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Alabama Pruett's

Hi, everyone,
I finally got my son's DNA posted, and find that it does not closely match anyone in the group as yet. Have researched for years trying to find the parents of my husband's g-gf, Francis Marion Pruett, 1832-1918. To complicate the situation, there were about four FMP's in the same general area and time. One of these especially is often confused with our FMP, and some online trees have mistakenly inter-mixed their children. They could possibly have been cousins, but no proof.

Here is a summary of our line:

Francis Marion Pruett, tombstone date 1832-1918, buried in Clay Co., AL, just over the county line from where they lived in Cleburne Co. He married Caroline Burgess, date unknown. Caroline Burgess was the daughter of William B. Burgess and Elizabeth Price. FMP was born in GA or AL, depending on which census is correct; census says his father was born in SC. Caroline was born in GA, but appears in the 1850 census of Benton Co., AL in the house of her father.

FMP & Caroline appear in two censuses together:
1870 Petersburg, Lincoln Co. TN
FMP with wife, Caroline and 5 children

1880 Cleburne Co., AL, Courthouse, with wife, Caroline & 7 children

In 1887 FMP & Caroline were baptized into the Upper Cane Creek Methodist Church in Cleburne Co; in 1888 it was noted they left to go to Mt. Pleasant, (another church? or community? who knows!)

1900 Cleburne, Caroline shows in census without FMP but with 3 daughters still in house. FMP is supposed to still be alive, according to his tombstone. His tombstone was not put up until years after he died, by a granddaughter. She said she got the date out of an "little of black book mama had." No one knows what happened to this book.

Children of FMP & Caroline were: Barzila Jane, Lillie Ann, William J., Joshua F., Mary E., Margaret V., Essie L. FMP is buried at Old Bethel Cemetery in Clay Co., AL, as well as some of his children.

My husband's grandfather was Joshua Franklin Pruett.

Hope someone out there has some connection.

Really glad to see this Pruett group online. Here's to success!

Elaine Pruett

Elaine Pruett(Ron)DF 13
Wrote this on May 18, 10
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Well it's official, Ancestry is shutting down our Pruett/Pruitt/Prewitt Project on September 5th
What happens to this information
The PREWITT - PRUITT RECORDS of VIRGINIA by Richard A Prewitt has been uploaded to the file section.
Seeking a Y-DNA Tested Direct Male Descendant of James Burriss Pruitt (1832-1914) of Anderson, SC
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Comments

John W.Pruett-VA DF 13 May 18, 10
Welcome Elaine. Your son's DNA is R1b1b2 so it would be in the same sub-group as Kathy Marsh. Hopefully, there will be more in this sub-group in the future.

Samantha pruett May 19, 10
I am really writing this for my daughter Samantha Pruett (I am really only a Pruett by marriage). She is the daughter of William Glenn Pruett of the Calhoun Co., AL area. His grandfather was Howard Pruett and I was told by her uncle Glenn Pruett that Howard's father was a Joshua Pruett so there could be a connection there. I have tried before to do her Pruett tree and got nowhere. I think they have a Cleburne Co and Clay Co, AL connection. I would like very much to be able to complete her.

Elaine Pruett(Ron)DF 13 May 19, 10
Ilene, This is Elaine replying. My son, Ron, is the one whose DNA was tested. I, too, married a Pruett. Your comment is interesting because we do have a Howard in the family, but I do not recognize the name Glenn. Our Howard only had one son, called "Bill." His name was actually Horace, I believe. Is this familiar to you? Also, I saw on another site you are interested in the Fair family. Will you please email me at prue307@comcast.net so I can ask you a couple questions about them.

Elaine Pruett(Ron)DF 13 May 19, 10
Ilene, CORRECTION on the above statement. I was wrong about Howard having one son; he actually had two, Bill, and Horace. Sorry!
Elaine

Samantha pruett May 19, 10
I believe it could be Horace Glenn and the "Bill" could be William Glenn's father. He was called Bill

Elaine Pruett(Ron)DF 13 May 19, 10
Ilene, I am posting a photo of Howard and Stella Pruett, which I suspect is the one you are looking for. Let me know. Check out Francis Marion Pruett album.

Marcia McClure Aug 29, 10
I found Marion and Caroline in 1860. They are beside her father William "Burgess" in Township 15, Range 11, Calhoun Co, AL and are enumerated as Marion and Caroline "Burgan." What it really says is Burgess, so it's a comedy of errors. Francis Marion and Sophronia are also in Calhoun Co - Township 14, Range 10.

Caroline is found with her father William in 1850, "C Burgess, age 15" with the two brothers who are still with her father in 1860. Living right beside them is the other FM, son of Willis, with his twin Mary Jane (M.J.). After Mary Jane is 28 year old J Pruett and 18 year old "UM" Pruett. I think that this is your FM.

Your FM and Caroline's ages are all over the place in the census. They are each 30 in 1860 and 27 in 1870 in Lincoln Co, TN. J Pruett is James W. He doesn't know how old he is either. In 1840, James W has a son under 5, which is probably the most accurate reporting of your FM's age. William Burgess has 2 daughters 5 - 10. Since Caroline is 15 in 1850, 5 - 10 in 1840, and she and FM seem to be the same age (no matter how far off it's reported), I'd say that they were both born c 1835. My guess is that your FM was dead by 1900.

This family leads back to Ransom Sr and on back to William and Judith Dudley Pruett/Pruitt/Prewitt. Since your DNA doesn't match my line (Group C) from the Henrico/Goochland/Amelia Prewitts, it confirms my assessment that the William who married Judith Dudley was not the son of Thomas Prewitt Jr. (See my posted file on the descendants of Henry Prewitt of Henrico.) It also blows up my theory that William was from the King & Queen/Caroline family! (Group A)

Hope that this helps! Bet that you have been looking for them for a long time. Sometimes you can have too much info... the belated tombstone, that isn't correct. My many great grandmother, whose mother was a Prewitt, lived long enough to have her 105th birthday reported in the local MO paper, complete with where she was born, had lived, etc. When I finally found her in all of those places (that I had searched for years) I discovered that she was some 15 years younger. Her daughter had added 10 years to her life over the years also. When Johanna Mitchell Harris died at 108, which created another newspaper article, she really was 93!

Marcia

Elaine Pruett(Ron)DF 13 Aug 29, 10
1860, Calhoun Co, AL : The Francis Marion Burgess/Burgan you mention is actually Francis Marion Burgess son of William B. Burgess and his first wife, Elizabeth Price. A simple name check of the children confirms he is not Francis Marion Pruett. F. M. Burgess was married to Caroline Easterling, William Burgess married her sister Susannah after Elizabeth Price died. Another sister, Sarah Easterling is in the household of F. M. Burgess in 1860. F. M. Burgess and family removed to Oklahoma.

Marcia McClure Aug 29, 10
Well dam! Couldn't they come up with some different names??? FMP moved around to all the spots where Ransons descendants go, so I'd guess that he's related. Have any idea who "UM Pruett" could be in 1850 if it's not FM? Marrying the neighbor's daughter makes sense.

Jan McClintock Sep 2, 10
1900 census of Lincoln Co. TN...Francis Pruett born May 1832--age 68, widow, born AL and parents born AL.

Elaine Pruett(Ron)DF 13 Sep 2, 10
Thanks, Jan. That entry has caused me some sleeplessness. Just haven't been able to get enough info together about this entry to actually lay claim to it.
I have wavered back and forth over whether he is ours, somehow living in Lincoln Co TN listed as Wd with his wife and children still back in Cleburne Co, AL, listed in the 1900 census there. Our FMP had 7 known children, 6 of whom were still alive in 1900. The 1900 census, Cleburne, AL attributed 8 births to his wife, Caroline, 6 living.
In the 1900, Lincoln Co, TN census you found, if the children info is correct, (4 total, 3 living in 1900), it would more likely apply to the Francis Marion Pruett, b. Dec. 1836, son of Willis, who married Sophronia Harris, and who had 3 known children.
Really appreciate your help. Please help me keep on looking!

Jan McClintock Sep 2, 10
We know how full of bad info the census can be, but I wonder if your guy was actually born in May of 1832, that would certainly be different than Dec of 1936.... good luck. Nice puzzle you've got going there.

Jan McClintock Sep 2, 10
Wondered if you had investigated the Joshua Pruett/Pruitt in 1850 census of Franklin Co GA who had a son Francis M born about 1832?

Elaine Pruett(Ron)DF 13 Sep 2, 10
You are right. The huge problem is the inconsistency in the info we do have on our FMP. His age in the two census records do not agree with each other, nor his tombstone date. Joshua is a name I am particularly interested in, since our FMP named one of his sons Joshua Franklin, who is the grandfather to my husband. I have looked into the Joshua, b 1801, in the 1850 Franklin Co, GA census. You will notice that Francis is shown as a female. Even so, I held out hope that it was an error and that was really him, at last! No such luck. I went back to the 1840 census to see who was in this old Joshua's household. He had 1 male under 5, 2 males 20/30, and one male 30/40(Josh); 1 female under 5, 1 female under 10 (which could be Francis M.) 1 female 30/40(wife). Based on this, I had to assume that Francis was actually a female, though I have not been able to trace her into a marriage.
An interesting note on this old Joshua. He married Elizabeth Means, widow of William Means, who actually was Elizabeth Pruitt, daughter of Jacob Pruitt before she married Means. Elizabeth married Joshua on the 21st. Dec. 1826 in Elbert Co, GA. She was with him in 1850 Franklin Co., but did not show in the 1860 census with him in Hart Co, GA. By 1870, one Julia, age 50 was listed as the wife of Joshua, age 68, still in Hart Co. living next door to one of his sons, Henry T.
Thanks for your interest, and help.

Jan McClintock Sep 2, 10
Elaine...what do you know about Jacob?

Elaine Pruett(Ron)DF 13 Sep 2, 10
Jan, I have some handwritten notes on the GA Jacob somewhere in my mass of papers that I will try to find this week end if this is the one you are interested in. The GA Jacob was quite a colorful character. Of course, Jacob is a recurring name in the Pruett line. I also have a will, a land deed, and land survey s dating back to 1813-14 on a Jacob in Lincoln Co, TN. These documents have not been transcribed, but I can email the photo copies to you if you like.
I have not done the research to see if the two connect somewhere.

Jan McClintock Sep 2, 10
Elaine
I wasn't actually searching for a Jacob...but I have a will for a Jacob Pruett from Muscogee Co GA. and I thought maybe there might be a connection.
I've done a little research in Lincoln Co. and have seen the references to Jacob, John, James and a few others. I traced one of the to Rusk Co, TX. (I think it was James, but I would have to look at my files to be sure).
Jan

Wanda Kahler Dec 23, 10
Hi,
I am trying to tie Edward Pruett (1812-1867) to his father Jonathan Robert Pruett 1789-1869). They were in Alabama. In what is now Etowah Co. They came from Abbeville SC area, where the Pruitts and Little River Ashley's intermarried. Jonathan was married to Polly Ashley, daughter of William Ashley (Rev War, MD). Edwards first wife was also an Ashley...I descend from Mary Adams.
I can prove everything other than this one connection, and am drawing a blank. I have them in Abbeville, across the border in Wilkes Co/Madison Co GA in 1830. In AL by 1850. Suggestions/clues? (This is a DAR project, and they are SO particular)
Wanda

Wayne Pruitt May 2, 11
If anyone is interested, Richard Prewitt now has his book on Alabama Prewitt/Pruett/Pruitt's etc., available. It's about 403 pages. 1800 N. W. 81st St., Clive, Iowa 50325-5631, rprewitt4@aol.com

Elaine Pruett(Ron)DF 13 May 2, 11
I am very pleased that in this updated AL book, Richard A. Prewitt has given the supporting documentation showing the similarities and differences between the Francis Marion Pruett of my line, whose parents are unknown, and the Francis Marion Pruett, s/o of Willis. Because these two men lived in the same time period and geographical areas, they have often been confused with each other.
For anyone who is interested, information on Francis Marion Pruett, b 1836 son of Willis, buried at Rice Cemetery, can be found on page 34, while information on Francis Marion Pruett whose parents are unknown at this time is shown on page 35. Following that is a side by side comparison of the two families, which hopefully will help sort out some of the confusion of the two.
Francis Marion Pruett, parents unknown, b. ca 1832, buried at Bethel, is the 2nd great grandfather of my son, Ronald Pruett, whose DNA results are in group B and line up with the Solomon group.

Gloria Keyes Jun 2, 13
Elaine, I new to this and really am getting confused... but I have a FMP in my line that I can't find anything on and he was a Doctor in MS. I don't think he belongs there but my great was living with he and his family... Do you know anything about Martha Wofford White? This is the great that was in household.
Gloria

Elaine Pruett(Ron)DF 13 Jun 3, 13
Gloria, Sorry I do not know anything about Martha Wofford White. As for the FMP's, confusing is an understatement. In the 1800's there were at least five, may be more, of the same name in the south during the time period of my husband's g-gf Francis Marion Pruett, b. 1832, married Caroline Burgess. He and another of the same name were mistakenly thought to be one person by some, and their families intermix in online trees. I have sorted out these two, and you can find what I have written about them on Francis Marion Pruett's page in my Ancestry tree at <http://trees.ancestry.com/tree/25562344/family>
I have not come across one who was a doctor, as far as I know. I would like to know more about him, and see what we can find out. Would you please tell me in what census (date and place) he was found?
To narrow your search for Pruett/Pruitts, you might want to consider having a male Pruett in your line do the Ydna test if you have not done that already. When the test is finished, he will be put into one of the groups on this site, and that will point you in the direction of the line you need to research. There are several unrelated groups of Pruetts, various spellings. My husband's line falls into group B.
I do know that one of the lines, represented by McKay Pruett in group B, had people in MS. I believe you will find a page on those ancestors under the file section of this site.
I will help you if I can. Good luck! Elaine

John W.Pruett-VA DF 13 Jun 3, 13
Gloria, you can find McKay Pruett's ancestors at: <http://groups.ancestry.com/group/60509555/discussions/124409708>
When our tag system was set up, "McKay" was entered as a tag because the questions about his ancestors kept coming up.
It seems Francis Marion Pruett would be a good addition to the tags for our 46 discussion items on Family Group B. I will try to get to this in the future.

Gloria Keyes Jun 5, 13
Elaine, I am so sorry I got the last names mixed up. I have been going back and forth with White and Pruitt and when I saw the first two name I thought my mystery had been solved... but the last name was White...As I said I have only been doing this for about two years and when you think you have some of it right something goes wrong. I don't have a male to have a DNA test done... they have all passed away, at least the ones I knew. I have traced back and thought my line was from Henry Prewitt SR and Rebecca Ann Dobbs, Thomas Prewitt Sr. 1692-1759, William Pruitt 1725-1813 and Judith Dudley 1724-1822 but someone said that Judith Dudley could not be his wife so back to square one on that...but then I go to John Pruitt and Mary Hopper, Archibald Pruitt and Mary Nell, Archibald Pruitt and Marie A. Patterson, then my grandfather Neill Pruitt.
I just get so confused. Thanks for any help you can give me. Gloria Keyes

John, Thanks for the info on McKay Pruitt...We have things that are different... I have Archibald Pruitt SR born in 1770 1864 and wife Mary Nell they are buried at Hopewell Cem in Jasper co, Ms. I have been there and Archibald Jr is also there but his wife is Marie A Patterson.... Mosshill he speaks about I was there as a child. I fill like the last name of Mary is correct because my grandfather was named Neill. I am open for any help I can get... I did read that Archibald Jr had a wife before Marie A. and that if could have been a cousin. Thanks Gloria Keyes

Marcia McClure Jun 7, 13
Gloria - one of the problems is that the William who is the suspected father of your John most likely never set foot in SC. He likely died in the Guilford/Rockingham/Stokes Co, NC area. Ransom, Joshua, and Samuel Prewitt (of many spellings), all of these men served in the Revolution under Captain John Nelson, whose soldiers seem to have come from Guilford Co, NC. Many of the men who served under Nelson stated that they enlisted at the Guilford Courthouse. All of these men made their way to northwestern SC after the Revolution.
I suspect that they were brothers, sons of William and perhaps Judith Dudley Prewitt. The Dudley's lived in Middlesex Co and were pretty well to do. Her grandfather was a burgess and would have been in Williamsburg regularly. Samuel stated in his Revolutionary War pension statement that he was born in James City Co, VA near Williamsburg in 1751. William shows up in early records of what was then western NC - the area that became the Guilford/Rockingham/Stokes Co, NC area

The William who showed up in the Spartanburg District, SC was younger than your William and was in Halifax Co, VA as late as 1768 when he was in the sheriff's custody for a debt. (He wasn't exactly Dudley marriage material) By 1770 he platted land on the Tyger River in SC. He appeared in the 1790 and 1800 censuses in Spartanburg. This William was indeed descended from Henry Prewitt of Henrico.

I believe that your John was the son of the James City Co to Guilford William. In case you haven't seen this, here is an article about your John and his wife Mary. See "Female Patriotism" http://books.google.com/books?id=JUD8AAIAAJ&pg=PA411&pg=PA411&dq=%22weekly+register%22+abbeville&source=bl&q=uz3w+h0rL&sig=E1_yhQrhm52C2Y+6u93qAN154l&hl=en&ei=ulM4JtPUCc-0mwe26ly2Dg-&sa=X&oi=book_result&ct=result&resnum=7&ved=0CDEQ6AEwBg#v=onepage&q&f=false

Gloria Keyes Jun 7, 13
Thanks Marcia, I am really confused now... Do you know who the father of my William is? or who any of his siblings were?..The only thing I sure of is when it gets to Archibald...any help you can give me it would be great Gloria

Marcia McClure Jun 7, 13
Gloria - we've been unable to get any further information on your William in VA. James City Co has very few records left. The church records that Samuel mentions in his statement no longer exist. As I recall when I was researching the early NC deeds there was also a Richard in the same area as William.
Samuel's pension statement can be found at: <http://rewarapps.org/s21432.pdf>
Joshua's: <http://www.southerncampaign.org/pens/39027.pdf>
Ransom attested to Samuel's service.
Joshua's pension: <http://www.southerncampaign.org/pens/39029.pdf>

Joshua and Ransom appear on the "Roll of Captain Griffith John McRee's Company of 1st N Carolina Battalion Comm by Colonel Thomas Clark. Sept 8th, 1778."

It's not a great mystery... your William has been mistakenly made to be William the son of Thomas Prewitt (Amelia to Halifax Co, VA.) Tom's son William moved from Halifax Co, VA to Spartanburg about 1770. Most of your family was in NC until after the Revolution. I've not found any evidence that your William bought any SC land. DNA testing has helped highlight some of these mistakes.

I believe that your John was also a Rev War soldier, it's just that he didn't live long enough to file for a pension. The "Female Patriotism" article in my previous message says that he was.

Another possible sibling was Dudley Pruitt. Dudley was a Loy alist and served under Captain Shadrack Lantrey and Major Daniel Plummer in the Fair Forest Militia. He was in the battle of Kings Mountain. Dudley evacuated Fort 96 in July 1781 with Lt Col John H. Cruger. (It was a cruel war and in the Carolinas it was our first civil war. There, it was very much family against family, neighbor against neighbor.)

A younger sibling was Peter Prewitt. He named his children - William and Judith in his 1823 will.
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