and Mrs. Harry Lalor's week-long sojourn in Washington, D. C., representing the local Safety Council will be given Tuesday evening at 6:30

"SENTIMENTAL JOURNEY" ... Miss Dorothea Surryhne (left), general chairman, and Miss Charmaine Ellsworth, chaperones chairman, are shown with toy train models which will be copied in decorations tomorrow night when Stockton College presents its "Sentimental Journey" graduation dance in College of the Pacific's gymnasium. Teen-agers will dance from 9 p. m. until 1 a. m. to the music of Jack Hanna's Orchestra under the direction of Mr. Ed Pilon.

(Record photo)

[View Newspaper](#)

Overall, I'm pretty sure that *Charmaine1300* is really Charmaine Ellsworth.