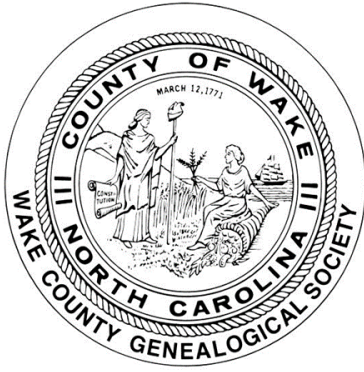




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[Full details at wakecogen.org](http://wakecogen.org)

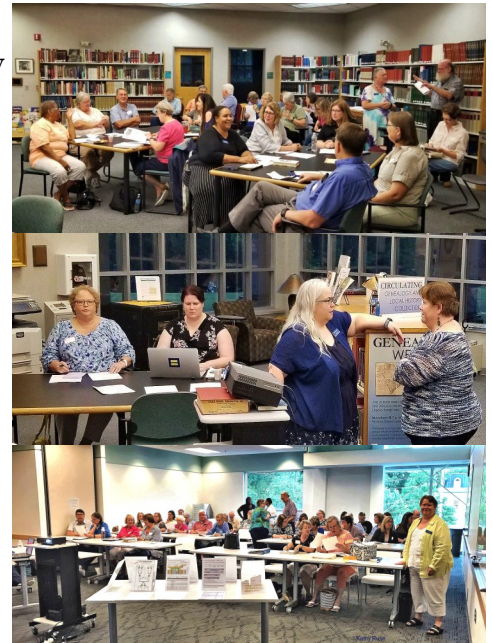
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Fall Happenings

I hope you joined us for the WCGS Summer of DNA series. Genetic Genealogy proved to be a very popular topic. As you can see from the photos, our attendance was up significantly for all three sessions. We covered shared DNA matches as hints and tools to sort family lines, Leeds Color matching, and the What are the Odds tool. The last session was a Question and Answer panel discussion. All meetings were busy with questions and full of content. If you missed the sessions or just want to revisit the handouts, go to the Publications page at Wakecogen.com. (Scroll midway down the page.)

Photos are courtesy Kathy Ruse and Monique Bunch. [See large versions here.](#)



Fall will be another busy genealogy season for Wake County. We have three great presentations planned. There will also be General Genealogy and Genetic Genealogy classes offered by SeniorTechEd and the Wake County Public Library system. In early November, the NC Genealogical Society will host their [Fall Conference](#) which has been expanded to two days. The featured speaker is Roberta Estes. Once again, DNA will feature in several of the presentations.

We have a staff change as of the publishing of the most recent Journal issue - Volume 28, Number 4 - Fall 2018. Diane Richard is retiring as journal editor. We appreciate all the time and effort she invested in Wake Treasures.. It is quite the legacy that she has created for WCGS. **Thank you Diane Richard.**

The new journal team will be headed by our rising editor, [Donna Shackle](#). Look for their first publication sometime in early spring. Donna is seeking volunteers for her journal team and researchers with Wake specific content to share and preserve. If you are interested, [contact her via this email](#).



Reminder!

Until Further Notice: WCGS will meet at [Cameron Village Library](#), 1930 Clark Ave. 27605
6:30 Social time, 7:00 - 8:15pm Meeting

Using WorldCat - By Ted Bainbridge, Ph.D.

WorldCat will help you find old and not-so-old books and other materials that might help your research efforts. *WorldCat* quickly searches the catalogs of over 10,000 libraries simultaneously to find what you request. (The site lists over two billion items.) If *WorldCat* locates an item you want, a local library might be able to borrow it for you via the Inter-Library Loan service (ILL).

Before you try *WorldCat*, use the internet to search the catalog of the library nearest you. Search by subject, title, and/or author. If they have what you want, your search is over. If they don't have what you want, turn to *WorldCat*. Use the following methods to discover what exists, find out where it is, then get access to it. If you are lucky you might find exactly what you want - and a lot more.



Using the Web Site

Go to <https://www.worldcat.org/>. Near the top left of the home page you will see a row of tabs called, Everything, Books, DVDs, CDs, and Articles. Select the appropriate tab. In the search box type keywords that describe what you want, or the name or surname of an author, or a title, or any combination of them. Click the Search button at the right of that box. A hit list of items appears. Click the title of an item that interests you. That item's page appears, showing a brief description of the item, followed by these sections:

1. Find a copy online. Clicking a listed link will take you to a location that might or might not require a password to proceed.
2. Find a copy in the library. This shows a list of custodial institutions sorted by distance from your computer's location.
3. Buy it. Clicking a listed link will lead you to available purchase options. Other information is available in a few sub-panels.

To find a library copy, use Find a copy in the library. Click the name of a library on the resulting hit list. Sometimes this shows you the library's catalog entry for that item. At other times this click takes you to the library's catalog search page, which you must use to see their catalog entry for that

item. In either case, you will get to the description of that item and its location.

If you don't find something interesting, change your search terms to something less specific and try again. If persistent searching doesn't find what you want, ask a nearby reference librarian for help. If a search produces a hit list that is too big or that contains many irrelevant items, search again with additional or more specific search terms.

When you find an item you want, print out or write down information about the item and the libraries that have it. If the custodial institution is near you, you might choose to visit that library and use the materials there. If you don't want to do that, go to the library nearest you and ask for help getting an **Inter-Library Loan (ILL)** item. Most items will be shipped to your local library, where you can use or borrow them as usual. However, the owner might not be willing to loan genealogical materials or rare or expensive items. In such cases, they might copy pages you specify and send them to you or your local library.

An Example - Visiting a Library

While researching an obscure Revolutionary War battle I learned that one side's leader, Moses Van Campen, had dictated extensive memoirs to his grandson, who then published them as a book. Selecting the Books tab near the top left of the WorldCat home page and typing moses van campen, then clicking the Search button gave me a hit list of 22 items. The first one was "Sketches of border adventures in the life and times of Major Moses Van Campen,". Clicking that title produced a hit list of libraries. Clicking University of Colorado Boulder put me inside that library's catalog search pages and showed a list of irrelevant items. I hit the university's Start Over button and asked for moses van campen. In the resulting hit list of titles, I clicked the item I wanted and then printed the catalog information for the book. I visited that library, found the book, and copied the pages that were relevant to my research project.

A Final Example - Reading On-Line

When Benedict Arnold betrayed America's military plans, he gave the information to Major André, an officer in the British army. The Major was captured before he could return to British lines, court

Using WorldCat - cont'd

martialled, and hanged for a spy. A family tradition says one of my relatives presided over that court martial and ordered André hanged. I asked WorldCat for "major andre court martial" and found **Proceedings of a board of general officers : held by order of His Excellency Gen. Washington, commander in chief of the army of the United States of America. Respecting Major John André, adjutant general of the British Army. September 29, 1780.**

Three nearby libraries owned that booklet. Instead of borrowing, I tried to find the item on-line.

Using that title from WorldCat in a Google subject search created a long hit list.

Clicking a title on the list led to a site that showed a typed transcript of the entire booklet.

Clicking another title showed images of an old

book that included the complete booklet.

Clicking yet another title led to images of the original booklet as published by order of the Continental Congress.

The booklet names all the court officers and explains that George Washington ordered the hanging. No name even remotely like my ancestor's appears anywhere in the booklet.

I love Ted's instruction to look for online availability of the title that you have found in WorldCat. I was searching for a written history of my Louisiana family to share with some cousins. I am fortunate to have a copy inherited from my grandparents, but the book ceased to be available in the wild long ago. I found it on WorldCat and, as Ted suggested, did an online search. I found a digitized copy at FamilySearch.org. I can share that link with my cousins and no one ever has to be without this wonderful story of our family. Good advice! - CD

Gencrafting: Celebrate a Favorite Ancestor with an Art Quilt!



Grandma's House by Jackie Nobles (shared with permission)

I adore this artistic reference to a beloved ancestor that I encountered on one of my sewing groups on Facebook. (I love it when my worlds collide.) You could feel the love and care in every stitch. My mind was totally captivated by the creativity and possibilities of sharing ancestors through small art quilt projects. Grab some vintage fabric, trinkets, a photo transferred to fabric and create some art quilt memories of your own. I hope you are as charmed as I am. Many thanks to Jackie for sharing her creation with us. -CD

The artist in her own words -

"Grandma's House" Finally finished. The art quilt features my maternal Grandmother. Her name was Nellie. She was ready to go to church in this photo. We went to church every Sunday. She made sure I had my nickel for the collection plate and a pink candy tied up in my hankie. All recycled fabrics and hand stitching. - Jackie Nobles

**Please view image online for best, beautiful detail.*

Fall Leaves With a Side of History

Do you get the urge to roam the North Carolina countryside every Autumn? If so, you might like to add a side of historical context to your trip in the form of a re-enactment. It is an excellent way to experience a glimpse of your ancestors reality and share with members of your family. You just may make a convert.

Several such opportunities will happen within driving distance of Wake County this fall. I plan on doing this. How about you?

Sep 20 - Sep 22

Battle of Bost Grist Mill Reenactment: Concord, NC, Civil War battle reenactment. "Cannons will thunder..." [Details](#)

Sep 21 - 22

Fort Dobbs Grand Opening: 10am— 4pm Sat, 10:30-3pm Sun. Fort Dobbs Historic Site, Statesville, NC. [Details](#)

Oct 5

239th Anniversary of the Battle Of Kings

Mountain: Hickory Ridge Living History Museum, Boone, NC, 10am –3pm. Contact for details– 828-264-2120 or horninthewesthickoryridge@gmail.com

Dec 14

Fort Dobbs Winter on the Western Frontier:

9am—5pm, Fort Dobbs Historic Site, Statesville, NC. [Details](#)

If you are looking for more or different adventures in your history outings, check out this massive calendar of events from [North Carolina Historic Sites](#).

Get out, connect with your ancestors and make some memories!

Four Transcription Time Sessions this Fall

We had such a great turnout for our recent Transcription Workshop on June 29. Results were so positive that **four** more transcription events are planned for this fall. If you love old documents and the wonderful unexpected discoveries within, you will want to join us. Visit the Events list on page 5 in this issue for exact dates. Follow our [webpage](#) and [blog](#) for future scheduled Transcription Time. Everyone is welcome! Please bring a laptop to the session if you have one (not required). If you have questions, please contact Carla Stancil at CarlaStancil@gmail.com

If you have roots in Wake County and have family keepsakes and material that would lend themselves to sharing, **please consider partnering with our [Journal team](#)**. Your contributions by sharing your stories, family profiles, and written or printed heirlooms such as diaries, bibles, ledgers, letters, etc. helps you preserve them in many ways. Transcription provides back up transcribed and digital copies of items that are usually one of a kind. These transcriptions will live on in the Journal, independent of the original. The family stories and profiles that you contribute act as cousin bait, connecting you with other family members who may be searching for your line. Your sharing helps WCGS provide a history of Wake County that is enriched with the details of family and business life - the colorful brushstrokes between the dates on the records. Lest you are concerned, your original items will stay in your possession. Contact [Donna Shackle - Journal Editor](#).



Photos: Monique Bunch

Get to know our Journal team! Look for profiles of team members in the Winter 2020 WGW.

Fall 2019 Events Calendar

Ongoing Webinars at ORL – Join ORL each week to view and discuss a webinar from Legacy Family Tree. Featuring different topics each week.. **Mondays @ 1 p.m.**, Olivia Raney Library. Check [website or call for details](#).

Ongoing Workshops thru SeniorTechEd - Regular offerings throughout the year include multiple Ancestry.com workshops; Genealogy Basics; Genetic Genealogy - DNA test results. Genealogy offerings start on Sept 30 and run through late November - various topics and multiple sessions. [See SeniorTechEd schedule for details and fees](#).

Sept 21

Yates Mill 14th Annual Fall Harvest Festival - 11am - 3pm. Yates Mill Park, 4620 Lake Wheeler Road, 27603. [Details](#)

Sept 24

WCGS Meeting: Where in the World? Land Records Using Metes and Bounds. Speaker: Barbara McGeachy. **6:30pm.** Cameron Village Regional Library, Raleigh, NC. [Details](#)

Oct 4 - Oct 6

NCGS Recorded Webinar: The Goodliest Soyle. Speaker: Helen Leary. [Details](#)

Oct 5

Oakview Park Farm Fest/Heritage Day. 10am - 4pm. Oakview Park, 4028 Carya Drive, 27610. [Details](#)

Oct 19

WCGS Transcription Party @Olivia Raney Library, 4016 Carya Dr, 27610. 10:30am - 12:30pm. [Details](#) & [Contact](#)

Oct 22

WCGS Meeting: Using Military Records. Speaker: Monika Fleming. **6:30pm.** Cameron Village Regional Library, Raleigh, NC. [Details](#)

Nov 1 - 2

NCGS Fall Conference: 2 Day Multi-track, Multi Speaker conference. More info available mid May. [Details](#)

Nov 13

NCGS Live Webinar: Colonial thru Civil War North Carolina State Records. Speaker: Craig Scott. 7 pm. [Details](#)

Nov 16

WCGS Transcription Party @Olivia Raney Library, 4016 Carya Dr, 27610. 10:30am - 12:30pm. [Details](#) & [Contact](#)

Dec 3

WCGS Meeting: Researching Cemeteries and Find A Grave. Speakers: Mary Ann Loss, Carol Stahl. **6:30pm.** Cameron Village Regional Library, Raleigh, NC. [Details](#)

Dec 14

WCGS Transcription Party @Olivia Raney Library, 4016 Carya Dr, 27610. 10:30am - 12:30pm. [Details](#) & [Contact](#)

Oct20 - Nov 20

Explore Your Family Tree - presented by Wake County Public Library in tandem with WCGS. A series of genealogy classes -- **Beginning Genealogy** (Jennie Gunther) and **Genealogy & DNA** (Barbara McGeachy & Henry Spencer) will be presented on multiple days at various libraries. Consult individual libraries for details. [See this WCGS blogpost for Schedule Flyer](#).

Online Learning Opportunities

Use this link to keep up with the great online webinar offerings in the list that Barbara McGeachy curated for us! [Online Webinars at WCGS Blog](#).

** Newly added to this list, **Utah Genealogical Society DNA SIG** has some great webinars planned thru the end of 2019. Most are free with preregistration. [Details](#).*

Edgecombe Community College. Weekend Continuing Education Series/Historic Preservation Trades. Saturdays Full or Half days. Small group setting, discussion and 1 on 1 interaction. Fall topics include Land Records, Photo Preservation and Genealogy websites. [Details and Pricing](#)

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Check our [webpage](#), detail links, and/or [Facebook page](#) for late additions, schedule changes and updates to the WCGS calendar between issues. This Calendar is accurate as of **September 15, 2019**.

The Search for Men of Age to Have Served in the Revolutionary War

By Ann Regen Myhre

Did your ancestor serve in the War for Independence? If not, why not? Was he too old? Was he a member of a religious group, such as the Quakers, who opposed war in general? What evidence can you find of his life and how he lived it?

In 1778, the Continental Congress required every male to sign either the **Oath of Allegiance** to the state where he was living or to affirm his allegiance to that state. If not, he was to leave the state. The text of the original oaths and affirmations may be found online at [Documenting the American South](#). This website contains transcriptions of colonial and state records of North Carolina. The names of men who served on Committees of Safety before the Revolution, who served on juries, etc., or were involved in their community in other ways may be found here.

Be sure you know the name of the county during the war and in the following years. For example, a search for “**NC County Formation**” brings up various sites. My favorite is [North Carolina County Formation Maps Interactive Slideshow](#).



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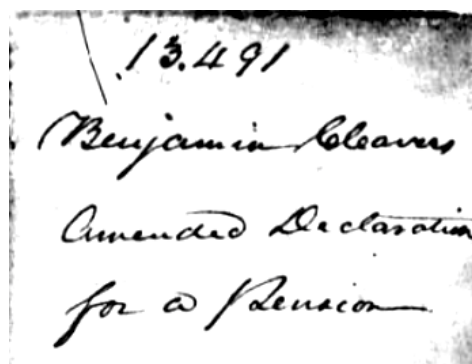
Histories of counties may contain lists of men who served. However, these must be used with care. Use them as a secondary source. First person accounts of battles may also be found in books or online. They add color to your ancestor's story.

The [Daughters of the American Revolution \(DAR\)](#) has a **list of proven patriots** who served. Most DAR members will be happy to show the information available; copies of applications may be purchased. The Sons of the American Revolution does not maintain an

online list, but **old applications** to SAR are available through Ancestry.com.

Revolutionary War Pay Vouchers are available on several sites. [FamilySearch.org](#) has [vouchers for North Carolina](#). Remember that you will need to have to login to a free account to see the actual images. Generally, there are images of the front and back for each voucher. They may have been submitted for goods provided during the war, not for actual service.

Always check library sources available online. For Wake County, you need a library card with your card number and PIN. Log in and go to Library Databases: A-Z. Heritage Quest Online has **Revolutionary War Pension Records**. They are **handwritten**, but that means you may find your ancestor's signature.



Source: Heritage Quest

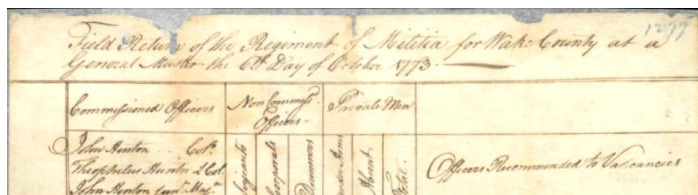
Southern pension records have been transcribed and are available at [Southern Campaigns Revolutionary War Pension Statements & Rosters](#). Note that the transcription is by dictation, so the spelling may need to be checked.

State Libraries and Archives may have **digitized Revolutionary War records**. For example, [the Digital Collection of the Library of Virginia](#) includes the pay lists for those who fought in Lord Dunmore's War in 1774 (technically before the war began) and lists of those who fought in the Revolutionary War. Land grants may also be found there.

The Search for Men of Age - Cont'd

[The Digital Collection of North Carolina](#) includes images of the actual **records of the troops** and other information. Generally, new images continue to be digitized and made available online.

Land records are available several places, such as FamilySearch and Ancestry. The Federal government and several state governments granted **land as payment for service** after the Revolutionary War (and the War of 1812). North Carolina and Tennessee Land Grants, found at [NC Land Grants](#) provides all the available papers associated with a grant in high quality images. Generally, grants from one state (NC) were given only to a specific state (TN). Recipients could sell or otherwise transfer ownership from the initial grantee to another person.



[source](#)

Searches on Google or other search engines with the name in quotes and the county and state in quotes can lead to some interesting information. For example, **county fairs** were established by the laws of the North Carolina General Assembly during the 1791-94 period. The administrators of the fairs in each county were listed, as well as times and places for the fairs.

Availability of church records varies widely. For example, Quaker (Society of Friends) records have been transcribed (**U.S., Encyclopedia of Quaker Genealogy**). The several volumes are available in libraries and online. Actual minutes for many of the Meetings are also available through Ancestry.com, FamilySearch.com and HaithiTrust.org. Often, you will need to contact the repository for the records of your denomination or search for published histories of individual churches.

Finally, always search [FindaGrave.com](#). Information found there will need to be further substantiated, but it is another potential source.

Events Calendar - cont'd

Genealogical Societies in the surrounding area

Durham-Orange Genealogical Society: 1st Wednesday of Month, 7pm. [Details](#)

Granville County Genealogical Society: 1st Thursday of Month, 6:30pm. [Details](#)

Tar River Connections Genealogical Society: 3rd Tuesday of Month, 6:30pm. Details - TRCGS@Brasswell-Library.org

Johnston County Genealogical and History Society: 1st Saturday of February, May, August, and November, 10:30am. Details - PO Box 2373, Smithfield, NC 27577



Reminder: Membership Renewal

September is WCGS Membership Renewal Month

Renew or Join @ our [Join WCGS](#) Page

See "How to Join/Renew" for instructions

or [Contact Membership Coordinator](#)

DNA Download: Reveal Your “Shy Matches” With New Tools

Did you know you can “out” your shy cousins using the new AncestryDNA tools that were released this summer?

Common Ancestors and **Thru-Lines** are perfect tools to speed up your ID process for those no tree/private tree matches. No need to grumble in frustration any more.

I have always looked at my AncestryDNA matches, compared our mutual shared matches and used the **Notes field feature** to record my findings. This has proved to be a useful research tool for me. It was also helpful when I was working with a programmer who was creating a clustering tool. My match notes helped him see that his results were returning the information that he wanted.

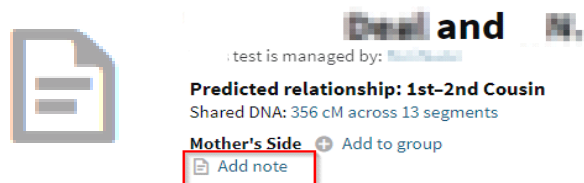
Logging ancestor notes for my matches has always been one of the more relaxing tasks in the always growing list of DNA projects. I can do it on my laptop, desktop or tablet. Now, thanks to Ancestry's latest upgrades, the task is just as enjoyable, but much faster!

The Leeds method came along well after I was deep into this project. If I was just starting out, I would do Leeds first and then these steps to add insight to my findings. I recommend that anyone just starting out do the [Leeds Color Sorting](#) first.

Here is my process -

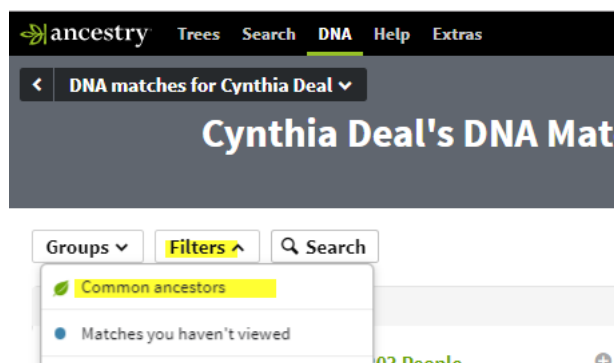
Caveat - This is a “broad brush stroke” technique used to find hints and clues. Once you have developed a hypothesis, you must move on to the next stage of verifying the parent/child connections between you, your match, and common ancestors with record research.

- 1) **Use the AncestryDNA note field** to record your finds. You can also use the new color-coding and family groups, but it is worth noting that these two new tools will not carry over when exporting



To access the match note field, open the profile and look under the name. (Click on icon in red box.)

to a spreadsheet. The notes field will. I work with spreadsheets a lot. I prefer to continue to use the notes field for this reason.

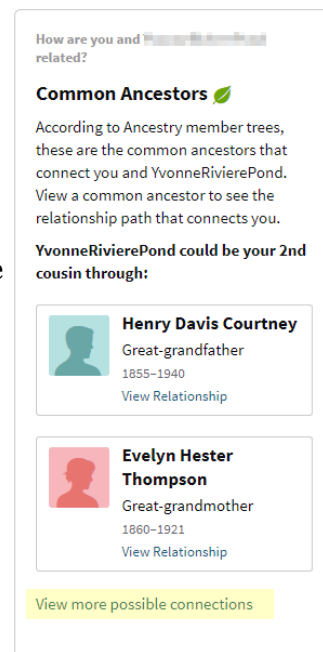


2) **Sort and Note Common ancestors** - Use the Filter Dropdown on your main match page and choose Common Ancestors. The results will be those matches with which Ancestry's updated algorithm has determined as possible or likely common ancestors between the two of you. View this as a hint and record the results in the note field. I will add a qualifier such as *likely*, *probably*, or *possibly* depending on what I already know about that connection. I will also note if the path presented needs more research if it is not a line I am familiar with.

The Common Ancestor hints are found by clicking thru to the matches profile. Look for a box to the left of the match's tree. You can click thru each ancestor to see the relationship paths for the pair or individual.

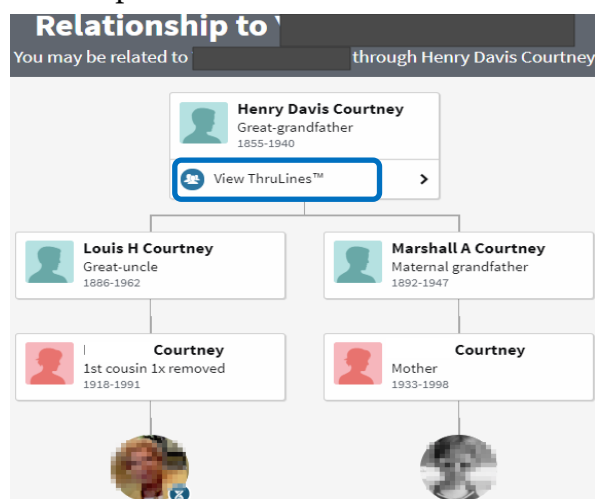
There may be more possible connections noted in the Common Ancestor box. If so there will be a link at the bottom to view more. Record any and all possibilities in the matches note field.

*[A detailed explanation of Ancestry's new sorting and filtering process appears on the Ancestry Support page linked here.](#)

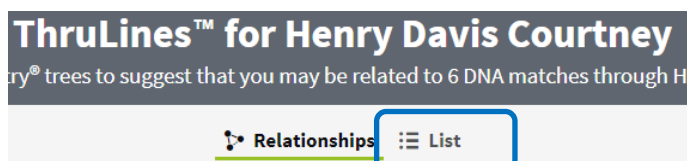


DNA Download: Reveal - Cont'd

3) **Check ThruLines where possible** - Often when clicking on a Common Ancestor box you will be given the opportunity to see paths to multiple matches. This is the new ThruLines feature. You can view it as a lateral tree or you can view a list of matches that share the Common Ancestor with you. While you are working with this ancestor, this is a good time to go ahead and make note of all the DNA matches that may share the Common Ancestor with you. You will see a ThruLines icon on the “compare tree” from the step above if ThruLines exist.



Once you click to view the ThruLines, you have the option to view the relationships graphic or a list. The list works better for recording ancestral line hints.



On entering list view, you will see expandable family groups. You can open each match profile from this page and record your note hints.

Louis Halley Courtney Family Line		
	3rd-4th cousin X 110 cM across 5 segments	2nd cousin X 1,373
Marshall Aubrey Courtney Family Line		
	You Henry Davis Courtney is your great-grandfather.	
	Parent/child-immediate family X 3,462 cM across 64 segments	Son X 4,803
	Immediate family-close family X 2,938 cM across 58 segments	Sister X 4,803
	1st-2nd cousin X 1,074 cM across 46 segments	Maternal 1st cousin X 4,803
	1st-2nd cousin X 946 cM across 38 segments	Maternal 1st cousin X 4,803
	1st-2nd cousin X 816 cM across 38 segments	Maternal 1st cousin X 4,803

4) **Target your “no tree/ private tree” matches.** When you view the notes for you mutual shared matches, they will reveal some useful connections for these mystery matches. Add your notes regarding possible shared family line or lines. Again, I suggest using a qualifier such as *likely*, *probably*, or *possibly* depending on what you already know about that connection.

5) **Cross check your findings with a Leeds Chart.** This will help refine some of the ambiguous hints. [Access Leeds instruction here.](#)

6) Can't say this enough, **note all your hard work.** Add your findings in the notes fields. (It is the genetic genealogical equivalent of "**Measure twice, Cut once**".)

Now, if and when you decide to contact your matches, you will have some insight into what lines you may share. Hopefully, this will increase the likelihood of a response.

You may also want to create a DNA Match Tree to include all the clues you have created for yourself. Now might be the time to start tree building with record research to try to create the tree that shows your connections. Build in a **separate, private, unsearchable** tree rather than your own personal tree. This level of privacy benefits everyone. It is hugely important to protect your matches information if you include them in your speculative tree. The privacy allows you to speculate and hypothesize as much as needed without putting “as yet unproven” connections out in the open that might confuse other researchers.

I am sharing this technique because I have had some luck uncovering possible branches of my brick wall line by using this workflow and some new test results from my cousins. I have some new clues to research. I hope you have some fun discoveries if you give it a try. - CD



'Til Next WGW

Wow! Busy summer. Busy fall. So many Genealogy activities to do and aspire to!

I hope you find something that amuses, entertains and enlightens you in our offerings.

Thank you for taking time to include WCGS and Wake Genealogy Watch in your busy life. We are glad you are here.

Photo Note: When reading from a printed copy, please refer back to the [online edition](#) where you can enlarge the photos for better viewing.

Deadline for the submissions to the Winter 2020 issue is Nov. 31, 2019.

Submissions: newsletter@wakecogen.org

As always, thank you for reading this far.

Your humble editor -

[Cyndi Deal](#)

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~Parting thought~

"I have walked the land in the footsteps of my fathers.
Back in time to where the first one trod, and stopped, saw
sky, felt wind, bent to touch mother Earth....
and called this "Home."

This mountain. This pine and hemlock, oak and poplar,
Laurel, wild, and rhododendron. Home and mountain.
Father and mother. Grow, too the sons and daughters.
To walk the old paths.

To look back in pride in honored heritage. To hear its
laughter and its song. To grow, to stand and be themselves,
one day remembered.

I have walked the land in the footsteps of all my fathers. I
saw yesterday and now look to tomorrow."

-Earl Hamner