

# Humphries March 2025 Research Project

29 September 2025

## OBJECTIVE

Phase 8 will continue using DNA analysis and documentary research to prove direct lineage from the client, Rosalind, to her estimated 4th great-grandfather, Joseph Humphries, for the purpose of eventually applying to the Daughters of the American Revolution. This phase is comprised of the following specific objectives:

- Identify the siblings and parents of Solomon Chandler, conduct descendency research for their lines, and discover any independently descended Chandler DNA matches to support Laura's predicted descent from Cicero Holt Chandler.
- Update the Laura (Stephens) Moon webpage with the most recent information for examination by potential participants.
- Consult with members of the DAR African American Specialty Research Team and other DAR representatives. Follow up on policy concerning the use of DNA evidence from a deceased person within an application.
- Support Rosalind as she recruits two white Chandler DNA matches to join her application to the DAR. Identify alternates if two top DNA matches remain non-responsive.

## LIMITATIONS

- This phase of the project was limited to 20 hours.
- African American genealogical research is significantly challenged by the dehumanizing effects of slavery: lack of records generated for the enslaved, common transfer of the enslaved between plantations, separation of biological families, irregular surname adoption post-emancipation, reliance on survival of enslavers' records, and so on.
- At the generational distances involved in this study, DNA can provide direct evidence of shared ancestry but only indirect evidence of the specific relationships between matches.

## RESULTS SUMMARY

- Conducted extensive documentary research to establish Solomon Chandler's immediate family, including his paternal grandfather, Robert Chandler, a proven DAR patriot. Identified five Chandler DNA matches descended from Solomon's siblings at AncestryDNA and evaluated the resulting ThruLines suggestions for over 100 matches descending from Robert. Coordinated with the Chandler Family Association (CFA) to seek lineage documents and evaluated the genetic evidence from the CFA's autosomal DNA project and the general database at GEDmatch.
- Validated the suitability of the Humphries-Chandler DNA evidence for Laura's double descent from George Washington Humphries and his grandson, Cicero Holt Chandler, in a customized BanyanDNA project. Organized a spreadsheet of the BanyanDNA results by line of descent for evaluation by DAR representatives. Confirmed that Chandler matches appeared in valid clusters in Rosalind's most recent DNA network graph.
- Updated the Laura (Stephens) Moon DNA project website text and retooled the graphs to reflect the latest genetic data and DAR application process. Drafted correspondence for contacting living DNA matches. Sent official invitation letter from Family Locket to match Humphries 1.
- Corresponded with multiple DAR representatives to discuss the latest evidence, as well as the application process. Received positive feedback and referral to another DAR representative for review. Confirmed that Rosalind may support her application using the genetic evidence from deceased DNA matches, provided their vital records can be accessed to verify lineage back to the patriot ancestor. Prioritized Audley Chandler Harris, Dorothy (Humphreys) Franklin, and Raymond Floyd Humphreys as the deceased DNA matches to consider for inclusion in Rosalind's application.
- Evaluated Joseph Humphries' DAR database profile and verified successful applicant lineages through George Washington Humphries. Started curating and gathering specific documents needed for DAR application from Cicero back to George. Refined the table of required documents for Rosalind's lineage back to Cicero. Began curating the relevant Audley Chandler Harris documents.

## BACKGROUND INFORMATION

This research session continues extensive documentary and genetic research into the origins of Laura (Stephens) Moon. An 1880 US census enumeration in Jackson County, Georgia, is the earliest known record about Laura, the client's great-grandmother.<sup>1</sup> Laura was a mixed-race former slave born in Georgia about 1850. Per the 1900 US census, Laura married Crawford

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<sup>1</sup> 1880 U.S. Census, Jackson County, Georgia, population schedule, Randolphs District 248, enumeration district (ED) 56, sheet 562C (stamped), p. 23 (penned), dwelling 208, family 211, Crawford Moon; digital image, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/6742/images/4240146-00329> : accessed 12 August 2023); citing NARA microfilm publication T9, roll 153.

Moon about 1873.<sup>2</sup> Her maiden surname was most often recorded as Stephens/Stevens, though the variant surnames Stevenson and Strickland were documented as well.<sup>3</sup> There is no known oral history about Laura's paternity.

An analysis of Georgia tax digest listings for Crawford Moon discovered that he worked in the same Jackson County militia district, Newtown (253), as Cicero Holt Chandler for the tax years 1874-1875, coinciding with the approximate date of his marriage to Laura.<sup>4</sup> Cicero Holt Chandler was the son of Solomon Chandler and Nancy Humphries, daughter of George Washington Humphries. Crawford's employer was listed right next to Cicero in 1874, and many freemen with Stephens, Strickland, and Kinney surnames also worked in Newtown at the time. This residence and FAN club information correlates with Laura's predicted 1870 census enumeration in a Kinney household, with Laura's documented surnames, with Solomon Chandler's estate records, and with Chandler family slave schedules to show her plausible connection with the Chandlers.

Extensive DNA analysis in several prior research sessions compiled irrefutable evidence for Rosalind's biological descent from George Washington Humphries, including dozens of triangulated segments. George and all of his sons, however, migrated away from Georgia a couple of decades before Laura's birth in the state. Only George's eldest daughter, Nancy (Humphries) Chandler, remained in Jackson County to raise her family there. Based on the high

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<sup>2</sup> 1900 U.S. Census, Jackson County, Georgia, population schedule, Chandler, enumeration district (ED) 85, sheet 13A (penned), p. 79 (stamped), dwelling 240, family 243, Crofferd W Moon; digital image, *Ancestry* ([https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/7602/images/4120069\\_00492?pid=9110258](https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/7602/images/4120069_00492?pid=9110258) : accessed 20 July 2023); citing NARA microfilm publication T623, roll 206.

<sup>3</sup> U.S. Social Security Administration, "Social Security Applications and Claims Index, 1936-2007," database, entry for Carrie Moon Armstrong, SSN 257019736, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/13327632:60901> : accessed 15 December 2022). See also Wood County, Ohio, "Ohio, U.S., County Marriage Records, 1774-1993," 1943-1945, entry for Minnie Smith and Willie J Howard, no. 180, 23 February 1943; digital image, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/61378/images/TH-1-18863-73254-52?pid=1503422339> : accessed 1 August 2023); citing records from various Ohio County Courthouses. See also Wayne County, Michigan, "Michigan, U.S., Marriage Records, 1867-1952," Part 18, Certificates 1926-1946, entry for Amos R Moon and Elnora Gant, no. 314377, 8 July 1926; digital image, *Ancestry* ([https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/9093/images/41326\\_341667-01146?pid=1202683672](https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/9093/images/41326_341667-01146?pid=1202683672) : accessed 1 August 2023); citing Michigan Department of Community Health, Division for Vital Records and Health Statistics, 82 Wayne 007420-010729, Film 233. See also Hamilton County, Ohio, "Ohio, U.S., County Marriage Records, 1774-1993," 1917, entry for Golden Moon and Gussie Marrett, no. 58, 12 November 1917; digital image, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/61378/images/TH-266-13192-4353-60?pid=287027> : accessed 1 August 2023); citing records from various Ohio County Courthouses. Note: In a compiled Moon genealogy, a descendant noted Crawford Moon was married to Laura Hosch. The Hosch surname may be a mistaken reference which actually pertains to Florence Ramsey Hosch Moon, whom Crawford possibly married between the January 1920 census date and his death in June 1920. See Gloria E Moon, "Descendants of Griggs M Moon," compiled genealogy, 28 June 2006, digital copy from client. See also Florence's death certificate in "Public Member Trees," database, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/person/tree/164534945/person/132526576317/facts> : accessed 20 January 2024), "Myers Family Tree," profile for Florence Ramsey, built out and sourced by researcher Melanie Whitt on behalf of client.

<sup>4</sup> Family Locket Genealogists, "Humphries April 2024 Research Project," report, 12 December 2024, privately held by client Rosalind and researchers.

amounts of DNA Rosalind shares with descendants down independent lines from George and Abigail Humphries, DNA Painter’s What Are the Odds (WATO) and BanyanDNA concluded it is statistically impossible for Rosalind to descend from George through one of Nancy’s sons alone.

It is possible, however, that Rosalind could descend from multiple relationships to produce the high amounts of DNA she shares with Humphries descendants. To explore double Humphries-Chandler relationships, a customized BanyanDNA project was created, utilizing 427 individuals and 230 pairwise DNA data comparisons. When 3,000 simulated trials were run for 14 hypotheses, BanyanDNA ranked a double relationship as the most statistically likely scenario: Laura as the daughter of Cicero Chandler and an enslaved woman who herself was the daughter of George Washington Humphries (see figure 1). It is thus necessary to determine the existence of independent Chandler DNA evidence for Rosalind and descendants of Solomon’s siblings and/or parents.

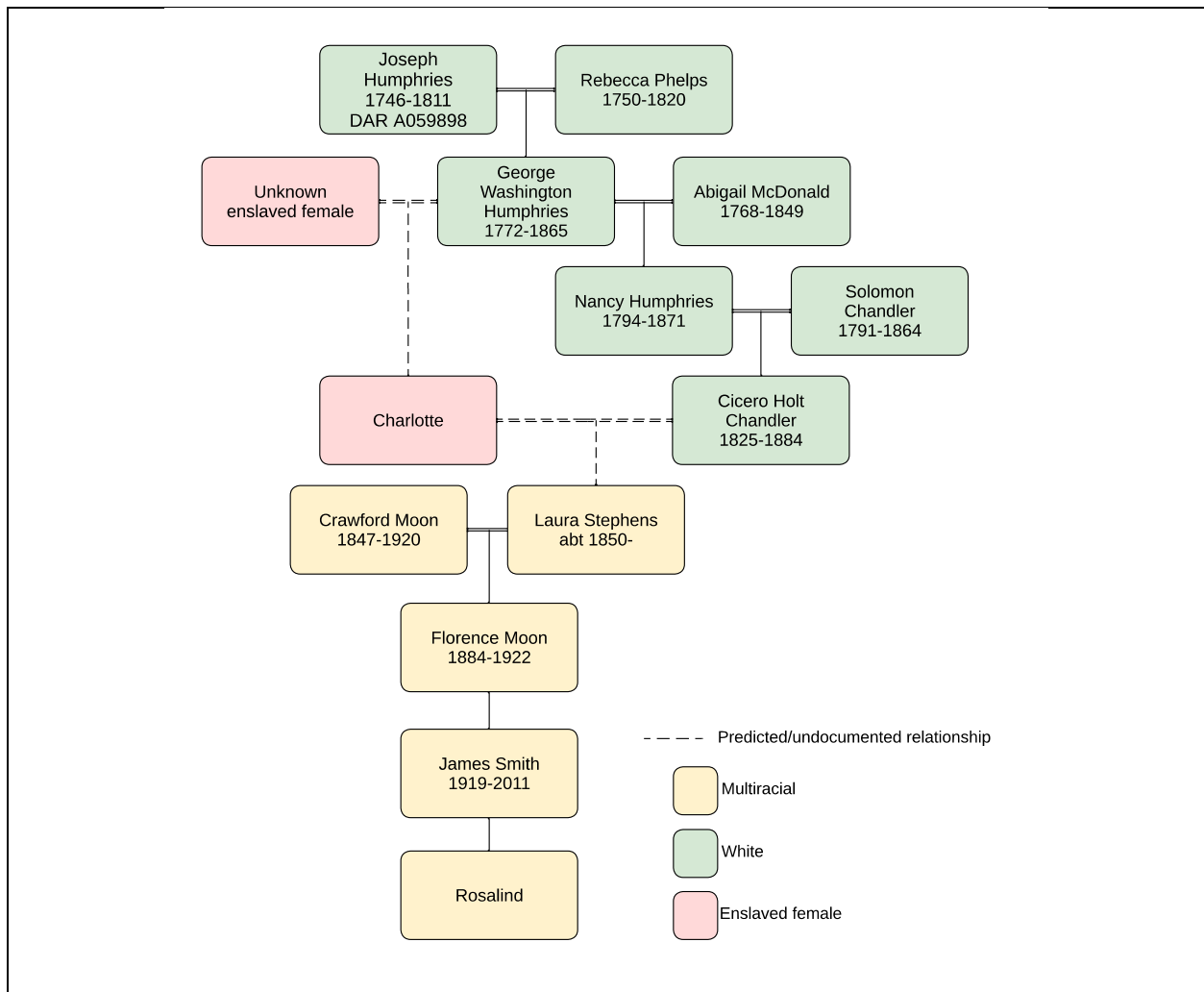


Figure 1. Pedigree chart of predicted double relationship for Laura and the Humphries-Chandler family

## FINDINGS AND ANALYSIS

### Chandler Lineages & DNA Evidence

To support Laura Stephens's predicted double descent from Cicero Holt Chandler and his maternal grandfather, George Washington Humphries, this research project sought to discover Chandler DNA matches independent of Cicero's father, Solomon Chandler.

Documentary research identified many of Solomon Chandler's immediate family members, including siblings, his father, his mother's first name, and his paternal grandparents, none of whom were well-established in online trees prior to this research session. The documents supporting kinship for these and other close relatives have been attached to their respective profiles in the client's family tree at Ancestry.<sup>5</sup> In addition, the tree features the Chandler posterity identified to date through descendancy research.

The pedigree chart in figure 2 presents the discovered family of Solomon Chandler, and a separate file of the pedigree chart will accompany this report for detailed examination.<sup>6</sup> Solomon's father, Parks Chandler, had at least three known wives, and his grandfather was Robert Chandler, another proven patriot in the DAR Ancestor database.<sup>7</sup> The chart features Rosalind's predicted line of descent (names in bold) and a summary of the current DNA evidence for this connection based on pedigree triangulation and ThruLines predictions.<sup>8</sup>

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<sup>5</sup> "Public Member Trees," database, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/person/tree/164534945/person/132462940045/facts> : accessed 25 September 2025), "Myers Family Tree," profiles for Solomon Chandler and his immediate family, built out and sourced by researcher Melanie Whitt on behalf of client.

<sup>6</sup> Melanie Whitt, "2025 Chandler Pedigree Chart," *LucidChart* (<https://www.lucidchart.com/> : accessed 29 September 2025). **Document 1**

<sup>7</sup> Superior Court, Oglethorpe County, Georgia, "Oglethorpe County deed book," Deeds, v. A-B 1794-1798, page 7, Parks and Mary Chandler to William Patman, 4 April 1796; digital images, *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CS42-P92H-3> : accessed 12 December 2024), FSL DGS 7898904, image 227 of 413; citing microfilm of originals in the Oglethorpe County Courthouse at Lexington, Georgia. See also "Georgia, Jackson County," court notice for estate of Parks Chandler by widow Massa Chandler, *Southern Banner* (Athens, Georgia), 10 June 1842, p. 4f; database with images, "Georgia Historic Newspapers," *Digital Library of Georgia* (<https://gahistoricnewspapers.galileo.usg.edu/> : accessed 17 December 2024). See also "Alabama, U.S., Surname Files Expanded, 1702–1981," surname file newspaper notice, entry for Parks Chandler and Elizabeth Barker, *Virginia Gazette*, 7 October 1960; database images, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/61266/records/90135295> : accessed 17 February 2025), image 322 of 1080; citing Box M84.0456, Alabama Surname Files, Alabama Department of Archives and History, Montgomery, Alabama. See also Chandler Family Association Lineage Database, "Descendants of Robert CHANDLER-63096," PDF report, 9 August 2025, received via email from Claudia Brocato (cbrocato@earthlink.net), CFA representative. See also National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution, Robert Chandler, ancestor A201278; database, "Ancestor Search," *Daughters of the American Revolution* ([https://services.dar.org/Public/DAR\\_Research/search\\_adb/?action=full&p\\_id=A201278](https://services.dar.org/Public/DAR_Research/search_adb/?action=full&p_id=A201278) : accessed 6 May 2025).

<sup>8</sup> "Rosalind: Matches," *AncestryDNA* (<https://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 8 September 2025), match lists and Pro Tools shared matches lists. See also "Rosalind: Matches By Ancestor," *ThruLines* database report, *AncestryDNA* (<https://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 10 May 2025).

Though Robert Chandler is also a proven DAR patriot through whom application can be sought, the Humphries genetic evidence is stronger and remains the current preferred lineage.

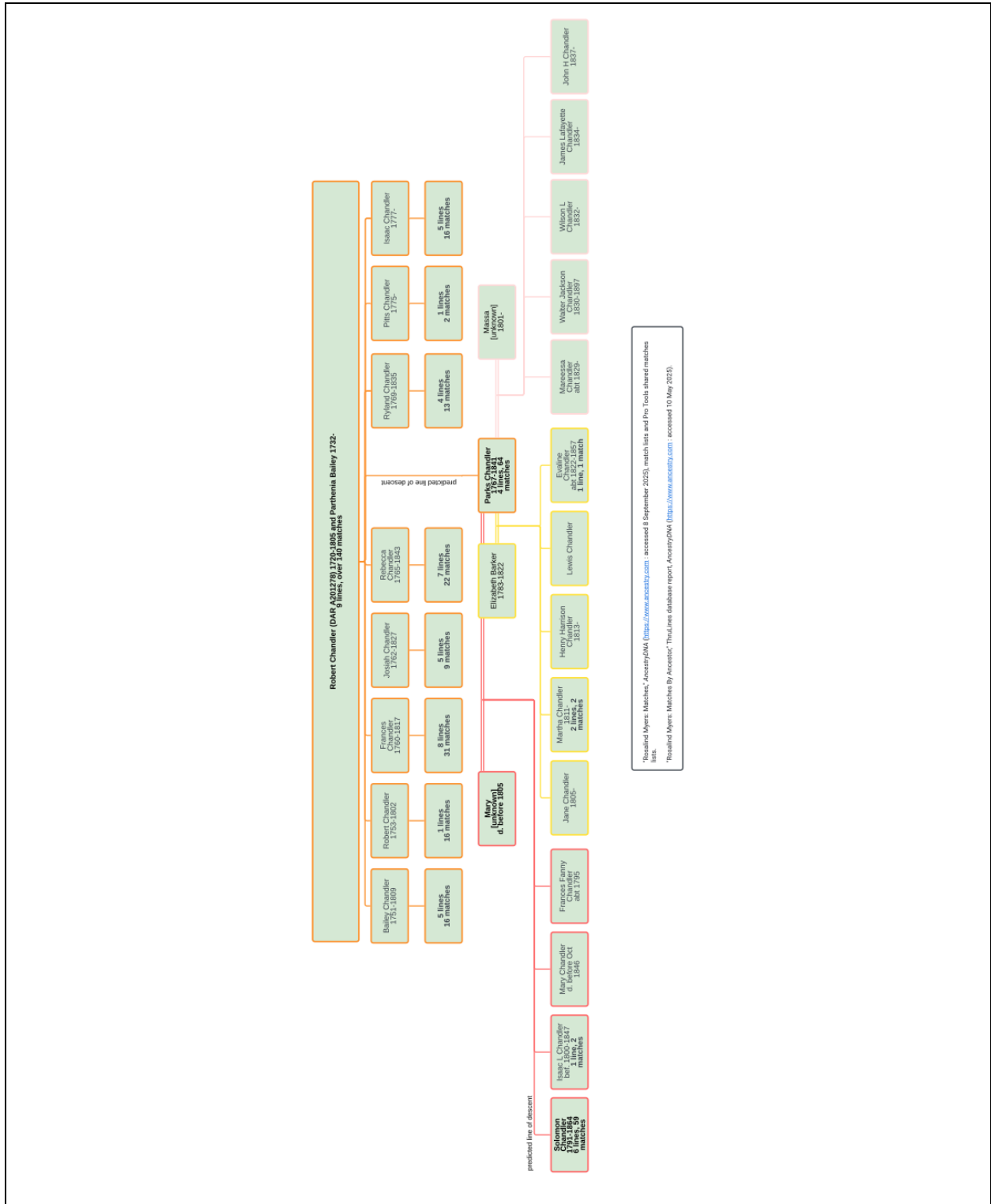


Figure 2. Pedigree chart for Solomon Chandler's family, featuring a summary of the client's DNA matches

Extensive pedigree triangulation of AncestryDNA matches identified and documented the Chandler DNA matches and lineages. Among the descendants of Solomon's siblings, five DNA matches were identified, including Tom Senff, who shares 59 centimorgans (cM) with Rosalind. Figure 3 presents these key matches in detail and is part of a larger Chandler-Humphries DNA pedigree chart that accompanies this report.<sup>9</sup> The chart lists the names of the key matches, the shared amount of DNA, the shared number of DNA segments, and the match's predicted relationship to Rosalind.

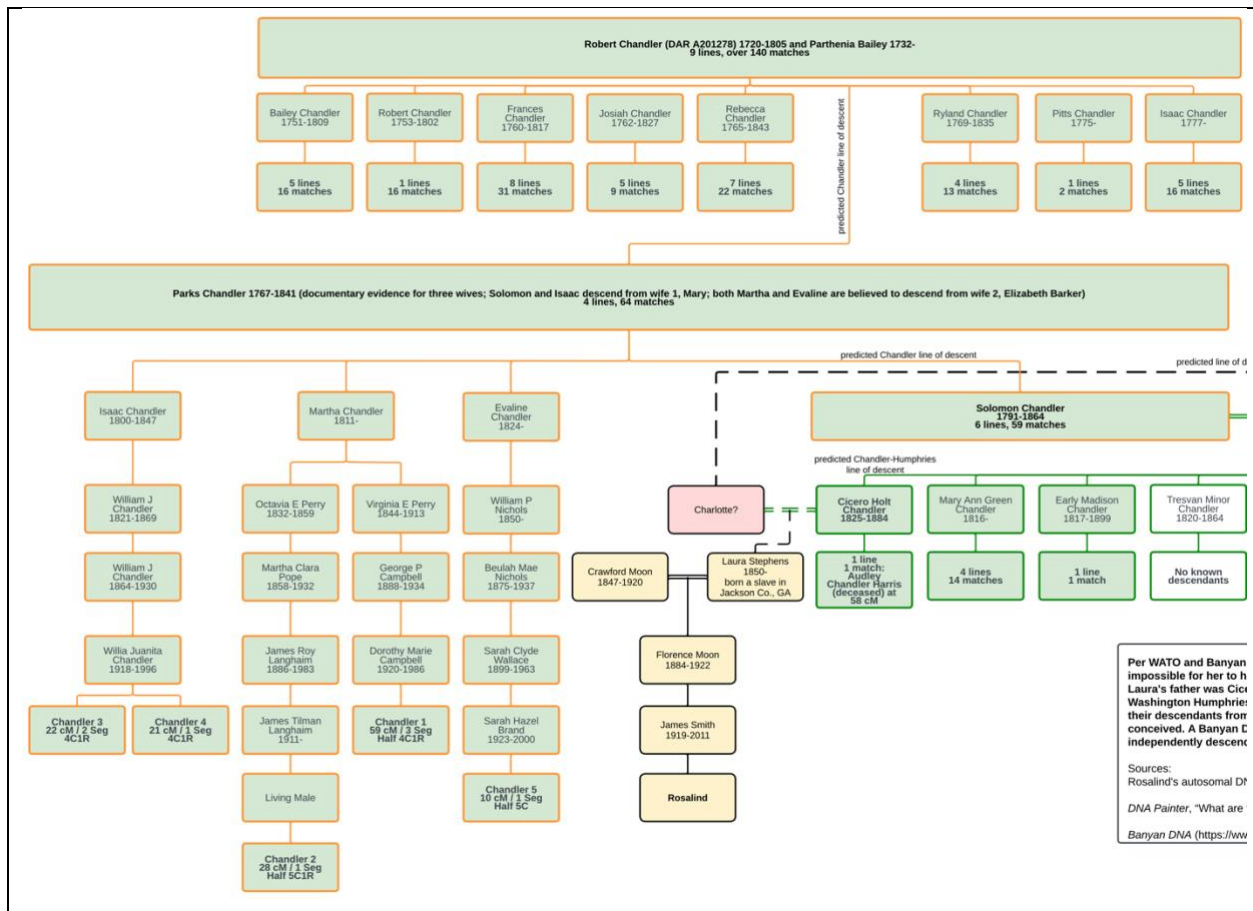


Figure 3. Detail of Rosalind's key independently-descended Chandler DNA matches from the larger Humphries-Chandler DNA pedigree chart

<sup>9</sup> Melanie Whitt, "2025 Chandler DNA Matches in Humphries-Chandler Double Descent Pedigree Chart," LucidChart (<https://www.lucidchart.com/>; accessed 29 September 2025). **Document 2**

### Previous DNA Network Graph

In light of these Chandler discoveries, a DNA network graph created in an earlier project was reviewed and retooled. These matches were found in valid clusters, helping identify two distinct Chandler clusters, as shown in figure 4.<sup>10</sup> After preliminary pedigree triangulation, the primary common ancestors for cluster 9 (light blue) are predicted to be Parks Chandler and his wives. In contrast, the primary common ancestors for cluster 7 (salmon pink) are Robert Chandler and his wife Parthenia Bailey.

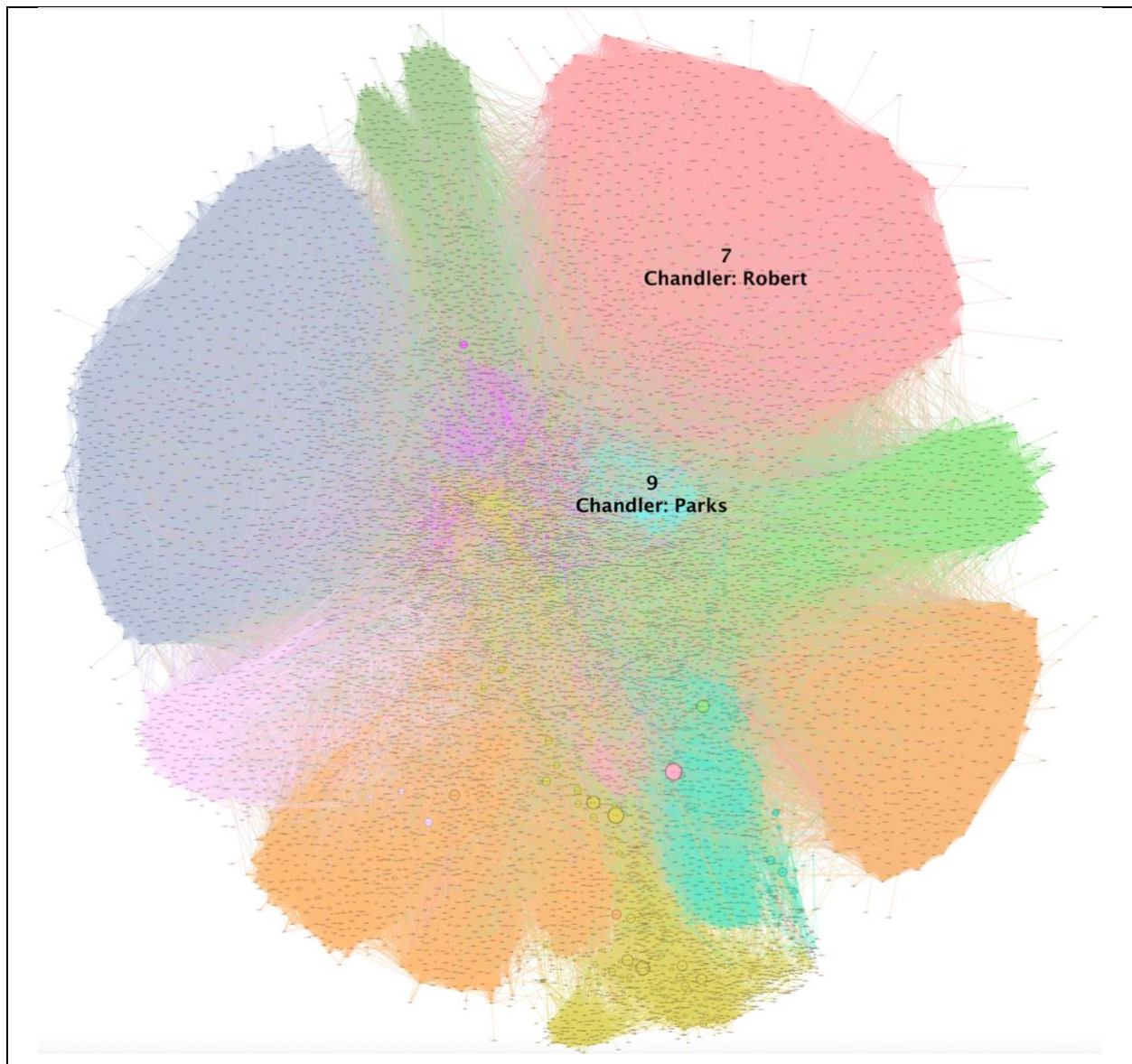


Figure 4. DNA Network Graph for Rosalind, paternal subset, 15-400 cM, highlighting Chandler clusters

<sup>10</sup> Melanie Whitt, "Network graph for Rosalind, 15-400 cM, subset of paternal matches," *Gephi* (<https://gephi.org/> : accessed 12 May 2023), AncestryDNA matches gathered with DNAGedcom, 10 December 2022.

## Chandler Family Association

Research into the pedigrees of DNA matches, Chandler 3 and Chandler 4 (siblings), led to the Chandler Family Association (CFA) as a resource. After documenting their maternal Chandler line back to Solomon's brother, Isaac L. Chandler, a Google search discovered a Chandler Family Bible Project at the CFA for Isaac's wife, Mary H. (Stoneham) Chandler.<sup>11</sup> The CFA had received Mary's Bible pages from the DAR, but did not know who she was or which Chandler line pertained to her. Family Locket shared her identity and Chandler relationship with the CFA vice president who has updated the bible project to reflect the documentary and genetic evidence.

Further coordination with the CFA generated descendant reports for Solomon's grandfather and son, Robert Chandler and Cicero Holt Chandler, respectively.<sup>12</sup> The CFA vice president confirmed the CFA Lineage Database is essentially a conglomerate family tree. He checked it for the relevant Chandler branch and reported that there are no sources cited, let alone any records in their holdings.<sup>13</sup> Though the CFA could not offer any documentary sources, he invited Rosalind to join the Chandler atDNA Project at GEDmatch.

## Chandler atDNA Project at GEDmatch

After Rosalind uploaded her raw DNA data to GEDmatch, the CFA vice president processed her kit through the Chandler atDNA Project. The resulting report confirmed a genetic connection but did not generate matches essential to the current objective. As displayed in the Segment Analysis report in figure 5, Rosalind shares DNA with 10 of the 276 participating Chandler descendants. None of these segments triangulate, and there are no key matches in the project that are more helpful to the DAR application than those already identified in the Ancestry database. The GEDmatch project is not a large one, and Rosalind personally has about as many Chandler DNA matches at Ancestry as are participating in the entire Chandler GEDmatch project.

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<sup>11</sup> *The Chandler Family Association*, "The Chandler Family Bible Project" (<https://www.chandlerfamilyassociation.org/genealogy/cfa-bible-project/> : accessed 22 January 2025), Bible of Mary H Chandler 1789-, RIN120897, compiled 2022 by Glen Smith, vice president, Chandler Family Association; citing North Carolina DAR Genealogical Resources Committee Report: Series 2. Volume, Bible Records, Abraham Kuykendall Chapter NSDAR 3-125-NC courtesy of The North Carolina Digital Collections.

<sup>12</sup> Chandler Family Association Lineage Database, "Ancestors and Descendants of Dr. Cicero Holt CHANDLER-73128," PDF report, 17 July 2025, received from client via email. See also Chandler Family Association Lineage Database, "Descendants of Robert CHANDLER-63096," PDF report, 9 August 2025, received via email from Claudia Brocato, CFA representative. **Document 3**

<sup>13</sup> Glen Smith, Vice President of The Chandler Family Association, to Rosalind, Melanie Whitt, Diana Elder, and Claudia Brocato, email, 17 July 2025; privately held by Whitt ([mbwgenealogy@gmail.com](mailto:mbwgenealogy@gmail.com)), Tualatin, Oregon.

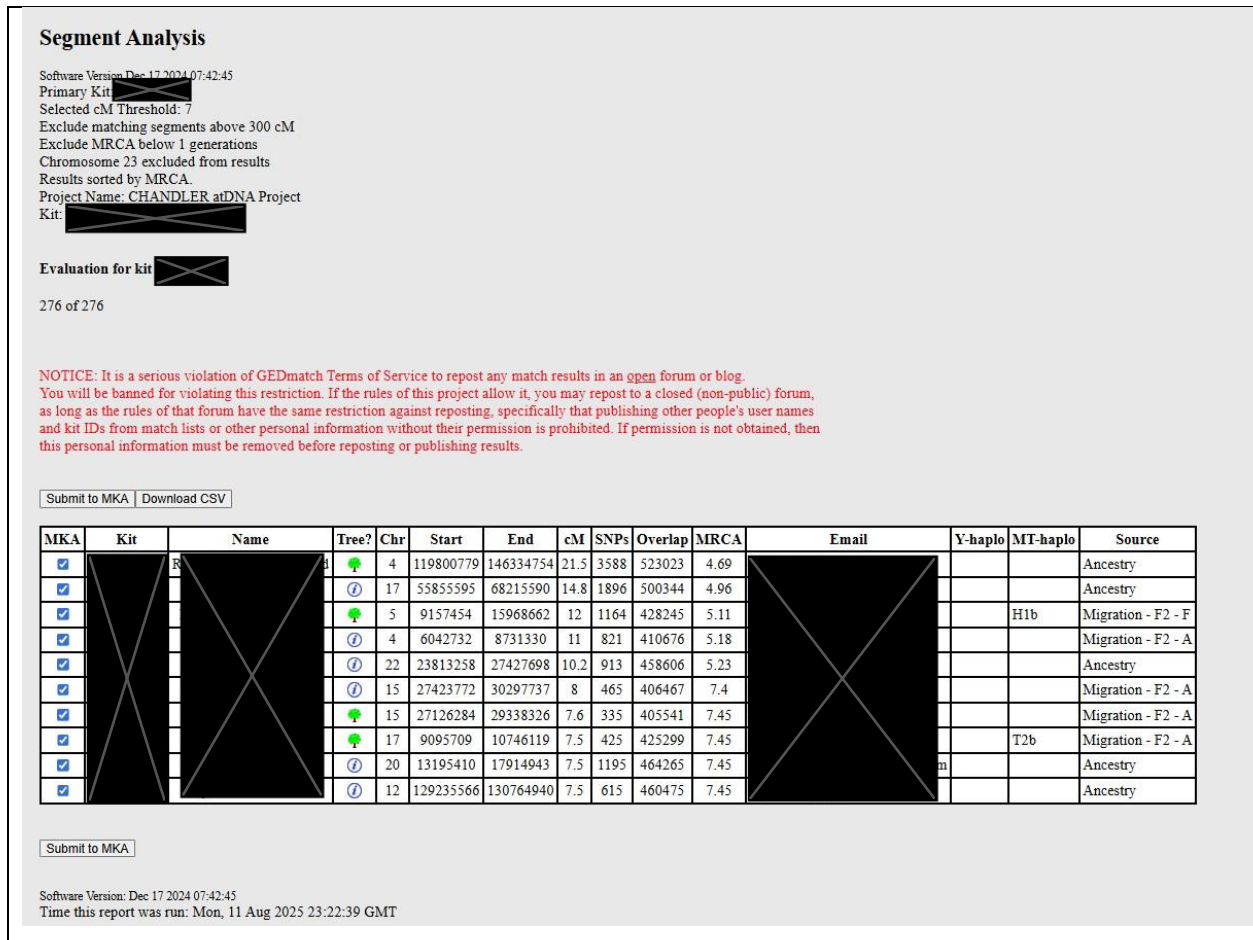


Figure 5. GEDmatch segment analysis report for Rosalind in the CHANDLER atDNA Project

Furthermore, segment analysis was conducted for all kits in the entire GEDmatch database, not just the Chandler project. Rosalind’s key match, Humphries 1, is there, as well as several matches also found in the MyHeritage database. Among these GEDmatch comparisons, Rosalind triangulates several times on many of her chromosomes.<sup>14</sup> This evidence corroborates the triangulations found at MyHeritage in an earlier phase of the project, but no stronger, new matches emerged from the GEDmatch database.

<sup>14</sup> GEDmatch, AutoSegment report, tester RM (Kit [redacted]), triangulated segment with Humphries 1 (Kit [redacted]) and Humphries 21 (Kit [redacted]), measuring 25.2 cM on chromosome 5 across 4620 SNPs; segment triangulation data, *GEDmatch* (<https://gedmatch.com> : accessed 11 August 2025). See also GEDmatch, AutoSegment report, tester RM (Kit [redacted]), triangulated segment with Humphries 1 (Kit [redacted]) and Humphries 14 (Kit H977281), measuring 20.5 cM on chromosome 1 across 4620 SNPs; segment triangulation data, *GEDmatch* (<https://gedmatch.com> : accessed 11 August 2025).

## BanyanDNA Evaluation

As discussed more thoroughly in the Humphries April 2024 Research Project report, BanyanDNA is the most effective tool for evaluating family trees with pedigree collapse. With the confirmation of significant genetic Chandler evidence independent of Solomon's posterity, a BanyanDNA project was created to evaluate the suitability of the DNA evidence for Laura's double Humphries descent through Cicero Holt Chandler. The BanyanDNA project included 102 key Chandler and Humphries DNA matches (see detail in figure 6).

A validation calculation was run over 3,000 simulated trials, resulting in customized average cM amounts and standard deviations by which to evaluate this branch of Rosalind's family tree.<sup>15</sup> With a resulting chi-square test value of 0.19, the calculation supports the validity of the family tree as configured.<sup>16</sup> The customized calculations for Rosalind's relationship to each of these 102 DNA matches were organized into an Excel spreadsheet that will accompany this report.<sup>17</sup> Arranged by the most recent common ancestors (MRCAs) and line of descent, the spreadsheet gives the match name, the relationship(s), the actual shared cM, the customized average cM, the common cM range observed over 3,000 trials, and the standard deviations (SDs) from the average. Among Solomon and Nancy's children, Rosalind predominantly shares DNA within 1 SD *above* the customized mean for the double relationships. Her shared DNA with Humphries 1 is even greater than expected at 1.6 SD above the mean, and Rosalind also shares DNA more than 1 SD above the mean for descendants in Mary Ann's line, Elizabeth's line, and Francis's line. Figure 7 features a detail from this BanyanDNA project spreadsheet.

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<sup>15</sup> "Rosalind: Laura and Humphries-Chandler Family," validation calculation, *BanyanDNA* (<https://www.banyandna.com> : accessed 25 August 2025), 3000 simulation trials, chi-square test result 0.19.

<sup>16</sup> *BanyanDNA*, "Calculations" (<https://www.banyandna.com/docs/calculations> : accessed 26 September 2025).

<sup>17</sup> Melanie Whitt, "2025 Rosalind and Humphries-Chandler DNA Validations, 3000 K Trials in BanyanDNA," spreadsheet, *MS Excel*, 25 August 2025. **Document 4**

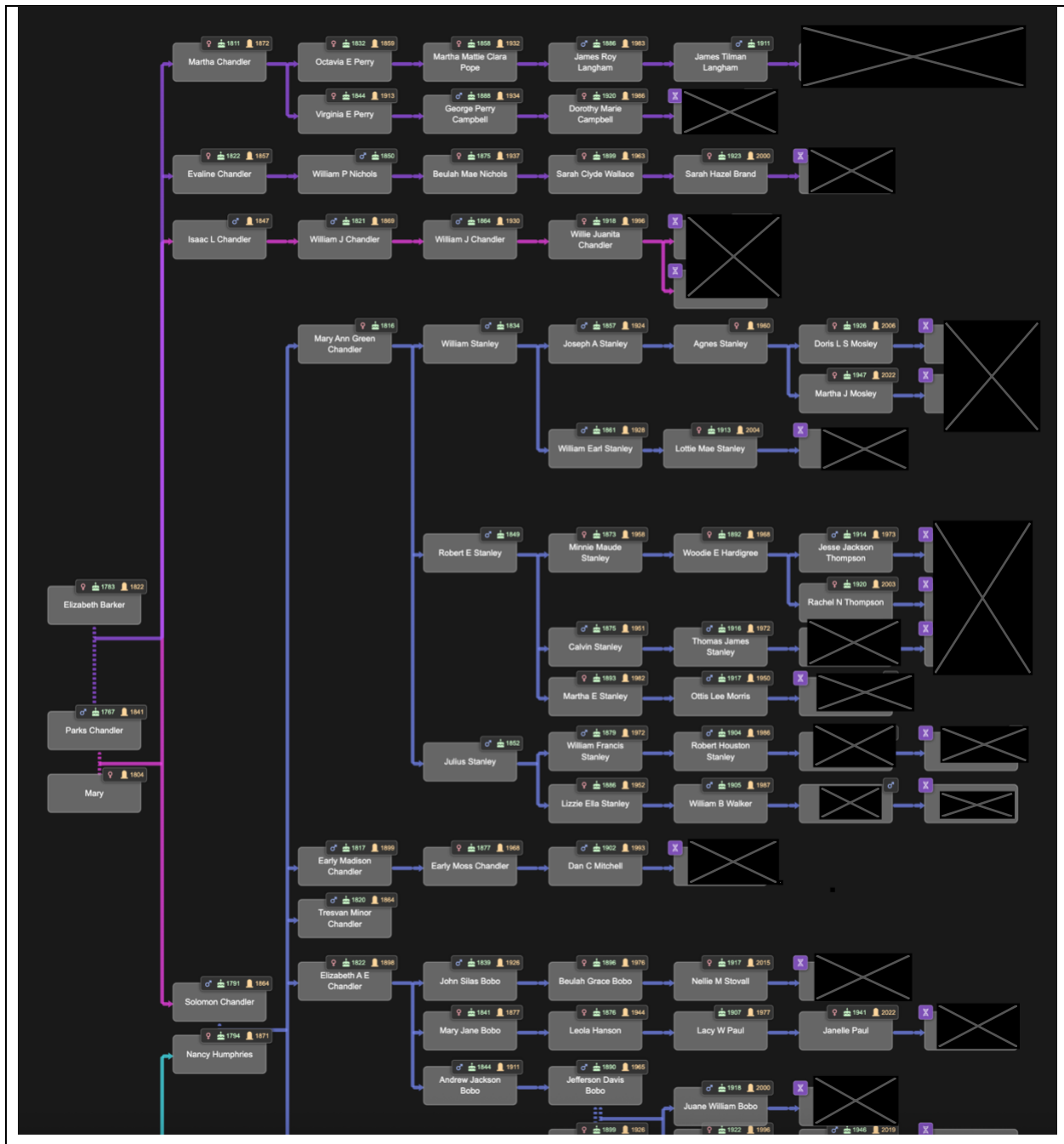


Figure 6. Detail of Rosalind's Humphries-Chandler double descent pedigree in the BanyanDNA project

MRCAs: Line of Descent	Match	Relationship(s)	Shared cM	Average cM	Common cM Range	Number of SDs
Solomon Chandler & Nancy Humphries: Mary Ann Green Chandler		4C1R	10	4	0 - 22	0.4
		½ 4C2R				
		4C1R	9	4	0 - 23	0.3
		½ 4C2R				
		4C	13	11	0 - 41	0.1
		½ 4C1R				
		4C1R				
		½ 4C2R	12	4	0 - 23	0.5
		4C1R				
		½ 4C2R	10	4	0 - 23	0.4
		4C				
		½ 4C1R	7	11	0 - 40	0.1
		4C1R				
		½ 4C2R	31	4	0 - 23	1.3
		4C1R				
½ 4C2R	19	4	0 - 23	0.9		
4C1R						
½ 4C2R	11	4	0 - 23	0.5		
4C1R						
Solomon Chandler & Nancy Humphries: Early Minor Chandler		3C1R	45	27	4 - 71	0.5
½ 4C						
4C		21	11	0 - 40	0.4	
½ 4C1R						
4C1R						
½ 4C2R		12	4	0 - 23	0.6	
4C1R						
½ 4C2R		40	4	0 - 22	1.6	
4C						
½ 4C1R		24	11	0 - 40	0.6	
3C1R						
½ 4C		47	26	4 - 69	0.5	
4C						
½ 4C1R		28	11	0 - 40	0.7	
4C						
½ 4C1R	24	11	0 - 40	0.6		
4C						
½ 4C1R	37	11	0 - 40	0.9		
½ 2C1R						
Cicero Holt Chandler: Ralph A Chandler		½ 4C	57	54	16 - 114	0.1
3C1R						
½ 4C		46	27	4 - 70	0.5	
3C1R						
½ 4C		26	27	4 - 70	0	
4C						
½ 4C1R		60	11	0 - 40	1.5	
4C1R						
½ 4C2R		7	4	0 - 23	0.3	
4C						
½ 4C1R		26	10	0 - 39	0.6	
4C						
½ 4C1R		40	11	0 - 40	1	
2C2R						
½ 3C1R		166	62	22 - 122	1.6	
4C1R						
½ 4C2R	28	4	0 - 22	1.2		
4C1R						
Solomon Chandler & Nancy Humphries: Caroline Nancy Chandler		4C1R	166	62	22 - 122	1.6
½ 3C1R						
4C1R		40	11	0 - 40	1	
2C2R						
½ 4C2R		7	4	0 - 23	0.3	
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½ 4C1R		26	10	0 - 39	0.6	
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2C2R						
½ 3C1R		166	62	22 - 122	1.6	
4C1R						
½ 4C2R		28	4	0 - 22	1.2	
4C1R						

Figure 7. Spreadsheet detail of Banyan DNA customized validation calculation results for Rosalind's Humphries-Chandler double descent pedigree

## DNA Project Website Update

To share the latest DNA data, documentary evidence, and application process for Rosalind's project with DNA matches and DAR representatives, the Laura Stephens Moon DNA project website text was updated, and its graphs retooled.<sup>18</sup> The DNA project website summarizes research findings, informs DNA matches how to participate in Rosalind's DAR

<sup>18</sup> *Family Locket Genealogists*, "Who Was the Father of Laura Stephens Moon?" (<https://familyloket.com/father-laura-stephens-moon/> : accessed 25 September 2025).

application, displays pedigree charts of relationships between Laura’s descendants and the Humphries-Chandler family, and presents anonymized versions of research reports. Figure 8 presents a detail of the current version of the website. Figure 9 displays the MyHeritage segment triangulation graph that was revised to reflect Laura’s descent from Cicero.<sup>19</sup> A table (not pictured) itemizing the MyHeritage segment data with updated lineage information will also accompany this report.<sup>20</sup>

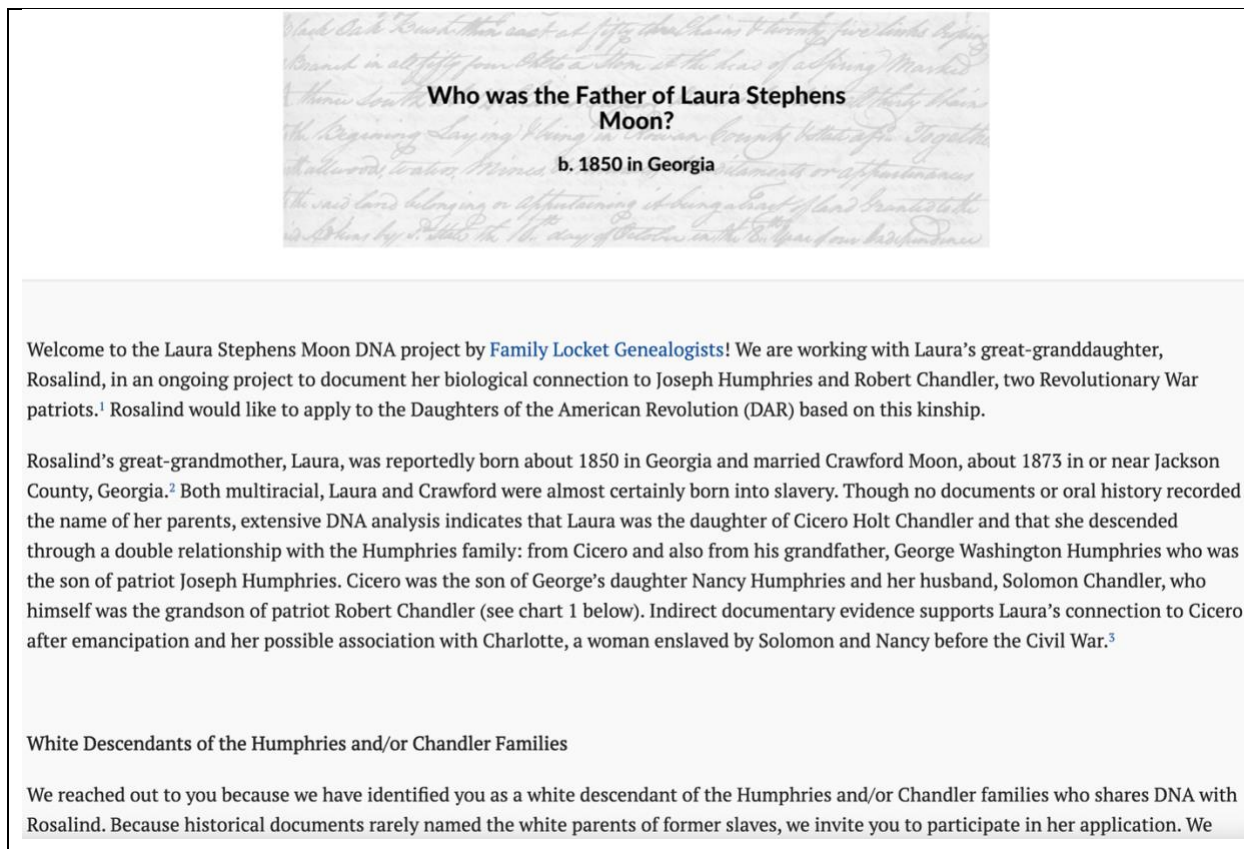


Figure 8. Detail of the updated Laura Stephens Moon DNA Project Website as of 25 September 2025

<sup>19</sup> Melanie Whitt, "2025 Rosalind’s MyHeritage Humphries Triangulation Pedigree Chart," *LucidChart* (<https://www.lucidchart.com/> : accessed 29 September 2025). **Document 5**

<sup>20</sup> Melanie Whitt, "2025 Rosalind’s MyHeritage Humphries Triangulation Table," *MS Word*, 20 August 2025. **Document 6**



## DAR Consultation

In this project, correspondence was made with multiple DAR representatives to discuss the latest evidence and the application process for Rosalind. Following are the key takeaways from this correspondence:

- For applications supported by living DNA matches, Rosalind would need the matches' signed consent to share their genetic relationship and also lineage documents from the matches back to the most recent common ancestor(s) through whom a successful DAR application has been filed. Lineage documents must include all possible birth, marriage, and death vital records for the first three generations back, starting with the match.
- If no living DNA matches agree to join Rosalind's application, match information and lineage documents for deceased DNA matches may be used. Depending on the state where these events occurred, however, access to these vital records may only be available to immediate family. Where vital records cannot be requested or obtained, obituaries that directly state birth date and location, death date and location, and parents' names may be acceptable.
- If Rosalind would like her married surname to appear on her membership, she will need to supply the birth, marriage, and death records for her late husband when she applies. Otherwise, the membership would only reflect her maiden surname.
- Four DAR representatives have reviewed Rosalind's evidence for her application, and all support her eventual application. The current Maryland State Chairman for the DAR DNA Network has provided a referral to, and contact information for, the current Maryland State Chairman of the DAR Specialty Research committee as "someone further up the chain" to also review the evidence before applying.

## Key DNA Matches

The DAR requires two DNA matches to support Rosalind's application proving her kinship to Cicero Holt Chandler. Given her matches' shared amounts of DNA and their responses in previous projects, the following matches have been identified as the best candidates to support Rosalind's application.

- **Humphries 1** (living): Rosalind reached out once more via Ancestry messaging system, and Family Locket drafted and sent a letter to her. She has not responded.
- **Audley Chandler Harris** (deceased): Family Locket began researching and curating the relevant documents needed and how to access them in Georgia and Florida.
- **Dorothy (Humphreys) Franklin** (deceased, backup) or brother **Raymond Floyd Humphreys** (deceased, backup): Family Locket began researching and curating the relevant documents needed and how to access them in Texas.

This process of contacting and collecting documents will continue in a future research session. One possible workaround to the restrictions regarding the deceased matches' Georgia and Texas vital records is to reach out to their living children for cooperation.

#### DAR Documentation




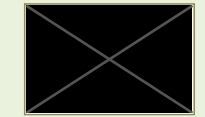



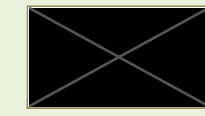
Joseph Humphries' DAR database profile was evaluated to review successful applicant lineages and identify any descendants through Nancy Humphries whose DAR applications Rosalind could connect to. While none of Nancy's descendants have applied for membership, some of Nancy's siblings' descendants are members. This means that Rosalind's application can tie into Joseph's line at his son George Washington Humphries's generation. To this end, Family Locket began curating the specific DAR documents needed for the application from Cicero back to George Washington Humphries.

Table 1 summarizes the lineage documents needed for Rosalind to show her descent from George Washington Humphries. Cells with a green background indicate the document is already published by an online genealogy website (Ancestry, FamilySearch, etc.) or is in the client's possession. A yellow background indicates that documents are available for order from an issuing government entity or may be in possession of another family member. Cells without any background color mean the vital records may not have been created by the government. These should still be sought by the client at the respective county vital records office, just to be sure. In many cases—particularly for vital records created within standard privacy protection periods—local governments will only release such documentation to next of kin or direct descendants.

- Maryland death certificates pre-January 1, 2015:  
<https://health.maryland.gov/vsa/Pages/death.aspx>
- Clark County Marriages from 1909 to present:  
[https://files.clarkcountynv.gov/government/elected\\_officials/county\\_clerk/other\\_services/marriage\\_certificate\\_\(ordering\\_marriage\\_certificates\).php](https://files.clarkcountynv.gov/government/elected_officials/county_clerk/other_services/marriage_certificate_(ordering_marriage_certificates).php)
- Pennsylvania birth and death certificates from 1906 on:  
<https://www.health.pa.gov/topics/certificates/Pages/Vital%20Records.aspx>
- Sonoma County, California, death certificates:  
<https://sonomacounty.ca.gov/administrative-support-and-fiscal-services/clerk-recorder-assessor-registrar-of-voters/clerk-recorder/vital-records/death-certificates#online>
- Georgia Department of Public Health for records dating from January 1919 to present:  
<https://dph.georgia.gov/VitalRecords>

- Pre-1919 Fulton County, Georgia, birth certificates: <https://www.fultoncountyga.gov/inside-fulton-county/fulton-county-departments/board-of-health/public-health/birth-and-death-certificates>
- Pre-1919 Walton County, Georgia, birth certificates: <https://dph.georgia.gov/locations/walton-county-vital-records>
- Jackson County, Georgia, Vital Records: <https://www.jacksoncountygov.com/318/Vital-Records>
- Barrow County, Georgia, Vital Records from 1915 on : <https://dph.georgia.gov/locations/barrow-county-probate-court>

**Table 1: Survey of Rosalind’s Required DAR Documentation**

1st Generation				
Name	Birth	Marriage	Death	Other/Notes
Rosalind			N/A	N/A
				His documents are required if Rosalind wants to have her married surname on her DAR membership.
		N/A	N/A	Due to discrepancies in Rosalind’s documents, her brother’s birth certificate is needed to show both James and Tobie as the father’s given names.
2nd Generation				
Name	Birth	Marriage	Death	Other/Notes
James/Tobie Bernard Smith	29 Mar 1916/1917/1919 Atlanta, Fulton, GA (possibly Monroe, Walton, GA)	8 Feb 1938 Allegheny County, PA	2 Aug 2011 Pittsburgh, Allegheny, PA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Church record of baptism/birth if needed?</li> <li>• Name verification from WWII draft/enlistment affidavit signed by his older brother</li> </ul>
Ruth Elizabeth Forrester	8 Feb 1920 Pittsburgh, Allegheny, PA		5 Jul 1986 Sonoma County, CA, under surname Harris	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Church record of baptism/birth if needed?</li> </ul>

3 <sup>rd</sup> Generation				
Name	Birth	Marriage	Death	Other/Notes
Florence Moon	About April 1884 Jackson County, GA  1880 & 1900 US Censuses for Crawford Moon household	11 Aug 1901 Walton County, GA	4 Oct 1922 Bethlehem, Barrow, GA (reconcile "Sallie" as mom's given name)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Church record of baptism/birth if civil birth certificate not available</li> <li>• 1880 and 1900 census showing Florence's birth into Crawford and Laura's household</li> <li>• Death/marriage certificates of siblings showing Laura Stephens name as mother</li> </ul>
Tobie Bernard Smith	About Feb 1877 Cutoff District, Walton, GA  1880 & 1900 US Censuses for Bill Smith household		2 Apr 1935 South Fayette, Allegheny, PA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Church record of baptism/birth? if civil birth certificate not available</li> <li>• 1880 and 1900 census showing Tobie in Bill Smith and August Ann Culbreath household</li> </ul>
4 <sup>th</sup> Generation				
Name	Birth	Marriage	Death	Other/Notes
Laura Sallie Stephens  Possible given name variation: Sarah  Reported maiden surname variations: <b>Stephens,</b> <b>Stevenson,</b> <b>Stevens,</b> <b>Strickland, Hosch</b>	Sep 1850 Georgia (1900 US Census, which shows kinship to Florence)	1873 (per 1900 US census in Chandler district 246)	Between 1900-1920 (1900 & 1920 US censuses for Crawford)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chandler family bible or church record with baptism?</li> <li>• Chandler estate records?</li> <li>• Civil death record available?</li> <li>• Possible 1870 US census as Laura Strickland</li> </ul>
Crawford Moon	Aug 1847 Georgia (1900 US census, which shows kinship to Florence)		12 Jun 1920 Milledgeville, Baldwin, GA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Moon family bible or church record of birth/baptism?</li> </ul>

5th Generation				
Name	Birth	Marriage	Death	Other/Notes
Charlotte? (Laura's mother)	Existence is documented in Solomon Chandler's 1854 will and 1865 estate inventory	Never married. DNA evidence points to biological relationship	None known	
Cicero Holt Chandler	Solomon Chandler's 1854 will		Cicero's 1884 will and probate file	
6th Generation				
Name	Birth	Marriage	Death	Other/Notes
Nancy Humphries	George Washington Humphries 1865 probate file (especially petition to sell land and the distribution receipt for Early Minor Chandler with Nancy's and Caroline's signatures)	Solomon Chandler's 1854 will	Nancy's 1871 probate file	Could also use George Humphries Bible transcription in <i>Georgia Bible Records</i> , compiled by Jeannette Holland Austin, 2002, page 362 (image 384 in Ancestry edition)

## CONCLUSION

This research session successfully met the objectives outlined and more. The family of Solomon Chandler was established back to his grandfather Robert Chandler, a proven DAR patriot, whose descendants share extensive DNA with Rosalind. Pedigree triangulation and DNA analysis identified five independent Chandler matches among Solomon's siblings' descendants, one of whom shares 59 cM with Rosalind. The totality of Chandler-Humphries DNA evidence for Laura's predicted double-descent was validated using BanyanDNA. Affiliation with the Chandler Family Association helped solidify the lineages of DNA matches and provided further genetic evidence of Rosalind's Chandler connection. Updating the DNA project website helped summarize the evidence for review by DAR and potential application participants. Consultation with DAR representatives yielded positive feedback, clarified the application process, and provided hope that using the genetic and documentary evidence for deceased DNA matches will lead to Rosalind's application in the near future.

## SUGGESTIONS FOR FUTURE RESEARCH

- Continue curating and gathering lineage documents for key DNA matches to support Rosalind's application. Conduct documentary research for missing vital events.
  - Make a list of outstanding documents needed for DNA matches.
  - Gather published documents and seek substitute records (thorough obituaries and marriage announcements) for recent generations, if vital records cannot be found.
  - Compile contact information for living descendants of key deceased DNA matches so Rosalind can reach out to them about participating by furnishing vital records.
- Submit evidence to the current Maryland State Chairman of the DAR Specialty Research Committee for review, as well as the four other DAR contacts.

Thanks for allowing us to research your family! We look forward to continuing as desired.

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