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What surnames (besides your own) are you finding yourself being some of your MRCAs (Most Recent Common Ancestors)?

I see Morton, Chisholm, Anderson, Karlsen, Todd, Hughes, Hendricks, Loe, Dismukes, Haydon, Roper, Diver, Peet, Harris on my list...

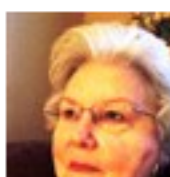
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John W. Pruett-VA DF 13 May 21, 10

Besides three Pruett/Pruitts at the 3rd, 9th, and 10th MRCA. I have a Williams at the 15th generation. I have a Savage at the 18th level. I had a Lanham and Langford at the 17 and 19th levels, but both have been removed from my list because they changed their markers manually. I have a Lapeer which just showed up at the 20th level. There is also a Montrose and Gregorich at the 20th level..

The Lapeer also showed up on the list of one the Pruettts close to me, but much closer to him. I guess that Lapeer would be French and I am looking at any connection of the Pruitts to Roger Prouit, the French Huguenot of Mankintown((1700).



Elaine Pruett(Ron)DF 13 May 22, 10

Hi. This is Elaine-

Ron, my son is the one who tested, but I am the researcher. With Ancestry, highest on our list of matches are sumames Ream and Holzrichter, supposedly within two generations; a Barlow and Munn at 13 generations, and Ferguson at 33 generations. Here is what I know so far:

Ream: He was adopted, his biological father was Raymond C. Pruitt, b. TN (suggest we invite him to the group). I have been unable to make a connection so far.

Holzrichter: Dan and I have corresponded trying to find the connection. Nothing yet.

Barlow: His name came up some time ago when Ron first did the DNA test. No connection that we could find.

Munn and Ferguson: I have not contacted them. It will be a miracle, indeed, if I ever get the line back that far.

I have some concerns/questions about the projections being made by Ancestry on relationships. I know this is a new technology, and we all have a lot to learn, especially me. As I mentioned earlier, Dan Holzrichter and I had no luck finding a connection, even though the projection was within two generations. That would mean two generations back from him and my son. My point is, at my age (75) I knew personally some of the Pruett's in our line two generations back from Ron, having married into the family in 1953. Knowing them and having researched them for years, just can't believe our connection is as close as 2 generations.

The compared test results come from more than one company, and are adjusted to a standard, as I understand it. It is clear from the comparisons that all companies do not test the same markers, leaving no values for some. We are not comparing exact markers from person to person. My question: How much difference does this make to the generational projections?

On the brighter side, I believe in the DNA testing as the best tool we have now. I had doubts when we first submitted the test, but when the results came back with a mtDNA match to one of my first cousins, I became a believer. She had been tested a year before, and there was no way a connection could have been made by Family Tree other than through DNA.



John W. Pruett-VA DF 13 May 22, 10

Elaine, I agree with what you are saying about testing right now, but two generations is very good. Most people would love to have that. Some of the problem could be the number of markers you are tested on.

In my case I have a three generation level in Samuel Phillip Pruitt who lives in TN. We both know our families back 5 or 6 generations and we didn't know each other because my family has always been in VA.. Samuel was tested on 33 markers and I was tested on 46 and that might explain the difference. Some of those markers are more important than others. I think Samuel and I really have the same common ancestor as two other Pruettts at the 9th or 10th generation.

Anyhow, I would guess the true common ancestor for Ron and Dan could be at the 5-9 generation level, but they are definitely related.



Ritchie Pruitt May 22, 10

John, I have French Huguenots on my maternal grandfather's side of the family from that settlement in VA. The Shumettes came from France as De La Chaumette (French for flat plateau grassy plain). There is still a French church there. It would be ironic if our families' paths crossed there instead.



Ritchie Pruitt May 22, 10

Two generations is just a probability that is based on the closeness of your DNA and surname. It is possible that it could be at the third, fourth or fifth generation, but by the results, it is very, very recent connection.

There are some DYS markers that are left out by some companies. Generally, they follow most of them. Some companies want a person to buy many of them a la carte. There are enough markers tested at 37 and definitely at 67 to be able to tell a relationship even if some markers tested are different. Markers are weighted, and some results are figured out by combinations of markers. Sorenson or FTDNA are good sites to use from what I have encountered. FTDNA is good program, it is straight-forward testing.

I agree that DNA testing is the best tool of the bunch. If anything, it can show you need to start digging. Without DNA testing I would surmise most Pruett/Pruitt/Prewitts would have continue to assume there was one point of origin for everyone in VA.



John W. Pruett-VA DF 13 May 22, 10

Ritch, that would be interesting if we both had French Huguenot roots. I live about 11 miles from that original site. My family has never lived over 60 miles from the original Huguenot site going back to 1704. I guess they didn't have any pioneer spirit or things were going so well they didn't want to move.

If we could get the descendants of the French Huguenots who remained in France or descendants of the Pruitts who remained back in Wales, Ireland, Scotland, and the Nordic Countries to be tested may be we could find the country of origin of these seven or so DNA lines. DNA testing doesn't seem to be very popular in these countries if you look at the the maps on Ancestry of your 250 closest matches. Most seem to be in the United States



A. Pruett May 27, 10

Thank you so much to John Pruett and Ritch for making so many pictures available. Whether our long ago ancestors were Hugenots or Quakers is only important if we can find books on their origins or test the DNA of someone who is a French Hugenot. Most French people today are Catholic, thanks to the Roman invasion of Gaul. Another possibility is that Pruett was pronounced like P'woo-ette in French. (I taught French for 25 years). This gave our new British and German census takers a problem with that guttural sounding "r". Just a thought from experience with the language. Myself, I believe they came down from Normandy about a thousand years ago. --A. Pruett



Ritchie Pruitt May 27, 10

I can confidently say that up to my gr-gr grandfather (Coy, Martin V., Major, Ralph), that they were Baptists...I do not know about the conversation or migration of VA Quakers to the Primitive Baptist/Baptist sect...the VA Huguenots, who were Calvinists, did eventually migrate to the Primitive Baptist sect in NC. I did a religious study on the Primitive Baptist sect ("Hard-shell Baptists") a few years ago and easily connected them to the Huguenots of VA. My maternal side of the family has a pastor/elder line of ancestry that goes back at least five generations...I would call them the priestly caste...but they are not very keen on Catholicism..There are Society of Friends meeting houses in Wilkes County, which is where my Pruitt line has been for over 200 years. I know this is mostly anecdotal, but it does not exclude the possibility.

Does any one in VA or with VA roots have a similar narrative dealing with the Pruett/Pruitt or any other of their lines?

How would "Prou" be pronounced in French? Would it have the same "prwoo" sound? Does Prou have any context in French meaning anything close to proud, arrogant, haughty or loyal, or is it an old French etymology?



Ritchie Pruitt
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