

My ***Thompson-Addington*** DNA Relatives – An Update with a Major Correction

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I recently wrote a narrative entitled “My ***Thompson-Addington*** DNA Relatives” – see:

http://www.burksoakley.com/QuincyOakleyGenealogy/Thompson-AddingtonFamily_16May25.pdf

When I was looking into this branch of my family tree, I didn’t find any family trees on the Ancestry.com website that had helpful information (I just didn’t try hard enough), so I guessed at several of my relationships with my DNA matches in this branch of our family tree. And boy, was I wrong! I never would have expected the actual relationships. Much of the information I needed was actually on the Ancestry.com website – I was just in too much of a hurry to look deeper into some family trees.

After I wrote the narrative referenced above, I emailed a copy of it to my DNA cousin Tommy Lee Addington, and he responded with some VERY useful information that allowed me to correct what I had wrong.

Since 2018, I have known that I have a large DNA match with Tommy Lee Addington, and our matching DNA segment is on Chromosome 15 – what I now call the ***Oakley-Browne*** DNA segment. But I never have been able to figure out how Tommy and I are related.

I recently found that I have a DNA match with Nellie Belle Thompson (1939-), and it appears that she has the ***Oakley-Browne*** DNA segment. I subsequently found that Nellie’s sister was Gertrude Mae Thompson (1934-2009), and that Tommy Lee Addington was Gertrude’s son. I also learned that Kelly Waddell (married name Schlicher) was Nellie’s daughter.

I have DNA matches with Tommy, Nellie, and Kelly. I also have a DNA match with David Thompson, and given his surname and the size of his DNA match with Nellie Thompson, I guessed that he was a nephew of Gertrude and Nellie. And that was a really bad guess.

In “researching” the ***Thompson-Addington*** family, I learned that Gertrude and Nellie’s father was George Edward Thompson (1912-1955):

Middagh-Middaugh-Me... ▾

Find in tree

JG Joyce Gallant



George Edward Thompson

BIRTH 7 AUG 1912 • Easton, New York

DEATH 29 MAY 1955

Family

Spouse and children

Parents

 Eugene Willard "Gene" Thompson
1888-1938

 Daisy B Eddy
1890-1959

Siblings ▾

 Sylvia Sothard
1914-1986

 Gertrude Mae Thompson
1934-2009

 Jerry Pearl/Peryl Thompson
1938-1993

 Private

 Private

 Private

And I learned that George’s wife was Sylvia Sothard (1914-1986):

2021- SOTHARD FAMILY ... ▾

Find in tree

PJ pjnemchin



Sylvia Sothard

BIRTH 22 JUN 1914 • Ohio, USA

DEATH MAY 1986 • Cincinnati, Hamilton, Ohio, USA

Family

Spouse and children

Parents

 Elmer S Sothard
1891-1966

 Nellie MILLER
1896-1959

Siblings ▾

 George E THOMPSON
1913-1955

 Gertrude M THOMPSON
1934-2009

(This profile doesn’t have all their children.) I was convinced that my connection to this part of my family tree had to go through George Thompson or Sylvia Sothard.

The one thing that I never thought to do was look at George’s siblings and Sylvia’s siblings. BIG MISTAKE!!

Here is the part of George’s profile with his siblings:

Middagh-Middaugh-Me... Find in tree JG Joyce Gallant

 **George Edward Thompson**
 BIRTH 7 AUG 1912 • Easton, New York
 DEATH 29 MAY 1955

Family

Parents

 Eugene Willard "Gene" Thompson
1888-1938

 Daisy B Eddy
1890-1959

Siblings

 Ina Pearl Thompson
1910-1992

 Raymond Henry Thompson
1914-1996

Note in particular that George had a younger brother named Raymond Henry Thompson (1914-1996).

And here is the part of Sylvia's profile with her siblings:

2021- SOTHARD FAMILY ... Find in tree PJ pjnemchin

 **Sylvia Sothard**
 BIRTH 22 JUN 1914 • Ohio, USA
 DEATH MAY 1986 • Cincinnati, Hamilton, Ohio, USA

Family

Parents

 Elmer S Sothard
1891-1966

 Nellie MILLER
1896-1959

Siblings

 Virginia Sothard
1913-2004

 Martha Irene THOMPSON
1915-2002

 Janet Pauline MARTIN
1917-2001

 Violet Marie Sothard
1919-1992

 Nellie M SOTHARD
1922-2005

 Elmer SOTHARD
1926-1965

 William F Sothard
1928-1993

Hmmm..... Note that Sylvia's sister Martha Irene Sothard (1915-2002) is listed as Martha Irene Thompson. Martha Irene would have had to be a ***Sothard***, so ***Thompson*** must have been her married name.

And who do you think her husband was?

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Raymond Thompson Fa...Find in treeDTDavid Thompson



Martha Irene Sothard

BIRTH25 JUL 1915 • Springfield, Clark County, Ohio, United States of America

DEATH20 NOVEMBER 2002 • Mason, Warren County, Ohio, United States of America

Family

Parents

Elmer S Sothard
1891-1966

Nellie Blanch Miller
1896-1959

Siblings

Virginia B Sothard
1912-

Sylvia E Sothard
1915-

Pauline J Sothard
1918-

Violet N Sothard
1920-

Private

Private

Private

Spouse and children

Raymond Henry Thompson
1914-1996

Neil Edward Thompson
1945-2019

Private

Martha Irene Sothard was married to Raymond Henry Thompson.

And Raymond’s brother George Edward Thompson was married to Martha Irene Sothard’s sister Sylvia Sothard.

OMG! This is a case of two brothers marrying two sisters. And according to the email that Tommy Lee Addington sent me, David Thompson is a son of Raymond and Martha. And Gertrude and Nellie are daughters of George and Sylvia. Whenever two brothers marry two sisters, the offspring of the two couples are considered to be “double first-cousins”. So David is a double first-cousin of Gertrude and Nellie. And double first-cousins have more shared DNA than regular first-cousins:

Google AI Overview:

Double first cousins share a higher percentage of their DNA than regular first cousins, roughly 25%. This is because they share all four grandparents in common, unlike regular first cousins who share only two. ***This level of genetic similarity is the same as that found between half-siblings*** [my emphasis] or between an individual and their grandparent. [Please excuse the grammatical error made by the AI engine.]

When I first saw David’s DNA match with Nellie, I thought that he was her nephew:

David Thompson



Your:

Half 3rd cousin or 3rd cousin 1x removed
40 cM
Paternal side

Nellie Waddell's:

Half brother or **nephew**
1,362 cM

Now, I see that the other possibility was that he is her half-brother:



David Thompson



Your:

Half 3rd cousin or 3rd cousin 1x removed

40 cM

Paternal side

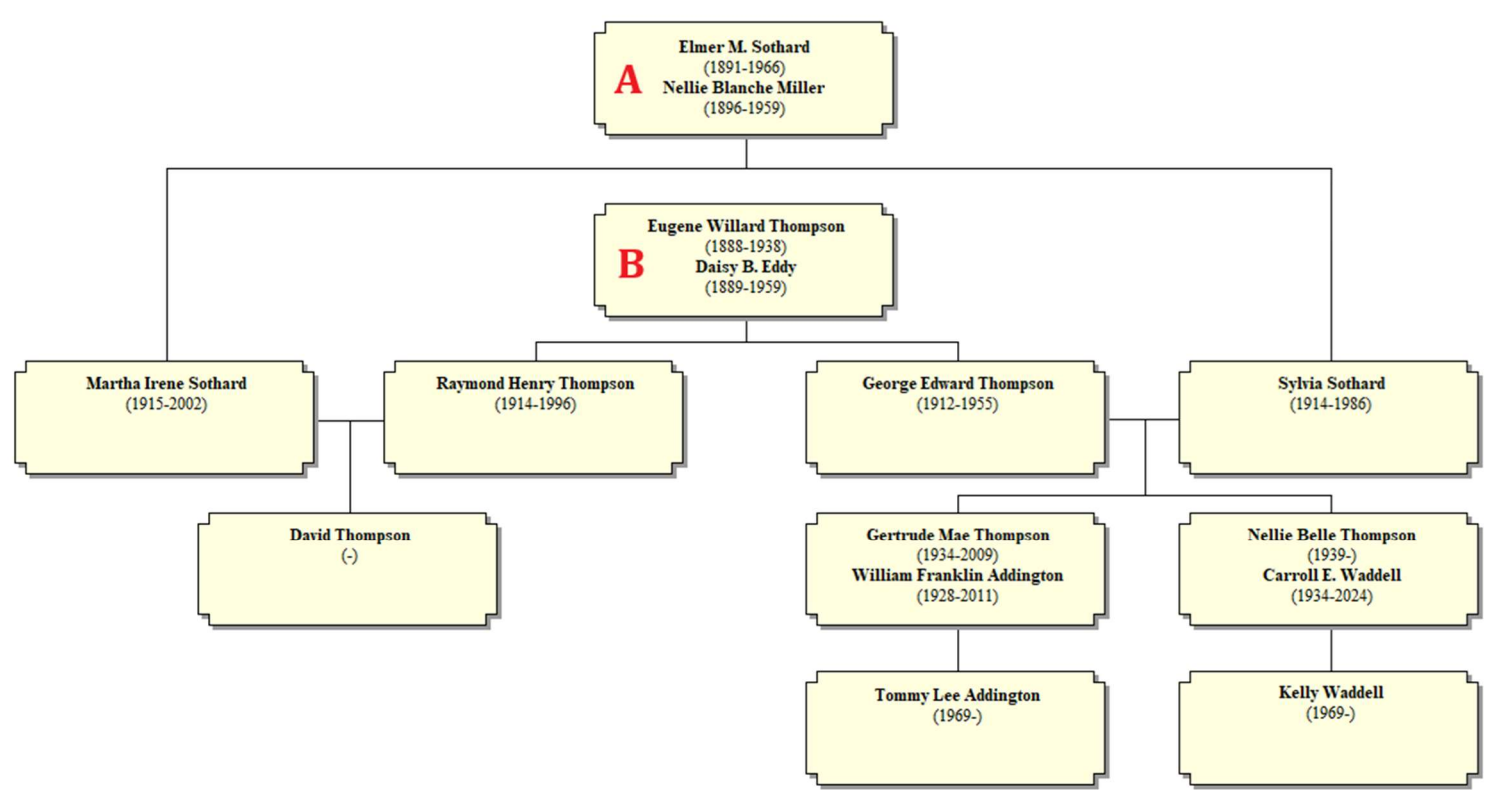
Nellie Waddell's:

Half brother or nephew

1,362 cM

And now I realize that both options are wrong – they are double first-cousins!

I now have corrected the relationship chart – and here is the revised chart.



This chart begins at the top with two couples, marked with a red “A” and a red “B”. Couple A was Elmer M. Sothard (1891-1966) and his wife Nellie Blanche Miller (1896-1959). This couple had two daughters, Martha Irene Sothard (1915-2002) and Sylvia Sothard (1914-1986).

Couple B was Eugene Willard Thompson (1888-1938) and his wife Daisy B. Eddy (1889-1959). This couple had two sons, George Edward Thompson (1912-1955) and Raymond Henry Thompson (1914-1996).

Raymond Henry Thompson married Martha Irene Sothard and their son was David Thompson.

George Edward Thompson married Sylvia Sothard and their two daughters were Gertrude Mae Thompson and Nellie Belle Thompson.

Gertrude married William Franklin Addington and their son was Tommy Lee Addington. Nellie married Carroll E. Waddell and their daughter was Kelly Waddell.

Now comes the tough part. Note that all my DNA matches in this branch of the family (David, Tommy, Nellie, Kelly) are descended from BOTH couples at the top of the relationship chart shown above (what I labelled couple A and couple B). One can trace an ancestral line back from any four of my DNA matches to either

of the couples at the top of the chart. This means that the husband or the wife in these two couples could be my relative carrying the ***Oakley-Browne*** DNA segment. This makes it twice as challenging for me to figure out exactly how I am related to these folks.

But at least I now know that I have two more ancestral lines to examine to find a connection to the ***Oakley-Browne*** couple. And I am sure that it has to be there, based on our DNA matches (especially since I know from GEDmatch.com that Tommy Lee Addington really does have the ***Oakley-Browne*** DNA segment on Chromosome 15).

Never in a million years would I have thought to examine these trees so closely and to look for double first-cousins. I'm glad that Tommy Lee set me straight!