

Linking USA Gumperts to our Ancestors in Germany

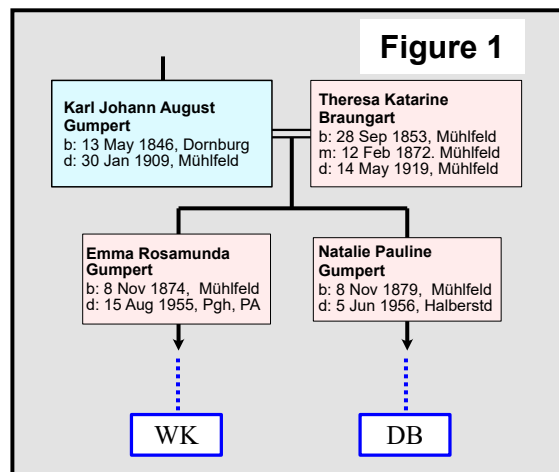
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Creating the Gumpert Family Tree

Our families had been collectors of genealogy information for many years. Our grandmothers' maiden name was Gumpert and through family, church and public records, we were able to trace their ancestors to the early 1600s. At that point, wars caused some church records to be destroyed, so that's as far back as we got.

Genetic Genealogy, Our DNA

In the Fall of 2019, my second cousin and I had received our DNA results from AncestryDNA and they showed, as expected, a very good match. About 190 cM and many long strands. No surprise there. We uploaded the results to GENMatch, FamilyTreeDNA and MyHeritage. The results among these sites were similar, within $\pm 10\%$. Our relationship is shown in Figure 1 below.



The Search

We searched for DNA connections and found many strong matches. Most matches were from AncestryDNA. We considered a significant DNA match as anyone sharing a longest strand of 30 cM or more. We ended up with hundreds of these matches.

We found several people who were particularly interesting, having the same surname, Gumpert, as our Grandmothers. We began contacting them and were fortunate that one person responded who provided full access to her family tree plus a link to her DNA results.

Making the Unlinked Tree

This contact led to more Gumperts willing to share family tree information.

Our computer-based genealogy program, Legacy Family Tree 9.0, enabled us to grow an unlinked family tree. An unlinked individual or group means we knew there was a tie, but didn't know exactly where.

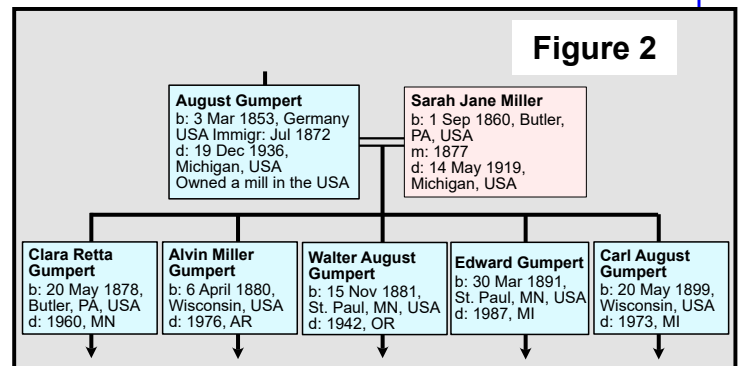
The most distant ancestor on this unlinked tree was August Gumpert, born in Germany 1853 and died 1936 in the USA. From the 1880 US census of the August Gumpert family:

- Resident: Ellsworth Village, Pierce County, Wisconsin.
- Occupation: farmer.
- Born: Prussia (*Prussia originated in 1525 and was abolished in 1871 when German states united to create the German Empire*).
- Wife: Sarah, child: Clara. Both born in PA.

From the ship manifest:

- August Gumpert arrived in the USA in 1872 on passenger ship S. S. Bremen, traveling from Bremen to New York, arrival 5 July 1872, age 18.
- His exact birthplace remains unknown.

With the response from several other descendants from this August Gumpert, his family tree grew to about 60 individuals. Figure 2 below shows two generations of August Gumpert.



Searching for a Connection

We have a cousin in Germany who had done extensive family searching, and we knew a lot about our Gumpert ancestors. But we had some unknowns, especially determining the lives of ancestors that would be August Gumpert's parents.

In 2019, we narrowed our search to some specific areas in Germany, and traveled there to talk with persons in churches and community offices.

In this area of Germany, close to Jena, genealogical records are neither consolidated nor digitized. But we were able to visit villages near Jena, in which our ancestors were born, married and died, discuss our family tree with genealogists,

and made some progress in narrowing down a possible link.

The following are photographs of the churches frequented by our ancestors. Figures 3 and 4 are churches near Jena, Thuringia. Figure 5, shows the Mühlfeld, Bavaria church, just over 90 miles away from Jena.

Not Quite There

Unfortunately, 2020 was not a year for traveling, so we will have to return in the future and continue our search.

This is a good example of a brick wall, and we know there's a way through, but we haven't YET found the way. We are in communication with people in Germany with access to church and community records.



Figure 3

Lichtenau Church
photographed
October 2019.



Figure 4

Dornburg Church
photographed
October 2019.



Figure 5

Mühlfeld Church
photographed
October 2010.



Figure 6

The village of Lichtenau from across the small lake. The church is in the center. Photographed October 2019.

Figure 7

August Gumpert's application for United States citizenship on 14 Apr 1888.

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United States of America, }
STATE OF MINNESOTA. } ss. SUPREME COURT
County of Ramsey.

August Gumpert personally appeared before the subscriber,
the Clerk of the Supreme Court of the said State of Minnesota, being a Court of Record, and made oath
that he was born in Germany in and about the year eighteen hundred
and fifty three that he emigrated to the United States, and landed at the port
of New York in or about the month of July in the
year eighteen hundred and twenty one; that it is bona fide his intention to become a Citizen
of the United States, and to renounce forever all allegiance and fidelity to any foreign Prince, Poten-
tate, State or Sovereignty whatever, and particularly to the Emperor of Germany
whereof he is a subject.

Subscribed and sworn to this 14 }
day of April A. D. 1888 }

August Gumpert
Clerk.

The following pages show further details of our analysis.

Figure 8

This figure combines and extends Figures 1 and 2 and shows where we believe the family trees should be connected. August Gumpert's descendants are shown and underneath (bottom-right) are the individuals with whom we have DNA matches.

The box on the lower left lists the amount of DNA match between us and the descendants of August Gumpert. Full names of living people are obscured for privacy.

If we hypothesize a connection between the trees with one of the children of Karl Gottlieb Gumpert (1783 - ?) then the relationship with living USA relatives would be fourth cousin (4C) and fourth cousin once removed (4C1R). Note that 'once removed' is a generation younger.

(This chart was provided to German genealogy investigators, hence the German text).

Figure 9

Source: Thorsten Müller. Update March 3, 2021, sent by Daniela Blöthner, Verwaltung Pfarrbüro, Trockenborn, Germany. Added spouses for Carl Gottlieb's four daughters.

We need the connection for his two youngest sons.

Figure 10

This is Blaine Bettinger's DNA Relationship Chart.

For this version, he has collected information from over 60,000 user submissions with known relationships.

Figure 11

Histogram showing how shared DNA varies. For fourth cousin, there was data from 2752 relationships and for fourth cousin once removed, there was 2383 relationships. For both of these, there was the possibility that there would be no sharing of DNA with such a distant relationship.

Figure 12

Like Figure 10, this shows one generation closer relationship, third cousin (3C) and third cousin once removed (3C1R). We included this to investigate our hypothesized matching area, allowing for a connection with Johann Georg Gumpert (1810 - 1856).

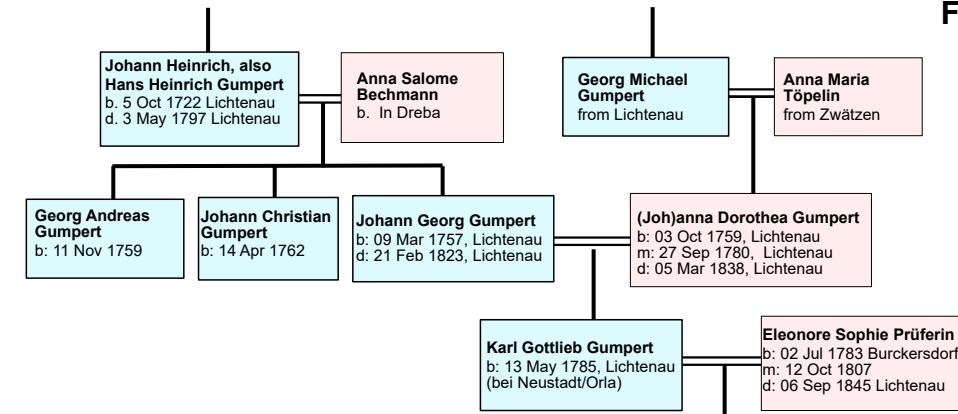
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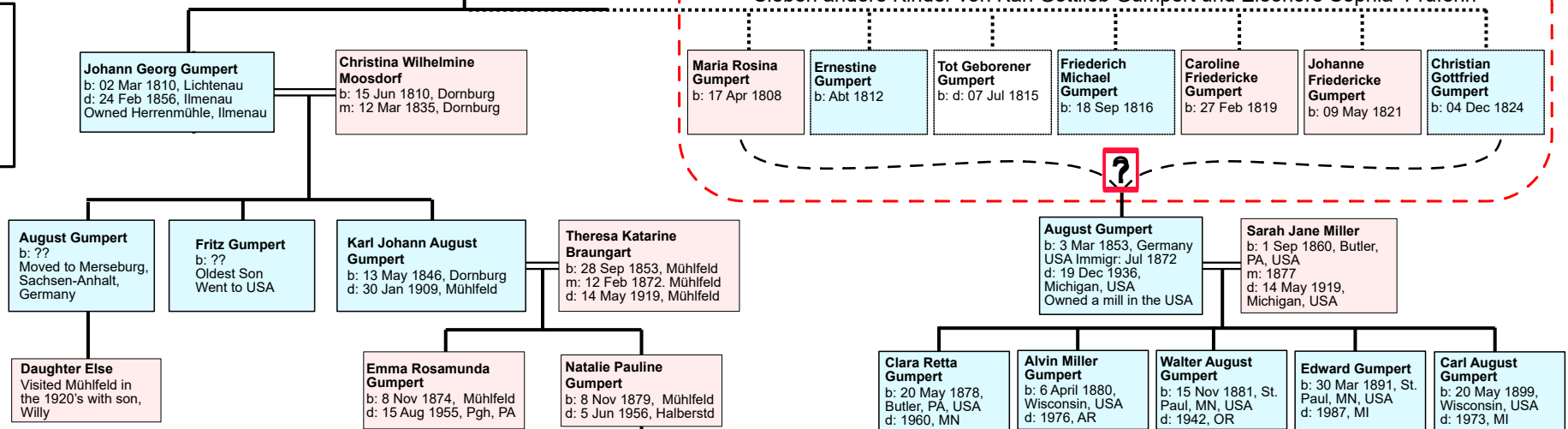
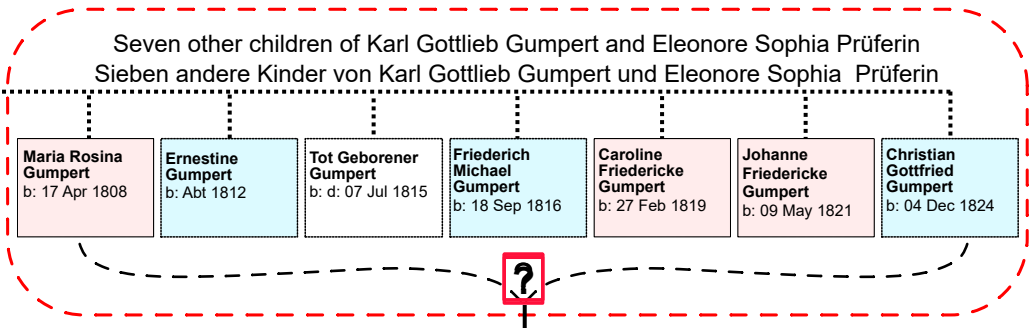
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 b: geboren
 m: Hochzeit
 d: gestorben

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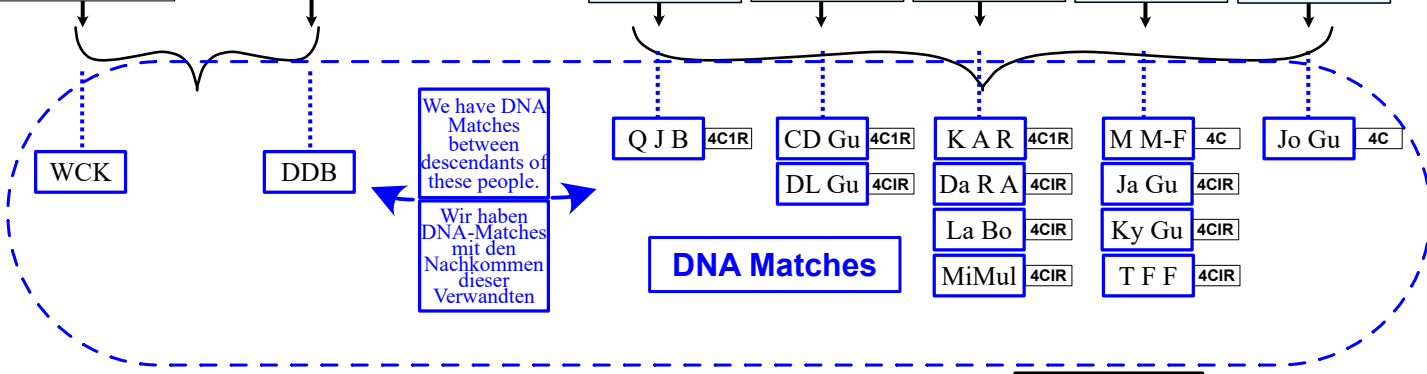
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- Children of Karl Gottlieb Gumpert (born 13 May 1785), and wife Eleonore Sophie Prüfer (born 12 Oct 1807)

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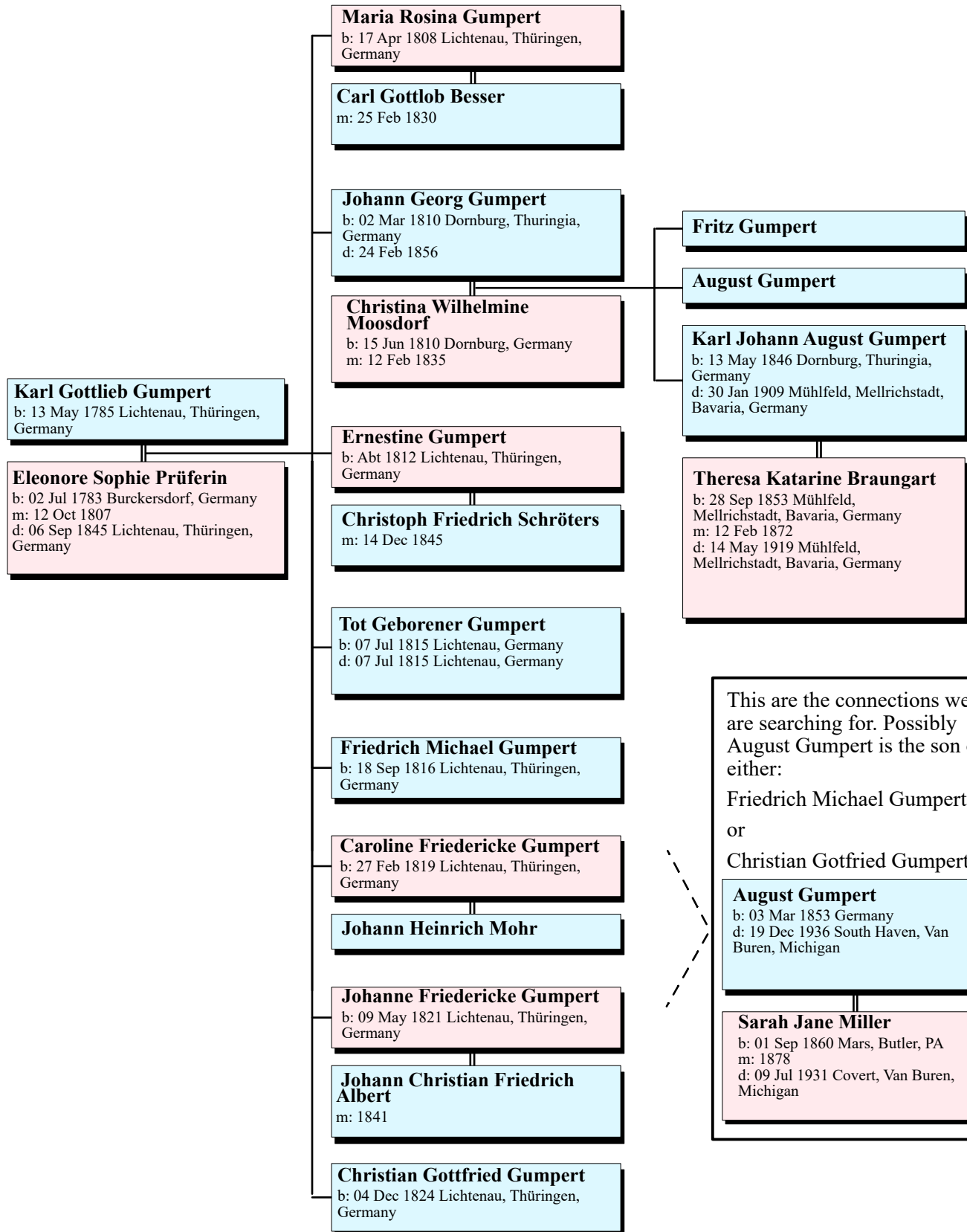
DNA Source	Name & Date Information	Rel	WCK	DDB
Clara Retta Gumpert	1878 - 1960			
Q J B		4C1R	A = 6 / 1 / 6	A = 21 / 2 / 16
Alvin Miller Gumpert	1880 - 1976			
CD Gu		4C1R	A = 30 / 3 / 15	A = 34 / 2 / 33
DL Gu		4C1R	A = 27 / 3 / 11	A = 34 / 2 / 34
Walter August Gumpert	1881 - 1942			
KAR		4C1R	A = 21 / 2 / 18	-
Da RA		4C1R	A = 52 / 3 / 36	A = 50 / 4 / 23
La Bo		4C1R	A = 16 / 1 / 19	-
MiMul		4C1R	A = 30 / 2 / 17	A = 13 / 1 / 13
Edward G. Gumpert	1891 - 1987			
M M F		4C	A = 22 / 2 / 16	-
Ja Gu		4C1R	A = 9 / 1 / 9	A = 51 / 3 / 37
Ky Gu		4C1R	A = 31 / 3 / 18	A = 29 / 2 / 18
T F F		4C1R	FT = 65 / / 12	FT = 44 / / 18
Carl August Gumpert	1899 - 1973			
Jo Gu		4C	A = 23 / 3 / 11	A = 48 / 3 / 21
			A is ancestry.com	A is ancestry.com
			FT is FamilyTree	FT is FamilyTree



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Children of Karl Gottlieb Gumpert and Eleonore Sophie Prüfer
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Figure 9



The Relationship Chart

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How to read this chart:

Aunt/Uncle	← Relationship
1741	← Average
1201 - 2282	← Range (min-max)

						Great-Great-Grandparent		GGGG-Aunt/Uncle			
						Great-Great-Grandparent		GGG-Aunt/Uncle			
Half GG-Aunt/Uncle 208 103 - 284	Great-Grandparent 887 485 - 1486					Great-Great Aunt/Uncle 420 186 - 713	1C3R 117 25 - 238	2c3R 51 0 - 154		Other Relationships	
Half 1C2R 125 16 - 269	Half Great-Aunt/Uncle 431 184 - 668	Grandparent 1754 984 - 2462				Great Aunt/Uncle 850 330 - 1467	1C2R 221 33 - 471	2c2R 71 0 - 244	3C2R 36 0 - 166	6C 18 0 - 71	
Half 2c1R 66 0 - 190	Half 1C1R 224 62 - 469	Half Aunt/Uncle 871 492 - 1315	Parent 3485 2376 - 3720		Aunt/Uncle 1741 1201 - 2282	1C1R 433 102 - 980	2c1R 122 14 - 353	3C1R 48 0 - 192	4C1R 28 0 - 126	6C1R 15 0 - 56	
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Half 3c1R 37 0 - 139	Half 2c1R 66 0 - 190	Half 1C1R 224 62 - 469	Half Niece/Nephew 871 492 - 1315	Niece/Nephew 1740 1201 - 2282	Child 3487 2376 - 3720	1C1R 433 102 - 980	2c1R 122 14 - 353	3C1R 48 0 - 192	4C1R 28 0 - 126	5C1R 21 0 - 80	7C 14 0 - 57
Half 3c2R 27 0 - 78	Half 2c2R 48 0 - 144	Half 1C2R 125 16 - 269	Half Great Niece/Nephew 431 184 - 668	Great-Niece/Nephew 850 330 - 1467	Grandchild 1754 984 - 2462	1C2R 221 33 - 471	2c2R 71 0 - 244	3C2R 36 0 - 166	4C2R 22 0 - 93	5C2R 18 0 - 65	7C1R 12 0 - 50
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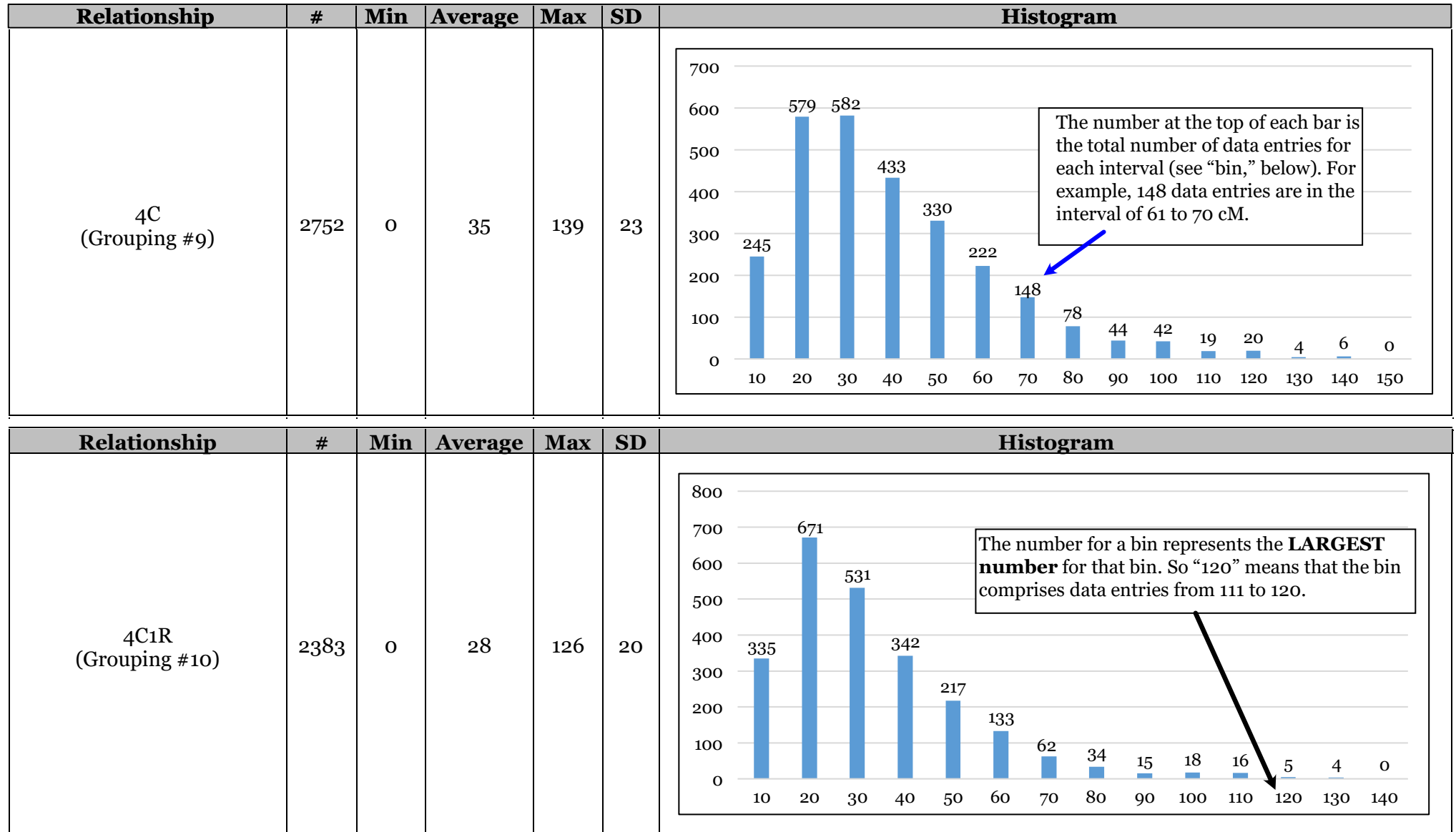
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