

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

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Howards of Ocracoke Island, NC

My ancestor was William Howard. He was born in 1687 and died in 1795. That is right. 108 years old. He purchased Ocracoke Island in 1759. We believe him to be the William Howard that was Blackbeard's quartermaster and the one who told where Blackbeard was. If not him, then his grandfather. I know that he married a woman by the name of Elizabeth Yeoman(s). Susannah Yeoman her mother, her brother was Harris Yeoman. William and Elizabeth had 3 children. George, William, and Susannah. I have thought for awhile now that she was named after Blackbeard's sister. But most likely for her grandmother. I am descendant of George.

We know that William did not die on Ocracoke, instead at his home on the south end of the Tar River. Which would be Beaufort County. We do not know exactly where his home was, but if any one is really interested in looking for Blackbeard's loot I can almost grant you that it is buried inland. No where near Ocracoke.

My family also erected the first lighthouse, actually gave the land to the state of NC for it.

We are also responsible for the bill being passed for passengers on ships or boats to wear life preservers. The people of Ocracoke I think were getting tired of shipwrecked victims dying.

We do not know where William came from. My cousin is telling me that Philip Howard was his father and William Howard his grandfather. Not the Duke. Well, I am starting to disagree with that also. As Philip Howard and his father were dead before 1768, and William Howard, Philip's son, was also deceased. So I think they have gone in the wrong direction.

We know that Philip Howard and a Charles Howard came to Pamlico County in the late 1600's, on the same boat, I think maybe a Schooner. A lady had them brought here, thereby getting the headrights for them. Philip left Pamlico County and moved into Hyde County in 1703. Charles went into Craven County. I really think we should take a look at Charles.

I have also been in contact with a man who is descendant of Francis Howard, Lt. Gov. of Virginia. He says that we (my family) is also descendant of the Duke.

I have seen some pictures on the computer and yes I do believe that is some favor in my family. I think I favor a Francis Howard (female) that was the Duke's daughter. But there again it could be wishful thinking.

My great-grandfather, Benjamin Howard, died in Pa. in 1929,. Nov. His father, Daniel and his grandfather, Martin, are buried in Hyde county, NC.

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IRISH HOWARD DATABASE



Cora Howard, daughter of Harmon and Mary Hughes

It is said that 99.9% of all Howards originated from Great Britain. If so, where did the other 0.1% come from?

Many Howards claim to be Irish, and possibly they are because they had an ancestor who migrated from Great Britain to Ireland. Most Howards who did this were Anglican/Protestant. However, there is some portion of the 0.1% who are truly Irish in origin.

The Howard lineage that originated from Ireland began as the Celtic clan Ó h-Iomhair, easier pronounced O'Huer and, thanks to St. Patrick, were Catholic. Their native language was Irish.

During the period of English oppression in the 1700's and 1800's, the clan name transitioned into the name Howard. These Howards originated in an area that is now Co. Clare,

Ireland. These are my ancestors ... I am second generation American.

I am inquiring about the Howard DNA project because I want to know if there were any Howards in the database who claim to have originated from Ireland ... not Great Britain.

Today, there are a few of us (who I have found) remaining from the original clan. Some live in Great Britain. Some of us live in the USA. A few remain in Ireland.

If you find that there are others who have an interest in developing an Irish Howard DNA database, please let me know. I know about many of the ancestors from the clan going back to the early 1800's. If I knew that someone shared my interest I may be willing to have my DNA added to the database.

Michael Howard

Please let me know if you are interested in this database and I will put you in touch with each other. Karen



ST. MARY'S CO., MD HOWARDS

We have a Howard 12/12 match with a descendent of Edmund Howard/Margaret Dent, but then they are said to be unrelated by a higher marker test. Since all the markers that don't match with Edmund are fast moving except one, I wonder if they might still be related; I have often wondered if Edmund was a relative of Thomas Howard of Howard's Mount in St. Mary's County. Anybody with a greater degree of DNA knowledge care to answer this question? Karen

William Howard was born around 1768, probably in St. Mary's County, Maryland. He was in Madison Co., KY in 1793 when he married Elizabeth Reed, daughter of Leonard Reed. My William and Elizabeth then moved to Barren County, moved to St. Louis, then in the Louisiana teens they moved to Gasconade County, late 1820s had moved to Izard Co., William and Elizabeth were back in MO in 1834 (land record), and I have them. This makes my William about 1768, MD to post 1834, MO.

Pansylea



Mary Hughes Howard

My great grandfather was a son of Henry Howard and Annis Nance who were married in Franklin County, MO in 1828. According to Pansylea, they were married by a Catholic priest. Also according to Pansylea, Henry was a son of William Howard Sr. and Elizabeth Reed who were married in Madison County, KY in 1793 and moved to MO around 1810.

I believe this is correct although the connection is largely circumstantial. William's family settled along the Arkansas-Missouri border prior to the Civil War. I started researching Daniel Howard in about 1955. There was a lot of family tradition regarding Daniel (I have a picture of Daniel as a young man). He disappeared from Missouri during the Civil War, apparently abandoning his family. It has only been recently that I have been able to "find" Daniel, his Union war record, and largely based on family tradition, his second family in Oklahoma (Richard Howard). My mother's family also lived in Madison County, KY and I have researched there for many years. However, I haven't had much luck in finding William Howard's connection.

Jim

NEW MEMBERS



*Family of Harmon Howard & Mary Hughes:
John, Arabelle, Harmon, Mary, Cora,
Elijah, Hessekia*

If you are new to the Howard DNA Project, we ask that someone from your line be willing to be spokesperson in case there are any other researchers wanting information about your line. All this requires is a name and an email address. We suggest you set up an email address for your Howard inquiries only. Also we would like a lineage to post to The Howard Historian web site.

There is a place to post it to the FTDNA site as well. When you first sign in to your FTDNA site, take a moment to set your preferences, including who the furthest paternal Howard you have been able to trace your line to; and if you can, where and when they were born. This information is shown on the FTDNA site instead of your name and encourages others to test.

If you would prefer to remain anonymous, there is no problem with that, though we would still like your most distant ancestor. We can set up the information under my name and all inquiries are routed through me.

OUTSIDE MATCHES

From the FTDNA Newsletter

Case Studies in Genetic Genealogy

Just today I noticed that my uncle has two matches on Y-search at 37 markers with a genetic distance of 5 and 6 with two men with different surnames. On this lineage we have no matches with any one with our surname at 37 markers. Do you think that the matches with the other surname means anything?

Recommendation

In your situation, your surname is a high frequency surname, as are the surnames of your matches. In addition, your haplogroup is R1b. You will have many matches with other surnames, to whom you are related prior to the adoption of surnames. I expect that you will eventually have a match with your surname. Since your surname is a high frequency surname, with multiple origins, it may take a while until someone to whom you are related tests. Your best approach for now is to encourage others with your surname to test.

This happens with extreme frequency with the Howard surname, and I have been contacted by people who are extremely upset by this, thinking they were being informed of an incident in their DNA history. While this may be correct, there is also the likelihood that the problem is as explained above, or even if the other line has several people with the same DNA markers that you have; they are all likely from the same line. I recently came across such an incident, where our person was told there was a paternity issue. Researching their line back as far as I could, I discovered that it was likely the other way around. A man had married a female Howard and all of at least one line carry the same markers as our Howard. Further research showed that it was likely a sister of the ancestor of our Howard or her mother who shared the same given name. I could find no information about the death date of the father/husband so cannot say which outcome is more accurate. Also, I am not a genealogist; I try to find other links to the families involved. This would need to be researched in-depth. I also did not tell the other line involved. What are your thoughts on this? Should I have?

HOWARD/HILL

Dear Mr. Aumick,

I found your Howard ancestors on the Ancestry - WorldConnect Project and wanted to let you know there have been further discoveries concerning the ancestry of the Edward Howard/Sarah(Sabra) Jarrett family.

The Howard DNA Project has shown a relationship between the families of Edward Howard of Wilmington/Cumberland Co., NC; Seth Howard of Craven Co., NC/Edgefield Dist., SC; Obediah Howard of Orange Co., NC/Union Co., SC, ? KY; and William Buckhannon Howard of TN (?). We do not yet know where the connection comes from but would like to encourage you to share your information with these families.

There has always been speculation that Obediah and Nehemiah Howard were descendents of Stephen Howard of Onslow Co., NC. I believe your Edward Howard was a brother of Stephen's according to his will (if I am remembering the correct will here). But, I am more inclined to believe they might have been descendents of Edward and Sarah Jarrett because all of them have Jarrett children or grandchildren.

Hello Karen,

Thank you for this info. I'm interested in the HOWARD family, but as far as I know, I'm not a descendent. Edward & Sarah (JARRETT) HOWARD were the ancestors of Lucy June HILL, wife of Leonidas Ingraham WAKEFIELD.

About 1912, this WAKEFIELD family adopted my maternal grandfather, Charles Henry CANNON, changing his name to Clifford WAKEFIELD. Prior to this (1907), they'd adopted his little sister, Addie May CANNON, changing her name to Louis V. WAKEFIELD. They also adopted two other brother & sister orphans, Samuel & Helen ZUMKER, changing their names to Howard & Marjorie WAKEFIELD.

Their info is here:

<http://wc.rootsweb.com/cgi-bin/igm.cgi?op=GET&db=cnnrschr&id=1584>

Please let me know what you find and keep me posted.

Thank you,
Brad Aumick

Hi Karen,

I have a few old misc. photos that were in the possession of Lucy June Hill, daughter of Harry Greene Hill and Martha V. Howard. Some are identified and some not. As I am a Wakefield descendant (Lucy June married Leonidas Wakefield), I am not sure which line some of these photos belong to. I will describe the photos that do not have the name Hill on them

- Woman holding child - On back "To June from Aunt Lory".
- Man holding bicycle - On back "Alfred H. Kennedy".
- Picture of a woman - On front "Aunt Betsy Ann Hill". On back "My dear grandma Hill".
- Head photo of a woman - On back "Martha Virginia Howard Born Aug 30 - 1842 Married May 29 - 64".
- Picture of a man - On back typed "Grayson D. Myers Alturas Cal June 25th 1893. Age 21.
- Photo of 2 people - On back "Roy Howard and sister".

If you are interested in any of these photos, let me know and I will mail them to you. I have copied them from the originals.
Ted Wakefield

Hello Karen & Ted,

Thought you both might like to see this.
Brad Aumick

Thu, 27 Sep 2007 Re: James Austen & Lulu Mae (JONES) HOWARD

Hi Christina, I just found your info on Lulu Mae JONES, who married James Austen HOWARD of Linn Co. OR.

Also just received a book on the HESSELTINE family, with the following info - from old letters belonging to Anna HESSELTINE - in 1958, on p.265: "Clara CANON (husband Henry) - Chico, Calif. - 1882: niece of Eli HESSELTINE Jr.: Josie SAFE was living with Mae JONES at Mulino, Oregon. Her daughter, Lulu (SIMPSON)

was tiny baby then: letter dated June 8, 1893"

Then I searched WorldConnect for Mae JONES in Oregon and found your info, stating Lula Mae JONES married James Austen HOWARD. Could "Josie SAFE" mentioned in Clara CANNON's letter, have been Mae JONES' mother, Josephine Violet Van BUSKIRK?

If this is the same Mae JONES of Mulino, Clackamas Co. OR, mentioned in Clara CANNON's letter, the HOWARD connection here is especially interesting to me: James Austin HOWARD & my g-grandmother (by adoption), Lucy June (HILL) WAKEFIELD, were 2nd cousins; both were descendents of Edmond & Edith (MURPHY) HOWARD.

Lucy June HILL's parents were 1st cousins, so she had double HOWARD ancestry, through Elizabeth Ann HOWARD and her brother, James Webster HOWARD:

<http://wc.rootsweb.com/cgi-bin/igm.cgi?op=PED&db=canon&id=1585>

Leonidas Ingraham & Lucy June (HILL) WAKEFIELD adopted my grand aunt, Addie Mae CANNON in 1907; her brother (my grandfather) Charles Henry CANNON in 1914 - both were grandchildren of Clara (FRAZELLE) CANNON, who wrote the above letter(s) to the HESSELTINE family.

Info on Clara (FRAZELLE) CANNON is at my database: <http://wc.rootsweb.com/cgi-bin/igm.cgi?op=GET&db=canon&id=16>

Any additional info appreciated.

Thank you,
Brad Aumick

Also, have you seen the WorldConnect site mentioning the Howard Wagon Train journals? : <http://wc.rootsweb.com/cgi-bin/igm.cgi?op=GET&db=waslugs&id=1512>

Harry Greene HILL m. Martha Virginia "Mattie" HOWARD: "Harry was given possession of the journals and diaries of the Howard wagon train. Presumably these went to Marjorie but none have ever been located. Harry and Mattie with the children came with his parents across the Isthmus of Panama and settled with them in Vacaville, CA."

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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