

My DNA Match with *mugglemama24* – Going back on my *Miller* ancestral line

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A few days ago, I learned that I have a new DNA match on Ancestry.com with a woman having the username *mugglemama24*:

Distant Family



mugglemama24

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

 Public linked tree
2,593 people

 Common ancestor

She and I share just 9 cM of DNA, so we are likely to be rather distant cousins.

I looked at the details of our DNA match, and it turns out that we both are descended from Ezra Marvin Miller (1812-1874) and his wife Jane Kershaw Wells (1812-1882):

How are you and mugglemama24 related?

Common Ancestors

According to Ancestry member trees, these are the common ancestors that connect you and mugglemama24. View a common ancestor to see the relationship path that connects you.

mugglemama24 could be your 3rd cousin 2x removed through:



Ezra Marvin Miller

2nd great-grandfather

1812-1874

View Relationship



Jane Kershaw Wells

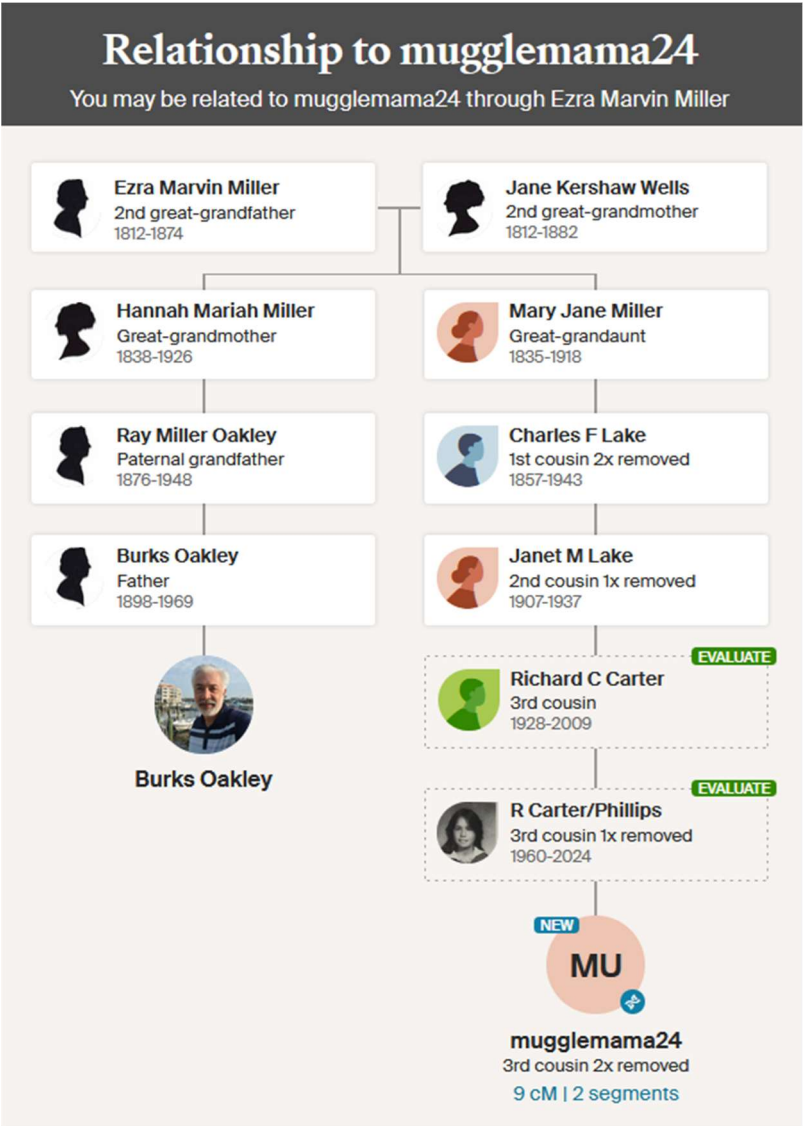
2nd great-grandmother

1812-1882

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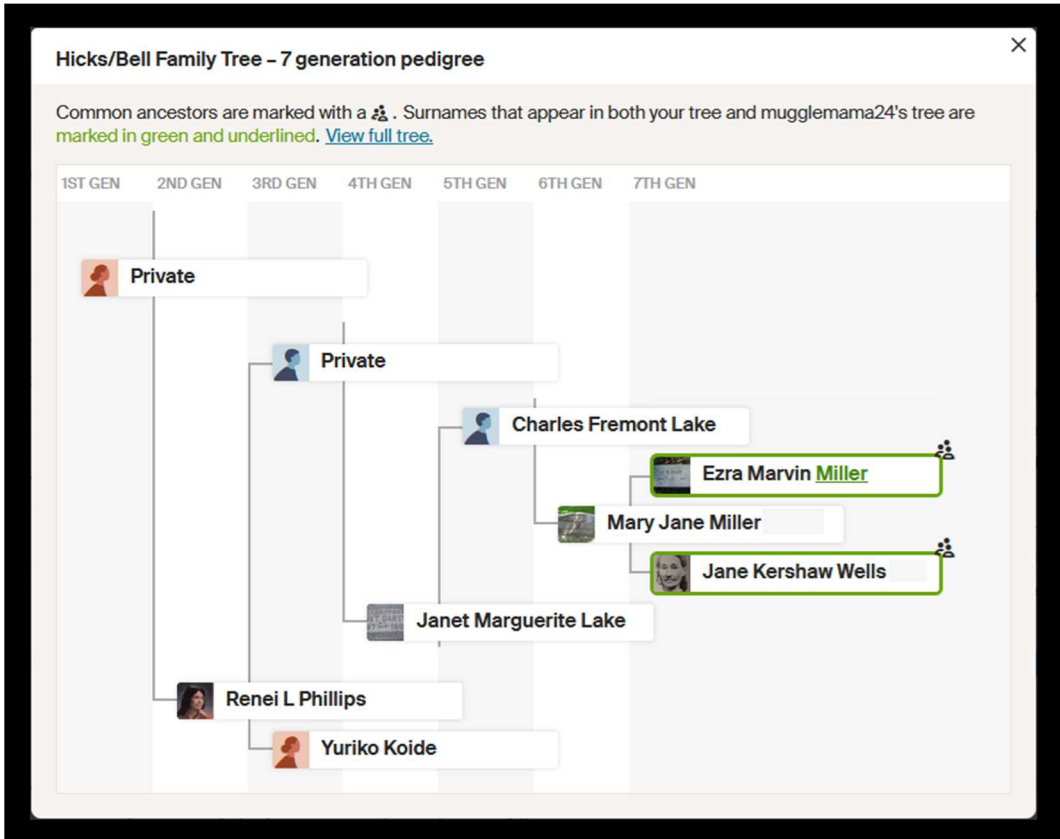
This couple were my second-great grandparents.

I went on to look at the chart showing how *mugglemama24* and I are most likely related:



I am descended from the *Miller-Wells* couple through their daughter Hannah Mariah Miller (1838-1926), while *mugglemama24* is descended from this couple through their daughter Mary Jane Miller (1835-1918). Based on this chart, I was a third-cousin of her maternal grandfather, Richard C. Carter (1928-2009), which means that *mugglemama24* and I are third-cousins twice-removed.

I also looked at her pedigree chart that is on the Ancestry.com website:



It is nice to see that her family tree includes her ancestral line back to Ezra Marvin Miller and his wife Jane Kershaw Wells.

In looking at the pedigree chart on the previous page, I noted that *mugglemama24*'s maternal grandmother was Yuriko Koide (1922-1886). This name sounds very Japanese, and in fact, Yuriko Koide was born in Toyohashi, Aichi, Japan:

Hicks Family Tree

Find in tree

MU mugglemama24

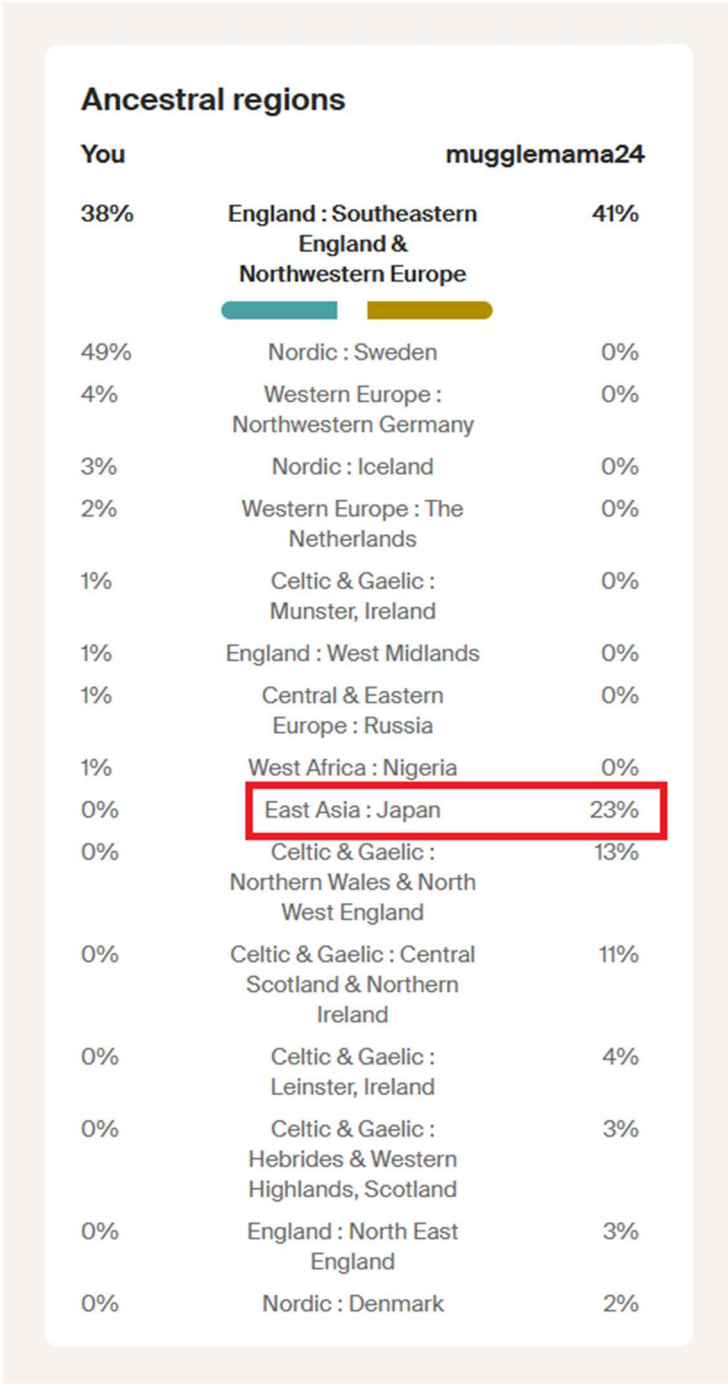


Yuriko Koide

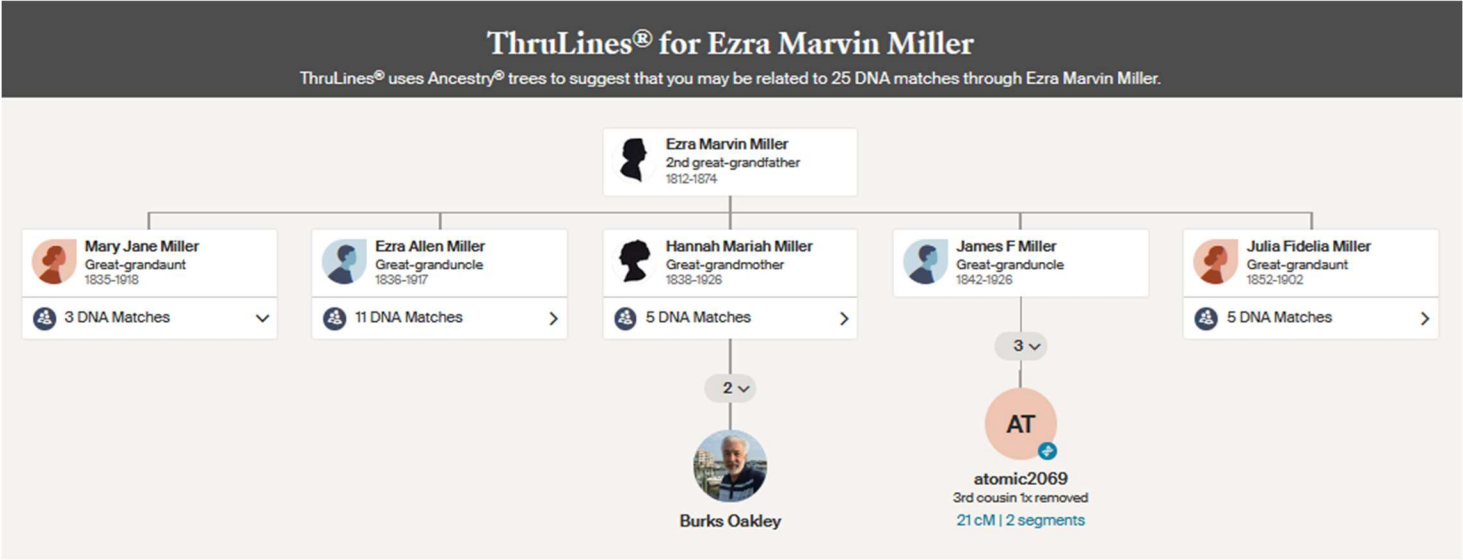
BIRTH 28 AUG 1922 • Toyohashi, Aichi, Japan

DEATH 11 JUL 1986 • California, USA

Assuming that Yuriko was ethnically Japanese, then *mugglemama24* should be one-quarter Japanese. And that is essentially what I saw when I looked at *mugglemama24*'s ethnicity estimates:

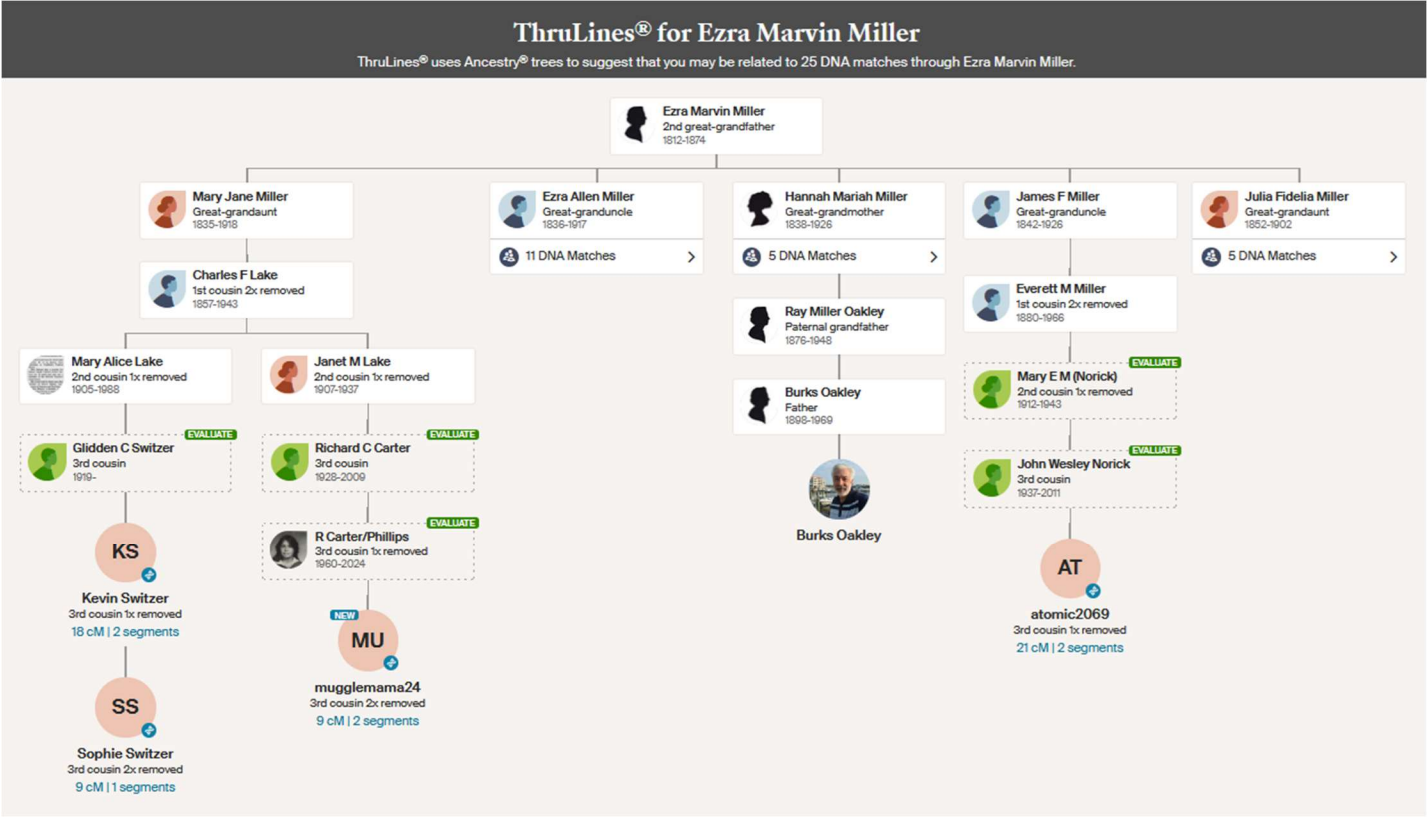


I also looked at my ThruLines® chart for Ezra Marvin Miller. Here it is with all of the line “closed”:



I have DNA matches with 25 descendants of Ezra Marvin Miller. I should add that my ThruLines® chart for Ezra Marvin Miller’s wife, Jane Kershaw Wells, looks identical to this chart.

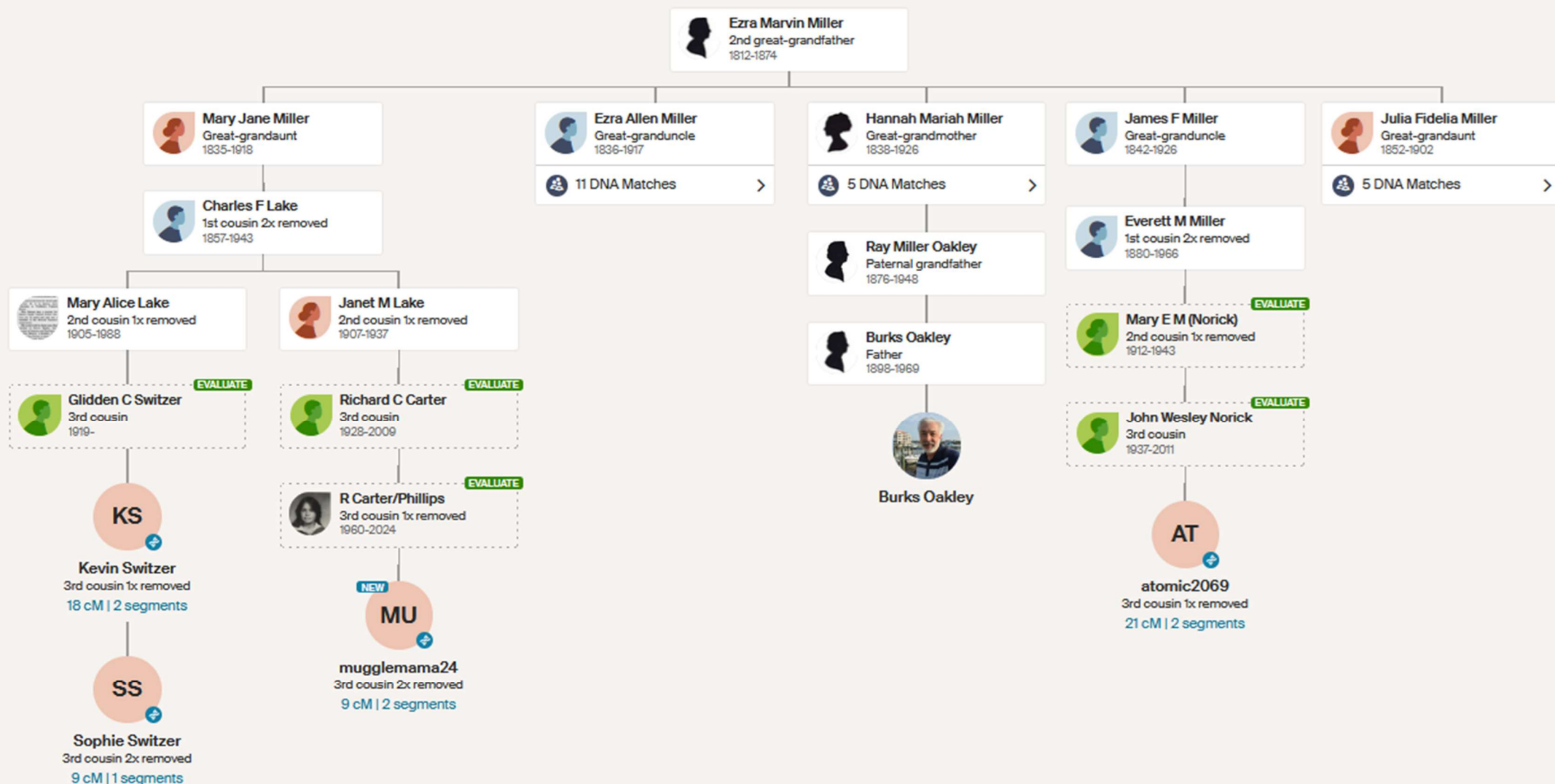
Here is my ThruLines® chart with several ancestral lines “open”:



This chart is very difficult to read at this magnification, so I’ll show it in landscape view on the next page:

ThruLines® for Ezra Marvin Miller

ThruLines® uses Ancestry® trees to suggest that you may be related to 25 DNA matches through Ezra Marvin Miller.



I note that in the lower-left corner of this chart, I have DNA matches with Kevin Switzer and his daughter Sophie Switzer.

Finally, I looked at the DNA matches that I have in common with *mugglemama24*. There are fifteen individuals on our list of “Shared DNA Matches”, but only three have known common ancestors:

Shared match:	Your:	mugglemama24's:
 AmandaMervin  +	Your: 1st cousin 2x removed 325 cM Paternal side	mugglemama24's: 4th cousin or half 3rd cousin 1x removed 20 cM
 atomic2069   +	Your: 3rd cousin 1x removed 21 cM Paternal side	mugglemama24's: Half 3rd cousin 1x removed or 4th cousin 23 cM
 Kevin Switzer   +	Your: Half 3rd cousin 1x removed or 4th cousin 18 cM Paternal side	mugglemama24's: 3rd cousin 1x removed or half 3rd cousin 58 cM
 Sophie Switzer   +	Your: 3rd cousin 2x removed 9 cM Paternal side	mugglemama24's: Half 3rd cousin 1x removed or 4th cousin 37 cM

The three with known common ancestors all appear in my ThruLines® chart for Ezra Marvin Miller on the previous page, and they are: Kevin Switzer and his daughter Sophie Switzer, and a woman having the username of *atomic2069*.

Also on the list of “Shared DNA Matches” is Amanda Mervin. Amanda (born in 1988) is a granddaughter of my first-cousin Ann Elizabeth Oakley (born in 1942). I wrote about my DNA match with Amanda earlier:

<http://www.burksoakley.com/QuincyOakleyGenealogy/93-AmandaMervin-AM0-Line.pdf>

How interesting that she has a DNA match with *mugglemama24*!

Who is mugglemama24?

I have to admit that I have no clue who this woman is. Based on her pedigree chart on the Ancestry.com website, her father was Eddie Walter Bell (1943-2007). So I know that *mugglemama24*’s maiden name was *Bell*.

Eddie’s entry on the FindAGrave.com website is at:

<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/17656816/eddie-walter-bell>

And this page includes his obituary, which mentions his four daughters: “Tami Horito of Las Vegas, Tracie Horito of Arkansas, Tina Horito of Arlington and Melinda Bell of Oregon”.

On Ancestry.com, *mugglemama24*’s family trees are entitled “Hicks Family Tree” and “Hicks/Bell Family Tree”, so maybe *Hicks* is her married name.

So maybe this woman is “Melinda Bell Hicks” and lives in Oregon.

But what is a Muggle?

I did a Google search on the word “muggle”, and it returned an “AI Overview”:

A Muggle is a person in the Harry Potter universe who lacks any magical ability and is unaware of the magical world, essentially an ordinary, non-magical person. The term has also broadened in common usage to describe someone unfamiliar with a specific subject, skill, or fandom, acting as an outsider or non-expert in that context.

In the Harry Potter Universe

Definition: Someone born to non-magical parents, without magical powers.

Relationship to Magic: Muggles are separate from witches and wizards, and the magical community often works to keep its existence secret from them.

I then asked Google “What is a muggle mama?”, and it returned an “AI Overview”:

In the context of Harry Potter, a “Muggle mama” refers to a non-magical woman (a Muggle) who is the mother of a witch or wizard, commonly known as a Muggle-born, such as Hermione Granger’s mother or Lily Potter’s mother. These mothers are part of the non-magical, ordinary human world and usually have no knowledge of magic until their child displays abilities.

Of course, none of this gets me any closer to learning who *mugglemama24* actually is...