

My New DNA Match with Kaye Moore Calkins – A *Miller-Wells* Descendant

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I am interested in genetic genealogy – that is, the use of DNA to confirm and to extend my family tree. I make extensive use of the Ancestry.com website in this hobby/pastime/obsession.

On most days, I visit the Ancestry.com website to see if I have any new DNA matches. I now have 5,589 DNA matches on my mother’s side of my family tree, and 49,792 DNA matches on my father’s side of my family tree:

Maternal



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5,589 matches

View matches

Paternal



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49,792 matches

View matches

I typically view all my DNA matches and then filter them so that I only see a DNA match if it meets two criteria: (1) software on Ancestry.com has to have identified our common ancestors and (2) I have not viewed the DNA match previously. Most days, this process turns up zero matches. But on 19 August 2025, I saw that I had a new match with a woman having the username of *kcdelivers*:

Distant Family



kcdelivers

3rd cousin 1x removed

Paternal side

36 cM | < 1% shared DNA

 Private linked tree

6,776 people

 Common ancestor

This woman and I have a 36 cM DNA match, and we are likely to be third-cousins once-removed.

I went on to look at our common ancestors:

How are you and kcdelivers related?

Common Ancestors

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

kcdelivers could be your 3rd cousin 1x removed through:



Ezra Marvin Miller
2nd great-grandfather
1812-1874
[View Relationship](#)



Jane Kershaw Wells
2nd great-grandmother
1812-1882
[View Relationship](#)

kcdelivers and I are both descended from Ezra Marvin Miller (1812-1874) and his wife Jane Kershaw Wells (1812-1882). This couple were my second-great grandparents.

I then looked at a chart showing how *kcdelivers* and I most likely are related:

Relationship to kcdelivers

You may be related to kcdelivers through Ezra Marvin Miller



Ezra Marvin Miller
2nd great-grandfather
1812-1874



Jane Kershaw Wells
2nd great-grandmother
1812-1882



Hannah Mariah Miller
Great-grandmother
1838-1926



Ezra Allen Miller
Great-granduncle
1836-1917



Ray Miller Oakley
Paternal grandfather
1876-1948



Herman E Miller
1st cousin 2x removed
1864-1934



Burks Oakley
Father
1898-1969



Marieta L Miller
2nd cousin 1x removed
1897-1995



Burks Oakley



Rosemary Capps
3rd cousin
1926-2017



kcdelivers
3rd cousin 1x removed
36 cM | 4 segments

I am descended from the *Miller-Wells* couple through their daughter Hannah Mariah Miller (1838-1926), while *kcdelivers* is descended from this couple through their son Ezra Allen Miller (1836-1917). According to this chart,

kcdelivers and I are third-cousins once-removed. I was a third-cousin of her mother, Rosemary Capps (1926-2017).

I next looked at our “Shared DNA Matches”. Here are our three largest shared matches from my perspective:

Shared match:		 Your:	 kcdelivers's:
 Hal Oakley	  	Your: 1st cousin 1x removed 418 cM Paternal side	kcdelivers's: 3rd cousin 1x removed or half 3rd cousin 42 cM
 Allen Oakley	 	Your: 1st cousin 2x removed 173 cM Paternal side	kcdelivers's: Half 2nd cousin 2x removed or 2nd cousin 3x removed 44 cM
 Ronald Miller	 	Your: 3rd cousin 100 cM Paternal side	kcdelivers's: 2nd cousin 1x removed or half 2nd cousin 177 cM

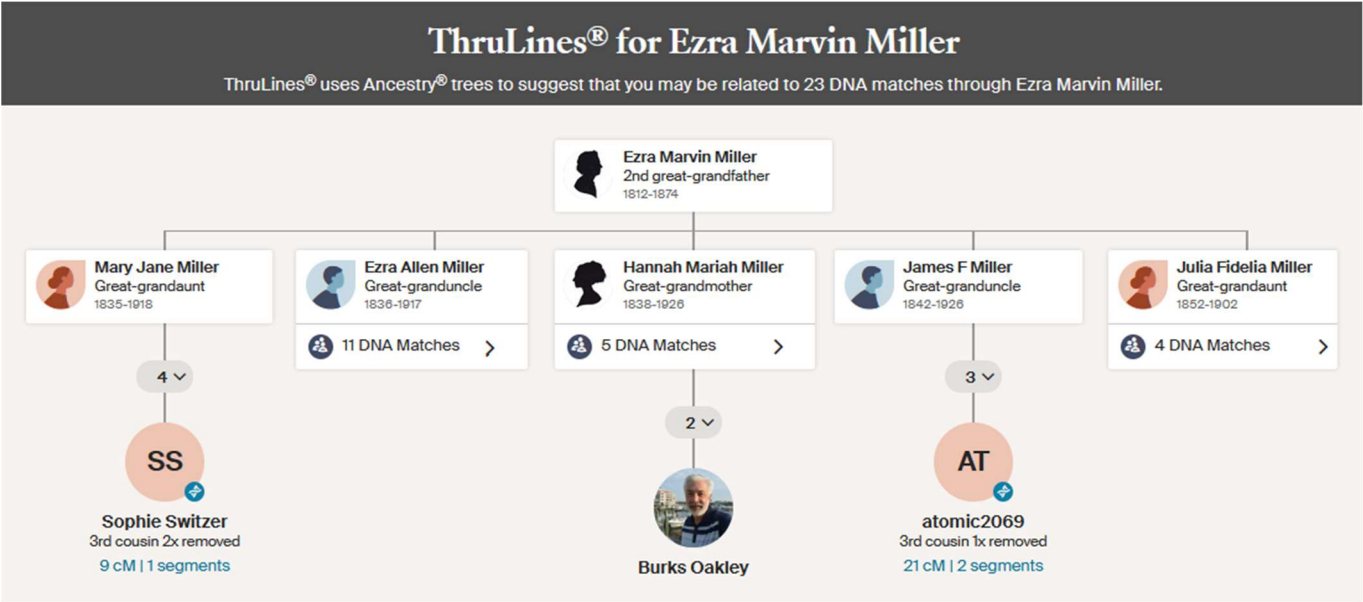
These shared matches are with Hal Oakley (my first-cousin once-removed), his son Allen Oakley, and Ronald Miller. Of course, Hal and his son Allen are both descended from the **Miller-Wells** couple. Ronald Miller is my third-cousin. His daughter, Karin Brouillette (née Miller), has a family tree on Ancestry, showing that she and her father are also descended from the **Miller-Wells** couple.

I also looked at my “Shared DNA Matches” with **kcdelivers** from her perspective:

Shared match:		Your:	kcdelivers's:	
	David Capps	 	Your: Half 3rd cousin or 3rd cousin 1x removed 40 cM Paternal side	kcdelivers's: 1st cousin or half uncle 938 cM
	William Capps Managed by especiallykids	  	Your: 4th cousin or half 3rd cousin 1x removed 8 cM Paternal side	kcdelivers's: 1st cousin or half uncle 885 cM
	Douglas Capps	  	Your: 4th cousin or half 3rd cousin 1x removed 17 cM Paternal side	kcdelivers's: 1st cousin or half uncle 775 cM
	JASON KELLY	  	Your: Half 3rd cousin 1x removed or 4th cousin 10 cM Paternal side	kcdelivers's: 2nd cousin or half 1st cousin 1x removed 311 cM

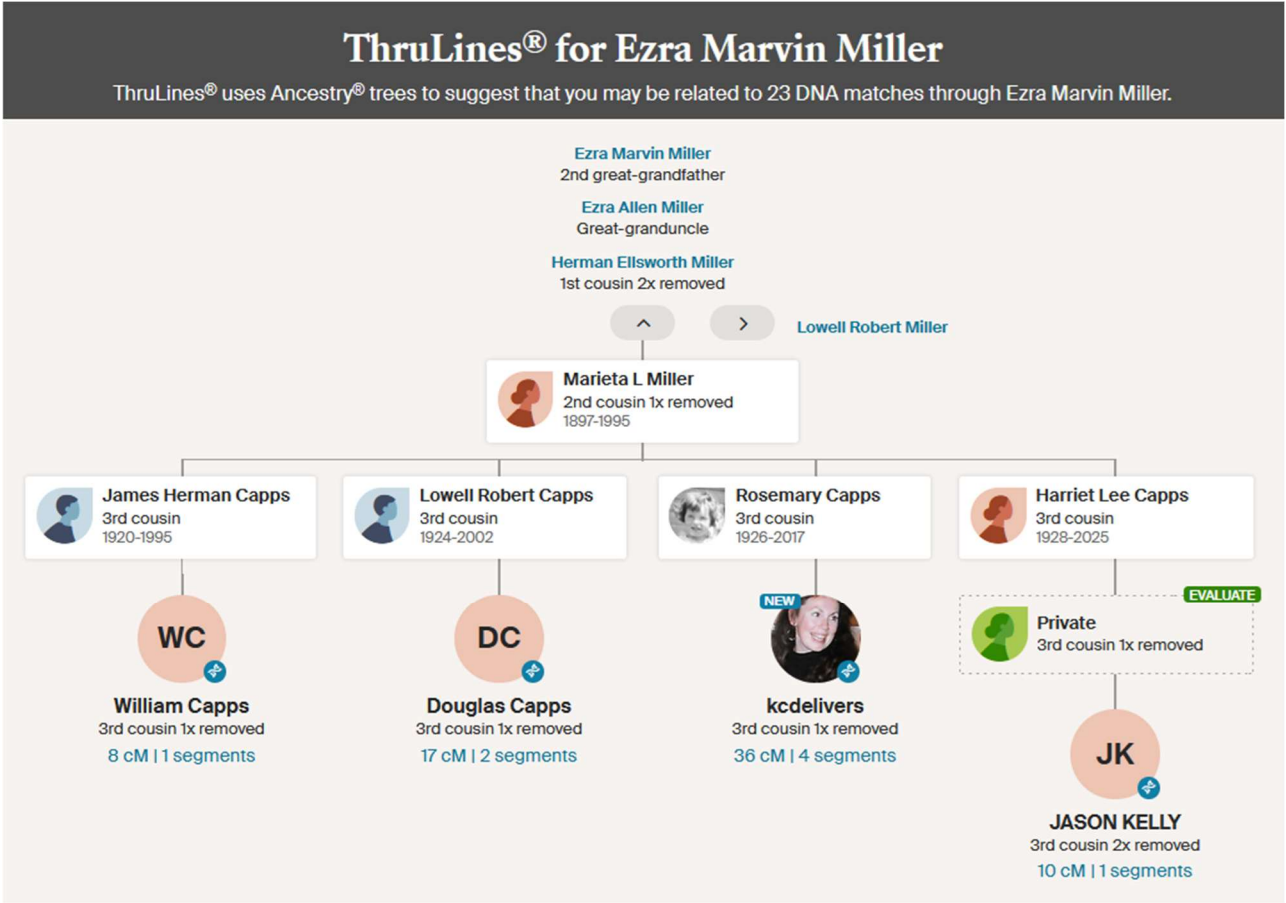
The largest shared matches from her perspective are with David Capps, William Capps, Douglas Capps, and Jason Kelly. The first three of these people are most likely her first-cousins, while the fourth is likely her second-cousin.

I went on to look at the ThruLines® chart for Ezra Marvin Miller. Here is the chart with all lines “closed”:



I have a total of twenty-three DNA matches with descendants of Ezra Marvin Miller. [I should add that the ThruLines® chart for Ezra’s wife, Jane Kershaw Wells, looks identical to this chart.]

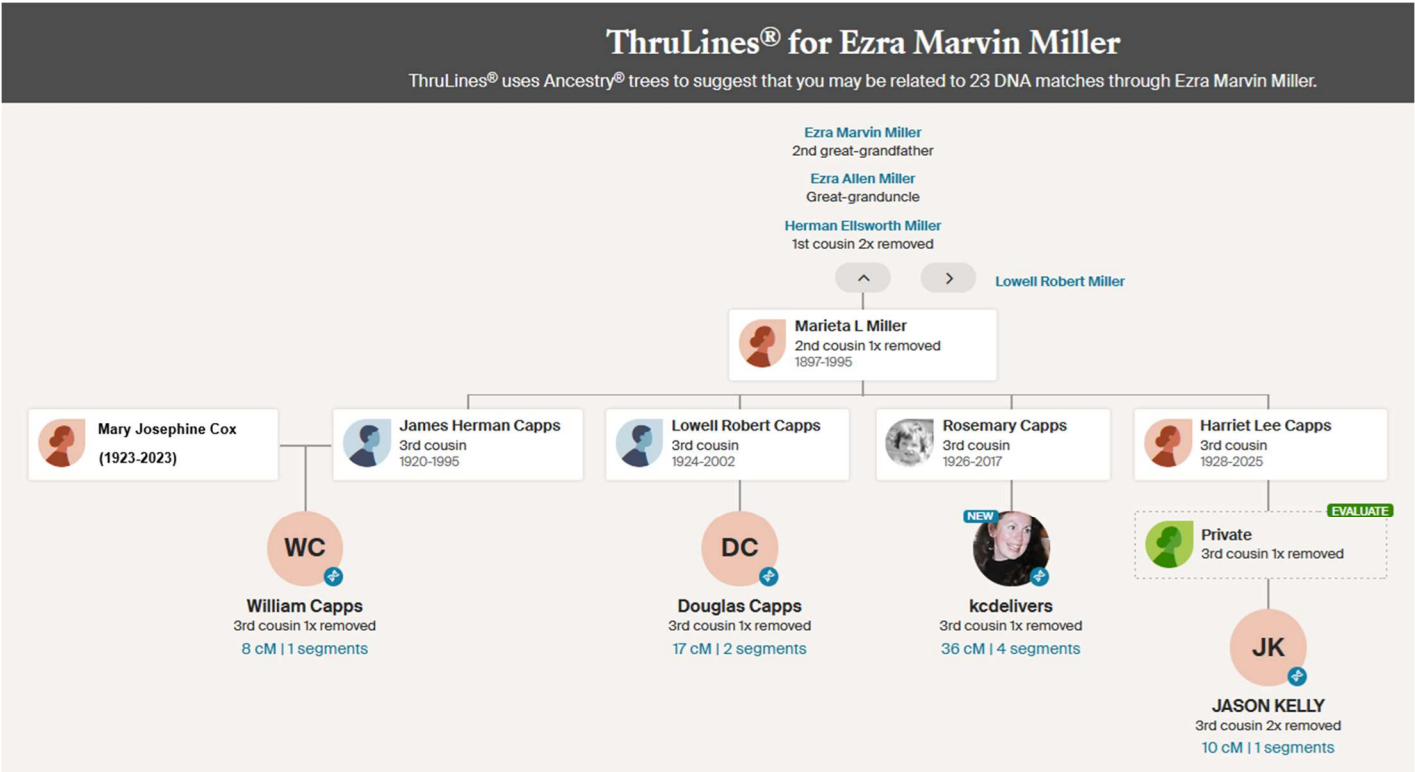
I opened the ancestral line going back through Ezra Allen Miller, and then I opened the line going down to *kcdelivers*:



Oh my! This branch of the ThruLines® chart shows that William Capps and Douglas Capps are indeed first-cousins of *kcdelivers*, and that Jason Kelly is her first-cousin once-removed. Those are the people I mentioned in our list of Shared DNA Matches.

The “Shared DNA Matches” provide strong support for these genealogical relationships. It is always nice when the genetics (the DNA matches) support the genealogical record (the family trees).

Now let me digress to mention how I know the **Capps** family. In the ThruLines® chart shown on the previous page, the DNA match in the lower-left corner is William Capps. His father was James Herman Capps (1920-1995). His mother, who was not shown in that chart, was Mary Josephine Cox (1923-2023). I added her to the overall chart:



Note that Mary Jo (as she was called), was an aunt (by marriage) of **kcdelivers**. I wonder how well they knew each other.

It turns out that Mary Jo was very interested in the genealogy of the **Miller** family (her mother-in-law was Marieta L. Miller). And in the 1950’s, she and her family lived in a suburb of Cleveland, Ohio – and I lived with my parents in a different suburb of Cleveland. At any rate, somehow my father, who was also interested in the genealogy of the **Miller** family, connected with Mary Jo. I vaguely remember meeting her when I was ten-years-old or so.

After I became interested in DNA and genealogy, I visited several **Miller** relatives (Tony Miller, Jerome “Jerry” Everitt Miller, Jr.) in Portland, Oregon, when I was there for an academic conference in 2005. And Mary Jo was there!

At the time, I sent an email to one of my **Oakley** relatives:

Jerome has copies of all of Ezra Marvin Miller's Civil War records. Enlistment paper, muster out paper, pay records. Recall that Ezra Marvin was a veterinary surgeon. He also has Ezra’s handgun from the Civil War.

He also has Ezra Allen Miller's Civil War records and handgun. And his widow’s pension document from 1916.

I last exchanged emails with Mary Jo Capps in 2016 when she was 93 years old. She died in 2023 at the age of 100 years.

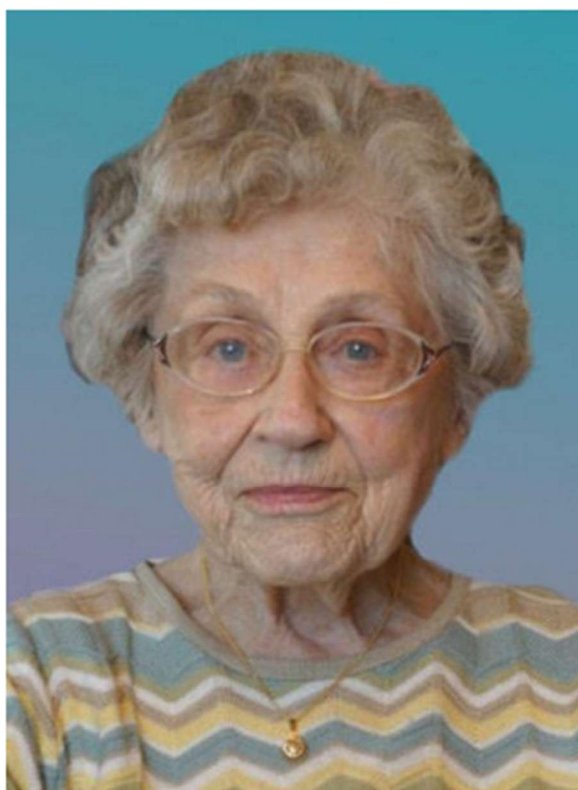
Here is a screenshot of her online obituary:

Mary Jo Capps 1923 - 2023

Mary Josephine (Mary Jo) Capps passed away April 14, 2023, in San Carlos, California. She was 100 years old. Born January 25, 1923, in Madison, Wisconsin, she was the daughter of George B. and Josephine Cox. She moved with her family in 1927 to Corvallis, Oregon, when her father took a manual arts teaching position at Oregon State Agricultural College. She graduated from Corvallis High School in 1940. She attended Oregon State College, majoring in Home Economics, graduating in 1946.

She was married to James H. Capps on June 6, 1944, D-Day, in a beautiful wedding planned in 48 hours with 150 guests when Jim suddenly came home on leave. They had been married for 50 years when he died on May 24, 1995.

She and Jim moved to Fort Wayne, Indiana, after he graduated from Oregon State College in 1947. While he worked for General Electric, the family lived in Fort Wayne, followed by Brecksville, Ohio, Niskayuna, New York, and Wilton, Connecticut. When Jim left GE to take a job at the U.S. Department of Energy, he and Mary Jo moved to Morgantown, West Virginia. In 1987, he retired and they moved "home" to Oregon, choosing to live in McMinnville.



Mary Jo was an awesome wife and mother who had many talents and hobbies and who was active in many organizations throughout her life. Once their children had all left home, she began working as a "Kelly Girl" in Connecticut. She was much in demand but loved being a "temp" since it afforded her the opportunity to take time off to travel with Jim for his work and pleasure. In Morgantown, she became an early user of computers, first a Radio Shack TRS-80 and then a Macintosh. She created a word processing business called "A Way With Words."

The organizations in which she was active included Alpha Xi Delta Sorority, P.E.O. and DAR. She served as Girl Scout leader for daughter Barbara's troop for years. She was a very active volunteer at the Schenectady New York Museum, including managing the gift shop for three years. She was active in a Newcomers Club in Morgantown and imported the idea to McMinnville, where she was instrumental in starting a club there. In McMinnville, she was also active in the Garden Club and at the Yamhill County Museum. She continued to hone her word processing skills to produce the membership/yearbooks for several organizations.

Throughout her life, Mary Jo was an avid woodworker. She often took community woodworking classes at the local high school so she would have access to tools she and Jim didn't have at home. Over the years, she made a few pieces of furniture, refinished and re-caned antique dining chairs, created clocks from fruit tree burls and made whatnot shelves to display items she picked up as she traveled the world.

Mary Jo loved to travel. She and Jim traveled to Europe and Alaska before he passed away. She then continued to travel on tours and was able to travel to every continent. She was especially enamored with Antarctica and the penguins.

Survivors include two sons, William Capps (Carol) of Irwin, Pennsylvania, and Stephen Capps (Marie D'Amico) of San Carlos, California; a daughter, Barbara Cormack of Beaverton, Oregon; five grandchildren, Jennifer Clarke (Art) of San Francisco, Christopher Cormack (Olga Senashova) of Portland, Oregon, Ashley Capps of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, Jim Capps of Pittsburgh, and Emma Capps of San Carlos; as well as two great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, James Capps; and her brother, George Cox, Jr.

A casual and joyous Celebration of Life will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, July 8, on the grounds of the Newell Pioneer Village on Champoege Road near St. Paul, Oregon. In lieu of flowers, memorial gifts may be sent to the OSSDAR Newell Pioneer Village at 8089 Champoege Rd. N.E., St. Paul, Oregon 97137. It is also possible to securely donate online using Paypal or a credit card at <https://newellpioneervillage.com>. The donate button is at the bottom of the home page. Either way, please add a message indicating that the donation is in honor of Mary Jo Capps for the upkeep of the Newell Pioneer Village.

But I digress....

One last thing. Who is *kcdelivers*? I knew that her mother was Rosemary Capps Moore. I found Rosemary’s obituary online:



Official Obituary of

Rosemary Capps Moore

December 16, 1926 - August 8, 2017

Rosemary Capps Moore Obituary

Rosemary was born December 16, 1926 in Bandon, Oregon to John Capps and Lucille Miller Capps, and was a long time resident of McMinnville, OR. She married Charles Moore of Newberg on August 22, 1948.

She is survived by three children: Kaye Moore Calkins, Charles Scott Moore, and Linda Moore.

Rosemary was predeceased by her husband, Charles; brothers: Jim Capps and Robert Capps; sisters: Dorothy Capps Paola and Marjorie Capps and she is survived by sister, Harriet Capps St. Marie and sisters-in-law, Mary Jo Capps and Vera Capps.

Rosemary was schooled in McMinnville with two years at Oregon State. She was a joiner, enjoying memberships in several societies, including D.A.R., P.E.O., The Mayflower Society and the First Baptist Church of McMinnville. Rosemary loved family, books, travel, boating, sports, golf and bridge; her years at the Bookshop in McMinnville, most everything!

This obituary mentions that Rosemary was a long-time resident of McMinnville, Oregon. Moreover, it mentions that her daughters were Kaye Moore Calkins and Linda Moore. Kaye Calkins would have the initials K.C. – so could this be *kcdelivers*?

I next Googled “Kaye Moore Calkins” (no quotes) and found:

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mcminvillehighschool.org/alumni/5675290/kay-calkins.html

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🗣 Kay Moore Calkins's Latest Activity:

- Added photos to their [personal photo gallery](#). 2020

- Updated her profile. 2020

- Registered as a [MHS Class of 1969 alumni](#). 2015

👤 Personal Info

Name:

Maiden Name:

Graduation Year:

Kay Calkins

Moore

1969



Kay Moore Calkins graduated from McMinnville High School in 1969. And note that this is the same photo as she has on her profile on Ancestry.com.

A Facebook search for Kay Calkins turned up:

<https://www.facebook.com/kcdelivers>

Note that the URL for her account includes **kcdelivers** – bingo!!!

So now at least I know who she is – Kaye (or Kay) Moore Calkins.

Overall, it always is nice to find another DNA match with someone who is in the **Miller** branch of our family tree.

Note that in my family's ancestral line back to Ezra Marvin Miller:

Ezra's daughter was Hannah Mariah Miller.

Hannah's son was Ray Miller Oakley (my grandfather).

One of Ray's sons was Allen Miller Oakley (my uncle).

Allen's grandson was Marvin Miller Wright (my first-cousin once-removed).

And of course, we can trace our **Miller** ancestry in America back to William Miller and his wife Patience Bacon, who were among the founders of Northampton, Massachusetts, in 1653. And we can trace William Miller's ancestral line back to England in the 1300's. See:

<http://www.burksoakley.com/QuincyOakleyGenealogy/3A-MillerGenealogy.pdf>

I wonder if Kaye know about all this. Or, conversely, I wonder how much more she knows about the **Miller** family than I do....