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Long-time Obediah Howard researcher, Ruth Berdine, shown here with her brother Earl, recently passed away at the age of 97.

Changes

This past year has held many changes for my family. Even though I knew that my job as a bank draw inspector for new housing and commercial projects was not doing well, I did not put it together with a total tanking of the construction business...and the very true saying about not putting all your eggs in one basket. My husband and son were also in the housing industry, as trim carpenters. My husband came home at the end of October and said there were no more jobs coming in and we were going to need to sell the house, the next day a job offer came from Colorado. We spent the next two months trying to get the house we had lived in for 16 years ready to sell and at the same time get ready for a long distance move from Washington State.

There were two ways to meet this struggle; as a catastrophe or as a new beginning. My husband and I decided for the new beginning as we said

goodbye to the house with a Christmas dinner for the three of us in a house with no siding, no flooring, a foot of snow and heat set at 65 to conserve money. We ate in a bare living room in our coats and hats and laughed about our situation, for though it could have looked bleak, we have wonderful friends and relatives who rallied around and helped us pack up our belongings, took over fixing up the house and the responsibility of selling it (even though he would soon be the father of twins...February 16th), giving us money to move and food for the trip. I feel very fortunate.

We live in Thornton, Colorado now, a suburb of Denver and I discovered that Denver's Central Library has the eighth largest genealogy library in the US. If anybody is interested in lookups, let me know. My fee is \$10 per hour, if I find something;

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Howard DNA Project

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NEW MEMBERS

Y DNA Tests

119937 Henry Allen Howard b. 1782, Wake Co., NC: No Matches
123590 Info Pending: No Matches
128228 Groves Lea Howard, Sr, b. 25 Apr 1769, Caldwell, KY:
35/37 Match 10617 John Howard, d. York Co., VA
N64879 Info Pending: No Matches
125933 Info Pending: No Matches
128813 Info Pending: Matches 11/12 27383 Christopher Howard/George Howard, NC
133412 Info Pending: No Matches
140317 Info Pending: No Matches
141982 Info Pending: Matches 22560 Gideon Howard, MD; 47086 Reason Howard b 1763, NC;
47427 Reason Howard, bc 1770; 70937 Info Pending; 75911 Samuel Howard bc 1770
VA?; 101289 Reason Howard; 106840 Henry Howard, Pike Co., OH
144010 Info Pending: Results not in
144145 Info Pending: 3 exact 12 marker matches in the Harwood family spelling** See Research
144253 Info Pending: No 12 marker matches
144807 Info Pending: Results not in
146409 Info Pending: Results not in

mtDNA Tests

102591 Info Pending
124829 Info Pending
136519 Info Pending
137954 Info Pending

101 PROJECT MEMBERS!

Our first kit returned for the Howard DNA Project was in December of 2003. It has been a long slow climb, but we now have 101 returned kits. This is great news but anybody who has been involved in the project knows how paltry that number really is. Almost half of these do not have matches which can be very trying for anyone stuck in their ancestry hunt. If you happen to be among that 50% and know of someone you think might be related, encourage them to join the project. Check out the World Connect Project at Ancestry. A lot of the researchers give sources and other info, though I have quite a bit of incorrect information as well; but they can be very valuable sources if you can get the researcher to find someone to take the test. Let me know of other great sites as well.

Happy Hunting, Karen



CHANGES

there is no fee if I find nothing. Included in the fee is up to 10 copies which I will send via email unless requested otherwise.

I have already checked to see if there was any information available on the North Carolina Howard families of Obediah, Edmund, and Seth. Unfortunately I could find nothing to add to what we already know.

Just before we moved to Colorado, I began to get quite a few requests from members of other testing sites to find out if they had matches within our group; or if their information could be added to our website. I started this project to help people find their ancestors, and while I believe FTDNA does a great job, and recommend them to anyone wanting to get tested, my main objective is to connect everyone to their ancestor. So the answer is yes, I will allow anybody to check their information against the Howard DNA Project, and if you would like to join the FTDNA Howard Project, that can be arranged as well, but you would need to go through their testing site and I believe there is a fee. If you know of anybody who would like to have their information on our website, please let me know or have them contact me at carronne at live.com.

RESEARCH KIT# 144145

There are actually three exact 12 marker matches and one 11/12 marker match between a Howard and the Harwoods. Three of the matches are to Joseph Harwood who died in 1770 Edgecombe Co., NC (this includes the 11/12 marker match) and the other 12/12 match is with William Harewood, Sr of 1568-69 Thurby, Lincolnshire.

Further research on the Harwood line shows Joseph Harwood as the son of Joseph Harwood and Agnes Cocke:<http://wc.rootsweb.ancestry.com/cgi-bin/igm.cgi?op=GET&db=ralphroberts&id=I002474>

This is an excellently resourced site. The only problem I have with it is that the Joseph Harwood of Edgecombe County first shows up in the records in 1764, while his records in Virginia seem to end in 1736 in Charles City County, Virginia. It also shows his daughter, Rebecca, being born in Surry County, Virginia. They were supposedly still in Surry County, Virginia when their daughter married William Longbottom also of Surry County.

Other Harwoods found in the 1704 Virginia Rent Rolls in Charles City County are, according to Betty Harwood on post #24 on the Harwood forum of GenForum <http://genforum.genealogy.com/harwood/messages/24.html>, as follows:

John Harwood
Joseph Harwood
Robert Harwood
Samll. Harwood

Others named as children of Joseph and Agnes are: Thomas bc 1693, Agnes bc 1697, Samuel bc 1699 and Joyce bc 1702; all born in Henrico County, Virginia where their parents were married.

As with any information concerning ancestry, I advise everybody do their own research to confirm the findings of others. Again, my biggest concern is no references as to when Joseph, his wife and at least a couple of his children went from Charles City County to Surry County, both in Virginia then to Edgecombe County in North Carolina.