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## What is your Pruett/Pruitt/Prewitt line?

The reason I am asking this is I want to figure out where each branch and DNA splits within our collective family trees.

I think I might be able to pinpoint where R1B's - 11d's might have split by a closer look at the source people of each branch.

Thomas 1616 / Sarah 1629  
Henry 1654 / Rebecca 1654  
Uriah 1699 / Elizabeth 1703

Joseph Sr. 1724 / Rache? 1736 (first family into Wilkes, NC)  
Joseph Jr. 1754 / Holbrook 1760  
Ralph 1801 / Sarah 1808  
Major 1832 / Mary Jane 1845  
Martin Van 1887 / Mary Jane 1894  
Coy 1916 / (Grandma)  
(Dad)/(Mom)  
(Me)

### Comments

**Wayne Pruitt** Jun 9, 10  
My information is as follows :  
Elbert Wayne Pruitt Jr. b: 10 Nov 1936, Tulsa, OK  
My Haplogroup is R1b1c and my predicted group is R1b1b2  
My Y-DNA and mtDNA was tested by FamilyTreeDNA – 37 markers  
To date I have a Y-DNA 12 marker match of 26 persons in Family Trees data base. These include: Mr. Dillon Gregory Pruett, John Pruitt (Y67), Randall O. Pruitt, Mr. Paul D. Pruitt, Mr. George Albert Pruett Sr and others who may be of interest. Brian Belew (Y37), Thomas Dale Belew (Y37), Paul Lee Belew (Y37), David Lee Farmer (Y37)  
I have a mtDNA (lowresolution HV/R1 and mtDNA Highresolution HV/R1+HV/R2  
HV/R1 Haplogroup H  
HV/R1 differences from CRS  
16519C  
HV/R2 differences from CRS  
263G  
315.1C

I have posted a GEDCOM with [YSearch.org](#) and mtosearch  
My Pruitt/Pruett/Pruitt line is as follows:  
Elbert Wayne Pruitt Jr. b:OK < Elbert Wayne Pruitt Sr. b:AR < Robert Newton Pruitt, b:AR < Alexander Lewis Pruitt b:AR or AL < Josiah Joel Pruitt b:SC or TN, < (the following are a not proven ancestral link ) Shadrack Pruitt b:VA, < William Pruitt b:VA, < Thomas Pruitt b:VA, < Henry Pruitt b:VA, < Thomas Pruitt b:England 1616.  
I have a 12 marker match with Paul D. Pruitt who has traced his line by paper to Thomas Pruitt b:England 1616, therefore I am also of Thomas' lineage except I have not been able to link by a paper trail.

**Richie Pruitt**  
Wrote this on Jun 9, 10  
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**Richie Pruitt** Jun 9, 10  
If documentation holds true, then our branches would split after our common ancestor Henry (1654).  
No Belew, No Farmer and only Alan Pruitt (who is a fifth cousin)...and a who's who of Swedes and Norwegian surnames at 12-25 -37 markers...  
My expectation is to see a clear split between my branch and everyone else at Henry or Uriah...  
Then I can look closely at the marriages of Uriah and Joseph Sr... because I surmise that either Joseph Sr or Joseph Jr might have another father than what is documented...of course the only way to prove that conjecture is to find a close DNA match within the same location/time frame...in other words, maybe a close neighbor got a little too close to a Pruitt wife at some point...

**Jan McClintock** Jun 10, 10  
My Pruett line is:  
Thomas Pruett born ca 1804 in AL, m. Leanna Sharp  
Enoch Joseph Pruett born 1849 m. Nancy McCaver  
William Thomas Pruett born 1875 in AL m. Lula Hary  
Dorotha Ruth Pruett born 1920 m. Robert Fuqua Bush  
me

**Wayne Pruitt** Jun 10, 10  
Jan: I have in my data base a Thomas C. P. Pruitt/Prewett marrying a Leanna/Leana/Leania Sharp on bef 1831 in Madison Co., Alabama, they had a son Enoch born about 1852 in Alabama (10 children altogether). Is this your Thomas and Leanna? I do not have anything on ancestors for Thomas and Leanna. Wayne Pruitt

**Jan McClintock** Jun 10, 10  
Hi Elbert  
Yes these are my Pruett's. As you may know there were several Pruett families in the Madison Co AL area around the time of Thomas' birth. One of them is probably related, but so far I haven't been able to connect. I suspect that it's also possible that Thomas descends through the Pruett's who were in Lincoln Co TN.  
Thanks for your interest  
Jan

**Mary Zashin** Jun 13, 10  
My Pruitt line, and the line of Jim Pruitt, my first cousin who joined this group yesterday, seems to be as follows, AFAIK and open to correction, particularly in the earlier generations:  
Thomas PREWITT, born c. 1616, England, immigrated to VA, 1636  
Henry PRUETT, c. 1654, d. bef Jun 1722, and Ann FIELD, d. bef Aug 1691  
Henry PRUITT, c. 1680-1763, and Mary ROSS  
William PRUITT, c. 1714, VA-c. 1817 Alabama, and Mary MARTIN, c. 1722-bef 1812  
Martin PRUITT, 26 Feb 1748-49, VA-4 Feb 1841, Madison Co., IL-Mary WOODS, 1753, NC-1807, IL  
James PRUITT, 18 Feb 1788, TN-7 Jul 1867, IL-Mary, 1793, KY-1822, IL  
Amos PRUITT, 19 Jun 1807, IL-22 Jul 1865, IL-Mary Hester STOUT, 9 Dec 1815, IL-12 Jul 1902, IL  
Amos Henry PRUITT, 25 Jul 1853, IL-10 Dec 1910, IL-Caroline BARE, 19 Mar 1853, IN-1 Mar 1923, IL  
James Amos PRUITT, 6 Jan 1877, KS-17 Oct 1953, VA-Rebecca Dulaney HOOE, 1883-1963  
I am the child of James and Rebecca's daughter, Mary Dangerfield PRUITT, 1912-2002  
Jim is the child of their son, James Burton PRUITT, 1910-1981  
Any input is welcomed. Polly (Mary) Zashin  
Nov 2010: Nope! My first cousin Jim Pruitt's DNA (see database) pretty much rules out the line before William d. 1817!

**John W.Pruett-VA DF 13** Jun 14, 10  
My documented Caroline County, VA Pruett's:  
Elijah Pruett(b ca 1770 - Caroline Co.)  
William Pruett(b 1805 - Caroline Co.)  
John Noman Pruett(b 1834- Caroline Co.)  
Silas Wilbur Pruett(b 1871 - Caroline Co.)  
John W. Pruett, Sr.(b-1910 - Caroline Co.)  
John W. Pruett, Jr.(b 1946)  
My DNA is rated R1b by Ancestry.com. My close matches on Ancestry.com, which are also rated at R1b, are Samuel Philip Pruett(3-MRCA-TN), George King Pruett(9-MRCA-KY), and Jack Dodson Pruett(10-MRCA-TN). If we were tested by Family Tree today we would probably have a longer deep clade hap log, but our DNA would be the same.

Richard A. Prewitt said in his VA book that William Pruett(b 1651) of Caroline County was "thought to be the son" of Thomas of 1636. Richard also implied that the line in Caroline would possibly be William, John, John Junior... I am trying to connect my line starting at Elijah to John Jr. with no luck because all the "will records were burned up during the Civil War in "The Great Richmond Fire" of 1865.  
My line and the lines of the other three closely related Pruett's/Pruett's I just mentioned could be from the Huguenots, Quakers, or other religious groups who arrived in early VA. We also could have been from an indentured servant looking for a better life or even from Thomas of 1636. Hopefully as more people get tested the divisions of the Pruitt/Pruett/Prewitt families will become clearer

**Richie Pruitt** Jun 15, 10  
Did you ever come across John Sr's wife Mattha and his other two sons (Thadeus, Benjamin)? Thadeus does have a little bit of information (birth 1727-1732 in VA and death 1774 in Caroline County, Virginia). It does look like a very distinct break. Hopefully DNA will fill in the cracks for you...

**John W.Pruett-VA DF 13** Jun 16, 10  
There isnt anything on Martha, John Sr's wife. There are a few records on Benjamin who was sued and failed to pay his taxes. There are many records on Thadeus who fought in the French and Indian war and the Revolutionary War.  
The Pruett's of Caroline County were religious because they attended unauthorized religious meeting, but apparently did not like attending the established Church of England. I dont know if they were Quakers, Huguenots, etc, but they fought in the wars.

Here are the Caroline County court records, etc on Thadeus Pruett:  
: 1756 Thadeus Pruet (one of John Sr's sons?) age 25, (b.1731) 5 feet 9 inches tall, carpenter, was born in Virginia and enlisted from Caroline in the Co. of Capt. Thomas Waggoner at Fort Holland (French and Indian War) ("The Sixe Rolls",VA State Archives) from The Pruett Family by Haskell Pruett Ph. D.  
1765 Thadeus Pruett and John Pruitt, Jr. failed to frequent their parish church for two months fined 5 shilling or 50 lbs of tobacco.  
1769 May 12 John(Jr?), Thadeus & Benjamin Pruett fined for attending unauthorized religious services at Philip Tinsley and Francis Flemings house.  
1774 Sep18 Thadeus Pruett(Jr?) & Mary Pruett recorded (will of Thadeus Sr?) Mary Pruett was granted letter of administration for the estate of Thadeus Pruett, dec'd.  
Thadeus Pruitt, Jr. listed as a Colonial Soldier of Va ((Revolutionary War) (VA Magazine 1, p. 386) from The Pruett Family by Haskell Pruett, Ph. D..  
1799 Thadeus Pruit (1) listed on tax rolls. (May be Thadeus III who might be 21 since it is the first time he shows up on tax rolls.)  
1800 Jan14 Thadeus Pruet m. Sally Bell. John Sorrell(B)  
Thadeus (Jr?) shows up on the 1810, 1820 and 1830 Caroline County Census and many times on the tax rolls between 1800-1837.  
1837 Thadeus Pruett died according to tax records. His estate paid taxes in 1838. Land transferred in 1839 to James Shaddock (90 acres, dwelling, etc.-8450). See db 39 p 390. Thadeus's land was next to Eleanor Smith, Joseph Penny, and George Marshall in the Upper Zion section.

Thadeus Pruett may have had another son, Richard Pruett in the Revolutionary War. Thadeus Pruett also may have lived next to the famous Edmund Pendleton, signer of the Declaration of Independence. Here is the information that Edmund possibly wrote a letter for Thadeus's widowed wife:  
1778 Oct24, Richard Pruet was mentioned in a letter of Edmund Pendleton to Wm. Woodford. Edmund asks if inquiry can be made about his widow neighbor's son Richard Pruet who was in Capt. Nathan Reids Company of the 14th Regiment. Rumor has it that Richard Pruet is dead or in the hospital. ((Letters of Edmund Pendleton Vol. 1 page 274)  
(The widow neighbor could be Mary Pruett, wife of Thadeus Pruett who died in 1774.)  
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**Wayne Pruitt** Jun 17, 10  
Ritch: I was just looking at your ancestors and comparing with my data base. I have Major Pruett marrying Caroline Purdue. This is the 1850 census. Can you help me out?  
1860 Census - Tryphill, Wilkes Co., North Carolina - p. 97  
MAJOR PRUETT 28 NC  
Caroline (Purdue) 20 NC  
James M. 3 NC  
Minta P. 2 NC  
Sarah Ann 6/12 NC

**Richie Pruitt** Jun 17, 10  
Major did marry Elizabeth Caroline Purdue around 1855ish... the 1860 Census you have, is the exact one I have...  
I have the 1850 US Census with Major. He is the son of Ralph Pruett on the 1850 US Census, he was 18. I put this 1850 Census page in the file section.

Major has three kids with Caroline as you pointed out:  
Major got remarried between 1880-1887...the 1900 Census has him with two additional children...  
Major and Mary Jane Nicholson are listed on their son's (Martin Van Pruitt) death certificate with my grandfather as its witness in 1952 (I have that picture downloaded on the NC Pruitt album)...  
Major has been a "major pain" in the..... well, any way, he was kind of scarce after 1880 except for those two times....  
There has been some speculation about his full name... I have heard William Major Pruitt (same as grandsons)... Prince Major or Major Prince are two others that have been thrown about... I was supposed to have gotten some pictures from a local Tryphill cemetery that might possibly have his tombstone... hopefully I will get them soon....

**Marcia McClure** Aug 12, 10  
I'm no expert by any means, but I've been working with various DNA projects for over 6 years, so I've acquired a little knowledge. What your DNA results show so far are at least 9 separate and distinct family groups. Keep in mind that what is being tested is the DNA passed from father to son to son and so forth. Maternal lines have no bearing on the results. So when I say that they share no common ancestor, what I am referring to is their direct male line, father to son.  
In the green section, the first 3 Samuel, John W., and Jack are closely related and share a common ancestor. The second 2 Nicky Smith and David Bryan do not share a common direct male ancestor, nor are they related to the first 3 in the group.  
The turquoise group do share a common ancestor and are closely related.  
Laender is a bit more problematic. I question the 11 at 385b for Elbert and he's way off at the right side of the chart. I'd like to see more markers tested for Paul D, but he is only a one step variant from Thomas whose 24 at 447 is a mutation. The difference in extended haplogroups may be from when the tests were done. They are constantly reworking and renaming the groupings within each haplogroup. Karen's results show this line to be unrelated to the others.

Purple - Miller's obviously special and in a class by himself. Hopefully he will soon have friends!  
Reddish Brown - You guys share a haplogroup but that's about all. Yes, you are on the same I branch of the human tree, but your common ancestor lived a really long time ago, way before white men lived on this continent. Ritch, you can probably quit looking for the Swedish milkman. Haplogroup I is the Scandinavian/Viking haplogroup, but it's also Saxon-northern European. There doesn't appear to be enough 11d's for them to have a good grasp on where they come from. Some suggest eastern European.  
Finally my results are in the light brown. They came along with me and are NOT Prewitt. Somehow by joining the group my cousin Gordon Greene's results came along with me. Sorry about that. Hopefully they can figure out how to delete them.

This is a young project so it's too early to be thinking about non-parental events. I don't think that the paper trails are good enough far enough back. Plus what we have now are a bunch of one, two, or three people groups. But that's why you are doing this. It is not at all unusual to discover that the "3 brothers came over together and one went north and one went south and one stayed in VA" story isn't true. Or that there are many different sources for our surnames. It has happened in most of the surname projects. We Americans have a much more diverse background than we suspect.  
Take heart, the project will grow and things should become clearer. I promise... I've had great success in other families.

One thing is clear already - If green John W is indeed descended from William of Caroline (and it seems likely) then Henry of Henrico, as several of the Laender and Ramey Belue ans descended from, was not William's brother and both were not sons of Thomas the immigrant. Heck, maybe neither one was!  
This is where it gets fun and takes the maybe's out of our trees. You also get to rewrite those dusty old genealogies.  
Marcia McClure

**John W.Pruett-VA DF 13** Aug 13, 10  
Marcia, thanks for the excellent suggestions on DNA, projects, and our subgroups!

**Richie Pruitt** Aug 13, 10  
We have some similar thoughts about the DNA findings...this is part of an email I sent John yesterday...  
David Bryan will need to change DYS442 from 12 to 17 to reflect correction in results, he will probably fall in Thomas' group after correction.  
Nicky Smith DYS385b is 16... she is another line....if 11 or 14...will probably fall in Thomas' group after correction as well...  
Elbert Pruitt's DYS464a/b/c/d 13, 13, 15, 17 is radically different than any other Pruitt I have seen, this would put him by himself as Irish-related... he is definitely his own line...  
Paul D. Pruitt needs to test more markers, I think he is related to the group he is in much closer than it shows...  
Karen needs to test more markers, she is really an in-between-er...  
Obviously I am a group within myself...I have not been able to find any connections with Jim...so two 11 groups...  
I would say there are probably 4 or 5 different R1b lines at the moment...2- H groups...and 1- J2 group...  
If I was looking at a general I or I1 haplogroup, then I would look at Anglo-Saxons and some other associated European groups. I1d is a Norse group. I1d (L22+ P 109-) is definitely centered around southern Scandinavia, with the strongest concentration radius going out from southern Sweden. Northern Germanic findings are not out of question. Central European findings are not common for I1d.

I have a fifth cousin, Alan Pruitt, who matches at 67 with 2 gen difference. We have the common ancestor of Joseph Jr. (supposedly the grandson of Uriah/ great-grandson of Henry). Joseph Sr./Joseph Jr. line went into NC/Wilkes Co. NC. This line matches up closely with other 11d's in Virginia at the time: Moton, Hughes, and Chisholms. There have not been any direct connections made as of present, but it does appear to be a very promising avenue at the moment. There are strong hypothesis that coast land Scotland were settled by the Norse which would explain Scot-Norse 11d connection. One hypothesis is that one of the Prewitt/Pruitt wives (Henry, Uriah) might have had some extra fun on the side. Demographically speaking, this is much more common than we usually recognize. Some studies have percentage around 11%. Hence, the "Swedish Milkman Hypothesis". Bjork, bjork...  
There is no doubt that genealogies often put their eggs into one mythical basket. Recently we put together a document a list of many different possible origins of different Prewitt lines. My thought is that "Pruet" "ett" is a descriptor not unlike Baker, Miller or Farmer and was used in Welsh, Pict, Norman Old French and Scandinavian languages to describe a particular kind of person or/and family. European languages and people were much more intermingled than our stale and generic history books usually suggest. It is easy to see how Prewitt genealogy started at various locations with a diversity of DNA lines looking at the surname this way.

My family tree is available to anyone who has joined this site, so please feel free to give my tree a look. I welcome any new information on this research.

**Richie Pruitt** Aug 13, 10  
<http://groups.ancestry.com/group/6050955/discussions/11756547>  
Possible Prewitt Connections

**Marcia McClure** Aug 14, 10  
Ritch - last night I read all of the Rev War pension statements for all the spellings of Prewitt that are transcribed at: <http://southerncampaign.org/pen/> These are not all the statements but some of them. What I discovered is that Zachariah Prewitt was born in MD in 1758 and was living in Pittsylvania Co, VA by 1776. Your Joseph's statement (<http://southerncampaign.org/pen/18506.pdf>) says that he was born in Pittsylvania Co 7/16/1754. It would actually have been Halifax Co as Pittsylvania Co wasn't formed until 1766. Joseph moved to Wilkes in about 1773 at age 19.

Since your DNA doesn't match Uriah Prewitt's brother Thomas c1693, the first thing that you need to do is look for other Prewitt sources. When looking for Joseph's father one would need to first check Halifax and then Pittylvania for suspects. Zachariah has supplied the documentation for connection to Samuel Prewitt of Prince George/Frederick Co, MD. Sam was in Pittsylvania by 1776 when he furnished supplies for the patriot troops.  
Joseph could not be a son of Samuel since he was born in VA in 1754, Zach in MD in 1758. Sam is said to have had a brother John who died in Pittsylvania Co, VA after 1788. I don't know when John arrived in VA, but he is a possibility as the father of your Joseph.

That's all the further I've gotten. To my knowledge there is no documentation that ties your Joseph to Uriah, but an old assumption that goes Uriah c1699 - Joseph - to your Joseph?  
Marcia

**Richie Pruitt** Aug 14, 10  
Excellent food for thought and the <http://southerncampaign.org> site is a wonderful resource.  
What we do know is Joseph (16 Jul 1754) is definitely a relative.

I had Joseph's pension request before which Joel (my son) had power of attorney. Joel is the direct male ancestor of my fifth cousin who matches up with his 67 marker (2 gen diff). Joel is Joseph's first son, my ancestor is Ralph (who is Joseph's seventh child).

I have assumed for sometime that either Uriah or Joseph Sr. were not biologically related. It is true that the connection between Uriah and Joseph Sr. could be stronger. One major problem is the large number of Joseph's.  
There were two Joseph Pruitt/Pruett's in Wilkes County who were located very close to one another. Actually they were the only two Pruitt groups and most likely the first Pruitts into Wilkes Co. The "older Joseph" (Joseph Sr.) died in 1790 in Wilkes. It has been the assumption that both men came to Wilkes Co. together and bought separate pieces of land. The senior Joseph did have a Joseph Jr....it is true there has been some assumption that they were related. I agree that it is not 100% connection between the especially considering the DNA results. Of course I do not know anyone else who linked to "Joseph Sr" with differing DNA. Uriah had another son, Henry, who died in Wilkes Co. and was the witness to Joseph Sr's will.

Other Pruett's being related is a definitive possibly...Maybe infidelity...multiple marriages...adoptions...  
I have looked into other Pruitt possibilities and I have also looked at other families in the area at the same time with similar DNA results to see if there might be a plausible narrative to tie the two together. We have seen in the past that Wilkes, Farmer, Belue and Chastain have been tied into the Pruitt narrative. I definitely would like to link this Ducray Co. Pruitt line in somewhere. I appreciate you taking a deeper look at it. I will definitely take a closer look at John (Sam's brother) and see if anything pops up.  
Thanks again!