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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

by Larry "Joe" Reynolds

Greeting Cousins,

I'm sure that by now most of you know that our Annual Reunion is scheduled for September of this year in the New England area. Please read the write up about it in this newsletter for more information.



What I'm asking each of you to do at this time is to send me a short email if you think you will be coming this year. We need to get an idea of the numbers so that we can reserve the proper meeting rooms and arrange for the right number of meals.

We will not hold any of you to this, we will have a Registration Page on our web site a little later, we are still working out the details of the reunion and will keep you informed by emails and on our web site.

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Please keep up with the progress and details of our next reunion on our Website, just follow the links from: www.reynoldsfamily.org/reunion.php

2019 RFA ANNUAL REUNION



Gather with your cousins on September 12th - 14th for the Eighty Sixth Annual Reynolds Family Association Reunion. We hope to make this one of the largest Reunions ever. Although we do not have the exact location of the event locked down, we are shooting for the Riverview Inn & Suites, located in Somerset, MA. This is just a short 20-minute drive from Bristol, RI and the center of so much Reynolds history

One Hundred Years ago the Reynolds Family Association held it's 28th Annual Reunion on October 9th and 10th at the Hotel McAlpin, New York City, New York. Although we have no record of the exact number in attendance, we do know that the association gained 46 new members that year and that there was a very large attendance at the reunion.

It would appear that we are on track to beat that number of new members for the year, now let's just work on getting as many as possible to the reunion.

HOUSEKEEPING

Don't forget to send in your changes of address or email. Also, please let your next of kin know that in the unfortunate event of your passing to please let us know.

WANTED

REYNOLDS MALE FOR DNA TEST

Genealogist seeks a male who knows or strongly believes that he descends from the James and Deborah Potter line of Kingston, Rhode Island area. The test will be paid for by the genealogist. If you qualify, please contact me at: peggyjune@roadrunner.com
Peggy Reynolds Oliver

REYNOLDS IN THE CIVIL WAR

As many of you know, I'm a member of the Sons of Confederate Veterans and in doing research I have found many Reynolds' that fought on both sides of the war. If you have any information on any Reynolds who was a soldier during this time, please contact me.

DANIEL HARRIS REYNOLDS (1832–1902)

Daniel Harris Reynolds was a lawyer, Confederate general, and state senator who ranks as one of Arkansas's most talented and dedicated citizen-soldiers during the Civil War.

Daniel Reynolds was born on December 14, 1832, in Centerburg, Ohio, to Amos and Sophia (Houck) Reynolds. He studied at Ohio Wesleyan University in the town of Delaware, where he joined the Masonic order in 1853. He studied law privately in Louisa County, Iowa, and Somerville, Tennessee, where he befriended fellow future Confederate general Otho French Strahl. Admitted to the bar in 1858, he established a legal practice in Lake Village (Chicot County)

At the outset of the Civil War, Reynolds raised a cavalry company, the “Chicot Rangers,” and entered Confederate service as a captain in command of Company A of the First Arkansas Mounted Rifles. The regiment mustered in at Fort Smith (Sebastian County) on June 14, 1861. Serving initially in the Trans-Mississippi Theater, the regiment saw its first action at the Battle of Wilson’s Creek, Missouri, on August 10, 1861; although injured in this engagement in a fall from his frightened horse, Reynolds stayed in the field and also fought at Pea Ridge March 7–8, 1862. Dismounted shortly after the Battle of Pea Ridge, the Mounted Rifles served thereafter as infantry, producing lingering resentment among the regiment’s officers and enlisted men. The regiment soon transferred to the Army of Tennessee and served in the Western Theater (that is, east of the Mississippi River) for the rest of the war.

Despite a lack of military training or experience, Reynolds proved a natural leader, both in camp and in battle. Highly respected by superiors and subordinates alike, he advanced consistently through the ranks of regimental command, earning promotion to major on April 14, 1862; lieutenant colonel on May 1, 1862; and colonel of the First Arkansas Mounted Rifles on November 17, 1863 (retroactive to September 20). With the impending promotion of Brigadier General Evander McNair, Reynolds’ colleagues petitioned the Confederate secretary of war for his promotion to brigadier general, even though he was not the brigade’s ranking colonel. He was promoted to brigadier general on March 12, 1864, retroactive to March 5. For the rest of the war, he commanded “Reynolds’s Arkansas Brigade,”

composed of the First and Second Arkansas Mounted Rifles (dismounted); the Fourth, Ninth, Twenty-fifth and Thirty-first Arkansas Infantry regiments and the Fourth Arkansas Infantry Battalion.

Reynolds had little patience for ineffective commanders and voiced his displeasure after several unsuccessful campaigns. As a result of one personality conflict, Major General Samuel Gibbs French placed him under arrest in January 1864; although the charges were quickly dismissed, Reynolds refused to serve under French and transferred his brigade to the command of Major General Edward Cary Walthall, with whom he enjoyed a close friendship and mutual respect.

In the Atlanta campaign, Reynolds defeated Brigadier General Hugh Judson Kilpatrick at the Battle of Lovejoy Station on August 20, 1864, helping temporarily maintain Confederate supply lines to Atlanta.

Reynolds’s left leg was amputated because of a wound received in the Battle of Bentonville, North Carolina, on March 19, 1865. After the war, he returned to Lake Village, reestablished his law practice, and received a presidential pardon from Andrew Johnson. From 1866 to 1867, he served as a state senator for Ashley, Chicot, and Drew counties until federal Reconstruction policy forced the removal of former Confederates from elected office.

In November 1866, Reynolds spearheaded an effort to establish a “Memorial and Aid Society of Reynolds’ Arkansas Brigade,” to commemorate his brigade’s service and provide financial assistance to widows, orphans, and indigent Confederate veterans. After several months of intermittent meetings and election of officers, the association failed to sustain operation.

He married Martha Wallace on November 24, 1868 and raised five children. He also apparently had a son with Anne (Annie) Franklin, a native of England and a widow who had moved to Chicot County in the 1850s, though she returned to England before the birth of her son in 1867.

Reynolds died in Lake Village on March 14, 1902 and is buried in Lake Village Cemetery.

REQUIREMENTS FOR JOINING THE REYNOLDS Ydna SURNAME PROJECT

by Peggy Reynolds Oliver

1. Obtain a YDNA test kit from FTDNA and send it in for processing
2. Provide the following information with your kit.
 - a. Name or initials of donor (must be a male whose last name is Reynolds)**
 - b. Name of person managing the test (may be same as donor or someone else)
 - c. Tell us a little about your Reynolds line such as where they may have been located, and the name of your earliest known ancestor

****Note:** A male whose last name is NOT Reynolds, but who has found matches with several Reynolds individuals on FTDNA or other sites, is also eligible to join the project. Let us know this with you submit a Request to Join the Reynolds Surname Project.

****Note:** A female whose maiden name is Reynolds may join the project by testing her father, brother, uncle or male cousin who has the surname Reynolds

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

At the start of a new year, I'm sorry to say that we still have a number of members who have not renewed their membership. Your name will be removed from our Web Site and Mailing List if we do not receive our renewal in the next few of weeks.

You can renew your membership in the RFA by completing the last page of this newsletter and mailing it along with your check to the address at the

bottom of the form or you can renew online at: www.reynoldsfamily.org/pay_dues.php.

We hate to see anyone go, but to those who have already contacted me stating that they would not be renewing I wish you the best. Know that you are always welcome back.

If you have questions about your renewal please contact me.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

If you celebrated a birthday this quarter and it was not listed, we do not have it. Please send your birth date to us!

We would like to wish Happy Birthday to

3216	Allan Eastman Reynolds	Jan 1
3457	Margaret Claire Gammon	Jan 2
3491	Zackary Haley Hopkins	Jan 2
3303	Carolyn Mae Reynolds Burnside	Jan 3
2030	Betty Ann Bendfeldt Collins	Jan 3
3454	Stephen Philip Reynolds	Jan 5
3480	Kenneth Edwin Reynolds	Jan 7
3326	Ryan Alexander Reynolds	Jan 7
3418	Judith Vaughan Hoell	Jan 11
3487	James Robert Reynolds	Jan 11
3427	Janice A. Brown	Jan 12
3266	Helen Charlene Johnson Scott	Jan 12
3505	Edward Reynolds III	Jan 13
3446	Jim Reynolds	Jan 14
3455	Mary Jane Sewill	Jan 15
3408	David Robert Allen	Jan 19
3405	Robert Henry Reynolds III	Jan 20
3526	Bruce K Cox	Jan 24
3554	Kimberly Spaulding	Jan 27
3502	Sherrie Ann Craun	Jan 28
3369	Anne McNulty Paine	Jan 28
3362	Monica Ruth Pattangall	Jan 28
3540	William Reynolds	Jan 29
3315	Jerry Allen Jones	Jan 31
2766	Barbara Jean Andersen	Feb 2
3321	Patricia Rae Van Thomme	Feb 2
3378	Shirley Reynolds Burchfield	Feb 5
3336	Judith "Judy" Ann Reynolds	Feb 10

3513	Cathrine Sue Lowndes	Feb 11
3438	Charles Wesley Reynolds	Feb 13
3366	Lendel Ray Reynolds	Feb 13
3236	Loralee Carol Andersen	Feb 18
3281	Phyllis Lynne Reynolds Shultz	Feb 18
3363	William Travis Brown Jr	Feb 21
3299	Joyce Ann "Jo" McGinnis	Feb 24
3553	Karen Leigh Reynolds Burkett	Feb 25
3338	Kandice Sherilyn Wallace	Feb 25
3527	Cynthia Ann Campeau	Feb 26
3476	Noel Beldon Reynolds	Feb 26
2588	William Louis King	Feb 27
3289	Janice Reynolds Kiolbassa	Feb 27
3543	Kristina Kay Aldrup	Feb 28
3514	Patricia D Dutch	Feb 29
2580	Sheryl Reynolds Edge	Mar 1
3145	Marcella Jean Reynolds Rose	Mar 2
2122	Dorothy Welch Smith	Mar 2
3395	Debora Walton	Mar 4
3470	Harry Martin Reynolds	Mar 5
3399	Gabrielle Burdo	Mar 11
3435	Marilyn Kay Reynolds	Mar 12
3528	Stephen Craig Reynolds	Mar 14
3386	Doris Lucille Evans Wright	Mar 15
3538	Kim Yarbrough	Mar 16
3305	Craig Matthew Reynolds	Mar 18
3376	Lou Ella Reynolds	Mar 19
3328	Colette H. Taylor	Mar 19
3532	Joan Elizabeth Van Velsor	Mar 21
3392	Denyse Marisa Dias	Mar 23
3480	Michelle R Noble	Mar 24
3468	Jennifer Leigh DeStefano	Mar 25
3416	Ronald Philip Reynolds	Mar 28
3380	Barri Reynolds Christian	Mar 29
3498	Margaret D. Bailey	Mar 30

ALEXANDER HAMILTON AND MRS. REYNOLDS

Alexander Hamilton and Thomas Jefferson were bitter political enemies, both with aims of destroying the other politically. By the end of 1791 charges began appearing in the National Gazette, edited by Jefferson supporter Philip Freneau of Monmouth County, that Hamilton was using his office as

treasury secretary for personal gain, most notably buying up certificates from Revolutionary War veterans. These certificates had been issued as promises of payment for service in the Army during the American Revolution. But a bankrupt Congress had never repaid them and their value had dropped to 10 cents on the dollar.

Hamilton was accused of buying them up shortly before he, as secretary of the treasury, announced the government would repay them at 100 percent value. The congressional investigations were getting nowhere when Jefferson's followers got a break. JAMES REYNOLDS of New York was arrested for trying to defraud a Revolutionary War veteran out of his certificates. From jail Reynolds hinted that in return for his release he 'had it in his power very materially to injure the Secretary of the Treasury.

One of the Congressional committees investigating Hamilton was made up of James Monroe of Virginia, a friend of Jefferson; Fredrick Muhlenberg of Penn.; and Abraham Verable of VA. They visited Reynolds in prison. There his wife produced signed checks from Hamilton to her husband totaling \$1,100. Reynolds' claim was that he had been part of Hamilton's scheme to buy up the certificates.

On Dec. 15, 1792 the committee walked into Hamilton's office in Pennsylvania and told him of the charges and their proof. Hamilton asked them not to go public until he told them his side of the story. They agreed and the next day behind closed doors Hamilton appeared with Oliver Wolcott as his witness.

Hamilton and his witness explained that during the summer of 1791 while Hamilton's wife was in Albany, N.Y., with their children, a woman named Maria Reynolds had come to his office. According to Hamilton, she sobbed that her husband had deserted her and she needed money to return to NY City. She

asked if Hamilton could make her a loan. Hamilton told her he did not have the cash at his office but he would bring money to her apartment. That night he did and in his words as he entered her rooms he felt 'that other than pecuniary consolation would be acceptable. After this I had frequent meetings with her, most of them at my own house." Hamilton continued, 'One day, I received a letter from her ... intimating a discovery by her husband. It was a matter of doubt with me whether there had been really a discovery by her accident, or whether the time for the catastrophe of the plot was arrived ... The same day, being the 15th of Dec. 1791, I received from Mr. Reynolds the letter ... by which he informs me of the detection of his wife in the act of writing a letter to me, and that he obtained from her a discovery of her connection with me, suggesting that it was the consequence of an undue advantage taken of her distress."

After several meetings Reynolds still would not spell out what he wanted from Hamilton. Finally, Reynolds made Hamilton a proposal in a letter, which Hamilton presented to the congressmen. Reynolds' letter said, 'Sir I have Considered on the matter seriously. I have this proposal to make to you. Give me the Sum of thousand dollars and I will leave the town and take my daughter with me and go where my Friends Shant here from me and leve her to Yourself to do for as you think proper."

Hamilton said he had made the blackmail payment, which matched the ones Reynolds had produced for the committee. The three congressmen decided this was a personal matter not to be made public. What Hamilton had said would not leave the room. According to Hamilton, "The result was a full and unequivocal acknowledgement on the part of the three gentlemen of perfect satisfaction with the explanation and expressions of regret at the trouble

and embarrassment which had been occasioned to me."

Hamilton thought the matter closed, but over the next several years as his power grew and it became clear his eyes were on the nation's highest office, his enemies became desperate to stop him. In 1797 a pamphlet came out with the full story of Hamilton's affair.

Hamilton wrote at once to Monroe, "There appears a design at all events to drive me to the necessity of a formal defense -- while you know that the extreme delicacy of its nature might be very disagreeable to me. It is my opinion that as you have been the cause.

Monroe would only say that he had sent to papers to "friend in Virginia." He himself hadn't released them. Hamilton went public, saying, "My real crime is an amorous connection with (Reynolds') wife, for a considerable time with his privity and connivance This confession is not made without a blush. I cannot be the apologist of any vice because the ardor of passion may have made it mine. I can never cease to condemn myself for the pang which it may inflict in a bosom eminently entitled to all my gratitude, fidelity and love."

But Hamilton was ruined. He would never again hold an important office. And who was Monroe's 'friend in Virginia? Who had leaked the affair and destroyed a political opponent with a sex scandal? The Sage of Monticello, Thomas Jefferson. [The Sandpaper. Nov. 6, 1991, Vol 16, No 44, pp 30-31]

REYNOLDS SURNAME yDNA PROJECT

Interesting Facts:

- Not all Reynoldses share a common origin. Evidence from the Reynolds YDNA Project demonstrates that there are at least 40 (and counting) genetically distinct

Reynolds lineages. For example, James Reynolds of North Kingstown, RI, and John Reynolds of Watertown, MA, do not share a direct male-line ancestor in the historical era. Most of the lineages in the project represent a distinct instance of a family adopting the Reynolds surname at the time that last names became hereditary—which was by approximately the year 1400 in England and later in locations that used patronyms.

- Only men have Y chromosomes and these are inherited from father to son. So YDNA testing only provides information about paternal lineage. A woman born with the surname Reynolds cannot test her son's YDNA to gather information about her Reynolds line. This test would only provide information about her son's father's lineage.
- Of the 19 new Reynolds-surnamed testers that joined the YDNA Project in 2018, 94.7% found Reynolds matches within the Project.

Identifying YDNA “Signatures” of RFA Progenitors

The Reynolds Surname YDNA Project (“YDNA Project”) coordinates YDNA testing to enhance Reynolds genealogical research. The Project has 300+ members and grows every month. Over the coming months, we will include a series of articles in the RFA Dispatch about how researchers can advance their Reynolds family history research through the YDNA Project. Our intent is to help Reynolds researchers make the most of their results and to help others understand what they could get from participation in Reynolds YDNA research. If your Reynolds line is not yet represented in the YDNA project, please consider joining. Some suggestions for doing so are included below. The volunteer administrators for the project are Nancy Wallander, Peggy Reynolds-Oliver, Joe Reynolds and Tommy Joe Reynolds. Feel free to reach out to any of us with questions about the YDNA Project.

Our emails can be found by clicking on our names on the left side of [the Project webpage](#).

For decades, RFA members have maintained [a list of Reynolds line “progenitors”](#) as an organizing force in research. These progenitors are the most distant Reynolds ancestors (MDRA)s of a given lineage or the lineage's immigrant ancestor. You can see the most recent list of progenitors on the final page of this newsletter or on the website, [here](#). The maintenance of a progenitor register distinguishes RFA and gives all Reynolds researchers a leg up in our efforts to solve family history puzzles along our Reynolds line. Still, many Reynolds researchers have hit brick walls, have been unable to follow their Reynolds lines back to a listed progenitor, or are unable to identify their lineage beyond the registered progenitor into the old world.

To help address these challenges, the YDNA Project is bringing together [the traditional RFA progenitor matrix](#) and YDNA analysis to serve as a resource for researchers. Identifying the YDNA haplogroup (aka YDNA “signature”, see text box below) for each RFA progenitor provides a backbone for future Reynolds genealogy. Over the past several months, the Project has identified the terminal haplogroups of three progenitors and ancient haplogroups of five more.

This model will be expanded to the 40+ genetically distinct Reynolds lineages involved in the YDNA Project. In the future, after a robust foundation has been built, some Reynolds researchers will be able to conduct relatively simple YDNA tests to validate their descent from any of the tested RFA progenitor lineages. For example, do you think you descend from John of Watertown (Line 20)? You can test for the marker we suspect defines his line, R-Y45266, for \$18 plus postage. Getting to the point where tests are this affordable has taken considerable investment from project members.

What is a ‘haplogroup’ and why should I care what my Reynolds line haplogroup is?

[According to ISOGG](#), “a haplogroup is a ... group of people who share a common ancestor on the patriline or the matriline. Haplogroups are assigned letters of the alphabet, and refinements consist of additional number and letter combinations.”

All the direct male line descendants of, say, John Reynolds and Sarah Unknown of Watertown MA (Line 20) share a haplogroup. In the context of a YDNA Project, the haplogroup is symbolized by the most recent Y chromosome mutation associated with the shared ancestor.

In the case of the John Reynolds of Watertown line, all male line descendants of John share a haplogroup. Their haplogroup is identified by the name of the most recent Y chromosome mutation that is apparent in all of John Reynolds's male descendants. As of the time of this publication, we believe the mutation representing John is R1b-BY45266. This is the name of the haplogroup of all of John's male line descendants.

People have multiple haplogroups. Each haplogroup relates to a specific time in history. While all descendants of John share haplogroup R1b-BY45266, only a subset of his descendants share the haplogroup of any of his great grandsons. Haplogroups are like locations. One can simultaneously have multiple locations. It's possible that all of the following are simultaneously true: I am in the US; I am in Virginia; I am in the Fairfax Library on Main Street. In the same way, descendants of John of Watertown simultaneously have the following haplogroups: R1b; M269; P312; U152; L20; Y15103; Y45266.

Identifying your Reynolds haplogroups helps you trace our lineage from ancient to current times. On one hand, knowing the names of your *ancient* Reynolds haplogroups provides you information on your deep paternal cultural affiliations. For Reynoldses, who are predominantly from the British Isles, these affiliations may be Celtic, Norman, Scandinavian,

Anglo Saxon, etc. On the other hand, knowing the names of your *current* Reynolds haplogroups will allow you to test your connections to other Reynoldses in the genealogical era (~last 400 years).

In the Project, we work to help members reveal the family tree branching structure in their Reynolds lineage. This is best achieved by using the RFA progenitor list *in combination with* traditional research and YDNA analysis. Below are steps we suggest all Reynolds researchers take. Please do #1 even if you're not planning to pursue any genetic testing.

1. **Join the Reynolds Family Association:** If you're reading this in the RFA Dispatch, you're already an RFA member. If you're reading this somewhere else, then you should definitely [join the Reynolds Family Association \(RFA\)](#). RFA has been around since 1892 and is a great platform for likeminded individuals to collaborate on our shared Reynolds heritage. The cost is only \$20/year. You get a great quarterly newsletter, access to the RFA email list of all members, access to an online trove of member-submitted family trees (many of which have info that's not on Ancestry.com), access to thousands of pages of scanned classic Reynolds genealogies, access to quarterly digital newsletters going back to the 1980s. All of these resources focus on Reynolds family history. RFA members organize reunions/research meetups every couple of years. The next one is anticipated to be in the Connecticut/Rhode Island area in fall of 2019. If you're researching a Reynolds line, RFA is a fantastic resource.
2. **Register your Reynolds Ancestor:** Check the RFA website, [here](#), to verify your most distant Reynolds ancestor (MDRA) is registered as a line progenitor with RFA. If they are not yet listed, email [Joe](#) with your ancestor's name and bio details—a full biography is better and will be linked to the RFA website progenitor list. Ask

Joe to add your ancestor to the RFA list of progenitors. Listing your Reynolds ancestor with RFA will improve the visibility of your ancestor and will enhance opportunities for communication and collaboration in research for your ancestor.

3. **Add your Reynolds YDNA to the Project:** Test yourself (if you're a male Reynolds) or your Reynolds-named male representative (brother, cousin, uncle, nephew, etc.) at Family Tree DNA with either a 37 STR marker test or the BigY test. Some alternative strategies are identified in the box below, titled "Recommended Reynolds YDNA Testing Strategies".
4. **Identify your Reynolds ancestor's YDNA "signature":** Arrange for a male distant Reynolds second to test that descends from a different son of your most distant Reynolds ancestor than you do. Persuading someone to test will work best if you find someone interested in genealogy and you might offer to co-finance their testing. For example, we have identified the YDNA haplogroup for James Reynolds of North Kingstown by BigY testing male-line descendants his son Francis and his son Joseph. If we just tested two descendants of Francis Reynolds, we'd only have verified the YDNA haplogroup of Francis!
5. **Use these YDNA results in your research:** Use the newly-revealed YDNA haplogroup and associated SNPs to develop research hypotheses. For example, you can target test potential Reynolds on the other side of your brick wall for key SNP markers. You can also coordinate with researchers in other RFA lineages. For example, recent testing shows that the Elisha line (Line 38) almost certainly descends from the James line (Line 14). With good matches, you will be able to use these results to identify branching points deep in your Reynolds family lineage and connect Reynolds lines in times where traditional "paper" genealogical evidence is yet to be found.

The Future

Family history research is a team sport; genetic genealogy is no different. The work we're doing now is based on investments made over the last 15 years

by project members. Their investments have made a foundation for the work we're doing now. As a result of their efforts, most new Reynolds-named testers find Reynolds matches in the Project.

In 2019, Project administrators will be assisting Project members in building out and refining the [RFA progenitor and haplogroup matrix](#). Over time, some of the RFA lines can converge as we identify YDNA haplogroups. This is already apparent in the incidences of the Elisha (38) and the James (14) lines. As this framework matures, future Reynolds researchers will begin to be able to test specific markers for the progenitor they believe they descend from. The cost of this final targeted testing will be on the order of \$50-100 for a 3-5 marker test.

Eventually, we may be able to develop a "Reynolds" marker panel that will test for all known "Reynolds" lineages. Developing these more advanced tools will require continued investment into advanced testing like BigYs. We will still need high resolution tests identify the genetic profile of each "new" Reynolds lineage.

The YDNA Project Accepts Donations!

You can [donate to Reynolds YDNA Project general fund](#)! In the past year, over \$1400 has been donated to the general fund by individuals and by the RFA. If the donor chooses, the funds they donate may be earmarked for specific purposes such as "for descendants of Christopher Reynolds" or "for a BigY in Group #49". Donations that are not earmarked will be deployed to strategic Reynolds research priorities, such as: identifying haplogroups of key RFA progenitors, subsidizing testing by Reynoldses with documented lineages in the British Isles and continental Europe.

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QUERIES

Upon writer request members' queries will be published without charge and non-members' will be published at discretion of RFA, also without charge. Queries may be edited and RFA assumes no responsibility for their accuracy. [Editor's comments will be in brackets.] Please address all queries to the editor.

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SURNAMES: REYNOLDS, ROTH, THORPE, JOHNSON

I'm trying to improve the genealogy of my Reynolds line - my gggrandmother was Jennette "Nettie" Reynolds, who married Chester Lorenzo Johnson. Her ancestors were Rufus Reynolds & Susan Thorpe. Rufus was one of the sons of Asahel Reynolds and Mehitable Roth (according to another amateur family genealogist) of Windsor Connecticut, the info I have on Asahel is born 1765, died 11 Oct 1829 in Windsor Ct. Mehitable b 1774 died 1860.

Children of Asahel & Mehitable:

Rufus b. about 1797

Asa b. about 1797 d. 18 May 1860

Loren M b. 1806 d 8 Oct 1873

Nancy

Mehitable

Roxana

Edward

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SURNAMES: REYNOLDS, BOYD

My Great Grandfather was Joseph Reynolds. He was born in South Carolina about 1803 and died in Georgia in 1870. He was married to Winnie Boyd. I'm trying to find the name of his father and mother.

Cindy Reynolds Hershman

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SURNAMES: REYNOLDS

I am looking for some info on my grandfather Donald Enoch Reynolds born in 1914 in Nichols New York, I don't know much about his family but he ended up living in Lorain Ohio, he married Lola Folks, they had 4 children James Clifford born in 1943, a set of twins Donna and Donald and a son William, any info would help, I believe he had a sister name Jessie.

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SURNAMES: REYNOLDS

Nehemiah Reynolds b. 1709 is said to have marriage Abigail, possibly Abigail Palmer, and that she died in 1743. I have not been able to find any sources to support that she died in 1743. It is also stated that Nehemiah m.2 Mary _____, again possibly Palmer. Where is the source of this information?

Quaker Records, perhaps transcribed, list children for Nehemiah & Abigail including my ancestress Ann b. 1754.

Any help would be appreciated.

Thanks.

Jeff Miller

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REYNOLDS SURNAME yDNA PROJECT

Recommended Reynolds YDNA Testing Strategies:

Here we identify three potential strategies to help folks get started with the Reynolds YDNA Project. Which option you pursue will largely be determined by your budget. If you have already tested and want upgrade strategy recommendations, feel free to be in touch.

Option 1 – Starter Pack: Test yourself (or your Reynolds line male representative: brother, uncle, male cousin, etc.) with 37 STR markers. Cost ~\$120. What will you get with Option 1?

1. You will see if you have genealogically relevant matches. Will they be Reynoldses?
2. You can get a hint of whether your male line ancestors have been called Reynolds for many generations.
3. New matches appear over time--how many and how often depends on how common your lineage is; some people have hundreds of matches some people have less than five.
4. You can probably be placed by Project administrators into one of the ~40 distinct groups of genetically related Reynoldses.
5. The ancient haplogroup estimate you'll receive will also show you who you DON'T match. Who you DON'T match is critically useful information for your research. For example, it has proven that my Joseph Reynolds is NOT related to Cornelius Reynolds that also lived nearby in Arkansas in late 1800s. It also proves that my Joseph is NOT the son of Isaac Reynolds of Northern KY in the early 1800s, in spite of what the Tillman book and every single tree on Ancestry.com suggests. Knowing my line is not connected to these Reynoldses has saved countless hours of research effort.

Option 2 – The Trailblazer: Test yourself (or your Reynolds line male representative: brother, uncle, male cousin, etc.) with BigY. Cost ~\$500. Then persuade or wait for another Reynolds in your lineage/Group to also do a BigY test. This other Reynolds could either be a descendant from a different son of your MDRA. This is a team sport and the decision of any member to upgrade actually benefits everyone in the genetic group. What you get with Option 2?

1. All benefits of Option 1, detailed above.
2. Much higher confidence and refinement in STR matching.
3. A high-resolution genetic profile of the SNP mutations that occurred in your Reynolds y chromosome: from thousands of years ago as people spread out around the six continents right down your recent "genealogical" SNPs from the past few hundred years.
4. Your lineage's "personal" SNPs that are not previously known to family historians or scientists. Some of these SNPs are shared among your known and unknown Reynolds cousins. Using these SNPs will be key for identifying the haplogroup of your MDRA and confirming connections with other researchers.

Option 3 – The Progenitor: Coordinate with researchers of your Reynolds lineage to conduct two BigY tests on living male descendants of two different sons of your MDRA or two Reynolds men in your Group within the YDNA Project. Cost ~\$1000 (for two BigY tests). What you get with Option 3?

1. All benefits of Option 2, detailed above.
2. Information about the timeline of the key SNP mutation in your lineage.
3. The specific haplogroup of your MDRA. This will allow you and RFA to list the progenitor's terminal haplogroup on our webpage. It will also provide you the key SNP markers that you can use to test potential Reynolds matches that connect upstream of your MDRA.

Combining RFA Progenitor Matrix with YDNA

RFA Line Number	Progenitor	Haplogroup (most specific Identified as of Feb 2019)	YDNA Project Group #	Status of SNP Testing
12	Robert & Mary (___), Boston MA	Under R1b-U106	31	So far, only the ancient haplogroup for this line has been identified. Further SNP testing is needed to identify a haplogroup in the genealogical era.
14	James Reynolds and Deborah (___) of North Kingstown, RI	Under I1-BY61723	3	Three BigY tests complete. One BigY test pending for a likely descendant of James. Another BigY test pending for a Reynolds connecting "deeper" in time than James.
20	John Reynolds and Sarah (___) of Watertown, MA, Wethersfield and Stamford, CT	R1b-Y45266	7	Two BigY tests complete. Likely terminal SNP identified. One BigY test pending for another likely descendant of John.
36	Thomas & Ann (___), Eastern Virginia	Under R1b-BY100927	11	One BigY test complete. This is the ancient haplogroup for this line. Further SNP testing is needed to identify a haplogroup in the genealogical era.
37	William Reynolds & Jane Milliken, Green County, TN	Under I1-BY42214	2	One BigY test complete. One Reynolds BigY match connecting just upstream of William. BY42214 is the ancient haplogroup for this line. Targeted SNP testing is underway by another Reynolds that should identify the haplogroup in the genealogical era.
38	Elisha & Judith (Eddins) Reynolds of Wilkes County, NC	Under I1-BY61723	3	One BigY test complete. One more BigY test pending. Based on YDNA and traditional genealogical evidence, it appears that Elisha is a great grandson of James (Line 14). If this is corroborated by pending BigY test, Line 38 should be folded into with Line 14.
46	Joseph Reynolds and Amanda Gatrill-Reynolds, Russell Co., KY	R1b-Y86814	22	Two BigY tests complete. One BigY pending. Key SNPs verified. Terminal haplogroup has been identified. Joseph shares a yet-unknown Reynolds ancestor with Thomas (Line 47) and one other unregistered Reynolds lineage.
47	Thomas Reynolds & ___ of Virginia and Edgefield, SC	R1b-Y16749	22	One BigY test complete. Key SNPs verified by target testing. Close match to 1 other BigY Reynolds who shares an unknown Reynolds ancestor upstream of Thomas. Thomas shares a yet-unknown Reynolds ancestor with members of Line 46.

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Documented Early American Reynolds' Ancestor Lines (American Progenitors)

Line	Line Coordinator	Year	Name
011	Sarah Reynolds Young	1650	John & Ann (Holbrook), Weymouth MA & Stonington CT
012	Dorothy Y. B. Johnson	1630	Robert & Mary (___), Boston MA
013	Vacant	1634	William & Alice (Kitson), Duxbury MA & Cape Porpoise ME
014	Rosemary Markham	1643	James & Deborah (___), North Kingstown RI
015	Vacant	1650	John & Sarah (Backus), Saybrook, Lyme & Norwich CT
016	Vacant	1725	(___) Reynolds & (___) (Crook), Washington Co. MD
017	Ern Reynolds	1622	Christopher & Elizabeth (___), Isle of Wight VA
018	Marilyn J. Newton	1676	Henry & Prudence Clayton, Lancaster Co. PA
019	Vacant	1678	Election & Mary (Pease), Salem & Middleboro MA
020	Vacant	1634	John & Sarah (___), Watertown MA, Wethersfield & Stamford CT
021	Vacant	1682	John & (___), DE
022	Dottie Smith	1708	Richard & Mary (Capers), Benjamin & Mary (___), & William & (___), St. Helena's Parish SC
023	Vacant	1700	John & Elizabeth (___), Kent Co. DE
024	Vacant	1635	Katherine Reynolds and Edward Starbuck, Dover NH & Nantucket Island
025	None	N/A	Members Whose Line Not Yet Determined (Stonewalls)
026	William L. King	1637	Thomas & Mary, Isle of Wight VA
027	William L. King	1640	William & Ann Harrison of York Co, VA
028	Vacant	1660	John & Naomi (Latimer), Wethersfield CT
029	Vacant	1652	Thomas & Susan Sneed, York Co VA
030	Vacant	1784	James & Mary Bannon, Margaret & Andrew Forgey, Ellen & (___)McDaniel, Co. Louth IRE & Knox Co. TN
031	Vacant	1850	William & Rebecca Tawn of Moulton, ENG & Grinnell, IA
034	Vacant	1886	Thomas & Bigham Stuart of Scotland & Scranton, PA
035	William L. King	1703	James and Susannah (___), Essex Co. VA
036	Gary W. Reynolds	1725	Thomas & Ann (___), Eastern Virginia
037	Larry Joe Reynolds	1790	William Reynolds & Jane Milliken, Green County, TN
038	Peggy Reynolds Oliver	1755	Elisha & Judith (Eddins) Reynolds of Wilkes County, NC
039	Cynthia I. Nason	1782	John Laney Reynolds & Elizabeth 'Betty' Chester of Lancaster County, South Carolina
040	Vivian Toole Cates		John Calvin Durham m Sarah Booles/Bowles
041	Charles E. Reynolds II	1824	James R. Reynolds & Susan Graves, Charlottesville, VA
042	Sherry R. Erickson	1834	Michael Reynolds & Hanna ___ Arrived 30 May 1834 from Sligo, Ireland Settled in Baltimore, MD
043	George R. Reynolds	1762	Thomas and Margaret (___) Reynolds, Ireland - Jessamine Co, KY
044	Donna Jane Parker	1807	John Harrison & Jane (Barrett) Reynolds, North Carolina
045	Larue C. Conner	1784	Joseph Chatten Reynolds & Leah White, Greene County, Tennessee
046	Tommy Joe Reynolds	1841	Joseph Reynolds and Amanda Gatrill-Reynolds, Russell Co., KY

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