

Parents of Lucinda Keaton Research Plan

OBJECTIVE

Determine if Willam Keaton, born about 1756-1765 and married Katy Gresham in Pendleton, South Carolina, was the father of Lucinda (Keaton) Welch. Lucinda was born about 1805 in South Carolina and married George Welch. Lucinda and George resided in Anderson District, South Carolina in 1830.

SUMMARY OF KNOWN FACTS

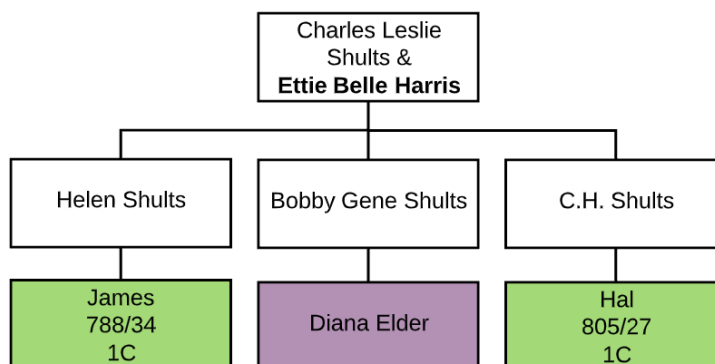
Facts from DNA Sources

The DNA Matches of Diana Elder confirm her relationship as a direct biological descendant of Lucinda Keaton.

1. Ettie Belle Harris is Diana's biological grandmother

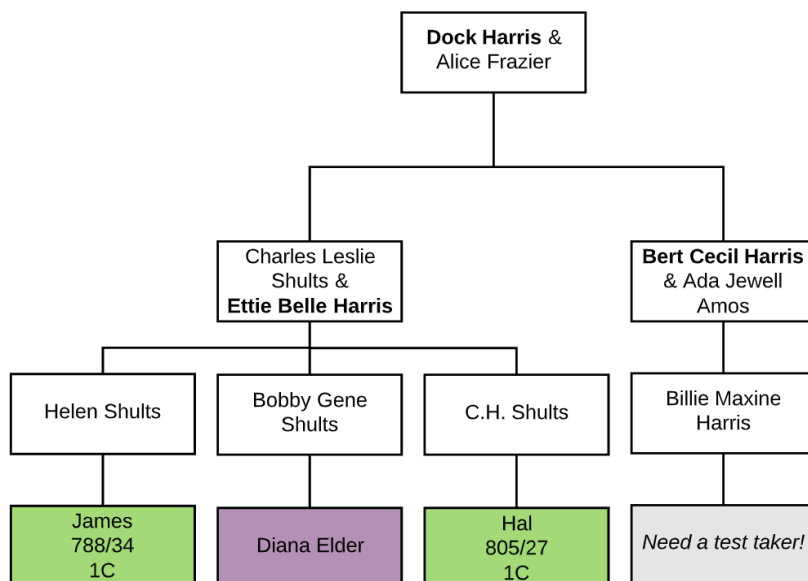
The relationship of Diana Elder (the test taker) to her grandmother, Ettie Belle Harris, is confirmed through DNA matches with two first cousins

- James, sharing 788 cM, grandson of Ettie through her daughter Helen Shults
- Hal, sharing 805 cM, grandson of Ettie through her son C.H.
- Diana descends from Ettie's son, Bobbie Gene Shults.



2. Dock Harris is Diana's biological great-grandfather

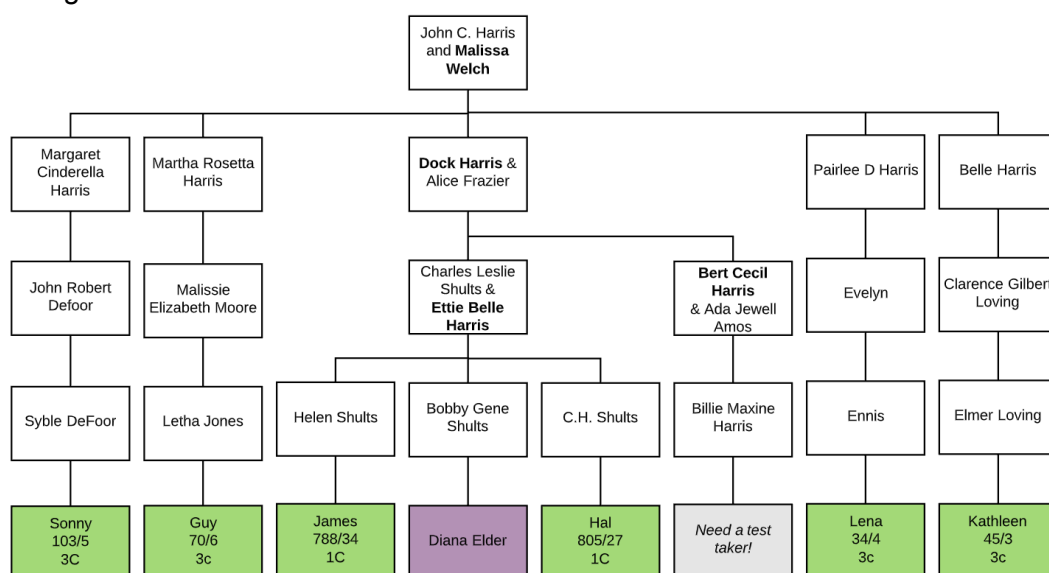
The relationship of Diana to her great-grandfather Dock Harris is not confirmed by DNA matches with 2nd cousins, however, the 1st and 3rd cousin matches confirm this link in between, as well as documentary evidence. Dock Harris had only two known children, Ettie Belle Harris and Bert Cecil Harris. No descendants of Bert have taken a DNA test yet.



3. Malissa Welch is Diana's biological 2nd great grandmother

The relationship of Diana Elder to her 2nd great grandmother, Malissa Welch, is confirmed through DNA Matches with four 3rd cousins.

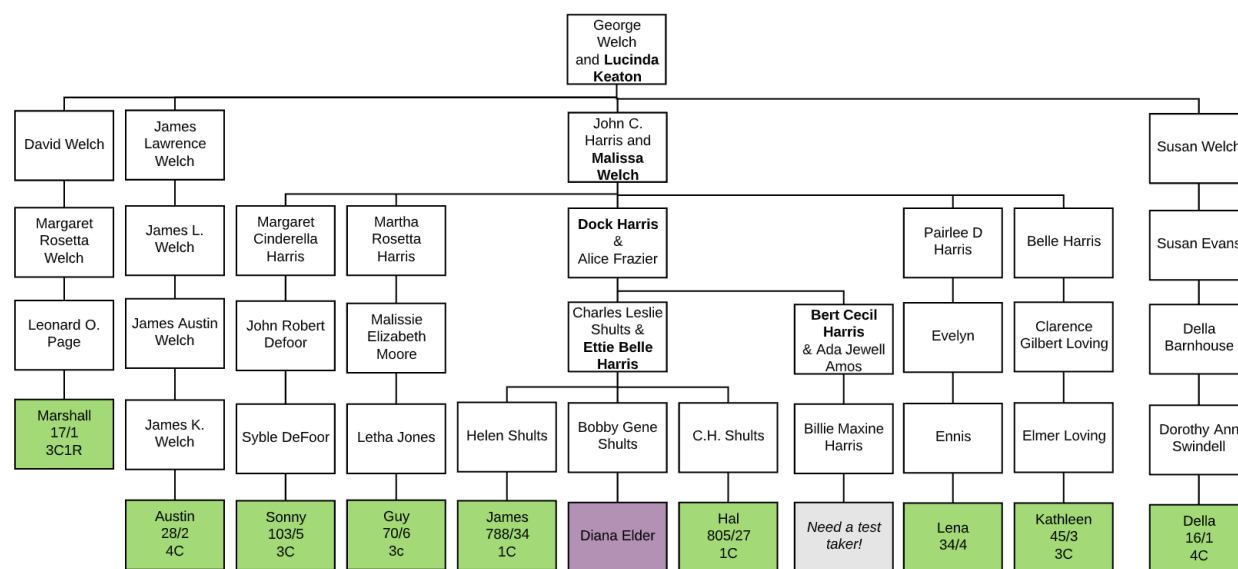
- Sonny, sharing 103 cM, 2nd great grandson of Malissa Welch through her daughter Margaret Cinderella Harris.
- Guy, sharing 70 cM, 2nd great grandson of Malissa Welch through her daughter Martha Rosetta Harris
- Lena, sharing 34 cM, 2nd great granddaughter of Malissa Welch through her daughter Parilee Dove Harris.
- Kathleen, sharing 45 cM, 2nd great granddaughter of Malissa Welch through her daughter Belle Harris.



4. Lucinda Keaton is Diana's biological 3rd great grandmother

The relationship of Diana Elder to her 3rd great grandmother, Lucinda Keaton, is confirmed through DNA matches with two 4th cousins and one 3rd cousin once removed.

- Marshall, sharing 23 cM, 2nd great grandchild of Lucinda Keaton through her son David Welch. (3c1r to Diana).
- Austin, sharing 28 cM, 3rd great grandchild of Lucinda Keaton through her son James Lawrence Welch. (4c to Diana).
- Della, sharing 16 cM, 3rd great grandchild of Lucinda Keaton through her daughter Susan Welch. (4c to Diana).



Facts from Documentary Records

Fact	Source
William Keaton was born between 1756-1765.	1800 U.S. Census, Pendleton District, South Carolina, Household of William Keaton, p 154 (stamped), line 504, image online, <i>Ancestry</i> (https://search.ancestry.com : accessed 14 April 2018); citing NARA microfilm publication M32, roll 50, National Archives, Washington D.C. 1810 U.S. Census, Pendleton, South Carolina, Household of Wm Keyton, p. 247 (penned), line 19, image online, <i>Ancestry</i> (https://search.ancestry.com : accessed 14 April 2018); citing NARA microfilm publication M252, roll 61, National Archives, Washington D.C.
William Keaton married Katy Gresham in Pendleton, South Carolina.	"Something about The Gresham, Grishims, and Halberts," <i>(Atlanta, Georgia) The Constitution</i> , 15 June 1902
William Keaton married Katy Gresham about	Estimate based on having five children in the 1790 Census.

1780.	
William Keaton resided in Pendleton County, Ninety Six District, South Carolina in 1790.	1790 U.S. Census, Pendleton District, Ninety Six District, South Carolina, Household of William Keetan, p. 12 (penned), column 3, line 13, image online, <i>Ancestry</i> (https://search.ancestry.com : accessed 14 April 2018); citing NARA microfilm publication M637, roll 11, National Archives, Washington D.C.
William Keaton resided in Pendleton District, South Carolina in 1800.	1800 U.S. Census, Pendleton District, South Carolina, Household of William Keaton, p. 154 (stamped), line 504, image online, <i>Ancestry</i> (https://search.ancestry.com : accessed 14 April 2018); citing NARA microfilm publication M32, roll 50, National Archives, Washington D.C.
Lucinda Keaton was born about 1805 in South Carolina.	1850 U.S. Census, Pickens County, Alabama, population schedule, Southern District, sheet 23 (stamped) p. 45 (penned), dwelling 190, family 194, George Welch household; digital image, FamilySearch (http://familysearch.org : accessed 9 Feb 2018); citing NARA microfilm publication M432, roll 13.
William Keaton resided in Pendleton District, South Carolina in 1810. Possible sons John and Abner Keyton lived nearby. Two females 0-10 were in the household, one could be Lucinda.	1810 U.S. Census, Pendleton District, South Carolina, Household of Wm Keyton, p. 247 (penned), line 19, image online, <i>Ancestry</i> (https://search.ancestry.com : accessed 14 April 2018); citing NARA microfilm publication M252, roll 61, National Archives, Washington D.C.
William Keaton resided in Pendleton District, South Carolina in 1820. One female age 10-16 - This could be Lucinda.	1820 U.S. Census, Pendleton District, South Carolina, Household of William Keaton, p. 229 (stamped), line 19, image online, <i>Ancestry</i> (https://search.ancestry.com : accessed 14 April 2018); citing NARA microfilm publication M33, roll 120, National Archives, Washington D.C.
Two people in the household of William Keaton in 1820 were listed as "foreigners not naturalized."	1820 U.S. Census
Nicholas Welch released 37 ¾ acres of land in Pendleton District to William Keaton of Pendleton District 4 Oct 1826.	Anderson District, South Carolina, Conveyance Book S: 2-3, "Nicholas Welch to William Keeton," 1 January 1827, digital image, <i>FamilySearch</i> (https://familysearch.org : accessed 16 April 2018); citing Anderson County (South Carolina). Register of Mesne Conveyance.
William Keaton of Pendleton District sold land to Alexander Moorehead on 23 Dec 1826, and Catherine Keaton, wife of William Keaton, relinquished her claim of dower.	Anderson District, South Carolina, Conveyance Book S: 79, "Conveyance William Keaton to Alexander Moorehead," 23 December 1826, digital image, <i>FamilySearch</i> (https://familysearch.org : accessed 16 April 2018); citing Anderson County (South Carolina). Register of Mesne Conveyance.
William Keaton died between 1826-1830 in Pendleton/Anderson District.	Negative search for William Keaton, 1830 U.S. Census
George Welch (Lucinda's husband) and Archibald Keaton were neighbors on the 1830 Anderson District, South Carolina Census. An older woman joined George Welch's household, could be Catherine Keaton, William's widow.	1830 U.S. Census, Anderson District, South Carolina, population schedule, p. 139 (penned), line 8, Archibald Keaton; digital image, <i>FamilySearch</i> (http://www.familysearch.org : accessed 8 Feb 2018); citing NARA microfilm publication M19, roll 173.

William Keeton is listed as deceased in a deed from George Welch and William Keeton to "the Rev ^t Whitfield Anthony," 14 April 1833.	Anderson District, South Carolina, Conveyance Book U: 188-189, "George Welch and Wm Keeton to Whitefield Anthony," 17 March 1834, digital image, <i>FamilySearch</i> (https://familysearch.org : accessed 16 April 2018); citing Anderson County (South Carolina). Register of Mesne Conveyance.
Archibald Keaton was listed as a trustee for Smith's Methodist Church in its first deed, 4 September 1833.	Paul M Kankula, "Smith's Methodist Church Cemetery (Old), Anderson County, SC A.K.A. Smith's Methodist Church #2," Anderson County SC GenWeb (scgenweb.org/anderson/cemetery-txt/a083.txt : accessed 3 May 2018).

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

In the time period 1790-1830, Pendleton District was a frontier like area. The land was ceded from the Cherokee and Creek native peoples in 1789. Settlers moved in and set up new towns and courthouses.

Revolutionary War veterans from South Carolina were granted land in the formerly Cherokee lands in the northwest corner of the state, between the Togolo and Keowee rivers, in present Anderson, Oconee, and Pickens counties. William Keaton was of the age to have served in the military during the Revolutionary War.

The jurisdictions covering the town of Pendleton changed several times in the early years. From 1789-1791, Pendleton was part of Pendleton County, Ninety Six District. In 1791, Ninety Six District was split and the new overarching district for Pendleton County was Washington District. In 1798, Washington District was renamed Pendleton District. In 1800, overarching districts were abolished and every county was called a district. From 1800-1826, the area was known as Pendleton District. On December 20, 1826, Pendleton District was divided in to Anderson District and Pickens District.

During this time period, the courthouse was the main record repository, keeping records of land and property transactions. William Keaton's land transaction in 1826 reveal that he was a landowner. When he died, there was likely an estate that needed to be divided. Land and probate records could reveal this.

Courthouses also kept record of civil and criminal suits, equity petitions, judgement rolls, and summary process papers and decrees. Any of these records could mention the Keaton family.

The Keatons seemed to have been affiliated with the Methodists. Methodist Churches kept records of births, marriages, burials, and ministerial records, and are held by the present day church or the annual conference archives, if the church closed.

A newspaper existed in the early days of Pendleton District - *Miller's Messenger*, which turned into *Pendleton Messenger*. This newspaper would contain notices about estates, court records, lists of letters, marriages, and so additional details about day to day life.

Naturalization Papers are available for Pendleton District from 1806-1825. These application papers may include the port of arrival and where the person was from. Many of the people being naturalized were from Ireland and England.

WORKING HYPOTHESIS

William Keaton was born about 1756-1765 in South Carolina. He married Catherine/Katy Gresham in Pendleton, South Carolina. He was the father of Lucinda Keaton, Archibald Keaton, Abner Keaton, John Keaton, William Keaton Jr., and several other children. The Keatons were members of the Methodist Church. He died between 1826-1830 in Pendleton District, South Carolina, and his land was sold by his children.

Estate and probate records, when searched, will likely show a division of property between his widow and children. DNA matches will show that Diana is a 4th cousin to William Keaton's descendants.

IDENTIFIED DNA SOURCES

The following DNA matches are shared matches with confirmed descendants of Malissa Welch:

- Austin, shares 28 cM, shared match with Guy, confirmed descendant of Malissa Welch
- Marshall, shares 23 cM, shared match with Guy, confirmed descendant of Malissa Welch
- Vivian, shares 23 cM, shared match with Elliott, confirmed descendant of Malissa Welch
- Will, shares 22 cM, shared match with Guy, confirmed descendant of Malissa Welch
- Charlotte, shares 17 cM, shared match with Ab, confirmed descendant of Malissa Welch
- Fanny, shares 17 cM, shared match with Kelly, confirmed descendant of Malissa Welch
- Helen, shares 16 cM, shared match with Will, confirmed descendant of Malissa Welch
- Nicole, shares 12 cM, shared match with Austin and R.W.

IDENTIFIED TRADITIONAL SOURCES

- [Miller's Weekly Messenger \(Pendleton, South Carolina\)](#) 1807-1841 at GenealogyBank database with images
- [Naturalization papers for 1806-1825](#), Pendleton District, South Carolina - FHL digitized online
- Search 1810 census for a man with Keaton surname who may have moved out of William Keaton's 1800 household
- Marriage records for Keatons in Pendleton District 1800-1830.

- Follow John and Abner Keaton forward in time through census records
- Find additional land conveyance records for Keaton sons.
- Who is Nicholas Welch who conveyed land to William Keaton, and how is he related to George Welch, Lucinda's husband.
- Plot out the land to see how it all relates to a relationship between the Welches and Keatons.
- Search for George Welch land records in Pendleton/Anderson District
- Revolutionary War records for William Keaton - he would have been 20 years old about 1776-1785
- [Naturalization papers for 1806-1825](#), Pendleton District, South Carolina - FHL digitized online.
- [Plat books, 1803-1864, 1866, 1871: index to plats, 1803-1869](#) Authors: Anderson County (South Carolina). Commissioner of Locations (Main Author)
- Find out if Keatons had any sherriff sales and then look up the sherriff sales in Anderson County microfilm at FHL
- [\[The Carolina genealogist compilation\]](#) Authors: Warren, Mary Bondurant (Added Author) - includes Pendleton District records and Miller's Messenger transcriptions - only at FHC
- [Genealogical collection](#) Authors: Daughters of the American Revolution (South Carolina) (Main Author) - many digitized microfilms with various compiled records including newspaper extracts, wills, deeds, etc. Many volumes are individually indexed. - several volumes include extracts from Pendleton
- Probate for William Keaton 1827-1830 / Estate Packet for Wm Keaton 1828-1830
- [Pendleton Historic District : a survey](#) by Pendleton District Historical and Recreational Commission 1973 - 72 pages about the Pendleton historic district and what historic buildings remain. Includes original land plat maps and history of the settlement of the area - learn about the Methodist Churches
- [Traditions and history of Anderson County](#) Authors: Vandiver, Louise Ayer (Main Author) - digital images and database at Ancestry. [Digitized index at FamilySearch](#). - learn about the Methodist Churches
- Methodist Annual Conference Depository in South Carolina: www.wofford.edu/library/archives/methodist.aspx
- [Anderson County, South Carolina index to estate records](#), 1780-1972 Authors: South Carolina. Probate Court (Anderson County) (Main Author)
- [Index to petitions 1820-1877](#) is online from [Court records, 1819-1884](#) Authors: South Carolina. Court of Equity (Anderson District) (Main Author)
- [Bills, no. 379-382 1867](#) is online from [Court records, 1819-1884](#) Authors: South Carolina. Court of Equity (Anderson District) (Main Author)
- [Equity notices published in the Pendleton Messenger](#), 1826-1848 ; and, Equity records from original documentary records in the courthouse at Anderson, S.C.
- [Judgement rolls, 1790-1870, index](#), ca. 1800-1899 Authors: South Carolina. Court of Common Pleas (Pendleton District) (Main Author) South Carolina. Court of Common Pleas (Anderson District) (Added Author) - some parts are online

- [Minutes, 1790-1793](#) Authors: South Carolina. County Court (Pendleton District) (Main Author) South Carolina. County Court (Anderson District) (Added Author)
- [Old Pendleton District court records](#) (as on file in the Anderson County Courthouse) Anderson, South Carolina Title Also Known As: Old Pendleton District court records (as on file in the Anderson County Courthouse) Anderson, South Carolina, by Pauline Young
- [Pendleton County, South Carolina records](#), 1790-1816 Authors: South Carolina. Clerk of Court (Anderson County) (Added Author) South Carolina Historical Records Survey (Added Author) United States. Works Progress Administration (Added Author)
- [Summary process papers and decrees](#), 1800-1869 Authors: South Carolina. Court of Common Pleas (Pendleton District) (Main Author) South Carolina. Court of Common Pleas (Anderson District) (Added Author) - some parts are online - includes papers about debts owed to other people and payments
- [Anderson County, South Carolina estate papers packets, 1828-1915](#) Authors: South Carolina. Probate Court (Anderson County) (Main Author) - some online
 - Microfilm 1572908 is the General Index to Probate Court
 - Microfilm 1572224 is the Estate records 1-60, ca. 1828-1878. This likely includes William Keaton's estate, in 1830.
 - Microfilm 1572225 is Estate records 61-120, ca. 1828-1878, so this could also be where William Keaton is.

PRIORITIZED RESEARCH STRATEGY

Source	Accessibility	Possible Evidence	Priority
Anderson Wills 1791-1834 and 1791-1857	Digitized, browse 293 records, indexed at front; also 1052 images, indexed at front	Direct	6
Miller's Weekly Messenger at Genealogy Bank	Online, indexed	Indirect	4
Anderson County, South Carolina estate papers packets	Microfilm at FHL only, contains index on microfilm	Direct	5
Contact depository archivist for Methodist church, South Carolina	Email	Direct	1
Judgement Rolls, 1800-1899	Index digitized, with some records digitized	Indirect	7

Obsolete Index to commissioner's former files	Digitized index	Indirect	8
Use Genetic Affairs Autocluster to find more DNA matches that are part of the Welch and Harris families.	Online	Indirect	1
Find shared DNA Matches between Diana and known 3rd-4th cousins in the Welch and Harris families.	Online	Indirect	2
Build or confirm family trees of DNA Matches	Online	Indirect	3

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2. Find DNA Matches of Diana that are shared with known 3rd-4th cousins in the Welch and Harris families.
3. Build or confirm family trees of DNA Matches
4. Contact depository archivist for Methodist church, South Carolina for information about what records are available in Pendleton District - stonerp@wofford.edu
5. [Miller's Weekly Messenger \(Pendleton, South Carolina\)](#) 1807-1841 at GenealogyBank database with images
6. [Judgement rolls, 1790-1870, index](#), ca. 1800-1899 Authors: South Carolina. Court of Common Pleas (Pendleton District) (Main Author) South Carolina. Court of Common Pleas (Anderson District) (Added Author) - some parts are online
7. [Anderson Wills, 1791-1834](#), (293 images) South Carolina Probate Records Bound Volumes, 1671-1977, also [Anderson Wills, 1791-1857](#) (1052 images)
8. [Anderson County, South Carolina estate papers packets, 1828-1915](#) Authors: South Carolina. Probate Court (Anderson County) (Main Author) - some online
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9. [Obsolete index to commissioners' former files](#) of Pendleton and Anderson Districts, 1820-1856. Arranged under petitioner or plaintiff. Pendleton was discontinued in 1826. Digitized online.