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William Pewitt's DNA puts him in Henry of Henrico's line

William L. Pewitt, Jr. has been placed in DNA Family Group C due to his DNA test provided by his cousin Ben Couch. William Pewitt's DNA markers are identical to those of Paul Pruitt, Dwain Pruett and Michael Pruett. William has a 2 MRCA, but it's only because he was tested at FamilyTree. Ancestry only uses 34 of his FamilyTree markers in their generation comparisons which are based on the Ancestry 46 marker test.

William Pewitt's line, which descends from Henry Prewitt of Henrico(1654), is as follows:

William Lester Pewitt, Jr

William Lester Pewitt, Sr

John William Pewitt 1899 Williamson, TN - 1978 Bedford, TN (brother of Rosa Louvenia Pewitt 1907 Williamson, TN, - 1984 Davidson, TN, m. Frank Benjamin Couch (my, FB Couch, III, grandparents)

Isaac Pewitt 1873 Williamson, TN - 1947 Davidson, TN

William Hartwell Pewitt 1834 Williamson, TN - 1906 Williamson, TN

John Andes Pewitt 1812 Williamson, TN - 1890 Sand Mountain, AL; James Blackwell Pewitt 1780 Lunenburg, VA - 1822 Williamson, TN

Joel Pewitt b 174? VA - 1825? Williamson, TN, m. Anne Blackwell and also had a son named Hartwell. Joel, Sr. had a son named Joel who was listed in the 1820 Census. Joel, Jr. died in 1823.

Joseph Prewitt Abt 1724 Henrico, VA, - Abt 1790 Wilkes, NC, m. Rachel.

Our file of the variants of the "Prew-it" surname does not include Pewitt, but it should. Most of the variants there seem to start with a "Pr" and it's something people should be aware of.

Comments



Ben Couch Nov 27, 12

I have no proof that Joseph Prewitt is in my line...this comes from Ancestry family trees. As my DNA doesn't match group C, I doubt if this connection holds up. May be he is confused with another Joseph. I look forward to comments.

The last I have on Joel comes from a secondary source, a book published by the Humphreys County Historical Society containing resident family history submissions. It says he was born in Lunenburg, VA in abt 1740. Then in 1789 he "...sold all his possessions in Virginia and moved to Chatham County, North Carolina." He is listed in the 1790 census in Chatham, NC. They further say that in 1796 he "...sold his North Carolina land, and this is the last we know of him"

I am hoping someone knows of Pewitt/Prewitt records in the Chatham area. Perhaps there are deeds that can shine light on the subject. We do know that most of Joel's children came to Williamson County, TN, and I assume that he did too and is buried here in an unmarked grave. Some of his descendants then moved west to Humphreys County, TN, (one of these was a customer of mine and is a 5th cousin) and others on to western states such as Arkansas. As far as I know, all his descendants use the name Pewitt.



Ben Couch Nov 29, 12

Of course I meant to say my DNA doesn't match Group D...I guess that's what a different Haplogroup means. Is that correct?



John W. Pruett-VA DF13 Nov 30, 12

Ben we knew what you meant because your Prewitt line is on your maternal side.

You are in haplogroup R1b which is the largest haplogroup in Western Europe. Six out of eight of our family groups are in R1b, too. Haplogroups are the major branches on the human paternal family tree. Each haplogroup has many subbranches. These are subclades. Your Couch Family DNA is in a different subclade from the Prewitt families.



Ben Couch Nov 30, 12

Hi, John,

No, I was talking about Wm Lester Pewitt's test. The D group with Joseph of Wilkes is haplogroup I. Wouldn't that mean no relation to Wm Les?



John W. Pruett-VA DF13 Nov 30, 12

Ben, I am sorry I misunderstood what you were saying. You are correct that William Lester Pewitt would be no relation to our DNA Family Group D members which are in Haplogroup I. We have a Wilkes County expert on this site, Ritch Pruitt. Maybe Ritch will comment on Joseph Prewitt(d ca1790? m to Rachel) and whether there were two of them in Wilkes County at this time.



Ritchie Pruitt Dec 1, 12

Joseph Prewitt of Wilkes County has been proven by multiple yDNA testing to have been I1d (L22+). Up to this point we have not found any Prewitt/Pruitts with a different yDNA haplogroup co-existing in Wilkes/Surry Counties at the same time with Group D (I1d).



Ben Couch Dec 1, 12

So, the Joseph b 1724 Henrico, VA, resided in the part of Lundenburg, Va, that became Charlotte Co, VA, and then moved to Halifax, VA, then to Pittsylvania, VA, m. Rachel, fathered Joel b bef 1745 is not the same Joseph that died in Wilkes, NC, in 1790. If there are parts of the above that go with the Joseph of Wilkes, please let me know. This is so confusing.

Thanks,

Ben Couch



Ritchie Pruitt Dec 2, 12

Joseph Sr. of Ashe/Wilkes/Pittsylvania did have a son named Joel but it wasn't the Joel of Williamson, TN that you are showing. Joel of Wilkes has been conclusively shown to be a I1d by at least two separate yDNA tests. I am happy to share my family tree with you if you are interested.



Ben Couch Dec 2, 12

Yes, please, Ritchie, I would very much like to know more about your Joseph and Joel to be able to put that one to rest.

Thanks,

Ben



Ritchie Pruitt Dec 2, 12

What email/account would you like me to send the invite to Ben?



Ben Couch Dec 2, 12

bencouch3@gmail.com or bencouch1 is the id



Ben Couch Dec 3, 12

Thanks, for responding, Ritchie, however, I hoped to see supporting records. Of course, so far Joseph, Jr, who filed application for pension in Wilkes had a father, Joseph, likely the same one whose will was probated Dec 1790 in Wilkes, NC. Since Jr said he was born in Pittsylvania, VA, it stands to reason that his father is the one who you found records for in that county. How do we know that he was the same one b Abt 1722 or 4 in Henrico, VA, married Rachel from Charlotte County or was the one who moved to Halifax County? Also, my Joel b Lunenburg County used to have a father, Joseph b 1722 or 4 in Henrico, and mother, Rachel. Why would the DNA tests revoke that if there were records before that linked him to those parents? I haven't seen those records, but I sure would like to as just about all ancestry trees still have him linked to them.

Please help clarify these issues if you can.

Thanks,

Ben



Ritchie Pruitt Dec 4, 12

Ben, do you have a Facebook account? I have set up a private Wilkes County Pruitt Page for all descendants of Joseph Sr. (around 40+ people). There should be the documentation that you are looking for there.



Ben Couch Dec 4, 12

I just made a facebook page. You can find me by searching on my e-mail address: bencouch3@gmail.com.



John W. Pruett-VA DF13

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