
Who was the Father of Barsheba (Tharp) Dyer?

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Finding a woman's parents in the early 1800s is challenging. No original record names the father of Barsheba (Tharp) Dyer. One son's death certificate provides her maiden name.¹ Two county courthouse fires in Tennessee and Arkansas complicate the search for parental connections. Family records, proximity, and naming patterns provide clues to Barsheba Tharp's family of origin. DNA matches provide evidence of kinship between Barsheba and the Tharp family who migrated from Fauquier County, Virginia, to Hawkins County, Tennessee.

John Robert and Barsheba Dyer

Descendants of Barsheba Tharp and John Robert Dyer believe Barsheba was born 8 September 1813 in Hawkins County, Tennessee, a daughter of a John Lewis Tharp or John Robert Tharp.² Family lore says Barsheba and Robert were both orphans who "met when both were working."³ Barsheba and Robert probably married about 1830, but no marriage records are extant for the couple.⁴ Hawkins County experienced significant record loss in an 1863 courthouse fire, perhaps explaining the missing record.⁵

¹ "Tennessee Deaths, 1914-1966," database with images, *FamilySearch* (<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:NS8L-22N> : 22 Aug 2020), Hawkins County, Richard F. Dyer, 3 Feb 1921, file no. 18; citing Tennessee State Library and Archives, Nashville. Informant Bob Luster reported Richard's mother's maiden name as "Marsha Thorp," and birthplace, Tennessee.

² Nancy Mildred Beals DeWitt, "Dyer-Tharp Family History," unpublished family history, p. 1; image online, contributed by FamilySearch user "dale howard," attached to Barsheba Tharp, ID LZKK-MM7, 10 October 2019, *FamilySearch Family Tree* (<https://www.familysearch.org> : accessed 22 Aug 2020). See also Nancy Mildred Beals DeWitt, "John Robert Dyer and Barsheba Tharp: Valley of The Terrapins, Slow and Steady Wins the Race," article online, contributed by LindaCroy1, attached to John Robert Dyer (LZKV-1TV), 10 April 2016, *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org> : accessed 22 Aug 2020). This is an expanded draft of Nancy's Dyer-Tharp history. The date of the writing of this article is unknown, but must have occurred before Nancy Mildred Beals DeWitt died in 2009.

³ DeWitt, "Dyer-Tharp Family History," p. 1.

⁴ Hawkins County Archival Project, Marriage License and Bonds Index 1789-1844, p. 3, negative search for Dyer; images online, *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3QS7-9923-27W2> : accessed 5 Feb 2021). See also "Tennessee, County Marriages, 1790-1950," database with images, *FamilySearch* (<https://familysearch.org> : accessed 26 Sep 2020), negative search for Robert Dyer and Barsheba Tharp.

⁵ "Lost Records: Courthouse Fires and Disasters in Tennessee," *Tennessee Secretary of State* (<https://sos.tn.gov> : accessed 22 Aug 2020).

Barsheba and her family resided in Hawkins County, Tennessee, in December 1879 when her husband, Robert Dyer, passed away.⁶ Six months after Robert's death, Barsheba was enumerated on the 1880 census in Hawkins County as a sixty-four-year-old widow, born about 1816 in Tennessee, with Tennessee-born parents.⁷ Barsheba remained in Hawkins until March 1889 when she migrated with her children by train to Sanford, Colorado and died there on 12 May 1889.⁸ No civil death record or headstone has been located for Barsheba Dyer.⁹

Barsheba's Birth and Marriage

Barsheba Tharp's birth year conflicts in the records. Robert Dyer's 1830 household included himself, age 15-19, and one female, age 10-14, almost certainly Barsheba.¹⁰ Robert and Barsheba's first son, Augustus, was born 13 December 1830 or 1831, consistent with their marriage year being about 1830.¹¹ Barsheba's age in 1830 means she was born about 1816-1820, probably 1816-1818 if she was age 12-14 when married. Tennessee had no law about minimum age at marriage in 1830.¹² English common law, which early Americans followed, suggested a minimum marriage age of 12 for girls with the consent of their parents.¹³ Ages in later censuses

⁶ 1880 U.S. census, Hawkins County, Tennessee, mortality schedule, 4th District, p. 999, line 10, family 171, John R. Dyer; database with images, *Ancestry* (<https://ancestry.com> : accessed 22 Aug 2020); citing National Archives publication T655, roll 29. In most records of his life, John Robert Dyer went by Robert Dyer.

⁷ 1880 U.S. census, Hawkins County, Tennessee, pop. sch., District 4, dwelling 166, family 171, Barchebe Dyer; database with images, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 22 Aug 2020); citing National Archives microfilm publication T9, roll 1260.

⁸ DeWitt, "Dyer-Tharp History," 4.

⁹ Negative search for death record of Barsheba Tharp in Conejos County, Colorado, email from county clerk to author, author's files. Negative search for death record in Alamosa County, Colorado, email from county clerk to author, author's files. Before 1900, some death records were kept on a county level. After 1900, they were kept by the state. See "How to Find Colorado Death Records," *FamilySearch Wiki* (https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/How_to_Find_Colorado_Death_Records : last edited on 10 January 2018, at 17:03.) *Findagrave.com*, database, negative search for Barsheba Dyer, (<https://findagrave.com> : accessed 9 Oct 2020). *Billion Graves*, database, negative search for Barsheba Dyer, (<https://billiongraves.com> : accessed 9 Oct 2020). Lois Broyles, Fox Creek Cemetery records, Conejos County, Colorado, negative search for Barsheba Tharp; digitized manuscript, *FamilySearch* (<http://www.familysearch.org/library/books/ldurl/1/787138> : accessed 9 Oct 2020).

¹⁰ 1830 U.S. census, Hawkins County, Tennessee, p. 22, line 5, Robert Dyer; database with images, *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org> : accessed 22 Aug 2020); citing National Archives microfilm publication M19, roll 178.

¹¹ 1900 U.S. census, Hawkins County, Tennessee, 4th Civil District, E.D. 79, sheet 14A, household of Augustus W. Dyer; database with images, *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org> accessed 22 Aug 2020); citing National Archives microfilm publication T623. The 1900 census states Augustus was born in December 1830. For the relationship of Augustus to his parents and the 13 Dec 1831 birthdate, see DeWitt, "John Robert Dyer and Barsheba Tharpe: Valley of The Terrapins, Slow and Steady Wins the Race."

¹² John Haywood and Robert L. Cobbs, *The Statute Laws of the State of Tennessee, of a Public and General Nature, Vol. 1* (Knoxville: F.S. Heiskell, 1831) 219-220; image copy, *Google Books* (https://www.google.com/books/edition/The_Statute_Laws_of_the_State_of_Tenness/pAVOAQAAIAAJ : accessed 24 Aug 2020).

¹³ William Blackstone, *Commentaries on the Laws of England: Book the First* (Oxford: Clarendon Press, 1765) 424; transcript online, *Project Gutenberg* (<https://www.gutenberg.org/files/30802/30802-h/30802-h.htm> : accessed 5 Feb 2021).

conflict with the birth year range of 1816-1818 deduced from the 1830 census and marriage age. See table 1 for a comparison of Barsheba's age from census to census.

Census	Birth Year	Barsheba's Age	Robert's Age
1830 ^a	1816-1820	10-14	15-19
1840 ^b	1811-1820	20-30	20-30
1850 ^c	1813	37	37
1860 ^d	1814	46	50
1870 ^e	1813	57	52
1880 ^f	1816	64	70 in 1879 at his death ^g

a. 1830 U.S. census, Hawkins County, Tennessee, p. 22, line 5, Robert Dyer; database with images, *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org> : accessed 22 Aug 2020); citing National Archives microfilm publication M19, roll 178.

b. 1840 U.S. census, Hawkins County, Tennessee, p. 66, line 17, Robert Dyer; database with images, *FamilySearch* (<https://familysearch.org> : accessed 22 Aug 2020); citing National Archives publication M704, roll 526.

c. 1850 U.S. census, Hawkins County, Tennessee, population schedule, District No. 15, p. 864, dwelling 91, family 91, Robert Dyer; database with images, *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org> : accessed 22 Aug 2020); citing National Archives publication M432, roll 882.

d. 1860 U.S. census, Hawkins County, Tennessee, population schedule, 4th District, p. 185, dwelling 1321, family 1245, John R. Dyer; database with images, *FamilySearch*, (<https://www.familysearch.org>: accessed 22 Aug 2020); citing National Archives publication M635 Roll 1255.

e. 1870 U.S. census, Hawkins County, Tennessee, population schedule, 4th District, p. 5, dwelling 31, family 31, John R. Dyer household; database with images, *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org>: accessed 22 Aug 2020); citing National Archives publication M593, roll 1535.

f. 1880 U.S. census, Hawkins County, Tennessee, District 4, dwelling 166, family 171, Barchebe Dyer; database with images, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 20 Aug 2020); citing National Archives microfilm publication T9, roll 1260.

g. 1880 U.S. census, Hawkins County, Tennessee, mortality schedule, 4th District, p. 999, line 10, family 171, John R. Dyer; database with images, *Ancestry* (<https://ancestry.com> : accessed 22 Aug 2020); citing National Archives publication T655, roll 29.

Barsheba was in a younger age category than Robert on the 1830 census, yet in 1850 the couple's ages were listed as the same. This was likely resulted from the informant's imperfect memory. Barsheba's great-granddaughter reported Barsheba's birth date as 8 September 1813 but did not cite a source.¹⁴ The 1870 census reports Robert's age as 5 years younger than Barsheba's and gives Robert's birthplace as North Carolina. All other enumerations state he was born in Tennessee, indicating the 1870 census was an outlier.¹⁵ No other census lists Robert as younger than Barsheba. Perhaps the enumerator inadvertently swapped their ages. Robert's birth in 1813 and Barsheba's in 1818 agrees with the other evidence. In 1860 and 1880, Barsheba was reportedly several years younger than Robert, agreeing that he was older as the 1830 census reported.

¹⁴ DeWitt, "Dyer-Tharp History," 1.

¹⁵ 1870 U.S. census, Hawkins County, Tennessee, pop. sch., 4th District, p. 5, dwelling 31, family 31, John R. Dyer household; database with images, *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org>: accessed 22 Aug 2020); citing National Archives publication M593, roll 1535.

The 1830 and 1880 censuses are the most reliable sources for Barsheba's birth year range:

- Barsheba was age 10-14 (b. 1816-1820) in the 1830 enumeration, when a young teen's age is more visually obvious and less likely to have been forgotten.
- Barsheba was age 64 (b. 1816) and the head of household in 1880. She probably informed the enumerator of her age, making it somewhat more likely to be accurate.

If the 1830 and 1880 censuses were the most accurate reports of Barsheba's age, and if she was at least age twelve before her marriage in about 1830, she was born about 1816-1818.

Dyer Children

Robert and Barsheba's household included eleven children from 1840-1860. Table 2 shows their names and ages.¹⁶

	1840 ^a	1850 ^b	1860 ^c
1	Male, age 10-14		
2	Male, age 5-9	William Dyer, age 17	
3	Female, age 5-9	Sarah Dyer, age 15	
4	Female, age 0-4	Mary Dyer, age 13	Mary Dyer, age 23
5	Male, age 0-4	Richard Dyer, age 11	
6		Lewis Dyer, age 9	Louis Dyer, age 17
7		Louisa Dyer, age 6	Eliza Dyer, age 15
8		Francis Dyer, age 3	Bettie Dyer, age 13
9		Charles Dyer, age 1	Cha ^s Dyer, age 11
10			Ja ^s Dyer, age 9
11			Melissa Dyer, age 7

a. 1840 U.S. census, Hawkins County, Tennessee, p. 66, line 17, Robert Dyer; database with images, *FamilySearch* (<https://familysearch.org> : accessed 22 Aug 2020); citing National Archives publication M704, roll 526.

b. 1850 U.S. Census, Hawkins County, Tennessee, population schedule, District No. 15, p. 864, dwelling 91, family 91, Robert Dyer; database with images, *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org> : accessed 22 Aug 2020); citing National Archives publication M432, roll 882.

c. 1860 U.S. Census, Hawkins County, Tennessee, population schedule, 4th District, p. 185, dwelling 1321, family 1245, John R. Dyer; database with images, *FamilySearch*, (<https://www.familysearch.org>: accessed 22 Aug 2020); citing National Archives publication M635 Roll 1255.

The oldest child in Robert's 1840 household did not appear with the family in 1850. Family records state the oldest child of Robert and Barsheba was Augustus Dyer.¹⁷

Augustus Dyer, age 22, lived in District 15 of Hawkins County in 1850, the same district as Robert Dyer. Augustus' household included Cinda, age 18, and Josephine, 11 months.¹⁸

¹⁶ 1850 U.S. census, Hawkins County, Tennessee, pop. sch., District No. 15, p. 864, dwelling 91, family 91, Robert Dyer; database with images, *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org> : accessed 22 Aug 2020); citing National Archives publication M432, roll 882.

¹⁷ DeWitt, "Dyer-Tharp History," 2.

¹⁸ 1850 U.S. census, Hawkins County, Tennessee, pop. sch., District No. 15, p. 869, dwelling 128, family 128, Augustus Dyer; database with images, *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org> : accessed 22 Aug 2020); citing National Archives publication M432, roll 882.

Augustus Dyer obtained a bond to marry Lucinda Wood in Hawkins County on 7 November 1849 with bondsman William Tharp.¹⁹ Augustus W. Dyer witnessed William Tharp's deed in 1850.²⁰ William Tharp's association with Barsheba's son and proximity to the Dyer family could indicate that he was a close relative of Barsheba.

Lewis Tharp Dyer

Family records provide a clue for the name of Barsheba's father. Nancy DeWitt, a great-granddaughter of Robert and Barsheba Dyer compiled a biographical sketch of the Dyer family. She listed their son Lewis as "Lewis Tharp Dyer."²¹ Lewis's name was recorded with a middle initial on his death certificate - Lewis T. Dyer.²² Census and military records list his name as Lewis Dyer.²³ Naming patterns can provide evidence of kinship, and in this case, Lewis T.

¹⁹ "Tennessee, County Marriages, 1790-1950," database with images, *FamilySearch* (<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:V5HC-3KK> : 22 Aug 2020), marriage bond, Augustus Dyer and Lucinda Woods, 7 Nov 1849, Hawkins, Tennessee; citing Tennessee State Library and Archives, Nashville.

²⁰ Hawkins County, Tennessee, Deeds 20:459, William Tharp and Nathan Vernon to Rodham Chesnut, 15 May 1850, registered 18 May 1851; image online, *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CSHM-GSVP-N> : accessed 10 Feb 2021).

²¹ DeWitt, "Dyer-Tharp Family History," p. 3.

²² "Tennessee Deaths, 1914-1966," database with images, *FamilySearch* (<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:N9PJ-35D> : 23 August 2020), Lewis T. Dyer, no. 97, 14 Apr 1916, Persia, Hawkins, Tennessee; citing Tennessee State Library and Archives, Nashville.

²³ Soldier's Application for Pension, Hawkins Tennessee, no. S1283, Louis Dyer (61st Infantry), 22 May 1893, Tennessee State Library and Archives, Nashville.

Compiled service record, Lewis Dyer, Pvt., Co. B, 61 Tennessee Mounted Infantry (Confederate); "Compiled Service Records of Confederate Soldiers Who Served in Organizations from the State of Tennessee," database with images, *Fold3* (<https://www.fold3.com/image/83742449> : accessed 24 Aug 2020); citing Carded Records Showing Military Service of Soldiers Who Fought in Confederate Organizations, compiled 1903 - 1927, documenting the period 1861 - 1865, Record Group 109, The National Archives.

1850 U.S. census, Hawkins County, Tennessee, pop. sch., District No. 15, p. 864, dwelling 91, family 91, Robert Dyer; database with images, *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org> : accessed 22 Aug 2020); citing National Archives publication M432, roll 882.

1860 U.S. census, Hawkins County, Tennessee, pop. sch., 4th District, p. 185, dwelling 1321, family 1245, John R. Dyer; database with images, *FamilySearch*, (<https://www.familysearch.org>: accessed 22 Aug 2020); citing National Archives publication M635 Roll 1255.

1870 U.S. census, Davidson County, Tennessee, pop. sch., 5th District, Tennessee Asylum for the Insane, p. 36, line 15, L. Dyer; database with images, *FamilySearch* (<https://familysearch.org> : 24 Aug 2020); citing National Archives publication M593, roll 1521.

1880 U.S. census, Davidson County, Tennessee, pop. sch., Civil District 5, Enumeration District (ED) 65, insane asylum, p. 30, line 15, Lewis Dyer; database with images, *FamilySearch* (<https://familysearch.org> : 24 Aug 2020); citing National Archives publication T9.

1900 U.S. census, Hawkins County, Tennessee, pop. sch., Civil District 4, ED 79, sheet 15A, dwelling 261, family 263, Louis Dyer in household of Polly Luster; database with images, *FamilySearch* (<https://familysearch.org> : 24 Aug 2020); citing National Archives publication T623.

1910 U.S. census, Hawkins Count, Tennessee, pop. sch., Civil District 6, ED 118, sheet 6B, family 118, Lewis Dyer in household of William E. Early; database with images, *FamilySearch* (<https://familysearch.org> : 24 Aug 2020); citing National Archives publication T624, roll 1504.

Dyer's name combined with family records provide a clue that Barsheba had a relative named Lewis Tharp.

The DeWitt biography of the Dyer family states that Barsheba and Robert were orphans when they met and married each other.²⁴ No Dyer parental candidates were living in Hawkins in 1830, only a 20-29-year-old Ephraim Dyer.²⁵ Robert Dyer may have been an orphan. However, evidence points to a possible father for Barsheba who was living in 1830 when she was probably married.

Tharp Connections

In 1840, Lewis Tharp and William Tharp were the only Tharp men in Hawkins County and were enumerated on the same page as Robert Dyer.²⁶ If Barsheba was born about 1816-1818, her father was probably born before 1800, making him at least 18 years old if Barsheba was born. William Tharp was born about 1809.²⁷ He was too young to be Barsheba's father but could have been another male relative. Lewis Tharp was born about 1786.²⁸ Lewis Tharp's name, age, and close proximity to Robert and Barsheba Dyer make him a likely candidate for Barsheba's father.

In 1830, Robert Dyer resided in Hawkins County two households away from William Tharp.²⁹ Five additional Tharp/Thorpe men lived in Hawkins County in 1830, shown in table 3, but only two were old enough to be likely candidates for the father of Barsheba – Lewis Tharp and Robert Tharp.

Name	Page and line	Household
Lewis Tharp ^a	p. 17, line 16	male 40-49, female 30-39, 6 children under 10

²⁴ Dewitt, "Dyer-Tharp Family History," 1.

²⁵ 1830 U.S. census, Hawkins County, Tennessee, p. 20, line 4, Ephraim Dyer; database with images, *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org> : accessed 22 Aug 2020); citing National Archives microfilm publication M19, roll 178.

²⁶ 1840 U.S. census, Hawkins County, Tennessee, p. 66, line 17, Robert Dyer; database with images, *FamilySearch* (<https://familysearch.org> : accessed 22 Aug 2020); citing National Archives publication M704, roll 526. For no other Tharp men in Hawkins in 1840, see "1840 United States Federal Census," search for "Tharp" and variants in Hawkins County, Tennessee; database, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/8057/> ; accessed 24 Aug 2020). The only results were William Tharp and Lewis Tharp.

²⁷ 1850 U.S. census, Hawkins County, Tennessee, pop. sch., District 14, p. 832, dwelling/household 21, William Tharp household; database with images, *Ancestry* (https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/8054/images/4206040_00443 : accessed 6 Feb 2021); citing NARA microfilm publication M432, roll 822.

²⁸ 1850 U.S. census, Washington County, Arkansas, pop. sch., White River, p. 358B, dwelling/family 106, Lewis Tharp household; image, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/8054/images/4191551-00126> : accessed 25 Aug 2020); citing NARA microfilm publication M432, roll 31.

²⁹ 1830 U.S. census, Hawkins County, Tennessee, p. 22, line 5, Robert Dyer; database with images, *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org> : accessed 22 Aug 2020); citing National Archives microfilm publication M19, roll 178. *Ibid.*, line 7, William Tharp.

Robert (& Barsheba Tharp) Dyer ^b	p. 22, line 5	male 15-19, female 10-14
William Tharp ^c	p. 22, line 7	male 20-29, female age 50-59, 5 enslaved people
Robert Thorp ^d	p. 37, line 13	male 50-59, females 50-59 and 20-29, 3 children
William Thorp ^e	p. 54, line 23	male 20-29, female age 15-19, 1 male under 5
Wilson Thorp ^f	p. 54, line 24	male 20-29 years
John Tharp ^g	p. 64, line 23	male 20-29, female 20-29, 2 boys under 5
<p>a. 1830 U.S. census, Hawkins County, Tennessee, p. 17, line 16, Lewis Tharp; database with images, <i>FamilySearch</i> (https://www.familysearch.org : accessed 22 Aug 2020); citing National Archives microfilm publication M19, roll 178.</p> <p>b. <i>Ibid.</i>, p. 22, line 5, Robert Dyer.</p> <p>c. <i>Ibid.</i>, p. 22, line 7, William Tharp.</p> <p>d. <i>Ibid.</i>, p. 37, line 13, Robert Thorp.</p> <p>e. <i>Ibid.</i>, p. 54, line 23, William Thorp.</p> <p>f. <i>Ibid.</i>, p. 54, line 24, Wilson Thorp.</p> <p>g. <i>Ibid.</i>, p. 64, line 23, John Tharp.</p>		

Not many records are extant prior to 1830 for Hawkins County, Tennessee to identify Robert Tharp. No 1800-1820 federal census records are available for Hawkins County; most census records prior to 1830 for Tennessee were lost.³⁰ No will or probate records were located for Robert Tharp.³¹ Robert Tharp's heirs paid taxes in District 16 of Hawkins County in 1836 and 1837, indicating he had passed away by 1836.³² Robert Dyer and William Tharp were taxed in District 15 in 1836.³³ Robert Tharp did not live in the same 1836 tax district as Robert and Barsheba Dyer, nor did he live in proximity to the Dyers on the 1830 census. Robert Tharp can be eliminated because there is no evidence linking him as the father of Barsheba.

³⁰ "Tennessee Census Records," *Tennessee Secretary of State* (<https://sos.tn.gov/products/tsla/tennessee-census-records> : accessed 24 Aug 2020). The 1810 census was lost except Grainger and Rutherford counties. The 1820 census is incomplete and most East Tennessee counties are missing, including Hawkins.

³¹ Hawkins County, Tennessee, Index to Wills, 1779-1975, negative search for Robert Tharp; "Tennessee Probate Court Files, 1795-1955," DGS 4726994, *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org> : accessed 23 November 2018); citing FHL microfilm 1572779, item 2.

³² "Tennessee, Early Tax List Records, 1783-1895," Hawkins County, District no. 16, p. 562, line 16, Robert Tharp's heirs, 1836; database and images, *Ancestry* (<https://ancestry.com> : accessed 24 Aug 2020); citing Tennessee State Library and Archives, Nashville. See also "Tennessee, Early Tax List Records, 1783-1895," Hawkins County, District no. 16 p. 490, line 22, Robert Tharp's heirs, 1837; database and images, *Ancestry* (<https://ancestry.com> : accessed 24 Aug 2020); citing Tennessee State Library and Archives, Nashville.

³³ "Tennessee, Early Tax List Records, 1783-1895," Hawkins County, District no. 15, p. 544, line 6, Robert Dyer, 1836; database and images, *Ancestry* (<https://ancestry.com> : accessed 24 Aug 2020); citing Tennessee State Library and Archives, Nashville. *Ibid.*, p. 550, line 2, Wm Tharp.

Lewis Tharp was not taxed in Hawkins in 1836 or 1837.³⁴ Perhaps he had aged out of the poll tax. Lewis Tharp's 1840 household included a male age 50-59, female age 40-49, and six children ages 5-20.³⁵

Lewis Tharp and John West of Fauquier County, Virginia

Lewis Tharp paid taxes in Hawkins County in 1810.³⁶ The non-alphabetized fragment of Captain Hale's 1810 company listed Lewis Tharp next to John West.³⁷ In 1829, Lewis Tharp and John West Sr. posted bond for John West Jr. in a murder trial in Hawkins County.³⁸ This proximity and association in Hawkins County indicate that Lewis Tharp and John West may have known each other before arriving in Hawkins.

Lewis Tharp and John West likely came to Hawkins County from Fauquier County, Virginia. Lewis Tharp procured a bond to marry Joanna West in Fauquier County on 14 January 1805. Permission was granted by Joanna's father, John West, the bondsman was William West, and George Tharp was a witness.³⁹

Lewis first appeared on personal property tax lists in Fauquier in 1800, listed as a free white tithe over 16 years with inferred father, Jesse Tharp.⁴⁰ In Virginia, male persons 16 and over were considered tithable and chargeable for levies.⁴¹ If Lewis was 16 years old in 1800, he was born about 1784. Lewis was listed with Jesse again in 1802 and 1803.⁴²

³⁴ "Tennessee, Early Tax List Records, 1783-1895," Hawkins County, negative search for Lewis Tharp in 1836 and 1837; database with images, *Ancestry* (<https://ancestry.com> : accessed 24 Aug 2020); citing Tennessee State Library and Archives, Nashville..

³⁵ 1840 U.S. census, Hawkins County, Tennessee, p. 66, line 2, Lewis Tharp; database with images, *FamilySearch* (<https://familysearch.org> : accessed 22 Aug 2020); citing National Archives publication M704, roll 526.

³⁶ Pollyanna Creekmore, "Early East Tennessee Taxpayers VIII., Hawkins County, 1809-1812," *The East Tennessee Historical Society Publications* (No. 32) p. 129, Hale's Company, 1810 [fragment], line 2, Lewis Tharp; image online, *Ancestry* (https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/2883/images/33119_290491-00487 : accessed 24 Aug 2020) image 13 of 15; citing Tennessee State Library and Archives. The 1810, 1836, and 1837 tax lists are some of the few extant tax lists for Hawkins County.

³⁷ Creekmore, "Early East Tennessee Taxpayers VIII., Hawkins County, 1809-1812," p. 129, Hale's Company, 1810 [fragment], line 3, John West.

³⁸ Hawkins County, Tennessee circuit court minutes April 1826-1829, p. 299, 4 April 1829, State of Tennessee vs. John West; image online, *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3QHV-D3CD-P9XL-7> : accessed 27 Feb 2021).

³⁹ Fauquier County, Virginia, Marriage Bonds and Returns 2:370, Tharp-West marriage bond, 14 Jan 1805; images online, *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3QS7-L9XF-6BPB> : accessed 18 Aug 2020), DGS 7578972, image 451 of 688; FHL microfilm # 31633.

⁴⁰ Fauquier County, Virginia, personal property tax lists, 1800, Charles Pickett District, p. 64, line 6, Lewis Tharp in household of Jesse Tharp; images, *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CSQ2-W1CY> : accessed 24 Aug 2020); citing FHL microfilm 2024531.

⁴¹ Shepherd, Samuel, *The Statutes at Large of Virginia, From October Session 1792, to December Session 1806, Inclusive, In Three Volumes, (New Series,) Being a Continuation of Hening, Vol. 1* (Richmond: Samuel Shepherd, 1835) 184; image online, *HathiTrust* (<https://babel.hathitrust.org/cgi/pt?id=mdp.35112104867306&view=1up&seq=190&q1=sixteen> : accessed 25 Sep 2020).

⁴² Fauquier County, Virginia, personal property tax lists, 1802, Thomas Humston District, p. 45, line 15 (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CSQ2-WB33>). Ibid., 1803, C. Pickett District, p. 62, line 1 (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CSQ2-WYP1>).

Children of Lewis Tharp and Joanna West

William Tharp

William Tharp, the bondsman for Augustus Dyer's marriage to Lucinda Woods, and close neighbor of Robert Dyer in 1830 and 1840, was probably the son of Lewis Tharp and Joanna West:

- William Tharp and Lewis Tharp were enumerated on the same page of the 1840 census in Hawkins County, Tennessee⁴³
- William Tharp named one of his sons John Lewis Tharp.⁴⁴
- William was born about 1809.⁴⁵ Lewis was old enough to be his father.

Both William and Lewis Tharp were associated with the Vernon family. Lewis Tharp married his second wife, Judy Vernon, on 10 September 1817.⁴⁶ William probably married the widow of Abraham Vernon, Rebecca (Pike) Vernon, who was listed as "Rebecca Thorp, formerly Varnun" in an 1837 deed between William Tharp and Rebecca's heirs.⁴⁷ After Rebecca died, her sister and nephew sold their portion of Rebecca's inheritance from Abraham Vernon to William Tharp.⁴⁸ In 1830, William's Hawkins County household included himself, a male age 20-29, a white female age 50-59, and 5 enslaved people.⁴⁹ Rebecca was probably the 50-59 year old female in William Tharp's 1830 household. She likely died after 1830 and before the 1837 deed.

No marriage records were found in Hawkins County for William Tharp before 1840.⁵⁰ However, William probably remarried by 1840 when his household included himself, age 30-40,

⁴³ 1840 U.S. census, Hawkins County, Tennessee, p. 66, line 2, Lewis Tharp and line 8, William Tharp; database with images, *FamilySearch* (<https://familysearch.org> : accessed 22 Aug 2020); citing National Archives publication M704, roll 526.

⁴⁴ Hawkins County, Tennessee, will papers, William Tharp, signed 17 November 1869, recorded March Term 1875; images online, *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:939L-6SS2-XV> : accessed 1 March 2021); citing FHL microfilm 1572795.

⁴⁵ 1850 U.S. census, Hawkins county, Tennessee, pop. sch., District 14, p. 416b, family 21, William Tharp, age 41; image online, *Ancestry* (https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/8054/images/4206040_00443 : accessed 26 Sep 2020).

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⁵⁰ Hawkins County Archival Project, Marriage License and Bonds Index 1789-1844, p. 11, negative search for William Tharp; images online, *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q57-9923-2W39> : accessed 5 Feb 2021). See also "Tennessee, County Marriages, 1790-1950," database with images, *FamilySearch* (<https://familysearch.org> : accessed 26 Sep 2020), negative search for William Tharp bef. 1840.

a female age 20-30, a female age 10-15, and one enslaved person.⁵¹ In 1850, William Tharp's household included inferred wife Elizabeth and children Sarah, John, William, and Emily.⁵²

William Tharp died about 1875. His will was signed 17 November 1867 and proved March 1875. His will mentions two sons – John Lewis Tharp and William Thomas Tharp, daughter Emily Louisa Tharp, his “present wife Elizabeth,” and unnamed stepchildren.⁵³

Elizabeth (Tharp) Parrott

Elizabeth Parrott, wife of John Parrott, who resided in Hawkins in 1830, was probably a daughter of Lewis Tharp and Joanna West.⁵⁴ John Parrott was enumerated three households from Lewis Tharp on the 1840 Census of Hawkins County.⁵⁵ In 1850, John and Elizabeth Parrott lived in Greene County, Tennessee. Elizabeth was age 35, born about 1815 in Tennessee. Their household included a boy named John Parrott, born 1842.⁵⁶

John L. Parrott died 21 April 1922 in Illinois.⁵⁷ His death certificate stated he was born in Hawkins, Tennessee in 1844 and his parents were Elizabeth Thorp and Thomas Parrott. No man named Thomas Parrott lived in Hawkins, Tennessee in 1840.⁵⁸ The informant on John L. Parrott's death certificate was probably mistaken about John's father's name. The parents of John L. Parrot were almost certainly the John and Elizabeth Parrott living in Greene, Tennessee in 1850 with an 8-year-old boy named John.⁵⁹ See Table 4 below.

⁵¹ 1840 U.S. census, Hawkins County, Tennessee, pop. sch., p. 255, line 8, William Tharp; database with images, *Ancestry* (https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/8057/images/4410739_00516 : accessed 6 Feb 2021); citing NARA microfilm publication M704, roll 526.

⁵² 1850 U.S. census, Hawkins County, Tennessee, pop. sch., District 14, p. 832, dwelling/household 21, William Tharp household; database with images, *Ancestry* (https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/8054/images/4206040_00443 : accessed 6 Feb 2021); citing NARA microfilm publication M432, roll 822.

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⁵⁴ 1830 U.S. census, Hawkins County, Tennessee, pop. sch., p. 10, line 25, John Parrot; database with images, *Ancestry* (https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/8058/images/4409700_00020 : accessed 26 Sep 2020); citing NARA microfilm publication M19, roll 178. The household included a male age 20-29, female age 15-19, and female under 5.

⁵⁵ 1840 U.S. census, Hawkins County, Tennessee, p. 66, line 5, John Parrott; database with images, *Ancestry* (https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/8057/images/4410739_00516 : accessed 22 Aug 2020); citing National Archives publication M704, roll 526.

⁵⁶ 1850 U.S. census, Greene County, Tennessee, pop. sch., Division 9, p. 244A, dwelling and family 1560, John Parrott household; images online, *Ancestry* (<https://ancestry.com> : accessed 25 Aug 2020); citing NARA microfilm publication M432.

⁵⁷ "Illinois Deaths and Stillbirths, 1916-1947," database, *FamilySearch* (<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:N3XR-TYZ> : 20 Aug 2020), indexed entry for John L. Parrott, 21 Apr 1922, died Lawrenceville, Lawrence county, Illinois; Public Board of Health, Archives, Springfield; citing FHL microfilm 1,556,731.

⁵⁸ "1840 United States Federal Census," negative search for Thomas Parrott in Hawkins, Tennessee, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/8057/> : accessed 6 Feb 2021); citing NARA microfilm publication M704.

⁵⁹ 1850 U.S. census, Greene County, Tennessee, pop. sch., Division 9, p. 244A, dwelling and family 1560, John Parrott household; images online, *Ancestry* (<https://ancestry.com> : accessed 25 Aug 2020); citing NARA microfilm publication M432.

Name	Age	Birth year	Birthplace
John Parrott	44	1806	North Carolina
Elizabeth	35	1815	Tennessee
Rebecca	17	1833	Tennessee
Joannah	16	1834	Tennessee
Barsheba	12	1838	Tennessee
Reuben	10	1840	Tennessee
John	8	1842	Tennessee
William	6	1844	Tennessee
Robert	2	1848	Tennessee
Frances	1	1849	Tennessee

1850 U.S. census, Greene County, Tennessee, population schedule, Division 9, p. 244A, dwelling and family 1560, John Parrott household; images online, *Ancestry* (<https://ancestry.com> : accessed 25 Aug 2020); citing NARA microfilm publication M432.

Onomastic evidence ties Elizabeth (Tharp) Parrott to Lewis Tharp and Joanna West. The 1850 household of John and Elizabeth Parrott included a girl named Joannah who could have been named after Elizabeth's mother, Joanna (West) Tharp. Their household also included a girl named Barsheba who was possibly named after Elizabeth's younger sister, Barsheba (Tharp) Dyer. These names provide a clue that Elizabeth (Tharp) Parrott was the daughter of Lewis Tharp and Joanna West as well as a sister to Barsheba Tharp.

John and Elizabeth (Tharp) Parrott probably moved from Hawkins County before 1850 when they were enumerated in Green County, Tennessee.⁶⁰ No marriage record exists for John Parrott and Elizabeth Tharp in Hawkins County.⁶¹ They were probably married just before John Parrott's enumeration on the 1830 census, when his household included one female age 15-19 (likely his wife Elizabeth) and one female under age 5.⁶² This young female born before the 1830 enumeration was not included in the John Parrott 1850 census enumeration. By 1850, this inferred eldest daughter may have married. The 1848 marriage of Martha Ann Parrott to Richard Campbell in Hawkins County provides a likely candidate.⁶³

If Elizabeth (Tharp) Parrott was born in 1815, she was almost certainly a daughter of Lewis Tharp's first wife, Joanna West. The 1860 and 1880 censuses agree that Elizabeth was born in

⁶⁰ Ibid.

⁶¹ "Tennessee, County Marriages, 1790-1950," database with images, *FamilySearch* (<https://familysearch.org> : accessed 26 Sep 2020), negative search for Elizabeth Tharp.

⁶² 1830 U.S. census, Hawkins County, Tennessee, pop. sch., p. 10, line 25, John Parrot; database with images, *Ancestry* (https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/8058/images/4409700_00020 : accessed 26 Sep 2020); citing NARA microfilm publication M19, roll 178.

⁶³ "Tennessee, Marriage Records, 1780-2002," database with images, Richard Campbell and Martha Ann Parrott, 21 Sept 1848, *Ancestry* (https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/1169/images/VRMUSATN1780_059233-00076 : accessed 25 Sep 2020).

1815.⁶⁴ The 1870 census states that Elizabeth was born in 1810, which is still within the time of Lewis Tharp's marriage to Joanna West.⁶⁵

Another possibility is that Elizabeth (Tharp) Parrot was the daughter of Robert Tharp who lived in Hawkins County and was deceased by 1836, where his heirs were taxed in District 16.⁶⁶ In 1836, John Parrott was taxed in District 3, which did not include any Tharps.⁶⁷ No evidence points to Robert Tharp as Elizabeth (Tharp) Parrot's father, except possibly the naming of a son Robert. Evidence does point to Lewis Tharp:

- Elizabeth's husband John Parrott resided four households from Lewis Tharp in 1840
- Elizabeth's daughters were named Joannah and Barsheba, possibly after Elizabeth's mother and younger sister. Elizabeth named a son John L. Parrott, and his middle initial could have been Lewis.
- Elizabeth's oldest daughter, Martha Ann Parrott, lived near William Tharp in 1850⁶⁸
- Martha Ann Parrott's husband, Richard H. Campbell, witnessed William Tharp's deed⁶⁹

DNA matches between descendants of Elizabeth Tharp and Barsheba Tharp also add evidence that the women were sisters – with Lewis Tharp as the most likely father.

DNA Study

⁶⁴ 1860 U.S. census, Alexander County, Illinois, pop. sch., Clear Creek Post Office, p. 96, dwelling/family 650, Elizabeth Parrott in John Parrott household; image online, *Ancestry* (<https://ancestry.com> : accessed 25 Aug 2020); citing NARA microfilm publication M653. See also 1880 U.S. census, Union County, Illinois, pop. sch., Dongola, E.D. 118, p. 112B, dwelling 194, Elizabeth Parrott household; image online, *Ancestry* (<https://ancestry.com> : accessed 25 Aug 2020); citing NARA microfilm publication T9, roll 254.

⁶⁵ 1870 U.S. census, Alexander County, Illinois, pop. sch., Clear Creek, p. 121B, Elizabeth Parrott in household of James Wallace; image online, *Ancestry* (<https://ancestry.com> : accessed 25 Aug 2020); citing NARA microfilm publication M593, roll 188.

⁶⁶ "Tennessee, Early Tax List Records, 1783-1895," Hawkins County, District no. 16, p. 562, line 16, Robert Tharp's heirs, 1836.

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Autosomal DNA (atDNA) is passed from parent to child and can reveal information about ancestors up to 5-7 generations back, if many test takers' results are analyzed.⁷⁰ Autosomal DNA tests look at genetic data from the 22 chromosome pairs, one copy received from the father, one copy received from the mother. The 23rd chromosome pair are the sex chromosomes, X and Y, and atDNA sometimes includes matches on the X-chromosome, but not the Y-chromosome. The parent-child relationship is the only one that shares an exact amount of DNA. Other relationships must be compared with additional records to determine the relationship.⁷¹ Close family, first cousins, and second cousins will always share DNA.⁷² Third cousins and beyond may not be a genetic match to each other because of the random recombination of DNA during meiosis.⁷³ Children share 50% of their DNA with each parent, but not an even 25% with each grandparent. They may have inherited 20% from their maternal grandmother and 30% from their maternal grandfather. Because of this, amounts of shared DNA between two individuals can indicate several relationships.

Methodology

Autosomal DNA results were compared at GEDmatch, AncestryDNA, MyHeritage DNA, and 23andMe. To reduce the odds of including matching segments that are not identical by descent, the following strategies were used:

- Segments smaller than 7 cM were not included in the comparisons.
- All matching segments included have over 700 SNPs.
- Total shared DNA amounts were compared against statistical norms using the Shared cM project tool

To reduce the odds of attributing shared DNA to the wrong ancestor, these strategies were used:

- The kits that were uploaded to GEDmatch were checked with the "Are Your Parents Related" tool
- Pedigree evaluations were completed to check for more than one common ancestor

DNA Testers

Each DNA tester gave consent to be included in this study. Their names have been anonymized for privacy. Fourteen documented descendants of Barsheba Tharp are included in Group A shown in Figure 1.⁷⁴

⁷⁰ Michelle Leonard, Alasdair F. Macdonald, Graham S. Holton, "Why use DNA Testing for Genealogy?" in Graham S. Holton, ed., *Tracing Your Ancestors Using DNA* (South Yorkshire, England: Pen & Sword Family History, 2019) 2.

⁷¹ Michelle Leonard, "Understanding the Principles of DNA Testing for Genealogy," in Graham S. Holton, ed., *Tracing Your Ancestors Using DNA* (South Yorkshire, England: Pen & Sword Family History, 2019) 38.

⁷² "Cousin Statistics," *International Society of Genetic Genealogy Wiki* (https://isogg.org/wiki/Cousin_statistics : last edited on 4 August 2020, at 20:49).

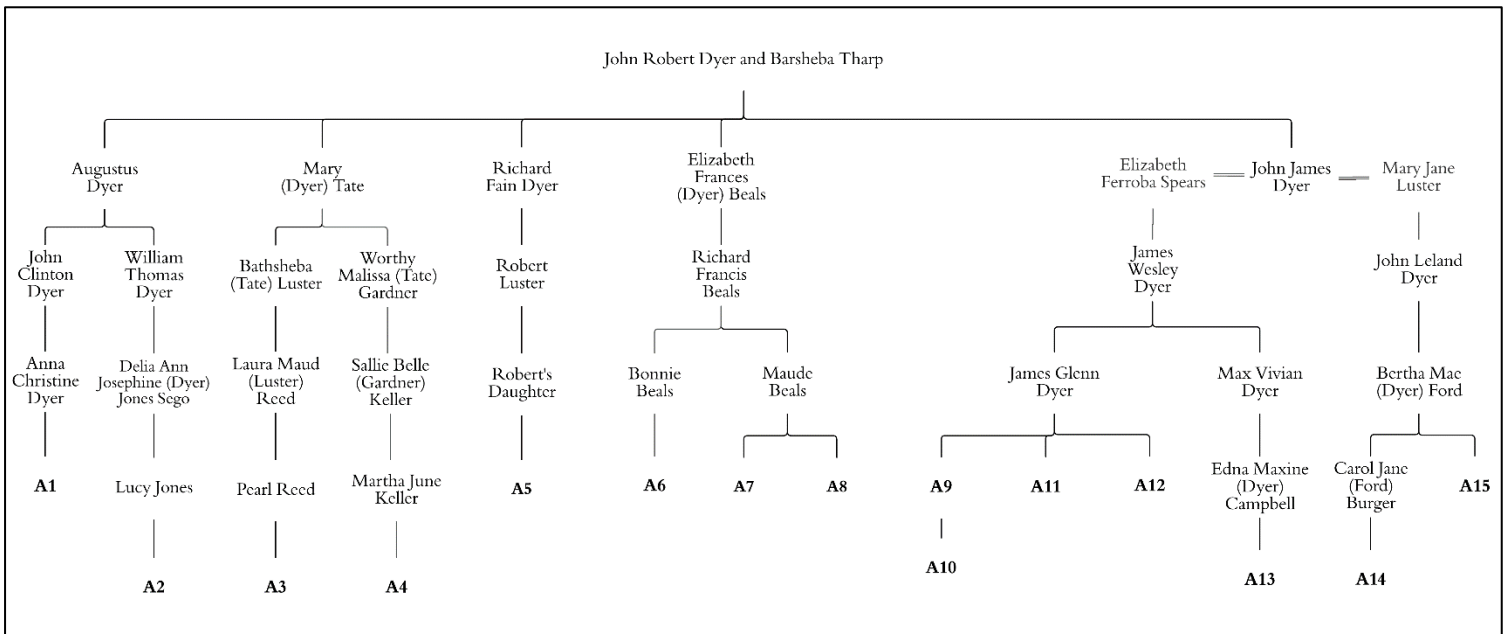
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⁷⁴ The test takers and matches gave permission for their name and DNA match details to be included in this report. Some test takers agreed to be included but declined to include their full names.

Five documented descendants of Lewis Tharp and Joanna West are in Group B, shown in Figure 2.⁷⁵ Additional DNA matches who descend from Lewis Tharp and Joanna West were located but did not respond to requests to be included in this study. Table 5 compares the shared DNA between descendants of Lewis and his first wife Joanna and the descendants of Barsheba Tharp. The shared DNA indicates a genetic relationship between descendants of Elizabeth Tharp and descendants of Barsheba Tharp, providing confirmation of the hypothesis presented that both were daughters of Lewis Tharp.

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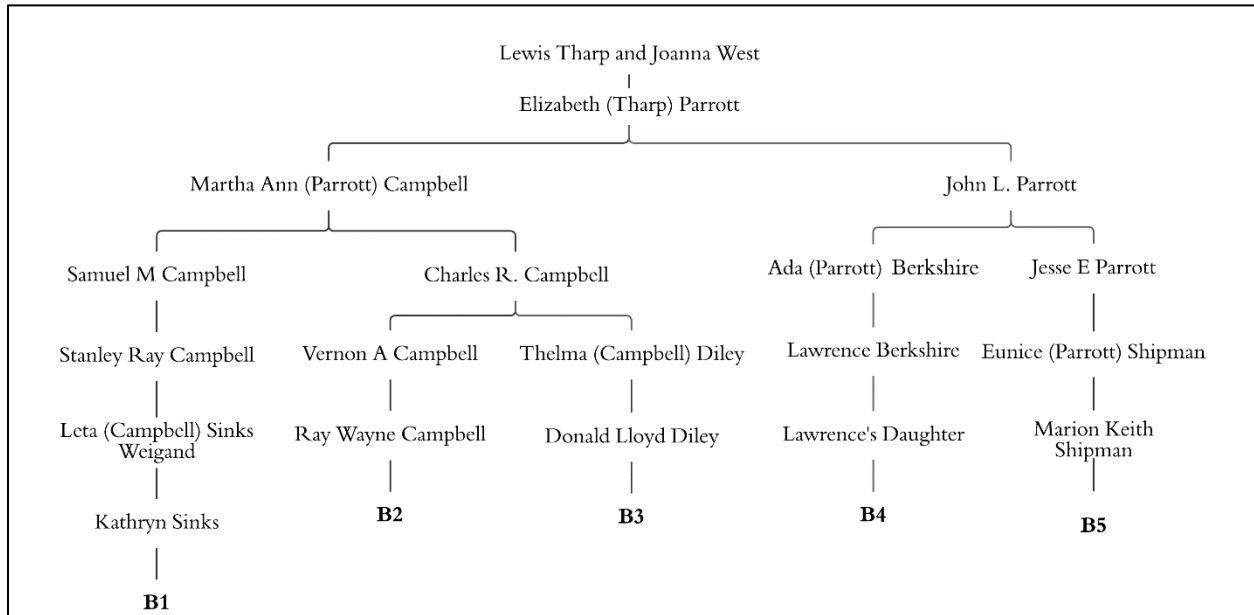
Figure 1: Descendants of John Robert Dyer and Barsheba Tharp (Group A)



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Figure 2: Descendants of Lewis Tharp and Joanna West (Group B)



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Lewis / Joanna Descendant	Barsheba Descendant	Total Shared DNA (cM)	Hypothesized Relationships	Predicted Shared cM Range - Full	Predicted Shared cM Range - Half
B1	A3	11	Full or Half 5C1R	0-80	No data
B1	A9	18	Full or Half 4C2R	0-93	No data
B1	A11	30	Full or Half 4C2R	0-93	No data
B1	A12	29	Full or Half 4C2R	0-93	No data
B2	A9	16.3	Full or Half 4C1R	0-126	No data
B2	A13	34	Full or Half 5C	0-117	No data
B2	A4	10.9	Full or Half 5C	0-117	No data
B2	A7	13.3	Full or Half 4C1R	0-126	No data
B2	A6	15	Full or Half 4C1R	0-126	No data
B3	A9	10	Full or Half 4C1R	0-126	No data
B3	A6	13	Full or Half 4C1R	0-126	No data
B3	A13	14	Full or Half 5C	0-117	No data
B3	A5	11	Full or Half 4C1R	0-126	No data
B3	A12	11	Full or Half 4C1R	0-126	No data
B3	A7	10	Full or Half 4C1R	0-126	No data
B4	A1	17	Full or Half 4C1R	0-126	No data
B4	A9	8	Full or Half 4C1R	0-126	No data
B5	A9	16	Full or Half 4C1R	0-126	No data
B5	A6	20	Full or Half 4C1R	0-126	No data
B5	A7	28	Full or Half 4C1R	0-126	No data

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Lewis Tharp's Second Marriage

Joanna (West) Tharp died sometime before his second marriage in 1817. No death record has been located for Joanna West.⁷⁶ Lewis Tharp signed a marriage bond to marry Judy Vernon in Hawkins County, Tennessee on 10 September 1817.⁷⁷ The bondsman was Nathan Vernon, probably Judy's father, witnessed by Willie B. Mitchell. Lewis Tharp's marriage to Judy Vernon

⁷⁶ *Findagrave*, database, negative search for Joanna/Joanna Tharp, d. before 1817, (<https://findagrave.com> : accessed 26 Sep 2020). See also *Cemeteries of Hawkins County, Tennessee* Vols. 1-3 (Rogersville, TN: Hawkins County Genealogy Society, 1985-1991), negative search for Joanna Tharp; images online, *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/search/catalog/433504> : accessed 26 Sep 2020).

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occurred within the years that Barsheba Tharp was born, about 1816-1818. Future research will be required to determine which wife of Lewis Tharp was the mother of Barsheba.

Children of Lewis Tharp and Judy Vernon

Lewis Tharp and Judy Vernon had eight children in their household from 1830-1850, as shown in table 6.

	1830 ^a	1840 ^b	1850 ^c	Name
1	Female, age 5-9			Anna Tharp, b. 1820, md. abt. 1837 ^d
2	Female, age 5-9			Joanna Tharp, b. 1821, md. 1837 ^e
3	Male, age 5-9	Male, age 15-19		<i>unknown</i>
4	Male, age 5-9	Male, age 15-19		Jesse Tharp, b. 1825, md. 1846 ^f
5	Male, age 0-4	Male, age 10-14		Nathan Tharp, b. 1825, md. 1848 ^g
6	Female, age 0-4	Female, age 15-19		Matilda Tharp, b. 1826, md. 1847 ^h
7		Female, age 5-9		Mary Tharp, b. 1830-31, md. 1847 ⁱ
8		Female, age 5-9	Lucy Tharp, age 17	Lucy Tharp, b. 1833 ^j

a. 1830 U.S. census, Hawkins County, Tennessee, p. 17, line 16, Lewis Tharp; image, *Ancestry* (https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/8058/images/4409700_00034 : accessed 22 Aug 2020); citing National Archives microfilm publication M19, roll 178.

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e. 1860 U.S. census, Washington County, Arkansas, population schedule, White River, dwelling 2029, family 102, Joannah Faries household; image, *Ancestry* (https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/7667/images/4211311_00303 : accessed 26 Sep 2020), citing NARA microfilm publication M653. “Tennessee, Marriage Records, 1780-2002,” Janna Tharp and Anderson Farris, 31 Aug 1837, image, *Ancestry* (https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/1169/images/VRMUSATN1780_059233-00169 : accessed 26 Sep 2020).

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Lewis, Judy, and six of their children migrated to White River, Washington County, Arkansas before 1846 when Jesse Tharp married Eliza Robinson.⁷⁸ Lewis and Judy were enumerated with their youngest daughter Lucy in 1850.⁷⁹ Married children Anna, Mary, Matilda, and Jesse were all enumerated with their inferred spouses and children families on the same page as each other on the 1850 census.⁸⁰ Joanna [Tharp] Farris lived in neighboring Madison County.⁸¹ Probable son Nathan Tharp was married in White River in 1847, but died in 1849 on his way to California.⁸²

Lewis Tharp died 25 October 1853 and was buried in Reese Cemetery, Hicks, Washington County, Arkansas.⁸³ The courthouse in Washington County burned in 1862.⁸⁴ No will or probate records were found for Lewis Tharp.⁸⁵ Judy continued to reside in Washington County in 1860 and 1870.⁸⁶ Census records indicate that she was born in 1795 in North Carolina. She died 4 September 1879 and was buried in Reese Cemetery next to Lewis Tharp.⁸⁷

Descendants of Lewis Tharp and Judy Vernon

Figure 3 shows eight documented descendants of Lewis Tharp and Judy Vernon. Table 7 compares the shared DNA between Lewis and Judy's descendants and the descendants of

⁷⁸ "Arkansas, Washington County Marriage Records, 1845-1941," Jesse Tharp and Eliza Robinson, 17 Sep 1846.

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Barsheba Tharp. The amount of shared DNA is consistent with both half and full fourth cousin relationships. The Shared cM project reports that the fourth cousin (4C) relationship typically shares 0-139 cM and an average of 35. The fourth cousin once removed (4C1R) relationship typically shares 0-126 cM and an average of 28 cM.⁸⁸

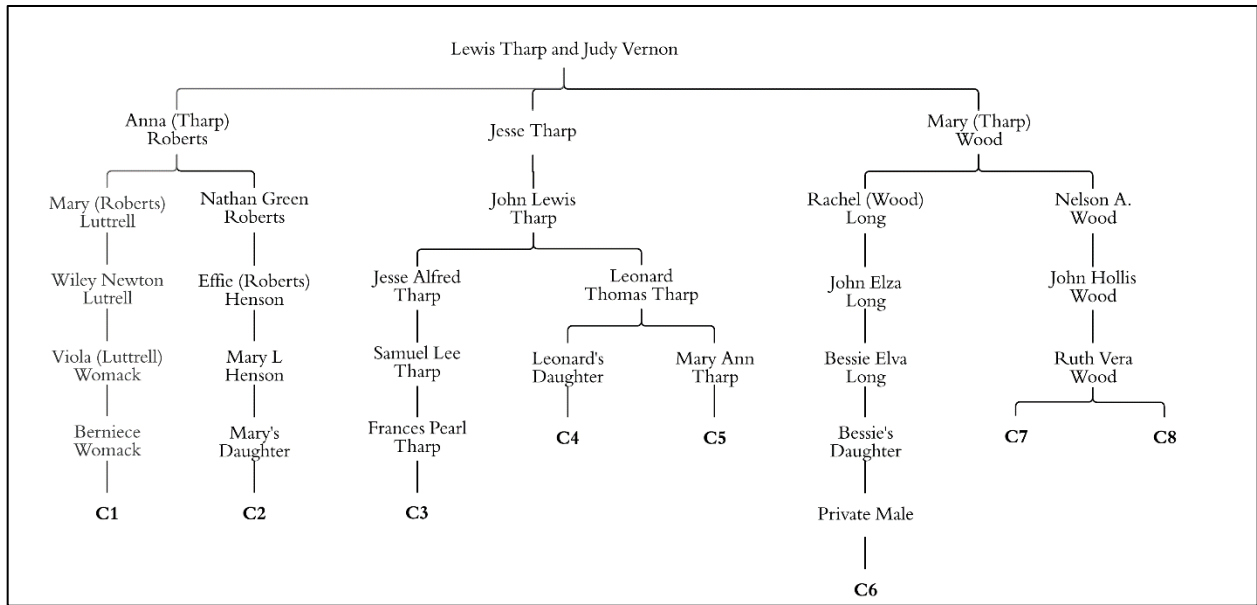
If Judy was not Barsheba's mother, many of the relationships in table 6 would be half fourth cousin (H4C) and half fourth cousin once removed (H4C1R) relationships. Only eighty-nine submissions were included in the Shared cM Project for the H4C relationship, with a range of 0-74 and an average of 30. No data is provided in the Shared cM Project for the H4C1R relationship. The H4C relationship includes the same number of separating meioses as 4C1R. The Shared cM Project groups these relationships into meiosis grouping ten, which includes 2,633 submissions. For meiosis grouping ten, the range of shared DNA is 0-126 with an average of 28 cM.

The total shared cM for each of the hypothesized full or half fourth cousin relationships in table 7 fits within the predicted ranges for the full fourth cousins or the relationships in meiosis grouping ten.⁸⁹

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Figure 3: Descendants of Lewis Tharp and Judy Vernon (Group C)



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Lewis/Judy Descendant	Barsheba Descendant	Total Shared DNA (cM)	Hypothesized relationships	Predicted Shared cM Range - Full	Predicted Shared cM Range - Half
C2	A9	38	Full or half 4C1R	0-126	No data
C2	A11	31	Full or half 4C1R	0-126	No data
C2	A7	15	Full or half 4C1R	0-126	No data
C4	A1	13	Full or half 4C	0-139	0-126 (MG10)*
C4	A3	30	Full or half 4C1R	0-126	No data
C4	A5	18	Full or half 4C	0-139	0-126 (MG10)
C4	A9	40	Full or half 4C	0-139	0-126 (MG10)
C4	A11	24	Full or half 4C	0-139	0-126 (MG10)
C4	A7	17	Full or half 4C	0-139	0-126 (MG10)
C4	A14	66	Full or half 4C1R	0-126	No data
C5	A9	64	Full or half 4C	0-139	0-126 (MG10)
C5	A12	33	Full or half 4C	0-139	0-126 (MG10)
C5	A4	21	Full or half 4C1R	0-126	No data
C5	A7	73	Full or half 4C	0-139	0-126 (MG10)
C5	A10	64.5	Full or half 4C1R	0-126	No data
C5	A14	92.3	Full or half 4C1R	0-126	No data
C5	A15	95.1	Full or half 4C	0-139	0-126 (MG10)
C3	A9	30	Full or half 4C1R	0-126	No data
C3	A12	31	Full or half 4C1R	0-126	No data
C3	A4	17	Full or half 5C	0-117	No data
C3	A7	36.7	Full or half 4C1R	0-126	No data
C3	A8	11.5	Full or half 4C1R	0-126	No data
C3	A10	45	Full or half 5C	0-117	No data
C3	A14	17.7	Full or half 5C	0-117	No data
C1	A9	26	Full or half 4C1R	0-126	No data
C1	A7	19.7	Full or half 4C1R	0-126	No data
C6	A9	15	Full or half 4C2R	0-93	No data
C7	A3	11	Full or half 4C1R	0-126	No data
C7	A5	106	Full or half 4C	0-139	0-126 (MG10)
C7	A9	50	Full or half 4C	0-139	0-126 (MG10)
C7	A12	47	Full or half 4C	0-139	0-126 (MG10)
C7	A7	53	Full or half 4C	0-139	0-126 (MG10)
C8	A3	10	Full or half 4C1R	0-126	No data
C8	A5	83	Full or half 4C	0-139	0-126 (MG10)
C8	A9	52	Full or half 4C	0-139	0-126 (MG10)
C8	A12	43	Full or half 4C	0-139	0-126 (MG10)
C8	A7	53	Full or half 4C	0-139	0-126 (MG10)

Sources for Table 6:

"One-to-One Autosomal DNA Comparison" *GEDmatch* (<https://www.gedmatch.com>), kits TU6039253 (C5), M767887 (C3), T422844 (C1), A534458 (A9), NT5439655 (A11), PA1661722 (A12), A024243 (A4), A260471 (A7), A965888 (A8); default options (Build 37) with "Prevent Hard Breaks" selected. The kits of C2, C4, C6, C7, C8, A3, A5, A10, A14, and A15 were not uploaded to GEDmatch. Their matches were analyzed using AncestryDNA, MyHeritageDNA, and 23andMe tools. C2, C4, C6, C7, and C8 were compared with A1, A3, A4, A5, A7, A9, A11, A12 at *Ancestry* "DNA Matches" (<https://ancestry.com/dna/>: accessed 23 Sep 2020). C3, C4, and C5 were compared with A10 and A14 at *23andMe* "Advanced DNA Comparison" (<https://you.23andme.com/tools/relatives/dna/>: accessed 24 Sep 2020). A15 and C5 were compared at *MyHeritageDNA*, "DNA Matches" (<https://www.myheritage.com/dna/matches/>: accessed 24 Sep 2020). *MG10 stands for Meiosis Grouping 10 in the

shared cM Project, which includes the Half 3CR, 3C3R, Half 4C, and 4C1R relationships, which all have the same number of separating meioses.

Pedigree Completeness

Two people may share an inflated amount of DNA if they have more than one ancestor in common. Pedigree analysis was performed for the match between C7 and A5, who share 106 cM, and the match between C5 and A15, who share 95.1 cM. No additional common ancestors were found. Their pedigrees are almost complete to the 3rd great grandparent level, which is the generation of the hypothesized parents of Barsheba Tharp. Another generation was reviewed to check for common ancestors in the 4th great grandparent range. The trees were less complete at that level. A15's paternal side is from Buckinghamshire, England, and is not complete beyond the 2nd great grandparent level. A15's ancestors whose parents are unknown were from Buckinghamshire, England. This reduces the chance that A15 will share an unknown ancestor with C5, whose known ancestors were all from United States.

Table 8: Pedigree Completeness

Name	Percentage Complete to 3 rd Great Grandparents	Percentage Complete to 4 th Great Grandparents
A5	87.5 %	75%
A15	75%	71%
C5	81%	67%
C7	100%	89%

For the pedigrees, see "Public Member Trees," *Ancestry*, user Nicole Dyer, "Dyer Family Tree," for A5, <https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/tree/71135853/family?cfpid=432218691946>, for A15, <https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/tree/71135853/family?cfpid=432218693768>, for C5, <https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/tree/71135853/family?cfpid=432218428172>, for C7, see <https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/tree/71135853/family?cfpid=432218433590>.

Jesse and Lucy Tharp Family

Jesse and Lucy Tharp of Fauquier, Virginia were probably the parents of Lewis Tharp. Jesse Tharp was taxed in Fauquier beginning in 1782.⁹⁰ In 1810, Jesse was over age 45, born before 1765.⁹¹ He was old enough to be Lewis' father. Jesse Tharp witnessed William Burke's will in

⁹⁰ Fauquier County, Virginia, personal property tax lists, 1782, p. 34, line 2, Jesse Tharp; images, *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CSQ2-Q3TS-G?i=29>; accessed 25 Aug 2020); citing FHL microfilm 2024530.

⁹¹ 1810 U.S. census, Fauquier County, Virginia, p. 408, line 11, Jesse Tharp; images online, *Ancestry* (<https://ancestry.com>; accessed 25 Aug 2020); citing NARA microfilm publication M252.

1803, but no will or probate record remains for Jesse.⁹² Jesse and Lucy Tharp witnessed their daughter Elizabeth's marriage in 1801. They jointly stated they were "willing to give her up."⁹³

In 1804, Lewis was a free white tithe in the household of George Tharp.⁹⁴ George was first listed as a tithable in Jesse's household in 1795, so was probably born 16 years prior in about 1779.⁹⁵ George was likely a son of Jesse, and older brother to Lewis.

Martin Tharp, likely younger brother of Lewis, lived in Fauquier County in 1820.⁹⁶ An older woman, over 45 years of age was included in his household, almost certainly his mother, Lucy Tharp. Martin resided in Fauquier in 1830, age 30-39, born 1791-1800.⁹⁷ He may have been included as one of the unnamed tithables in Jesse Tharp's household in 1814, indicating he had turned 16 that year.⁹⁸ Lucy Tharp was taxed in 1815, probably because Jesse died.⁹⁹ She was taxed for 1 male over 16, probably her youngest son Martin. In 1816, Lucy was not taxed for any males over 16, but for 2 horses only.¹⁰⁰ Thomas Tharp, who was taxed for 2 males over 16, may have housed his brother Martin that year.¹⁰¹ In 1817, Martin Tharp was listed for the first time by name on the tax list.¹⁰² Lucy was not listed, implying that Martin had reached an age to be considered the head of household for tax purposes. In 1830, Lucy Tharp was listed as the head

⁹² Fauquier County, Virginia, Wills 3:481-2, William Burke, 17 May 1803; images online, *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-C9TC-X3SR-W> : accessed 25 Aug 2020); citing FHL microfilm 31567. *Ibid.*, books 3-14, negative search for Jesse Tharp.

⁹³ Fauquier County, Virginia, Marriage Bonds and Returns 2:229, Elizabeth Tharp – Thornton Golden marriage bond, 19 Jan 1801; images online, *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3QSO-G9XF-61F9?i=379> : accessed 25 Sep 2020), DGS 7578972, image 380 of 688; FHL microfilm # 31633.

⁹⁴ Fauquier County, Virginia, personal property tax lists, 1804, Simon Morgan District, p. 52, line 14, George Tharp (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CSQ2-WY2R>).

⁹⁵ *Ibid.*, 1795, Edward Humston District, p. 43, line 10, Jessey and George Tharp; images, *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CSQ2-Q3TN-H> : accessed 25 Aug 2020); citing FHL microfilm 2024530.

⁹⁶ 1820 U.S. census, Fauquier County, Virginia, p. 90, line 3, Martin Thorp; image online, *Ancestry* (https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/7734/images/4433294_00106 : accessed 26 Sep 2020); citing NARA microfilm publication M33, roll 136.

⁹⁷ 1830 U.S. census, Fauquier County, Virginia, p. 467, line 16, Martin Tharp; image online, *Ancestry* (https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/8058/images/4411236_00939 : accessed 26 Sep 2020); citing NARA microfilm publication M19, roll 194.

⁹⁸ Fauquier County, Virginia, personal property tax lists, 1814, Stephen Chilton District, p. 21, line 31, Jesse Tharp; images, *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CSQ2-M2N8?i=412&cat=775969> : accessed 25 Sep 2020); citing FHL microfilm 2024530. Jesse Tharp was only taxed for one male over 16 the year previous.

⁹⁹ Fauquier County, Virginia, personal property tax lists, 1815, Stephen Chilton District, p. 39, line 14, Lucy Tharp; images, *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CSQ2-M2F2?i=493&cat=775969> : accessed 25 Sep 2020); citing FHL microfilm 2024530.

¹⁰⁰ Fauquier County, Virginia, personal property tax lists, 1816, Stephen Chilton District, p. 45, line 11, Lucy Tharp; images, *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CSQ2-MLPS?cat=775969> : accessed 25 Sep 2020); citing FHL microfilm 2024530.

¹⁰¹ Fauquier County, Virginia, personal property tax lists, 1816, Stephen Chilton District, p. 45, line 10, Thomas Tharp; images, *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CSQ2-MLPS?i=620&cat=775969> : accessed 25 Sep 2020); citing FHL microfilm 2024530.

¹⁰² Fauquier County, Virginia, personal property tax lists, 1817, Stephen Chilton District, p. 33, line 11, Martin Tharp; images, *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CSQ2-MLLY?cat=775969> : accessed 25 Sep 2020); citing FHL microfilm 2024532.

of her own household on the federal census.¹⁰³ She also headed her own household in 1840 census, at age 80-90.¹⁰⁴

The children of Jesse and Lucy Tharp of Fauquier County, Virginia, include:

1. John Tharp, b. abt 1778, first taxed in 1794,¹⁰⁵ a tithable in Jesse's household in 1795¹⁰⁶
2. George Tharp, b. abt 1779, a tithable in Jesse's household in 1795¹⁰⁷
3. Elizabeth Tharp, b. abt 1780, of age to marry in 1801 to Thornton Golden, parents Jesse and Lucy Tharp were willing to give her up to Mr. Golden¹⁰⁸
4. Thomas Tharp, b. abt 1781, a tithable in Jesse's household in 1797¹⁰⁹
5. William Tharp, b. abt 1783, a tithable in Jesse's household in 1799¹¹⁰
6. Lewis Tharp, b. abt 1784, a tithable in Jesse's household in 1800¹¹¹
7. Tilman Tharp, b. abt 1790, a tithable in Jesse's household in 1806¹¹²
8. Mary Tharp, b. abt 1792, md. Samuel Lawrence 2 Jan 1812, Jesse gave consent¹¹³
9. Martin Tharp, b. abt 1798, probable tithable in Jesse's household in 1814¹¹⁴

¹⁰³ 1830 U.S. census, Fauquier County, Virginia, p. 467, line 15, Lucy Tharp; image online, *Ancestry* (https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/8058/images/4411236_00939 : accessed 26 Sep 2020); citing NARA microfilm publication M19, roll 194.

¹⁰⁴ 1840 U.S. census, Fauquier county, Virginia, Leeds, p. 230, Lucy Tharpe; image online, *Ancestry* (https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/8057/images/4409704_00470 : accessed 26 Sep 2020); citing NARA microfilm publication M704, roll 558.

¹⁰⁵ Fauquier County, Virginia, personal property tax lists, 1704, Edward Humston District, p. 46, line 7, John Tharp; images, *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CSQ2-Q3TG-P?i=670&cat=775968> : accessed 25 Sep 2020); citing FHL microfilm 2024531. Birth years of the males were estimated by subtracting 16 from the first year they were taxed.

¹⁰⁶ Fauquier County, Virginia, personal property tax lists, 1795, Edward Humston District, p. 43, lines 10-11, Jessey and John Tharp; images, *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CSQ2-Q3TN-H?i=747&cat=775969> : accessed 25 Sep 2020); citing FHL microfilm 2024531.

¹⁰⁷ *Ibid.*, line 10, George Tharp in Jessey Tharp household.

¹⁰⁸ Fauquier County, Virginia, Marriage Bonds and Returns 2:229, Elizabeth Tharp – Thornton Golden marriage bond, 19 Jan 1801. The birth year of Elizabeth was estimated by subtracting 21 years from the year of her marriage.

¹⁰⁹ Fauquier County, Virginia, personal property tax lists, 1797, Joseph Withers District, p. 42, line 22, Thomas Tharp in household of Jesse Tharp; images, *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CSQ2-W9MX-3?i=52&cat=775969> : accessed 25 Sep 2020).

¹¹⁰ *Ibid.*, 1799, Thornton Buckner District, p. 47, line 22, Wm Tharpe in household of Jesse Tharpe; images, *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CSQ2-W1PG?i=181&cat=775969> : accessed 25 Sep 2020).

¹¹¹ Fauquier County, Virginia, personal property tax lists, 1800, Charles Pickett District, p. 64, line 6, Lewis Tharp in household of Jessee Tharp.

¹¹² *Ibid.*, 1806, Thomas Robinson District, p. 48, line 6, Tilman Tharp in household of Jesse Tharp; images, *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CSQ2-W99W-B?i=749&cat=775969> : accessed 25 Sep 2020); citing FHL microfilm 2024531.

¹¹³ Fauquier County, Virginia, Marriage Bonds and Returns 3:182, Mary Tharp – Samuel Lawrence marriage bond, 2 Jan 1812; images online, *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3QSO-G9XF-6BTX?i=562> : accessed 25 Sep 2020), DGS 7578972, image 563 of 688; FHL microfilm # 31633. Mary's age was estimated assuming she was under age 21 at her marriage, since her father gave consent for the marriage license, but about 20 years old.

¹¹⁴ Fauquier County, Virginia, personal property tax lists, 1814, Stephen Chilton District, p. 21, line 31, Jesse Tharp.

Lewis Tharp's father-in-law, John West, associated with the Tharp family in more than one way. John West was taxed in Fauquier from 1800-1804.¹¹⁵ In 1800, John West's taxes included tithable George Tharp, who may have worked for him. John West was the bondsman for George Tharp's marriage to Polly Noland in 1801 in Fauquier.¹¹⁶

The tax list for the district that would probably have included the Tharps and John West seems to have been lost for 1805.¹¹⁷ In 1806, John West and Lewis Tharp were not taxed in Fauquier, but Jesse Tharp was.¹¹⁸ John West and Lewis Tharp likely left Fauquier County about 1806, soon after John West and his wife Sarah sold 165 acres of land to Samuel Fisher on 7 December 1805.¹¹⁹

Other descendants of Jesse Tharp may have followed Lewis Tharp and John West to Hawkins. A man named John Tharp enlisted in the army on 10 May 1829 in Louisville and stated he was born in Fauquier, Virginia in 1809. He died 1 September 1832.¹²⁰ This could be John Tharp who lived in Hawkins County, Tennessee in 1830.¹²¹

¹¹⁵ Fauquier County, Virginia, personal property tax lists, 1800, Charles Pickett District, p. 68, line 10, John West; images, *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CSQ2-W1MB> : accessed 24 Aug 2020); citing FHL microfilm 2024531. *Ibid.*, 1801, Chs Pickett District, p. 71, line 12 (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CSQ2-W1S3>). *Ibid.*, 1802, Thomas Humston District, p. 52, line 10 (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CSQ2-WBQQ>). *Ibid.*, 1803, C. Pickett District, p. 71 line 4 (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CSQ2-WY TZ>). *Ibid.*, 1804, Simon Morgan District, p. 57, line 4 (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CSQ2-WYHF>).

¹¹⁶ Fauquier County, Virginia, Marriage Bonds and Returns 2:227, bond, George Tharp - Polly Noland, 12 January 1801; images online, *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q57-99XF-6182> : accessed 25 Aug 2020); citing FHL microfilm 31633.

¹¹⁷ Fauquier County, Virginia, personal property tax lists, 1805, negative search for Tharp and West (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CSQ2-W99G-K> : accessed 25 Aug 2020). Only two of the three typical lists were included in the digitized images for 1805.

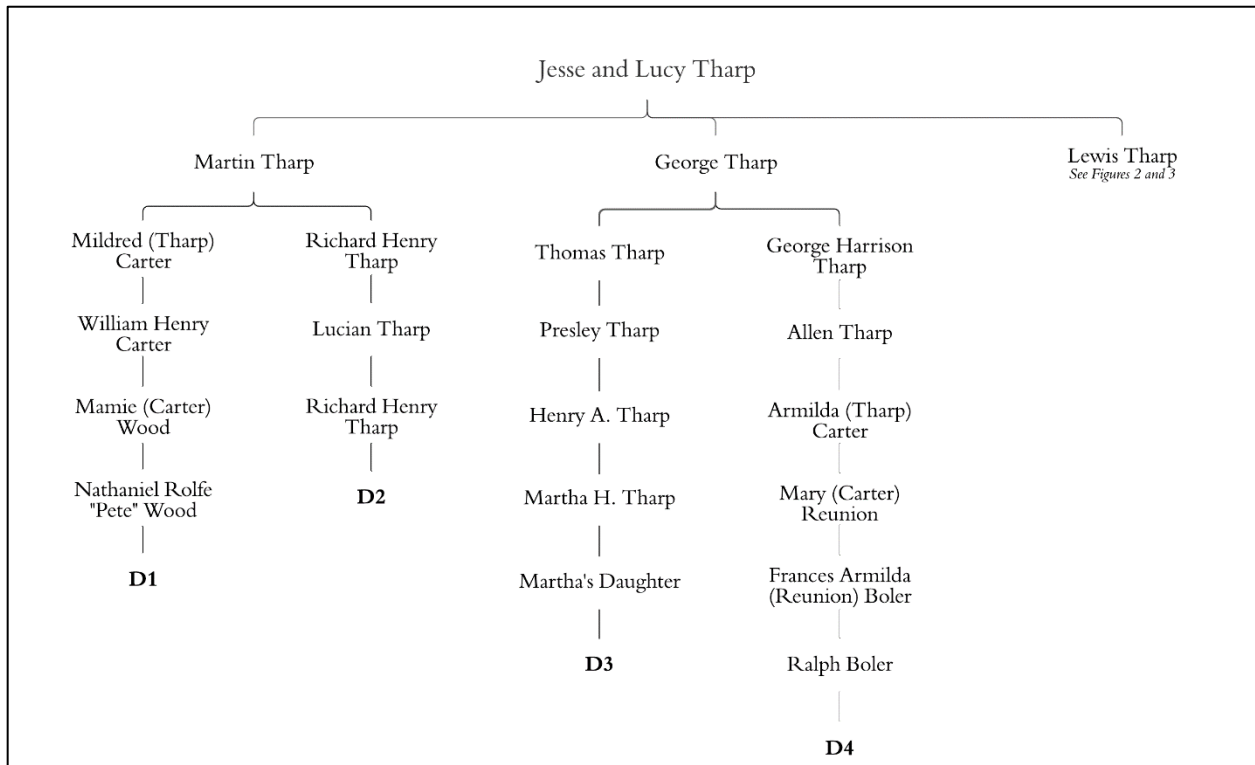
¹¹⁸ *Ibid.*, 1806, Thomas Robinson District, p. 48, line 6, Jesse Tharp (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CSQ2-W99W-B>). *Ibid.*, negative search for Lewis Tharp and John West.

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¹²⁰ "U.S. Army, Register of Enlistments, 1798-1914," 1828 Jan - 1835, p. 186, line 70, John Tharp, enlisted 10 May 1829; database with images, *Ancestry* (<https://ancestry.com> : accessed 24 Aug 2020), image 184 of 440; citing National Archives Microfilm Publication M233.

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Figure 4: Descendants of Jesse and Lucy Tharp (Group D)



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Descendants of Jesse and Lucy Tharp

Table 9 compares the DNA of Jesse and Lucy Tharp's descendants with Barsheba Tharp's descendants. The amount of shared DNA is consistent with the hypothesized relationships.¹²²

Jesse/ Lucy Descendant	Barsheba Descendant	Total Shared DNA (cM)	Hypothesized relationship	Predicted Shared cM Range
D1	A2	31	5C1R	0-80
D1	A9	46.6	5C	0-117
D1	A11	14.3	5C	0-117
D1	A12	15.7	5C	0-117
D1	A7	19.8	5C	0-117
D1	A15	39.6	5C	0-117
D2	A1	11	4C1R	0-126
D2	A2	34.7	4C2R	0-93
D2	A9	43.4	4C1R	0-126
D2	A11	14.8	4C1R	0-126
D2	A15	81.1	4C1R	0-126
D4	A9	26	5C2R	0-65
D4	A11	13	5C2R	0-65
D4	A12	12	5C2R	0-65
D3	A5	12	5C1R	0-80
D3	A9	20.4	5C1R	0-80
D3	A11	9.6	5C1R	0-80
D3	A7	9.7	5C1R	0-80
D3	A8	10.2	5C1R	0-80

Sources for Table 7:
 "One-to-One Autosomal DNA Comparison" *GEDmatch* (<https://www.gedmatch.com>), kits WK5599087 (D1), A454562 (D3), A534458 (A9), NT5439655 (A11), PA1661722 (A12), A260471 (A7), A965888 (A8); default options (Build 37) with "Prevent Hard Breaks" selected. The kits of D2, D4, A2, A5, and A15 were not uploaded to GEDmatch. Their matches were analyzed using AncestryDNA and MyHeritageDNA tools. D3 and D4 were compared with A5, A9, A11, and A12 at Ancestry "DNA Matches" (<https://ancestry.com/dna/> : accessed 23 Sep 2020). D1 and D2 were compared A1, A2, A9, A11 and A15, at MyHeritageDNA, "DNA Matches" (<https://www.myheritage.com/dna/matches/> : accessed 24 Sep 2020). For the predicted shared cM range Blaine Bettinger, Shared cM Project, v.4, interactive version by Jonny Perl, DNA Painter (<https://dnainter.com/tools/sharedcmv4>: last updated 26 March 2020).

Additional documentation for lines of descent in Figures 1-4 is available at the author's Ancestry public member tree.¹²³

Descendants of Lewis Tharp share a Triangulated Segment

¹²² Blaine Bettinger, Shared cM Project, v.4, interactive version by Jonny Perl, *DNA Painter* (<https://dnainter.com/tools/sharedcmv4>: last updated 26 March 2020).

¹²³ Nicole Dyer, "Dyer Family Tree," Public Member Tree, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/tree/71135853/family/familyview?cfpid=432138000624&selnode=1>).

Table 10 shows a triangulated segment between 3 descendants of Lewis Tharp. Elizabeth Tharp was the daughter of Lewis Tharp and his first wife, Joanna West. Anna Tharp was the daughter of Lewis Tharp's second wife, Judy Vernon. The triangulated segment strengthens the case that Barsheba is the daughter of Lewis Tharp.

Table 10				
Triangulated Segment on Chromosome 14 among descendants of Lewis Tharp				
TEST TAKERS (ANCESTOR)	START	STOP	SHARED CM	SNPS
B2 (Elizabeth Tharp) and A9 (Barsheba Tharp)	22,498,019	32,390,458	16.3 cM	1,653
C1 (Anna Tharp) and B2 (Elizabeth Tharp)	24,200,567	32,438,586	12.4 cM	1,205
A9 (Barsheba Tharp) and C1 (Anna Tharp)	24,200,567	40,903,327	26 cM	3,846
Source: "GEDmatch® Autosomal One-to-one Comparison – V1.0," GEDmatch (https://www.gedmatch.com), kits A188998 (B2), T422844 (C1), A534458 (A9); default options (Build 37) with "Prevent Hard Breaks" selected.				

Naming Patterns

At least five grandchildren of Lewis Tharp may have been named after him, providing onomastic evidence tying the children of Lewis Tharp to him:

- John Lewis Tharp, b. 1842, son of William Tharp¹²⁴
- John L. Parrott, b. 1844, son of John and Elizabeth (Tharp) Parrott¹²⁵
- Lewis Tharp Farris, son of Anderson J and Joanna (Tharp) Farris¹²⁶
- Lewis Roberts, son of Wiley and Anna (Tharp) Roberts¹²⁷
- John Lewis Tharp, b. 1849, son of Jesse and Eliza (Roberson) Tharp¹²⁸

¹²⁴ Hawkins County, Tennessee, will papers, William Tharp, signed 17 November 1869, recorded March Term 1875; images online, *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:939L-6SS2-XV> : accessed 1 March 2021); citing FHL microfilm 1572795.

¹²⁵ "Illinois Deaths and Stillbirths, 1916-1947," database, *FamilySearch*, indexed entry for John L. Parrott, 21 Apr 1922.

¹²⁶ *Find a Grave*, database and images (<https://www.findagrave.com> : accessed 26 September 2020), memorial page for Lewis Tharp Farris (28 Jun 1839–17 Mar 1912), Find a Grave Memorial no. 120006145, citing Lockwood Cemetery, Lockwood, Dade County, Missouri, USA ; Maintained by Dan McEver (contributor 48409053), headstone photo by Judy K. Roberts (contributor 47187185). The headstone says Lewis T. Farris.

¹²⁷ 1850 U.S. census, Washington County, Arkansas, pop. sch., White River, p. 355a, dwelling/family , dwelling/family 54, Lewis in household of Wiley Roberts.

¹²⁸ 1850 U.S. census, Washington County, Arkansas, pop. sch., White River, p. 355a, dwelling/family 60, John Tharp in Jesse Tharp household. For middle initial, see 1870 U.S. census, Washington County, Arkansas, pop. sch., White River, p. 273a, dwelling 4, family 5, J.L. Tharp in Jesse Tharp household; images, *Ancestry* (https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/7163/images/4259296_00539 : accessed 26 Sep 2020); citing NARA microfilm publication M593, roll 66. For name Lewis, see his son's death certificate: "Texas, Death Certificates, 1903-1982," John Wesley Tharp, son of Louis Tharp and Annie Lou Watson, certificate no. 16546, died 25 Mar 1975;

Barsheba Tharp was almost certainly also the daughter of Lewis Tharp, adding a sixth grandchild to the list, Lewis T. Dyer.¹²⁹

Conclusion

Evidence points to Lewis Tharp as the father of Barsheba Tharp. Family records, proximity in Hawkins County and naming patterns provide clues to a familial relationship. A DNA study tested the hypothesis that descendants of Barsheba Tharp would share DNA with descendants of Lewis Tharp and confirmed that Lewis Tharp was the father of Barsheba. Barsheba's descendants also share DNA with descendants of Lewis's parents, Jesse and Lucy Tharp. More research is required to determine which wife of Lewis Tharp was Barsheba's mother.

images, *Ancestry* (https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/2272/images/33154_b062943-02935 : accessed 26 Sep 2020).

¹²⁹ "Tennessee Deaths, 1914-1966," database with images, *FamilySearch*, Lewis T. Dyer, no. 97, 14 Apr 1916, Persia, Hawkins, Tennessee.