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### Price Pruitt

Hello everyone! I come from Price Pruitt that married a Caroline Pratte in Washington Co MO. Price's father was Henry Pruitt, Jr that married a Sarah Herrington, I believe also in MO. Henry Pruitt Sr married a Martha Wilson? then Henry Pruitt Sr' father was Charles Pruitt that married a Sarah Wideman.

I wished a knew more than that. Who are these Pruitt's? I know Price was born in Morse Mill, MO and he is buried in Pond Creek Cemetery in Potosi, MO area. Did he remarry after Caroline who died in 1913 in MO.

#### Comments



**Marcia McClure** Jun 25, 11

Michelle - I have a couple of suggestions for more research. Sarah Wideman Pruitt was the daughter of German immigrant Henry Wideman (Weidman). He moved from PA to Granville Co, NC and from there was in 96 Dist, SC by 1784.

[http://worldconnect.rootsweb.ancestry.com/cgi-bin/igm.cgi?op=GET&db=lep\\_patrick&id=P3908](http://worldconnect.rootsweb.ancestry.com/cgi-bin/igm.cgi?op=GET&db=lep_patrick&id=P3908)

In 1784, Henry Wideman platted 200 acres on Buffalo Creek, Hillsboro Township, 96 District. Over the next few years he platted more land on Buffalo Creek. He wrote his will in 1803, naming 2 daughters married to "Pruitts," Lucy and Sarah. There's a good chance that sisters married brothers.

All of the children listed on the above tree link for Charles and Sarah were NOT theirs. That appears to be a combination of people. I don't believe that they were ever in NC, TN or TX. According to that tree, "John Wideman, Mark Wideman, Sarah (Wideman) Pruitt and their families settled on the Negro Fork in 1798 by permission of Francois Valle. Source: History of Missouri, page 2-2-75. 1798 Jefferson County, Missouri."

Henry was born in GA c 1792, so my assumption is that after Charles and Sarah married they moved to GA. There was a lot of movement from Abbeville into GA after the Revolution. The posted tree says that he was born in Hancock but it wasn't formed until 1793 from Greene and Washington Counties. That gives you 3 GA counties to check for Pruitts.

From there they must have gone to MO along with Sarah's siblings. Jefferson Co, MO wasn't organized until 1818/1819 from Ste Genevieve and St Louis Counties. Henry first appears in the Jefferson Co, MO 1830 census. (He is indexed on Ancestry as Kenny Pratt, but it's Henry Pruitt.) There's another 3 counties to check for when Charles and Sarah may have died.

There were a number of Prewitts/Pruetts/Pruitts in Abbeville after the Revolution. DNA testing would help narrow the field. Henry Wideman's land was on Buffalo Creek / Little River. A Fields Pruett platted land on Little River in 1790. I don't know who Fields is. I did find this blurb on another site: "There is a marriage in St. Clair Co, IL (prob near St. Louis) Aug 22, 1808 of Fields Pruitt and Hannah Hill."

There was a Fields Pruitt in MO in 1818 -

<https://library.uncg.edu/slavery/details.aspx?pid=9600>



**Marcia McClure** Jun 25, 11

Here's another link which says that Henry Wideman did live in Wilkes Co, GA for some time. See the last paragraph...

<http://archiver.rootsweb.ancestry.com/th/read/WIDEMAN/2001-05/0989200514>



**Marcia McClure** Jun 25, 11

I keep finding things...

Sarah and a John Pruitt were among the first claimants in Big River Township, Jefferson Co, MO along with the Widemans. It appears that John was Lucy Wideman's husband. A wife's name would not be show on a husband's plat, so it was 2 different plats, one to Sarah and one to John Pruitt. Charles may have died before they left GA or on the way.

[http://www.jcgsmo.org/resources/maps/Big\\_River.html](http://www.jcgsmo.org/resources/maps/Big_River.html)

I found this blog which contains a huge clue:

"Name: Rachel PRUITT (twin) Sex: F Birth: 1800 in St. Louis District, MISSOURI Death: AFT 1880 in Franklin County, MISSOURI Burial: AFT 1880 Franklin County, MISSOURI

Father: Charles PRUITT b: 1757 in Granville County, NORTH CAROLINA  
Mother: Sarah WIDEMAN b: 1769 in Granville County, NORTH CAROLINA

Married: BEF 1822 in Franklin County, MISSOURI spouse unknown  
Rachel was b 1800 in St. Louis District, Missouri. Rachel was the 3rd daughter and 6th child of Charles PRUITT and Sarah Wideman. Rachel was a twin. Charles and Sarah's other children were Henry, Thomas, Mary, Lucy and David. David was Rachel's twin.

Of course this is only the beginning. There is your mother's family and your father's family. So I'm still searching. Here are few of the websites I like to use.

JOHN Pruitt married LUCY WIDEMAN, CHARLES Pruitt married her sister SARAH and SAMUEL married CATHERINE PYEATT. All three of these brothers migrated into the Jefferson Co/St. Louis Co area of MO ca1800."

<http://pruitfamilyofmissouri.blogspot.com/>

I don't know how she knows that Samuel was Charles and John's brother, but I would venture to agree with her. Samuel and Catherine separated in St Louis in 1814, don't know if they ever divorced. He appears to have died in St Louis Co, MO c 1818.

Samuel is a DNA match to Group C. I believe that he is the son of Thomas Prewitt III (c 1735 Amelia Co, VA - c 1807 Spartanburg Co, SC) Here is a link to my piece on Henry Prewitt the progenitor of this line. The page has a link to my rootsweb tree where you can find Thomas III and what I have on Samuel.

[http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~greengarden/Prewitts%20of%20Henrico%20Amelia%20Halifax/henry\\_prewitt\\_henrico.htm](http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~greengarden/Prewitts%20of%20Henrico%20Amelia%20Halifax/henry_prewitt_henrico.htm)



**Michele Strommer** Jun 28, 11

Thank you for replying to my post. I wonder why Francois Valle chose them, the Wideman's and/or Pruitt's for land grant in the Jefferson Co MO? I am really afraid that the one Pruitt we are related to will not consent to the test. So, if Charles, Samuel and John are brothers then I would say that Group C would work for us. But all we can do is ask.



**Marcia McClure** Jun 28, 11

Michele - I don't know that Francois Valle chose them exactly. The Valle family were very early settlers and the family owned a lot of land. The Pruitts and the Widemans moved there when it was a French Territory I believe and long before any kind of county government was formed.

The DNA test is completely painless - just a cheek swab. It also can be anonymous and all communication comes to your email address. They do not need to know the donor's name. The markers tested are those passed exclusively from father to son to son and so on. That's why we need males with the surname. Kind of mean to say, but we aren't interested in the donor, just how his lineage helps complete our picture of the family!



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