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DNA Contributors

I notice others are having trouble recruiting DNA donors. I am attending a Pruitt reunion in Kentucky in October and hope to get one or two of them to contribute. Some people think it is linked to the "Big Brother" program or perhaps it is a religious concern, although I don't know how this is a problem. Others are concerned about the police collecting data on them. I had to promise my brother I would write a Pruiett/Pruitt history for him (us). And he kept chucking that it was a good thing he wasn't planning to commit a crime. So how do I approach these unknown Pruitts (I've never met any of them.) and ask for DNA samples? How do I overcome their reluctance?

Comments



John W.Pruett-VA DF13 Sep 3, 10

Mardine, I know some people think "big brother" or the insurance companies might be behind this, but nothing could be farther from the truth. Almost all people on this site have roadblocks in their Pruitt, etc families and we are hoping the Y-DNA will link family lines together so progress can be made. I think there is progress being made in your Subgroup B by reading the recent discussions about Francis Marion Pruitt. Right now we have six DNA subgroups and three subgroups are getting the majority of the new people. There are people that I know us that would fall in four of our subgroups, but haven't joined right now for various reasons, but hopefully will in the near future.

Ancestry, Familytree, SMGF, etc won't share their DNA with anyone and would be the first to scream if the government tried to get it. FamilyTree has many different tests you can order, but they are expensive and they take a long time to process.

The bottom line is that we researchers are pushing for more testing of new people to make contacts that will have additional information. If a person feels uncomfortable about getting a test they can always use an anonymous name like some do. Many of our DNA samples are submitting by women and there are various ways to keep a person's identify from being known if that person is worried about results being used in some other way. In your case, you would control who knows about the person who gave the sample.

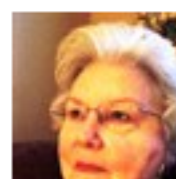
I do hope you can get some of the KY people to have DNA samples because most of those Pruitts. etc who migrated to KY came from VA. These Pruitts should fall into our established subgroups.

I went out on the Genforum boards and there have never been any posts about the Pruett, Pruitt, Prewitt family for Jessamine County, KY which is supposed to be an area where many Pruitts moved. I found the same thing in Hardin County and I know Pruitts were there, too. I was surprised that there wasn't much research going on in these areas for the Pruitt families. Richard A. Prewitt's book on KY is huge with 350 pages. The early period through 1850 for the KY counties are on this site in the file section.



Mardine Campbell Sep 3, 10

Thanks, John. I had forgotten about the security offered by Ancestry, and other DNA testers. That should be a good selling point. I hope others use these points to get cooperation. DNA has opened some avenues of exploration for me. I'm now looking at Ransome and Samuel and even Joshua Prewitt as possible siblings for Solomon Sr. Marcia suggested this might be a fit. I did a cursory search a couple of years ago but am working more in depth now.



Elaine Pruett(Ron)DF13 Sep 3, 10

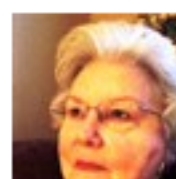
Mardine, I had some of the same reservations you mentioned above during the time I asked my son to test. He pointed out that we leave bits of DNA about us all the time.... on drinking cups, at barber shops & beauty shops, etc, since DNA is found in blood, skin, saliva, hair, etc. He figured if anyone wanted our DNA bad enough, they could get it anyway.

It will be great if you can get the KY folks to participate. I am especially interested now that our Francis Marion Pruitt falls in that same group. Even though the census indicates his father was from SC, I have to wonder if he was a son of Solomon, Jr. by the first wife. The birth year would fit. Or perhaps he is the son of one of Solomon, Sr or Jr.' brother's. He named one of his son's Joshua, and I have spent much time trying to tie back to one of the Joshua's. If you find any indications this is true, please let me know. I have been especially curious about the old Rev. War Joshua with son William. I believe it was Samuel's pension papers that indicated a brother had gone to GA with the family bible records, but that brother was not named.



Mardine Campbell Sep 3, 10

Elaine, Interesting. Solomon Sr could have had a son who didn't go to KY with him. It is possible. Also there is a dearth of sons in Ephraim Prewitt's family, although a number of people think the sons I've given to Solomon Jr may be sons of Ephraim. That's one of the reasons I want more DNA. Perhaps we could allay some of the controversy. I have never been able to find Ephraim or Solomon Sr in censuses for North or South Carolina. We just can't seem to find any information for this family until 1810 (census).



Elaine Pruett(Ron)DF13 Sep 3, 10

Ephraim is certainly worth exploring further.

Mardine, Here is the DNA puzzle I am working on now. Would like your comments, as well as those of John, Ritch, or anyone.

According to Ancestry's projection, my son Ron (g-g-grandson of Francis Marion Pruett) tested within two generations to Dan Holzrichter and Norman Ream III and seven generations to Byron. Using your online family tree as a guide, I'm trying to figure out where we fit into the mix. Knowing Ron is a closer match to Dan and Norm than to Byron, who would be the most likely common ancestor, assuming he is found listed in your tree? I think I have the lines correct:

(A.)Solomon, Sr./Solomon Jr./Reuben/granville, William(Bill)/Raymond Carl/Norm Ream

(B.)Solomon, Sr./Solomon, Jr./ Reuben/ William M./ Oscar/Clyde/ Dan Holzrichter

(C.)Solomon Sr./ Solomon, Jr./ Reuben/ Marshal, Sr/ Marshal, Jr./Byron

(D) Francis Marion Pruett/(b. ca. 1832-37)Joshua Franklin Pruett/Charles J. Pruett/ then my husband/ then Ron, who tested.

Actually, I believe the Ancestry projection of 2 generations is a little too close, based on what I know of our family. Probably a little more than that.



Mardine Campbell Sep 3, 10

Elaine, there should be another generation in my list. My g grandfather was William M, who was the father of Marshal Sr and the father of Oscar. So Dan's DNA and my brother's should be about the same since they are of the same generation from William, unless of course we have one of those "events". I'm still floundering around trying to understand the DNA results so I can't explain the difference in the generation spread. Seven generations could mean that Ron is descended from one of Sol Sr's siblings which Marcia thought might be Samuel or Joshua. As usual the more I learn, the more questions I have.



John W.Pruett-VA DF13 Sep 4, 10

Mardine, I forgot to say that DNA testing is not free. especially for the good tests, and some people might say that DNA testing is something that only the middle and upper classes can afford. If the government was involved in any way, they would try to get everybody and would probably make it free of charge.

An Ancestry person was telling me Friday that some people here, who have taken the 33 marker tests and lower, need to upgrade to the 46 marker test so our MCRA numbers will make more sense. I think the upgrade costs \$50 and doesn't require anyone to take another home test.



James Holzrichter Sep 4, 10

That's what I did with mine. It was nice that they could just re-test the existing sample they had.



Mardine Campbell Sep 5, 10

I'll use some of these suggestions and I'm offering to pay for the tests. Maybe I'll get some takers.



Mardine Campbell

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