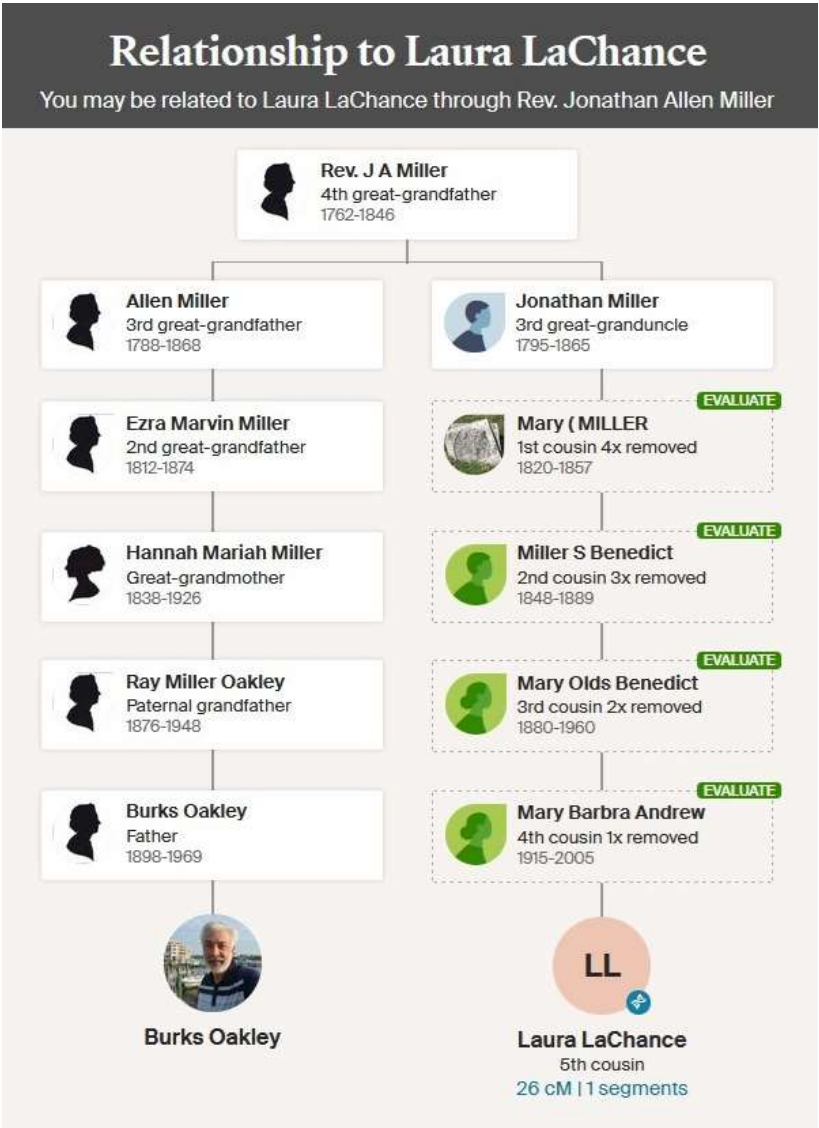


Miller as a First Name

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Earlier today, I was going through my DNA matches on Ancestry.com and checking that I had the correct relationship for those DNA matches where our common ancestors have been identified. So rather than have it read “Distant Relationship”, I might edit it to read “Fifth-cousin” (or whatever). I did this for my DNA match with Laura LaChance, and in so doing, I looked at our relationship chart:



Laura is my fifth-cousin and we both are descended from Rev. Jonathan Allen Miller (1762-1846) and his wife Hannah Case (1761-1819).

In looking at Laura’s ancestral line, I noticed that Laura’s second-great grandmother, Mary Miller (1820-1857), had a son named Miller S. Benedict (1848-1889). I don’t recall seeing *Miller* used as a first name before (but maybe I have ...).

I looked at Mary Miller’s profile in the “Gordon Family Tree” on Ancestry.com:

