

# DNA News

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## New Project Members

Since the beginning of the year we have had 11 new people join the Howard DNA Project, with nine results back so far. This makes a total of 76 tests purchased and 67 returned. All of those not returned are from 2006 or earlier. I spoke to FTDNA about the possibility of transferring the test to another individual if the one purchasing the test cannot or has decided not to take the test, and was informed that this is something they would be willing to do. So, if you know of a family in this situation, please let me know and we will see if there is anyone else from the same line willing to take the test.

# in Project	Immigrant Ancestor
1?	Thomas Hayward/Howard of MA
0	John Howard of MA
1?	Joshua Howard of MD
5	Mathew Howard of Nansemond Co., VA / Anne Arunel Co., MD (we currently have several descendents of one line, but need at least one more line to test)
?	Edmund Howard of Somerset/Charles Co. MD
0	Thomas Howard of Howard's Mount, St. Mary's Co., MD
0	George Howard of Somerset Co., MD / Sussex Co., DE

1	John Howard of York Co., VA
0	Francis Howard of York Co., VA / Dorchester Co., MD
0	Allen Howard of ?, VA
0	Edward/James/Stephen/Joseph/John Howard, Nansemond Co., VA
1	William Howard, Ocracoke Island, NC
0	Philip Howard, Bath Co, NC
1 Related	Edward Howard, Wilmington, NC
1 Related	Seth Howard, Craven Co., NC
3 Related	Obediah Howard, Orange Co., NC
1 Related	William Buckhannon Howard, Lincoln Co, TN
1 Related	Marion Francis Howard OK/TX

These last Howards are somehow related, but we have not yet found the connection.. See page four.

There are several other with 2 or three matches with no known connection as well, and they may well connect to some of the known immigrant ancestors listed above but we won't know until

## FTDNA PERSONAL PAGE



### Personal Preferences

When you log into your Family Tree DNA Personal Page, the top category is User Preferences. Here you set whether you want matches to appear for only the Howard Surname Project or for the entire database. You can also choose to have only the higher range matches show...this is helpful especially since there may be a great number of matches at the 12 marker level with other surnames. Displaying your most distant known ancestor is perhaps the single

most helpful tool for getting matches. If no one knows who your ancestor was or where he was born or died, it is difficult to get interested in your DNA. You can also input latitude and longitude, but I believe it is more helpful to list a name, a date and place. It works best if you can list the information for both the husband and the wife in this section. Be sure to hit the update button at the bottom of the page when you are finished.

This page also gives Y-DNA matches and contact information so you can share research, recent ancestral origins which can give you an idea of which country your ancestor might have immigrated from; your haplogroup and lists your Y-DNA values.

You can also track your lab results from the time they are received by FTDNA until they are published on your personal page. They usually give you an estimated amount of time for each step of the project.

The matches from other surnames may suggest an “event” in the past but it is important not to panic. I have seen people with over 200 such matches at the 25 marker level, look for a paper trail which might offer an explanation.



## USING YOUR DNA MANAGEMENT

### The Genographic Project

Members of FTDNA can join The Genographic Project, whose main goal is to collect DNA samples from indigenous populations because their genetic markers have remained stable for centuries. With these findings, they plan to plot the migration patterns of early man. There is a \$15 fee to join the project, which is discussed in

*Below are Earl & Ruth Berdine, grandchildren of Harmon Howard of Texas, opposite right are their mother and father “Mac Berdine and Arabelle Howard, pictured with them are Nellie & Jay, on front page page is brother Clark Berdine.*

detail through your personal page. Also, for those of you interested in a great trip, The Genographic Project Map at <https://www3.nationalgeographic.com/genographic/atlas.html> is fantastic! You can trace the path of your ancestors back to Adam, though it can be a bit confusing because some of the paths tend to take you forward instead of back. It is well worth the time.

Information already being discovered by the Genographic Project is available at <https://www3.nationalgeographic.com/genographic/?fs=www5.nationalgeographic.com>



### Gedcom Files

Using FTDNA’s Gedcom tool to upload files is another tool available on your personal page. Along with your ancestor information, this is an important part of the project. It encourages other people to join the project because they want to test for a specific ancestor.

## REQUEST A PAPER TRAIL

## General Fund



The Howard DNA Project has a General Fund which anyone can contribute to. The funds you contribute can be available to anyone wanting to test their DNA or they can be earmarked to be used for testing a specific Howard line with a proven paper trail. This is a good way for anyone who would like their line tested but do not have direct descendents.

I received an email from someone willing to take the test if there was anyone who wanted to test his line:

John H. Howard (twin) b. 1807 DE (or MD)

m. Rachel Danley of PA

1850 Census, Aston Township, Delaware Co, PA

Children listed:

John Jr	15	Robert	7
George	13	Spencer	5
Louisa	11	Mary	2
Mary E	11	Rachel McMullen	16
Anna	9		

If you know of anyone willing to take the test have them contact me and I will add that information to my list.

## COASTAL NC HOWARDS

Our biggest DNA surprise continues to be the Howards of North and South Carolina. I recently heard from someone who, according to the paper trail and everything I have read, should have been a descendent of Obediah, but his DNA does not match. His ancestor was born in Alabama, which makes me wonder if there were two Howards with the same given name having children at the same time.

I have read that this was the case with Joseph Howard(s). If this tester is from the line of Nehemiah instead of Obediah, it could answer two question. 1. Nehemiah and Obediah would not be related. 2. There might be a connection to Maryland as Nehemiah's descendents have claimed, since this project member tentatively matches up with the descendents of Edmund Howard of Somerset Co., MD.

There are four testers who match on the 12 marker level, but only one of the matches has a paper trail to Edmund. And, according to FTDNA the others do not match on enough markers in the higher ranges to be related to Edmund...at least not within a US time range. Most of the markers that do not match seem to be fast moving ones (I think, it has been a while since I looked at them).

It could also be that Edmund is not closely related to the other Howards who originally settled in the area of Somerset County, and there were five or six of them around 1665. One, Thomas Howard whose son Knights was born around this time, is found in Sussex Co., DE around 1700. There is no mention of him having any other children, but a thorough search might turn up more information.

While we are on the subject of the Howards of North and South Carolina, we now know that Seth Howard, Obediah Howard and Edmund Howard who married Sarah/Sabra Jarrett are all related. There are also a few other new descendents in the mix who come in further down the line who we also cannot place.

This is from a descendent of Edward Howard, who married Sabra/Sarah Jarrott in Wilmington, NC and died in Cumberland Co., NC:

"It is my understanding the first part of my Howard family, whatever that is, came to New Bern NC in 1728. I have a hand written letter in my files, if I could ever find it, written by Alf

Kennedy. There it indicates the Howard, Henderson, and Kennedy families entered New Bern in 1728. This letter was passed to me by a relative descended from the Kennedy family and it was written in 1908.”

I tried to find more information on a Kennedy or Henderson connection but did not have any luck. However, in the course of my research, I found some very interesting information. *Note: while getting ready to send this out I found what could be a connection to the Kennedy's.*

Since Edward was thought to have been born c1709, I was trying to determine whether he married Sarah c1715 or Sabra born c 1745. John Jarrett, Sr. had a daughter, Sarah, and his son, John, had a daughter, Sabra.

I found out there was an Edmund Howard who married an Obedience Simmons, and I began to wonder if Obediah could have been a son. While the research proves he was not, it did turn up some strange information.

John Jarrett dc 1745  
m. Katherine  
1. Ann bc1718 m. William Gaskill  
2. Susannah  
3. Hester  
4. Sarah  
5. Elizabeth m. Thomas Dudley  
1. *Christopher Dudley*  
6. Margaret m. *Edward Ward*  
7. *John* m. ?  
1. Sabra  
2. Hester m. Moses Watson  
8. Jacob m. Mary  
9. Abraham m. Elizabeth

Edward Ward b 22 Mar 1693/94  
Henrico or Amelia Co., VA  
m. Elizabeth Aldridge  
d. Aft 9 Nov 1675, Swansboro,  
Onslow Co. NC  
1. Benjamin m Mary Ward d/o  
Enoch & Eliz Shock  
2. Seth m. Ceare (Keir) Hadnot  
3. Martha m. *Henry Simmons*  
1. Dorothy m. *James Collings*  
4. Richard  
5. Ruth m. Meltier Strange  
6. Darrity (Dorothy) m. Richard  
Ward s/o Enoch & Eliz Shock (Richard's

sister Martha m. Richard Thompson. They had sons: Richard & James and brother James Thompson)

1. Magdalen m. ? *Jarrett*
2. Ruth
3. Hulda
4. Eliz m. *James Foy*
5. Dorothy m. Mr. Edwards
7. Anne m. *John Granade*  
1. Eliz m. James Sanderson
8. Elizabeth m. William Hadnot
9. Solomon
10. Enoch
11. Obedance  
m. Whitehurst Hadnot
12. *Edward m. Margaret Jarrett*
13. Joseph m. unknown
14. Mary m. *William Williams*

1754 NE Destrack (military)  
*Richard Ward Captain*  
Lt. Edmond Howard  
*Sgt. Henry Simmons*  
*John Collings*  
Jesse Howard  
Neph (of Capt Ward): Richard Thompson  
his brother: James Thompson  
their uncle: James Thompson

Edmond Howard  
m. *Obedience Simmons* dc 1796?  
Several children. Ext: Wife & *Christopher Dudley*

2 Aug 1750: Stephen Howard of Bladen County, Planter to *Edward Ward, Jr.* Test: Edmond Howard. Proved by *John Jarrett*

11 Nov 1765 Seth Howard and Elizabeth Maner given property by Robert Orme. Test: *John Granade, James Foy*

Jan 1770 Seth Howard sold the property to John Kinsey. Test: *Dorothy Howard, John Granade*

Unfortunately, this information makes everything even more muddled. We have Edmund Howard and Obedience Simmons associated with Wade, Jarrett, Collins(ings), and we have Edward Howard associated with Jarrett as well. We also have Seth Howard associated with Collins, and the Wards through Foy, Granade & Jarrett. I believe Obediah was

traveling with Thompsons, could they have been the Ward family as well. Also, who is the Jesse Howard who served in the military with Edmond Howard in 1754 and Dorothy Howard who witnessed the property sale of Seth Howard.

I have not confirmed any of this information through original sources, and am only offering some ideas about where more research might be done. I did some research some time ago to find out who Dorothy Howard might have been and found very few Dorothy's in North Carolina in this time period. I wonder if she could have been a Wade or a Wade descendent.

I am always willing to see what I can come up with, though I am on the opposite side of the US for me to find any original sources. I tend to look for side routes through second or third marriages, similar naming patterns, other Howards living in the same area, etc and I love the research so let me know if you would like some help.

A Howard Historian subscriber introduced me to the WorldConnect program of Ancestry.com. It is very useful for finding others researching the same the same name or the same area. You can put in just a surname and area, a surname and a spouse, parents, just about any combination will work. Contact information is available at the site as well.  
<http://worldconnect.rootsweb.com/>

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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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