

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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DNA in the News

Last month we ran an article about American Indian DNA, this month there is more mystery surrounding the X haplogroup.

My mother was always interested in ancient or pre-history, and passed that interest down to me. One of the puzzles has always been Plato's Atlantis; did it exist or was it a figment of his imagination?

"Mitochondrial DNA is found in human cells, outside the nucleus. It is simpler than nuclear DNA and easier to analyze. Since it mutates at a fairly steady rate, scientists use it to estimate when a group of people migrated from their primary group. The amount of difference between the mitochondrial DNA sequences of two individuals indicates approximately how long ago they shared a common ancestor." *From Lemuria and Atlantis: Studying the Past to Survive the Future*, by Shirley Andrews, pp.92-94

She questions whether haplogroup X might have been from the population of that destroyed continent because of where people with this haplogroup are found. North America's Ojibwa, Sioux, Yakima and 25% of the Iroquois tribes and a small percentage of the Na Dene speaking Navaho are of haplogroup X.

In Europe, the Irish have the highest incidence of haplogroup X, it is also found in Basque, Finn and Spanish populations. Interestingly, the mutational differences between the Native Americans and their European counterparts suggests that they diverged long ago and are not the result of any intermarriages taking place after European colonization in America.

This brings an interesting question to mind: Atlantis and Lemuria, and the biblical flood, if they existed, did so thousands of years in the past. The written histories are based on legends, yet many of us still "feel" some of these things actually happened. Why?

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Howard DNA Project

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NEW MEMBERS

117030 Kit Returned 3/21/08

119937 Kit returned 4/29/08

Subgroup, Unknown Common Ancestor 6, has now been upgraded as the participants 115860, 94873 and 65054 now know their common ancestor was a William Howard bc 1745 in Maryland. See page four for research suggestions; they may be way off base or they might offer a possible avenue for further research. In this case I used *FamilySearch*, *WorldConnect Project*, and *GenForum* as well as a few books in our library: "*Anne Arundel Gentry*" by Harry Wright Newman, "*The Maryland Calendar of Wills*" by Jane Baldwin Cotton & Roberta Bolling Henry, "*North Carolina Taxpayers*" by Clarence E. Ratcliff, "*Settlers of Maryland*" by Peter Wilson Coldham, and "*Monocacy and Catoclin*" Vols 1&2 by Calvin E. Schildknecht.

THE HOWARD HISTORIAN WEB SITE HAS BEEN UPGRADED

FINALLY!

As promised, I reworked the whole website and it took forever, but thanks to a friend of mine, I now have a much easier way to upload and make changes. I decided it was more important to get it online than to try to check everything for elusive errors; so if you find any, please let me know and I will make corrections. In the first week it was up I must have made four or five changes, so I know it is much easier than it was. If you know of someone who wants the DNA Newsletter but is not a member, they can download or read from the website for free. I've also managed to get a "blog" up and running, not that I don't still have issues with it...it wouldn't let me add categories, that's saved for another day.

Happy Hunting Everybody, Karen

NORWICH, CONNECTICUT GEOGRAPHICAL PROJECT

Members of the Howard DNA Project have been invited to join the Geographical DNA Project for Norwich, CT. Technically, a geographical project is for people from a certain area where their tests are checked against other members in the database. I'm not sure how this would be beneficial to you. Perhaps if people came to this area in groups, they might share DNA characteristics with a specific area in England. If you know more about this than I do (and it wouldn't take much) please send me an email to enlighten me, or you can, go to The Howard Historian website and leave a message on the blog so everybody can read it. <http://thehowardhistorian.com/index.html>



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Some researchers think there may be a genetic basis for our beliefs, past memories encoded in our DNA, if you will. Our DNA is full of what is called “junk” yet scientists are finding that more and more of this junk actually serves a purpose, some of it is what makes us different from other of “earth’s creatures.” There is even some question of whether some of our deep set fears may be caused by something that happened to our ancestors; a drowning, a fire, a bear attack and has a DNA receptor. When I was little and my father watched movies of World War II, the drone of a group of bombers set off a fear in me that was extremely strong and very irrational. I always wondered where it came from. Could it have been as close as my father, who served in the war?

Here’s the link if you want to check out the article for yourself:
<http://www.americanchronicle.com/articles/11660>

RESEARCH

My contact for Kit #'s 65054, 94873 and 115860 informed me that this group was descended from William Howard, bc 1745 in Maryland. Until the results of this test, it was thought they descended from Mathew Howard of VA/MD.

There is still a possibility this is true, however the names Leven and Greenberry are not mentioned in the Anne Arundel Gentry, by Harry Wright Newman. While this in itself does not mean anything and I would like to see tests done on at least three different descendent lines of Mathew Howard before declaring a positive match, this group does not match the descendents of Gideon Howard who are tentatively listed as descendents of Mathew in Newman’s book.

I checked out the LDS Family Search site and came up with three Leven/Levin names in the 1880 census:

1. Leven bc 1869 MD, s/o William T. Howard, bc 1838, parents both born MD, Salisbury, Wicomico, MD
2. Levin J. bc 1863, s/o John Howard bc 1830 MD, parents both born MD, Barren Creek, Wicomico, MD.
3. Levin Howard bc 1819 TN
father b NC, mother b. SC
m. Eliza b. 1824 MS; f/b OH, m/b MS
 1. Eliza Ann bc 1860
Jacksonport, Jackson, Arkansas
4. Levin S. Howard bc 1849 MD, Mariner
16th Ward, Precinct 6, Baltimore, Baltimore, MD

1850 Census

1. Levin T. Howard b. 1850
s/o Noah H Howard
Somerset Co., MD
2. Levin bc 1847 s/o John
Worcester Co., MD

Other Records:

1. Levin Howard m. Dorothy Nance
2. Levin Howard m. Margaret J. Hobbs
3. Greenberry Howard b. 10 Oct 1815 TN
m. Lurany Conniers bc 1823 Wilson Co., TN
 1. Dana Ann b. 6 Mar 1845 Wilson Co., TN
d. 12 Oct 1893 Pope Co., IL
4. Greenberry Howard bc 1770
m. Sarah Holland 29 Dec 1808
5. William Howard
m. Amelia Nancy Sommers
 1. William Howard
m. Sarah Prather
 1. Greenberry b.c
1795 Prince Georges Co., MD
or 1798 Montgomery Co., MD
 2. Alvin Branson bc 1801
m. Elizabeth Lovelace
 1. Caroline Tabitha
 3. Anna

Note from Karen: While Edmund Howard & Margaret Dent were in Somerset Co., MD for some years, they moved to Charles Co., MD. The county history for this part of Maryland is as follows: Prince George’s County was formed from Charles County, Frederick was formed from Prince George’s, and Montgomery from Frederick. I have done little

research in this area, but it would not surprise me to find members of this family in Frederick County.

From Howard Historian CD

2. George Washington Howard bc1811-15
m. Elizabeth (Tiny) Ellenburg 1830-35 SC
They lived in Pickens Co., SC, Murray Co., GA and possibly TN
 1. William W m. Nancy Howard
 2. Nancy Geraldine m. James Harve Ellis
 3. Stephen John m1) Mary J. Black m2) Nancy Hill
 4. Ezekiel Harrison b. 1840 m. Margaret Anderson Murray Co., GA, to Hays Co., TX: 10 Child.
 5. William Franklin
 6. Stephen E
 7. Levin
 8. George E
 9. Walter C
 10. John Taylor m. Martha Odell
 11. Mary J. m WO Odell
 12. Sarah H, dy
 13. Benjamin Franklin m. Martha Ethridge moved to Hays Co., TX

Inquirer: Barbara J. Thomas

3. Levin Howard bc 1825-26
m. Margaret Hobbs 1/23/1851 Hancock Co., IL or Margaret Gusen 6/10/1851 Adams Co., IL
Levin, in the 1850 IL census is living with Lucien (Levin?) Howard age 62, farmer, b NC, Tabitha Howard age 72, b MD, Francis Howard age 31, farmer, b. NC and Jesse Howard age 21 b NC. Levin Howard supposedly drafted into the Confederate Army against his wishes, blew up a munitions depot, got court-martialed and sent to prison for the duration of the war. Because of this, his two little girls starved to death.

1. William B bc 1852
2. James Leven b1/12/1855 Hancock Co., IL
m. Nancy W. Symmonds 7/1/1877
 1. Guy G. Howard b. 4/23/1897
 2. Charles V
 3. Martha Mae
 4. William Ogdan
 5. Isaac Emery
 6. Margaret Dessa
 7. Bertha Ethel

Found on WorldConnect Project: Marsha Veddes

3. Levina E bc 1858 AR d/bef 1865
4. Sarah b. 1860 AR d/bef 1865 Van Buren, Crawford, AR

Inquirer: Michelle Vesser Davis 8/1999

Sine I have done a lot of research for the newsletter, the name Levin was familiar to me, but I couldn't place it. While doing

research on the Wicomico Levin's I discovered that it was a subdivision of Somerset Co., MD. A check of the name Levin showed a huge number in this area. Some digging turned up the names Levin Denwood and Nehemiah Covington. Levin was born in England between 1598 and 1602 and died in Accomack City, VA in 1665. (Accomack and Somerset are both on the Eastern Shore and many residents of Accomack moved to Somerset).

Please remember that any information I give is meant only as a starting place if you are interested in researching these lines further.

1. Nehemiah Covington
m. Rebecca Denwood c 1676
 1. Elizabeth Covington
m. Benjamin Wailes
 1. Benjamin Wailes b/aft 1726
m. Sarah Howard Prince Georges Co., MD
d/o William Stevens Howard (needs further research)
 1. Elizabeth Covington Wailes bc 1754
 2. Levin Wailes b 9 Mar 1768
 3. Edward Lloyd Wailes bc 1758
 4. Henry Freeman (Trueman) Wailes bc 1756
 5. William Howard Wailes bc 1761
 6. John Wailes bc 1771

Inquirer: Ralph & Ruth McConigly

Note: There are two clues that this could be the daughter of William Stevens Howard. The first is that they name one of their sons William Howard, but the other is more telling. While Ralph and Ruth have Henry's middle name as Freeman, I found it listed elsewhere as Trueman, which would connect to the second wife of William Stevens Howard, Sarah Briscoe. She married first a Truman. Could Levin Howard have been named after uncle Levin Wailes?

Will of Sarah Howard, Charles Co., MD
27th Jan 1732-3 16 Apr 1735
Sons: Henry Truman, James Truman, William Howard
Dau: Elizabeth, Sarah GS: Henry Smoot
Husband: William Stevens Howard's son: Edmund

Will of James Truman, gent, Prince George's Co
26th May 1774 30 Aug 1774
To bro. William Howard, sisters Elizabeth and Sarah Howard, neph. Henry Smoot, niece Susanna and neph. James personalty.
To neph. Thomas, entire real estate. Shd. He die without issue, to pass to neph. James.
To bro. Henry, ex., residue of estate
Test: William Bright, Benj. Swan, John Booker

If you have any ancestral photos, short research articles, or anything else that could be of use in the newsletter please contact me.

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