

Victoria Vought – Another ***Oakley*** Descendant Likely to Have the ***Oakley-Gardner*** DNA Segment on Chromosome 15

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Introduction

I am interested in genetic genealogy – that is, the use of DNA to expand and to confirm my family tree. In 2019, I began to use a website called GEDmatch.com. This site has a number of software tools that allow users to visualize which segments of their DNA are identical with another individual's DNA. Most importantly, the “chromosome browser” lets users see the exact positions of these DNA matches on any of the twenty-three autosomal chromosomes. [It sure would be nice if Ancestry.com would implement this feature...]

When I started using GEDmatch.com, I discovered a large group of individuals who have autosomal DNA matches with me on Chromosome 15. And to my surprise, I learned that all the individuals in this group who shared detailed family trees with me were descended from Miles Oakley (1671-1743) and his wife Mercy Gardner (1673-1773). So naturally I referred to the matching DNA segment on Chromosome 15 as the ***Oakley-Gardner*** segment.

The ***Oakley-Gardner*** couple were my sixth-great grandparents, but for several individuals in this group, they were their eighth-great grandparents. This finding was incredibly surprising, since autosomal DNA matches typically become too small to be significant after this many generations (due to the way that autosomal DNA is inherited).

I wrote several narratives about my findings:

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

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

I have used the term “triangulation group” when discussing these DNA matches. The people in this triangulation group have a DNA match with me on Chromosome 15¹ and we all are descended from the ***Oakley-Gardner*** couple. I encourage you to read the two earlier narratives, which were written in 2019, for many additional details.

¹ Technically, not everyone in my “triangulation group” matches everyone else – but it seems that we all started with the same matching segment of DNA.

Victoria Vought

A few days ago, I searched my DNA matches on Ancestry.com for all individuals who have someone in their family tree with the surname of *Oakley*. I was surprised to see how short this list of matches was. One of the people on this list was a woman named Victoria Vought. I was pretty sure that I hadn't encountered her previously.



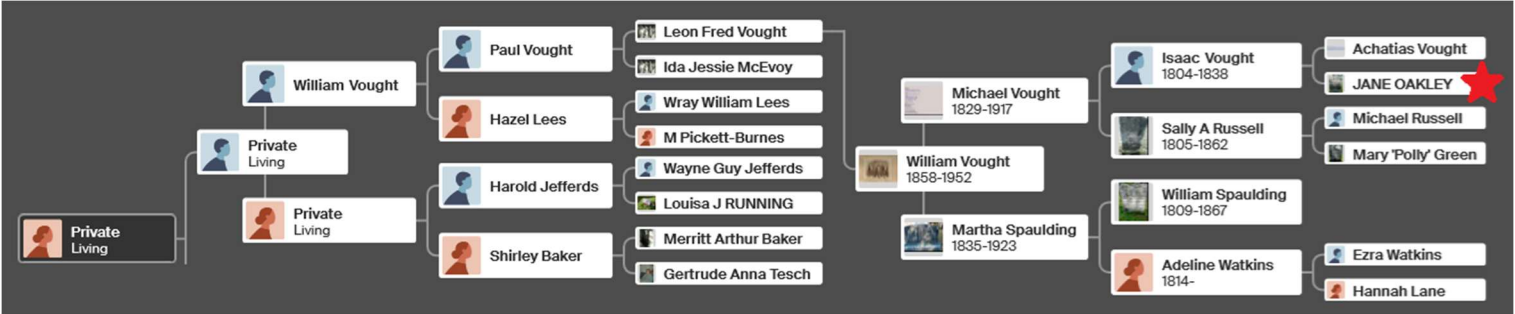
You and Victoria Vought

3rd cousin 2x removed or half 3rd cousin 1x removed
Paternal side

< 1% shared DNA: 21 cM across 1 segments

Victoria and I share 21 cM on a single DNA segment.

I then looked at Victoria's family tree. I was surprised to see that she only has a single *Oakley* in her tree, and that person is Jane Oakley (1772-1865):



Jane's entry appears in the upper-right of the chart and is marked with a red star. According to Victoria's pedigree, Jane Oakley was her sixth-great grandmother.

Here is the profile for Jane Oakley from Victoria's family tree:

Vought/baker Find in tree Victoria Vought



JANE OAKLEY

BIRTH JAN 1772 • Philipstown, New York, United States

DEATH 15 AUG 1865 • Rome, Bradford, Pennsylvania, United States

Family

Parents

Unknown father

Unknown mother

Spouse and children

Achatias Vought
1772-1845

Isaac Christian Vought
1804-1838

Since this branch of Victoria's family tree ends with Jane Oakley, I searched the Ancestry.com website for other profiles for this woman:

All Family Trees results for JANE OAKLEY Vought

Jane Oakley found in 583 trees

View all

Jane Oakley from tree

Meyer Family Tree

Birth	Jan 1772 Peekskill, Westchester, New York, USA	Father	Thomas B. Oakley (1739-1821)
		Mother	Nancy Ann Oakley (1739-1819)
Marriage	30 Aug 1831	Spouse	Achatias Vought (1772-1845)
Residence	1860 Rome, Bradford, Pennsylvania, USA		
Death	15 Aug 1865 Rome, Bradford, Pennsylvania, USA		

12613 People

6 Records

13 Sources

Jane Oakley appears in 583 family trees on the website. The first citation was from the “Meyer Family Tree”, and the profile for Jane in this tree has 6 records and 13 sources. So I looked at it:

Meyer Family Tree

Find in tree

Janet Meyer



Jane Oakley

BIRTH JANUARY 1772 • Peekskill, Westchester, New York, United States

DEATH 15 AUG 1865 • Rome, Bradford, Pennsylvania, United States

Family

Spouse and children

Parents

Thomas B. Oakley

1739-1821

Nancy Ann Oakley

1739-1819

Achatias Vought

1772-1845

Anna Vought

1792-1866

Isaac Christian Vought

1804-1838

Phoebe Vought

1795-1876

Hester Christian Vought

1810-1866

Joseph Vought

1796-1870

Nehemiah Vought

1817-1847

Thomas Vought

1802-1876

Peter Vought

This information is in basic agreement with Victoria’s, except that it includes Jane’s parents and seven more children. Jane’s parents were Thomas B. Oakley (1739-1821) and Nancy Ann Oakley (1739-1819). Was Nancy Ann Oakley an *Oakley* by birth, or by marriage? I’ll have to look at this.

I decided to trace Jane’s paternal line. Here is Thomas B. Oakley from the “Meyer Family Tree”:

Meyer Family Tree

Find in tree

Janet Meyer



Thomas B. Oakley

BIRTH

2 SEPT 1739 • Yorktown, Westchester, NY, USA

DEATH

7 JAN 1821 • Mahopac Falls, Putnam, New York, United States

Family

Spouse and children

Parents

Nehemiah Oakley
1712-1793

Nancy Anne Cousion
1710-1743

Nancy Ann Oakley
1739-1819

Phoebe Oakley
1766-1854

Jane Oakley
1772-1865

Thomas’ father was Nehemiah Oakley (1712-1793):

Meyer Family Tree

Find in tree

Janet Meyer



Nehemiah Oakley

BIRTH

1712 • Cortlandt, Westchester, British Colonial america

DEATH

8 NOV 1793 • Yorktown, Westchester, New York, USA

Family

Spouse and children

Parents

Thomas J Oakley
1680-1730

Abigail Farrington
1683-1758

Nancy Anne Cousion
1710-1743

Thomas B. Oakley
1739-1821

Nehemiah’s parents were Thomas J. Oakley (1680-1730) and Abigail Farrington (1683-1758).

Meyer Family Tree

Find in tree

Janet Meyer



Thomas J Oakley

BIRTH

1680 • Westchester County, New York, USA

DEATH

26 MAY 1730 • Westchester County, New York, USA

Family

Spouse and children

Parents

Miles Oakley III
1645-1682

Mary Waters Wilmot
1649-1698

Abigail Farrington
1683-1758

Nehemiah Oakley
1712-1793

Thomas J. Oakley’s parents were Miles Oakley III (1645-1682) and Mary Waters Wilmot (1649-1698). Everyone seems to number the Miles Oakleys differently, depending on which generation they started with (there are at least six consecutive generations with someone named Miles Oakey). In the RootsMagic database on my Windows PC, the Miles Oakley who was born in 1645 is named Miles IV. Here is my ***Oakley*** ancestral line:



At this point, I realized that Victoria must have the ***Oakley-Gardner*** segment on Chromosome 15. That is the only way we could have an autosomal DNA match that went back so many generations. And in fact, our common ancestors appear to be back one more generation than the ***Oakley-Gardner*** couple.

And what evidence would help to support this idea? Well, Victoria and I should have “Shared DNA Matches” with others in the triangulation group.

So I looked at our shared matches:



You and Victoria Vought

3rd cousin 2x removed or half 3rd cousin 1x removed
Paternal side

< 1% shared DNA: 21 cM across 1 segments

TreesOriginsShared Matches

Parent/Child



Amy Oakley

Daughter
3,455 cM | 50% shared DNA
Both sides

Public linked tree
2,227 People
Common ancestor

Distant Family



John Bever

Half 3rd cousin or 3rd cousin 1x removed
43 cM | < 1% shared DNA
Paternal side

Public linked tree
5 People



Timothy Bever
Managed by Marva Gervais

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

Public linked tree
1,006 People



Howard Bever

Half 3rd cousin or 3rd cousin 1x removed
40 cM | < 1% shared DNA
Paternal side

Unlinked Tree



Cassidy Prentiss

Half 3rd cousin 1x removed or 3rd cousin 2x removed
39 cM | < 1% shared DNA
Paternal side

Public linked tree
1,102 People



Betty Jackson

Half 3rd cousin 1x removed or 4th cousin
27 cM | < 1% shared DNA
Paternal side

Public linked tree
3 People



Ann Winningham

4th cousin or half 3rd cousin 1x removed
27 cM | < 1% shared DNA
Paternal side

Public linked tree
3 People



KathyOrr60

4th cousin or half 3rd cousin 1x removed
27 cM | < 1% shared DNA
Paternal side

No Trees

Oh my! Victoria and I have Shared DNA Matches with my daughter Amy, as well as with John Bever, Tim Bever, Howard Bever, and Cassidy Prentiss (she is Howard Bever’s granddaughter). We also have Shared DNA Matches with Kathy Hill Orr and her sisters Betty Jackson and Ann Winningham. All of these people are **Oakley** descendants with the **Oakley-Gardner** segment on Chromosome 15.

There also were a large number of people on our list of Shared DNA Matches that I didn’t recognize and didn’t have family trees on the site. I’m sure that they are **Oakley** descendants, but have no way to prove it.

I now need to contact Victoria and see if she will upload her DNA profile to the GEDmatch.com website, so we can know for sure that she has the matching segment on Chromosome 15.

How Victoria and I are Related:

I entered Victoria’s ***Vought-Oakley*** line into the RootsMagic database on my Windows PC. Here is a chart from RootsMagic, showing how Victoria and I are related:

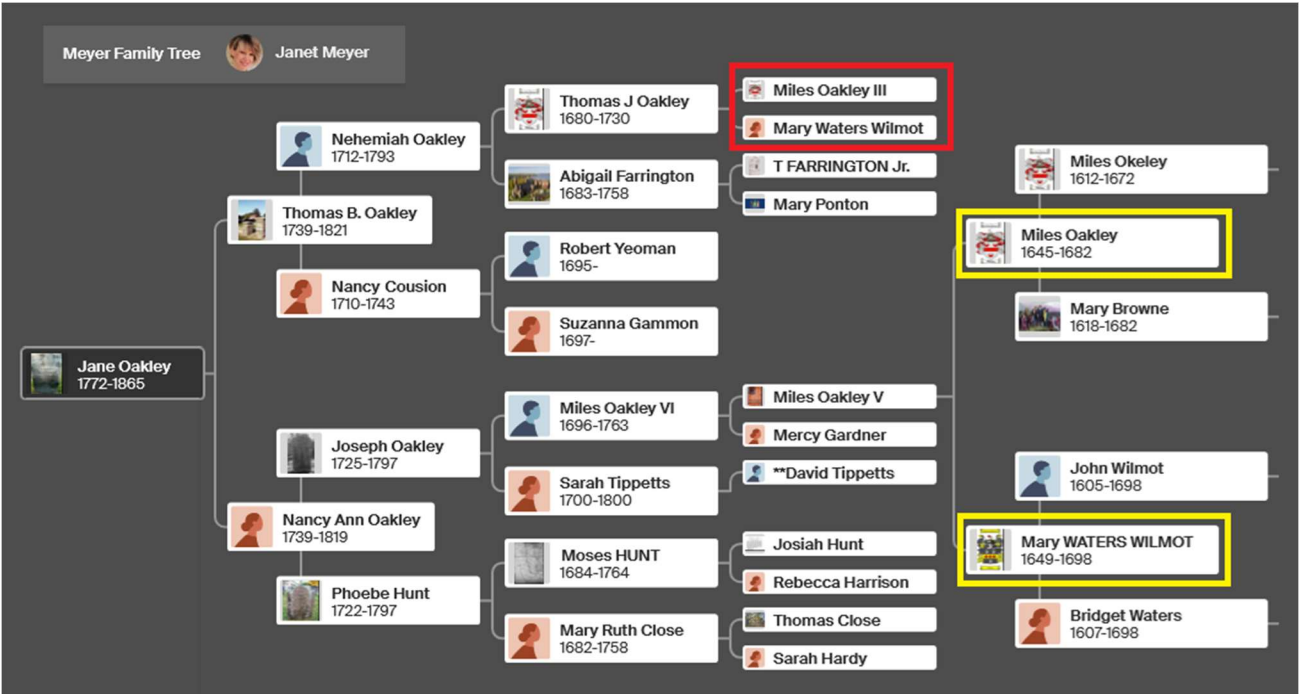


According to this chart, we are eighth-cousins thrice-removed. To have a 21 cM autosomal DNA match going back that far seems impossible. But read what I wrote earlier about a “sticky segment”.

Nancy Ann Oakley:

For completeness, I went back and looked at Nancy Ann Oakley (1739-1819). Remember her? Earlier in this narrative I wrote that I didn’t know if she was an *Oakley* by birth or by marriage.

I went back to Jane Oakley in the Meyer Family Tree – here is a chart showing Jane’s pedigree:



Jane’s father was Thomas B. Oakley (1739-1821), and his *Oakley* line goes back to his great-grandparents, Miles Oakley III and Mary Waters Wilmot. This couple appears inside a red box.

Jane’s mother was Nancy Ann Oakley (1739-1819), and she was an *Oakley* by birth! Her *Oakley* line goes back to her second-great grandparents, Miles Oakley and Mary Waters Wilmot. This couple appear inside yellow boxes.

The couple in the red box are the same as the people in the yellow boxes. They appear twice in the “Meyer Family Tree”.

Here is the first Miles Oakley:

Meyer Family TreeFind in treeJanet Meyer



Miles Oakley

BIRTH 15 JUL 1645 • Oakley Parish, Cumberland, , England

DEATH 16 MAY 1682 • Westchester, Westchester, New York, USA

Family

Parents

Miles Okeley1612-1672

Mary Browne1618-1682

Spouse and children

Mary WATERS WILMOT1649-1698

Miles Oakley V1671-1743

Here is the second Miles Oakley:

Meyer Family TreeFind in treeJanet Meyer



Miles Oakley III

BIRTH 15 JUL 1645 • Oakley Parish, Cumberland, England

DEATH 16 MAY 1682 • Westchester, Westchester, New York, United States

Family

Parents

Miles Oakley III
1612-1672

Mary BROWNE
1607-1682

Spouse and children

Mary Waters Wilmot
1649-1698

Thomas J Oakley
1680-1730

Here is the first Mary Waters Wilmot:

Meyer Family TreeFind in treeJanet Meyer



Mary WATERS WILMOT

BIRTH 1649 • Great Neck, Livingston, New York, United States

DEATH 1698 • Westchester, New York, United States

Family

Parents

John Wilmot
1605-1698

Bridget Waters
1607-1698

Spouse and children

Miles Oakley
1645-1682

Miles Oakley V
1671-1743

And here is the second Mary Waters Wilmot:

Meyer Family TreeFind in treeJanet Meyer



Mary Waters Wilmot

BIRTH 1649 • Great Neck, Livingston, New York, United States

DEATH 1698 • Westchester, New York, United States

Family

Parents

John Wilmot
1605-1698

BRIDGET WATERS
1607-1698

Spouse and children

Miles Oakley III
1645-1682

Thomas J Oakley
1680-1730

I have to admit that it is really easy to have duplicates like this, especially when there are so many people in our family named Miles Oakley!

A Good Vought Family Tree:

In looking at Victoria's family on Ancestry.com, I found a really good ***Vought*** family tree at:

<https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/tree/28489126/family>

It is called "My Vaught Family Tree".

One Last Item:

As I was writing this short narrative, I thought I should check the "Genealogy" folder on my Windows PC, just to make sure that I have not written about Victoria Vought in the past. So I searched this folder for "Vought" (no quotes), and I was pleasantly surprised to see that Christian Vought appears in a rather long PDF, which is entitled "***Descendants of William Oakley***". Christian Vought is listed as the husband of Jane Oakley, and in turn, Jane is listed as a daughter of Thomas B. Oakley and Nancy Oakley:

39. THOMAS B.⁷ OAKLEY (*NEHEMIAH⁶, THOMAS⁵, MILES⁴, JOHN³, WILLIAM², WILLIAM¹*) was born 02 Apr 1739 in Westchester Co. NY, and died 1821 in Philipstown, New York. He married NANCY OAKLEY Bet. 1763 - 1766, daughter of JOSEPH OAKLEY and PHEBE HUNT. She was born 02 Sep 1739 in Yonkers, NY, and died 1819 in Philipstown, New York.

Children of THOMAS OAKLEY and NANCY OAKLEY are:

72. i. THOMAS⁸ OAKLEY, b. WFT Est. 1760-1789; d. WFT Est. 1766-1868, In Peekskill Creek.
73. ii. PHEBE OAKLEY, b. 23 Aug 1766, Philipstown, New York; d. Aft. 1854, Whiteside Co., Illinois.
74. iii. NEHEMIAH OAKLEY, b. 18 Oct 1767, Putnum Valley, NY; d. 24 Aug 1831, Putnum Valley, NY.
- iv. JOSEPH OAKLEY, b. Abt. 1768, Philipstown, New York; d. Drowned Off Cape Hom..
- v. JOHN OAKLEY, b. 1769, Yorktown, New York; d. 12 Oct 1853; m. SARAH MCCOY, 03 Oct 1796; b. WFT Est. 1760-1780; d. WFT Est. 1801-1868, Info Unclear. May Be 8-5-1838..
- vi. MARY OAKLEY, b. Abt. 1770, Philipstown, New York; d. Peekskill, New York; m. GEORGE MILLER, WFT Est. 1776-1822; b. WFT Est. 1750-1787; d. WFT Est. 1776-1865.
- vii. JANE OAKLEY, b. Abt. 1772; d. ; m. CHRISTIAN **VOUGHT**, WFT Est. 1778-1826.
- viii. ANN OAKLEY, b. 1778, Philipstown, New York; d. 1834; m. JOHN DEPUE, 23 Jan 1798; b. WFT Est. 1753-1779; d. WFT Est. 1803-1866, Info Unclear. May Be 8-5-1838..
- ix. SARAH OAKLEY, b. 16 Apr 1786, Phillipstone, NY; d. 12 Oct 1863; m. JAMES BRIGGS, WFT Est. 1800-1832; b. WFT Est. 1769-1789; d. WFT Est. 1803-1875.
- x. MARTHA OAKLEY, b. 1788, Philipstown, New York; d. 1861; m. JOSEPH CONKLIN, WFT Est. 1802-1834; b. WFT Est. 1771-1791; d. WFT Est. 1805-1877.
75. xi. ABBY OAKLEY, b. 18 May 1790, Philipstown, New York; d. 26 Jun 1891.
- xiii. JAMES OAKLEY, b. 1796, Philipstown, New York; d. 14 Feb 1863; m. MARY G. GILBERTS, WFT Est. 1813-1844; b. WFT Est. 1792-1811; d. WFT Est. 1813-1896.

Of course, this is in agreement with the family trees I have shown in this narrative. [And no, I haven't written about my DNA match with Victoria Vaught previously.]

The original PDF file is online at:

<https://freepages.rootsweb.com/~alford/genealogy/oakley.pdf>

But I have no idea who wrote this formidable 36-page document.

Yet One More Thing:

While writing this narrative, I had to access my DNA match with Victoria Vought multiple times. One time, I searched my DNA matches for the name "Vought" (no

quotes), and it showed me my DNA match with Victoria, but also with a man whose username is **E.E.** – and Victoria manages his DNA profile on Ancestry.com:

Distant Family



Victoria Vought

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

 Public linked tree
95 people



E.E.
Managed by Victoria Vought

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

 Unlinked tree

I have an 18 cM DNA match with **E.E.**, and he and I have Shared DNA Matches with Howard Bever and his granddaughter Cassidy Prentiss, Kathy Hill Orr, and (obviously) Victoria Vought. It sure looks like **E.E.** has the **Oakley-Gardner** segment on Chromosome 15!