

Tyler Thompson – A *Crawford* Descendant

(And Much More About Our Common Ancestor, William Lewis Crawford)

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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.

When I visit the Ancestry.com website (which is typically daily), I usually view all my DNA matches and then filter them so that I only see those DNA matches that meet two criteria: (1) software on Ancestry.com has identified our common ancestors and (2) I have not viewed the DNA match previously. Most days, this process turns up zero new matches to examine. But a few days ago, I saw that I had a new DNA match with a man named Tyler Thompson¹:

Distant Family



Tyler Thompson

3rd cousin 2x removed or half 2nd cousin
3x removed
Paternal side
14 cM | < 1% shared DNA

 Public linked tree
96 people

 Common ancestor

Tyler and I shared just 14 cM of DNA, meaning that we are pretty distant relatives. Software on Ancestry.com suggested that we could be as distant as third-cousins twice-removed (we actually are more distant than that).

I went on to view the ancestors and Tyler and I have in common:

How are you and Tyler Thompson related?

Common Ancestors

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

Tyler Thompson could be your 4th cousin 2x removed through:



William Lewis Crawford

3rd great-grandfather

1792–1868

View Relationship



Elizabeth Jane Smith

3rd great-grandmother

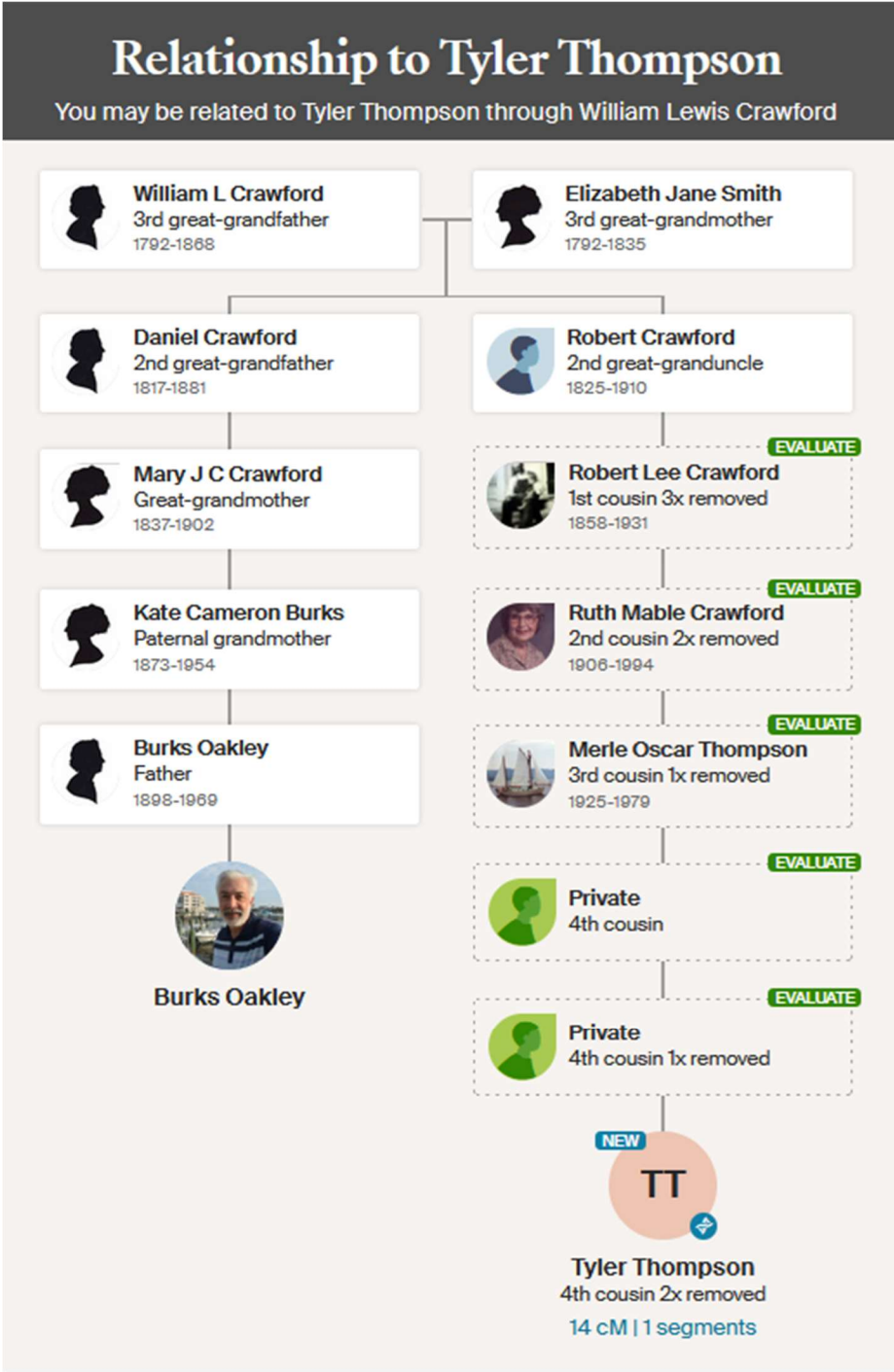
1792–1835

View Relationship

¹ It appears that Tyler just joined Ancestry.com a few days ago.

Tyler and I are both descended from William Lewis Crawford (1792-1868) and his wife Elizabeth Jane Smith (1792-1835). This couple were my third-great grandparents.

I then looked at the chart that software on Ancestry.com had created, showing how Tyler and I are related:



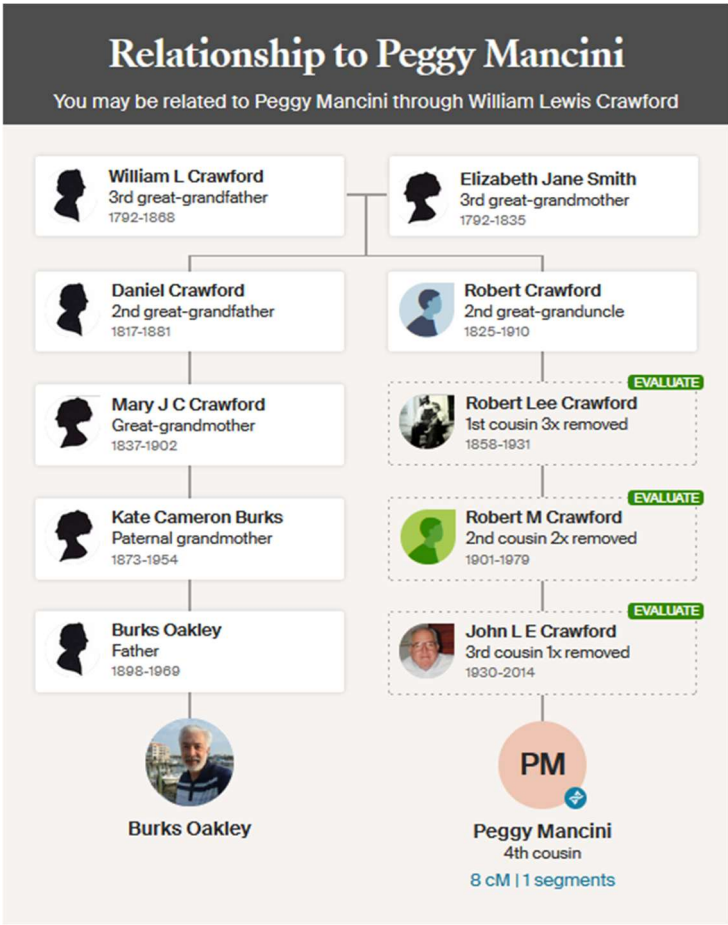
Tyler is descended from the **Crawford-Smith** couple through their son Robert Crawford (1825-1910), while I am descended from this couple through their older son Daniel Crawford (1817-1881). Based on this relationship chart, I was a fourth-cousin of Tyler’s paternal grandfather, meaning that Tyler is my fourth-cousin twice-removed. Note that Tyler’s second-great grandmother, Ruth Mable Crawford (1906-1994) was born eight years after my father, Burks Oakley (1898-1969) was born!

As part of my investigation of my DNA match with Tyler, I looked at our “Shared DNA Matches”. We have twenty-six shared matches, but software on Ancestry.com only found common ancestors for four of these matches (some matches don’t have family trees, some matches don’t have their DNA linked to their family trees, and others just have minimal family trees with one or two

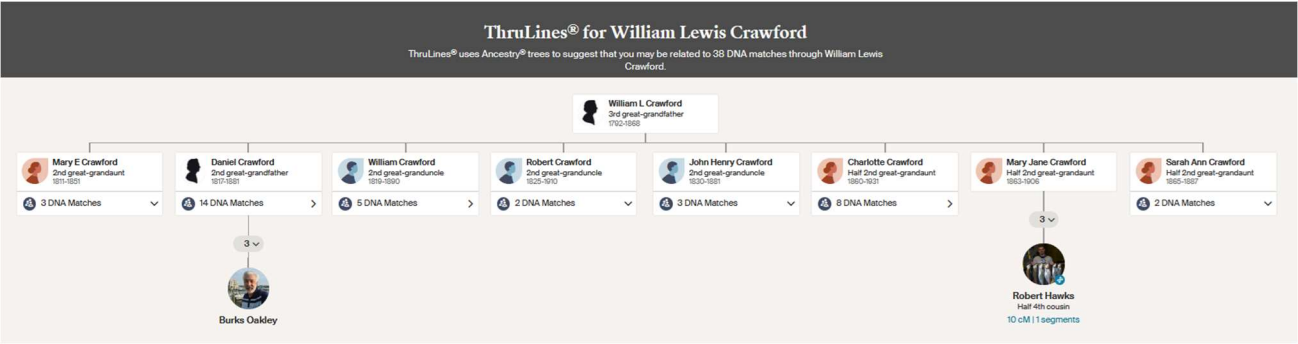
people in them). Here are the four shared matches where software had identified common ancestors:

Shared match:	Your:	Tyler Thompson's:
 Joseph Kerlin   	Your: Half 3rd cousin 1x removed or 4th cousin 23 cM Paternal side	Tyler Thompson's: Half 2nd cousin 3x removed or 3rd cousin 2x removed 36 cM
 randychrisley   	Your: 4th cousin or half 3rd cousin 1x removed 16 cM Paternal side	Tyler Thompson's: 3rd cousin 2x removed or half 2nd cousin 3x removed 25 cM
 coleman_moriah   	Your: 3rd cousin 2x removed or half 3rd cousin 1x removed 14 cM Paternal side	Tyler Thompson's: 4th cousin or half 3rd cousin 1x removed 26 cM
 Peggy Mancini Managed by JohnRCrawford   	Your: 4th cousin or half 3rd cousin 1x removed 8 cM Paternal side	Tyler Thompson's: 3rd cousin 2x removed or half 3rd cousin 1x removed 36 cM

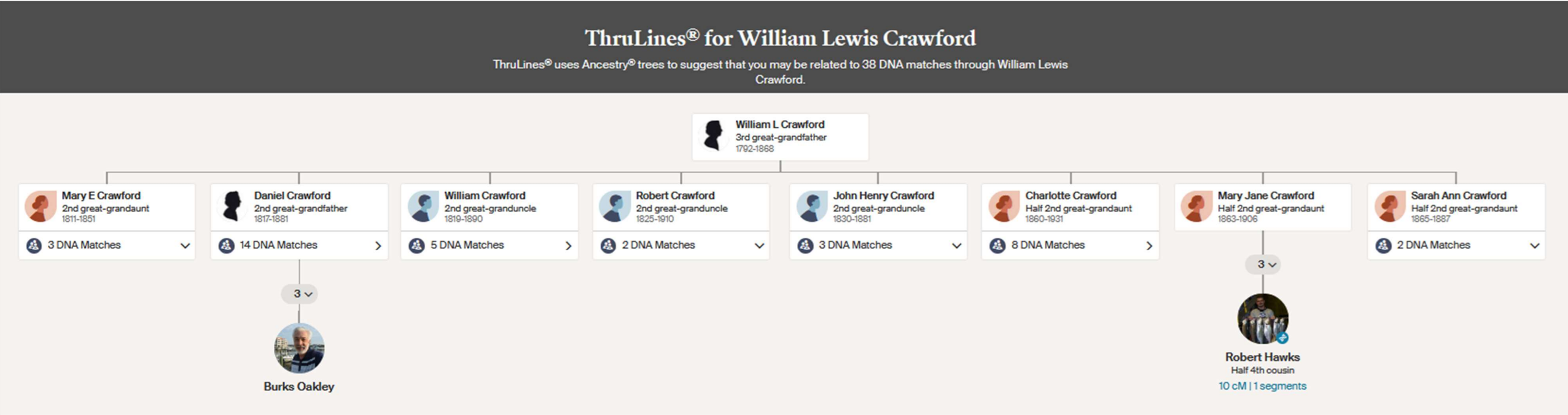
All four of these people are descended from the **Crawford-Smith** couple. For example, here is a chart showing how Peggy Mancini and I are related:



I also looked at my ThruLines® chart for William Lewis Crawford:



This chart is unreadable at this magnification, so I'll show it on the next page in landscape view:

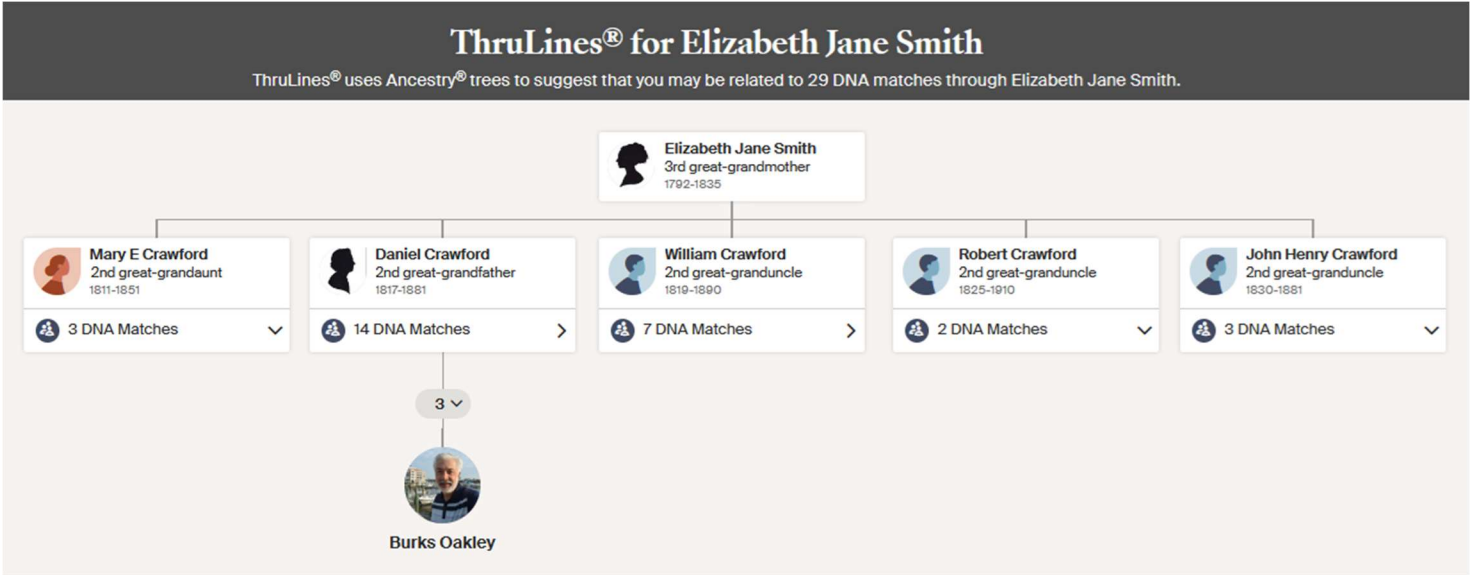


According to this ThruLines® chart, I have DNA matches with thirty-eight descendants of William L. Crawford. This chart actually has some really interesting information. William L. Crawford’s five oldest children in this chart (Mary, Daniel, William, Robert, and John Henry) have birth dates ranging from 1811 to 1830, while his three youngest children in this chart (Charlotte, Mary Jane, and Sarah Ann) have birth dates ranging from 1860 to 1865. Note that my relationship to each of these last three children is shown as a “half” relationship.

I went on to look at my ThruLines® chart for William’s wife, Elizabeth Jane Smith (1792-1835).

Ooops! Did you catch it? Elizabeth died in 1835, but the ThruLines® chart shown above includes three of William’s children who were born between 1860 and 1865. I guess that William must have remarried after Elizabeth Jane died, which would explain the “half” relationships in the chart shown above.

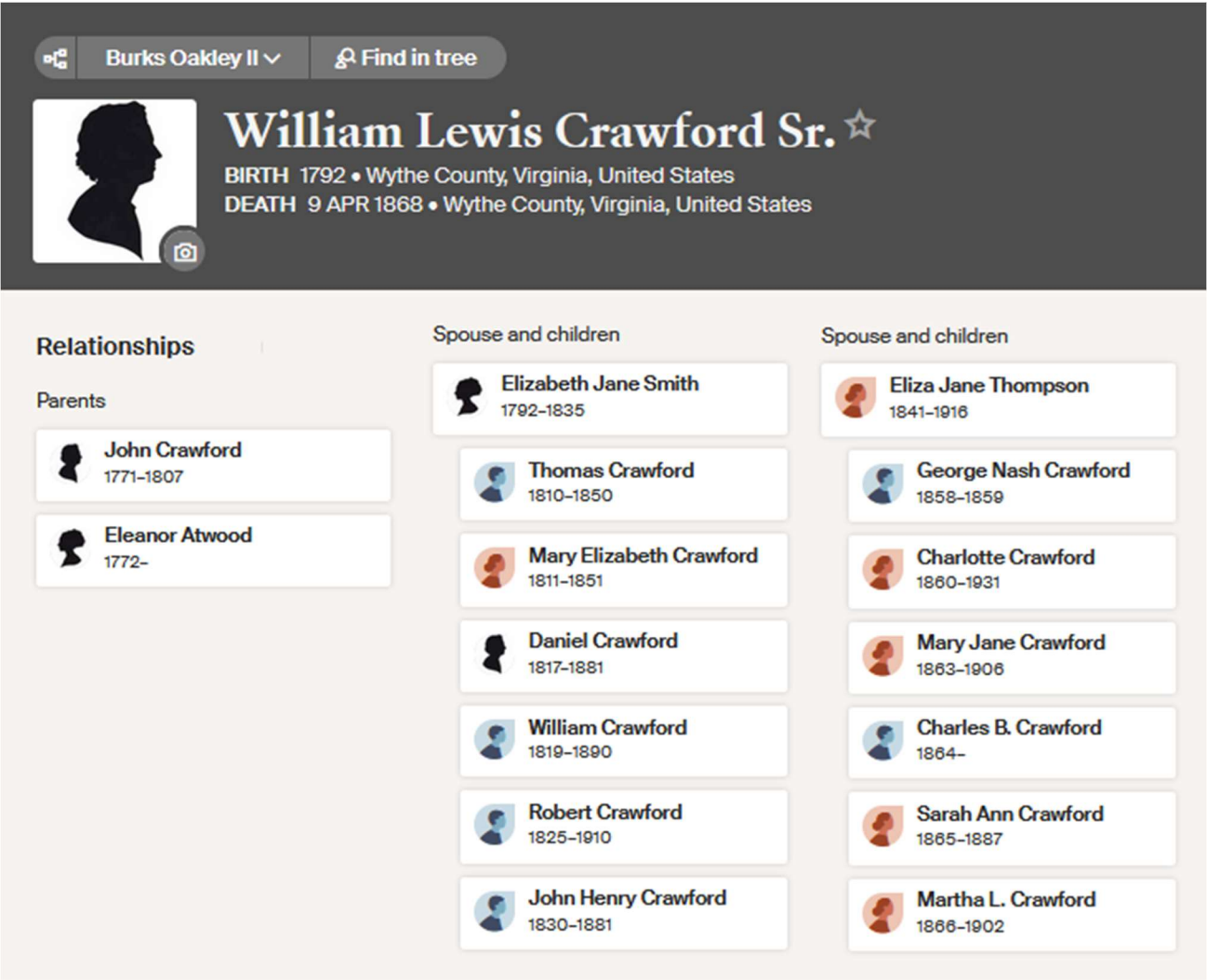
Here is my ThruLines® chart for Elizabeth Jane Smith:



Since Elizabeth Jane was the mother of the first five children in my ThruLines® chart for her husband William, only these first five children appear in her ThruLines® chart. This is all consistent.

ThruLines® charts are only created for a person’s direct ancestors, so I don’t have a ThruLines® chart for William’s second wife (obviously, since I am not descended from this woman – I’m only descended from her husband).

Here is the profile for William L. Crawford that I have on Ancestry.com:



Based on this chart (which is likely to be incomplete), William had six children with his first wife, Elizabeth Jane Smith. He then had six more children with his second wife, Eliza Jane Thompson.

I'm actually blown away by this. William's sixth (and last) child from his first marriage was born in 1830. His first wife, who was his age, died in 1835.

On 30 January 1858, William then married Eliza Jane Thompson, who was born in 1841. She was eleven years younger than his youngest child!!!



(from the "Delp Family Tree" owned by **LynnDelp44**)

William was born in 1792, and his second wife, Eliza Jane Thompson, was born in 1841. He was forty-nine years older than she was!

William and Eliza Jane had their first child, George Nash Crawford, on 27 July 1858 – not quite six months after they were married (OMG – it was a shotgun wedding!!!). At the time of George's birth, William was sixty-six years old and Eliza Jane was seventeen years old. When they had their last child in 1866, William was seventy-four years old and Eliza Jane was twenty-five years old. Amazing!!!!

William was born in 1792, and his daughter Charlotte Crawford died in 1931. Wow, that sure is a span of years!

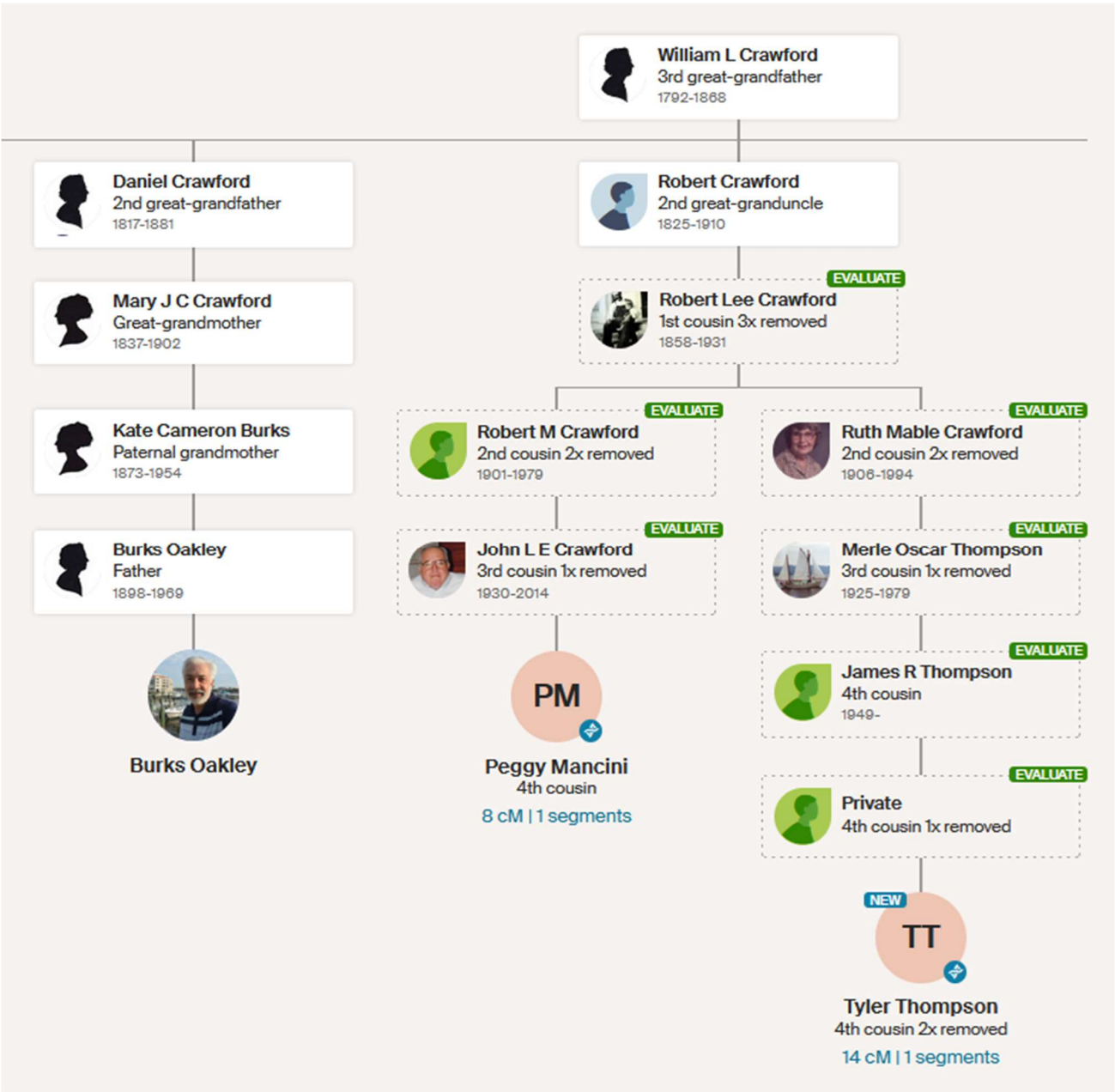
Since I found all this a little difficult to accept, I looked up other profiles for William L. Crawford on the Ancestry.com website. Believe it or not, I found other profiles that showed that William had even more children with his first wife!

Here is one such profile, from the "Delp Family Tree":

All the people shown in green in this chart are likely to be my ancestors. I guess I have some work to do!

Appendix:

In the main narrative, I mentioned that Tyler Thompson and I have a “Shared DNA Match” with Peggy Mancini. Here is an excerpt from my ThruLines® chart for William L. Crawford showing how the three of us are related:



Based on this chart, Peggy and Tyler are second-cousins twice-removed.