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### Slow Going

I finally heard from the DNA people after 3 weeks. The sent an e-mail saying it was going to be 3-4 more weeks. Too long. I definitely have the "instant gratification" gene so they can skip that portion of the test.

#### Comments



**Bill Pruiett** Dec 9, 11

James, I got the same email and my results were posted and accessible two days later. Let's hope your 3-4 weeks is about the same as mine.



**James W. Pruitt Jr.** Dec 9, 11

Oh wow! Thanks for that inside scoop! I am going to see some cousins for the first time in a very very long time around Christmas and that would be great to have.



**James W. Pruitt Jr.** Dec 15, 11

Results are in. No idea what to do next. lol



**Bill Pruiett** Dec 15, 11

James, your results showed up in the Compare DNA tab under the Not Assigned section, where Ancestry puts all new results. I moved you to Group B which appears to be your closest match. The calculation is that you are 14 generations removed from the reference person. At 30 years per generation, that's 420 years since the last common ancestor (around the year 1600).



**James W. Pruitt Jr.** Dec 15, 11

Thanks Bill! Now time to start diggin!



**Bill Pruiett** Dec 16, 11

James, maybe you can enlist some help from some of the other Group B Pruitts by providing a little more about what you already know. On 11/23, you had said, "I can trace back to William Hiram Pruitt (1842 - 1868) (my 2nd great grandfather) from Somerset Maryland. After that it gets pretty sketchy for me." Maybe a few more details, like names of his siblings, children and grandchildren, might help. People tended to migrate together in those days, so maybe a list of neighbors would help. My suspicion is that William's ancestors left Virginia in the mid to late 1600s and settled in Maryland. If you use 25 years as a generation, that would make the separation around 350 years ago. So, a range of 350 years to 420 years (1590 to 1660) is the period you should be looking at for a common ancestor with your Group B cousins. It's not impossible that the separation took place even later than that range would imply.



**James W. Pruitt Jr.** Dec 18, 11

I've maneuvered around and have confirmed my 3rd GGFather as

John Pruitt (b. 1815) married Jane Dougherty (b. 1820) in 1834

Their children Mary (b. 1840) William (b. 1842) and Sara (b. 1854)

William my 2nd GGFather married Mary Etta Sterling (b. 1843) in 1863

Their children Olivia (b. 1862) and John (b. 1865)

My great grandfather John married Edith Mae Justice (b. 1880)

Their Children

Gladis R Pruett 1903 - 2001

My Grandfather Charles Granville Pruitt 1904 - 1969

Sarah J Pruett 1906 -

Mildred Mae Pruitt 1909 -

Margaret Mae Pruitt 1912 - 1992

Mary Frances Pruitt 1913 - 1994

Doris Cecelia Pruitt 1915 - 1992

India Juanita Pruitt 1918 - 1982

That is all I have.



**James Holzrichter** Jan 17, 12

I think the calculations on the site for number of generations off is wildly inaccurate. Norm is listed with a MRCA of 1 and Patty is listed as 10. For the dna tests with less markers it's worst. For James (MRCA of 14), I think the closest would be a brother or child of Solomon Sr. For those of us on the Solomon tree, James's tree is a great addition since we have been stuck and unable to go back any farther.



**James W. Pruitt Jr.**

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