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## Welcome Rita

Rita, welcome to Pruett/Pruitt/Prewitt DNA project. I hope you will tell us something about the family line you are interested in.

We are making progress and have found through DNA that there are at least five different Pruett/Pruitt/Prewitt family lines rather than everyone coming from Thomas of 1616.

See our "Compare DNA" section which takes a little while to load. If possible, I hope you can have someone in your Pruett family do the DNA test to determine where they would fall.

### Comments



**Rita Livingston** Jan 22, 11

My father was Vernon Earl Pruett b. 1908. His father was James Edward Pruett, form Corbin Ky. His father was Mathias Pruett. I have heard that Mathias left his wife and went to Oklahoma and then died there. That is as far as I can trace the Pruettts. Any help?



**John W.Pruett-VA DF13** Jan 22, 11

Rita, I don't know what county, Corbin is in or if its a separate county. There is a large file of all the KY counties called "The Pruettts/Pruitts of KY" by Richard A. Pruett in our files section. This large file of 355 pages can be pulled up in Word, etc and you can do a "find" or search by putting in Mathias's name. There are smaller files of several large KY counties in the file section, too.

There are many Pruettts/Pruitts, etc who left VA for KY around 1774 because they were offered 400 free acres if they moved and stayed there. KY was part of VA then and they wanted to settle the area.



**Rita Livingston** Jan 23, 11

I have found out that Mathias father was Joel, his father Elijah, then David 2, then David 1, then Richard, etc. But I don't have proof, only seeing from other family trees. Apparently Mathias was married 3 times. Mary Mosier, Mary Jane Cox, and Elizabeth Martha Taylor. There aren't any direct Pruett males for DNA.



**Marcia McClure** Jan 24, 11

Rita - one thing to aware of is that most trees combine your Richard with the Richard who lived and died in King & Queen. His wife was Frances, but her last name is unproven and often listed as Murrell. That Richard is not related to your Richard who was the son of Henry Prewitt of Henrico.

The King & Queen Richard owned land in Halifax but never lived there. He died c 1757 and Frances sold his Halifax land.

Your Richard (Henry) owned land in Lunenburg, later Halifax that still later fell in Pittsylvania. He first appears on the 1728 Goochland tax list and last appears on the Pittsylvania tithable list in 1767.



**John W.Pruett-VA DF13** Jan 26, 11

Rita, I found this in the Kentucky file from the book by Richard A. Prewitt. This is the only Mathias listed:

Shelby County KY  
1828 Tax list: p. 68 MATHIAS PREWITT, 112 acres, 3 slaves, 3 horses, \$1870  
.P 350



**Jan McClintock** Jan 27, 11

Found this at [www.genforum.com](#):

MATHIAS E. 9 PREWITT (JOEL P.8, ELUAH7, DAVID II6, DAVID I5, RICHARD SR4, HENRY PRUITT PRUETT3, THOMAS PRUITT PRUETT2, JOHN PRUITT PRUETT1) was born June 1836 in Spring Rock, Whitley, KY. He married (1) MARY JANE COX April 17, 1855 in Whitley Co., KY. She was born Abt. 1832 in IN. and died Bef. 1880 in Whitley Co., KY. He married (2) MARTHA ELIZABETH TAYLOR Abt. 1880 in Poss Whitley, KY. She was born Abt. 1857 in KY/TN, and died Bef. 1910.

More About MATHIAS PREWITT and MARY COX:

Marriage: April 17, 1855, Whitley Co., KY

More About MATHIAS PREWITT and MARTHA TAYLOR:

Marriage: Abt. 1880, Poss Whitley, KY

Children of MATHIAS PREWITT and MARY COX are:

399. i. ELIZABETH DIANA H10 PREWITT, b. March 27, 1856, Spring Rock, Whitley, KY.
- ii. ELJJA PREWITT, b. March 27, 1856, Spring Rock, Whitley, KY.
- iii. ELENOR M. PREWITT, b. August 18, 1857, Spring Rock, Whitley, KY.
- iv. ABSOLOM T. PREWITT, b. 1860, Spring Rock, Whitley, KY.
- v. SON UNNAMED PREWITT, b. February 18, 1861, Spring Rock, Whitley, KY.
- vi. WILLIAM PREWITT, b. Abt. 1863, Spring Rock, Whitley, KY.
- vii. JAMES PREWITT, b. Abt. 1867, Spring Rock, Whitley, Kentucky.
- viii. JOEL PREWITT, b. 1869, Spring Rock, Whitley, KY.

Children of MATHIAS PREWITT and MARTHA TAYLOR are:

400. ix. CARRIE ELIZABETH H10 PREWITT, b. February 1879, Spring Rock, Whitley, KY; d. June 06, 1909, Thackerville, Love, OK Old Mt. Zion Cemt. no headstone.
- x. HENRY MELVIN PREWITT, b. Abt. 1882, Spring Rock, Whitley, Kentucky; d. 1918, Oklahoma; m. (1) ROSIE BEEBE; m. (2) FLOYE MAYBLE BEEBE.
- xi. JULIA A. PREWITT, b. Abt. 1884, Spring Rock, Whitley, KY; d. Abt. 1966, CA; m. JOHN TUCKER SMART, Bet. 1908 - 1910, OK.

More About JOHN SMART and JULIA PREWITT:

Marriage: Bet. 1908 - 1910, OK

(Looks like some of this children of Mathias and Martha Taylor did go to Oklahoma)



**Jan McClintock** Jan 28, 11

Rita

I found a Mathias Prewit in Oklahoma in 1900. He was born in 1836.

I've attempted to download the info in a PDF file.

If your email is on this site I'll send it to you...if it's not here...could you post it?

Jan



**Jan McClintock** Jan 28, 11

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\*Mathias E. Prewit, KY

Posted by: Cary Hess Date: January 29, 2000 at 00:38:51 of 3920

\*Mathias E. Prewit, b June 1836, KY d bef 1910, Thackerville, Love, OK, buried Old Mt. Zion Cemt. no headstone. Married (1) Mary (Jane) Cox on April 17, 1855, Whitley Co, KY. They had eight children: Elijah, Elizabeth Dianah, Elenor M., Absolom T., unnamed Son, William, James, and Joel.

Mathias married (2) Elizabeth Martha Taylor Meadows and had the following four children: Carrie E. (ggm), Henry Melvin, Julia Ann, and Sarah Molly.



**Marcia McClure** Jan 28, 11

On this part of the genforum posting - (JOEL P.8, ELJJA H7, DAVID II6, DAVID I5, RICHARD SR4, HENRY PRUITT PRUETT3, THOMAS PRUITT PRUETT2, JOHN PRUITT PRUETT1)

The last guy, John, has been shown to be wrong. Several years ago a gentleman paid to have the original Wiltshire parish records examined. Turns out the Thomas son of a John baptized that day was a Thomas Wiat not Piat or Pruitt.

The Thomas who was claimed as a headright by Joanne Bennett in 1636 can't be tied to any of our various families at this point. There is no record that he left any children. Also, he wasn't a Quaker when he and his wife were charged in 1648. There were no Quakers here until 1750. They may have been Puritans and as they obviously weren't married in the Anglican church.

M C Pruitt and his wife E are in Love Co, OK in 1910. Says that they have been married 35 years.



**Rita Livingston** Jan 29, 11

Marcia,

Thank you. I know that I am really a baby in all this, but how does anyone ever figure this out? We Pruettts sure are hard to track.

So does this mean that I need to stop after Henry (1654 - 1722) m. to Rebecca Dobbs (1671 -1748)? Or was his father Thomas (1616 - 1692) m. to Sarah Lessent (1629 - 1657). I would love to post pictures, but I don't even think I have any.



**Rita Livingston** Jan 29, 11

Jan,

Thank you. Are you related to Mathias? How do you keep it straight?



**Marcia McClure** Jan 29, 11

Rita - I've been at this a long time! I've learned from mistakes and I've learned a lot from other people along the way. I've also been involved with a couple of DNA projects for about 6 or 7 years - the early years. It's a great tool to add to a paper trail. It doesn't tell you everything, but it gives you a map.

Thomas (supposedly 1616 - 1692) m to Sarah (speculation) can't, at this point, be shown to be the ancestor of any of us. Paul Pruitt pointed out on [genforum.com](#) a number of years ago that Thomas couldn't have been a Quaker in 1648 since Quakers didn't arrive here until the mid 1650's. I did a little research and sure enough, he was right.

Lynn Mayes in "From Virginia Through the Southwest" says this:

"There has long been speculation that Thomas Prewitt was born in Salisbury, Wiltshire, England in 1616, and that he was the son of John Prewitt, baptized 16 Jan. 1588 in Wiltshire, married Margaret Pickemell 24 Feb. 1616 in Wiltshire. In an attempt to confirm or deny these rumors Bob Prewitt of Colorado hired British Ancestors Family History Services (<http://www.britishancestors.com/>) to search the relevant records. British Ancestors replied that there are entries for John Prewett's baptism and marriage at Winterbourne Earls, Wiltshire. The baptismal record for Thomas "Wiet", 25 May 1616, at St. Edmunds, Salisbury, has apparently been mistakenly misread as "Piet" by others in the past."

So there's no Thomas Prewitt baptized in Wiltshire in 1616 and no Thomas who can be proven to be the founder of a Prewitt/Pruett/Pruitt line.

Thomas' name is spelled various ways in the Colonial records including several more like Prewatt. There is a Prewatt and variant spellings family. So far I don't think that any of them have appeared in our DNA matches.

The trail stops at Henry who MAY have been born here, or MAY have been an immigrant. He doesn't appear in Quaker OR Anglican records. Henry appears in Fields and Jones records. His first wife MAY have been a Fields or a Jones.

I have 2 Prewitt lines, one (I think) from the Frederick Co, MD to Pittsylvania Co, VA family. It needs work. The second is Judith Prewitt m Daniel Mitchell (Michael, Andrew, Henry). Judith died before 1818 in Shelby Co, KY.

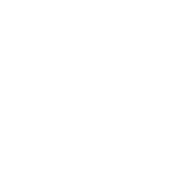
I use a genealogy program called RootsMagic. I've used others, but this is my second version of this one. It's easy to use, search, look at family groups, and create reports. You can keep your notes with the person and you can add pictures. I'd never be able to keep them straight without it!

Since Mathias lived until 1910, you might go to <http://www.genforum.com> then to the Prewitt family and post a message to see if anyone has a picture of him. Use a "subject" line that is likely to attract people with something about him... like "Mathias Prewit 1836 - aft 1910."



**Rita Livingston** Feb 1, 11

I just found on [ancestry.com](#) The Compendium of American Genealogy Vol 11. I think it was on page 511 about a George Washington Pruitt. If anyone is related to him. Some other Pruitts also listed.



**Ritchie Pruitt** Feb 10, 11

<http://www.prewattfamily.org/origins.html>

