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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

by Larry "Joe" Reynolds



Good Morning Cousins,

I'm sorry to report that at this time it appears that we will not be having an Annual Reunion this year. I had planned to hold our 86th Reynolds Family Association Annual Reunion in or near Bristol, Rhode Island, however, I have not been able to find a suitable location where we can meet and stay. The best possible location that I have found is: the Riverview Inn & Suites, 1878 Wilbur Ave, Somerset, MA, however, I have not been able to confirm with them that they will have the rooms available for September 19th, 20th, and 21st without paying for the rooms upfront.

If I have anyone who is willing to work with the hotel, we will need a meeting room for September 20th and 21st and will need for them to hold at least 15 rooms until September 1st. If you can help at all, please contact me as soon as possible. You can call me on my cell at: (903) 575-8791. If I cannot find anyone to assist, then we will just cancel this year and I will make a trip up there myself in order to set something up for next year.

I am too tied up with other project from April to August and simple to not have the time to make a trip up there this year in time to set everything up.

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Joseph Reynolds House

Called "Willowmere" from a very early date, the Joseph Reynolds house at 956 Hope Street in Bristol is famous as the headquarters of General Lafayette during his stay in Bristol from September 7 to September 22 in 1778. Historically it is, except for the much-altered Deacon

Nathanael Bosworth House, also on Hope Street, the oldest house now standing in the town.



Family records show that this almost unique early transitional Massachusetts plan house was built in 1698-1700 by Joseph Reynolds on land owned by his father Nathaniel Reynolds, who had moved from Boston in 1680 to settle in the new town of Bristol, then part of Massachusetts. A mansion in size for its time, Joseph's house easily met the requirements laid down in the town ordinance that all houses must be two stories high with two rooms on each floor; it is three stories high and five bays wide and is ornamented across the front with an original plaster cove cornice now a rare survivor following late seventeenth century English precedents. A wooden structure built of brace-framed stud construction and sheathed with clapboard-clad wide vertical boarding, the house is set on a fieldstone foundation and is covered with a gable roof which internal evidence and family records both indicate once had a steeper pitch but has sloped down in a long salt-box line at the rear for a long time. It is now laid out on an

old Massachusetts center-hall, two-interior chimney, four-room plan, the framing for which is clearly intact in the front part but shows evidence of modification in the rear east rooms. Throughout the house the structure is exposed internally and the corner posts, plates, girts, and summer beams are all cased in the major front rooms. The lower and upper front north parlor and parlor chamber rooms have always been finished with an unusual amount of what is now very rare massively scaled early bolelection molded paneling with its original marbleizing which survived untouched until the 1940's when it was painted white. The parlor paneling, damaged by fire in 1976, has now been reproduced. There is also evidence of old painted decorative finish on the beams in the downstairs southwest room now the dining room. Much of the trim, such as door casings and the two panel doors is original as is much of the hardware which is worth special note of itself.

A gable roofed two-story ell of two room center-chimney plan, probably as old as the house itself, extends at right angles from the rear. Internal framing evidence shows that this ell was once only one-and-one-half stories high. Family papers indicate that about 1790 the ell roof was raised to two full stories and the whole ell was extended some six feet to the east. Probably at this time space was taken from the main house kitchen to allow for a stairway leading directly into the upper rooms of the main house and the ell.

Over its 285-year existence in the Reynolds family ownership from 1698 until 1927 the

house has undergone a number of other changes, in spite of which enough of the basic structure and the early trim have survived to supply authentic information about the late seventeenth century stylistic character of the building. Internal evidence indicates that the windows have been heightened at the top. (The six-over six sash are later). The present handsome fanlight pedimented doorway of about 1800 replaces an earlier and perhaps wider entrance.

On the interior, as noted above, the house plan may have been altered at the rear, but more study will be required before the earliest configuration is understood. The house certainly originally consisted of a central stair hall set between the two front rooms; each had its own chimney and fireplace located on what is now the mid-wall of the house. This front part also retains much of its original trim. The rear framing suggests that an ell for the kitchen may have extended in the south part of the rear under a long salt box leanto. The framing of the northeast room is not clear see plan. However, there is an extant girt with empty stud pockets for exterior wall construction between the front north downstairs parlor and the north rear room which suggests that the north half of the house originally stopped at the post for what is now the midwall.

The older divisions in the rear establish a south room (the old kitchen) into which the stairway to the ell was later introduced and a north room, formerly used as a store room and now converted into a study from which

space for a bathroom has since been taken (see plan).

During a modernization early in the nineteenth century, (family records say about c. 1820,) the south chimney and its large kitchen fireplace were dismantled and a new smaller one built to allow, with a smaller fireplace, the introduction of an entry from the southwest room and a new side hall at the south end leading to a new south exterior doorway. This doorway, in the Greek Revival style, exists today.

The old chimney in the north part of the house was also taken down a long time ago, (although no records of this change are known) so that all the original chimney information is missing. Here careful study is needed to establish the first configuration between the front and rear north rooms. (It is at the corner post between these north rooms that the exterior wall framing remains.) When the present north chimney was rebuilt it was probably relocated as well, since it now stands in space taken from the northeast room where it is closed in behind an added partition wall which was finished with an old paneled mantelpiece in the 1970's see plan. The relocation allowed moving the parlor mantel east five feet to the house mid-wall thereby increasing the parlor itself to its present size of 17 X 21 feet. This alteration changed the normal upstairs/downstairs chimney wall relationship since the dimensions of the upper chamber (17 X 16) remained unaltered.

These changes appear to be the chief structural alterations. In the 1950s, however,

new owners converted the house into apartments. At this time all the woodwork was painted white, including the unique and hitherto untouched marbleizing of the early bolelection paneled work in the north (left hand) parlor and the parlor chamber above. Fortunately, however, Frank Chouteau Brown had made measured drawings in 1935 of these two mantel walls for an article on Bristol architecture, (published in the White Pine Series of Architectural Monographs) in which he indicated the marbleizing patterns and recorded the colors used. In addition, Early Homes of Rhode Island (Downing, 1937) included black and white photographs of the paneling in its original condition.

The next owners, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Zexter, who bought the house in the 1960s, returned it to a single family residence, and began to clean off the white paint and restore the marbleizing, working particularly in the upper room. Unfortunately, in 1976 a bad chimney fire damaged both the upper and lower north rooms and almost destroyed the downstairs paneling. Based on the measured drawings, this paneling has been reconstructed but the re-marbleizing still remains to be done. The parlor chamber paneling is intact and its original marbleizing has been retrieved. Mrs. Zexter, a decorator, also stenciled the walls of several upper rooms using early nineteenth century stencil patterns.

The Joseph Reynolds house stands on what was once ten acres of land, a portion of one of the thirty-two parcels first laid out in 1680 for the new Massachusetts town of

Bristol and owned by Joseph's father, Nathaniel Reynolds, a town founder. On Nathaniel's death in 1708 he gave Joseph the ten acre lot, a tanyard, a Bark Mill and "all other buildings and appurtenances--belonging to said land. According to family records, by that date Joseph had already built his own mansion, the tannery and the town's first gristmill which was still in operation as late as 1891. In the course of time, other outbuildings were built, including a barn, dam, wells, mill pond and three ice houses. The property has now been reduced to less than one-half acre and none of the outbuildings remain but some wells and millstones do. The house, formerly shielded by stately elms, is now situated close to a busy highway.

In 1927, "Willowmere" was sold out of family ownership and the owner of the 1950's, who converted it into apartments and painted all the woodwork, let it fall into disrepair. When the Robert Zexters acquired the house in the 1960's they returned it to a single residence, began the restoration of the marbleizing on the woodwork, and, after the fire of 1976, had the parlor paneling reproduced - The current owners, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Anderson, who have undertaken major necessary structural and other repairs, are continuing with the research and restoration with the intent of returning the building as much as possible to its seventeenth and eighteenth century appearance.

Except for the Wanton-Lyman-Hazard House a National Historic Land mark October 15, 1966 in Newport, the 1698-

1700 Reynolds House is, in spite of the loss of the original chimneys and some interior finish, the most important and best preserved Early Transitional house in the State. It is also one of the best to be found in Massachusetts, the colony to which Bristol belonged politically until 1747, and the house belonged stylistically. The only known early three story upright structure in Rhode Island at such an early date, the house presently has a central hall, four-room plan with two interior chimneys for which the framing of the front two rooms and hall is intact and clearly original. However, if this two-room configuration is original, it would give the two chimneys an unusual location on the outside rear wall. In addition, the cellar and foundation walls extend under all four rooms with no evidence of change, so that, until the framing of the east rear part of the house is better understood, this extraordinary early appearance of such a spacious four room plan cannot be discounted. In any case, the basic formula of the house, whether widened originally or limited to two rooms, is unknown at this date 1700 in Rhode Island and remarkable for Massachusetts until later; the Reynolds house may now be the earliest wooden structure of its form standing in New England.

In addition to its size, the house is also the most elaborately finished of any of the known early houses. Its up-to-date plaster cove cornice, one of two remaining examples in Rhode Island the other is that of the 1695 Wanton-Lyman-Hazard House , is similar to those appearing in England at the

end of the seventeenth century and published in 1700 in Moxon's *Mechanick Exercises*. Of special interest, also is the fact that the windows, except for an increase of some eight inches in height at the top, seem never to have been altered--a conclusion reached because the second story hail window still has its original, very old casing with eight additional inches pieced in at the top, and is outlined with lamp black banding as a window in the northwest chamber also still is the sash are all later. Thus, the house, with its height, its cove cornice and the symmetrical arrangement of its spacious windows, fully reflects the emerging academic taste of the day. The classic pedimented fanlight doorway of 1800 which replaces an earlier wider entrance fits easily into the new formula.

The up-to-date character of the finish is even more completely expressed on the interior. The staircase, an outstanding example of this early transitional period, is comparable to the fine stairway in the Wanton-Lyman-Hazard house and has marked similarities. Both 'have squat turned balusters and a closed string course with run moldings of the massive scale associated with transitional work--a huge torus molding in the Reynolds house, one of ogee profile in the Wanton-Lyman-Hazard house. The other Features for both stairs are equally early, but the fact that the Reynolds house stair is completely finished for three full stories and into the garret makes it one of the most remarkable early New England stairs known today.

The special feature of the Reynolds house, however, is the amount and quality of the bolection paneling with its marbled finish, one of the earliest, as well as one of the best documented, most elaborate and most extensive in the state; its late Stuart character, evidenced in the massive scale of the panel moldings, the short flat pilasters set between fireplace framing and the cornice, and the early marbled treatment, help date the American break from seventeenth-century tradition.

Taken together with the intact framing for a three-story house, the comparatively unaltered exterior with its cove cornice, the fine staircase and the rarity and quality of the paneling in the north rooms, this house is 'significant as a now almost unique and fine example of early transitional building style.

The history of the family who took part in the settlement of this newly formed Massachusetts town, and built a house where the same family lived for more than two hundred and twenty-five years, goes back to England and early Boston. Joseph Reynolds' American forebears, Robert and Mary Reynolds, arrived in Boston in 1632. A shoemaker and leather worker by trade, Robert acquired land and built a stone house at the corner of High (Washington) and Milk Streets, and acquired other property. His son Nathaniel, who was born in England in 1627, continued the family trade and took an active part in town life serving as Grand Juryman, Sealer of leather, Selectman and Committeeman. He inherited his father's estate in 1659. In 1680 he moved to Bristol, then Massachusetts, where as one of the

town founders, he received a thirty-second part of the town land, ten acres of which Joseph I (1676-1759) inherited in 1708. Here Joseph had already built his extraordinarily fine house as well as a tannery, wells, and the town's first gristmill; he continued the family trade of shoemaker and tanner while he farmed his land, ran the mill and took part in local affairs and augmented his holdings. His son, Joseph II (1719-1789), was elected delegate to the General Assembly of Rhode Island. It was during Joseph's occupancy that the Marquis de Lafayette was quartered in the family mansion, chosen, no doubt, because it still was one of the town's most imposing buildings.

Later members of the family also served in public office. The next heir to the estate, Joseph Reynolds III (1748-1818), was appointed Associate of the Court of Common Pleas and in 1787 was made Chief Justice of the Court. Samuel Godfrey Reynolds (1801-1381) who grew up in the house, distinguished himself as an inventor of some note. His career--which included the invention of a machine for making wrought iron nails, a corn grinding machine, a spike machine, a wire cutting machine, a pin machine and a machine for making horseshoes--took him to Providence, New York and on to Paris and England. He returned to Bristol c.1845, where he lived the rest of his life in the family mansion. The last continuous inhabitant of the house in the family, John Post Reynolds (1850-1915), a Brown graduate and scholar, served as Probate Judge and then for thirty years as

Superintendent of Bristol schools. In addition, he ran an ice business for which the three icehouses formerly on the property were built.

The most notable historic event associated with the Reynolds house occurred during Joseph Reynolds II occupancy. In 1778, the Marquis de Lafayette, in command of the ports around the Island of Rhode Island, was entrusted with the care -of Warren, Bristol and the eastern shore. His principal Corps was stationed at Bristol and from September 7 to September 23 General Lafayette himself had headquarters in the Reynolds' house, where the north (parlor) chamber is still known as Lafayette's room. The story that has been passed down since that time, however, refers to September 7th, the day Mrs. Reynolds was awaiting the arrival of her distinguished guest. An hour before he was expected, a young Frenchman rode up to the house, dismounted, tied his horse to a tree, and on being greeted, asked for something to eat. Accordingly, Mrs. Reynolds seated him at the table prepared for the General where he stayed so long that she felt obliged to tell him she must prepare for Lafayette's arrival. Whereupon, her visitor replied, "Madam, I am Lafayette." He was twenty-one at the time.

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
3356 Thomas A. Green 4 Apr
2461 Jimmie Ruth Hunter Butler 5 Apr

3342	Daniel Michael Hogan	5 Apr	3521	Frederick Andrew Reynolds	18 May
3396	Gregory Charles Reynolds	5 Apr	2530	Ann Thompson Willaman	18 May
3307	Deborah Jeanne Herring	6 Apr	3011	Joan Reynolds Barrow	19 May
3412	Shane Michael Donohue	9 Apr	3387	Tracy Lynn Reynolds Kime	21 May
3361	Nora Lee Blackburn	10 Apr	3545	James L. Cotterman Jr.	23 May
3425	Harrah Robert Reynolds	10 Apr	3523	Susan Lee Hart	23 May
3504	Alan Anthony Reynolds	11 Apr	3295	Jean Smock Harwood	23 May
3407	Newell Wadsworth Wright	12 Apr	3199	Samuel Morrison Reynolds	23 May
3449	Andrew Rocco Melillo	13 Apr	3197	Debra Reynolds Jones	24 May
3539	Susan Henderson	14 Apr	3495	Alice Louise Reynolds	27 May
3312	Robert Morris Reynolds	14 Apr	3506	Patrick Hamilton Reynolds	28 May
3535	Charlotte Smith Carlile	16 Apr	3314	George Robert Reynolds	29 May
2679	Jean Ferguson Dickman	16 Apr	2207	Sharlene Reynolds Santo	29 May
3414	Joseph Frank Reynolds II	18 Apr	3551	Dorothy Lorraine Holmes	30 May
3508	June Marie DuCharme	19 Apr	3533	Frances Elyse Reynolds	30 May
3409	Ernest John Mortensen	19 Apr	3478	Lonnie Ray Reynolds	30 May
3519	Charles Henry Reynolds II	20 Apr	3529	Deborah T. Prichell Lueders	31 May
3382	John Allen Reynolds Sr.	20 Apr	3357	Christine Stoffels	2 Jun
3411	Donna Jane Parker	21 Apr	3335	Vincent James Castelli III	4 Jun
2190	Sandra Jean Evans	22 Apr	3403	Jeff Reynolds	9 Jun
3324	Tina Marie Torres	23 Apr	3344	Michael Lee Stills	10 Jun
3298	Michael Eugene Reynolds	24 Apr	3444	Tom Cook	12 Jun
3549	Joanna McCloud	25 Apr	3434	Barry Lee Reynolds	12 Jun
3534	Angela Asher	28 Apr	3337	Michele Colson	13 Jun
3544	Bryant F Hall	28 Apr	1905	Linda Reynolds Stangel	14 Jun
3515	Leslie Lee Cargile	30 Apr	3240	James A. Kimble	16 Jun
3291	Patricia Kay Smith Egert	2 May	3448	Audree Ellen Decamp	18 Jun
3473	Alyce Reynolds Finley	2 May	2847	Larry "Joe" Reynolds	19 Jun
3481	Charles Wofford Howell	3 May	3359	Merrill Reynolds	19 Jun
3536	Christopher J. Ellis	4 May	3462	Ralph Laurence Thompson	20 Jun
3471	John Rennolds Schell	5 May	3394	Carolle Reynolds	21 Jun
3489	Ione Stewart Whitlock	5 May	3450	Chad Jay Reynolds	23 Jun
3171	Anne Kelly Morris	7 May	2517	Cynthia A. "Cindy" Thomas	25 Jun
3525	Gordon Reynolds White	7 May	2919	Doris Marion Rice	28 Jun
2636	Brian Andrew Reynolds	8 May	3280	Stephen Monroe Reynolds	29 Jun
3467	Nancy Beatrice Williams	8 May	3310	James "Gary" Dean	30 Jun
2424	Margie Reynolds	11 May	3541	Brad G. Johnson	30 Jun
3306	Marie Johanna Abajian	14 May	3472	Karl Howard Reynolds	30 Jun
3492	Ann Robertson McConnell	14 May			
2038	Timm Robert Reynolds	15 May			
2400	Joyce Reynolds Thompson	15 May			
3279	Richard Quinney	16 May			
3283	Charles Edward Reynolds II	16 May			
3479	Stuart Erwin Reynolds	17 May			
3512	Alexander Garber Reynolds	18 May			

HOUSEKEEPING

Don't forget to send in your changes of address or email.

REYNOLDS SURNAME yDNA

by Tommy Reynolds

On the next few pages you will find the mutation history tree for our James Reynolds lineage (RFA Line 14). This diagram mixes traditional family history—the named people in the white and gray boxes—with YDNA markers (in the blue and orange boxes. The purple, orange, and green colored boxes at the bottom are living Reynolds men that have taken a YDNA test as part of the Reynolds Surname YDNA Project. The lines of boxes above each Project member represent the tester's known male ancestors, with their immediate grand/fathers' names removed for privacy. The blue and orange boxes represent the approximate location in the tree that the mutations are known to have occurred. Now that the key markers have been identified by BigY testing, any Reynolds man that believes they descend from James or any other ancestor in the diagram can test for the specified marker for about \$20.00, plus postage. We recommend that you reach out to YDNA Project Administrators for guidance before purchasing YDNA tests for your Reynolds research.

A Gift from RFA: \$50 off your BigY Test!

BigY DNA testing helps researchers reveal and use their Reynolds YDNA profile to solve genealogical puzzles. Earlier this year, the Reynolds Family Association donated \$500 to the Reynolds Surname YDNA Project. These funds will provide a \$50 discount to each of 10 Reynolds BigY test purchases or upgrades. As of mid-May, we still have some of these discounts available.

The cost of your BigY test will depend on the level of YDNA test you've already

completed. The range is ~\$649 if you have had no YDNA testing at FTDNA to \$449 if you have had 111 STRs already tested. This subsidy will bring these costs down to \$399 to \$599

To receive the \$50 discount on your BigY test or upgrade, you must:

- 1) Be a member of or agree to join the Reynolds Family Association
- 2) Be a Reynolds-surnamed male or have a Reynolds-surnamed male testing representative, such as a brother, uncle, cousin, etc.
- 3) Be a member of or agree to join the Reynolds Surname YDNA Project
- 4) Give the Reynolds Project administrators "advanced" access to your kit. This is necessary so the administrator can apply the RFA subsidy to your purchase. If you choose to do so, you can reduce the administrators to "limited" access after the purchase is complete.
- 5) Email tommyjoereynolds@gmail.com to reserve your discount. We only have funding for ten \$50 subsidies. I'll work with you on the procedure to apply the discount to your order at FTDNA.

Only the first 10 tests/upgrades can receive this \$50 gift from RFA.

Please be in touch with Tommy (tommyjoereynolds@gmail.com) or Nancy (wallandern@gmail.com) if you have questions.

If the yDNA diagram is too small to read, we have added a high resolution .jpeg file to our website at:

<https://www.reynoldsfamily.org/line14/2019-05-14-James-Group-Tree.jpeg>.

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.

**Cindy Thomas, Cthomas5@prodigy.net,
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TX 76132,** Does anyone have the parents for Larkin Reynolds, born about 1809 in KY, married first to a Rhodes, second to a Flanders, lived in Breckinridge Co KY and LaRue Co KY, probably died before 1880. Is he related to Thomas D. Reynolds, born about 1797 in Rhode Island? Larkin is living next to him in 1850 LaRue Co KY census. Or is Larkin the son of Thomas Reynolds and Mary Love of Breckinridge Co KY?

Thanks,

Cindy Thomas

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I am looking for any information about Sarah Reynolds 1790-1876, daughter of Nathaniel (1754) and Hannah (Todd Cooley).

Sarah is listed as being married and "reared one son, Morris B. Reynolds (1809 -1882), who lived and d. in Brooklyn" in Marion H. Reynolds History and Descendants of John and Sarah Reynolds (1630?-1923).

Morris' father is a Joseph as stated on Morris' NY marriage certificate of 1880 to Jennie C. Baldwin. I am specifically looking for any info on who Joseph Reynolds is who married Sarah Reynolds. I have hit a brick wall. Thank you.

3567-025 – Diane Emich

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I have just joined this group, so please forgive my fairly recent ancestry query: I have been unable to follow my Reynolds family any farther back than 1821. William Reynolds (abt 1821-1885) was born in PA, presumably married Sarah Miller in PA, and had the following children before moving to Ohio: Martha 1843; Nathaniel 1845; Alfred 1847; John 1848; Sammuel 1850; James 1852; Lamena 1853; Henry or Wm Henry 1856. In 1857, the family moved to Milton Township Ohio and had their daughter Elizabeth (and maybe Sophia Brien) I have no idea about William Reynolds' parents or siblings. I have seen suggestions of a Joseph and John Reynolds who settled in the US in 1725, but I am at a wall as to where my William Reynolds originated. William Reynolds, B: abt 1821 (PA) D: 1885 (Hocking County, Ohio) Any leads are appreciated, particularly those in PA. Thanks, Diane

Richard Hanson

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Seeking lineage of Mary Reynolds b.1803 sister Ann Reynolds 1815-1902 from the area of county Leitrim Ireland, married brothers Gilbert & William Taylor, came to Ohio. The sisters thought to have a Boon mother.

Carla Francis

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I am researching Luther Reynolds, originally Renaud, who arrived in New Bedford, MA around 1800. Born in Bretagne, France. He married Rhuama Oman in 1806 in New Bedford, MA and finally settled in Western NY. Does your records include this line?

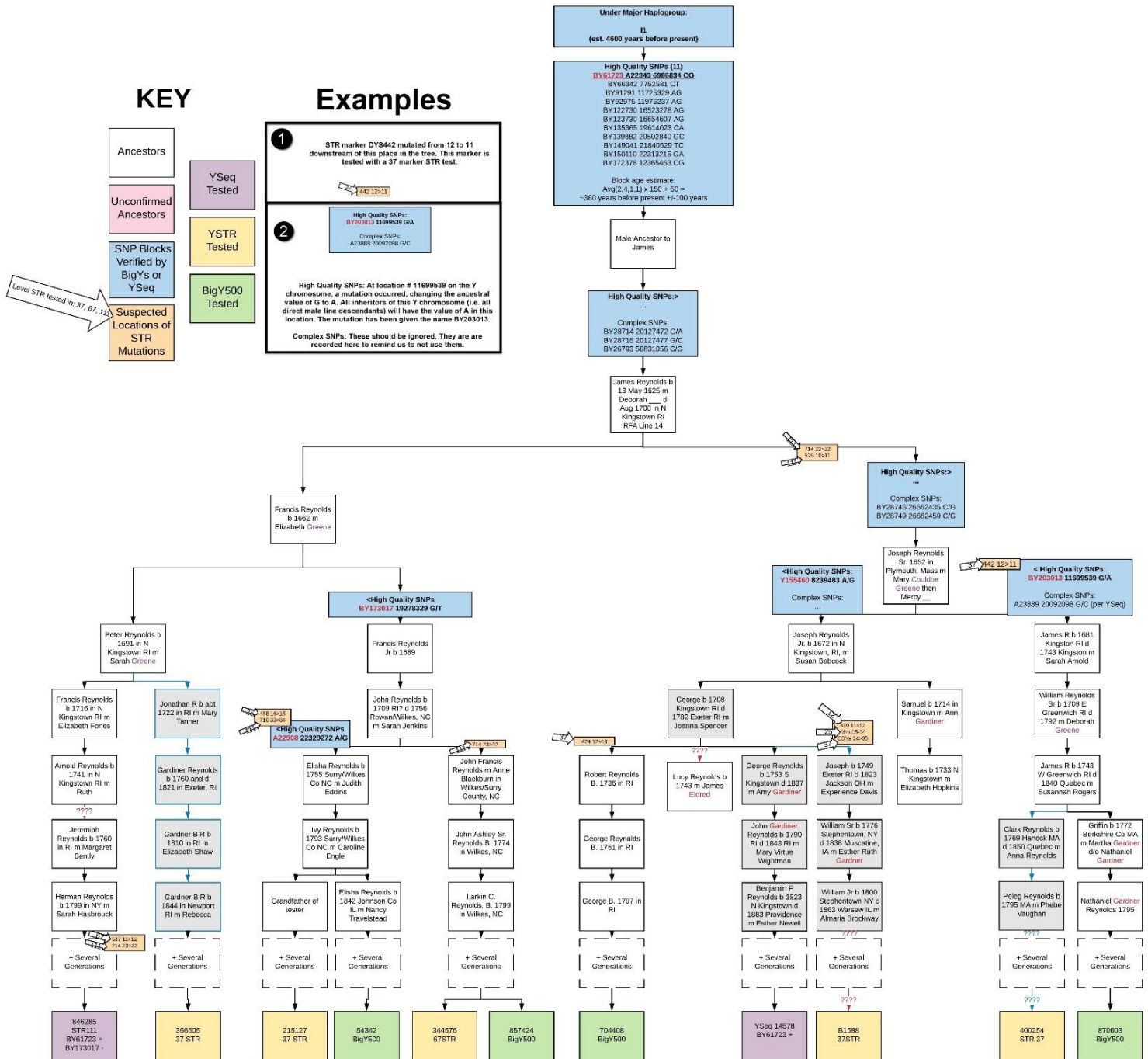
Reynolds Surname YDNA Project @ FTDNA

Group 03 Mutation History Tree

RFA Line 14: James and Deborah of North Kingstown, RI

< 14-May-2019 >

NB: Over time, this tree will refine and become more specific as testing technology advances and as additional descendants test.



RFA Line Number	Progenitor	Haplogroup (most specific Identified as of May 2019)	YDNA Project Group #	Status of SNP Testing (as of Feb 2019)
12	Robert & Mary (___), Boston MA	Under R1b-U106	31	So far, only the ancient haplogroup for this line has been identified. Three descendant Reynolds men are collaborating in "paper" research and have pending BigY tests. The terminal haplogroup for Robert's son Nathaniel should be revealed based on these tests.
14	James Reynolds and Deborah (___) of North Kingstown, RI	Under I1-BY61723	3	Four BigY tests complete. YDNA signature block identified for James. YDNA signature leads identified for 3 branches under James. Another intriguing BigY test pending for a Reynolds connecting "deeper" in time than James.
15	John & Sarah (Backus), Saybrook, Lyme & Norwich CT	Under I1-M253	3	One pending BigY. While it won't be possible to say until results are complete, based on STR values it appears that John may be a distant cousin to James (Line 14). We'll know more after results are complete.
20	John Reynolds and Sarah (___) of Watertown, MA, Wethersfield and Stamford, CT	R1b-Y45266	7	Three BigY tests complete. Likely terminal SNP for John identified. Terminal SNP for John's great grandson Isaac (John>Jonathan>Joseph>Isaac) identified as Y46759.
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 from another son of Thomas 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. Based on YDNA in combination with traditional genealogical evidence, it appears that Elisha is a great grandson of James (Line 14; James>Francis Sr>Francis Jr>John>Elisha). Conclusion based on BY173017+ result in Elisha's line and John Jr.'s line. RFA Line 38 should be folded into Line 14.
46	Joseph Reynolds and Amanda Gatrill-Reynolds, Russell Co., KY	R1b-Y86814	22	Three BigY tests complete. 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. Additionally, the immediate upstream block was split, which allows us to know the original Reynolds marker of this line is BY22769, BY22766, FGC79307 or Y89447.
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.