

Discovering the Father of Jack Green Shaffer

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OBJECTIVE

- Identify the father of Jack Kenneth (Green) Shaffer. Jack was born 10 July 1926 in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, Oklahoma, and died June 2012 in Norman, Cleveland, Oklahoma. Jack married Marjorie McCormick on 31 March 1945 in Fort Sill, Comanche, Oklahoma.

RESULTS SUMMARY

- Searched birth records of Oklahoma for the birth certificate of Jack Kenneth Shaffer. Discovered two certificates: one for Jack Kenneth Green and one for Jack Kenneth Shaffer, both with identical birth information. Both certificates could be ordered by a family member with proof of relationship and death of Jack Kenneth Shaffer.
- Analyzed the 1930 census, the first mention of Jack Kenneth Shaffer in the census. Noticed the surname of "Green" both for Jack and his mother, "Elda Green." Determined that Elda likely gave the information and had probably invented the surname Green.
- Searched marriage and divorce indexes for Oklahoma with no results for Eldon Mae Graham. Concluded she never married and stated "divorced" as her status on the 1930 census as an explanation for having a child and no husband.
- Created a table of the city directories for Oklahoma City from 1925-1931 showing the Graham household. Noticed Eldon's use of the Green surname in 1927 and 1928 following the birth of Jack Kenneth Shaffer.
- Analyzed the marriage of Miss Eldon Mae Graham and R.T. Shaffer on 25 December 1931. Noticed the use of "Miss" and "Graham" indicating a first marriage for Eldon.
- Viewed the 1940 census showing Eldon "Susie Shaffer" with Richard, Jack Kenneth Shaffer, and Abner Graham. Analyzed the income data to get a sense of the household's relative status in 1940 compared to the neighborhood.
- Researched the marriages for Jack Kenneth Shaffer. Discovered marriage records for the 1945 marriage to Margie McCormick and the 1947 marriage to Haroldine Salmon.
- Analyzed Y-DNA test results for Jack Kenneth Shaffer Jr. and determined that his paternal father's surname was almost certainly Robb.

- Analyzed Autosomal DNA test results for Jack Kenneth Shaffer Jr. Created a chart showing several matches with the Robb surname in their family trees. Determined the biological father of Jack Kenneth Shaffer to be Richard David Robb based on the available evidence.
- Researched Richard David Robb in the city directories of Oklahoma City for the 1920s. Discovered his presence in 1925 residing with an Edith, near the Graham household.
- Found the marriage of Richard D. Robb and Myrtle Hurley on 6 September 1921 in Canadian County, Oklahoma, and their listing in the 1926 city directory of Guthrie, Oklahoma.
- Viewed Social Security records for Alyce Elizabeth Robb stating her parents as Richard D. Robb and Myrtle Hurley. Found an obituary on Find A Grave naming Alyce's children and connected one of them to the autosomal DNA match of Jack Kenneth Shaffer Jr.
- Discovered the divorce record of Richard David Robb and Myrtle Hurley in 1926.
- Examined the 1930 census and noted the service of Richard David Robb in World War I. Viewed his draft registration of 1918 and researched military records on Fold3 with no results.
- Determined research in the newspapers and cemetery could give details on his military service.
- Found Edith living with Richard D. Robb from 1932 - 1950 in San Diego. Searched for a marriage record with no results. Viewed details for Edith Ranier George on FamilySearch Family Tree.
- Analyzed Richard David Robb's WWII draft registration. Noted agreement of birth date and place with previous records.
- Examined the California Death Index for Richard David Robb listing a death date of 26 August 1959 and giving his father's surname as Robb and his mother's maiden name as Silverthorn.
- Researched Samuel David Robb and Ella Mae Silverthorn, the parents of Richard David Robb.
- Located the family on the 1900 and 1910 censuses. Noticed a male child of the correct age for Richard David Robb named Samuel Robb. Concluded this was the same person and Samuel changed his name to Richard David Robb in adulthood.
- Used autosomal DNA evidence to connect Richard David Robb to his parents Samuel David Robb and Ella Mae Silverthorn.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The client's father, Jack Kenneth Shaffer, was adopted by his stepfather, Richard T. Shaffer, and the name of his biological father was never revealed to Jack. He related the personal story that as a young boy, he found a birth certificate listing a different surname and his mother, Eldon Mae (Susie) immediately snatched it away from him and never spoke of it again. The family also had in their possession a torn picture supposedly of Jack's father with the partial name of Curtis Green written on the back.

A birth certificate could show a father for Jack Kenneth Shaffer and two records are listed in the Oklahoma State Vital Records Index: one for Jack Kenneth Shaffer and one for Jack Kenneth Green.¹ Because the state of Oklahoma considers a birth occurring less than 125 years ago as closed, a copy of each certificate could only be ordered by a family member with proof of relationship and death of Jack Kenneth Shaffer.



The screenshot shows the OK2Explore website interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links for Home, Contact, FAQ, Eligibility, Search Birth Records, and Search Death Records. Below the navigation bar is a table titled "Birth Record Search Results" with the following data:

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Gender	Birth County	Birth Month	Birth Day	Birth Year
SHAFFER	JACK	KENNETH	M	Oklahoma	7	10	1926
GREEN	JACK	KENNETH	M	Oklahoma	7	10	1926

Both indexed birth records show identical information except for the surname. Without viewing the actual certificate, it is impossible to determine when each certificate was created. The certificate for Jack Kenneth Green could have been created at birth, the certificate for Jack Kenneth Shaffer would have been created after his adoption by Richard T. Shaffer. Fortunately, DNA testing can now provide additional evidence for a biological parent relationship. When combined with genealogical research, a clear picture for the parentage of Jack Kenneth (Green) Shaffer emerged.

¹ Oklahoma State Vital Records Index, search for Jack born 10 July 1926, *OK2Explore* (<https://ok2explore.health.ok.gov/App/BirthResults> : accessed 2 April 2019).

The name “Eldon” was often spelled “Elden” in the records. For clarity, the report uses “Eldon” unless quoting a record.

Documentary Records

1930 Census

The client’s Ancestry public member tree showed the earliest located record for Jack Kenneth (Green) Shaffer as the 1930 census where he was listed as “Jack K. Green,” grandson of the head of household Abb Graham.² Jack’s age was noted as 3 and 9/12 with a birth in Oklahoma and both parents also born in Oklahoma. Listed directly above Jack was his mother, “Elda Green” and her relationship to the head of household, Abb Graham, listed as daughter. The census also showed Elda as 21 years old, divorced, and 17 years old at the time of her first marriage. The information was to be given by the head of household, but in his absence, anyone present on the day of the census taker’s visit could provide the information. Table 1 details the information for the household which included Eldon’s brothers, a sister-in-law, and two other young children. Eldon was likely taking care of the children on the home front while everyone else worked outside the home.

Table 1. Abb Graham Household - 1930 Census

Locality		1930, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma							
ED, Sheet, Line		Enumeration district 105, Sheet 8B, Line 79							
Enumeration Date		9 April 1930							
Location		Name	Description		Relationship	Occupation	Birth Place		
House	Family		Sex	Age			Self	Fath	Moth
162	174	Abb Graham	M	61	Head	Floorman – High School	Kan	US	US
		Glenn Graham	M	27	Son	Office work – Furniture Co.	Ok	Kan	Mich
		Flossie Graham	F	26	Daughter-in-law	Line lady – Biscuit Co.	Tex	Tex	Ala

² 1930 U.S. Census, Oklahoma Co., Oklahoma, population schedule, Oklahoma City, enumeration district (ED) 105, sheet 8B (penned), dwelling 162, family 174, Abb Graham household; digital image, *Ancestry*, (<http://www.ancestry.com>: accessed 4 Apr 2019,); citing NARA microfilm publication T626.

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		Kathryn Graham	F	4 5/12	Granddaughter		Ok	Ok	Tex
		Angus Graham	M	25	Son	Laborer – Truck Co.	Ok	Kan	Mich
		Elda Green	F	21	Daughter	Housekeeper	Ok	Kan	Mich
		Jack K Green	M	3 9/12	Grandson		Ok	Ok	Ok
		Earl Graham	M	4 11/12	Grandson		Ok	Ok	Ok

The census enumerator visited the Graham / Green household on 9 April 1930 and the age of Jack of 3 and 4/12 corresponds perfectly with his 10 July 1926 birth year. Because Eldon's stated occupation was housekeeper, she was the most likely to be home during the day, and probably reported the census information for the household, stating Jack's age and the surname of Green.

The marital status for Eldon was noted as divorced, implying a previous marriage. Searching online marriage indexes revealed no marriage record for a Graham – Green marriage in Oklahoma.³ Oklahoma County has compiled an index of divorce records and a search from 1926-1930 revealed no divorce record for an Eldon Green.⁴ In the absence of a marriage or divorce record, Eldon almost certainly was not married at the time of Jack's birth and the term "divorced" used to combat the stigma of the time against unwed mothers.

Oklahoma City Directories

City Directories fill in the 10-year gap between census records and reveal addresses, occupations, and hint at relationships. Searching the directories for the Graham family discovered them

³ "Oklahoma, County Marriage Records, 1890-1994," negative search for Graham – Green marriage, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 4 Apr 2019).

"Oklahoma, County Marriages, 1890-1995," negative search for Graham – Green marriage, *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/search/collection/1709399> : accessed 4 Apr 2019).

⁴ Oklahoma District Court, Divorce index, v. 1 1925-1935, negative search for Eldon Green, *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org> : accessed 4 Apr 2019); FHL microfilm 2169554, item 2, images 815-823.

listed for several years with different combinations of individuals living at various addresses. Eldon’s brother Angus, “Gus” was often listed at the same address as Abner and Eldon. The 1925 and 1927 listings also included an Evelyn, likely his wife. This would not be Pearl, who he married in 1931.⁵ Further research could discover a marriage for Angus Graham and Evelyn.

The 1929 directory revealed Eldon’s brother, Kenneth J. Graham, and her father, Abner living at her address. Another brother, Glenn, and his wife, Flossie, resided at Eldon’s address in 1930 and 1931. Table 2 details the various entries in the directories from 1925-1930 and shows the fluid movement of this family.⁶

The city directories listed Eldon as a Graham in 1925 and 1926, then as “Mrs. Eldon Green” in 1927 and 1928, following the birth of Jack Kenneth Shaffer. From 1929-1931 she was again going by Eldon Graham, except for the 1930 census noted previously where she was listed as Eldon Green.

In each instance, Eldon was listed at the same address as her father, Abner, even when going by “Mrs. Eldon Green.” They moved often, but not far, always residing on 7th or 9th street. Eldon almost certainly had taken the name of Green without a marriage and had possibly fabricated a story about her marriage.

Table 2. Oklahoma City Directories, 1925-1931

Date	Individual, Occupation and Address
1925	Abner Graham (Nellie), Ever Pure Laundry Elden M Graham, pkr at Iten Biscuit Co Gus (Evelyn) 326 W 9th"
1926	Abb Graham, helper Central HS Elden Graham Gus (Evelyn) driver Union Dairy 326 W 9 th
1927	Abb Graham, floorman Mrs Elden Green 806a W 7 th Glen (Flossie) Graham Flossie Graham floor lady 808a 7 th
1928	Abb Graham, floorman Mrs. Elden Green

⁵ Ancestry Public Member Tree, Shaffer/Parke/Faletti Family Tree, Angus A Graham, 1906-1967, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 11 Apr 2019).

⁶ “U.S. City Directories, 1822-1995,” for Abner, Nellie, and Elden Graham, 1925-1931, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 4 Apr 2019).

	Gus Graham 806a W 7 th
1929	Abb Graham, janitor Central Sr High Sch Elden Graham Gus Graham dairyman Kenneth J Graham employee Union Dairy 808a W 7 th Glenn A (Flossie) collr [sic] Jordan Furniture Co 1109 W 7 th
1930	Abb Graham Elden Graham Glenn A (Flossie) collr [sic] Jordan Furniture co 1500 W 7th
1931	Abb Graham Elden Graham Gus A Graham janitor Glenna A (Flossie) employee Steffens Blue Ribbon Dairy Products 1500 W 7th

The city directory of 1925 revealed Eldon working as a packer at the Iten Biscuit company. An article published in 2013 described the history of this business and included the photograph in Figure 1.⁷ The 105 x 140-foot building had five stories and a basement with 126,000 square feet of storage. The production and distribution of crackers and cakes employed numerous men and women. The building was state of the art with each floor having its own breakroom and bathrooms. The Iten Biscuit Company employed the people of Oklahoma City for 30 years, then was acquired by Nabisco. The 1912 City Directory for Oklahoma City stated:

A new industry employing from 400-500 persons is an event in the life of any city of ordinary size. The completion and putting into operation of the Iten Biscuit Co.'s plant is perhaps the most important single acquisition of 1912 to Oklahoma's commercial life.⁸

⁷ Mary Phillips, "Biscuit Building Still Stands," 17 January 2013, *The Oklahoman* (<https://newsok.com/article/3849559/biscuit-building-still-stands> : accessed 9 April 2019).

⁸ "U.S. City Directories, 1822-1995," Preface, 1912, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, City Directory, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 9 Apr 2019).



Figure 1 Depositing Machine in the icing room at the Iten Biscuit Company ⁹

1931 Marriage: R. T. Shaffer and Miss Elden Mae Graham

A year after the 1930 census was taken, “Miss Elden Mae Graham” and “R.T. Shaffer” were married by Lucien E. Wilson, a Justice of the Peace at Norman, Oklahoma.¹⁰ The marriage took place on 25 December 1931 and was likely a quiet affair witnessed by Mrs. Pearl Graham and Mabel Wilson. Pearl was Eldon’s sister-in-law, married to Eldon’s brother, Abner Graham. Angus and Pearl had married earlier that year and Pearl was probably a good friend to Eldon as well as a sister-in-law. The name of “Miss Eldon Mae Graham” used in the marriage license and certificate also points to Eldon being a single mother, despite her reporting of Green as a married name in the 1930 census and city directories of 1927 and 1928.

⁹ “Biscuit Building Still Stands – Article Photos,” *The Oklahoman* (<https://oklahoman.com/gallery/articleid/3849559> : accessed 4 June 2019).

¹⁰ “Oklahoma, County Marriage Records, 1890-1995,” Cleveland 1928 - 1940, Shaffer-Graham, 1931, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 4 Apr 2019).

NAMES OF PARTIES		AGE	COLOR	PLACE OF BIRTH	RESIDENCE
<i>R. T. Shaffer</i>		<i>26</i>	<i>white</i>	<i>Ohio</i>	<i>Oklahoma City Oklahoma</i>
<i>Miss Eldon Mae Graham</i>	GROOM BRIDE	<i>23</i>	<i>white</i>	<i>Oklahoma</i>	<i>Oklahoma City Oklahoma</i>

Figure 2 Graham-Shaffer Marriage Record, Oklahoma, 25 December 1931

1940 Census

The 1940 census revealed the new family grouping of Richard and Eldon “Susie” Shaffer with son, Jack, and Susie’s father, Abner Graham.¹¹ The 1940 census is the only census that marks the informant with the ⊗, which in this case was Eldon. She had apparently started going by “Susie” and gave “Susie Shaffer” as her name. She stated that she was 31 years old, Oklahoma born, and had attended school through the second year of high school.

Eldon reported her husband, Richard, was 34 years old, Ohio born, and had attended high school through the fourth year. His employment as a “time keeper” at a tank manufacturing company had earned him \$1800 in 1939, equivalent to about \$33,000 in 2019. His income placed him in the middle of the neighborhood according to the 1940 census. The Shaffer household also had the added income from Abner Graham’s job as the custodian at the public school. His income of \$1260 in 1939 is equivalent to about \$23,000 in 2019. Combined, the household income in 1939 would have been about \$3,060, equivalent to about \$55,600. They family was renting their home for \$35 per month, or about \$650 in 2019.

Marriages of Jack Kenneth Shaffer

On 31 March 1945, Jack Kenneth Shaffer applied for a marriage license in Comanche County, Oklahoma. He gave his age as 21 years and his residence as Fort Sill, Oklahoma. The bride to be was Miss Margie McCormick, age 18, of 134 E Park Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.¹² The couple was issued the license on 31 March 1945, and married that day by Oren C. Reid, an Ordained Minister of the First Baptist Church of Lawton. Mrs. E.E. Townley and Harry I. Howard witnessed the wedding. On 30 December

¹¹ 1940 U.S. Census, Oklahoma Co., Oklahoma, population schedule, Oklahoma City, ward 3, enumeration district (ED) 78-87, sheet 10B (penned), dwelling 1954, family 286, Richard Shaffer household; digital image, *Ancestry* (<http://www.ancestry.com>: accessed 4 Apr 2019,); citing NARA microfilm publication T627.

¹² "Oklahoma, County Marriage Records, 1890-1995," for Shaffer - McCormick, 1945, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 11 Apr 2019).

1945, Jack Richard Shaffer was born to the couple. The couple divorced soon after this marriage and each remarried.¹³ Oklahoma divorce records were searched with no results for this divorce.¹⁴

Jack remarried soon after the end of his first marriage. He and Haroldine Salmon applied for a marriage license on 28 March 1947 in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.¹⁵ No marriage certificate was noted in the marriage book, so the couple likely did not return with the finalized certificate. With Haroldine, Jack had four additional sons.

DNA TEST RESULTS

Research in documentary sources revealed no clear information on the biological father of Jack Kenneth Shaffer, so DNA test results for Jack's son, Jack Kenneth Shaffer Jr. were analyzed. DNA testing has become a proven method for discovering biological relationships and in a close relationship such as grandfather, can positively prove that relationship. Several types of DNA tests exist and can be used in tandem. For this research, the Y-DNA and Autosomal tests were used to provide strong evidence for the father of Jack Kenneth (Green) Shaffer.

Y-DNA Testing

Genealogy questions that have remained unsolved for years are being answered with the advent of DNA testing. Genetic genealogists, Blaine Bettinger and Debbie Parker Wayne explain: "One of the oldest and most powerful genetic genealogy tools is the Y chromosome . . . Because each man's Y chromosome is nearly identical to the Y chromosome that his many-great-grandfather possessed, the Y-DNA line can be traced back very far."¹⁶

Jack Kenneth Shaffer Jr. took the 67 marker Y-DNA STR (Short Tandem Repeat) test at FamilyTree DNA and matches revealed a variety of surnames: Robb, Thompson, Roach, Roche, Fitzgerald, and Kelley as shown in Figure 2.¹⁷ The closest match was John Robb with a genetic distance of 3.

¹³ Ancestry public member tree, Shaffer/Parke/Faletti Family Tree, Marjorie Ellen McCormick, 1926-1978, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 11 Apr 2019).

¹⁴ Oklahoma Historical Society Research Center, negative search for divorce of Shaffer, 1945-47, <https://www.okhistory.org> : accessed 9 April 2019).

¹⁵ "Oklahoma, County Marriage Records, 1890-1995," Shaffer - Salmon, 1947, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 11 Apr 2019).

¹⁶ Blaine T. Bettinger and Debbie Parker Wayne, *Genetic Genealogy in Practice*, p. 23.

¹⁷ "Y-DNA – Matches," for Jack Kenneth Shaffer, Jr. Kit #MK32181, *FamilyTree DNA* (<https://www.familytreedna.com> : accessed 4 April 2019).

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67 MARKERS - 6 - MATCHES					
Genetic Distance	Name	Earliest Known Ancestor	Y-DNA Haplogroup	Terminal SNP	Match Date
3	Robb Y-DNA67 FF	Samuel Robb, b. Jan. 4, 1800, Pennsylvania	E-M35		7/8/2018
4	Thompson Y-DNA67 FF		E-M35		7/8/2018
5	Roach Y-DNA67 FF	Lewis Roach, b. 1783 and d. 1828	E-L117		7/8/2018
6	Roche Y-DNA67	William J. Roche, b.1863 and d.1927	E-M35		7/8/2018
7	Fitzgerald Y-DNA111 FF		E-M35		7/8/2018
7	Kelley Y-DNA67	Joseph Daniel Kelley 1774- 1859	E-M35		7/8/2018

Figure 3 Y-DNA Matches for Jack Kenneth Shaffer Jr.

When analyzing a Y-DNA STR test, each difference or mutation between two men is added up and the total is termed genetic distance. The greater the genetic distance, the further removed the common ancestor will be. A father and son would likely have 0 as a genetic distance. More distant cousins would have a larger number for the genetic distance.

As seen in Figure 3, the closest match for Jack Kenneth Shaffer Jr. was John Robb with a genetic distance of 3. FamilyTree DNA estimates the common ancestor to be between 4 – 8 generations. Viewing the pedigree chart attached to John Robb’s results, the paternal line was: John Robb > James Robb (1916 – 2012) > James Robb (1889-1976) > James Robb (1859-1949) > William Robb (1830-1914). With the common ancestor 4-8 generations back, the connection would likely come with William Robb or further back. Although an excellent clue for a possible surname, the Y-DNA match to John Robb was not close enough to determine a father for Jack Kenneth Shaffer.

Autosomal DNA Testing

Autosomal DNA testing examines matches across the 22 autosomal chromosomes of an individual’s genome and discovers connections with both paternal and maternal lines. Kenneth Jack Shaffer Jr. tested with Ancestry DNA which has a testing base of over fifteen million individuals.¹⁸ Searching by the surname of Robb discovered a genetic relationship: Shandra with shared DNA of 343

¹⁸ “Autosomal DNA Testing Comparison Chart,” *International Society of Genetic Genealogy Wiki* (https://isogg.org/wiki/Autosomal_DNA_testing_comparison_chart : accessed 9 Apr 2019).

centimorgans across 12 segments.¹⁹ This is a sizeable amount of shared DNA with a wide range of possible relationships. The Shared cM Project gives the following possibilities the highest probability.²⁰

- 1st cousin 1x removed
- Half 1st cousin
- 2nd cousin
- Half 1st cousin 1x removed

The match, Shandra, has attached an Ancestry public member tree to her DNA results and viewing the pedigree for discovered the following Robb individuals: Alyce Elizabeth Bette Robb (1922 – 1998) > Richard David Robb (1897 – 1959) > Samuel David Robb (1862-1924) > William Taylor Robb (1820-1889) > William Robb (1771-1870) > John Robb (1763 – 1861) > James Robb (1745-1825).²¹ None of these William Robbs corresponded exactly with the William Robb listed as a possible ancestor of the Y-DNA match. Further research could verify the Robb line and discover the common ancestor.

Another testing company that specializes in autosomal DNA is 23andMe. Jack Kenneth Shaffer Jr. tested with this company also and a close match, Derek, shared 2.65% DNA indicating that Jack and Derek may share a set of great-grandparents, illustrated in Figure 4.²²

¹⁹ “AncestryDNA Results for Jack Kenneth Shaffer Jr.,” database report, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 5 April 2019), predicting 2nd cousin genetic match with user Shandra, sharing 343 cM. The name has been changed for privacy.

²⁰ Blaine T. Bettinger, “The Shared cM Project 4.0 tool v4,” *DNA Painter* (<https://dnapainter.com/tools/sharedcmv4/110> : accessed 16 July 2020), relationships for 343 cM.

²¹ “Public Member Trees,” database, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/tree/4238986/family> : accessed 5 April 2019), “Jones Family Tree,” family tree by Carlasue1_1.

²² “DNA Relatives for Jack Kenneth Shaffer Jr.,” *23andMe* (<https://you.23andme.com> : accessed 5 April 2019).

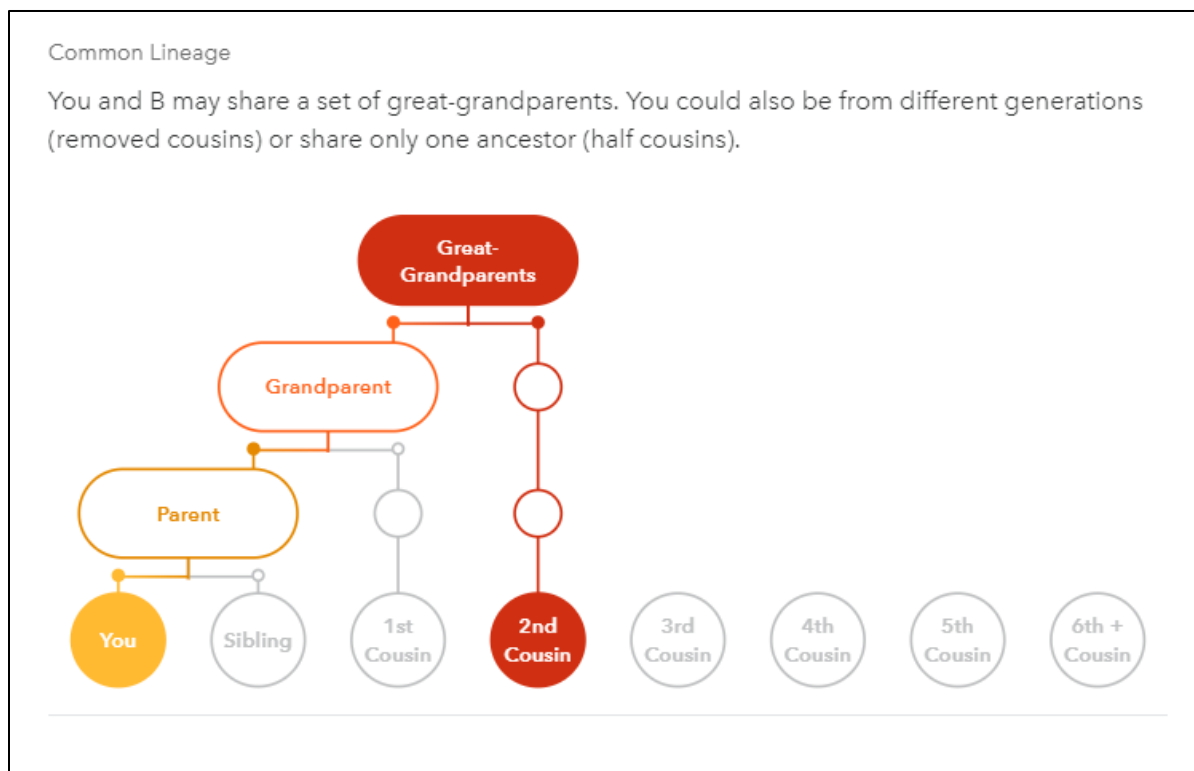


Figure 4 Graphic on 23andMe showing possible relationship between Jack (you) and Derek (2nd cousin)

Correspondence with Derek revealed the following:

My paternal grandmother (Bette or “Granny Jones”) was Alyce Elizabeth Robb born in Guthrie on June 9, 1922. Her parents were Richard David Robb and Myrtle Robb (nee Hurley). Bette passed away in 1998, but I’m guessing Richard is your suspect. I wasn’t very close to my father’s family, especially after I left the South in late 1998, so that’s really all I know. I hope it helps.²³

The match listed as Derek on 23andMe also appeared on the FamilyTree DNA match list and showed he and Jack Kenneth Shaffer Jr. shared 214 centimorgans.²⁴ Charting both of the close matches, Shandra and Derek, Richard David Robb emerged as the likely candidate for the father of Jack Kenneth Shaffer.²⁵ Jack Kenneth Shaffer was the half brother of Alice Elizabeth Bette Robb.

²³ 23andMe messaging, 4 January 2019, from Derek; client information shared with researcher, 5 March 2019. The name of the match has been changed for privacy.

²⁴ “Family Finder - Matches for Jack Shaffer,” database report, *FamilyTree DNA* (<https://www.familytreedna.com/my/familyfinder> : accessed 18 July 2020), match B.J., 214 cM, linked family tree showing B J > Private > Alice Elizabeth Bette Jones nee Robb > Richard David Robb and Myrtle Robb nee Hurley.

²⁵ “DNA Matches for Jack Kenneth Shaffer Jr.,” Lucidchart, created 18 July 2020.

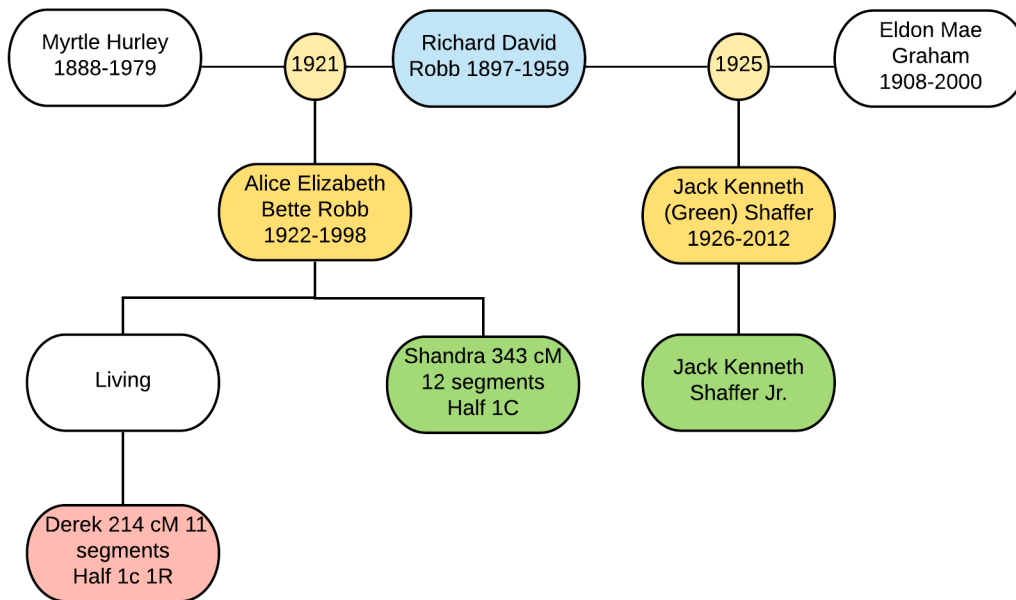


Figure 5 Lucidchart showing DNA connections to Jack Kenneth Shaffer Jr.

Richard David Robb

With DNA evidence pointing to Richard David Robb as the probable father for Jack Kenneth Shaffer, research moved to discovering his life and whereabouts in 1925. Was he residing in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, where he would have met Eldon Mae Graham?

City directories reveal Richard David Robb's presence in Oklahoma City in 1925.²⁶ Also listed with Richard is an Edith in parentheses, indicating she was his wife. Richard and Edith roomed at 118 W 8th. In 1925, Eldon Mae Graham and her father, Abner, lived at 326 W 9th. The proximity of the addresses makes it probable that this Richard Robb was the Richard David Robb of the DNA evidence. Jack Kenneth Shaffer was born 10 July 1926 and would have been conceived in September of 1925. No other Richard Robb appears in the Oklahoma City Directory for 1925.

²⁶ "U.S. City Directories, 1822-1995," for Richard Robb, 1925, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, City Directory, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 9 Apr 2019).

Robb Annabelle rms 17 E 5th
 " David R r Mrs Stella Cardin
 " Duncan M (Wilma) slsmn Crawford
 Drug Co r1605 N Independence av
 " Ellen Mrs r130½ E 9th
 " E Pearl Mrs pkr Iten Biscuit Co h
 2801 W 10th
 " Geo R h221 W 22d
 " Helen H h221 W 22d
 " Ivan J (Bessie) trav Tom Cooper Mo-
 tor Co r33 E 10th
 " Pearl prsldr Okla Paper Co rms 17
 E 5th
 " **Richd (Edith)** rms 118 W 8th
 " Wm E rms 224 W 6th
 " Wm M (Helen J) cotton broker 219½
 W 2d r221 W 22d
 " Wm M jr h221 W 22d
 " Wm R jr city firemn h130½ E 9th

Figure 6 Oklahoma City Directory, 1925, entries for Robb

Although Richard and Edith may have been living together, they were probably not married. Richard D. Robb, age 24, and a resident of Guthrie, Logan, Oklahoma, had married Myrtle Hurley, age 32, also of Guthrie on 6 September 1921.²⁷ The marriage took place in Canadian County and was performed by Albert Noah Smith, a minister of the Methodist Episcopal church. The witnesses were Mrs. H J Davis and Mrs. Idella Smith. The couple seemed to have made their home in Guthrie and were named on the 1926 city directory of Guthrie, Oklahoma.²⁸ Unlike the Oklahoma City directory listing of 1925 where multiple Robbs are listed, the 1926 directory showed only Richard and Myrtle Robb.

Roark Villa Mrs r114 E Cleveland av
 Robb **Richd D (Myrtle)** h411 E Logan av
ROBERTS EARL (Willard Battery Station), Gabriel
Snubbers 119 W Harrison av, Phone 353, r524 E Okla-
homa av, Phone 888 (See page 6)

Figure 7 Guthrie, Oklahoma, 1926 City Directory for Robb

²⁷ "Oklahoma, County Marriage Records, 1890-1995," Canadian, 1920 - 1922, Robb-Hurley, 1921, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 9 Apr 2019).

²⁸ "U.S. City Directories, 1822-1995," for Richard D. Robb, 1926, Guthrie City, Oklahoma, City Directory, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 9 Apr 2019).

The couple had only one child together, Alyce Elizabeth Robb. When she applied for a social security number in 1943, she listed her name as Betty Robb Stadler.²⁹ Her parents were named as Richard D. Robb and Myrtle Hurley. Notes from that indexed record also show alternate names: Bette Robb Jones (1960) and Bette R Jones (1998). The 1960 record was created after her marriage to Carl C. Jones when she changed her name on her Social Security card. The 1998 record was created upon her death. Alyce's obituary was published in Logan County, Oklahoma in the *Guthrie News Leader* on 5 July 1998 and gives further evidence for her parentage.³⁰ It was likely written by one of the children named in the obituary.

JONES

Graveside services for Alyce Elizabeth "Bette" ROBB JONES, 76, of Corpus Christi, Texas, will be July 5, at Seaside Memorial Park, Corpus Christi.

Bette was born June 9, 1922, in Guthrie to Richard David and Myrtle HURLEY ROBB. She died June 27, in Corpus Christi. Bette married Carl C. JONES in Guthrie in 1950. He preceded her in death on June 7, 1974.

Survivors are two daughters, Shandra and [private]; one son, [private].

Of note in this obituary is the naming of daughter, Shandra, the autosomal DNA match to Jack Kenneth Shaffer Jr. discussed previously. Richard David Robb was the father of both Bette Robb and Jack Kenneth Shaffer Sr., making them half siblings. Bette was born in 1922 to Myrtle Hurley Robb and Jack was born in 1926 to Eldon Mae Graham. Bette and Jack's children, Shandra, and Jack Kenneth Shaffer Jr. share the appropriate amount of DNA for half first cousins.

The marriage between Richard David Robb and Myrtle Hurley did not last, and the couple were divorced 5 November 1926 in Oklahoma.³¹ The divorce record is an index only and the website states "no further information available." Perhaps Richard's infidelity was the cause of the marriage failure, or perhaps the infidelity was the result of an unhappy marriage.

²⁹ "U.S. Social Security Applications and Claims Index, 1936-2007," Betty Robb Stadler, 1943, *Ancestry* (<https://ancestry.com> : accessed 9 April 2019).

³⁰ *Find A Grave*, database and images (<https://www.findagrave.com> : accessed 9 April 2019), memorial page for Alyce Bette Robb Jones (9 Jun 1922–27 Jun 1998), Find A Grave Memorial no. 40332094, citing Seaside Memorial Park, Corpus Christi, Nueces County, Texas, USA ; Maintained by Dacanta (contributor 47158985). Names of the living have been changed or made private.

³¹ Oklahoma Historical Society Research Center, Divorce of Richard D. Robb and Myrtle Robb, 1926, <https://www.okhistory.org> : accessed 9 April 2019).

Plaintiff: Richard D. Robb	Date: 1926-11-05
Defendant: Myrtle Robb	Source: Book 4-D, page 172 (1972-D) Index listing only; no further information available.
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Figure 8 Indexed Divorce Record for Richard D. Robb and Myrtle Robb, 1926

Following his divorce in 1926, Richard David Robb appeared in the city directory of 1928 in Oklahoma City.³² He was again listed with Edith Robb, his occupation noted as cook.

Robb Buddy clk Okla News Co r102 E 6th
 " David A (Opal) mech Watson Garage h3000 W Ash
 " Duncan M student r221 W 22d
 " Ellen (wid W R) r1122 E Park pl
 " Pearl (wid Arth) r102 E 6th
 " Pearl pkr r2801 W 10th
 " **Richd D (Edith) cook h1409 W Park pi**
 " Wm M (Helen J) cotton broker h221 W 22d
 " Wm M jr student h221 W 22d
 Robberson see also Roberson and Robertson
 " Newton B (Maud M) r210 W 11th

Figure 9 1928 Oklahoma City, city directory

By 1930, Richard had moved west to San Diego California, where the 1930 census noted him again working as a cook in a restaurant.³³ He was living in a boarding house with several other men, all listed as "lodger." Although the informant for the census information is unknown, each man in the household probably provided his own details. Richard's listing included his age of 32 and his marital status as married with his age at the time of his first marriage as 23 which is close to his reported age of 24 on his marriage record to Myrtle Hurley. The 1930 listing also revealed his birthplace as Missouri and parents' birthplaces as Virginia – good clues to discovering his origins.

Also noted on the 1930 census was Richard David Robb's service in the World War, which in 1930 referred to World War I. He registered for the draft on 24 August 1918 in Oklahoma City,

³² "U.S. City Directories, 1822-1995," for Richard D. Robb, 1928, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, City Directory, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 9 Apr 2019).

³³ 1930 U.S. Census, San Diego, California, population schedule, San Diego, enumeration district (ED) 83, sheet 10B (penned), dwelling 325A, family 373A, Richard D Robb lodger in Floyd E. Gordan household; digital image, *Ancestry*, (<http://www.ancestry.com>: accessed 10 Apr 2019); citing NARA microfilm publication T627.

Oklahoma.³⁴ Several important details are listed on that card. His birthplace of Metz, Missouri, agrees with the 1930 census listing, but his father's birthplace shows unknown. Perhaps Richard didn't know an exact place in Virginia or perhaps as a young man he really didn't know his father's birthplace and later learned of it.

- Name: Richard Robb
- Age: 21 years
- Date of birth: 29 June 1897
- Where born: Metz, Missouri
- Citizen of the United States
- Father's birthplace: unknown
- Employer: Edwards Café in Oklahoma City
- Name of nearest relative: Mrs. Ophile Robb
- Address of nearest relative: Rt D2 Box 87, Garfield Arkansas
- Brown eyes, black hair, no physical disqualification

In August of 1918, American soldiers had just started arriving on the Western Front in Europe and the influx of new soldiers finally brought the war to an end with the signing of the armistice on 11 November 1918. It is possible that Richard David Robb was among these soldiers. Unfortunately, 80% of the U.S. Army records from 1912-1906 were destroyed in the July 1973 fire at the National Personnel Records Center in St. Louis, Missouri. It is possible that a record for Richard David Robb did survive and a search at the repository holding the remaining records could be conducted. The website Fold 3 specializes in military records and Richard David Robb was searched with no results aside from the original draft registration card.³⁵ Newspapers of Oklahoma City could list soldiers and his gravestone could give details of his service.

Edith joined Richard David Robb in California by 1932 where both were listed in the San Diego city directory.³⁶ Richard was incorrectly noted as "Robt D" but the addition of Edith G to his entry provides evidence that this was the same person. Edith was also mentioned in her own right as the head nurse at the county hospital.

³⁴ "U.S., World War I Draft Registration Cards, 1917-1918," for Richard Robb, Oklahoma, Oklahoma City, Draft Board 2, Draft Card R, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 10 Apr 2019).

³⁵ World War I, search for Richard David Robb, *Fold3* (<https://www.fold3.com> : accessed 10 Apr 2019).

³⁶ "U.S. City Directories, 1822-1995," for Richard D. Robb, 1932, San Diego, California, City Directory, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 9 Apr 2019).

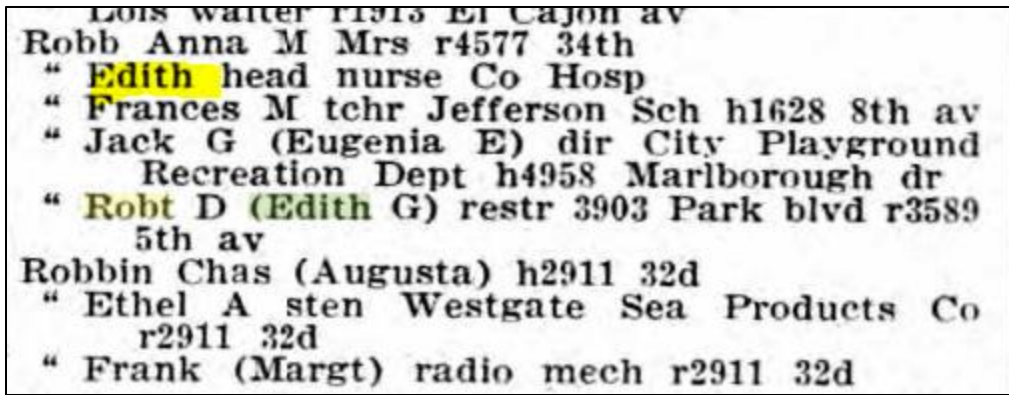


Figure 10 1932 San Diego City Directory Robt D and Edith Robb

By 1940, Richard had become a salesman, working in the wholesale meat industry and Edith was still working as a nurse in a hospital.³⁷ The census revealed that both Richard and Edith were in the “same place” in 1935 which correlates with the 1932 city directory listing. It also stated that Richard was born in Missouri and Edith in Washington. He had completed an 8th grade education and she had completed 2 years of college. No children were listed on the census although the couple had likely been together since 1925 when they were both living in Oklahoma City at 118 W 8th.³⁸

62					Robt D Robb	M	W	44	m	No 8	Missouri	66	Same place
63	4231	46 R	26 M		Edith	F	W	44	m	No 2	Washington	66	Same place
64													

Handwritten notes: New Ende Block 2503 and piece Block 2504, 2

Figure 11 1940 Census, San Diego, California, Richard D. Robb and Edith

Richard David Robb settled in San Diego with Edith. No marriage record has been located for the couple. Either they were never married, or it is possible that they married in an unusual location and the record will surface in time. The FamilySearch Family Tree gave additional details for Edith. She was born 11 July 1891 in Washington and died 21 January 1973 in Fort Worth, Tarrant, Texas.³⁹ Her full name was Edith Ranier George.

³⁷ 1940 U.S. Census, San Diego, California, population schedule, San Diego, enumeration district (ED) 62-29, sheet 6B (penned), house number 4231, family 86, Richard D Robb household; digital image, *Ancestry*, (<http://www.ancestry.com>: accessed 1(0 Apr 2019); citing NARA microfilm publication T627 roll 448.

³⁸ "U.S. City Directories, 1822-1995," for Richard Robb, 1925, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, City Directory, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 9 Apr 2019).

³⁹ *FamilySearch* Family Tree, details for Edith Ranier George LRGJ-4S4, (<https://www.familysearch.org/tree/person/details/LRGJ-4S4> : accessed 11 Apr 2019).

When the United States entered World War II in 1941, Richard was required to register for the draft. His draft card reveals the following information.⁴⁰

- Name: Richard David Robb
- Residence 4233 Front Street San Diego, California
- Age: 44 years
- Birth: 29 June 1897, Metz, Missouri
- Name and address of contact: Mrs. R.D. Robb 4233 Front St San Diego, California
- Employer: C. M. Kuhlken 1811 – “C”
- Description: 5’9 ¼” 150 pounds, brown eyes, brown hair, dark complexion

No military records were discovered for Richard aside from his draft registration.⁴¹ Because of his age, it is probable that he never served in this war. The 1950 census has not yet been released which would reveal more information about Richard, but the 1950 city directory of San Diego shows him and Edith residing on 4233 Front Street, the same address listed in the draft registration.⁴² Richard worked as a salesman and Edith supervised nurses at the county hospital.

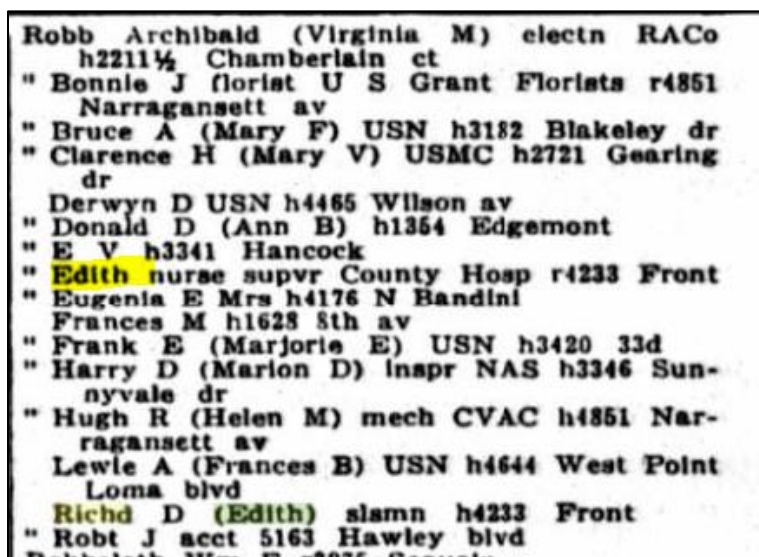


Figure 12 San Diego, California City Directory, 1950

⁴⁰ "WWII Draft /Registration Cards for California, 1940-1947," Richard David Robb, order number 11,316, digital image, *Fold3* (<https://www.fold3.com> : accessed 19 Apr 2019).

⁴¹ "World War II," negative search for Richard David Robb, *Fold3* (<https://www.fold3.com> : accessed 10 Apr 2019).

⁴² "U.S. City Directories, 1822-1995," for Richard D. Robb, 1950, San Diego, California, City Directory, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 9 Apr 2019).

Richard David Robb died on 26 August 1959 as reported in the California Death Index.⁴³ A death certificate could be ordered from the state of California that would include additional details. The indexed record does provide his father’s surname as Robb and his mother’s maiden name as Silverthorn, an excellent clue to prove his parentage.

Samuel David Robb and Ella Mae Silverthorn

Records created during the life of Richard David Robb serve to connect him to his parents, Samuel David Robb and Ella Mae Silverthorn. As mentioned previously, the California Death Index reports his mother’s maiden name as Silverthorn and his father’s surname as Robb. Richard repeatedly gave his full birth date as 29 June 1897 and his place of birth as Metz, Missouri.

A birth certificate could list parents, but the state of Missouri did not begin keeping registration for births until 1910.⁴⁴ The first census listing Richard as a child was the 1900 census. Conflicting information found in the census record was the name of “Samuel” and birth year of 1896. The month of June is correct as is the birthplace of Missouri. Information for Ella indicated that she had borne 7 children and 7 were living. Is the child listed as “Samuel,” Richard David Robb?

Table 3. Samuel D. Robb Household, 1900, Jasper County, Missouri

Locality		1900, Webb City, Joplin township, Jasper County, Missouri						
ED, Sheet, Line		Enumeration District 50, Sheets 30A & B, Line 48						
Enumeration Date		22 June 1900						
Location		Name	Birth Date	Relationship	Occupation	Birth Place		
House	Family					Self	Fath	Mothers
595	627	Samuel D. Robb	Dec 1861	Head	Teamster	WV	WV	Penn
		Ella M. Robb	June 1862	Wife		WV	WV	WV
		Harry H. Robb	July 1885	Son	At school	WV	WV	WV
		William Robb	Nov 1888	Son	At school	Penn	WV	WV
		Mary Robb	Feb 1891	Daughter	At school	Pen	WV	WV

⁴³ "California Death Index," Richard David Robb, 26 August 1959, San Diego, *Ancestry* (<https://ancestry.com> : accessed 10 Apr 2019).

⁴⁴ "Missouri Birth & Death Records Database, Pre-1910," negative search for Robb birth, *Missouri Digital Heritage* (<https://s1.sos.mo.gov> : accessed 10 Apr 2019).

Locality		1900, Webb City, Joplin township, Jasper County, Missouri						
ED, Sheet, Line		Enumeration District 50, Sheets 30A & B, Line 48						
Enumeration Date		22 June 1900						
Location		Name	Birth Date	Relationship	Occupation	Birth Place		
House	Family					Self	Fath	Moth
		Ella Robb	Jan 1893	Daughter	At school	Penn	WV	WV
		Margaret Robb	Jan 1895	Daughter		Penn	WV	WV
		Samuel Robb	Jun 1896	Son		MO	WV	WV

Only six children were listed in the 1900 census household of Samuel and Ella Robb, but the 1880 census sheds light on the question of Ella’s children.⁴⁵ That census listed Ella in the household of her mother, Eliza Silverthorn, and revealed another child, Clifford Ashley Silverthorn. The census showed the relationship of this child to Ella’s mother as “grandson of youngest daughter, bastard.” The listing appears to give “lodge” as a surname, but this was a designation that the child was not in the nuclear family of Eliza Silverthorn.

46	48	Silverthorn Eliza J	W	7	61		1	Keeping House	
		Frank	W	22	26	Son	1	Carpenter	✓
		James O.	W	21	21	Son	1	Painter	✓
		Celestia	F	7	30	Daughter	1	Dose House work	
		Ella	W	7	17	Daughter			
		Lodge Clifford Ashley	W	21	21	Grandson of James & daughter of Bastard			

Figure 13 1880 Census, Eliza Silverthorn household

The Samuel and Ella Robb family were next enumerated in 1910, still residing in Jasper County, Missouri.⁴⁶ The census reports that Samuel and Ella had been married 28 years, were in their first marriage, and Ella was the mother of 8 children with 8 living. Added to the family since the 1910 census

⁴⁵ 1880 U.S. Census, Hancock County, Missouri, population schedule, Poe District, enumeration district (ED) 221, page 5, dwelling 46, family 47, Eliza J. Silverthorn household; digital image, *Ancestry*, (<http://www.ancestry.com>: accessed 10 Apr 2019); citing NARA microfilm publication T9.

⁴⁶ 1910 U.S. Census, Jasper County, Missouri, population schedule, Joplin Township, Carterville City, enumeration district (ED) 59, sheet 2B, house 105, dwelling 38, family 39, Samuel D. Robb household; digital image, *Ancestry*, (<http://www.ancestry.com>: accessed 10 Apr 2019,); citing NARA microfilm publication T623.

was a daughter, Lelia. Richard David Robb was still known as Samuel Robb. His age of 12 in April of 1910 correlates with a birth of June 1897, and his birthplace of Missouri also correlates with his reporting in his draft registration information. It appears that sometime between the 1910 census and the 1918 draft registration, “Samuel” became “Richard David.”

In 1910, Samuel D. Robb was working as the ground boss for the Lead & Zinc mine in Jasper County, Missouri, and his two oldest sons were also working at the mine, each as a “machine man.” The birthplaces of the children from the census listing give clues as to the approximate migration of the family: West Virginia > 1888 Pennsylvania > 1896 Missouri > 1902 Arkansas > by 1910 Missouri.

Table 4. Samuel D. Robb Household, 1910, Jasper County, Missouri

Locality		1910, Carterville Ward 2, Joplin township, Jasper County, Missouri						
ED, Sheet, Line		Enumeration District 59, Sheet 2B, Line 69						
Enumeration Date		15 April 1910						
Location		Name	Age	Relationship	Occupation	Birth Place		
House	Family					Self	Fath	Moth
105	39	Samuel D. Robb	47	Head	Ground boss	WV	Unknown	Unknown
		Ella M. Robb	46	Wife		WV	WV	WV
		Harry Robb	23	Son	Machine man	WV	WV	WV
		William Robb	21	Son	Machine man	Penn	WV	WV
		Mary Robb	19	Daughter		Pen	WV	WV
		Ella Robb	17	Daughter		Penn	WV	WV
		Margaret Robb	15	Daughter		Penn	WV	WV
		Samuel Robb	12	Son		MO	WV	WV
		Lelia Robb	8	Daughter		Ark	WV	WV

With the conflicting evidence of “Samuel” versus “Richard David” Robb, autosomal DNA evidence again provided further evidence for the relationship of Richard David Robb to parents Samuel David Robb and Ella Mae Silverthorn. Ancestry DNA showed a match for Jack Kenneth Shaffer Jr,

grandson of Richard David Robb with Mason, grandson of Lela Virginia Robb.⁴⁷ The amount of DNA shared was 105 centimorgans across 8 segments, within the range for 2nd cousins.⁴⁸

The family tree attached to the DNA match Mason provided proof of Lela Virginia Robb's parents, her marriage to Jack Edgar Brandon and her daughter, Marguerite "Mickey" Brandon.⁴⁹ Analyzing the relationships showed that Jack and Mason share great grandparents, Samuel David Robb and Ella Mae Silverthorn as shown in the following chart.⁵⁰

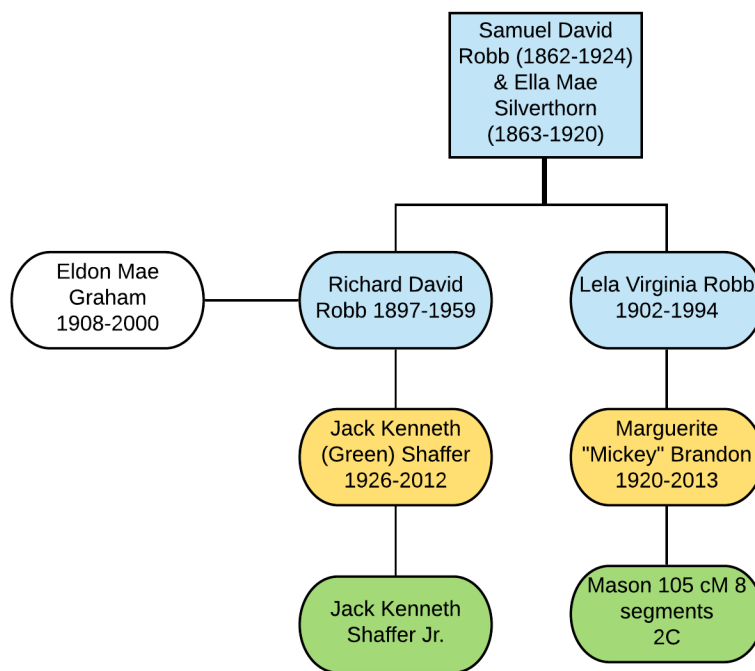


Figure 14 Autosomal DNA 2nd cousin match for Jack Kenneth Shaffer Jr.

CONCLUSION

At this point in the research session, time had expired. Much had been accomplished. Based on the documentary and genetic evidence reviewed in this research session, it can be concluded that the

⁴⁷ "AncestryDNA Results for Jack Kenneth Shaffer Jr," database report, *AncestryDNA* (<https://ancestry.com/dna> : accessed 18 July 2020), predicting 2nd cousin genetic match with user "J.M." "J.M." identifies his great grandparents as Samuel David Robb (1862-1924) and Ella Mae Silverthorn (1863-1920).

⁴⁸ Blaine T. Bettinger, "The Shared cM Project 4.0 tool v4," *DNA Painter* (<https://dnainter.com/tools/sharedcmv4/110> : accessed 16 July 2020), relationships for 343 cM.

⁴⁹ "Public Member Trees," database, *Ancestry* (<http://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 18 July 2020), "Jay Miller Family Tree : family tree by Jay Miller, profile for Lela Virginia Robb (1901-1894, married to Jack Edgar Brandon), documented data.

⁵⁰ "DNA Matches for Jack Kenneth Shaffer Jr.," Lucid Chart, created 9 April 2019.

father of Jack Kenneth Shaffer was Richard David Robb. Richard had married Myrtle Hurley in 1921 but was living with Edith George in Oklahoma City in the mid-1920s. He was present in the city directory of 1925 and in the same neighborhood as Eldon Graham. Their relationship is unknown, but the result was the child born in 1926 and named Jack Kenneth Green by his mother, Eldon. Eldon also used the surname Green in the 1930 census and some city directory listings.

Richard David Robb divorced Myrtle Hurley and moved to San Diego where he lived the rest of his life with Edith George. No marriage record has been discovered for them. Eldon Graham married R. T. Shaffer on 25 December 1931 who adopted Jack Kenneth Shaffer.

Researching the previous generation of Robb's discovered the family of Samuel David Robb and Ella Mae Silverthorn, the parents of Richard David Robb. Richard was listed as Samuel in the 1900 and 1910 census records and likely changed his name in adulthood. DNA evidence provided additional evidence for the connection of Richard David Robb to his parents.

SUGGESTIONS FOR FUTURE RESEARCH

- Order the birth certificates for Jack Kenneth Green from the state of Oklahoma. Will need to provide proof of relationship and death of Jack Kenneth Shaffer
 - Jack Kenneth Shaffer
 - Jack Kenneth Green
- Search newspapers of 1918-1920 of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma for lists of soldiers serving in WWI for Richard David Robb.
- Search for the cemetery / headstone for Richard David Robb. Military details could be given in those records created at death and burial.
- Order the death certificate of Richard David Robb from the state of California. Richard died 26 August 1959.
- Search California marriage records for a marriage of Richard David Robb and Edith George about 1930.
- Research the descendants of Samuel David Robb and Ella Mae Silverthorn, seeking for additional genetic evidence to tie Jack Kenneth Shaffer Jr. to this family.
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Thanks for allowing me to research your family! I look forward to continuing as desired.

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