

My *Thompson-Addington* DNA Relatives

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I have been spending a lot of time recently finding my DNA matches with descendants of Miles Oakley III (1612-1672) and his wife Mary Browne (1607-1682). This couple were my eighth-great grandparents. I have a segment of DNA on Chromosome 15 that appears to have come from this couple, and I share this **Oakley-Browne** segment with a large number of other people who are descended from this couple.

Here is a webpage that has links to a number of narratives I have written recently on this topic:

<http://www.burksoakley.com/QuincyOakleyGenealogy/Oakley-Chr-15.html>

One of the key people in my “research” on this topic is Rev. Timothy W. Bever, who is known to have the **Oakley-Browne** DNA segment on Chromosome 15. In fact, Tim appears to have the longest segment – what I like to think of as the “gold standard” for the **Oakley-Browne** segment.

I recently learned that Tim Bever and I have a “Shared DNA Match” on Ancestry.com with Nellie Waddell:

 Nellie Waddell	✂ +	Your: 4th cousin or half 3rd cousin 1x removed 35 cM Paternal side	Timothy Bever's: Half 3rd cousin 1x removed or 3rd cousin 2x removed 33 cM
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Unfortunately, Nellie doesn’t have a family tree on the Ancestry.com website.

I looked at my DNA match with Nellie, and the I looked at our “Shared DNA Matches”. Here are three of these shared matches:

 Cassidy Prentiss	👤 +	Your: Half 3rd cousin 1x removed or 3rd cousin 2x removed 39 cM Paternal side	Nellie Waddell's: 3rd cousin 2x removed or half 3rd cousin 1x removed 34 cM
 Donald Baird	👤 +	Your: Half 3rd cousin 1x removed or 4th cousin 38 cM Paternal side	Nellie Waddell's: Half 3rd cousin 1x removed or 3rd cousin 2x removed 35 cM
 M.W. Managed by LMW621	👤 +	Your: 4th cousin or half 3rd cousin 1x removed 34 cM Paternal side	Nellie Waddell's: Half 3rd cousin 1x removed or 4th cousin 29 cM

Nellie has DNA matches with Cassidy Prentiss (a **Bever** descendant), Donald Baird, and Mark Workman (**M.W.**). All of these people are **Oakley-Browne**

descendants with the **Oakley-Browne** DNA segment on Chromosome 15. So I am 99.9% confident that Nellie also is an **Oakley-Browne** descendant.

Since I have a “Pro” membership on Ancestry.com, I also looked our “Shared DNA Matches” from Nellie’s perspective (from largest to smallest). Here are her top two matches:

	Kelly Schlicher		Your: 3rd cousin 1x removed or half 3rd cousin 40 cM Paternal side	Nellie Waddell's: Daughter 3,474 cM
	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

Nellie’s largest match is with her daughter, Kelly Schlicher, and her next largest match is with her nephew, David Thompson.

I Googled Nellie Waddell and found her husband’s obituary:

Carroll Eugene Waddell (89) of Charlotte, NC passed away peacefully in his home on Sunday, June 9, 2024.

Carroll was born in Pulaski County, KY on December 8, 1934 to Milford Dewey Waddell and Matrice Mae (Wesley) Waddell.

Carroll lived a long and blessed life having the most valuable of all possessions...the love and admiration of his family.

Left to mourn his loss is devoted wife of 68 years; Nellie Belle (Thompson) Waddell of Charlotte, NC.; children Gregory Waddell (Dawn), Allen Waddell (Myrna), Linda Waddell Sharpe (Bobby), Debra Waddell Blanton (Tony) and Kelly Waddell Schlicher (Dennis); grandchildren Adina Arnold (Brad), Leah Hamilton (Jared), Aaron Waddell, Emanuel Gagante, Lovely Gagante, Meghan Sharpe, Tara Richardson (Justin), Cassie Tran (Chris), Kendall Villardo (Cal), Avery Schlicher and Elliott Schlicher and great grandchildren; Cora Arnold, Alice Arnold, Camille Hamilton, Simon Hamilton, Miles Hamilton, Nellie Rios, Winnie Tran, Quon Tran.

Carroll also leaves his surviving siblings Boyd Waddell of Florida, Terry Waddell of Ohio, Wanda (Waddell) Trammell of Ohio and Jimmy Waddell of Ohio.

Carroll was preceded in death by his parents and his loving siblings; Clarence Waddell, Clyde Waddell, Phillip Waddell and Judy (Waddell) Trammell.

A graveside service is scheduled for Saturday, June 15, 2024 at 3:00 pm at Sharon Memorial Park located at 5716 Monroe Road in Charlotte, NC. This will be immediately followed by a Celebration of Life at McEwen Funeral Service at the same address.

<https://www.dignitymemorial.com/obituaries/charlotte-nc/carroll-waddell-11854258>

The obituary confirms that Nellie’s daughter is Kelly Waddell Schlicher, who is married to Dennis Schlicher. Note that Nellie and her husband Carroll E. Waddell (1934-2024) were married for 68 years

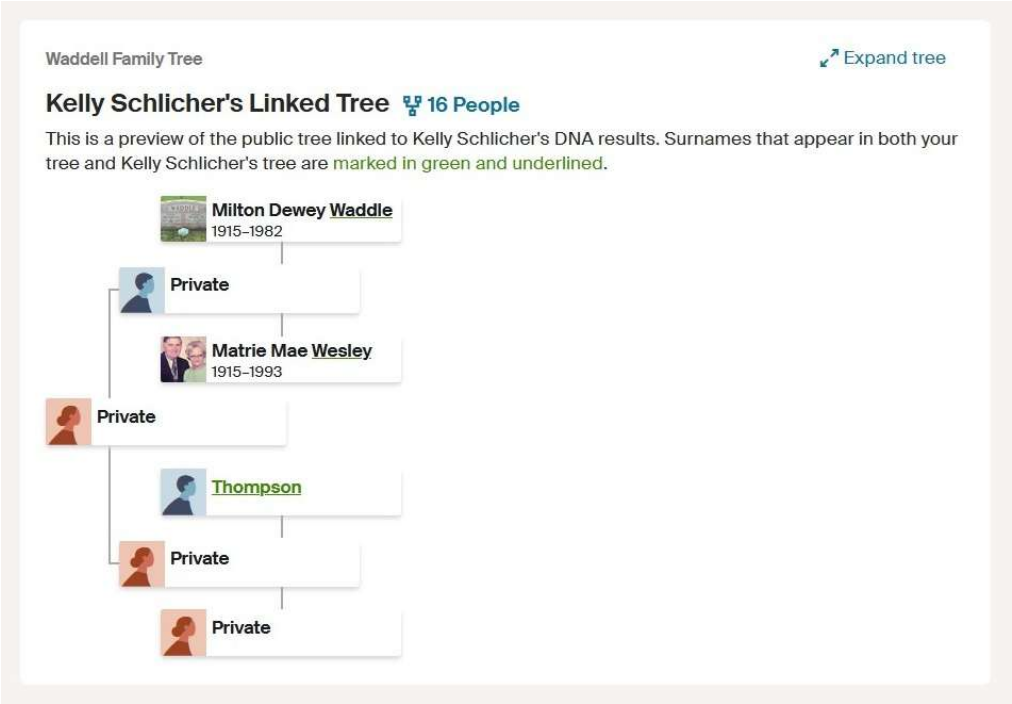
From this obituary, I learned that Nellie was born Nellie Belle Thompson, and this probably will lead to the connection with her nephew, David Thompson. The simplest connection would be that Nellie had a brother, whose last name was **Thompson**. And David Thompson is the son of Nellie’s brother.

If this is the case, then Kelly and David should be first-cousins, and that is exactly what the software on Ancestry.com predicts, based on the size of their DNA match:

 David Thompson 	Your: Half 3rd cousin or 3rd cousin 1x removed 40 cM Paternal side	Kelly Schlicher's: 1st cousin or half uncle 893 cM
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Bummer! David Thompson’s family tree is private, so that won’t be of any help to me.

Kelly’s Schlicher’s family tree was only slightly more helpful:



This pedigree for Kelly confirms that her mother’s maiden name was **Thompson**.

For completeness, I looked at my DNA match with Kelly Waddle Schlichter, and then I looked at our “Shared DNA Matches”:

 Cassidy Prentiss 	Your: Half 3rd cousin 1x removed or 3rd cousin 2x removed 39 cM Paternal side	Kelly Schlicher's: Half 3rd cousin 1x removed or 4th cousin 34 cM
 Donald Baird 	Your: Half 3rd cousin 1x removed or 4th cousin 38 cM Paternal side	Kelly Schlicher's: 4th cousin or half 3rd cousin 1x removed 35 cM
 M.W. Managed by LMW621 	Your: 4th cousin or half 3rd cousin 1x removed 34 cM Paternal side	Kelly Schlicher's: Half 3rd cousin 1x removed or 4th cousin 33 cM

Not surprisingly, she has DNA matches with the same **Oakley-Browne** descendants as her mother does.

I also looked at my DNA match with David Thompson, and then at our “Shared DNA Matches”:

 Cassidy Prentiss  +	Your: Half 3rd cousin 1x removed or 3rd cousin 2x removed 39 cM Paternal side	David Thompson's: 3rd cousin 1x removed or half 2nd cousin 2x removed 49 cM
 Donald Baird  +	Your: Half 3rd cousin 1x removed or 4th cousin 38 cM Paternal side	David Thompson's: 3rd cousin 1x removed or half 3rd cousin 46 cM
 M.W. Managed by LMW621  +	Your: 4th cousin or half 3rd cousin 1x removed 34 cM Paternal side	David Thompson's: 4th cousin or half 3rd cousin 1x removed 33 cM

Same result – David has DNA matches with these three ***Oakley-Browne*** descendants, as well as additional ones not shown here.

Unfortunately, the lack of family trees is a big impediment standing in the way of figuring out where Nellie, Kelly, and David fit into our family tree.

I went back to Google and searched for Nellie Waddell. One of the results of this search was her Facebook page:



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Profile for Nellie Waddell

Nellie Waddell · Lives in Charlotte, North Carolina · From Cincinnati · Married · Photos. 

Photos.

See more from Nellie Waddell. Log in to see posts from this ...

I went to her Facebook page at:

https://www.facebook.com/nellie.waddell/

According to Facebook, Nellie is originally from Cincinnati, Ohio, and she lives in Charlotte, North Carolina.

One of her Facebook friends is her daughter, Kelly Waddell Schlicher:



Kelly Waddell Schlicher

UNC Greensboro

Another one of Nellie’s FB friends is Tom Addington –

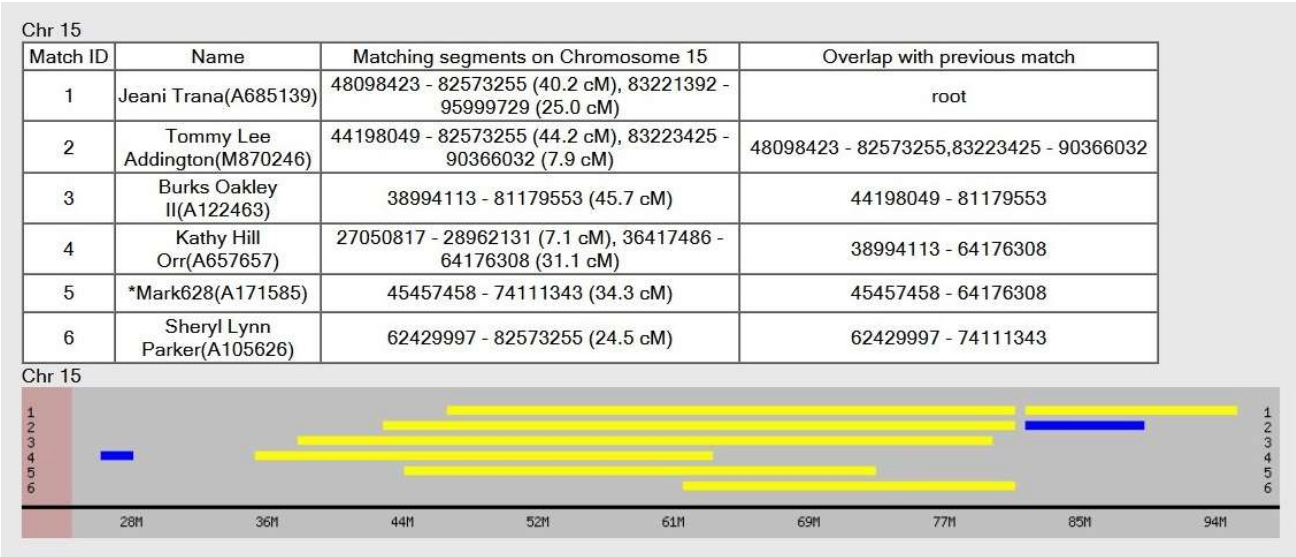


<https://www.facebook.com/tom.addington.9>

OMG! When I saw this, you could have knocked me over with a feather!

Tommy Lee Addington is on GEDmatch and I have known for 7 or 8 years that he has the **Oakley-Browne** DNA segment on Chromosome 15. I never have been able to learn how Tommy and I are related. I’ve sent him online messages, and even a letter via snail mail. But no response.

Here is a screenshot from GEDmatch.com:



This screenshot shows how six people match Tim Bever on Chromosome 15. These six people are Jeani Trana, Tommy Lee Addington, me, Kathy Hill Orr, Mark Workman, and Sheryl Lynn Parker. For all the people except Tommy Lee Addington, I know exactly how they are descended from the **Oakley-Browne** couple. But I’ve never been successful in building a family tree for Tommy.

And now, I learn that he is Facebook friends with Nellie Thompson Waddle. Why? What is their connection? How does the **Thompson** family intersect with the **Addington** family (if at all)?

One thing that might be relevant is that Nellie is from Cincinnati, and Tom for many years lived in Covington, Kentucky, which is right across the Ohio River from Cincinnati.

I did a search on Ancestry.com for someone with the last name of **Addington** born in Covington, Kentucky. I got incredibly lucky – with just the surname of **Addington** and a birth location of Covington, Kentucky, the top search result was William Franklin Addington (1951-2011):

William Franklin Addington found in 17 trees

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William Franklin Addington from tree

Middagh-Middaugh-Meddaugh-Loucks Family Tree

Birth

15 Nov 1951 Covington, Kenton, Kentucky, USA

Residence

2000 Covington, Kenton, Kentucky, USA

Death

2 Feb 2011 Indianapolis, Marion, Indiana, USA

Father

William Franklin Addington (1928-2011)

Mother

Gertrude Mae Thompson (1934-2009)

32843 People

8 Records

8 Sources

And his parents were William Franklin Addington (1928-2011) and Gertrude Mae Thompson (1934-2009). Bingo!!!! This couple brings together the *Thompson* and *Addington* families!

I did a Google search to find more information about Gertrude May Thompson:

Google

gertrude mae thompson 1934-2009

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Gertrude Mae Thompson Addington (1934-2009)

Gertrude Mae Thompson Addington. Birth: 8 Sep 1934; Death: 30 Nov 2009 (aged 75). Fort Thomas, Campbell County, Kentucky, USA. Burial. Floral Hills Memorial ...

That search turned up her entry on the FindAGrave.com website:

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Photo added by Dudley Petty

Gertrude Mae Thompson Addington

BIRTH

8 Sep 1934

DEATH

30 Nov 2009 (aged 75)

Fort Thomas, Campbell County, Kentucky, USA

BURIAL

Floral Hills Memorial Gardens

Taylor Mill, Kenton County, Kentucky, USA

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<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/82717748/gertrude-mae-addington>

One of the photos attached to this profile was a copy of Gertrude’s obituary:

Gertrude Addington

September 8, 1934 — November 30, 2009

Gertrude Mae Addington, 75, of Covington died Monday, Nov. 30 St. Elizabeth Hospital Fort Thomas.

She was a homemaker.

Survivors include her husband, William F. Addington; daughters, Helen Strange of Independence, Jennifer "Jenny" Lykins of Florence, and Rebecca "Becky" Sammons of Covington; sons, William "Frank" Addington of Latonia, Tommy Addington of Ludlow, Randell "Randy" Addington of Florence, Kenneth "Kenny" Addington of Latonia, Russell "Rusty" Addington of Covington and James "Jamie" Addington of Florence; brothers, Elmer Thompson of Florida, George Thompson of West Harrison, Ohio, John Herrmann of Cheviot, Ohio; half-brother, Jabe Thompson of Latonia; sisters, Nellie Waddell of Charlotte, N.C. and Roxie Hurley of Cheviot, Ohio; 30 grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 3 at Floral Hills Funeral Home in Taylor Mill. Visitation will begin there at 11 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 3. Burial will be in Floral Hills Memorial Gardens in Taylor Mill.

Memorials are suggested to Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, 2300 Wall St., Suite H, Cincinnati, OH 45212.

Gertrude’s obituary mentions her son, Tommy Addington. And it mentions her sister, Nellie Waddell. Wow! In my notes from when I first saw this, I wrote:

Gertrude Thompson Addington was Nellie Thompson Waddell’s sister!
Holy shit!!

The **Oakley-Browne** segment had to come from the **Thompson** line. Nellie’s brother, a Thompson male, was the father of David Thompson. Nellie’s sister, Gertrude Mae Thompson, had the **Oakley-Browne** segment, and she passed it to her son Tommy. And from GEDmatch.com, I know for sure that Tommy has this segment.

I just wrote that Nellie’s brother was David Thompson’s father. That means Nellie and David are aunt and 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

This fits with the DNA.

This also means that Kelley and David would be first-cousins.



Kelly Schlicher



Your:

3rd cousin 1x removed or half 3rd cousin

40 cM

Paternal side

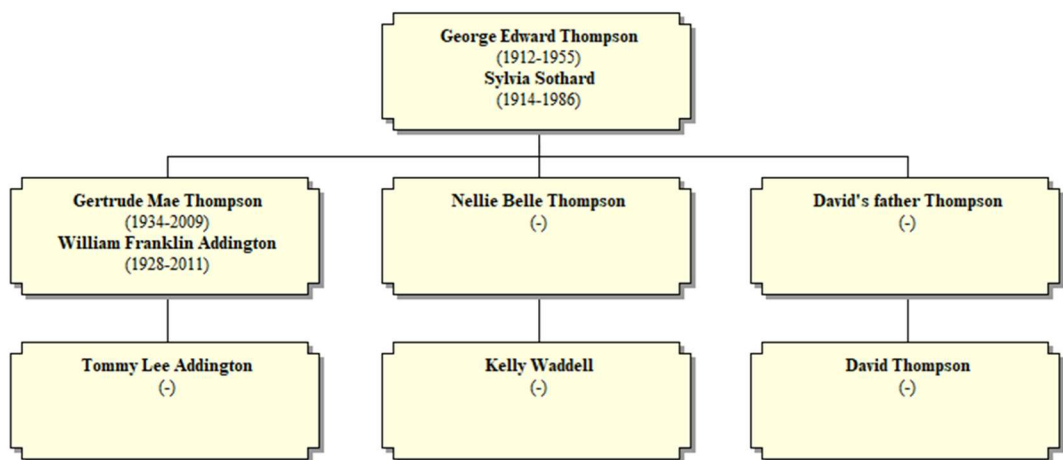
David Thompson's:

1st cousin or half niece

893 cM

This fits with the DNA.

I added Nellie, Kelly, Tommy, and David to my RootsMagic database, and then I created a chart showing how the four of them are related:



At the top of the chart is George E. Thompson and his wife Sylvia Sothard. One of the two of them was an **Oakley-Browne** descendant who had the **Oakley-Browne** DNA segment on Chromosome 15. George and Sylvia had three children, Gertrude, Nellie, and a son whose name I do not know. All three of these children inherited the **Oakley-Browne** DNA segment. And Tommy inherited this segment from his mother Gertrude, Kelly inherited this segment from her mother Nellie, and David inherited this segment from his father.

I have DNA matches with Nellie, Tommy, Kelly, and David. And I know from the chromosome browser on GEDmatch that Tommy does indeed have the **Oakley-Browne** segment on Chromosome 15. And based on shared DNA matches on Ancestry.com, I'm 99.9% sure that Nellie, Kelly, and David have this segment.

Now all I have to do is connect this family group back to the **Oakley-Browne** couple, who lived in England in the early 1600's. Easier said than done...

I went back to Gertrude Mae Thompson. Here is her profile from the family tree owned by Joyce Gallant:

Middagh-Middaugh-Me...Find in treeJGJoyce Gallant



Gertrude Mae Thompson

BIRTH 8 SEP 1934 • Hamilton County, Ohio, USA

DEATH 30 NOV 2009 • Fort Thomas, Campbell, Kentucky, USA

Family

Parents

George Edward Thompson
1912-1955

Sylvia Sothard
1914-1986

Spouse and children

William Franklin Addington
1928-2011

William Franklin Addington
1951-2011

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Gertrude was the daughter of George Edward Thompson (1912-1955) and his wife Sylvia Sothard (1914-1986). One of these two people were **Oakley-Browne** descendants.

How on earth am I going to figure this one out? I need some family trees that go back many, many generations for this. Unfortunately, I haven't found any trees that include this couple that go back more than four generations.

Now let me muddy the waters, so to speak...

Among the DNA matches that Nellie Waddell and I share are two more people, Christina McIntosh and Jacob Stewart:

 Christina McIntosh	✂️ +	Your: 3rd cousin 1x removed or half 2nd cousin 2x removed 41 cM Paternal side	Nellie Waddell's: 1st cousin 1x removed or half grandniece 646 cM
 Jacob Stewart	✂️ +	Your: 3rd cousin 2x removed or half 3rd cousin 1x removed 33 cM Paternal side	Nellie Waddell's: 1st cousin 2x removed 377 cM

Christina and Nellie share 646 cM and could be first-cousins once-removed. Based on Christina's pedigree on Ancestry.com, her maiden name was **Spaulding**.

Jacob and Nellie share 377 cM and could be first-cousins twice-removed. Jacob doesn't have a family tree on Ancestry.com.

I also looked at how Christina and Jacob are related:

 Jacob Stewart	✂️ +	Your: 3rd cousin 2x removed or half 3rd cousin 1x removed 33 cM Paternal side	Christina McIntosh's: Half nephew 832 cM
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They share 832 cM and Jacob could be Christina's half-nephew.

Christina and Jacob both have "Shared DNA Matches" with me that are consistent with them having the **Oakley-Browne** DNA segment.

Having gotten this far, I'm disappointed that I can't find any family trees on Ancestry.com that connect Christina and Jacob to the descendants of the **Thompson-Sothard** couple. Nor can I connect the **Thompson-Sothard** couple back to the **Oakley** family.

And that, my friends, is where I am going to have to leave this narrative. I thought that I was on a roll with this one, so to speak. But then I struck out. How's that for a mixed metaphor?