My DNA Match with Tracey Moore (née Ford)

By Burks Oakley II
26 January 2025

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 two websites – Ancestry.com and GEDmatch.com. One of the most interesting findings that I have discovered is that I share a segment of DNA on Chromosome 15 with a number of descendants of Miles Oakley III (1612-1672) and his wife Mary Browne (1607-1693). This couple were my eighth-great grandparents. They were born in Saffron Walden, England, in the early 1600's, and then immigrated to America in the mid-1600's.

I have written several narratives about the people who have this DNA segment on Chromosome 15:

http://www.burksoakley.com/QuincyOakleyGenealogy/14A-DeepTriangulationConfirmsOurOakleyLineage.pdf

http://www.burksoakley.com/QuincyOakleyGenealogy/14B-Triangulation-Chr.15.pdf

http://www.burksoakley.com/QuincyOakleyGenealogy/VictoriaVought_6Jan25.pdf

The reason that this DNA match on Chromosome 15 is so interesting to me is that autosomal DNA matches typically do not persist for so many generations, due to the way that autosomal DNA is inherited. But this particular segment seems to be passed from parent to child with little change. An example of this is shown in the following graphic, which was generated by the GEDmatch.com website:

GEDmatch Selected Kits 2D Chromosome Browser

2D Chromosome with Kit ZR2798817 - *Tim.

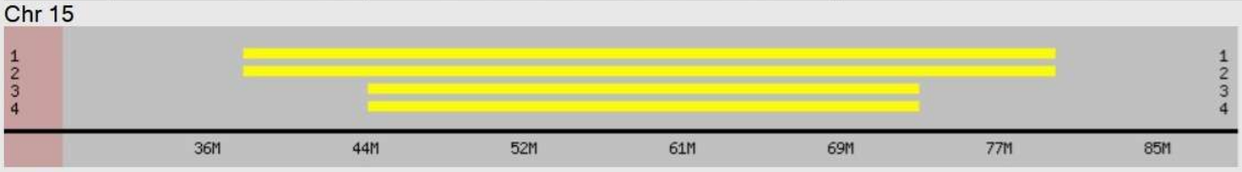
LEGEND

Length	> 100 cM	50-100 cM	20-50 cM	10-20 cM	5-10 cM	< 5 cM	Centromere
Color							

Chr 15

Match ID	Name	Matching segments on Chromosome 15	Overlap with previous match
1	Burks Oakley II(A122463)	38994113 - 81179553 (45.7 cM)	root
2	*Amy.Oakley(A059368)	39046212 - 81180981 (45.6 cM)	39046212 - 81179553
3	*EBW91(A127417)	45457458 - 74107677 (34.3 cM)	45457458 - 74107677
4	*Mark628(A171585)	45457458 - 74111343 (34.3 cM)	45457458 - 74107677

Chr 15



In this graphic, the four horizontal yellow lines show where four different individuals match Tim Bever on Chromosome 15. Tim's segment is not shown, but it can be inferred to extend at least from the farthest left end to the farthest right end of the yellow lines. Tim seems to have the longest matching segment

on Chromosome 15, and I always use him as the "gold standard" when searching for others who have part of this segment.

The four individuals in the graphic are myself (line 1) and my daughter Amy (line 2), and Mark Workman (line 4) and his daughter Elizabeth (line 3). The important thing to note is that Amy's segment is essentially the same size as mine, and Elizabeth's segment is essentially the same size as her father's. Again, this segment seems to be passed from parent to child with very little change, which may explain why it has persisted over so many generations.

Of course, all of the people in the graphic on the previous page are descended from the ***Oakley-Browne*** couple.

I encourage the readers of this document to read the previous three documents I have written about this finding, which show many more ***Oakley-Browne*** descendants who share part of this DNA segment on Chromosome 15.

Two of my most important DNA matches on Chromosome 15 are with Sheryl Finch (née Parker), Sheryl's sister Jerene Parker, and Sheryl's son Austin Finch. I wrote about these matches this past December:

http://www.burksoakley.com/QuincyOakleyGenealogy/SherylFinch-DNA-match_18Dec24.pdf

Here is a graphic showing how seven different people match Tim Bever on Chromosome 15:

GEDmatch Selected Kits 2D Chromosome Browser

2D Chromosome with Kit ZR2798817 - *Tim.

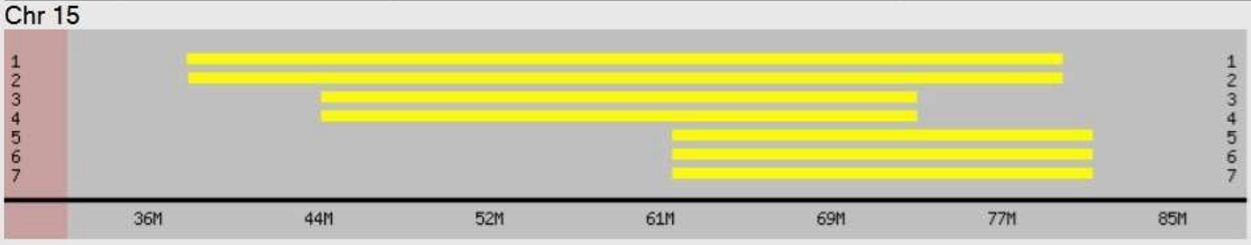
LEGEND

Length	> 100 cM	50-100 cM	20-50 cM	10-20 cM	5-10 cM	< 5 cM	Centromere
Color							

Chr 15

Match ID	Name	Matching segments on Chromosome 15	Overlap with previous match
1	Burks Oakley II(A122463)	38994113 - 81179553 (45.7 cM)	root
2	*Amy.Oakley(A059368)	39046212 - 81180981 (45.6 cM)	39046212 - 81179553
3	*EBW91(A127417)	45457458 - 74107677 (34.3 cM)	45457458 - 74107677
4	*Mark628(A171585)	45457458 - 74111343 (34.3 cM)	45457458 - 74107677
5	Jerene E Parker(A311966)	62429997 - 82573255 (24.5 cM)	62429997 - 74111343
6	Sheryl Lynn Parker(A105626)	62429997 - 82573255 (24.5 cM)	62429997 - 82573255
7	*ACFinch(GR2396243)	62429997 - 82573255 (24.5 cM)	62429997 - 82573255

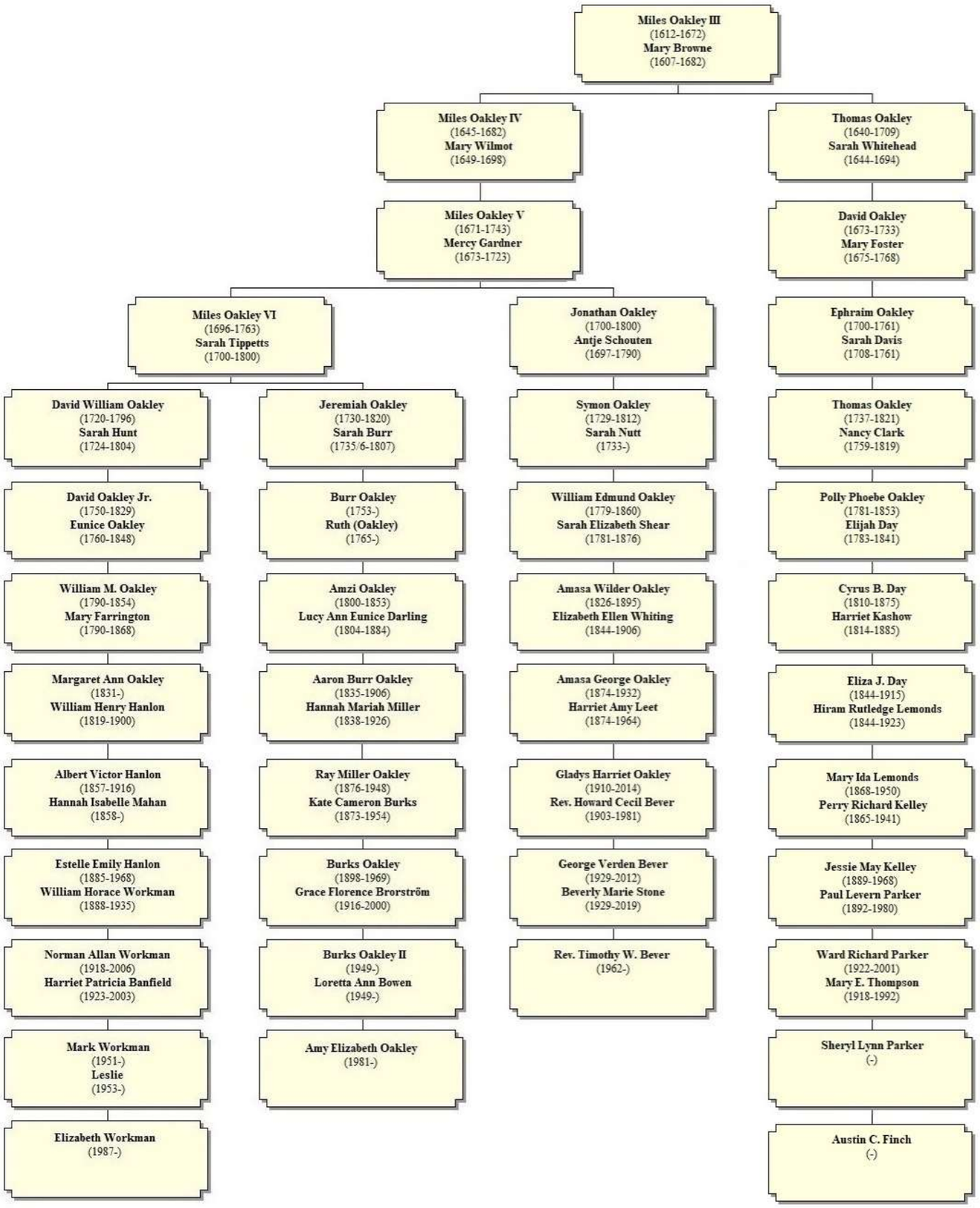
Chr 15



Just like the previous graphic, this one includes me, my daughter Amy, Mark Workman, and Mark's daughter Elizabeth. But this one then includes Jerene, Sheryl, and Austin in lines 5, 6, and 7. In this chart, one can see that Austin's DNA

match with Tim is essentially the same size as his mother's DNA match with Tim. But the important finding here is in the genealogical record, since the Most Recent Common Ancestors (MRCA) that I share with Jerene, Sheryl, and Austin are Miles Oakley III (1612-1672) and his wife Mary Browne (1607-1693).

To help visualize the genealogical connections, here is a chart showing how the seven of us (plus Tim Bever) are all related:

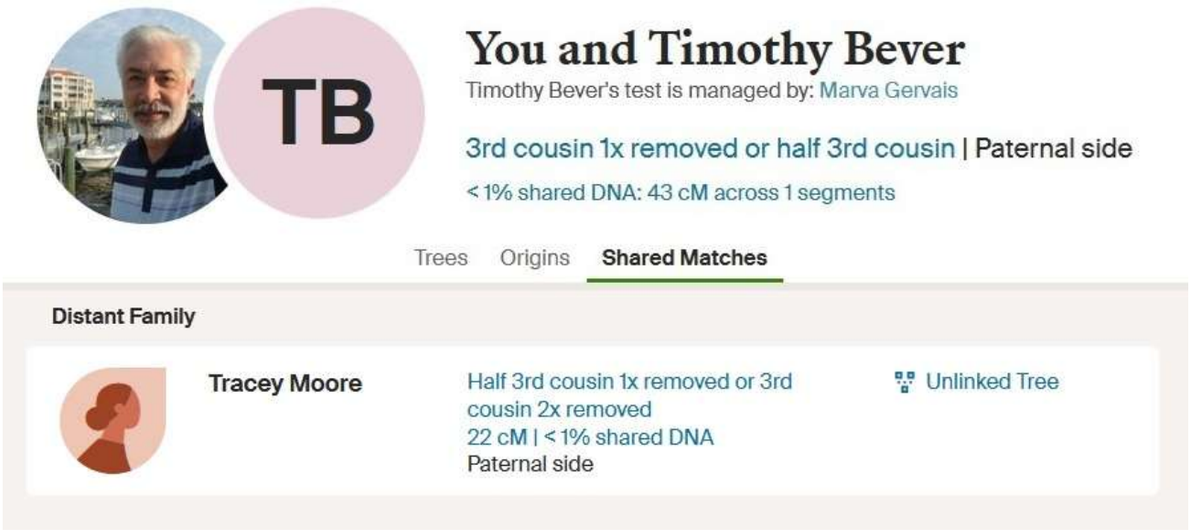


Well, I have to admit that this chart omits Sheryl Parker's sister Jerene to save some space….

I am always eager to find more ***Oakley-Browne*** descendants who have this matching segment on Chromosome 15. There are numerous people on GEDmatch.com who have this segment, but they don't have family trees on that site, and I have been unsuccessful in getting them to respond to my emails.

I recently took a different approach, using the Ancestry.com website. I looked at my "Shared DNA Matches" with Tim Bever. I reasoned that if Tim and I both had a DNA match with someone, then they would be likely to have the ***Oakley-Browne*** segment on Chromosome 15.

I looked at my DNA match with Tim Bever on Ancestry.com. Then I examined our shared matches, and I found a shared DNA match with a woman named Tracey Moore:



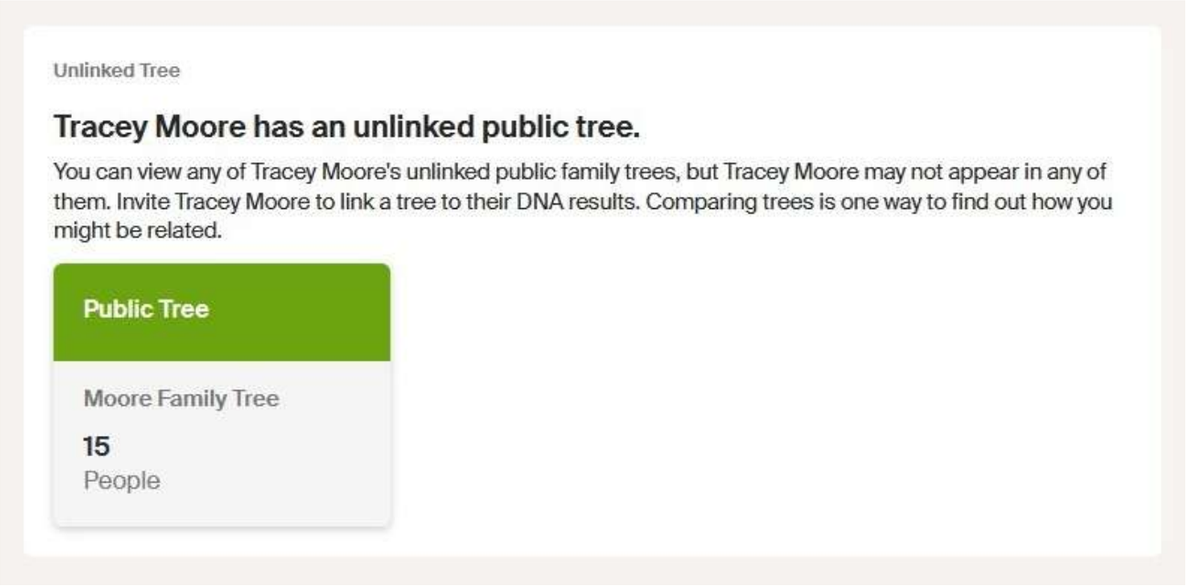
Tracey and I have a 22 cM DNA match. I then went on to examine my DNA match with Tracey:

I looked at <u>our</u> shared DNA matches. The people on this list included:

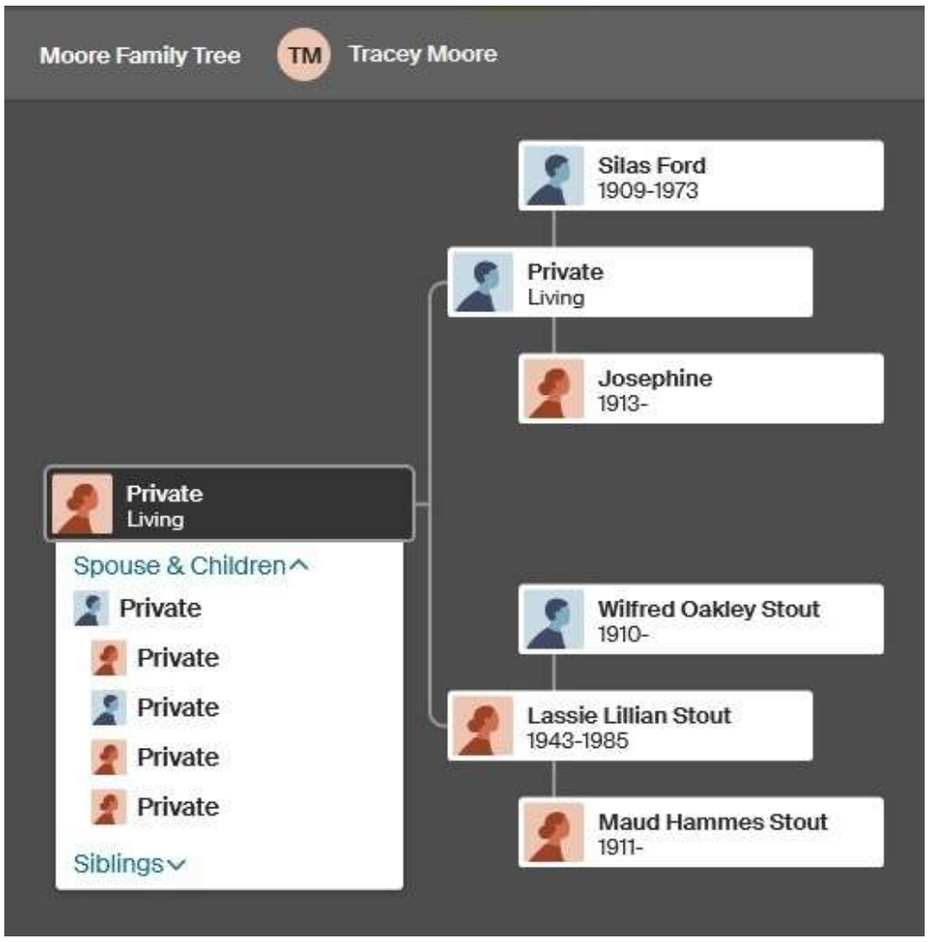
- Amy Oakley
- John Bever
- Tim Bever
- Pamela Grogan
- Howard Bever
- Cassidy Prentiss
- Donald Baird
- Andrew Baird
- Jeani Trana
- Clifford Wachlin
- Brenda Coleman
- Scott Wachlin

All of these individuals have the ***Oakley-Browne*** segment on Chromosome 15 and are known to be descended from this couple.

When I looked at Tracey's family tree, I saw that it is NOT linked to her DNA profile. That means that software on the Ancestry.com website is not able to determine how she might be related to her DNA matches:



Her "Moore Family Tree" only has 15 people in it, so I wasn't very hopeful that I would find her connection to my ***Oakley*** ancestors. Here is her pedigree from her family tree:



Oh my! Her paternal grandfather was Wilfred Oakley Stout. Bingo! This has to be her connection to the ***Oakley*** family.

From this pedigree chart, I noted that Tracey's paternal grandfather was Silas Ford (1909-1973), so her maiden name must have been ***Ford***.

Wilfred Oakley Stout's daughter (Tracey's mother) was Lassie Lillian Stout (1943-1985). Here is a nice photograph of her from the Ancestry.com website:

Here is Tracey's profile for Wilfred Oakley Stout in her family tree:

I searched on Ancestry.com to see if I could find a more detailed profile. And I found a number of them – here is one from the Shanks Family Tree:

And this tree showed Wilfred's father:

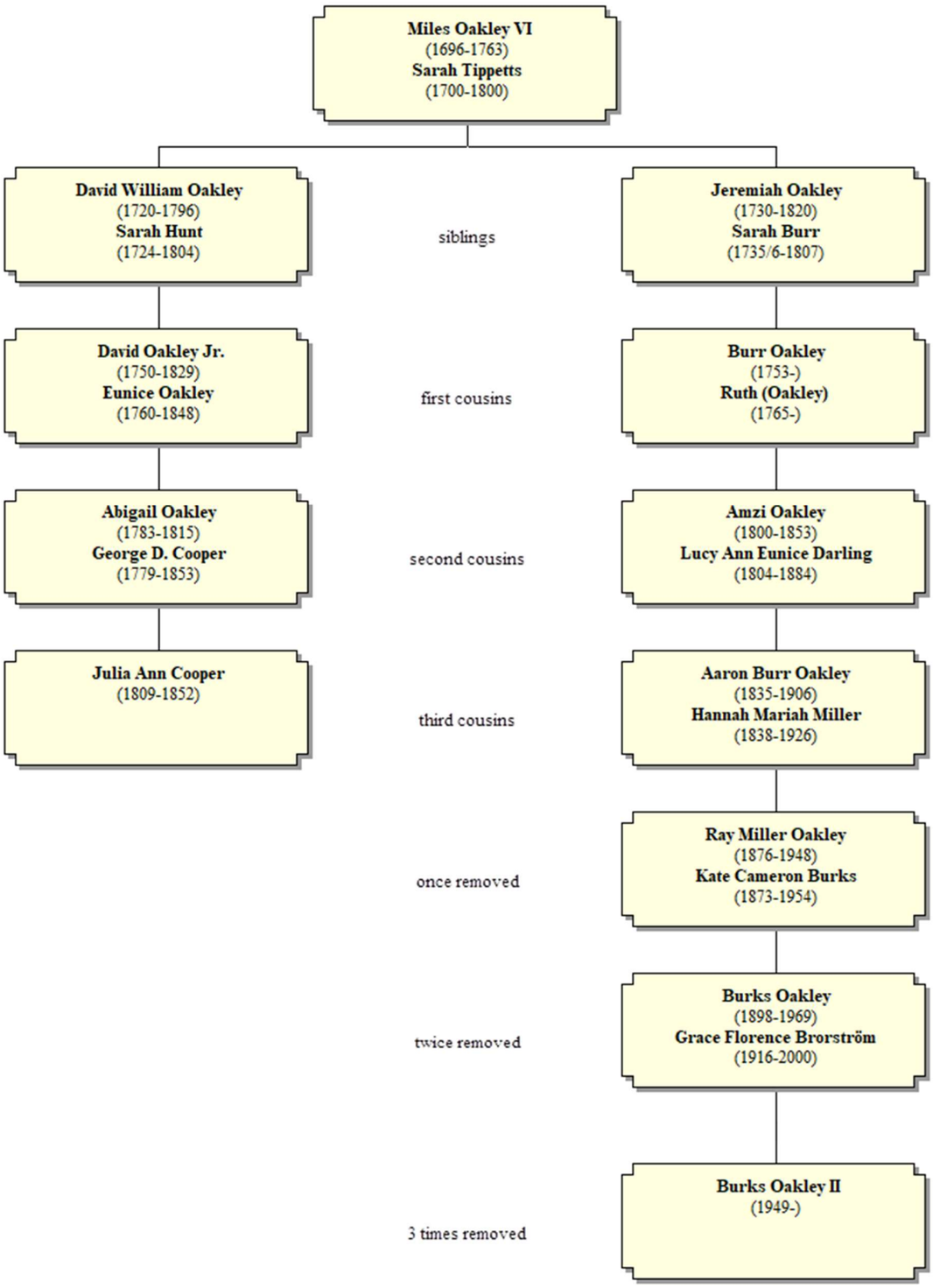
Since this man was Wilfred Oakley Stout Sr., I figured that the ***Oakley*** family connection had to go through him. But then I was stuck. Did the ***Oakley*** connection go through his mother or his father? I explored both paths. It turns out that it was his father.

Here is Wilfred Sr.'s father:

And here is James Cooper Stout's mother – Julia Ann Cooper (1809-1852):

Yesssss!!! I already had Julia Ann Cooper in my RootsMagic database. She is descended from the ***Oakley-Browne*** couple. The reason that she was in my database is that she is an ancestor of Elaine Stuart, who also has the ***Oakley-Browne*** DNA segment on Chromosome 15.

Here is how I am related to Julia Ann Cooper:

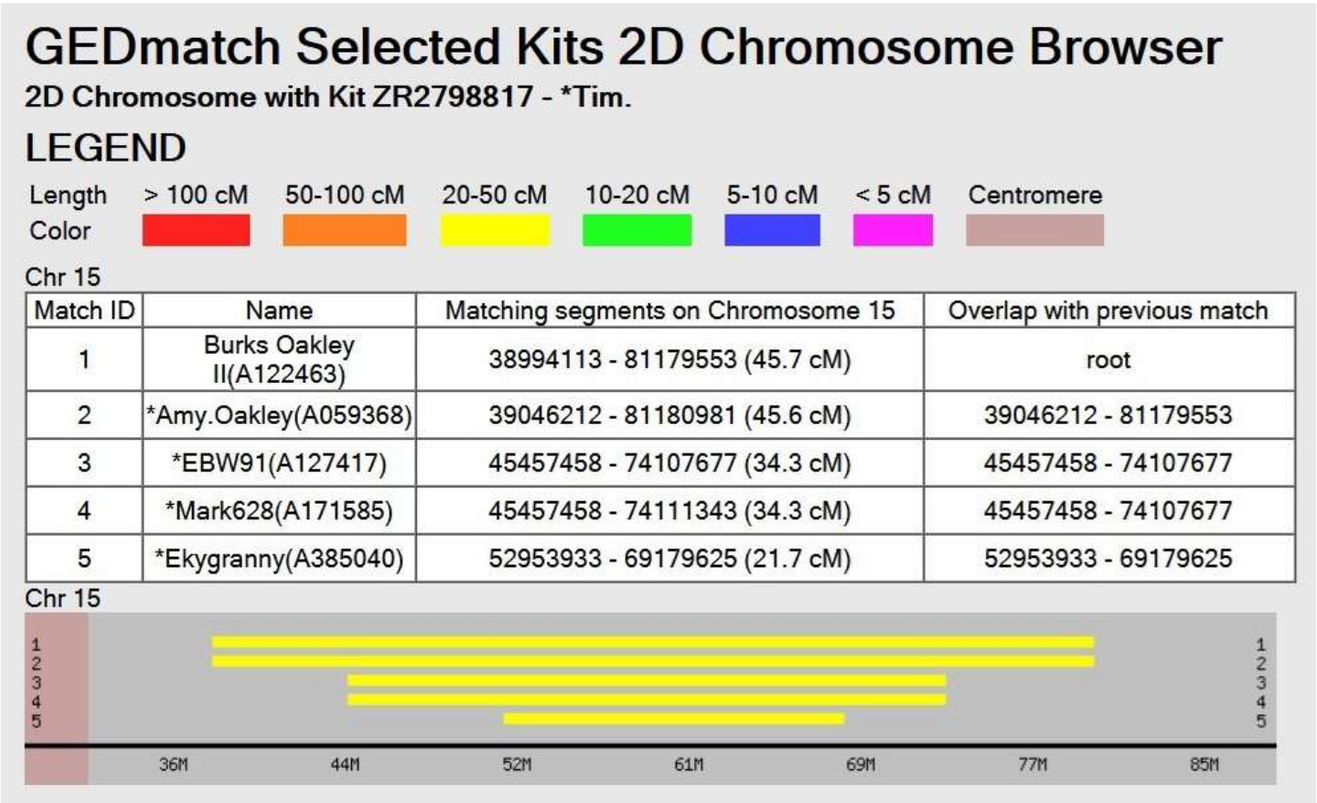


We both are descended from Miles Oakley VI (1696-1763) and his wife Sarah Tippetts (1700-1800). Miles Oakley VI was a great-grandson of the ***Oakley-Browne*** couple.

As I mentioned above, I had Julia Ann Cooper in my RootsMagic database, since Elaine Stuart is descended from her.

For completeness, here is another graphic from GEDmatch.com:

This graphic is much like the others – it shows how four people (me, Amy, Mark, and Elizabeth) match Tim Bever on Chromosome 15. But this graphic has one more person (in line 5), and that is Elaine Stuart (***Ekygranny***)[1]:



GEDmatch Selected Kits 2D Chromosome Browser

2D Chromosome with Kit ZR2798817 - *Tim.

LEGEND

Length	> 100 cM	50-100 cM	20-50 cM	10-20 cM	5-10 cM	< 5 cM	Centromere
Color							

Chr 15

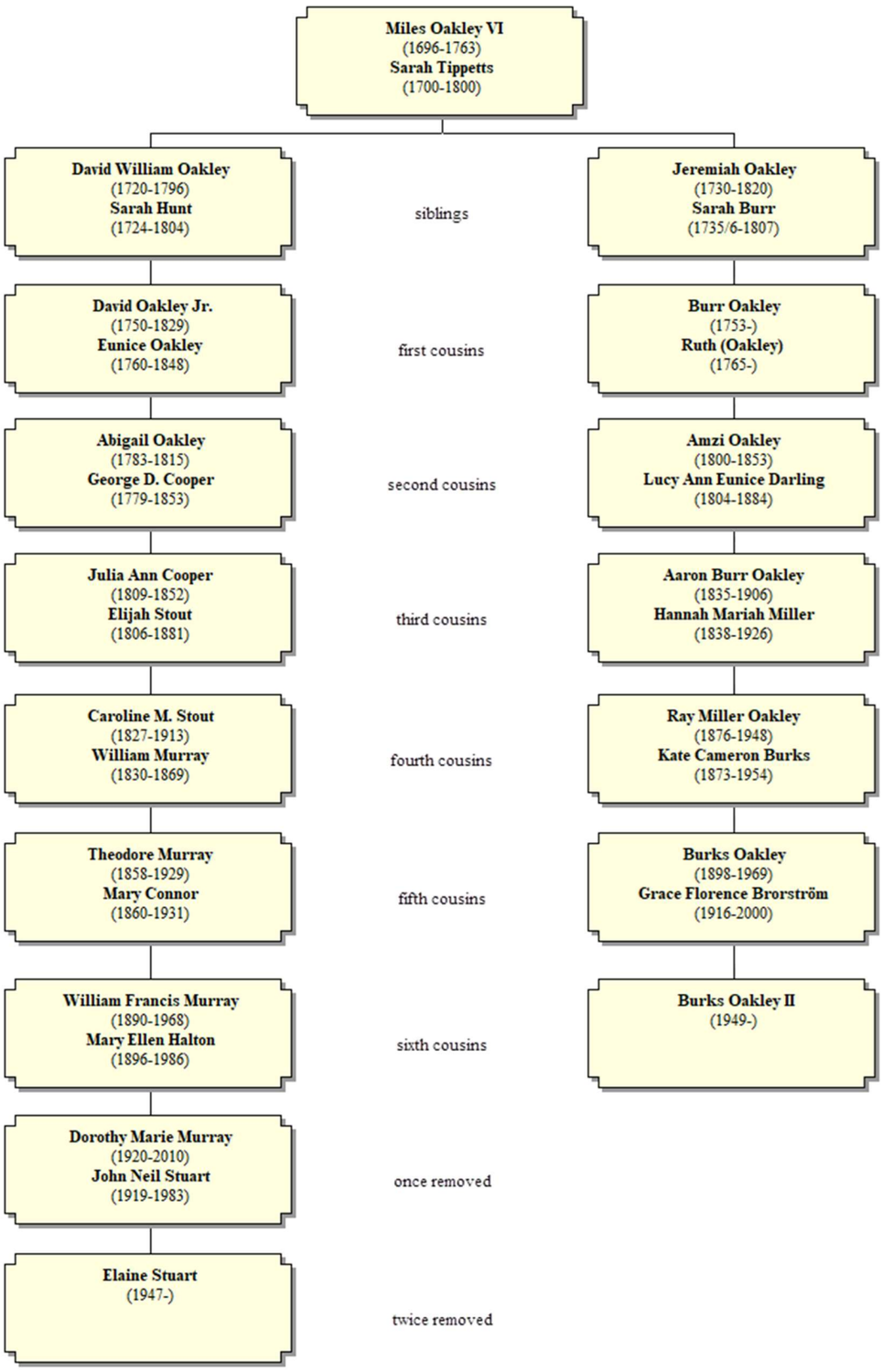
Match ID	Name	Matching segments on Chromosome 15	Overlap with previous match
1	Burks Oakley II(A122463)	38994113 - 81179553 (45.7 cM)	root
2	*Amy.Oakley(A059368)	39046212 - 81180981 (45.6 cM)	39046212 - 81179553
3	*EBW91(A127417)	45457458 - 74107677 (34.3 cM)	45457458 - 74107677
4	*Mark628(A171585)	45457458 - 74111343 (34.3 cM)	45457458 - 74107677
5	*Ekygranny(A385040)	52953933 - 69179625 (21.7 cM)	52953933 - 69179625

Chr 15

Elaine's matching segment is right in the middle of the other four.

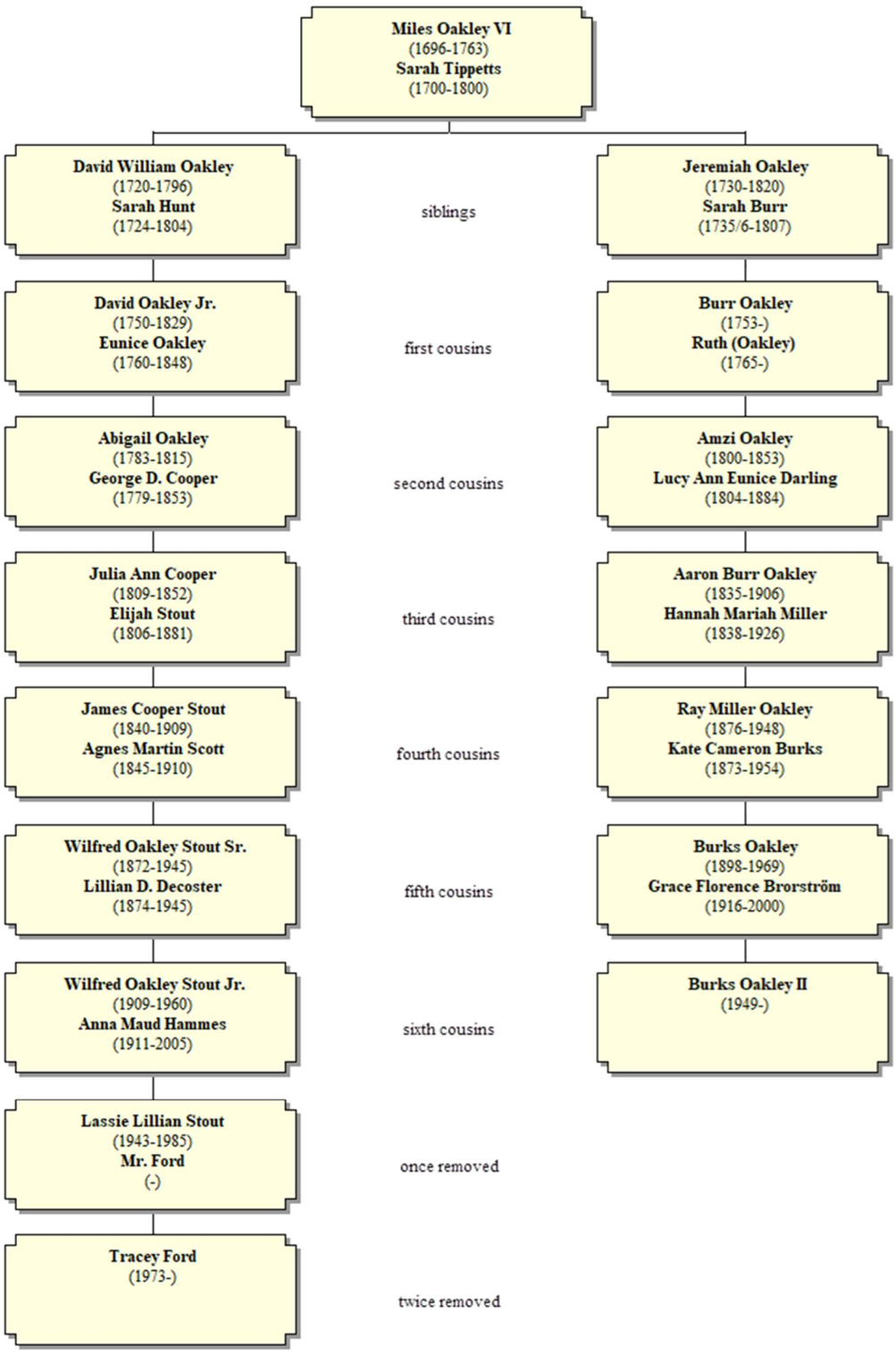
[1] Elaine is from Kentucky (KY) and she is a grandmother, so her username on GEDmatch.com is ***Ekygranny***.

Here is a chart showing how I am related to Elaine Stuart:



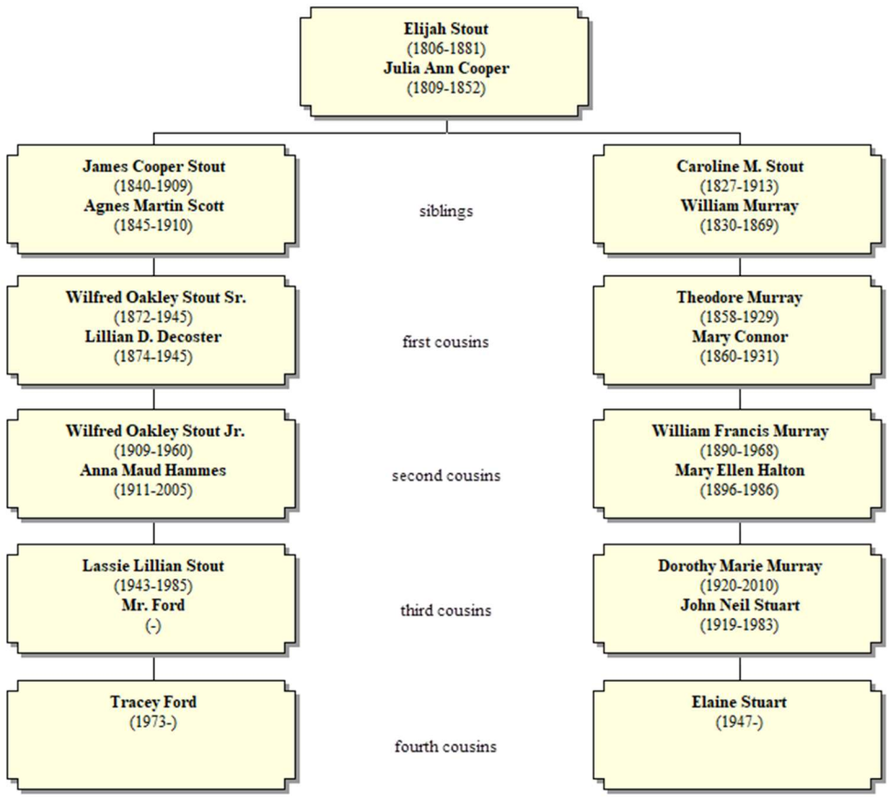
Elaine and I are sixth-cousins twice-removed.

I then added Tracey Ford Moore to my RootsMagic database. Here is a chart showing how she and I are related:



Based on this chart, Tracey and I are both descended from Miles Oakley VI (1696-1763) and his wife Sarah Tippetts (1700-1800). Tracey is my sixth-cousin twice-removed. And we still share 22 cM of DNA.

Finally, here is a chart showing how Tracey and Elaine are related:



Tracey and Elaine are fourth-cousins, and their common ***Oakley*** ancestor is Julia Ann Cooper (1809-1852).

Summary:

In this narrative, I examined my DNA match on Ancestry.com with Tracey Moore (née Ford). Based on our shared DNA matches and the genealogical records, I am 99% certain that Tracey has the ***Oakley-Browne*** DNA segment on Chromosome 15. My next step will be to contact her and see if she will be willing to upload her DNA profile to GEDmatch.com, so that we can know this for sure.