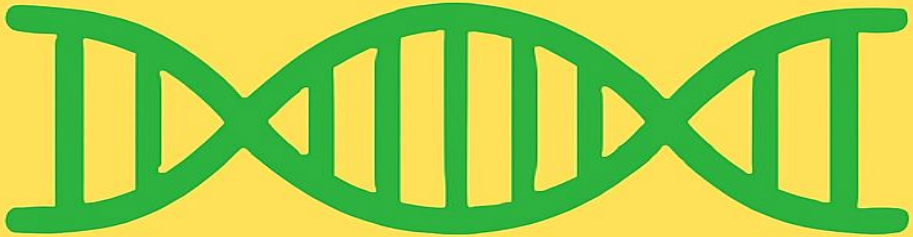
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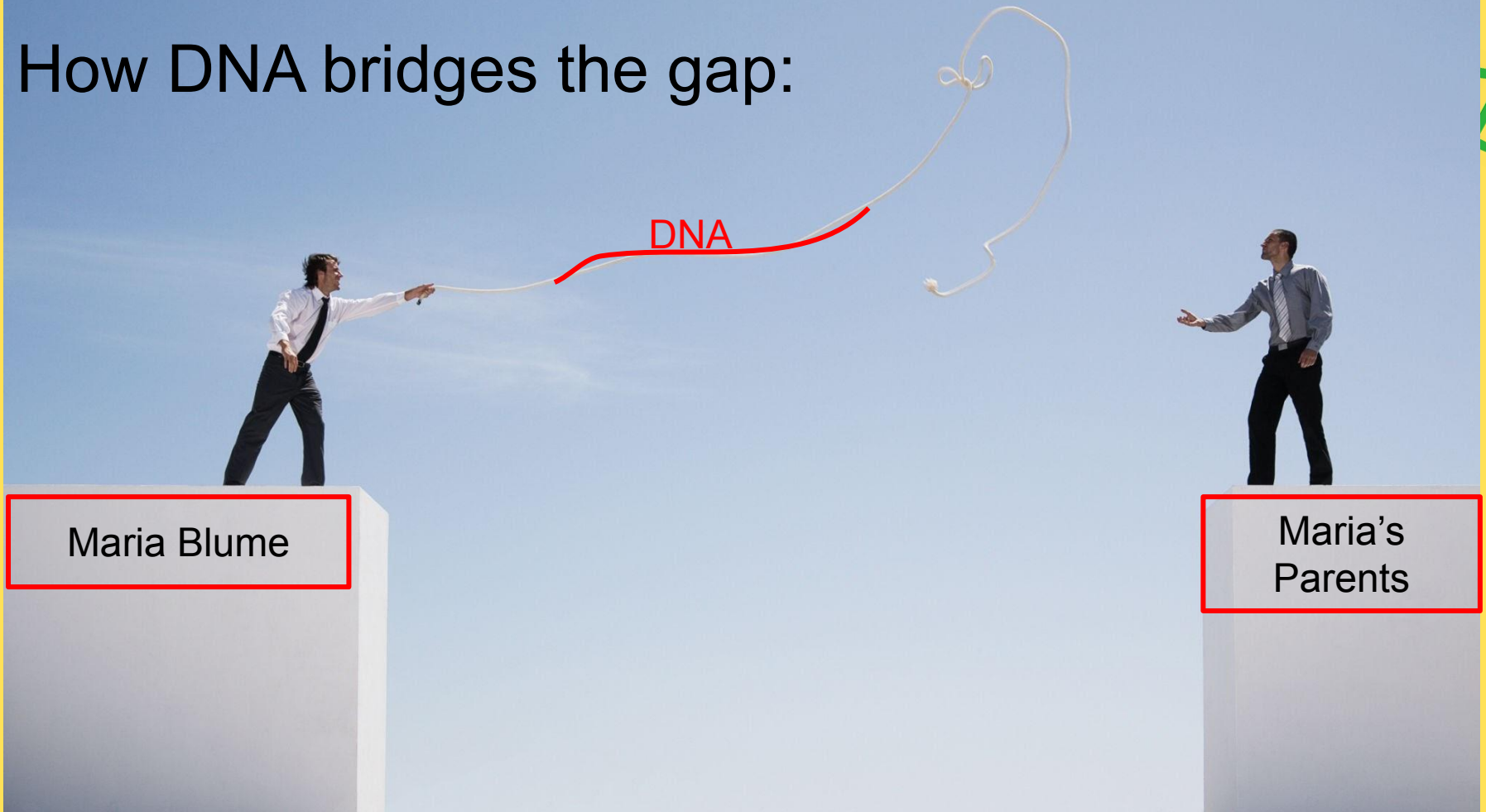
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Maria K. Blume:
How DNA bridges the gap:



How DNA bridges the gap:



Multi-Meeting Case Study



Who were the parents of Maria K. (Blume) Sanneman, who died in Steele County, Minnesota on 30 December 1904?

Indirect Evidence (F.A.N., Cemetery details and Timelines) paired with DNA evidence lead to the previously unknown and unstated parents of Maria K. (Blume) Sanneman

Case Study: Maria's Process



1. Review the known source material (identifying key events and locations):
    a. Census (Federal, MN State, MN Territory)
    b. Vital Records
    c. Immigration and Naturalizations
    d. Death (Register, Obituary, Cemetery, Probate)
    e. List of F.A.N. Club
2. Write this.
3. Create a Timeline of her life, as known:
    a. When and where
    b. Who is she interacting with? F.A.N.

Last Month

Case Study: Maria's Process (part 2)



5. Work the DNA:
    a. Best Person to Test / Best Test Taker to Use?
    b. GGP Charts (DNA Reference Charts to Great Grand Parents)
        i. Create a Sanneman/Blume Chart: Identify BKM or Best Known Match in Sanneman/Blume
        ii. My Sanneman/Blume Cluster: The Shared Matches should contain matches to Heinrich Ludwig Sanneman's parents and Maria K. Blume's parents.
6. Write This.
7. Work the DNA:
    a. Hunt the Shared Matches for BLUMEs
    b. Reconcile Last Name Spellings: BLUME, BLUHM, BLOHM

Case Study: Maria's Process (part 3)

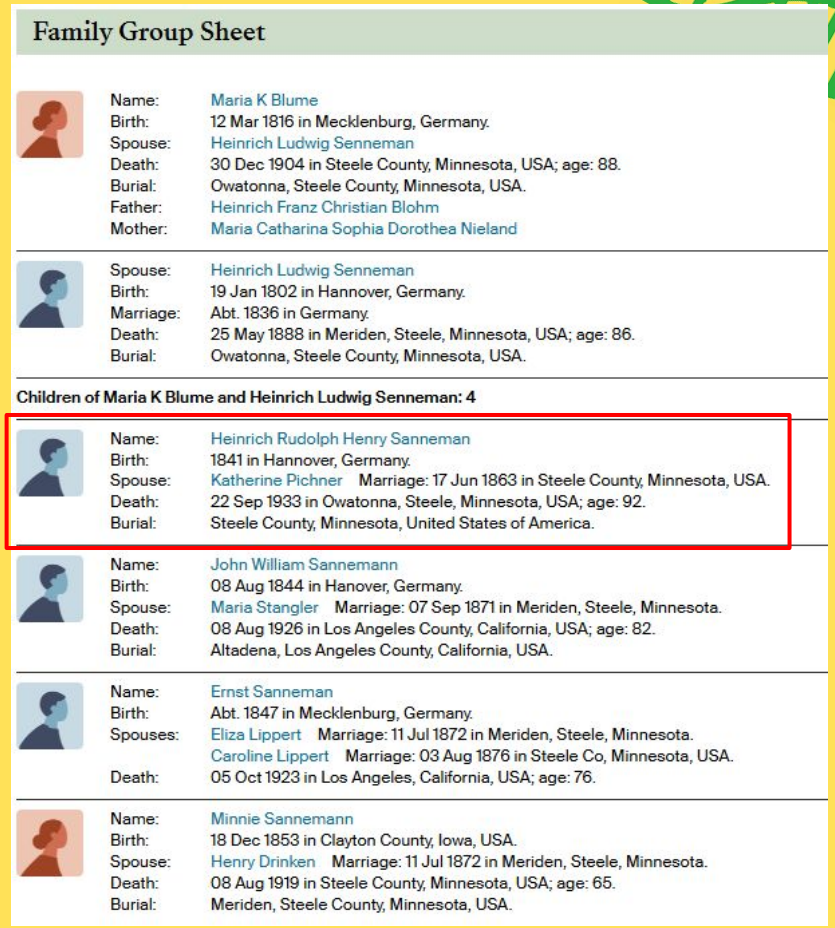


8. Research matches family trees
    a. Heinrich Abbe and his wife, Eliza Bluhm
    b. Heinrich Bluhm and his wife
    c. Franz Blohm and Catherine Nielandt, and their family
9. Compare Timelines between Maria and Eliza / Henry/ Franz & Catherine
10. Search for other Abbes & Blume/Bluhm/Blohms in DNA Matches
11.

Review What's Known:

Review, verify and find, everything for:
-Maria and Henry
-Their children and childrens' spouses
-Their grandchildren

F.A.N.=
Pichner, Stangler, Lippert, Drinken



Family Group Sheet

Name:	Maria K Blume
Birth:	12 Mar 1816 in Mecklenburg, Germany.
Spouse:	Heinrich Ludwig Senneman
Death:	30 Dec 1904 in Steele County, Minnesota, USA; age: 88.
Burial:	Owatonna, Steele County, Minnesota, USA.
Father:	Heinrich Franz Christian Blohm
Mother:	Maria Catharina Sophia Dorothea Nieland

Spouse:	Heinrich Ludwig Senneman
Birth:	19 Jan 1802 in Hannover, Germany.
Marriage:	Abt. 1836 in Germany.
Death:	25 May 1888 in Meriden, Steele, Minnesota, USA; age: 86.
Burial:	Owatonna, Steele County, Minnesota, USA.

Children of Maria K Blume and Heinrich Ludwig Senneman: 4

Name:	Heinrich Rudolph Henry Sanneman
Birth:	1841 in Hannover, Germany.
Spouse:	Katherine Pichner Marriage: 17 Jun 1863 in Steele County, Minnesota, USA.
Death:	22 Sep 1933 in Owatonna, Steele, Minnesota, USA; age: 92.
Burial:	Steele County, Minnesota, United States of America.

Name:	John William Sannemann
Birth:	08 Aug 1844 in Hanover, Germany.
Spouse:	Maria Stangler Marriage: 07 Sep 1871 in Meriden, Steele, Minnesota.
Death:	08 Aug 1926 in Los Angeles County, California, USA; age: 82.
Burial:	Altadena, Los Angeles County, California, USA.

Name:	Ernst Sanneman
Birth:	Abt. 1847 in Mecklenburg, Germany.
Spouses:	Eliza Lippert Marriage: 11 Jul 1872 in Meriden, Steele, Minnesota.
	Caroline Lippert Marriage: 03 Aug 1876 in Steele Co, Minnesota, USA.
Death:	05 Oct 1923 in Los Angeles, California, USA; age: 76.

Name:	Minnie Sannemann
Birth:	18 Dec 1853 in Clayton County, Iowa, USA.
Spouse:	Henry Drinken Marriage: 11 Jul 1872 in Meriden, Steele, Minnesota.
Death:	08 Aug 1919 in Steele County, Minnesota, USA; age: 65.
Burial:	Meriden, Steele County, Minnesota, USA.

Write This:

Still a rough draft.

Working on citations

Have 13 pages written.



1857: Minnesota Territory Census shows the Sanneman family in Meriden, Steele County, Minnesota, USA.[4] Henry (age 45), Maria (40), Henry (17), William (13), Anson [Ernest] (9), Minnie (4.)

On this same page [page 54] are others from Mecklenburg, Germany or Hannover, Germany, including:

- Henry Abbe with wife Margaret Beck and son Henry
- Franz Blohm with wife Catherine and son William
- Henry Abbe with wife Dorothy, sons: William, Henry and Frank
- Henry Drinken with his brother John, John's wife Mary and their two children: Minnie and Henry;
- C. H. [Christopher Henry] Wilker with wife Louisa Ribbe, and children: John, Henry and Anna

1860: The Sannemans continue living in Meriden with the Abbes and Drinkens close by. Henry states that he is from Hannover, with Maria and all the children born in Mecklenburg, except Minnie who was born in Iowa, USA.[5]

1863: Son Heinrich Rudolph Sanneman married Katherine Pichner in Steele County.[6]

1871: Son John William Sanneman married Maria Stangler in Steele County.[7] Daughter Minnie married Henry Drinken in Steele County.[8]

1872: Son Ernest Sanneman married Eliza Lippert in Steele County.[9]

1876: Son Ernest Sanneman married Caroline Lippert in Steele County. [10]

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[4] Minnesota 1857 Territorial Census. Minnesota Historical Society, St. Paul, MN, USA; at Ancestry.com. *Minnesota, U.S., Territorial and State Censuses, 1849-1905* [database on-line]. Provo, UT, USA: Ancestry.com Operations Inc, 2007.
[5] Ibid.
[6] Minnesota Official Marriage System, moms.mn.gov, Steele County, 17 June 1863, Henry Sanneman to Catherine Bizner, certificate #A-32-SHBC.
[7] Minnesota Official Marriage System, moms.mn.gov, Steele County, 7 September 1871, John Henry William Sanneman to Mary Stangler, certificate #A-502-SJHSM.
[8] Minnesota Official Marriage System, moms.mn.gov, Steele County, 11 July 1872, Minnie Sanneman to Henry Drinken, certificate #B-68-DHSM.
[9] Minnesota Official Marriage System, moms.mn.gov, Steele County, 11 July 1872, Ernest Sanneman to Elise Lippert, certificate #B-67-SELE
[10] Minnesota Official Marriage System, moms.mn.gov, Steele County, 3 August 1876, Ernest Sanneman to Caroline Lippert, certificate #B-425-SELC

#1 Timeline: Location Changes



Date	Event	Location
~1816	Born	Mecklenburg, Germany
~1840	Marriage	To Heinrich Ludwig Sanneman
~1841	Gives Birth	Mecklenburg or Hannover, Germany
Sep 1853	Arrival	Hamburg > NYC > Iowa
Dec 1853	Gives Birth	Clayton County, Iowa, USA
Mar 1856	Citizenship	Declaration of Intent: Clayton County, Iowa, USA
1857	Settles	Meriden, Steele County, Minnesota, USA

#2 Meriden Township Cemetery



Surnames buried there:

Abbe, Altenburg, Bathel, **Beck**, Behsmann, **Blohm**, **Blume**, **Brase**, Buelow, Buker, Gartmann, Casperson, Daetz, Davis, Dolgner, Drache, **Drinken**, Hartmann, **Fette**, Heinz, Hiers, Gansaugie, **Grass**, Grunz, Hass, Kellerman, **Lippert**, Mahl, Meinburg, Miller, Mundt, **Nielandt**, Olhoeft, Ost, Petrich, Radkte, **Rosenau**, Ruetter, **Sannemann**, Schendel, Schmidt, Schuldt, Schulz, Schultz, Scholljegerdes, Sotebeer, Stelter, Tovson, Voss, **Wicklow**, Wiechmann, Wickler, Willert, Wollert, Zacharias,

Many of these surnames immigrated from Germany in pre-statehood Minnesota.

Meriden Township Cemetery



No Parking Lot

No Signage

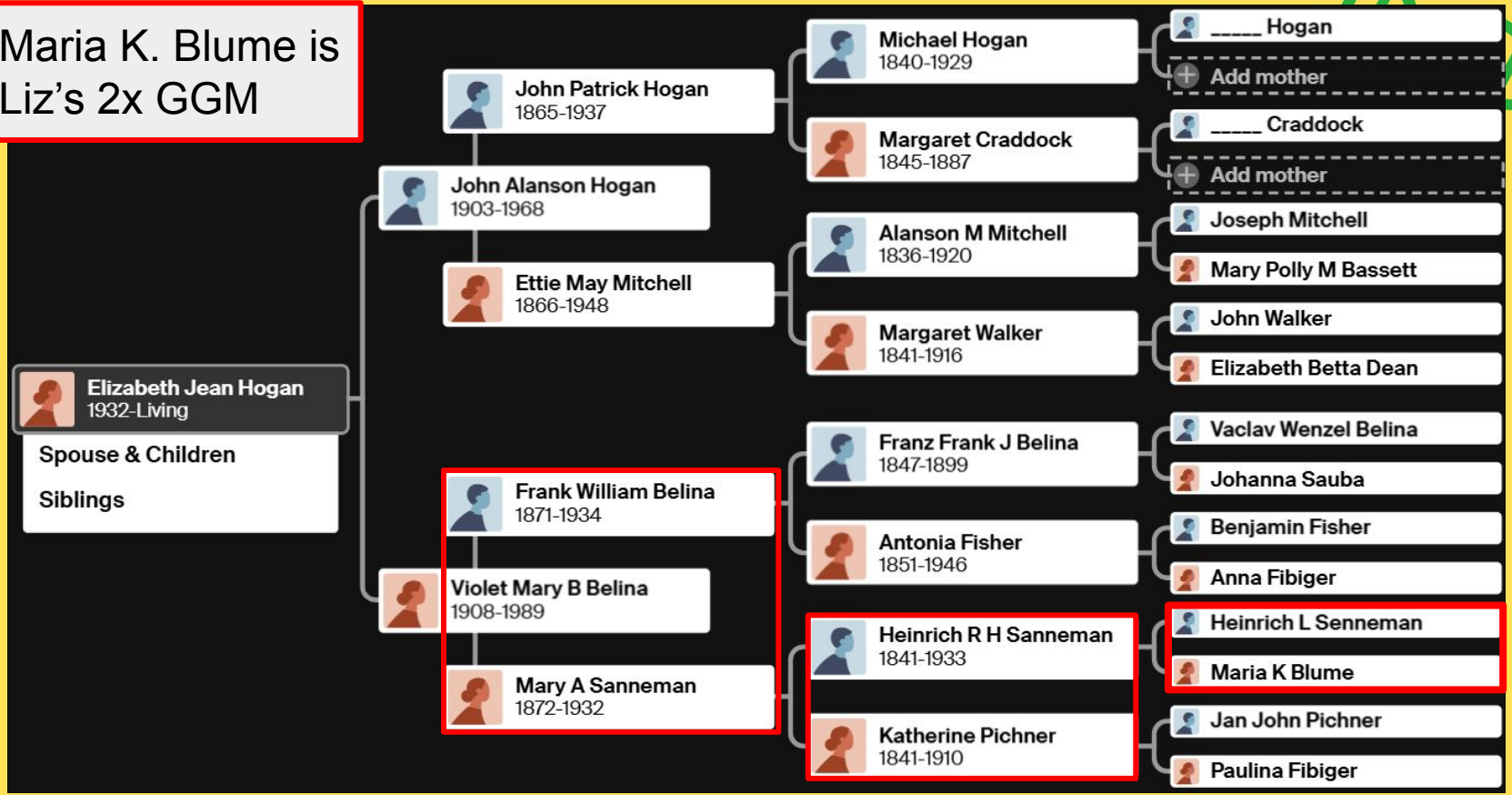
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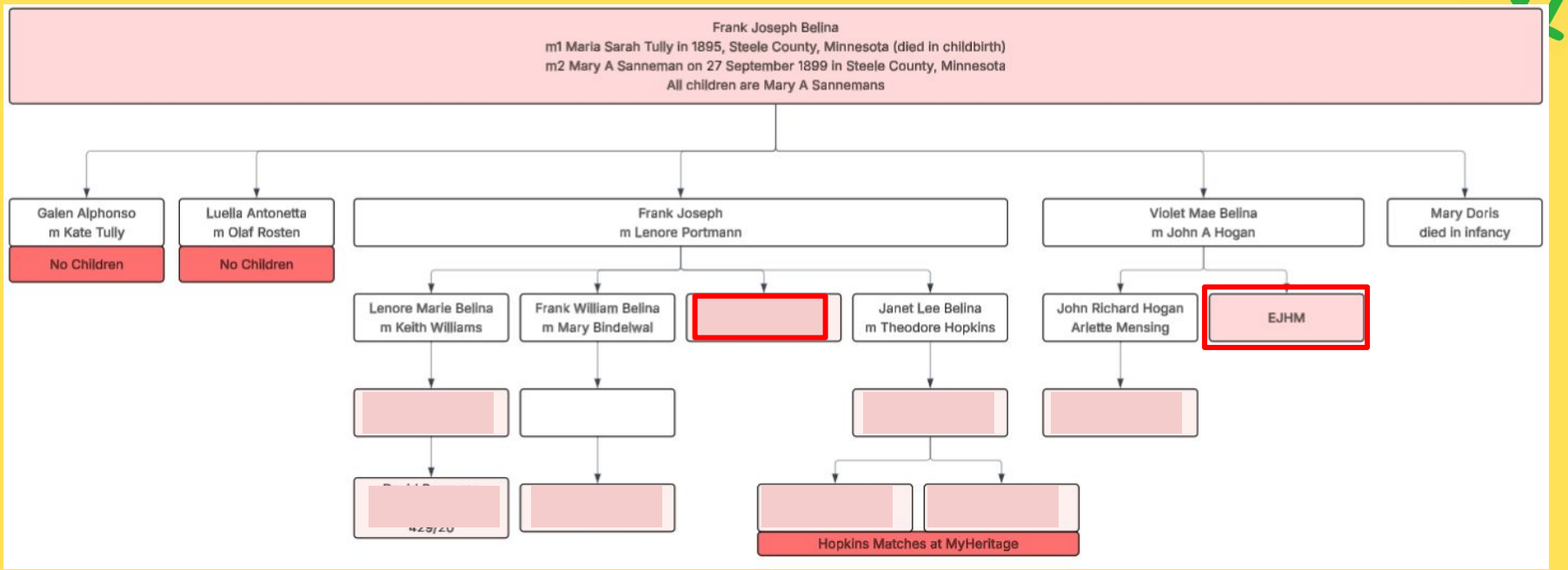
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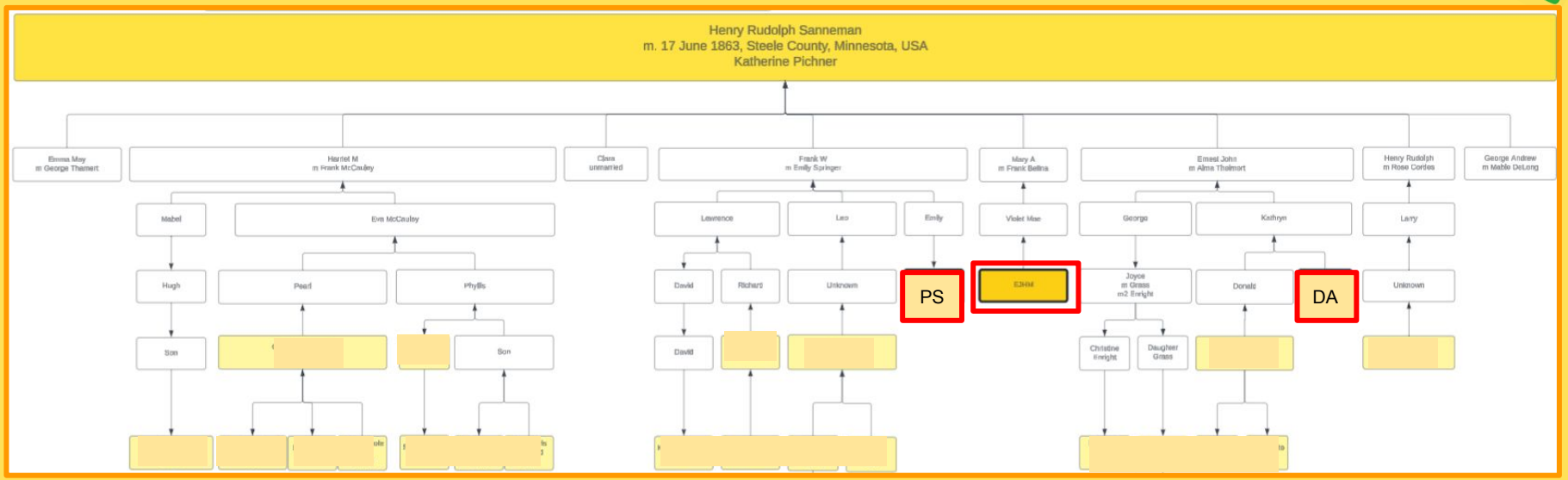
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Gen 2 = Belina/Sanneman



Gen 3 = Sanneman/Pichner



Each Case Study has a challenge?

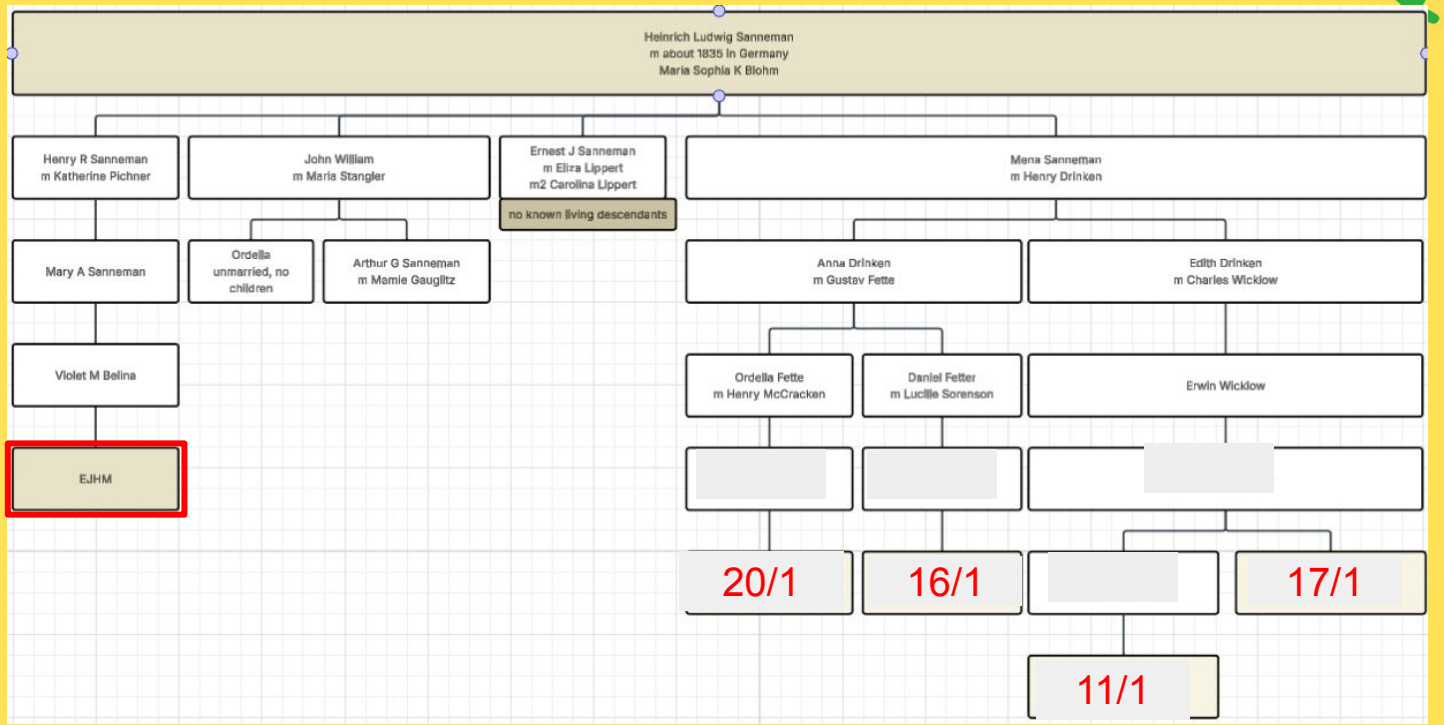


- My Craddocks: Absence of online records in County Galway, Ireland
- Shirley's Evans line: Online trees were all wrong
- Carla's Cousin: Women doing crazy things
- My Adoptee Cousin: Two men with the same name
- Pam's Kent-Wolfe line: NPE matches
- Beth's Smiths: Common surname and one child families
- My Blohms: Dangers of small segments

Gen 4 = Sanneman/Blume

4 Matches:
= 20, 17, 16, 11

I'm hesitant
to use these!!!



Plan to mitigate smaller segments

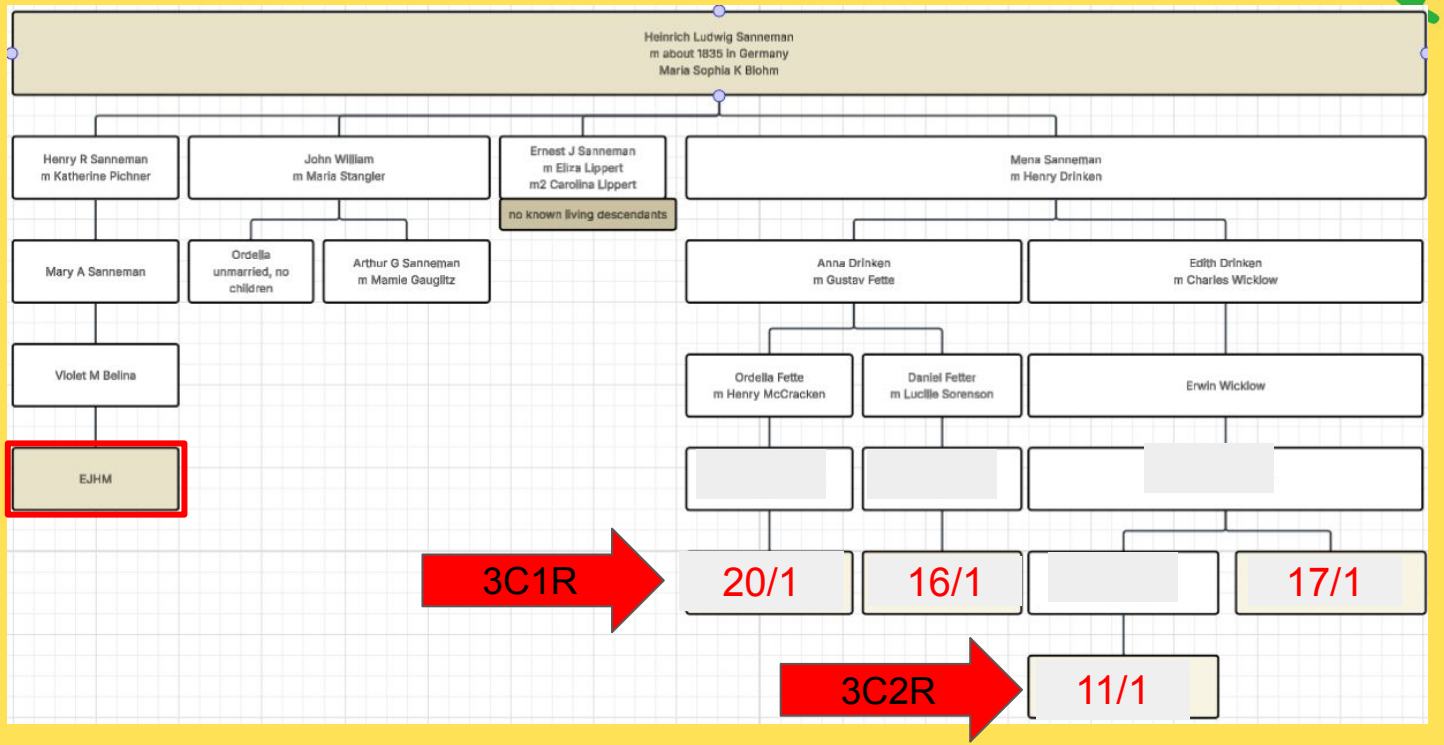


- Am I utilizing the best test taker for this research question?
- Do I have more than one match to this ancestor/ ancestral couple?
- Do the cluster of small segment matches, match each other as their relationship on paper suggests?
    - At AncestryDNA, this requires ProTools ($10/mo)
    - Use Shared cM Project at DNAPainter (free)
- Do the group of small segment matches, also match other clusters on that same family line, in particular one generation before? [Do the clusters overlap?]
    - How confident am I in the accuracy of the matches in the previous generation?

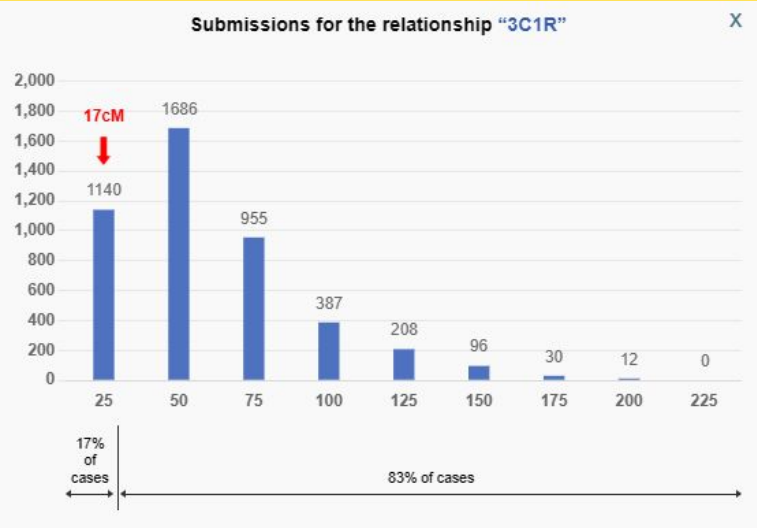
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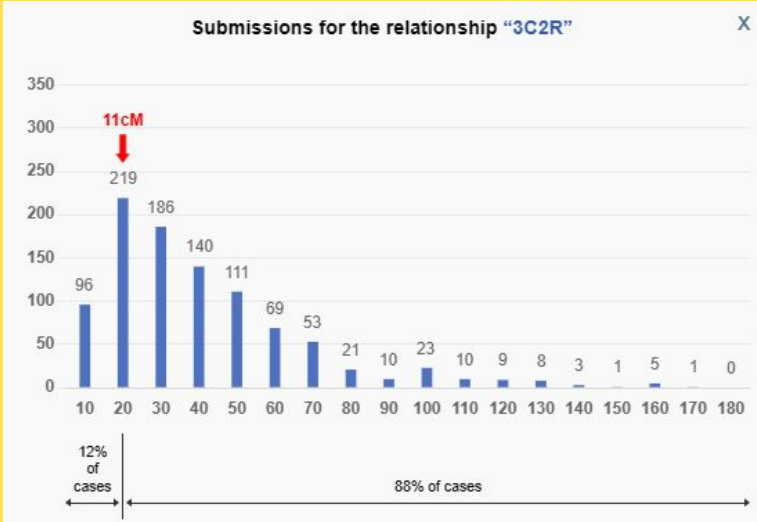
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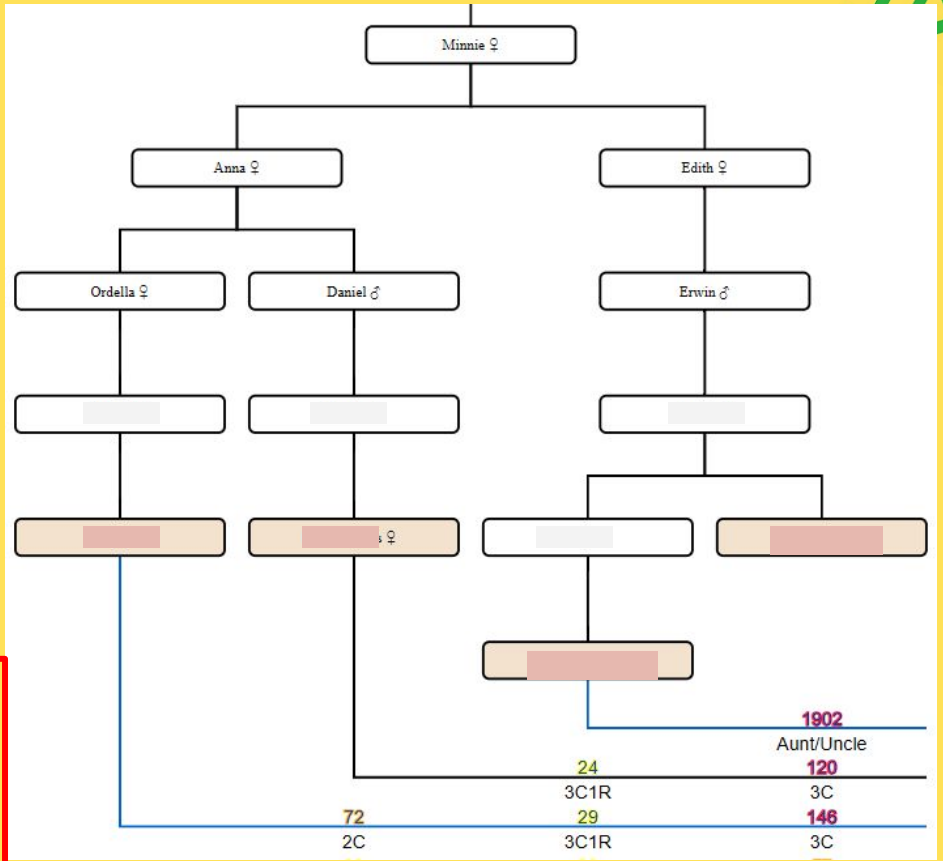




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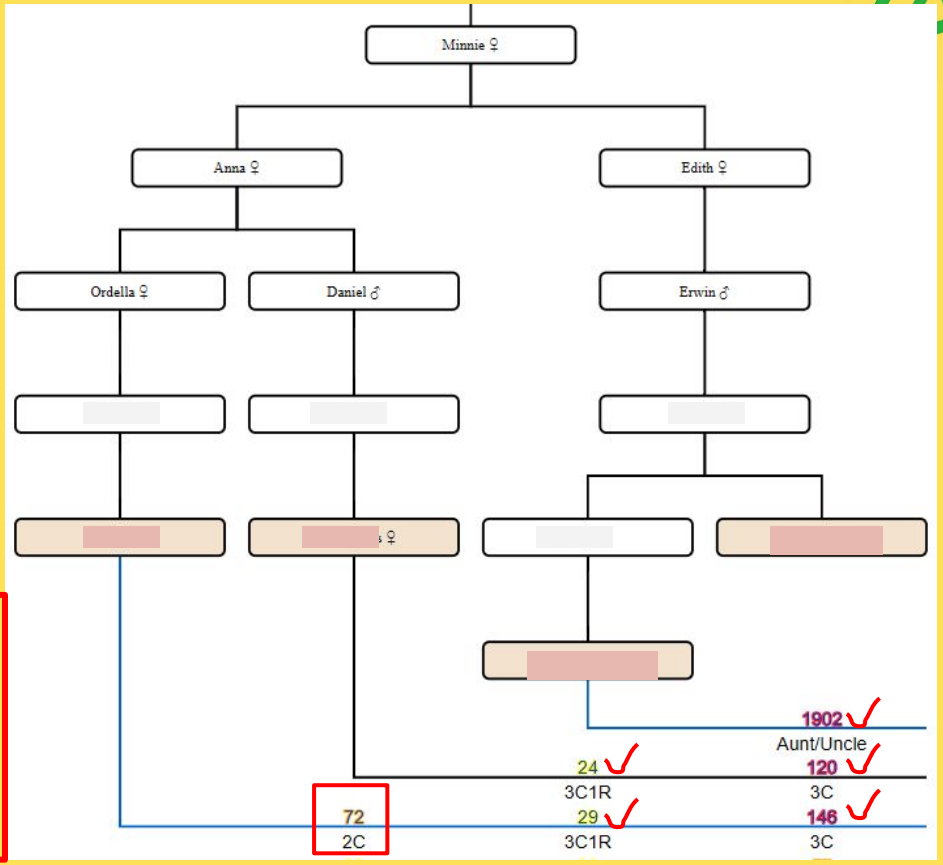
McGuire Chart at ThreadWizard

threadwizard.github.io



Then, double check these amounts at the Shared cM Project also.

Shared cM Project - Verify

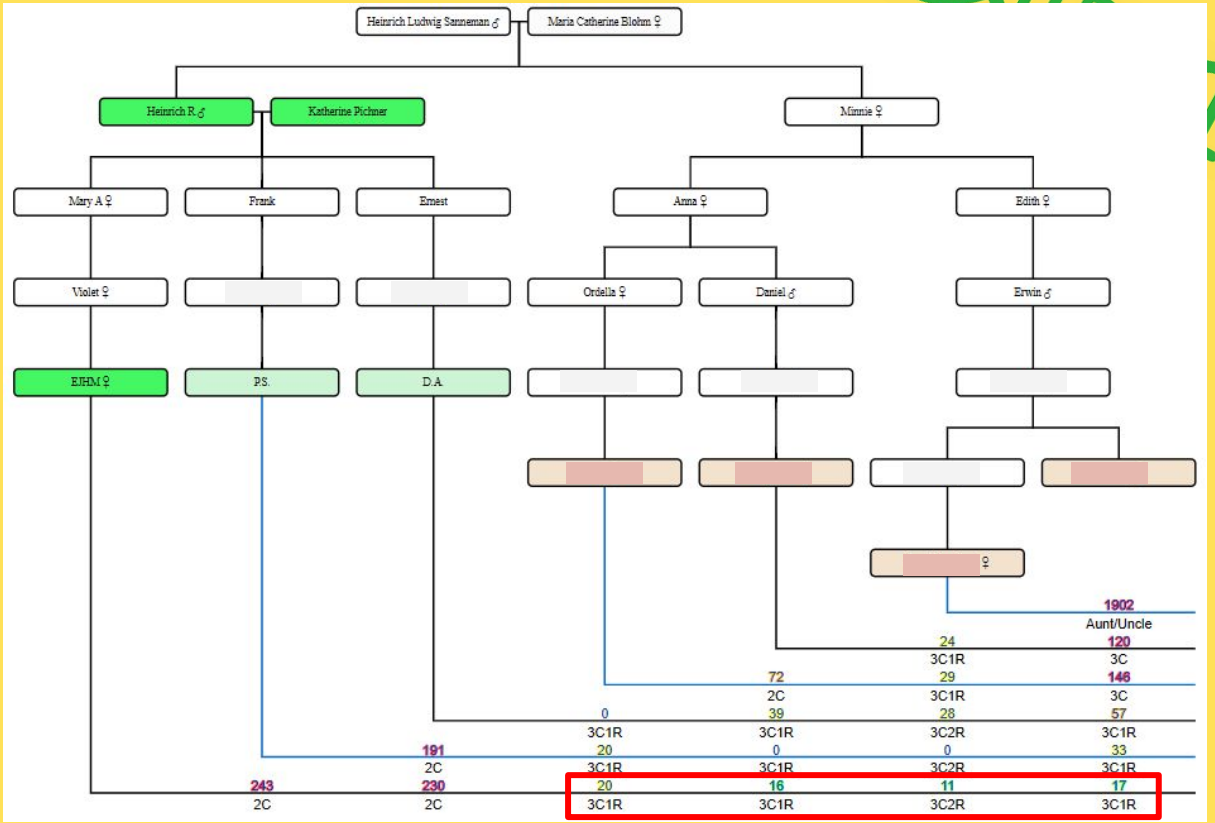


Shared DNA
Between the 4 is as expected and within normal ranges.

McGuire Part 2

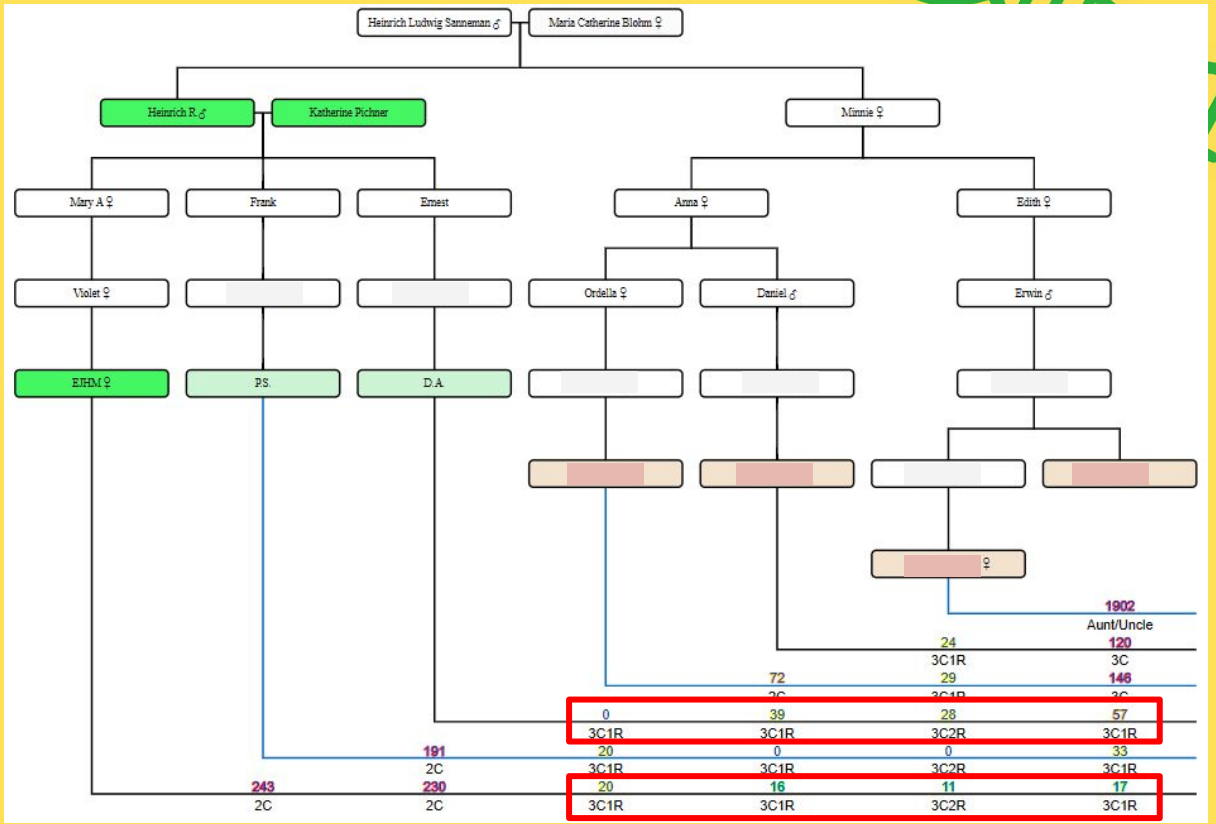
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Liz & P. S. & D. A.



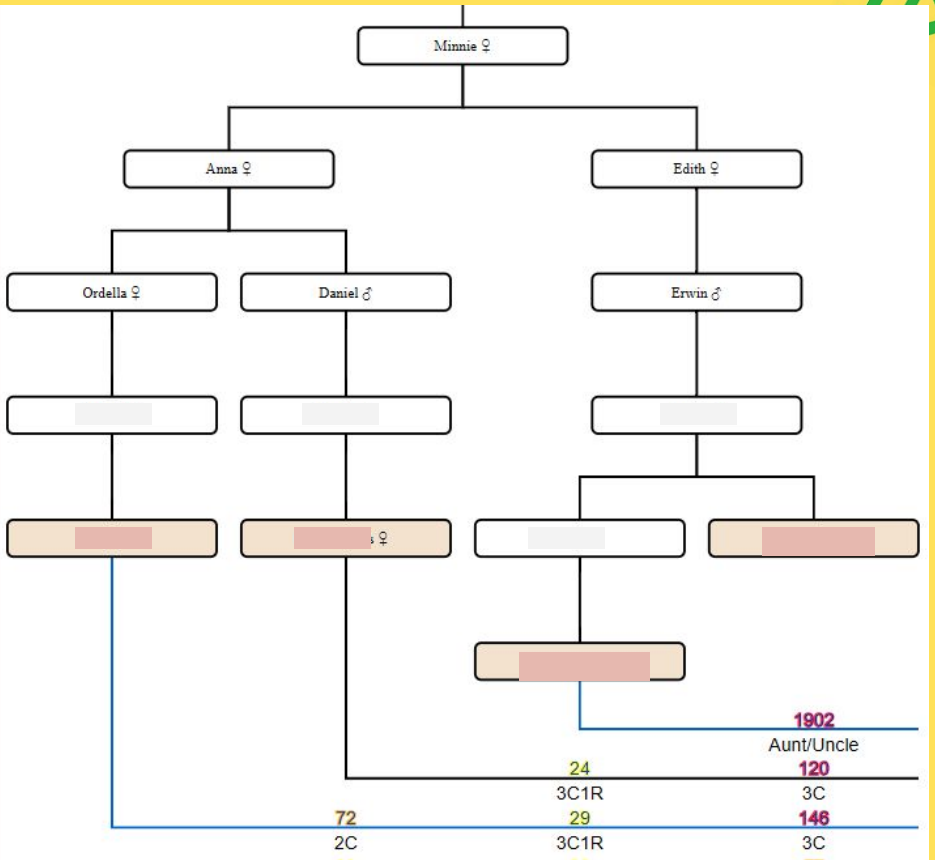
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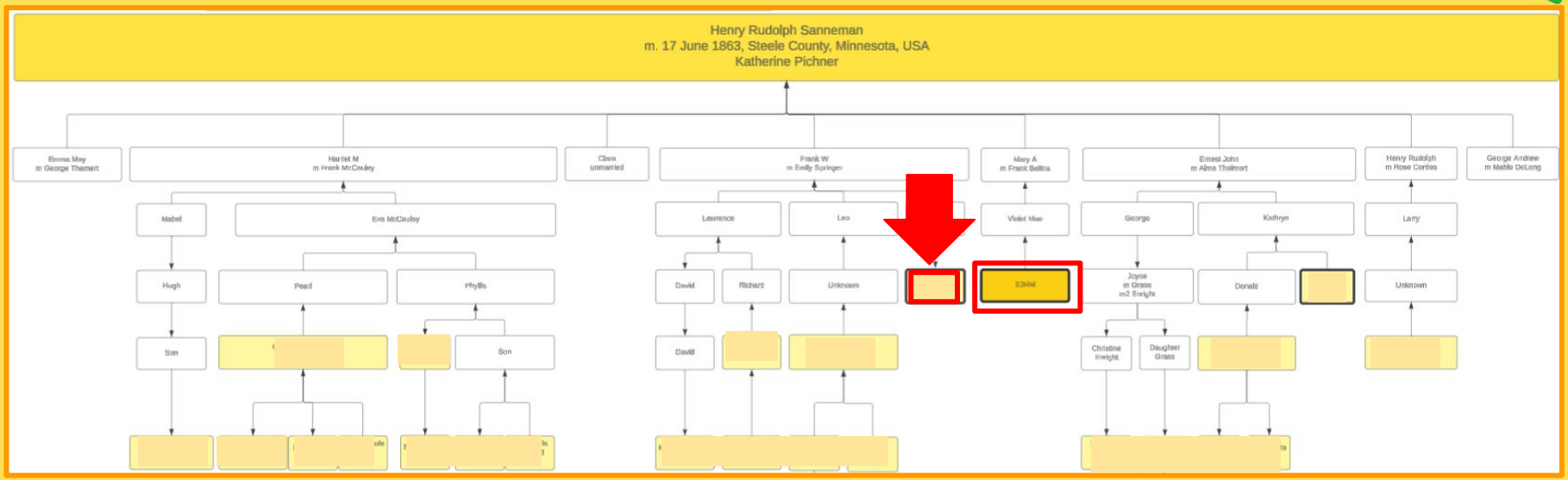


One Remedy for Small Shared Segments:

1. Do not use them as a base for research, but as confirmation
2. Retreat to previous generation for base testers.
3. Hunt for BLUME's there.
4. Use these 4 as confirmation.



Liz’s Match P. S.



Within Shared Matches with P. S.

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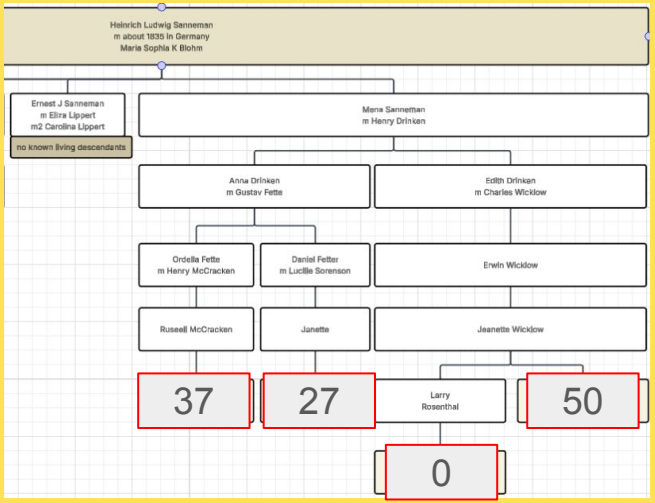
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Within Shared Matches with P. S.

LIZ : and G R

4th cousin or half 3rd cousin 1x removed | Maternal side

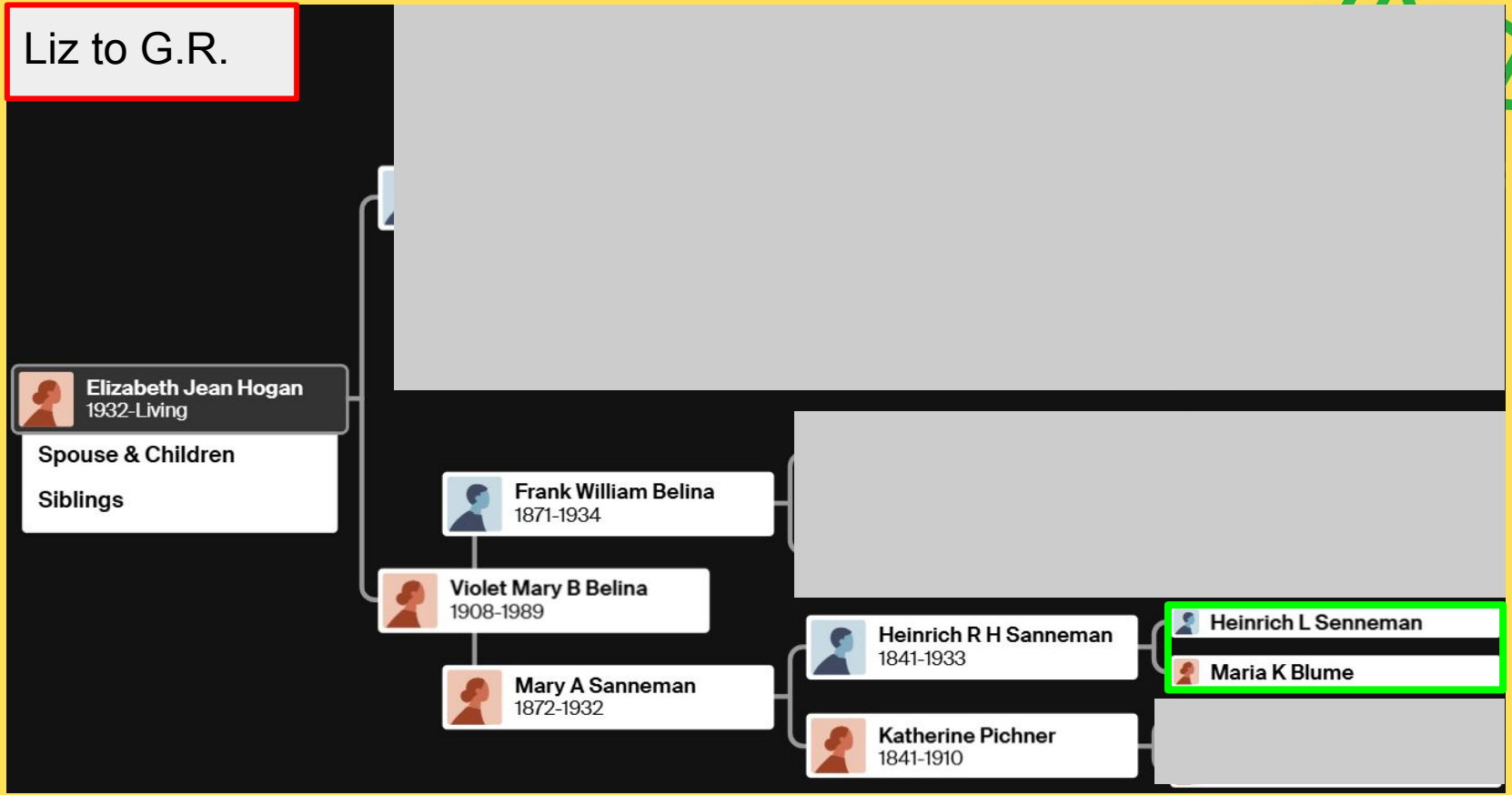
< 1% shared DNA: 30 cM across 2 segments



G. R. Matches:

1. P. S. @24
2. 3 of 4 Sanneman/Blume Matches at 37, 27, and 50 cMs
3. Surnames from Shared Matches include: Blohm, Abbe, Wilker, Fette, Krause [FAN Club names]
4. Another match from Sanneman/Pichner @25cM

Liz to G.R.


Elizabeth Jean Hogan
1932-Living
Spouse & Children
Siblings
Frank William Belina
1871-1934
Violet Mary B Belina
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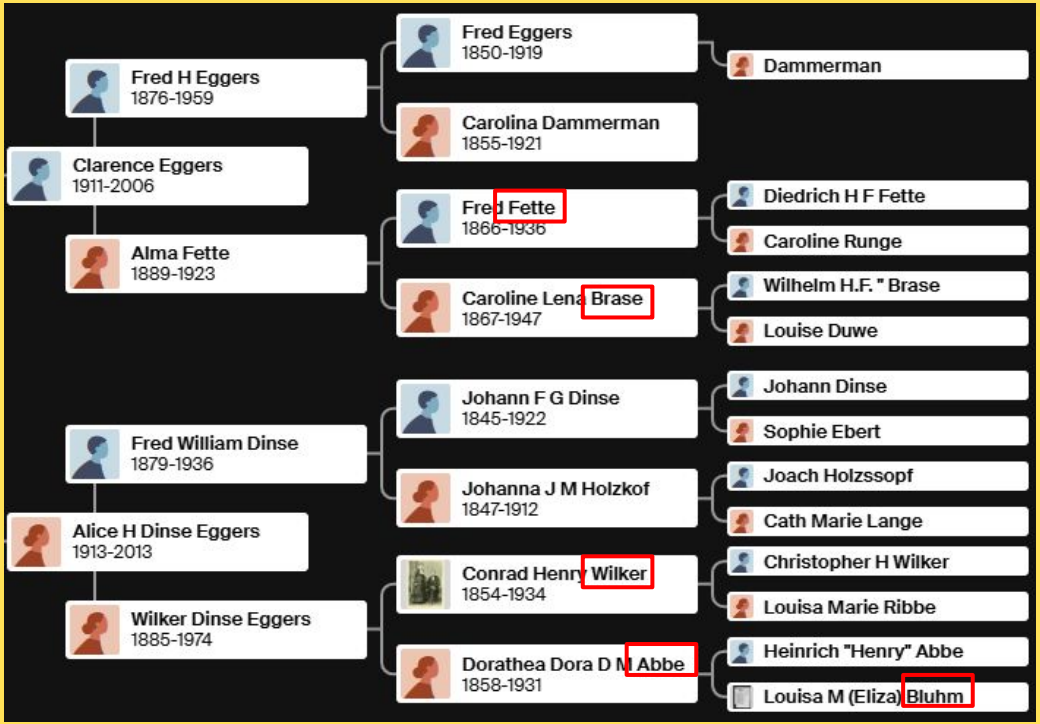
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LIZ and G R

Surnames:
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People found In **Meriden Cemetery**

BLUME = BLUHM??



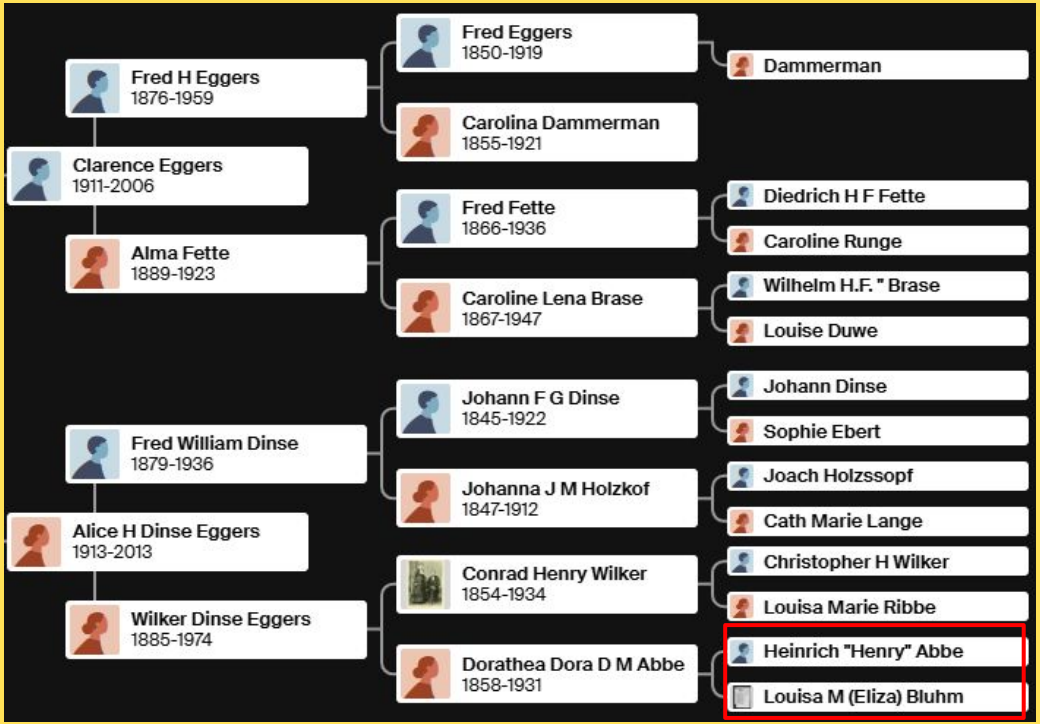
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Eliza Bluhm born 1825
In **Teldau, Mecklenberg, Germany**
M. Henry Abbe in 1848 in
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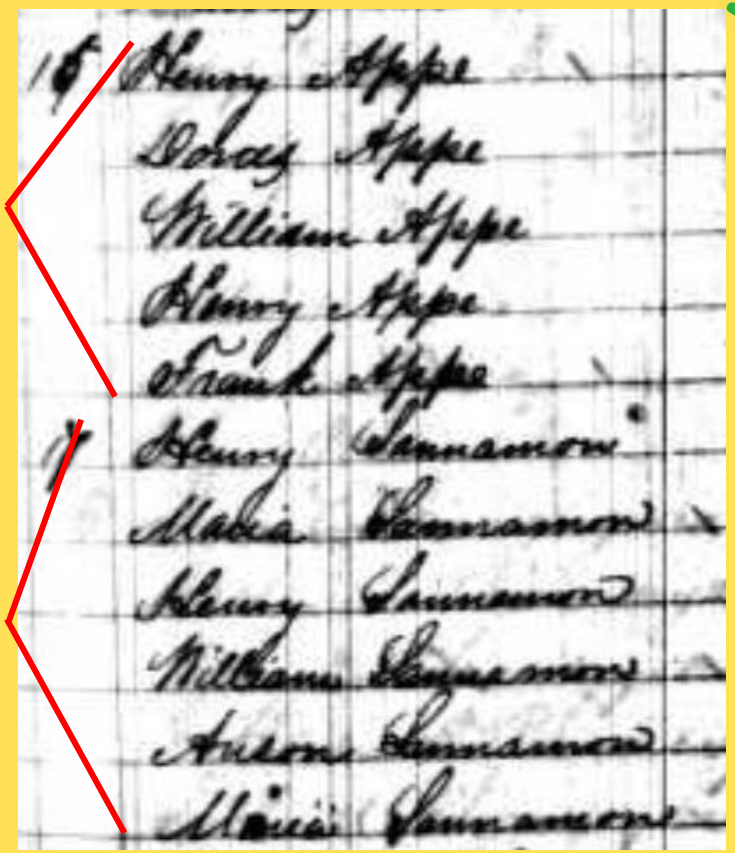
Their Son Frederick b. 1855
In **Clayton County, Iowa** .



1857 MN Territory Census

Abbes

Sannemans



The Abbes and Sannemans are neighbors.

Meriden Township Cemetery



Photo added by BJ

Heinrich Abbe

BIRTH 25 Mar 1821
Gülze, Landkreis Ludwigslust-Parchim, Mecklenburg-Vorpommern, Germany

DEATH 14 Sep 1895 (aged 74)
Steele County, Minnesota, USA

BURIAL Meriden Township Cemetery
Meriden Township, Steele County, Minnesota, USA *Add to Map*

PLOT W

MEMORIAL 821



Photo added by BJ

Catharina Dorothea Elisabeth "Eliza; Louise" *Henrica* Abbe

BIRTH 25 Nov 1825
Mecklenburg-Vorpommern, Germany

DEATH 27 Sep 1906 (aged 80)
Steele County, Minnesota, USA

BURIAL Meriden Township Cemetery
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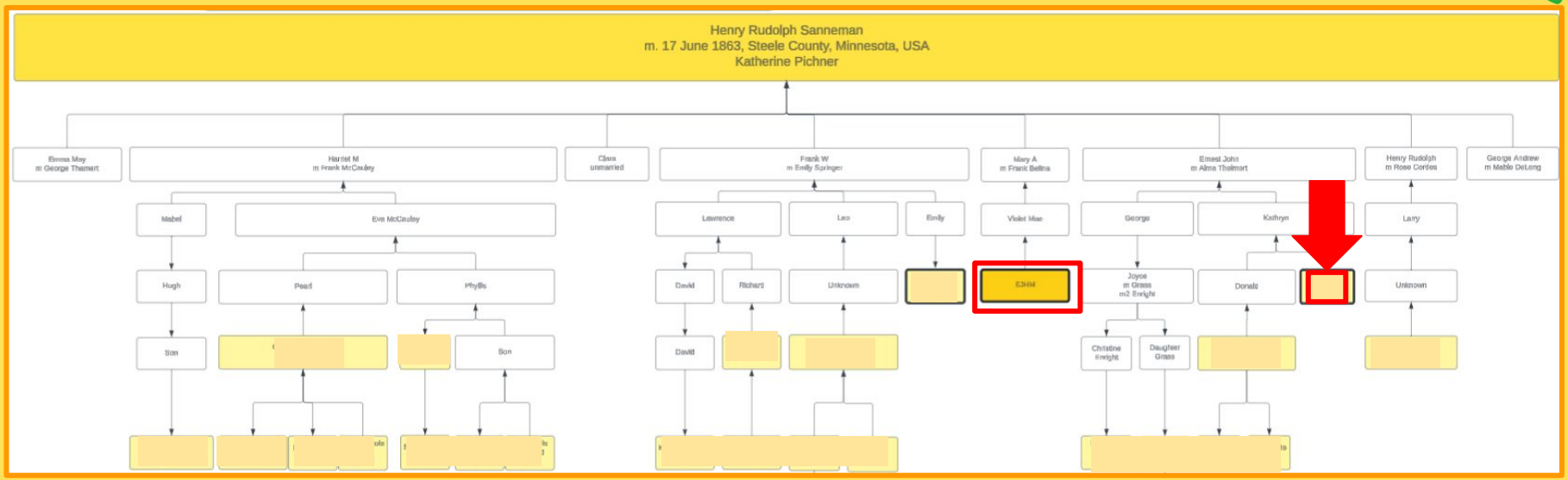
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Maria Blume v. Eliza Bluhm Timelines



Event	**Maria Blume**	**Eliza Bluhm**
Born	1816 Mecklenburg	1825 Teldau, Mecklenburg
Married	Abt 1840	1848 Boizenburg, Meck.
Arrival in US	1853	1854
Clayton County, Iowa	1853-1856	1855 [son's birth]
Arrival in Steele County	1857, neighbors	1857, neighbors
Burial in Meriden	Yes	Yes

Liz's Match D. A.



Best Known Match: D. A.

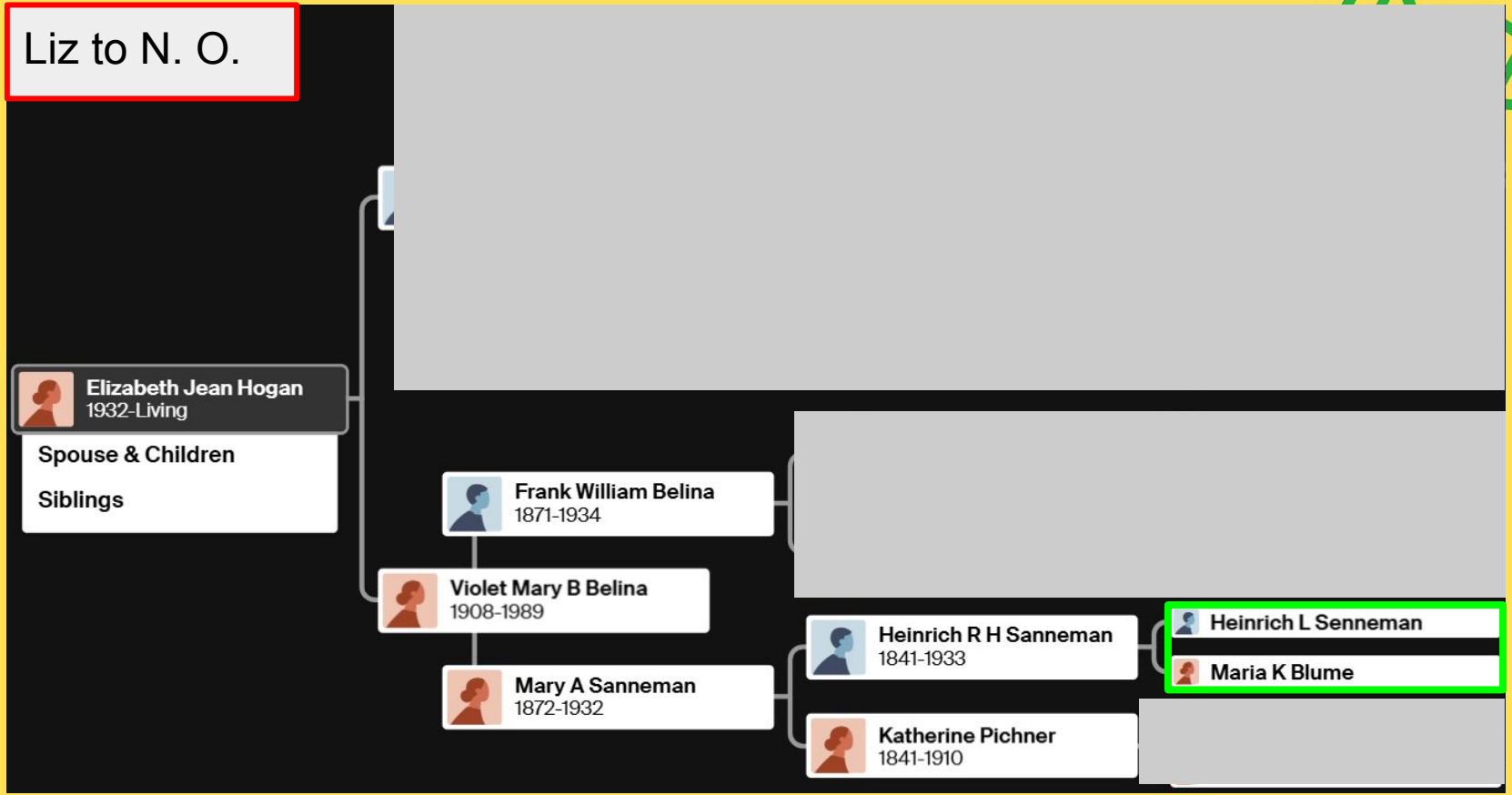
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Liz to N. O.

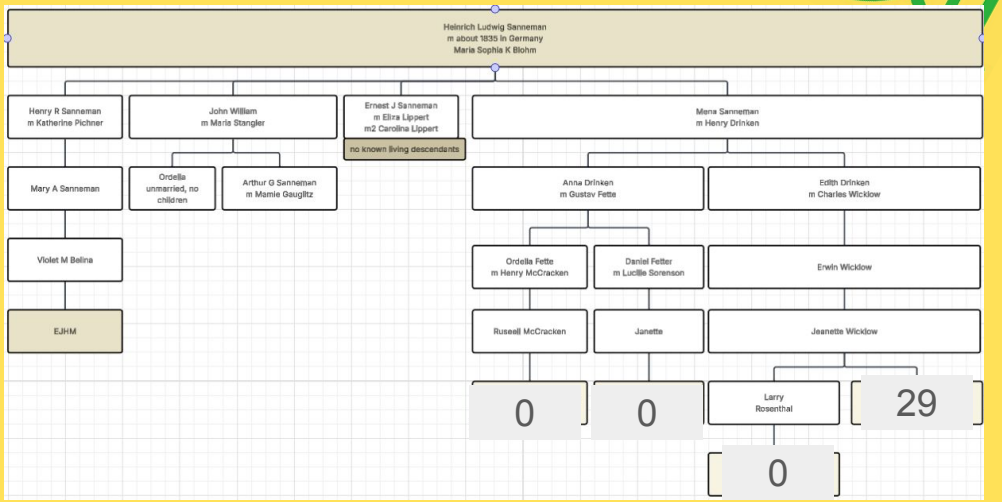

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Within Shared Matches with D. A.

LIZ and N O

Half 3rd cousin 1x removed or 4th cousin | Maternal side

< 1% shared DNA: 20 cM across 2 segments



N. O. Matches:

1. D. A. @109 and G. R. @24
2. 1 of 4 Sanneman/Blohms @29
3. 3 other Sanneman/Pichners @ 23, 71 and 41 cMs.
4. Tree has surname BLOHM

Within Shared Matches with D. A.

In Liz's Shared Matches with L. R. is:
Surname: **Blohm**

Blume = Bluhm = Blohm???

Johan Heinrich Christian Blohm
Born 1825
In **Boizenburg, Mecklenburg**
M. Margaret Beck
In **1856** in **Clayton County, Iowa**



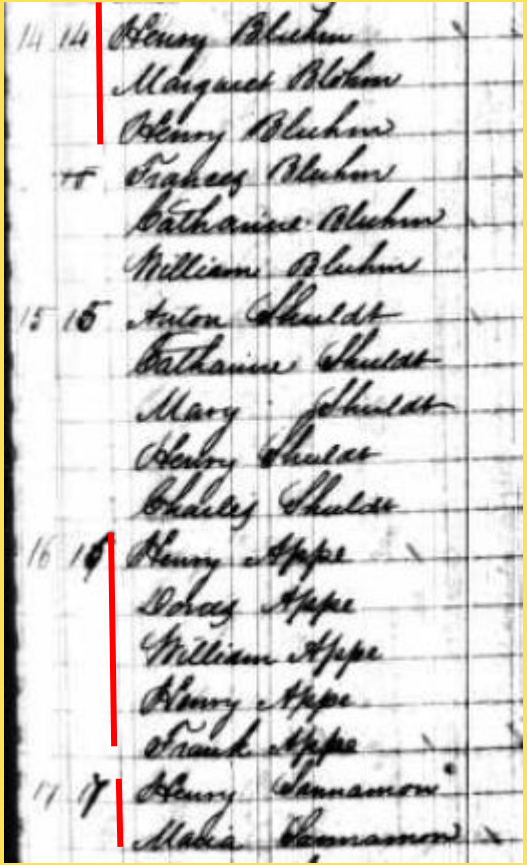
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The Bluhms, Abbes and Sannemans are neighbors.

Bluhms

Abbes

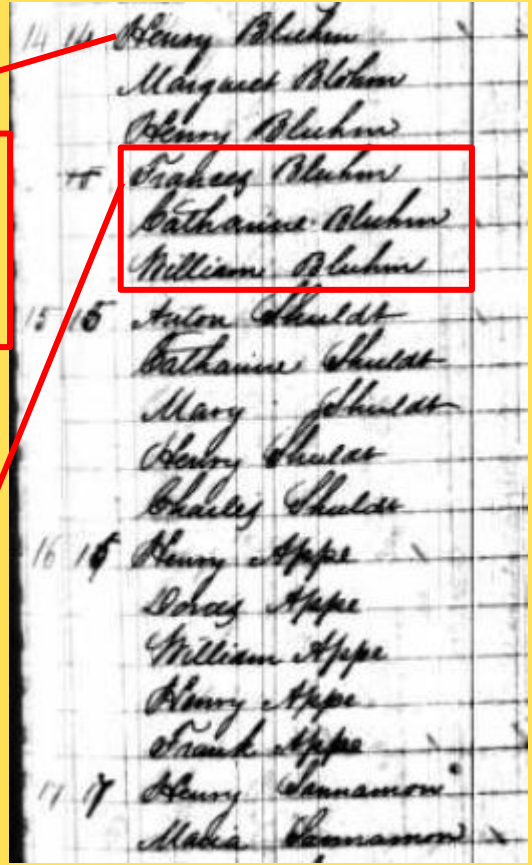
Sannemans



1857 MN Territory Census

Henry Bluhm, Margaret Beck and their infant son.

Franz Blohm, wife Catherine Nielandt and their youngest son William. These are Henry & Eliza's parents and brother.



Blume v. Bluhm v. Blohm Timelines



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Born	1816 Mecklenburg	1825 Teldau, Mecklenburg	1825 Mecklenburg
Married	Abt 1840	1848 Boizenburg, Meck.	1856, Clayton, IA
Arrival in US	1853	1854	1854
Clayton County, Iowa	1853-1856	1855 [son's birth]	1856
Arrival in Steele County	1857, neighbors	1857, neighbors	1857, Neighbors
Burial in Meriden	Yes	Yes	Waseca, Next County

Blume v. Bluhm v. Blohm Timelines



Event	**Maria**	**Eliza**	**Henry**	**Franz & Catherine**
Born	1816 Mecklenburg	1825 Teldau, Mecklenburg	1825 Mecklenburg	Pre 1800, born Teldau, Meck
Married	Abt 1840	1848 Boizenburg, Meck.	1856, Clayton, IA	1813 Boizenburg
Arrival in US	1853	1854	1854 - same ship	1854 - same ship
Clayton County, Iowa	1853-1856	1855 [son's birth]	1856	WAIT!!
Arrival in Steele County	1857, neighbors	1857, neighbors	1857, Neighbors	1857 with Henry's family
Burial in Meriden	Yes	Yes	Waseca, Next County	Yes

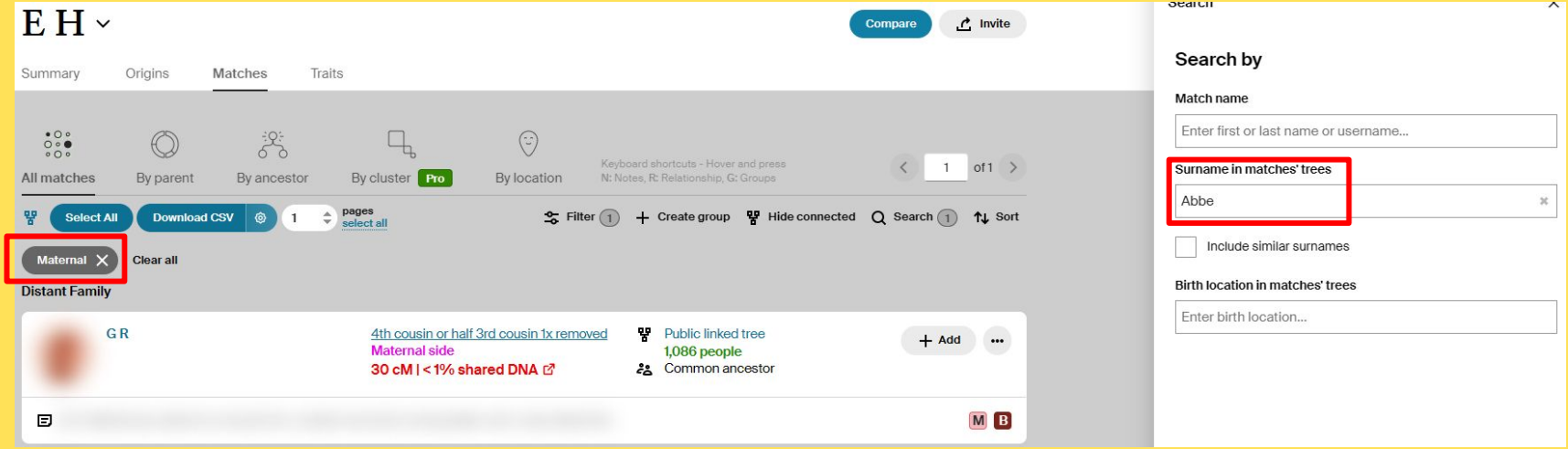
Questions to Answer?



1813 Franz Blohm married Catherine Dorothea Nielandt
1814
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1825 Eliza (b. 1825, baptized in Teldau)
1828 Henry (b. 1828, baptized in Boizenburg)
1833 William (b. 1833, born in Germany)

What's happening here?

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Maternal side only + “Abbe” surname in attached trees = 19 Matches

Maternal side only + “Blohm or Bluhm or Blume” surname in attached trees = 24

Questions to Answer:



1. Maria K. Blume was born in Mecklenburg. Her husband, Henry Sanneman was born in Hannover. Their 3 sons state either Hannover or Mecklenburg as their POBs. How did they meet? Where did they marry? Teldau? Boizenburg?

2. Franz Blohm and Catherine Nielandt married 1813. Their first known child was born 1825. That's 12 years. Could Maria K. (Blume) Sanneman, born 1816, be their daughter?



In July:

German Maps

DNA Matches and Matches' Family Trees lead to More Records in Teldau and Boizenburg, Mecklenburg

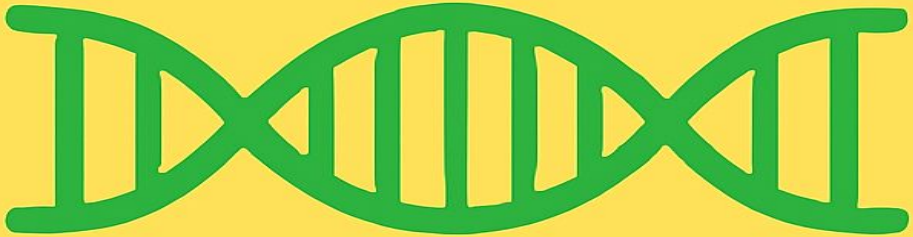
Recreating a whole family group who all immigrated around the same time to Clayton County, Iowa.

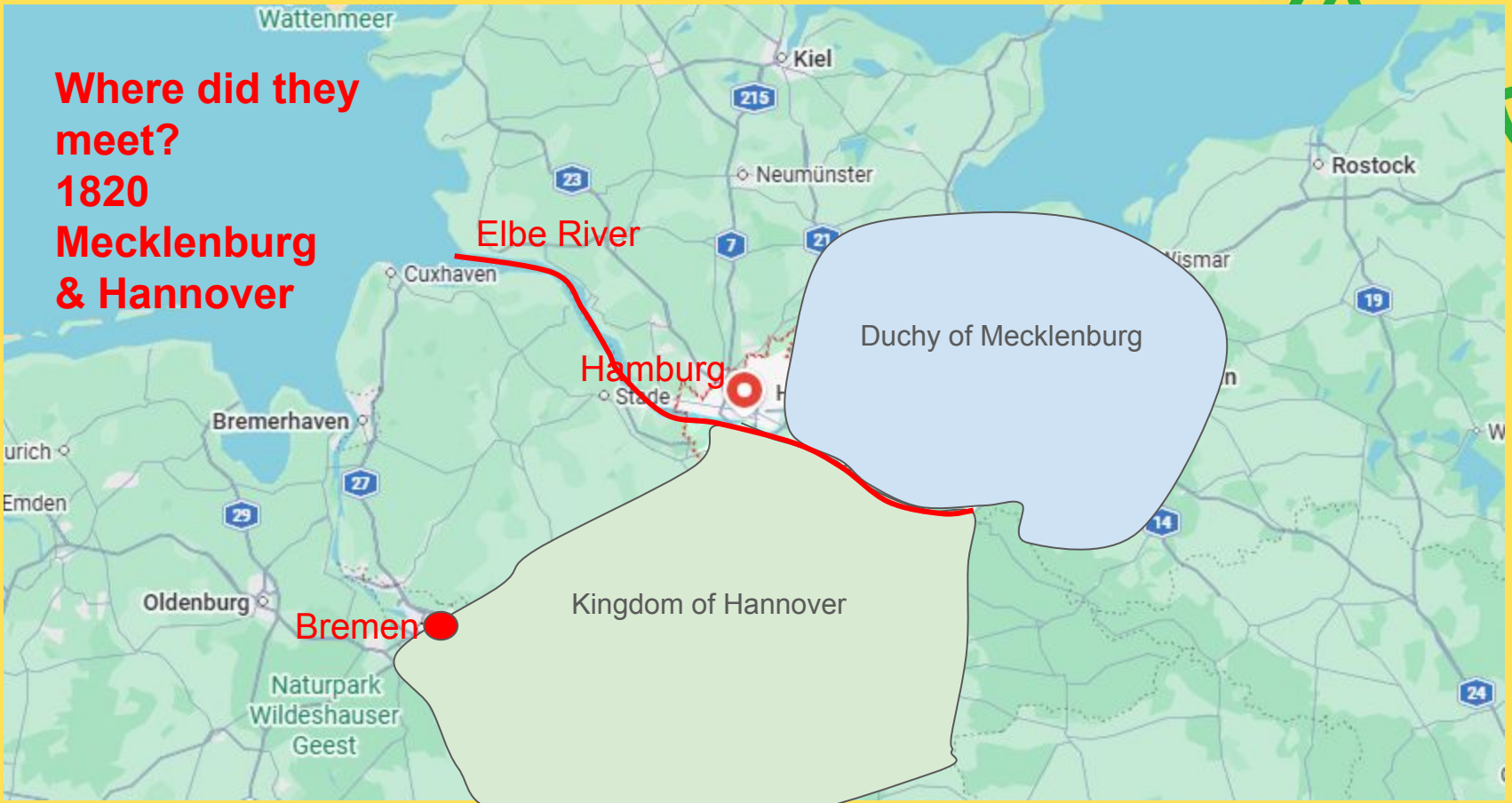
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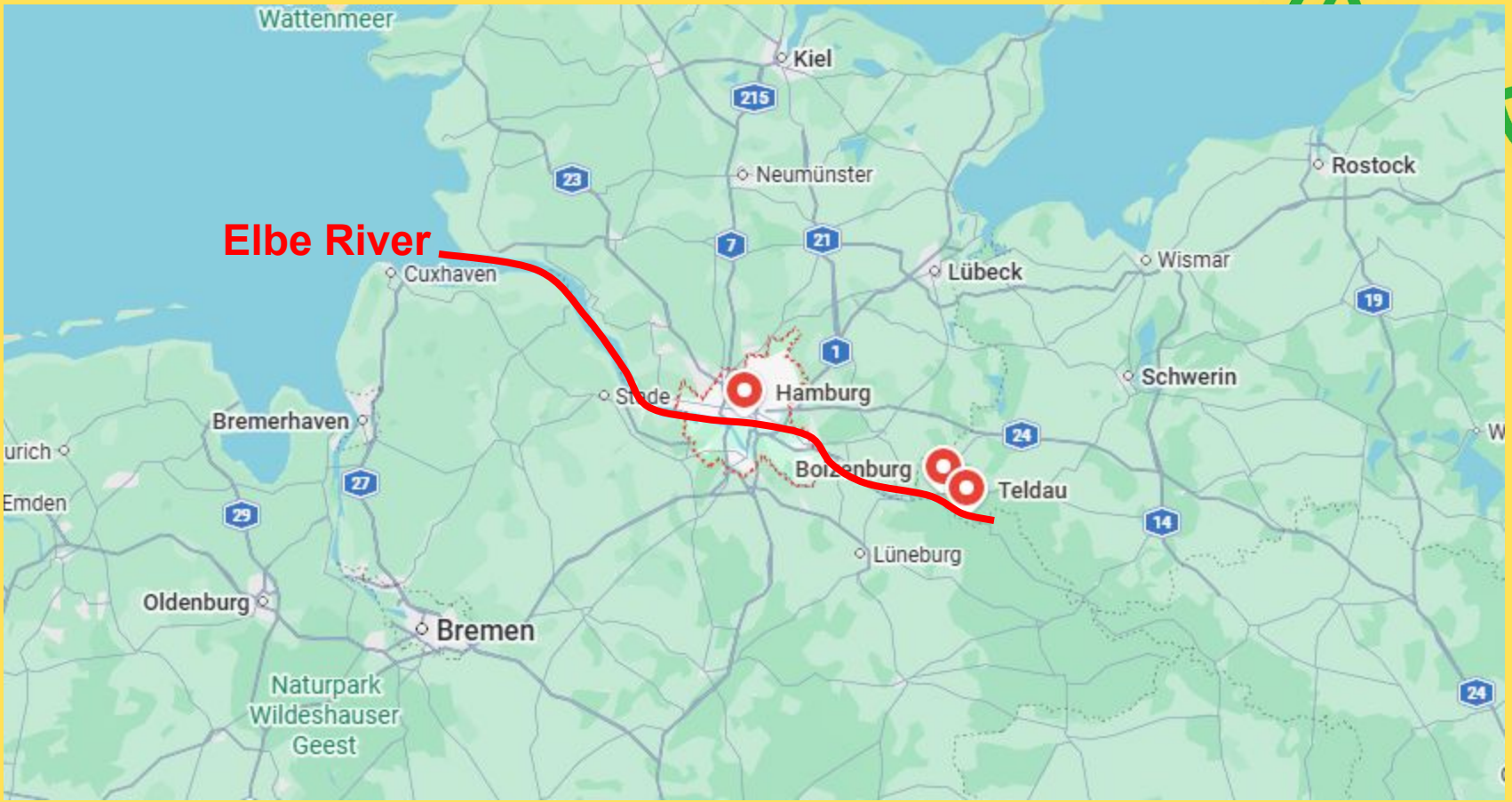
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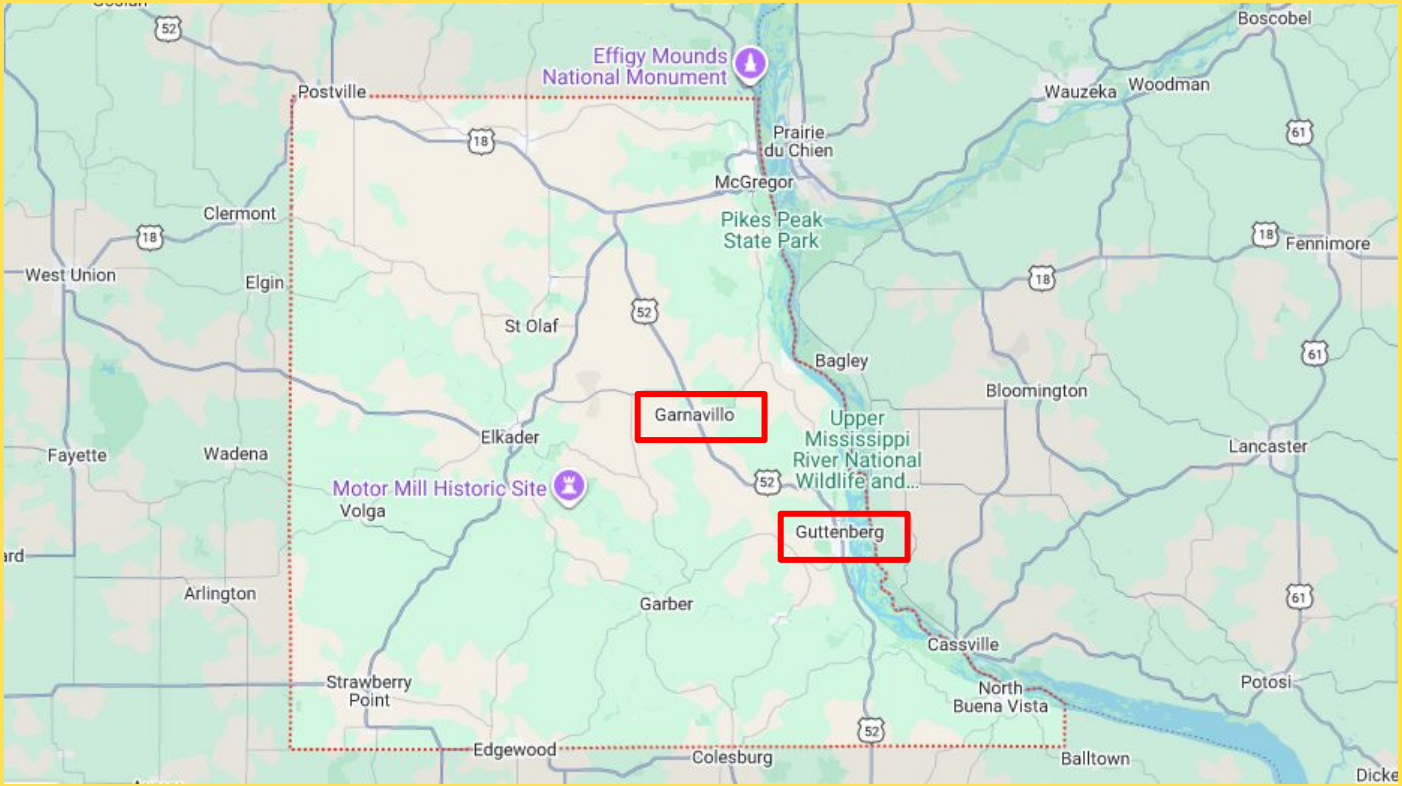
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Where did they meet?
1820
Mecklenburg & Hannover
Wattenmeer
Kiel
215
Neumünster
23
Rostock
Elbe River
7
21
Cuxhaven
Vismar
19
Duchy of Mecklenburg
Hamburg
Stade
Bremerhaven
urich
Emden
27
29
14
Oldenburg
Bremen
Kingdom of Hannover
Naturpark Wildeshauser Geest
24


Wattenmeer
Kiel
215
Neumünster
23
Rostock
Elbe River
7
21
Cuxhaven
Lübeck
Wismar
19
1
Schwerin
Stade
Hamburg
Bremerhaven
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urich
Bolzenburg
Teldau
Emden
27
29
14
Lüneburg
Oldenburg
Bremen
Naturpark
Wildeshauser
Geest
24

Clayton County, Iowa on the Mississippi



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Immigration [1850-1860]— “The Herald gives a glowing account of the times saying, "there never was a time in any portion of the west, when the country was settling with greater rapidity than northern Iowa is at this time. The whole country, from 60 to 100 miles west of the Mississippi, is literally alive with immigrants”

“New farms are being opened in every direction, and where government holds the title today, tomorrow may be seen unmistakable signs of a farm, a village, a mill, or something else which denotes the immediate transposition from the cradle to the advanced stage of civilization. Close after the pioneer, who opens his farm 60 miles from market in 1853, follows the capitalist to invest his surplus in building a railroad to transport the surplus product of the farmer to market in 1854”

“There never was a time before in this country, when every legitimate business seems so prosperous as at present. It seems as if the magic wand of the conjurer had passed over us, and produced a perfect commotion in all the departments of business, unparalleled perhaps, in the annuls of the west.”