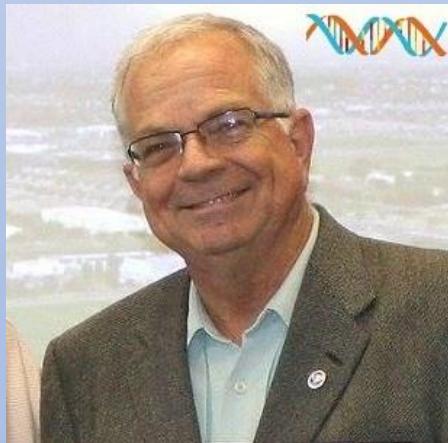




# Unlocking the Past Through Genealogy Meeting History



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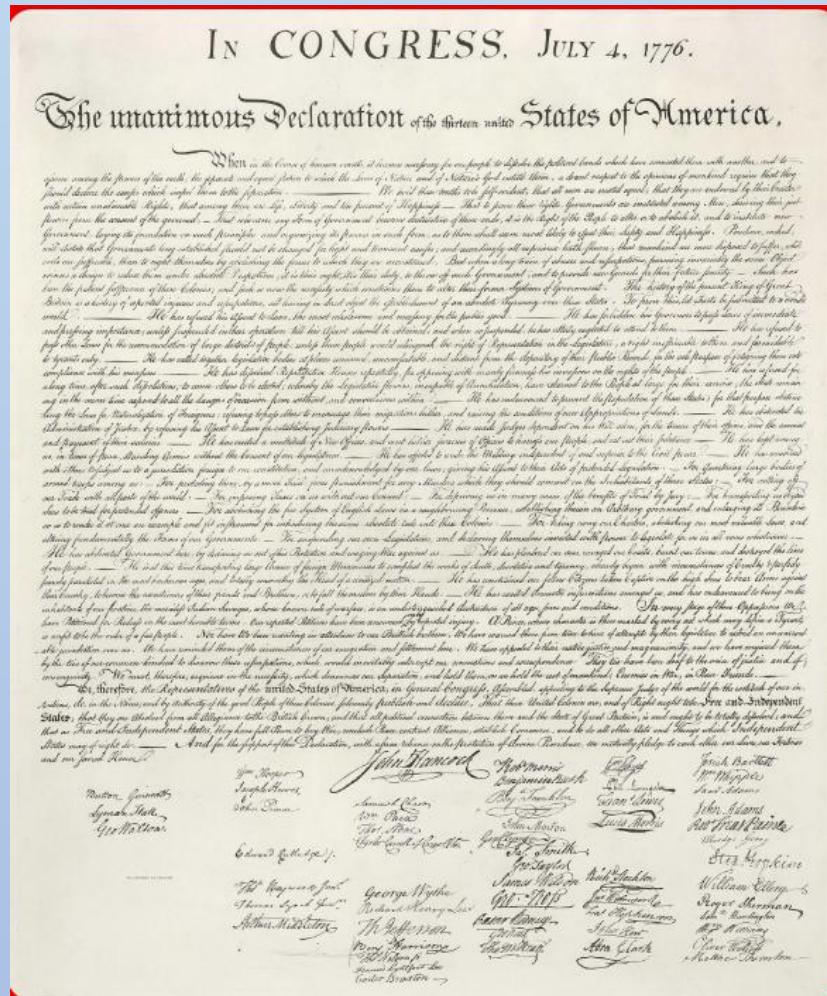
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# Impetus



- I was asked to do a genealogy presentation with linkage to the 250 year anniversary of the founding of the United States (1776-2026)
- I gave it a bit of thought and realized...
  - Whose genealogy do I know the most about...?
  - The answer was obvious...
    - My own, of course!
- So, I decided to do a walk back in time through some of the more interesting discoveries I made on my family tree research
  - Some fascinating, some tragic

Note: this is my story but it's important to recognize that we all have a captivating story that intertwines with history. Discover yours now!



# Process

- I will walk my discoveries back in time, starting with the current and going back, even as far as the original settlements
- Focus on connections to those living and deceased, and events and institutions that touch my family history
- Some will be fascinating and proudful while some will be dark and tragic



# First, a bit on DNA

- DNA
  - I've taken or administered over 30 DNA tests for myself, relatives, and associates testing with all 5 major testing companies
    - With each test I learn something new and love the challenge of identifying DNA matches
  - Four types of tests:
    - Autosomal, Y-DNA, Mitochondria-DNA, and Whole Genome Sequencing
    - Probably about 95% of DNA tests taken are autosomal
    - In this presentation I will only be referring to autosomal tests

# Value of Autosomal Tests – and the limitations

- Any person can take an autosomal test and there are 5 testing companies available (generally from \$25 up to \$100)
- Primary value for most people is (1) Finding related matches, and (2) Discovering likely ethnicity background --- I'm going to focus on #1
- Autosomal tests are very useful for the most recent 6 or so generations back (say, back to about 1830 or so) --- some matches can be found even further back but those can have lower confidence levels

# Pre-DNA Resources

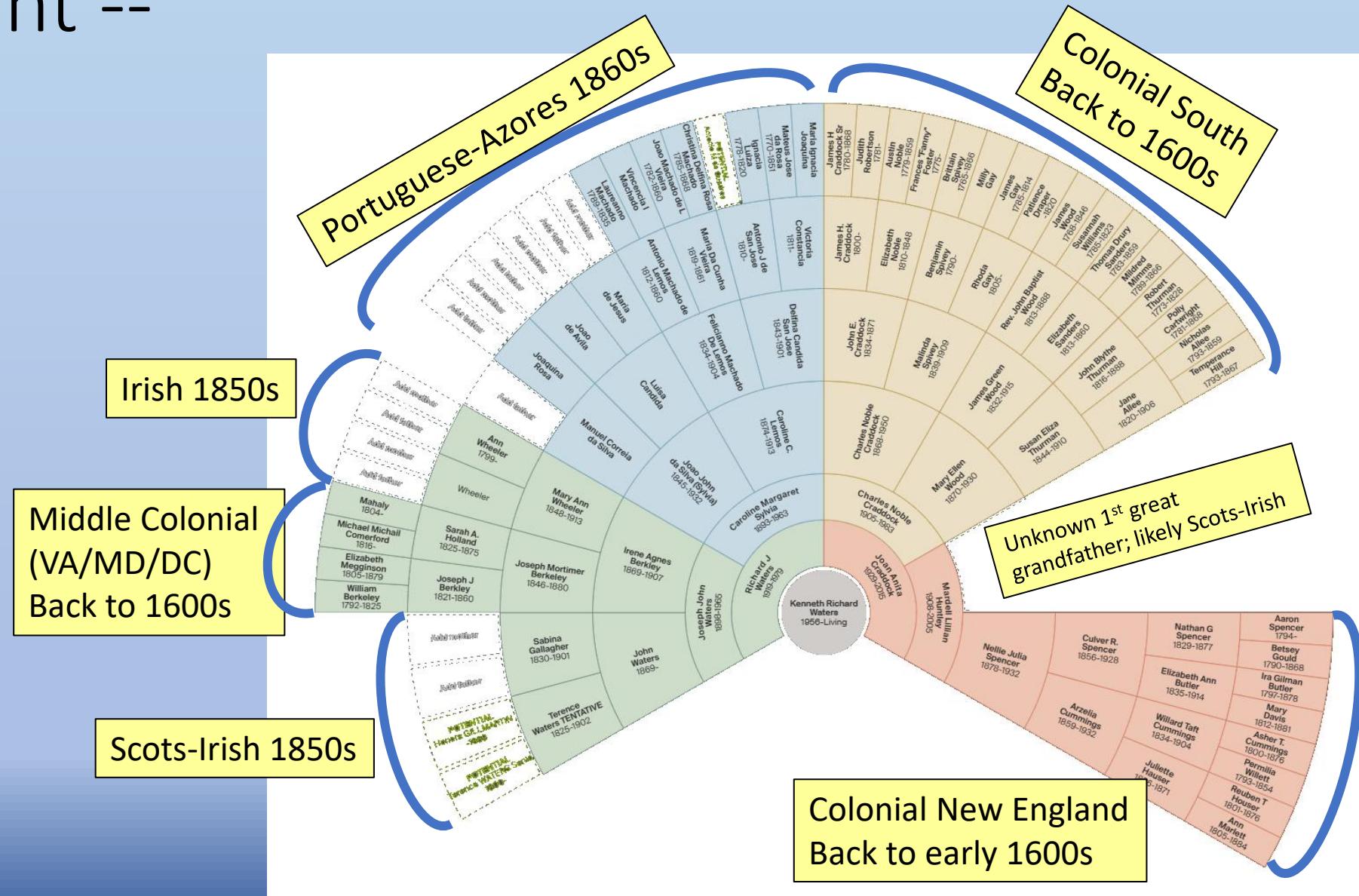
- First of all, the ability to find a DNA match to something like a 6<sup>th</sup> cousin can be useful
- US Census (1790-1950, 1960 will be released in 2032)
- City Directories (precursors to phone books), 1850-1950
- Birth, Marriage, Death records---collected by towns, cities, and states

# Topics (for me)

- My background
- Recent discoveries
  - A surprise DNA pirate link
  - A remarkable story of a mystery DNA match
  - Three tragic stories, Anna Wheeler, Irene Berkley Waters, and Joseph Berkley
  - A skeleton in the closet story, Andrew Berkley
- 20<sup>th</sup> Century
  - World War II (Father)
- 19<sup>th</sup> Century
  - Culver Spencer at Kellogg's
  - Civil War (John Craddock, Joseph Berkley)
  - Slaveholders
  - Murder
- 18<sup>th</sup> Century
  - Revolutionary War (Cummings, et al)
  - Founders
    - Decl of Indepence (Benj Harrison V)
    - Founder of Wm & Mary
    - Founder of MA City
- 17<sup>th</sup> Century
  - British Migration
  - Early Families
  - Mayflower
  - Native American "Royalty"

# Starting Point --

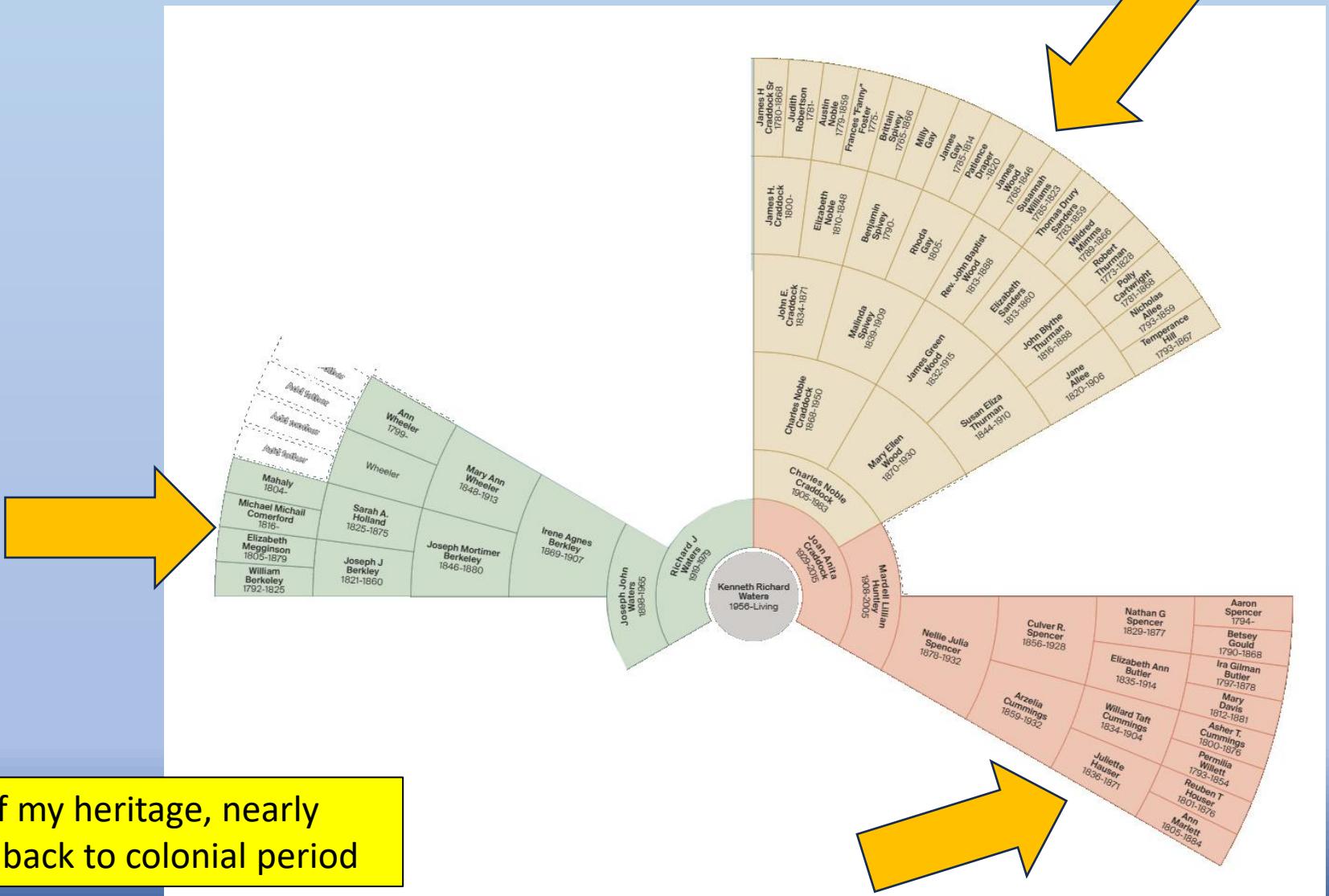
- My 7 generations
  - “Fan chart” going out to my 4<sup>th</sup> great-grandparents
  - Paternal side is on the left, maternal on the right
  - Uncolored sections are still in process or are unknown



# Keeping On Theme

- Since the theme of America 250 focuses on the founding of the union, I'll focus on my 3 deep colonial sections
  - One is from New England
  - One from the South
  - And one from the middle colonies (DC/MD/VA)

7/16ths of my heritage, nearly half, goes back to colonial period



# Here we go!

- First, a fun one
- I had my mom DNA tested before she passed
- Looking at her thousands of DNA matches I found a surname of interest: Depp
  - I worked this person's tree back in time and found the connection with my tree



RD

**Joan Anita Craddock and R.D.**  
R.D.'s test is managed by: [REDACTED]

Half 3rd cousin 1x removed or 4th cousin | Paternal side  
< 1% shared DNA: 34 cM across 2 segments

Connect to tree Message Edit Relationship

• Add/edit groups  
6C1R [REDACTED]...

**Trees** Origins Shared Matches **PRO**

How are Joan Anita Craddock and R.D. related?

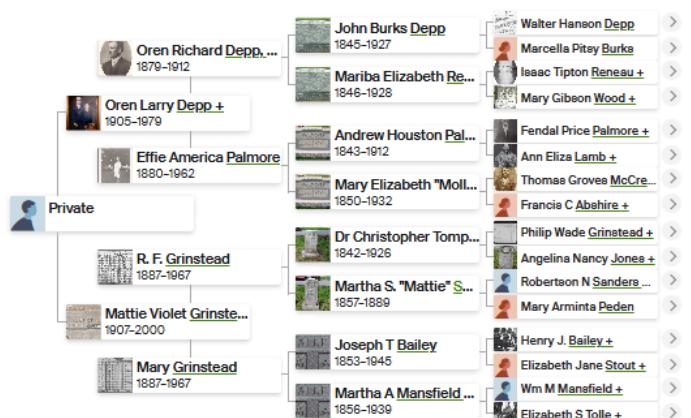
**Common Ancestors** 

We can't find any common ancestors for Joan Anita Craddock and R.D. This can happen if their Ancestry family trees aren't linked to their DNA results, or if they don't have the same people in their trees. If we find any common ancestors for Joan Anita Craddock and R.D., you'll be able to see them here.

Depp Family Tree

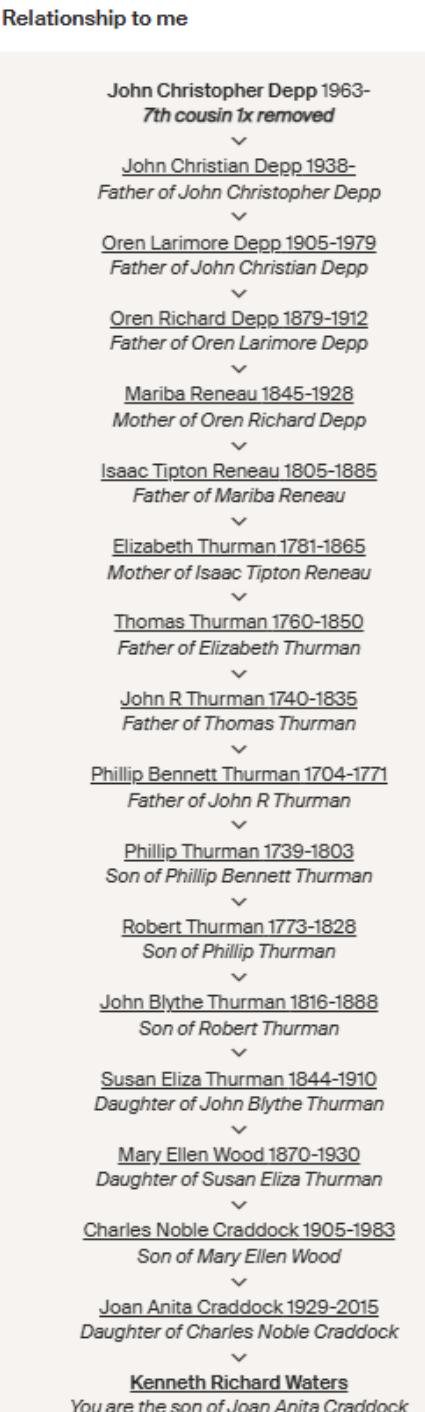
R.D.'s Linked Tree  67,811 People

This is a preview of the public tree linked to R.D.'s DNA results. Surnames that appear in both Joan Anita Craddock's tree and R.D.'s tree are marked in green and underlined.



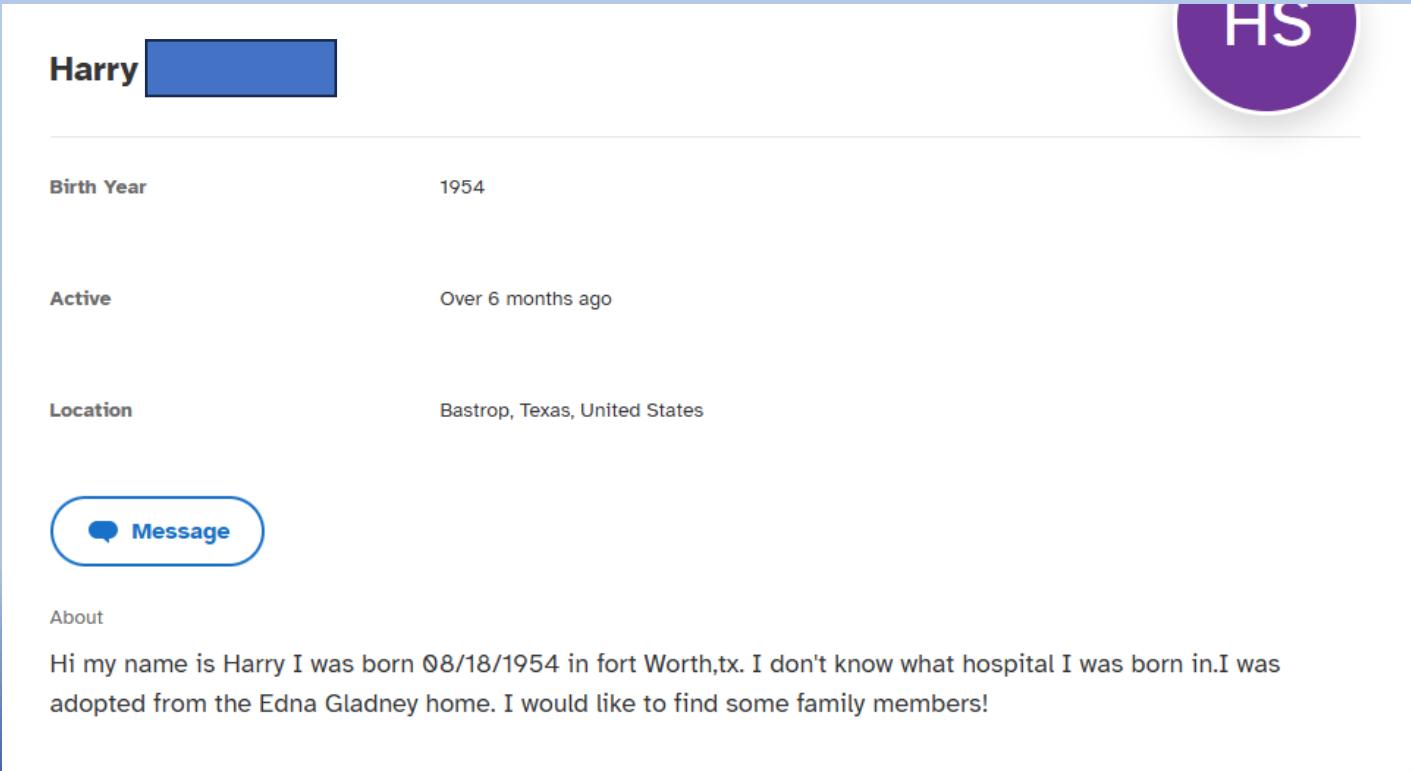
# Argh!

- “R.D.” is Johnny Depp’s paternal uncle, My 7<sup>th</sup> cousin once removed
- Confirmed by both family tree work and by DNA
  - My mom also DNA matches several of his close cousins
- Trivia: the Thurman/Thurmond line also includes Senator Strom Thurmond



# An Amazing Story

- All started when I DNA tested at 23&Me
- There was a close match, estimated 2<sup>nd</sup> cousin whose surname I did not recognize



Harry [REDACTED]

HS

Birth Year 1954

Active Over 6 months ago

Location Bastrop, Texas, United States

[Message](#)

About

Hi my name is Harry I was born 08/18/1954 in fort Worth,tx. I don't know what hospital I was born in. I was adopted from the Edna Gladney home. I would like to find some family members!

# An Amazing Story

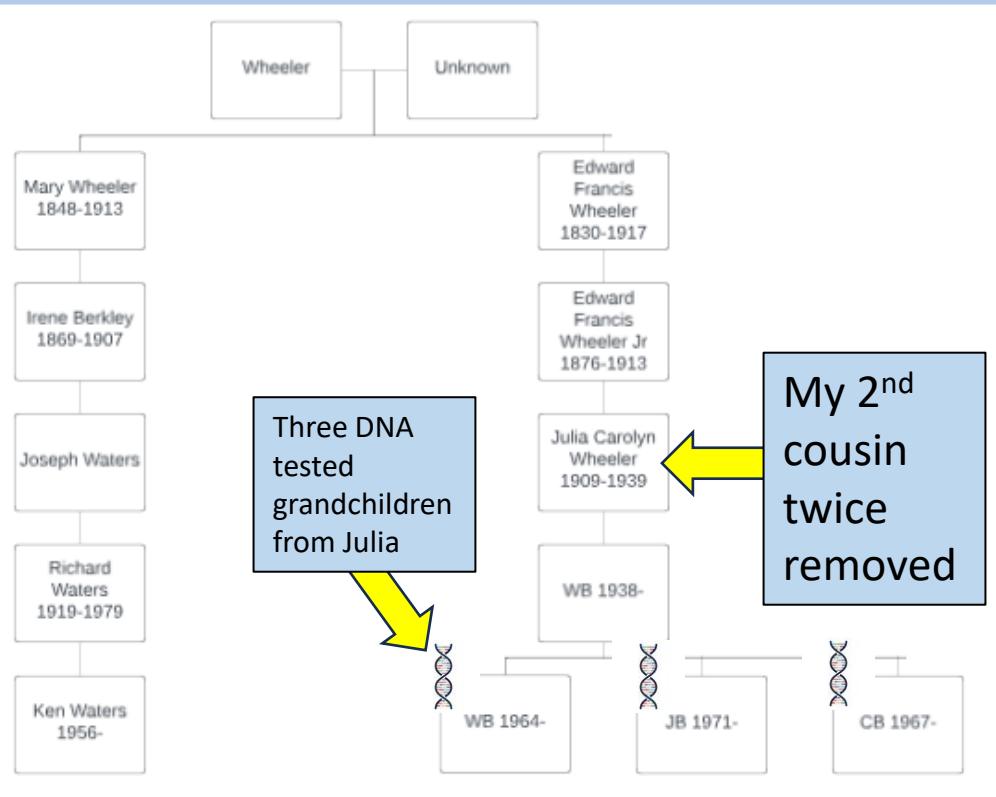
- I contacted him and discovered he had no idea who his parents were; he was born at the famous Gladney home for unwed mothers in Fort Worth TX
- After a lot of work analyzing DNA matches and working with his limited adoption records, I concluded that he must have been a son of one of my grand-uncles, Joseph Sylvia
- SHOCKER: the woman I determined to be his birth mother was a living cousin to me and was even a Facebook friend of mine!
- I discovered she was sent to the home in Texas to have her out of wedlock child and then had the child adopted
- I later did get to meet him and also helped facilitate him meeting his birth father before he passed away as well as his birth mother



# Three Recent Tragic Stories -- #1

- #1 Anna Wheeler---daughter of Francis Wheeler who was brother to my great-great grandmother Mary Ann Wheeler (this is my paternal Irish line)
- She gave birth in 1930s to a son in San Francisco
- Jumped from building in downtown San Francisco only a month after giving birth
- Her surviving son grew up and had at least 3 sons and I have DNA matches to all of them

# Front Page Headlines on the San Francisco Examiner



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VOL. CLXX, NO. 152 CCCC\* SAN FRANCISCO, THURSDAY, JUNE 1, 1939—36 PA

# S. F. MOTHER KILLED IN TELEPHONE BI

**Woman Takes Life as Mind Gives Way**  
*Plunge of Three Floors Proves Fatal*

Apparently mentally unbalanced since the birth of her baby, five months ago, Mrs. Julia Bankovitch, 30, dived to death from a twenty-sixth floor window of the towering Telephone Company Building late yesterday.

The woman evidently meant to plunge the full 26 stories to death—yet, by a quirk of fate, she fell but three floors. Her body crashed on a solid stone setback ledge on the twenty-third floor, only three stories below the phone company library window from which she had leaped. Even that three-story fall was enough to kill her instantly.

**HUSBAND AWAY.**

To make her death leap, Mrs. Bankovitch had left fast asleep in the family home at 1173 McAllister street her five-months-old baby boy, Walter. The child was left in care of a housekeeper, Mrs. Anne E. Jobe, who reported that the mother had left at 2 in the afternoon, apparently in fine spirits and happy over the prospect of an early reunion with her husband, Walter.

The husband first learned of his wife's death fall when he returned home in the evening, after having worked all day in South San Francisco, where he and his wife's uncle are erecting an auto court.

**UNDER TREATMENT.**

Gaily he opened the front door and bounded up the stairs, unaware of the tragedy. Mrs. Jobe, the housekeeper, greeted him, nervously twisting her white apron. In a rear room the baby was crying.

"Julia—" began Mrs. Jobe. "She isn't here—she's—"  
She didn't know what had happened.

Stunned, Bankovitch went to the baby's room and wept.

Identification of Mrs. Bankovitch was made by the coroner.

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# S.F. Woman Kills Self In Leap Off Building

LAPSE OF HER MIND BLAMED

Had Been Treated for Ailment by Psychiatrist

(Continued from Page One)

which was established by the contents of the purse which she clutched as she sprang from the window. Among those was a letter from an agency devoted to the handling of cases of mental illness.

At the agency, it was explained that the Bankovitch family had resorted to that service for help, in an effort to clear up the mental-health problem which had seemed to have plagued the young mother, following the birth of Baby Walter. She was under the care of a psychiatrist, the agency explained.

Mrs. Bankovitch said that only a few hours before Mrs. Bankovitch left the house on what turned out to be her death trip, she and her husband had discussed, apparently in a happy frame of mind, their plans for the vacation trip, which was to have started in a short time. There was no evidence during the day of the depression and mental turmoil which had led Mrs. Bankovitch to seek professional aid.

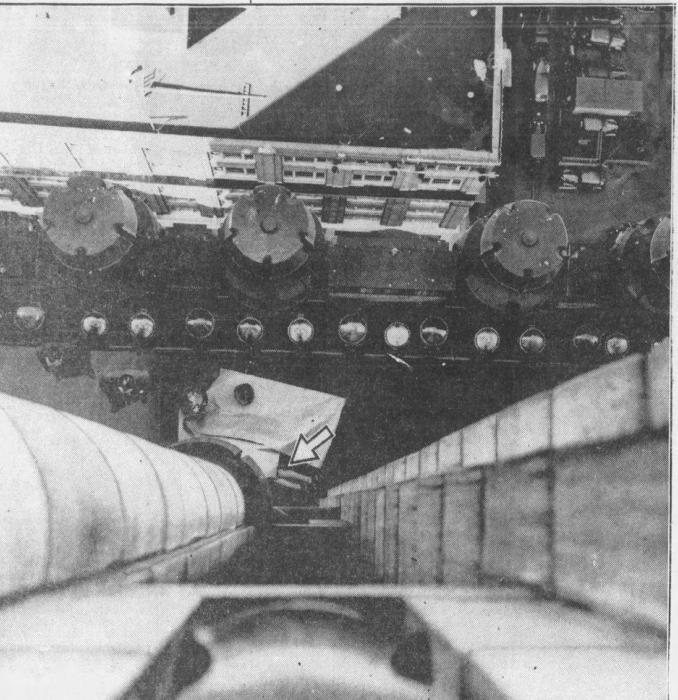
## TELLS OF APPOINTMENT.

Nor was there any indication at 2 o'clock, when the mother left her home, that she was unhappy. She told the housekeeper that she had an appointment with the doctor.

But sometime between that hour and 4:30, when the death plunge was taken, the impulse must have seized her.

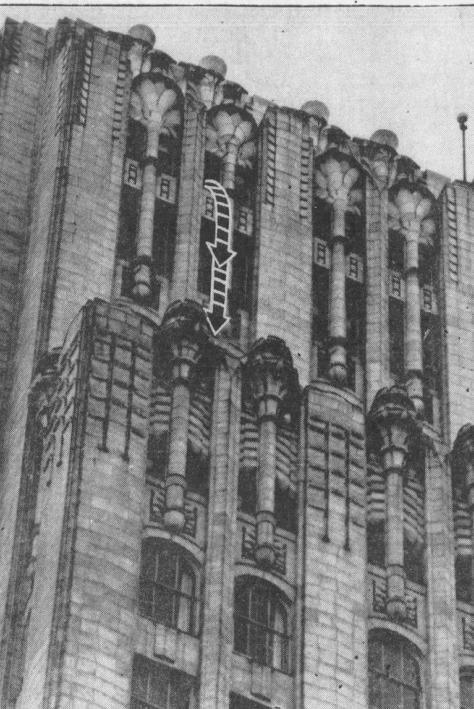
Her husband combed the house, searching for any note that she might have written. He looked on their bedroom dresser, in the baby's room, in the kitchen, but could find nothing.

Employees in the phone company library, in the skyscraper, said that the woman came in hurriedly, "made a bee-line for the window," and jumped before anyone could reach her.



VICTIM—View taken from above, showing covered body of Mrs. Julia Bankovitch, lying on ledge below, after her death plunge yesterday, while she was mentally deranged, from 26th floor of Telephone Building.

—Photo by San Francisco Examiner.



DIAGRAM—Barred line and arrows show 26th floor window from which victim jumped to death on ledge below, on the 23rd floor level of the building.

—Photo by San Francisco Examiner.



SURVIVOR—Little Walter Bankovitch, Bankovitch killed self in leap. He is held five months old, made motherless as Mrs.

—Photo by San Francisco Examiner.

Pretty graphic story and front page headline with graphic details in major San Francisco newspaper!

Post-Pardum Depression

# Three Recent Tragic Stories #2

- #2 Joseph Berkley, Jr  
was the brother of my  
great-grandmother,  
Irene Berkley
- The Berkley family  
lived in San Francisco  
from the 1870s to the  
1910s

# Three Recent Tragic Stories #2

- As a young man, he became enamored of a lady in town
- He ultimately was jilted by her
- In 1897 on a cold December night, he hopped a ferry across the San Francisco Bay and jumped off ferry into the bay out of despair
- The entire story became a front page headline on the San Francisco Call (Note: the front page headline story has been misplaced but below is the newspaper obituary)

**BERKLEY**—Drowned, in this city, November 17, Joseph M., beloved son of Mary and the late Joseph M. Berkley and beloved brother of Andrew and Maggie Berkley and Mrs. Irene Waters, a native of San Francisco, aged 20 years 11 months and 17 days.

\* \* Remains at the funeral parlors of McGinn Brothers, 31 Eddy street.

# Three Recent Tragic Stories -- #3

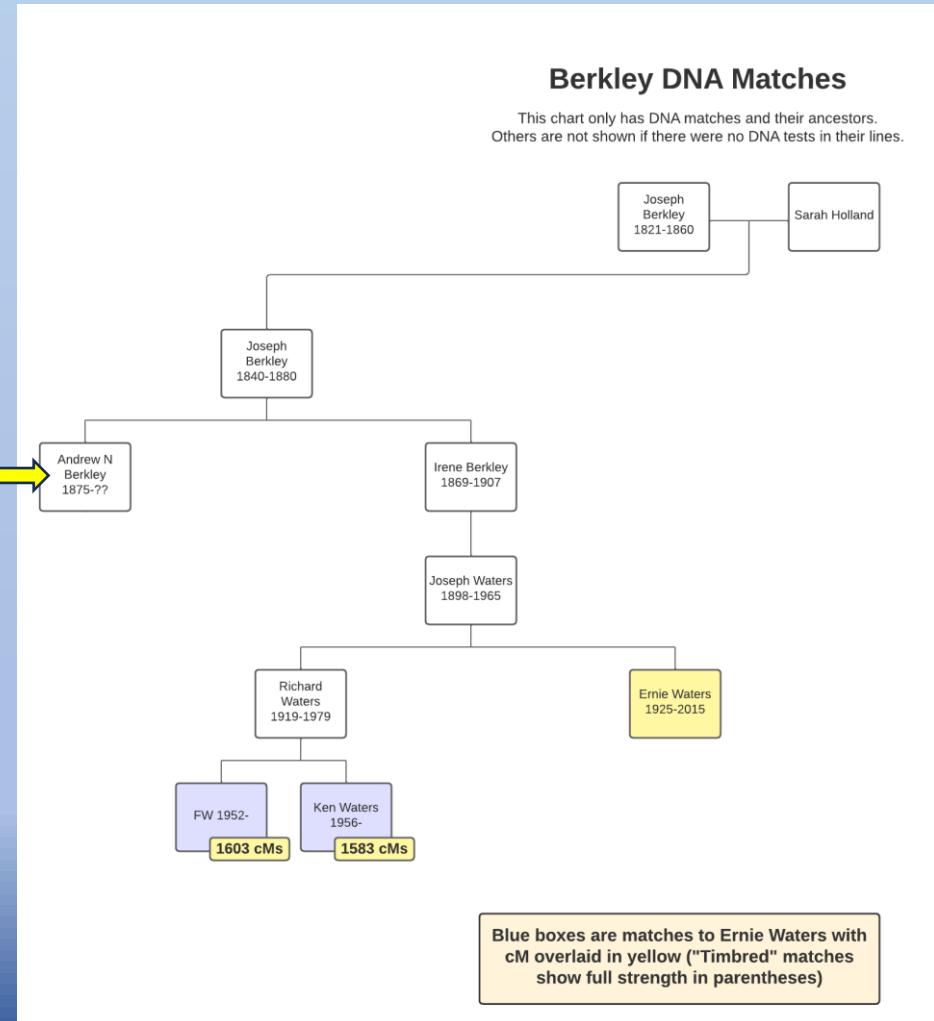
- #3: Irene Wheeler Berkley, my paternal great-grandmother
- She bore 4 children (1898-1900), all in San Francisco
- Sadly, 2 died in infancy
- Her husband died very young in 1880 (more on him later)
- She had a difficult time bringing up her 2 surviving sons
- I lost track of her husband, John Waters, but family lore said he was shot and killed along the Barbary Coast (there must be quite a story somewhere about this); he was a marine fireman, sailing with a Scottish shipping company
- She was living near Market Street in 1906
- The great earthquake and fire of April 1906 made her and her two sons homeless so they were living in subsidized government housing
  - I later found both sons in an orphanage in San Francisco
- In February 1907 she moved across the bay to Oakland and married Michael O'Leary who likely worked with her previous husband, John Waters, as a marine fireman
- In March 1907 she succumbed to cirrhosis of the liver (alcoholism...?)



# Skeleton in the Closet

- Andrew Berkley, born 1875 in San Francisco was my great-grandnephew

Andrew, my great-grandnephew



# Skeleton in the Closet

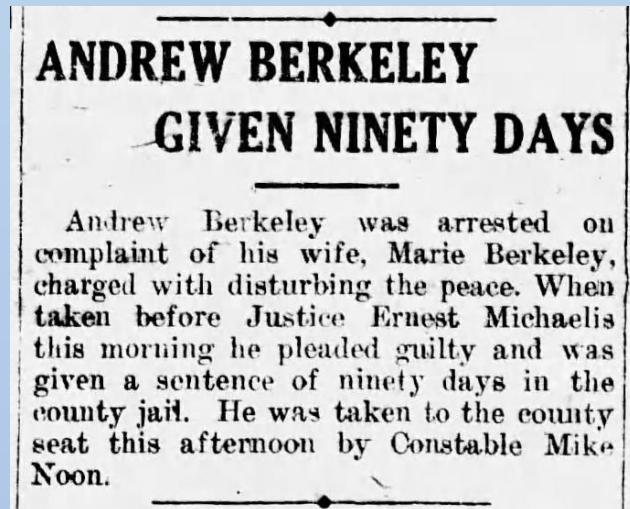
- Found in US census  
1880, 1900, 1910,  
1920 as well as voter  
registration records  
and city directories

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1. Name		Andrew T. Berkley	
2. PERMANENT HOME ADDRESS: (Street or Box No.) (City or town) (County or State)		Clay St. Monterey Monterey Cal	
Age in Years 3 43	Date of Birth 4 January 5 <sup>th</sup> 1875 Month	RACE	
White	Negro	Oriental	Indian
5 eyes	6	7	8
U. S. CITIZEN ALIEN			
Native Born	Naturalized	Citizen by Father's Naturalization or by Registration of Majority	Declarant
10 Yes	11	12	13
15. If not a citizen of the U. S., what nations are you a citizen or subject?			
16. PRESENT OCCUPATION		EMPLOYER'S NAME	
Book Reader		Marie Berkley	
18. PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT OR BUSINESS: Address		Alvarado St. Monterey Monterey Cal	
19. NEAREST RELATIVE Address		Name: 19. Marie Berkley (wife) 20. New Monterey Monterey Cal	
I, <u>Andrew T. Berkley</u> , verify that the above answers are true. P. M. G. O. Form No. 1 (Rev.)			

World War I draft registration, 1918

# Skeleton in the Closet



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STATE <u>California</u>	NAME <u>Andrew Berkeley</u>	SEX <u>M</u>	AGE <u>46</u>
COUNTY <u>Monterey</u>	RELATION <u>+</u>	Wife <u>M</u>	Daughter <u>W</u>
TOWNSHIP OR OTHER DIVISION OF COUNTY		MUNICIPALITY <u>Monterey</u>	
NAME OF INSTITUTION <u>62 to 69 Monterey County Jail</u>		NAME OF INCORPORATED PLACE <u>City of Monterey</u>	
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FOURTEENTH CENSUS OF THE UNITED STATES: 1920

NAME OF INCORPORATED PLACE City of Monterey

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San Quentin inmate  
1904-1905 for  
embezzlement



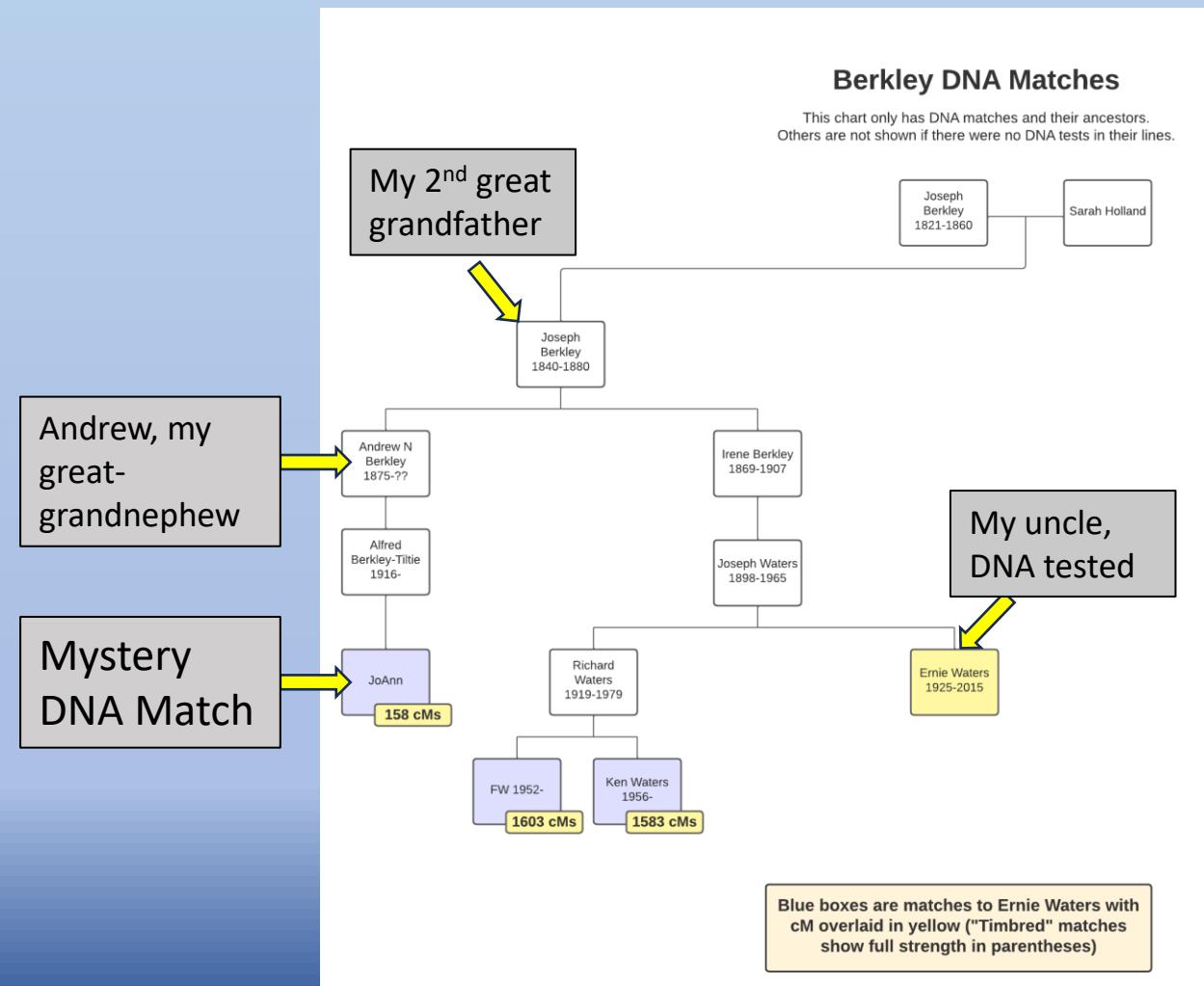
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County <u>Monterey</u>
Crime <u>Embezzlement</u>
Term <u>Two (2) years</u>
Received <u>Apr 24 1904</u>
Discharged <u>Dec 24 1905</u>
Remarks

# Skeleton in the Closet

- Andrew married Marie Jesus in 1917 in Monterey County CA
- They had two children, Alfred and Frederick
- They were divorced in 1920
  - His wife filed abusive charges against him
- Marie remarried to a Tiltie and the new husband adopted her two kids who acquired the Tiltie surname
- A strong mystery DNA match showed up to me, JoAnn
  - Her tree shows her father as Alfred Tiltie and grandfather Alfred's father

JoAnn is my 2<sup>nd</sup> cousin once removed.

She seems to not know about her Berkley ancestry and has not responded to my invitation to connect.



# World War II

- My father, Richard Waters, enlisted in the US Navy in 1938, immediately after graduating from Lowell High School in San Francisco where he was a classmate of Carol Channing
- Marched across the Golden Gate Bridge with his high school band at its inauguration in 1936
- He did not get along with his father, Joe Waters, for many reasons including at one time abandoning his wife and children in San Francisco – Richard was very anxious to leave home
- He served honorably with many tours in the Pacific
- Between the War and the Korean War he was stationed in the Pacific where he often witnessed nuclear bomb tests
- In 1979 he died of bone cancer at the age of 59, likely as a result of radiation poisoning from nuclear fallout



# 19<sup>th</sup> Century Discoveries

- My 3<sup>rd</sup> great-grandfather, Culver Spencer lived in Battle Creek MI as documented on the 1870 census
- Doing more research on him I discovered he was a broom maker working for John Kellogg and his sanitarium where the latter invented the cereal Corn Flakes



Battle Creek Sanitarium (1866-1942)

# US Civil War

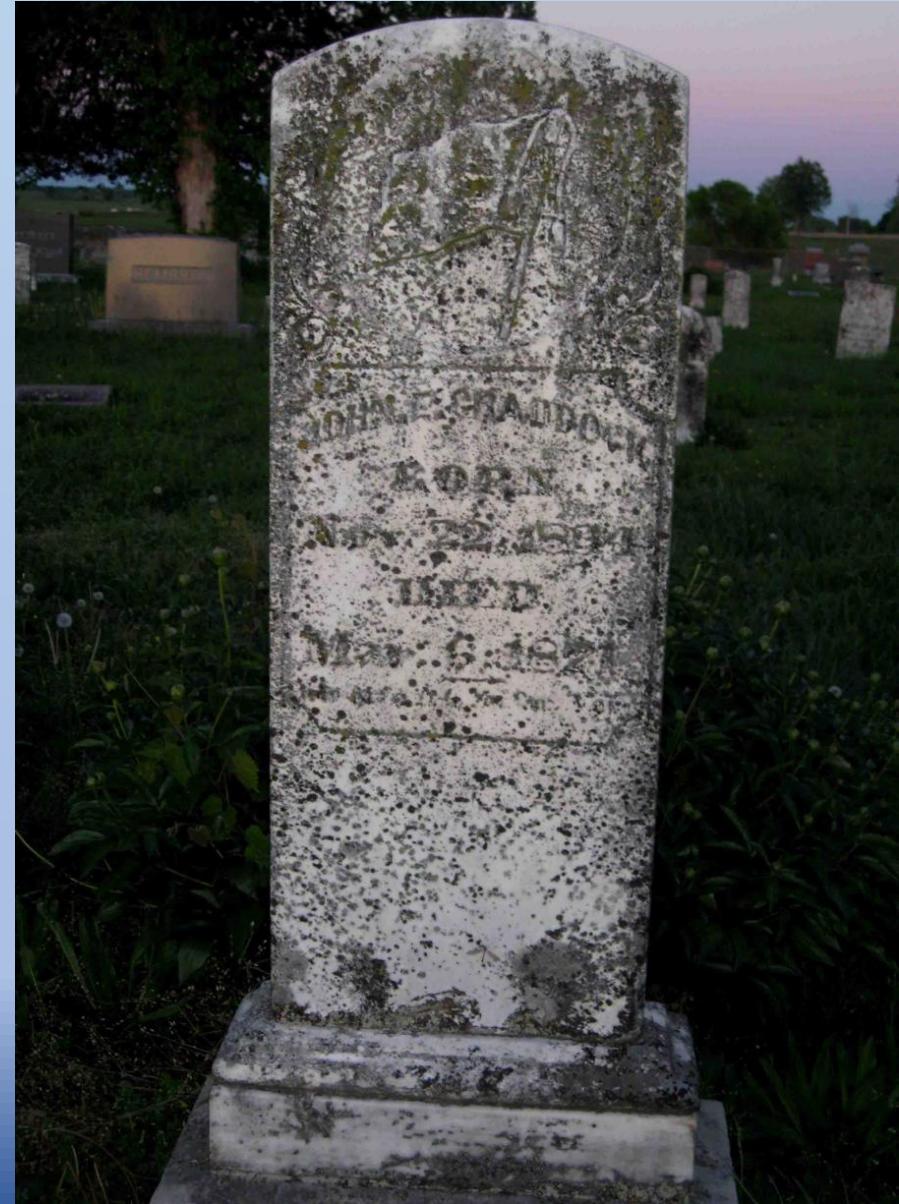
- In the mid 2000's I visited the National Archives in Washington DC and was able to view the original Civil War pension files (original documents!) for two of my 2<sup>nd</sup> great grandparents
  - John Craddock from Dade County Missouri
  - Joseph Berkley from Washington DC
- In there I found touching and sad testaments from their widows about difficult times



# US Civil War

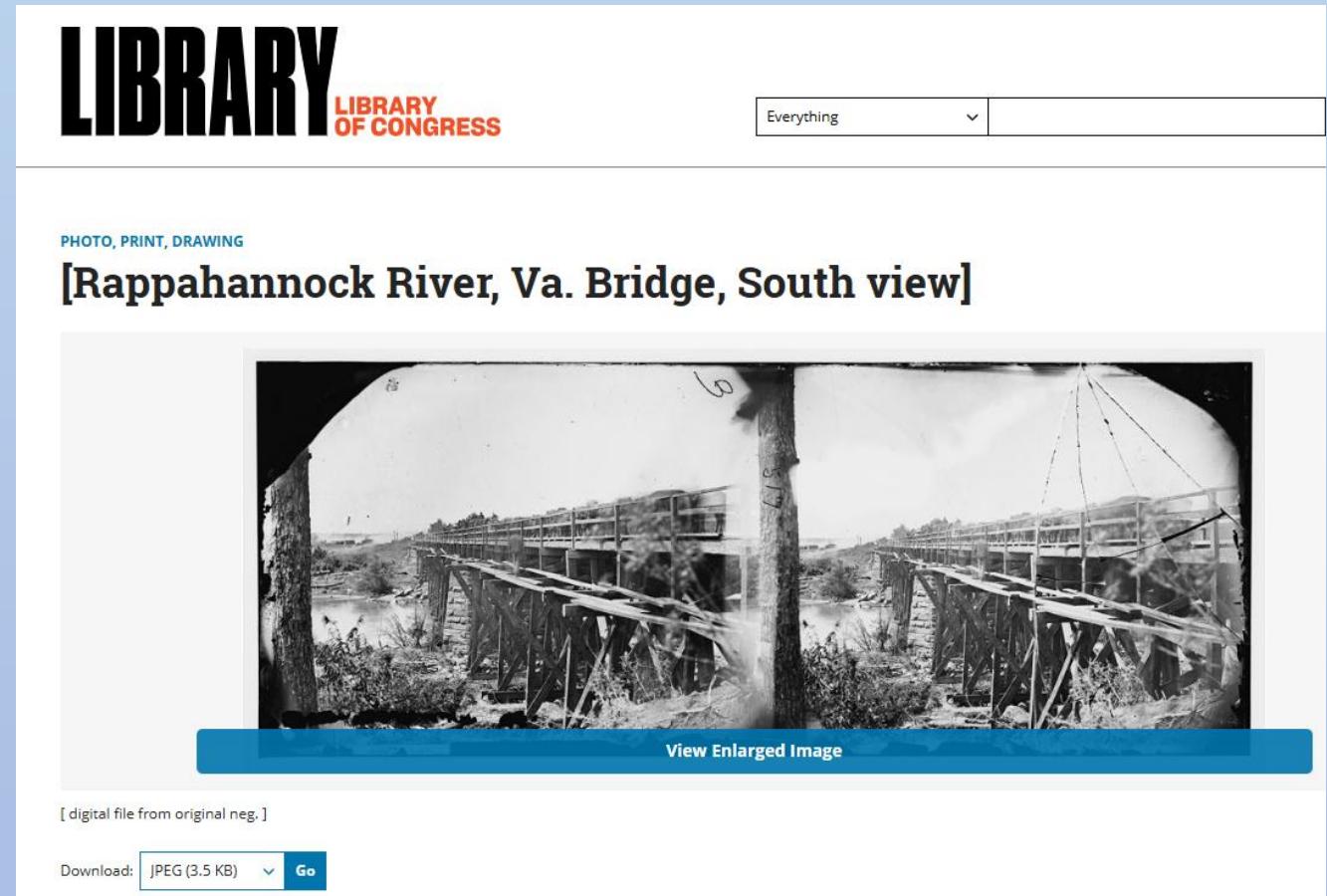
- John Craddock (my 2<sup>nd</sup> great-grandfather) was born in Virginia, near Appomattox, and lived most of his life in southwestern Missouri
- He joined the Union Army even though most soldiers in that area joined the Confederacy
- John died from his injuries from his service

Name	John E Craddock
Enlistment Date	1 Nov 1861
Enlistment Rank	Corporal
Muster Date	1 Nov 1861
Muster Place	Missouri
Muster Company	A
Muster Regiment	6th Cavalry
Muster Regiment Type	Cavalry
Muster Information	Enlisted
Side of War	Union
Title	Index to Compiled Military Service Records



# US Civil War

- Joseph Berkley died in 1880 due to a horrific coughing condition that he acquired while camping in the open in Virginia, building the Rappahanock River Bridge
- The family moved to San Francisco with hopes of helping his condition
- After his death his widow, Mary Wheeler Berkley, wrote countless letters pleading for pension moneys as she very poor, bringing up four children



# US Civil War

- FUN FACT about Joseph Berkley
- I found a first marriage record to a woman in D.C. during the Civil War
- From the pension file I discovered she was a “woman of the night” whom he married while being drunk
- I would have never found the back story on this without visiting the National Archives and his pension file

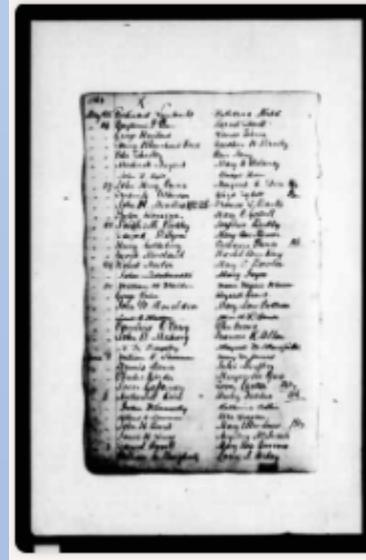
## District of Columbia, Marriage Records, 1810-1953

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Name Joseph M Berkley  
Gender Male  
Marriage Date 28 May 1863  
Marriage Place District of Columbia, USA  
Spouse Josephine Buckley  
FHL Roll 002079252

## Josephine Buckley

in the Washington, District of Columbia, U.S., Marriage Certificates, 1870-1920



[Detail](#) [Source](#)

Name Josephine Buckley  
Record Type Marriage  
Marriage Date 28 May 1863  
Marriage Place Washington, District of Columbia, USA  
Spouse Joseph M. Birkley  
Volume Number 3

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is Josephine Buckley

Mary C. Gathill  
Josephine Buckley  
Mary C. Gathill

# Murder!

- While visiting the Amelia county court house in Virginia I was perusing through the original Will records, searching for records for my maternal Craddock line
- I found my 4<sup>th</sup> great grandparents in there, James Craddock and Elizabeth Noble
- I was shocked to discover that in 1848 James pulled a pistol on her and shot her dead
- I could find no other references to this instance in online records
- The probate record seemed to imply that he was not charged or did not serve time for his deed
- I found no record online of this so the only way I could have determined it was to visit the court house

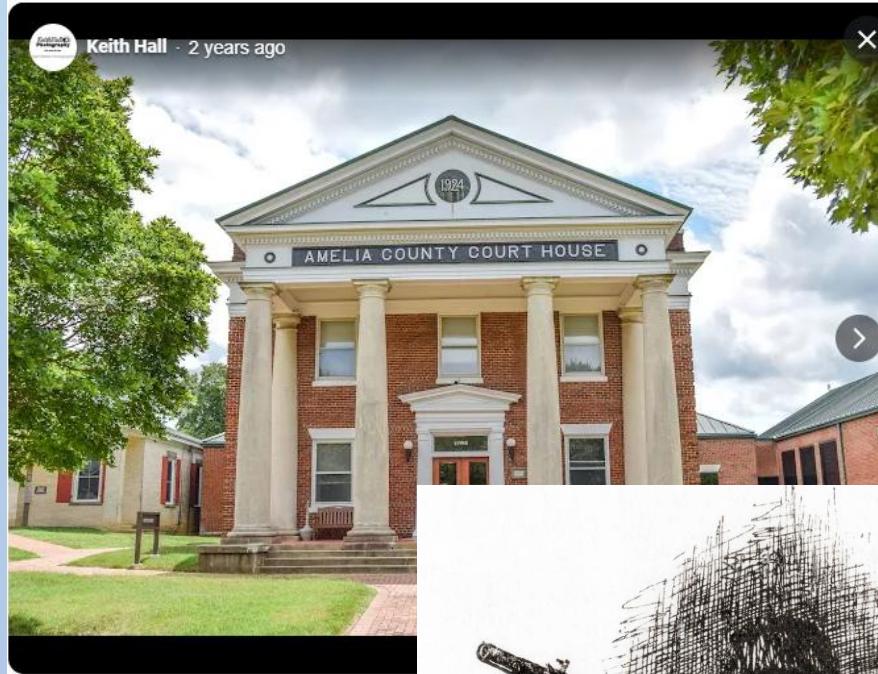
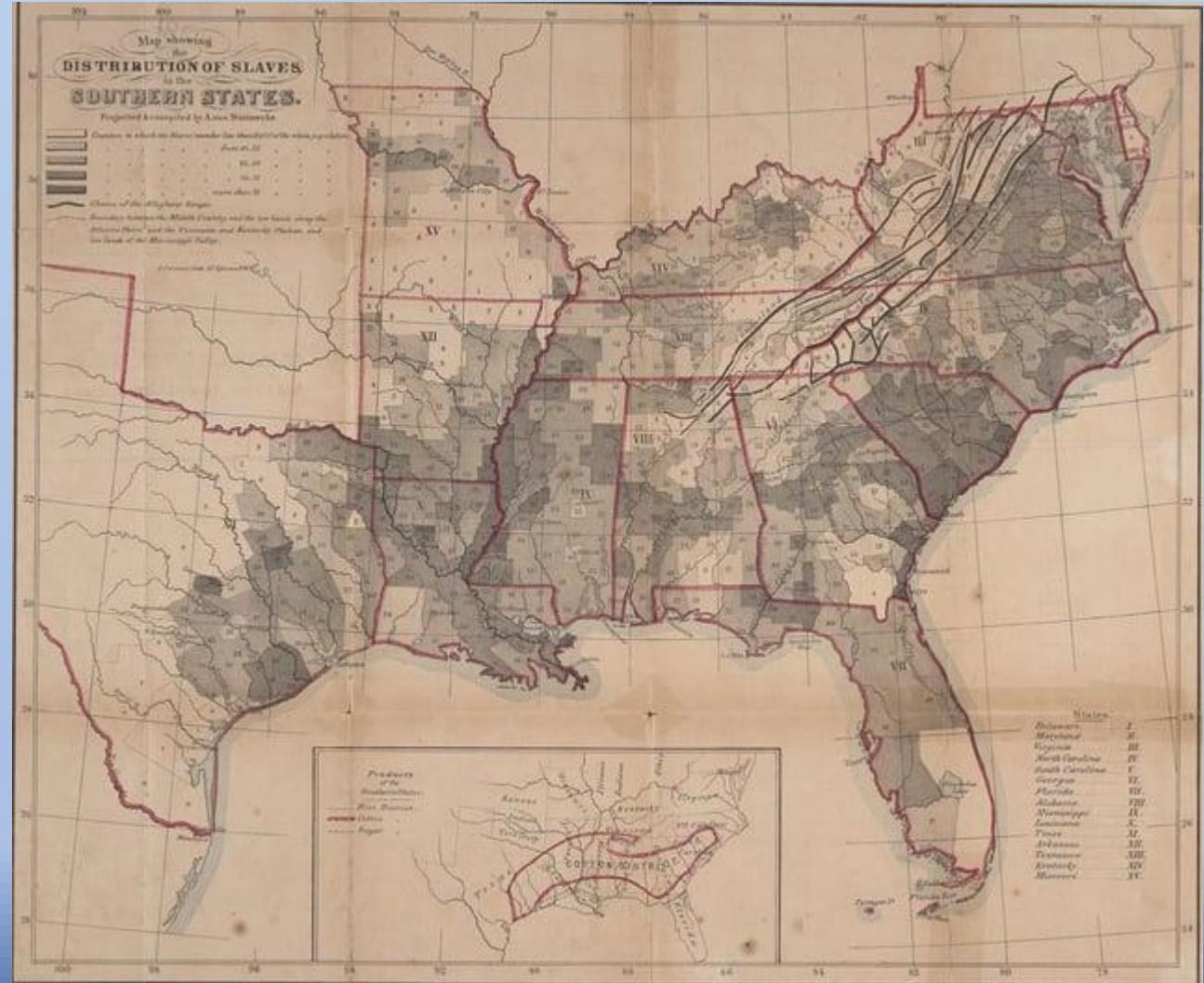


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# A Peculiar Institution

- With white ancestors from Virginia, North Carolina, and Arkansas I suppose it is inevitable that some of my ancestors were slaveholders
- I have found several of my ancestors who had plantations and owned slaves
- Personally, I am saddened by this; but I recognize that this is history and there's no use in trying to deny it



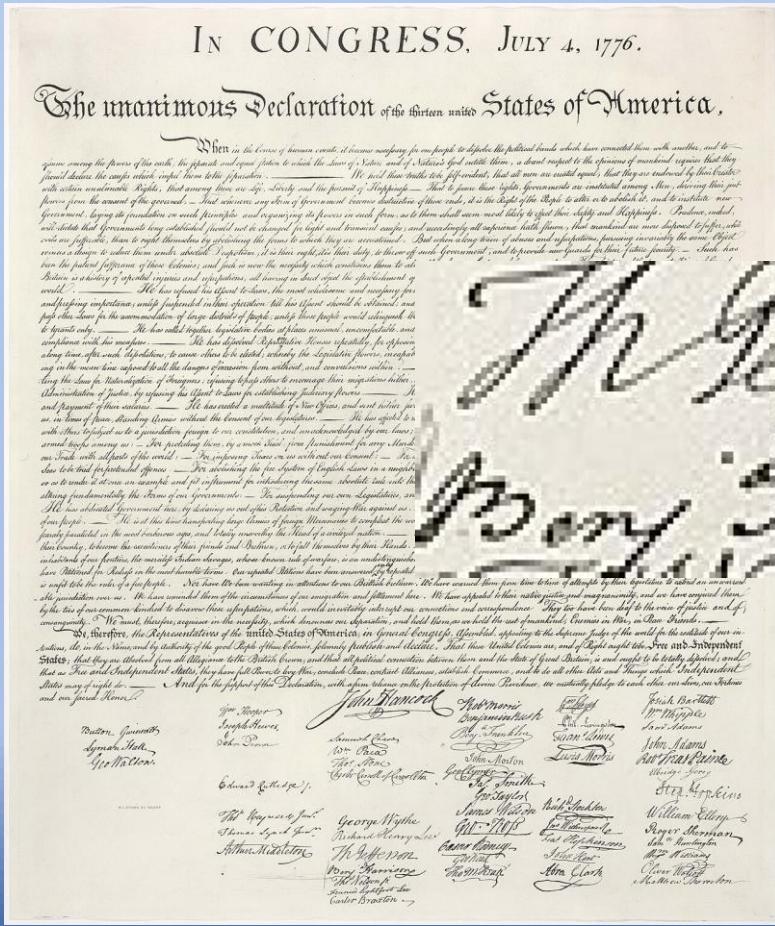
# Revolutionary War Ancestors

- This project is a work in progress
- So far I have identified 17 direct ancestors to me who served in the Revolutionary War. I have no doubt whatsoever that there are more
- Most are 5<sup>th</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> great-grandfathers

Name	Rela	Years Lived	Served	Notes
Oliver Cummings	5G	1763-1856		
David Chaffee	6G	1733-1814		Did serve for CT in French/Indian War.
Abraham Willett	7G	1735-1805		Unknown; poor sources
Jonathan Foster	7G	1746-1800		unknown
Gideon Marlett	6G	1747-1820	Ensign, 3rd Tryon County, New York militia	Buried in Jackson Cem Navarino
Abraham Aumock	6G	1757-1850	Glen, Montgomery Co NY; NJ militia, private; Pension/Bounty Land Warrant	Served in War of 1812 as well., 11th Regiment (Rich's) from New York
Joseph Cummings	6G	1736-1782		From Woodstock CT; unable to find any war record
Ebenezer Gould	5G	1755-1813	Private, Massachusetts militia	
Timothy Spencer		1736-1779		
Peyton Randolph	6G	1738-1794	Virginia Militia	Prominent family. Father was in House of Burgesses; need to research this more
William Megginson	6G	1741-1776	Captain, Virginia Militia	Died on the battlefield; one source proves Berkley connection
Archibald Bolling		1750-1827		
Joseph Cabell		1732-1798		
Brittain Spivey		-1866		
Joseph Noble		1742-1826		
Phillip Thurman		1740-1803		Some records index to John Thurman who was in Rev War
David Allee	5G	1762-1835	Private, Virginia Militia	

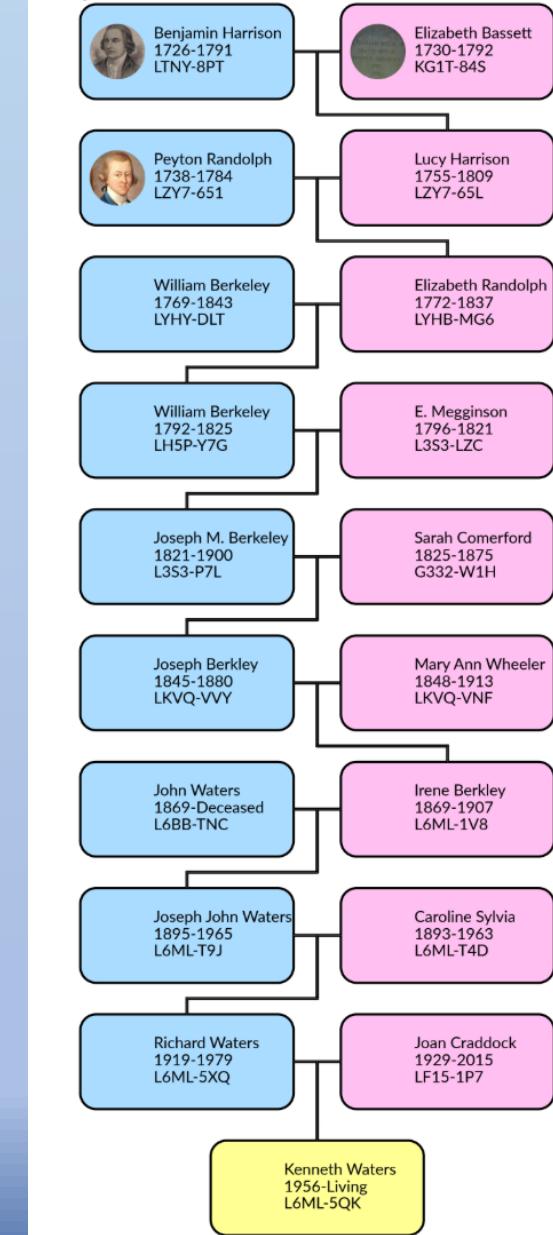
# Colonial Connections

- Benjamin Harrison, 7<sup>th</sup> great grandfather



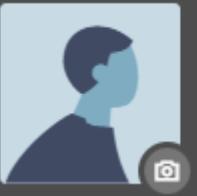
A signer of the Declaration of Independence, below Thomas Jefferson!

Benjamin Harrison is Kenneth Waters's 7th Great Grandfather



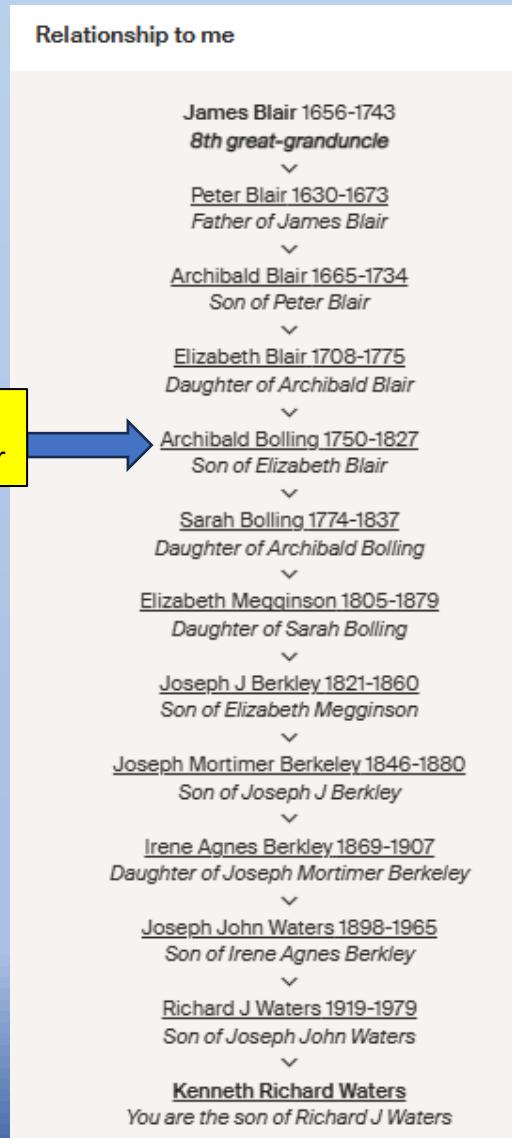
# Colonial Connections

- James Blair
- 1<sup>st</sup> President of the College of William & Mary



**James Blair** ★  
BIRTH 1656  
DEATH 1743  
8th great-granduncle [Add tags](#)

More on my Bolling line later



**James Blair**



Oil painting of James Blair by Charles Bridges from William & Mary

**1st President of the College of William & Mary**

**In office**  
1693–1743

# Colonial Connections

- Many famous ancestors can be found on my colonial lines
- Bacon's Rebellion – Governor of Lord Virginia William Berkely



Part of my Berkley (Berkeley) ancestral heritage. As of yet, I haven't identified my exact relationship to him.

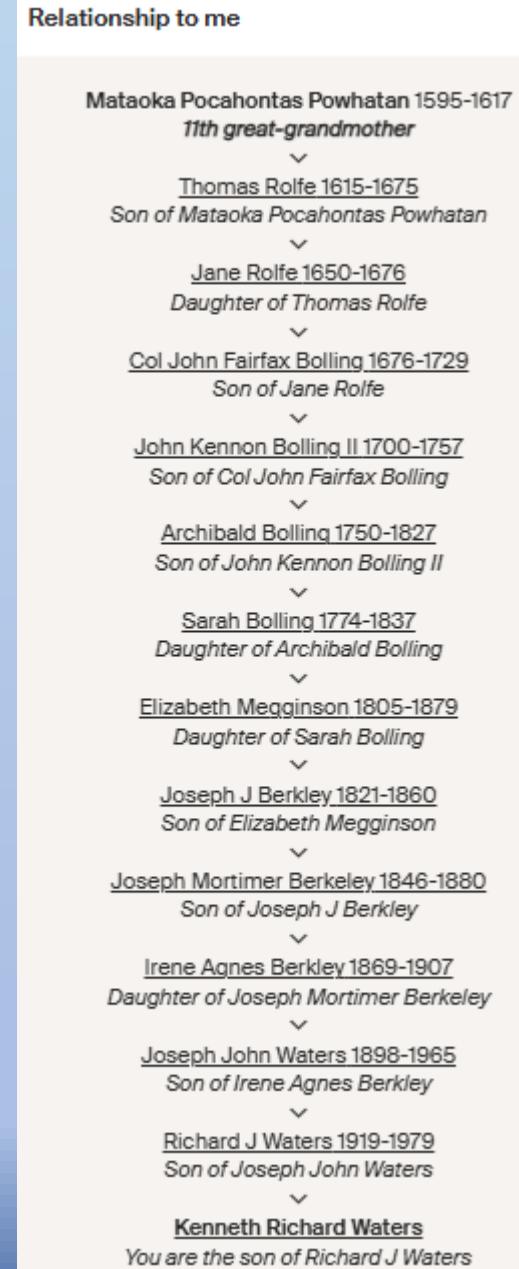
# Colonial Connections

- My 11<sup>th</sup> great-grandmother
- Pocahontas



## Mataoaka Pocahontas Powhatan ☆

BIRTH 1595 • Werowocomoco, VA  
DEATH MAR 1617 • Gravesend, Kent, England  
11th great-grandmother [Add tags](#)

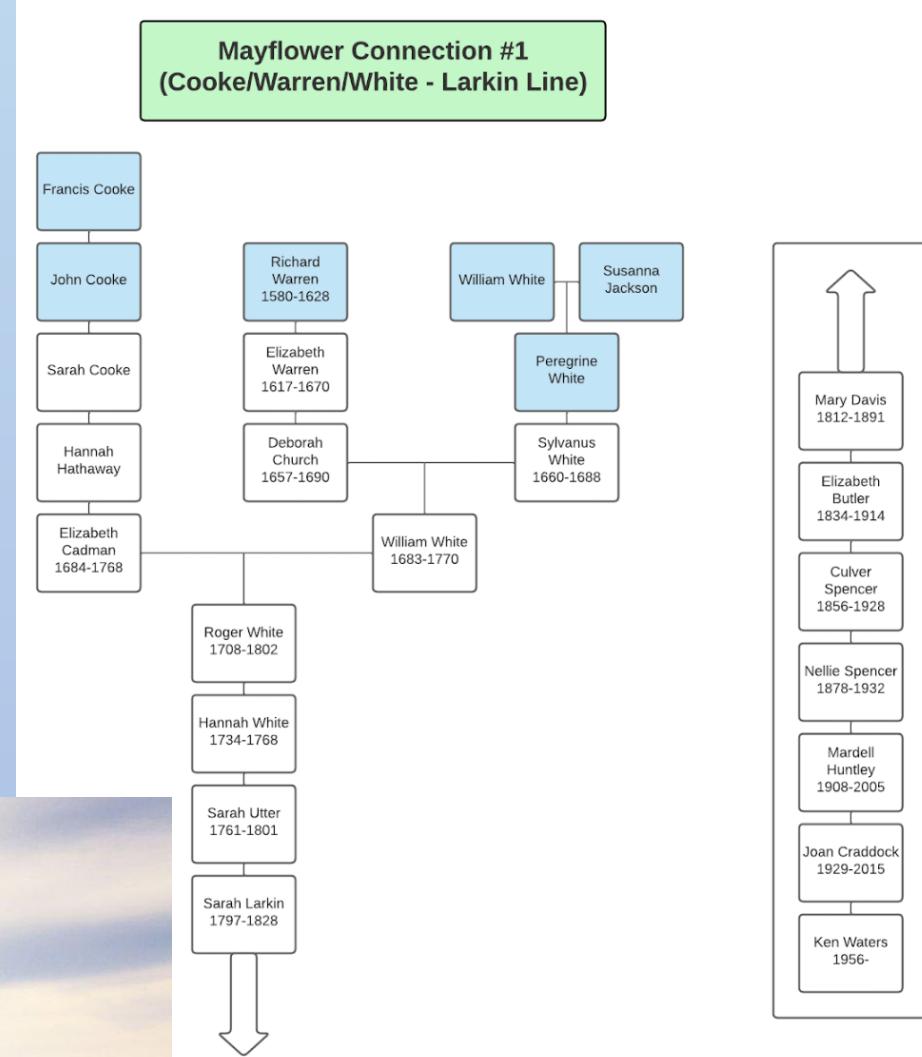


# Mayflower

- I am descended from at least 6 original Mayflower passengers (shown in blue in the diagram)
- These are direct ancestors
  - For instance, Richard Warren, is my 12<sup>th</sup> great grandfather



Richard Warren



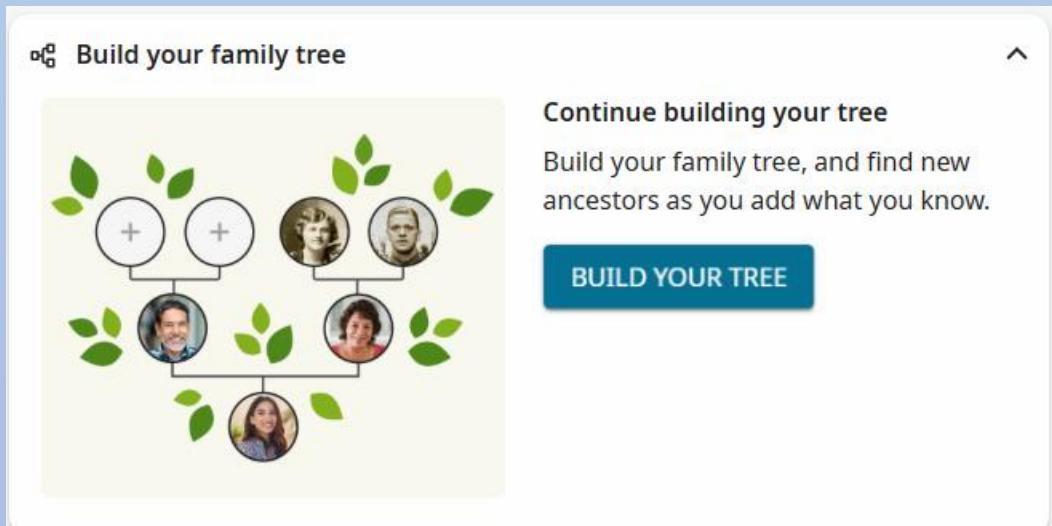
# My Direct English Ancestors

- Another work in progress
- I have many direct ancestors from England who arrived in the New World between 1620 and 1650

Name	Birth	Location	Death	Location	Relationship	Line
Robert Bolling	1646	London	1709	Charles, Virginia	9GGF	Waters-Berkley
William Cabell	1699	Warminster, Wiltshire	1774	Warminster, Virginia	8GGF	Waters-Berkley
Catherine Hopkins	1671	England	1698	Mecklenburg, Virginia	9GGM	Waters-Berkley
John Hopkins	1656	St. John Hackney, London	1698	New Kent, Virginia	9GGF	Waters-Berkley
Mary Webb	1621	Kent	1684	Surrey, Virginia	10GGM	Craddock-Allee
Robert Hill	1615	Northumberland	1682	Surrey, Virginia	10GGF	Craddock-Allee
Matthew Cartwright	1634	Middleborough	1688	St Marys, Maryland	8GGF	Craddock-Thurman
Dorothea Thomas	1616	Berkamsted, Suffolk	1640	Barrington, Massachusetts	10GGM	Spencer-Chaffee
Thomas Chaffee	1610	Bishops Caundle, Dorset	1683	Rehoboth, Massachusetts	10GGF	Spencer-Chaffee
Thomas Chaffee	1616	Somerset	1683	Swansea, Massachusetts	??	
Nicholas Bragg	1615	Crewkerne, Somerset	1680	Rhode Island	10GGF	Spencer-Chaffee
John Cummins	1668	Charleston, Essex	1751	Oxford, Worcester, Massachusetts	8GGF	Spencer-Cummins
Martha Woodbridge	1658	Barford St Martin, Wiltshire	1738	Billerica, Middlesex, Massachusetts	8GGM	Spencer-Gould
Samuel Ruggles	1629	Nazeing, Sussex	1692	Roxbury, Massachusetts	9GGF	Spencer-Gould
Mercy Dudley	1621	Canon S Ashby, Northamptonshire	1691	Newbury, Massachusetts	9GGM	Spencer-Gould
John Woodbridge	1618	Stanton St Quintin, Wiltshire	1695	Newbury, Massachusetts	9GGF	Spencer-Gould
Elizabeth Wheeler	1636	Chelmsford, Essex	1704	Concord, Massachusetts	9GGM	Spencer-Gould
Thomas Wheeler	1621	Cranford, Bedfordshire	1704	Concord, Massachusetts	9GGF	Spencer-Gould
Sarah Hartwell	1596	Chelmsford, Essex	1677	Concord, Massachusetts	10GGM	Spencer-Gould
Robert Fletcher	1592	Chelmsford, Essex	1677	Concord, Massachusetts	10GGF	Spencer-Gould
Mary Studd	1609	Bedfordshire	1677	Concord, Massachusetts	10GGM	Spencer-Gould
Katherine Wheeler	1609	Cranford, Bedfordshire	1684	Concord, Massachusetts	10GGF?	Spencer-Gould
Anna Reyner	1632	Bailey, Yorkshire	1704	Malden, Massachusetts	9GGM	Spencer-Gould
John Whipple	1625	Bocking, Essex	1683	Ipswich, Massachusetts	9GGF	Spencer-Gould
William Tucker	1589	London	1643	Hampton, Virginia	10GGF	Thurman-Tucker
Arthur Hathaway	1625	England	1711	Dartmouth, Massachusetts	11GGF	Spencer-Gould
William Cadman	1635	Workswirth, England	1684	Portsmouth, Massachusetts	11GGF	Spencer-Gould
John Cadman	1592	Wirksworth, England	1640	Portsmouth, Massachusetts	12GGF	Spencer-Gould
Grace Wigley	1598	Kirk Ireton, England	1640	Portsmouth, Massachusetts	12GGM	Spencer-Gould
Elizabeth Fiscock	1625	Cornwall, England	1658	Portsmouth, Massachusetts	12GGM	Spencer-Gould
Edward Fiscock	1596	Plymouth, England	1645	New York	13GGF	Spencer-Gould
Joan Skobell	1594	Plymouth, England	1650	New Amsterdam, New York	13GGM	Spencer-Gould
William Bassett	1590	Sandwich, England	1667	Plymouth, Massachusetts	12GGF	Spencer-Gould

# Fun with Family Search

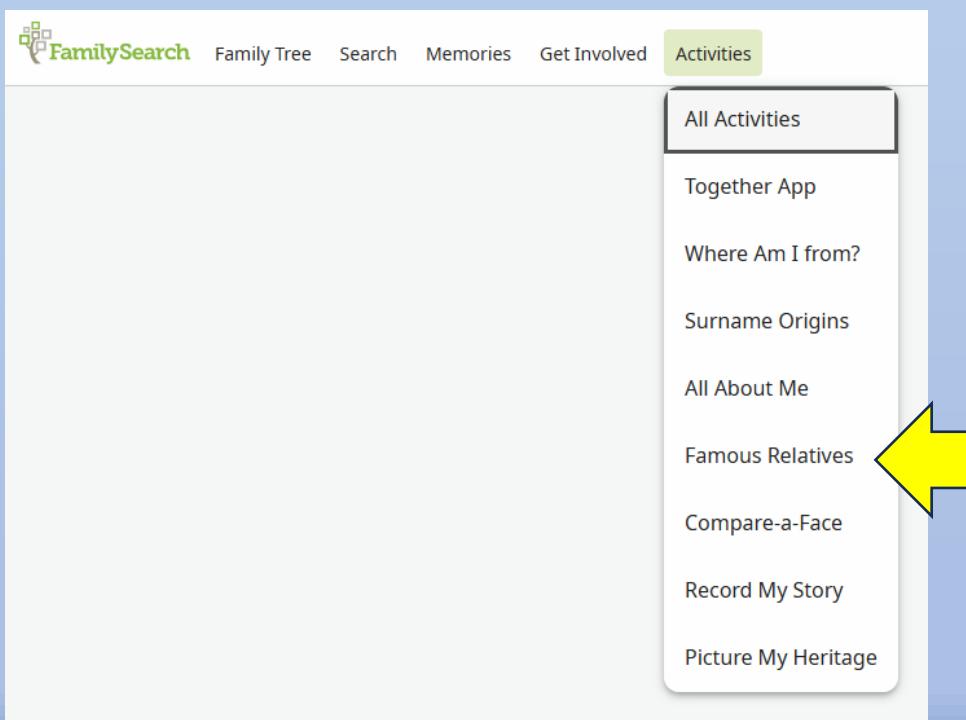
- Go to <https://www.familysearch.org> and make a free account
- Once logged in, start a very basic tree (most of the time all you really need is yourself, your two parents and your four grandparents)



Important note: Family Search considers your tree to be part of a world's family tree. They will use your tree to connect to the big tree. Others can (potentially) change what you enter on your tree contribution.

# Fun with Family Search

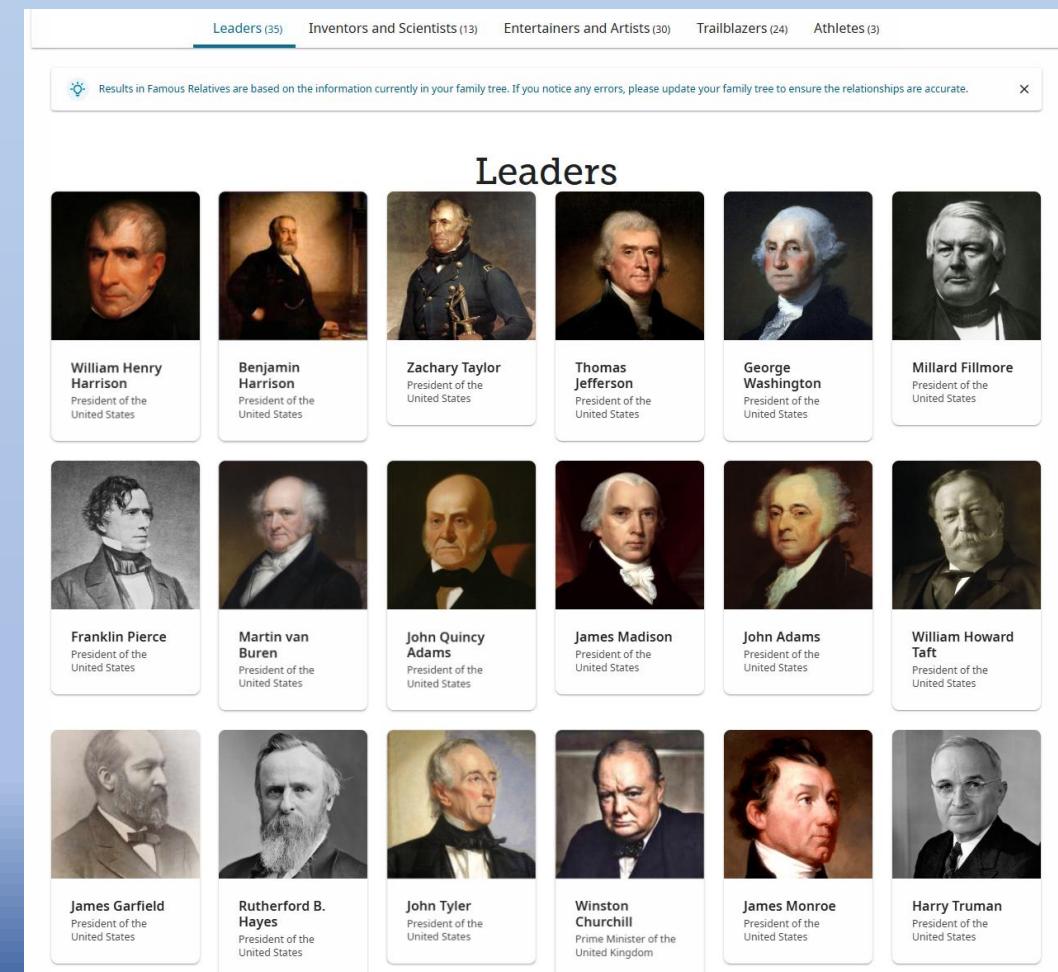
- Next, click on famous relatives



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Leaders (35) Inventors and Scientists (13) Entertainers and Artists (30) Trailblazers (24) Athletes (3)

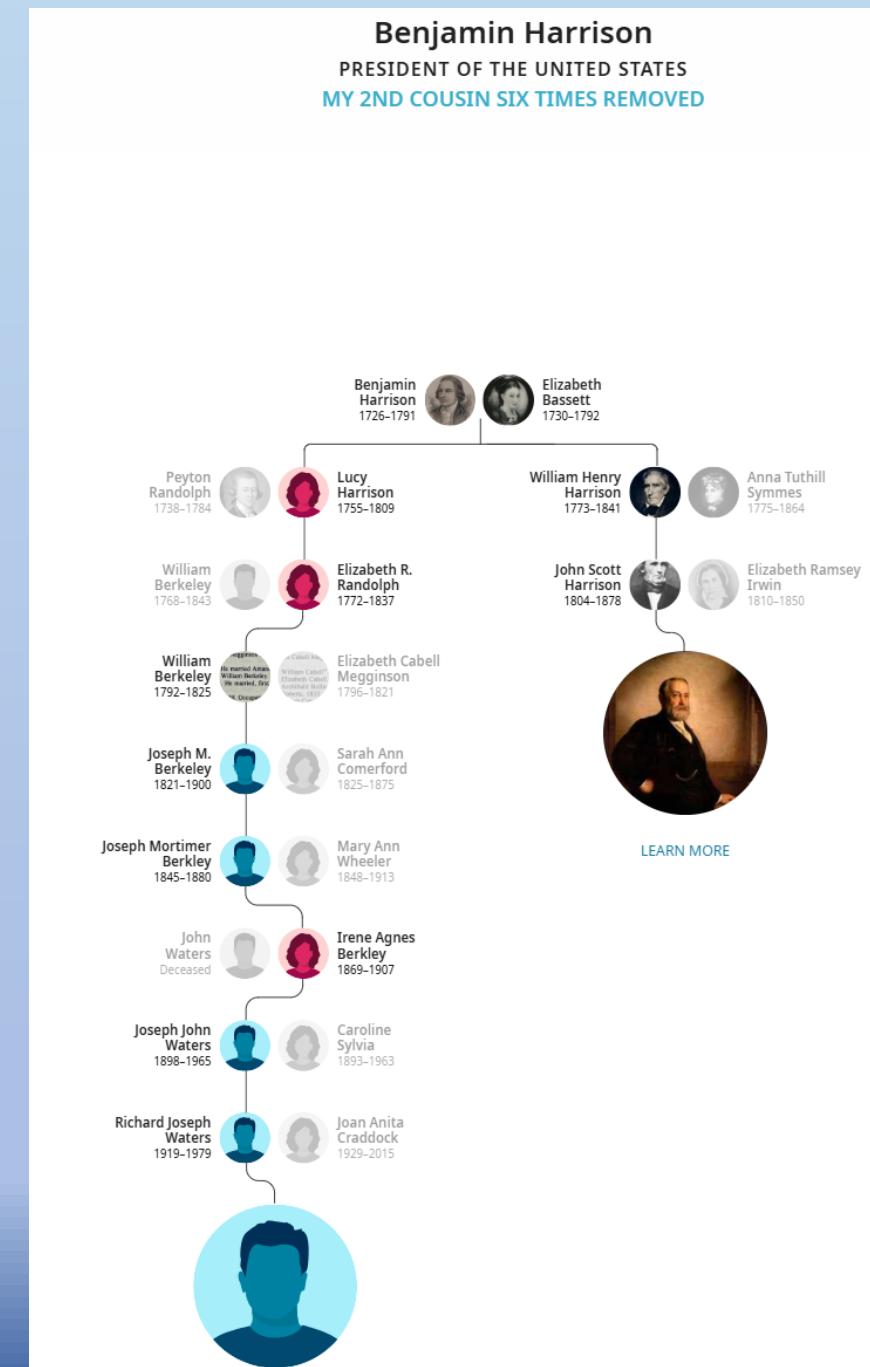
Results in Famous Relatives are based on the information currently in your family tree. If you notice any errors, please update your family tree to ensure the relationships are accurate. X

## Leaders

William Henry Harrison President of the United States	Benjamin Harrison President of the United States	Zachary Taylor President of the United States	Thomas Jefferson President of the United States	George Washington President of the United States	Millard Fillmore President of the United States
Franklin Pierce President of the United States	Martin van Buren President of the United States	John Quincy Adams President of the United States	James Madison President of the United States	John Adams President of the United States	William Howard Taft President of the United States
James Garfield President of the United States	Rutherford B. Hayes President of the United States	John Tyler President of the United States	Winston Churchill Prime Minister of the United Kingdom	James Monroe President of the United States	Harry Truman President of the United States

# Fun with Family Search

- Most will be non-direct connections (i.e., cousins) but you may actually find some that are direct (e.g., 9<sup>th</sup> great-grandfather)
- For example, I'm related to all of the famous Harrison's (trust me, there are a lot!)

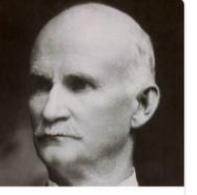


# Fun with Family Search

## Inventors and Scientists



**Samuel Morse**  
Inventor of the single-wire telegraph



**John Browning**  
Inventor of multiple firearms



**Eli Whitney**  
Inventor of the cotton gin



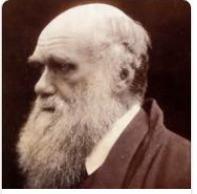
**Frederick Banting**  
Co-discoverer of insulin



**Orville Wright**  
Invented the first successful airplane



**Wilbur Wright**  
Invented the first successful airplane



**Charles Darwin**  
Creator of the theory of evolution



**Robert Ingebretsen**  
Pioneer in digital audio



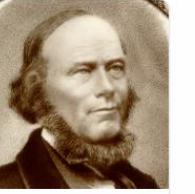
**Philo T. Farnsworth**  
Pioneer in television



**Alexander Fleming**  
Discovered penicillin



**Walter Chrysler**  
Automotive pioneer



**Jonathan Browning**  
Inventor of multiple firearms



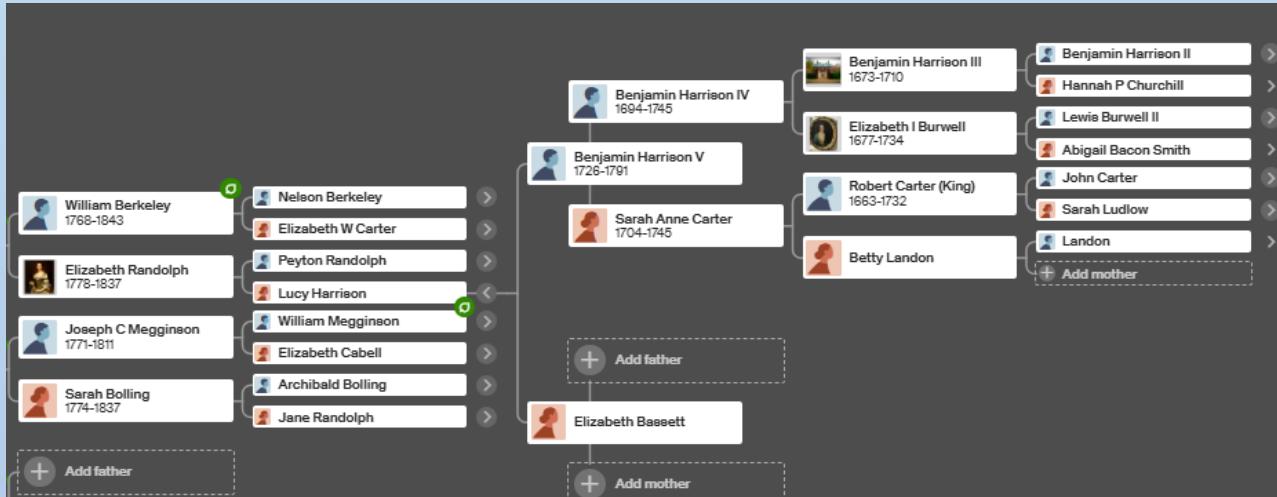
**Wernher von Braun**  
Pioneer in rocket technology

One special caveat: before assuming these connections are valid be sure to do careful research to ensure each connection is valid---I have seen errors in some of these.



# There's so much more...

- I had to leave out some fascinating stories in the interest of saving time. For example:
  - My maternal grandfather marrying a teenager when they were both young and then likely poisoning her to death
  - A paternal great-great grandfather losing his life crossing a raging river near Shasta
  - A direct ancestor who was tried for witchery in Massachusetts (she was acquitted)
  - How one single ancestral line connected me to some 15 presidents (think Bush, Pierce, Harrison, and more) as well as many founders of Washington DC
  - Tracking my matrilineal line back to early Dutch settlers in Mohawk Valley of New York (New Netherlands)
- You too have great stories to be discovered and told!



# How Can You Discover Your Mysteries??

- Start by building a family tree based on information that your relatives have provided
- Take a DNA test and, even better, if your parents are living have them take a test
- Work on your DNA matches to identify your ancestral lines and use that information to expand your family tree back in time
- I knew absolutely NONE of all of these stories until I started exploring with genealogy and taking DNA tests

# Remember---all presentations online

- Presentations: <http://familytreeaz.com/Presentations>



## Genealogy Presentations

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[Identifying Your DNA Matches \(Jan 2023\)](#)

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[Intro to DNA \(Dec 2022\)](#)

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[GEDMatch \(Trilogy\)](#)

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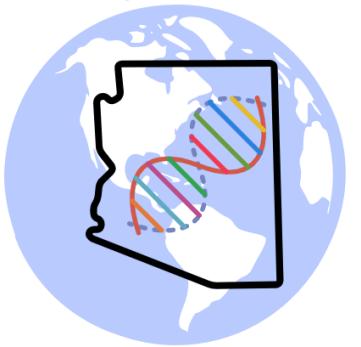
[What Can DNA Do For You Sep 2022](#)

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