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Welcome, William!

Welcome to the group, William. Can you tell us about your Pruiett family tree?

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William Pruiett Jun 26, 10

Thanks, Ritch. I'm glad I ran across this group. I'm descended from Samuel Pruiett who, apparently, was born in Prince George's Co., Md. in 1700. I believe he is descended from Thomas Pruiett who came to Charles River Co., Va. (later York Co.) in 1636. I've seen three and four sons of Thomas in various research. Most people believe that Samuel is descended from Thomas's son, John Pruiett who married Sarah Lessene. I've also seen Sarah Lessene listed as the wife of an earlier Pruiett. My hunch is that there is a generation between John Pruiett and Samuel Pruiett, but have no proof of any of this. Going forward from Samuel Pruiett, my line includes his son, John Pruiett, who moved from Prince George's Co., Md. to Pittsylvania Co., Va. around 1762 along with two of his brothers, Samuel II and Zachariah. Next in line is John, Jr., then Asa, Thomas S., Asa, William E. and then my father Ralph E. The family name went through many spellings, because of illiteracy in the 1800s, including Pruiett, Prewitt, Pruiett and then Pruiett (around 1930).

I have a web site where I try to make sense of all this: <http://pruiett-parker.com/>. Happy to hear from others in this line and to have any information that might reinforce or refute my research. I'm particularly interested in primary records that support a conclusion.



John W.Pruett-VA DF13 Jun 26, 10

Welcome William, Its great to hear from a Pruiett from the Maryland area. It seems that in several books the authors think the Pruietts didn't stay in the Maryland area. I was just reading a will in Haskell's Pruiett's book of a Pruiett who died in early Maryland and his will stated that this Pruiett had no more known relatives in the Maryland area.

On the spelling it doesn't make any difference because I have actually seen my family name spelled 11 different ways. Though DNA half of my close relatives use Pruiett and the other half Pruiett. I have thought that Pruiett would be a good compromise family name because it includes both the "i" and the "e".

We now have five DNA subgroups on this site and I hope you would consider being tested in the future. It would be wonderful to try to find out for sure if John Pruiett of MD was one of Thomas's three sons. I have always wondered what happened to John's line.



Ritchie Pruiett Jun 28, 10

Hi William, we have had discussions about Sarah Lessene recently. There was suggestion there might have been two Sarah's from the same larger family...I suppose that is possible. I have to admit I am not very well versed on the Maryland branch of the tree.

The narrative on the website is fantastic. An excellent piece of Americana from that time in our history.

Your branch is definitely a most welcomed piece to the puzzle. It will be fascinating to see if it can be figured out if there is another Prewitt American Progenitor or not. I feel that DNA has started to clarify some of the picture. Some of us (probably the Wilkes NC branch) might be from unknown parentage, some might be from the Huguenots (Roger Prout) and some might be able to finally to realize their claim to the "Legendary Thomas".

My family tree is available through "Family trees". Please add as many pictures and files as you would like to this site. More information the better...



John W.Pruett-VA DF13 Jun 28, 10

Hi William, I went to your website and it is very impressive A great deal of work and thought has gone into it. I can't agree more with your statement that more reliable information needs to be found before these lineages in VA can be straightened out.

I like your analysis of the Tangier Island Pruietts because they did arrive much later than the 1600s. I have wondered if the many Pruiett.Pruitts who were in many VA counties like Northumberland, Essex, K&Q, etc in the mid 1700's could have migrated to Tangier rather than having a Pruiett arrive directly from England. I would like to see one of the Tangier Pruietts get their DNA tested in the future to see if they are connected with some lines from VA.

Your first section on Samuel Pruiett was very interesting and would make a good addition to the files we are posting on this site.



Karen Schooler (James Pruiett) Mar 15, 12

Hry Bill - I haven't thanked you for setting up the new Site - It's pretty cool! Do you think our pruietts could have come to America just before Samuel I?



Bill Pruiett Mar 16, 12

Karen, I'm not sure when our Pruietts came to America. If Samuel Prewitt/ Pruiett was the son of Rosamond Prewitt (Northumberland Co. birth record of 1700), then there are some interesting records in Cavaliers and Pioneers that might shed some light on this issue. Col. Robert Abrahall patented many tracts of land based on his transporting a lot of people to America. For two of those tracts (in 1675 and 1678), he claimed to have transported someone named Rosamond Pruiett or Brent and a Rosamond Brett. Given the similarities in names of some of the other people listed in these patents, my suspicion is that this Rosamond is the same person in both listings. If it's the same person as the Rosamond Prewitt who was the parent of Samuel Prewitt in 1700, then we might assume the Prewitts/Pruitts came to America around 1675, but that's a lot of assumptions. It would be great if we could find some link to a Rosamond in England, but I haven't found any.



Ritchie Pruiett

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