

# DNA News

Photos in this issue are of the Harmon Howard family and do not pertain to any of the articles.

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*Hess & Earl Howard, on appaloosa, sons of Harmond Howard and Mary Hughes in Pallouse Country, Washington*

## Research

A quick look at what is available out there in terms of research and DNA trails for one of our recent testers, who shows no matches, gave me a couple of ideas. Their earliest known ancestor was Edson John Howard, born c1872 in New Hampshire, whose ancestors may have used the Hayward spelling.

The first step was to checked my three standard research websites in the following order: WorldConnect, FamilySearch, and GenForum because they each have very distinct research capabilities.

With World Connect I can use almost any search criteria, but what I am usually looking for is someone else who is researching the same person, especially when all I have is a name, a possible birth date and a state. The more information we have on these facts, the better the chances of finding a relation. A quick search found nothing helpful.

On to Family Search where I again plugged in information and came up with an Edson J. Howard who was born in Bridgewater, New Hampshire to a Gilman A

Howard bc 1850 and his wife Alice. This Edson married Mary Schmidt 29 Nov 1899 in Manhattan, NY.

GenForum supplied a further clue. A possible connection to the Howard/Keith/Hooper family of Bridgewater, MA Hayward family. John Hayward m. Susanna Edson in 1699. He died 14 Apr 1705. Their daughter, Susanna Hayward married a Joseph Howard.

Armed with all this information, I went back to World Connect and typed in Howard as surname with Gilman as spouse. I came up with a Jabez T. Howard who married an Elizabeth Singer Gilman in Deerfield, Rockingham, NH. I think this is the place to start. I believe there is a Deerfield, NH Howard family that has been written up in a genealogy book, though I can't say for sure.

DNA results may show a match to the Bridgewater, MA family, the Bridgewater, NH family or the Deerfield, NH family; or all three because I think they may be related. Now all that needs to be done is recruit a descendent of one of these families for a DNA test.

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## New Members

I'd like to welcome our new members, some have just joined us, others now know that they either do or do not have matches: All updates have been made to the FTM NDA site.

1. 105969 matches with the Edmund Howard/Margaret Dent; St. Mary's County Group
2. 101289 Henry Howard of Pike Co, OH matches Mathew's descendent Gideon Howard Group
3. 104740 Has no matches
4. 104032 Matches Roy Clark Tune
5. 103853 Isaac Howard matches Isaac Howard b. 1701 England

New for February:

- 1.) 2/18 110013 2.) 2/20 115158 3.) 2/27 115860

## My Maps-FTM DNA Site

I discovered it can be difficult to put yourself on the map in your personal pages. I went into the last updates we had, which were purchased in November, (January and February were pretty slow until just the past week or so.) and noticed that the page I was in did not have a map location. Following their instructions, I found that, if you did not know what city your ancestor was born in, you cannot get a map location. However, I decided to find a city/town in Pike Co., OH, and chose Waverly, actually it was the only city/town listed, everything else said community. I thought it would just update it for me once I found out what the numbers were; wrong. So then I had

to go back, input the city and state, write the numbers down, then put them in the proper boxes and hit update.

The map now shows one blue four-step match near Potsdam, New York. Since Henry Howard of (Waverly) Pike County, OH actually shows six matches, this means no one else had uploaded their Latitude/Longitude numbers. I encourage you to go for it, the results are actually kind of fun, and it can be helpful in showing an ancestral trail.

## News From FTM DNA

I'm pleased to update you on a new set of markers that are now available from the Family Tree DNA Genomics Research Center.

We have now replicated the last 30 markers offered by our partners at the University of Arizona (the ones included in the upgrade from Y-DNA37 to Y-DNA67) for those who are interested in purchasing them on an individual basis. You can find these markers as Advanced Orders under the Upgrades and Refinements link on each person's personal page.

In addition, we have also created a 9th panel that includes markers tested by Ethno-Ancestry that were not included in any of our previous panels of markers. Those are also available under the Advanced Orders option.

As you are probably aware, last week we introduced an upgraded panel of R1b SNPs that is now being offered to those who have previously taken our Deep R1b Clade test but were negative for branches 1 through 8 of R1b1c. It is believed that the new U series SNP's will produce positive results for approximately 40% of people. We'll see next week as the first 48 people who ordered and already have their DNA in Houston will begin receiving their results today! We anticipate that this introductory price for the U series SNP's will end once the U series is incorporated into the new Deep R1b panel, which will occur when Dr. Hammer's forthcoming paper on the redesigned YCC Tree is published. The U series panel will still be available as an upgrade for those individuals who have already had the Deep R1b Clade test.