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Attaway DNA Maatches Pruitt DNA

My Attaway DNA comes up with many Pruitt's DNA in the MRCA 5-10 range. I have no Pruitt's in my data base so was wondering if any of you had Attaway people in your Pruitt data bases. My Attaways were in VA, SC, GA, TN and finally on to Texas. Beflow is my "presumed" line although I'm still looking for proof on the Joseph connection.

Elisha & Lettice Barton Attaway, VA, SC
Joseph & Edith Nations Attaway, SC, GA
William & Nicey Draper Attaway, died TN
William Robert & Elvira Preslar Attaway b. 1836 TN
James Alexander & Maude Watterson Attaway, d. TX
Jessie & Weeksie Irvin Attaway, d. TX
Sharon Attaway Brogdon---Me.

Any help is appreciated. attawaycousins@aol.com

Comments



John W.Pruett-VA DF13 Dec 14, 10

Hi Sharon and welcome to the group. I haven't come across the Attaway name in my searches. I checked the Pruett DNA in my Family Group A and it doesn't closely match Attaways in the Ancestry DNA Database so you must be talking about Pruitts in our other Pruitt/Pruett/Pruitt DNA Family Groups.

I was unable to view the Attaway Group because its a private Group. I had to pull up DNA for Eric, Ian, Justin, and Randy Attaway from the Ancestry DNA Database and they were all over 50 MRCA from my DNA which is in Family Group A.

Which Pruitt-Pruett names are showing up on your list of close matches?

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Sharon Brogdon Dec 14, 10

These names were all in MRCA of 6 to my brother's DNA. They were almost perfect matches in the 46 marker test. It seems there would have to be a connection between the two families.

Paul Dudley Pruitt
Michael William Pruett
Dwayne Pruett
William Eugene Preuit
Allen Eric Pruett
Thomas Ryan Prewitt



John W.Pruett-VA DF13 Dec 15, 10

Sharon, your brother appears to be closely related to members in our Pruitt Family Group C which some call Henry of Henrico's Line. A few years ago it seems that almost all the Pruitt/Pruett/Prewitt researchers were trying to connect to Henry (b 1654) which seemed to be the main line of Thomas of 1636's three sons. Through DNA we now know all Pruettts, etc are not related to Thomas of 1636.

Henry of Henrico is a large group and probably has the most research of any of the Pruitt lines. There are people here who have considerable knowledge of this line and should be able to help you.

There are currently 11 people in the Ancestry DNA database who are not members of our Family Group C, but possibly could be. Eight of these people are 1-3 MRCA from Dwain Pruett and five of them are listed at the 1 MRCA level from Dwain. Four of the six Pruettts-Pruitts on your list of matches are not in our project right now I just sent messages to them and I hope some of them will consider joining our group.



Sharon Brogdon Dec 15, 10

My brother isn't even online and could care less. I practically had to run him down to get his DNA swab. If you'll send me the link I'll join under his name so his values will show up. I know, hard to believe anyone isn't interested in genealogy.;



John W.Pruett-VA DF13 Dec 15, 10

Ancestry should have sent a username and password to you when they notified you the test was in. You can use this username and password to sign on as your brother and then go to our site and hit "request to join".

If you can't find this email from Ancestry you can call them or try setting up a "new" account for your brother. You will need to know the email address that is linked to your brother's DNA account. This email address was sent in with the DNA sample.

To set up a "new" account for your brother's DNA in our database make sure you are "signed out" of Ancestry which is at the top of the page when you go to this site :

<http://dna.ancestry.com/privacyPreference.aspx>

You will have to fill out the right half of the page like you are new to Ancestry. Once you have a new user name, password and the original email address for your brother's account, You can then sign on using his new username and password and click on the "request to join" in the upper right hand corner on the opening page of our group. When your request is approved your brother's DNA will be automatically put in our database.

If you have trouble, we can figure out how to do it. Having the original email from Ancestry will make it a lot easier. Ancestry can send you another copy.



Randy Attaway Dec 15, 10

Hope it worked. Let me know if you don't see his results and we'll try something else. I'm so baffled as to why so many Pruitt name are so close a match but no Attaway men match up.



Paul Pruitt Dec 16, 10

Hi, this is Paul Dudley Pruitt. One of my speculations is that many closely related people got different last names when last names became a requirement. I'm not at all sure but I think last names might have been required for the first time in 1200's in England. Maybe two father related cousins were allowed to take different last names, I really don't know. However if it were true then the DNA would be the same and last names different.

Then of course there are the explanations of infidelity. An Attaway wife could have secretly had a son via a Pruitt. Also there are of course cases of adoptions, even by relatives that could explain the different last names with same DNA.

I'm not a geneticist so maybe we should get someone more familiar with the subject to chime in here.



John W.Pruett-VA DF13 Dec 16, 10

Paul, I was told by Oliver Prys-Jones (a distant DNA match) that it's almost impossible to go beyond 1700 in Wales because they didn't use surnames until then. There are some Pruettts-Pruitts in England after 1200. I remember the William and Adam Pruet in the 1200's who were caught damaging the King's property. It is thought they were caught deer hunting because the King owned all the game in the forests..



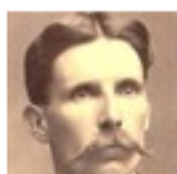
Paul Pruitt Dec 16, 10

I think I saw that Pruitt reference about being caught with game too. Maybe that's where I got the idea that last names started then too as that was the earliest reference to Pruitt/Pruettts/prewitts I have seen too.



William Preuit Jan 8, 11

Noted with interest the discussion on names and spellings. I have learned that in many cases in our early census, most folks were illiterate and the census taker spelling it the best he could. In my own case, I have records where we were Pruit, Pruitt and then in about 1872 my g-grandfather changed the spellings when he moved to Nebraska to keep his business records separate from an older established Pruitt/Prewitt who was already in the community.



John W.Pruett-VA DF13 Jan 8, 11

William, it was not only the census takers, but the local tax collectors and government officials who also spelled Pruett-Pruitt, etc in many different ways. I have found 12 different spellings for my family, but for some reason Pruett seems to be preferred spelling that won out.

I grew up in VA thinking the Pruitts were a completely different family who were mostly waterman in Chesapeake Bay area. Through the Compare DNA section on this site we now know that both the sumames Pruett and Pruitt show up about 50-50 in the Family Groups, so they are really the same family. Your surname is just one of the many variants of Pruett-Pruitt.

Mary Jo Coomer told me that in her Pruitt family in KY, the rumor has it that three Pruitt brothers changed their last names to different spellings on purpose.

It was a difficult name to spell for the early settlers, but it's the same family and pronounced "Prew-it" by most.



John W.Pruett-VA DF13 Jan 11, 11

Paul, there were more early Pruett-Pruitts in England and I found the following paragraph written by Dr. L.C. Branyon which he gave in a speech at a Pruett reunion:

The Hall of Names, Ltd. in Great Britain reports that the name Pruett (or its recognizable variations) has been found in ancient Welsh chronicles pre-dating 1066. Therefore, the name's origins may not be French. This source says that the name was first found in Camarthenshire in Wales. Versions of the family name appear as early as the thirteenth century in such records as the Domesday Book, Hearth Rolls, the Black Book of Exchequer and the Curia Rolls. In 1202, Matthew Pruet was listed in the "Pipe Rolls". In another document it was recorded that in 1249 William Pruet and his son, Adam, "did damage to the King's property in Winchester". The Inquest record does not tell us what punishment befell our ancient cousins for this deed. We also learn from the Charter Rolls of King Henry VIII that in 1273 the Earl of Darby released Reginald Pruet and his issue and their lands and holdings from "sevetutem" and made them freemen. In 1273, Andrew and William Pruet were mentioned in the "Hundred Rolls of Cambridge". In 1275, Henry Pruet was pardoned a twelve shilling fine for contempt. In 1278, Hugh Pruet of Somerset went surety for £. 40 and in 1317, Thomas Prewett of Devon was mentioned in Dwelly's Name Indices. (All of the foregoing references were reported by Richard Prewitt in his published Prewitt-Pruitt Family chronicles). In those times, it was not uncommon for a person to be born with a surname spelled one way, marry and change the spelling, then have another version inscribed on his or her headstone marking a final place of rest. Other versions of the name from these sources include Prewett, Prewert and Prewitt. Many of these names are to be found in use today in Wales and in other parts of the British Isles.



Paul Pruitt Jan 11, 11

I paid the Hall of names people something like \$20 30 years ago and got that information more or less verbatim. The Welsh link is interesting. I think there were Normans in Wales before 1066, so some families name Prewitt might have still been Normans in Wales.



Sharon Brogdon
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