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### Mitochondrial DNA

My ggg grandfather, Solomon Prewitt Jr, had two wives (we think). Because there are no records to prove this, it has been suggested I do the mitochondrial DNA to help clarify her lineage, i.e., was she a Scott or a Short. I have a "cousin" who descends from a son of Sol Jr's from his supposed first wife who is willing to also do the test. So my question is this: Will the test really help us clarify the question of his wives? Or is this an exercise in futility? Can someone help me understand this?

#### Comments



**John W.Pruett-VA DF13** Mar 3, 12

Mardine, you should talk to someone who is a real DNA expert before doing it. I, like a lot of people, have had the Mitochondrial test done. I am under the impression it can't be used right now for anything. My group was H which means that on the maternal side I go back to a woman they called Helena who lived a very long time ago..

The new Ancestry .com test that is coming out shortly might be a much better use of your money. I don't know anything about it at this time.



**Mardine Campbell** Mar 4, 12

Thanks, John. I'll look into it.



**Ritchie Pruitt** Mar 6, 12

It is difficult to discern connections using mtDNA testing at the moment because most records are overwhelming patriarchal in nature. I have done mtDNA testing, it gives you an idea of where your direct maternal line came from, it does little more than that at the moment. I found the autosomal (Family Finder) testing to be much more productive in finding connections.



**Mardine Campbell**

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