

# Advanced Strategies

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# OVERVIEW

- **Presentation (60 mins.)**
  - Advanced research strategies
  - DNA
  - Case studies
- **Q&A (30 mins.)**



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# Overview

- Advanced research strategies
  - Onomastic evidence
  - Sorting children out when father was married twice
  - Confirming theories through probate, land, and other records
- Using DNA in Mayflower research (Y-chromosome, mitochondrial, and Autosomal)
- Related case studies

# Onomastic Evidence

- Some cultures may have defined naming patterns, while others may be less rigid
- Surnames as first names or less common first names can be clues of earlier kinships and origins
- Can be circumstantial evidence, but can be a starting point or provide a working theory

# Jonathan Pinney of Plymouth, VT

- Was he really born in England?
- Evaluate names from wife's family
- Disregard very common names (usually)
- Had sons John and Jonathan
- Sons Solomon, Amial, and "Deline"

308 EARLY FAMILIES OF PLYMOUTH, VERMONT

## JONATHAN<sup>1</sup> PINNEY

JONATHAN<sup>1</sup> PINNEY, b. \_\_\_\_\_ in England; d. 1812, Plymouth, Vt. and is buried in Plymouth Notch, is supposed to have emigrated from England about 1760 and settled in Guilford, Vt. He m. Priscilla Grover of that town who was b. Apr. 2, 1757, Killingly, Ct.; d. 1820, Plymouth, Vt. Jonathan Pinney learned the trade of carpenter and joiner in England, serving the required seven years with a master. He came from Guilford to Plymouth about the year 1800 settling in a valley in the northern part of the town, to which he gave the name of "Pinney Hollow." They had eleven children, all of whom were born in Guilford and came with their parents to Plymouth, Vt. Jonathan Pinney served in the Revolutionary War.

Issue of Jonathan<sup>1</sup> Pinney and Priscilla (Grover) Pinney:

1. Lizzie<sup>2</sup> Pinney.
2. John<sup>2</sup> Pinney. Settled in Boone, N. Y.
3. Jonathan<sup>2</sup> Pinney, b. Oct. 22, 1779; d. Mar. 2, 1844.
4. Eleazer<sup>2</sup> Pinney, m. Sept. 20, 1802
5. Priscilla<sup>2</sup> Pinney, b. \_\_\_\_\_; d. Oct
6. Solomon<sup>2</sup> Pinney, b. Nov. 9, 1787, Guilford, Vt.
7. Horatio<sup>2</sup> Pinney, b. Aug. 25, 1789
8. Gracia<sup>2</sup> Pinney, b. 1790; d. 1876;
9. Amial<sup>2</sup> Pinney.
10. Joel<sup>2</sup> Pinney.
11. Deline<sup>2</sup> Pinney, d. young.

# Delano Pinney

Full Name of Deceased	Helana Pinney		
Age	20 Yrs.	Mos.	Days
Date of Birth			
Names of Parents	Johnathan & Priscilla Pinney		
Name of Husband or wife, if married			
Date of Death			
Name of Cemetery	Plymouth Notch		
Remarks			
A True Copy		Attest: Floyd T. Hadley	
A True Copy		Attest: Vernie S. Moore	
June 30		1921	
		Town Clerk of Plymouth	

# John Penney and Elizabeth Delano

**PENNEY**, John [int. Penny] of Harwich and Elizabeth Delano  
[int. Deleno], Oct. 15, 1741. [Penny of Harwich and Eliz-  
a[beth] Dellano, P.C.R.]

# NYGBR, 2002

- John Penny had a nephew named Amial
- Elizabeth Delano was the daughter and sister of a Jonathan Delano
- Moved to Dutchess Co., N.Y. in 1750s, John died soon after
- Moved back to Mass.; Elizabeth married (2) David Ayres (who had son Solomon)
- Moved with married Penny daughters to Plymouth, Vt.!

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ii. John, b. 15 Jan. 1720/1, d. prob. South Precinct, bet. June 1756 and Feb. 1757; m. Rochester, Plymouth Co., Mass., 15 Oct. (int. Harwich, 15 Aug.) 1741, Elizabeth Delano, b. Rochester, 11 Nov. 1725, d. Warwick, Hampshire Co., Mass., or Guilford, Windham Co., Vt., after 5 Sept. 1760, daughter of Jonathan and Elizabeth (Winslow) Delano.<sup>[14]</sup> Elizabeth Penny was admitted to the Harwich Church on 13 June 1742.<sup>[15]</sup> John appears on South Precinct tax lists through June 1756 but not that of Feb. 1757 or thereafter.<sup>[16]</sup> Their respective burial sites are unknown.

Soon after John Penny's death, widow Elizabeth went to live in New Braintree, Worcester Co., Mass., home of her sister Hannah (Mrs. Sampson) Wetherell and their late brother Jonathan Delano.<sup>[17]</sup> There on 20 April 1757 she married, as his second wife, David Ayres.<sup>[18]</sup> When on 5 Sept. 1760 David Ayres of Roxbury Canada (Warwick, 1763) sold "the [New Braintree] farm where I lately dwell," Elizabeth relinquished her dower right.<sup>[19]</sup> Subsequent records fail to establish whether she lived to accompany Ayers from Warwick to Guilford, where he settled in 1770 (and died, prob. 1792).<sup>[20]</sup>

Children (Penny), 1-3 b. Harwich:<sup>[21]</sup> 1. *Judab/Judith*<sup>3</sup>, bap. 24 Oct. 1742, res. Guilford, 1791; m. New Braintree, 23 Nov. 1758, Barnabas Russell.<sup>[22]</sup> 2. *Hannah*, bap. 23 Sept. 1744; no further record. 3. *John*, bap. 24 June 1747; no further record. 4. *Elizabeth*, b. South Precinct, c.Apr. 1753, d. Guilford, 8 Feb. 1796, aged 42y 10m; m. Petersham, Worcester Co., Mass., 1 Nov. (int. 25 Aug.) 1775, Abel Whitney.<sup>[23]</sup> 5. (unlikely) *Capt. John* (see 2.vii). Perhaps others.

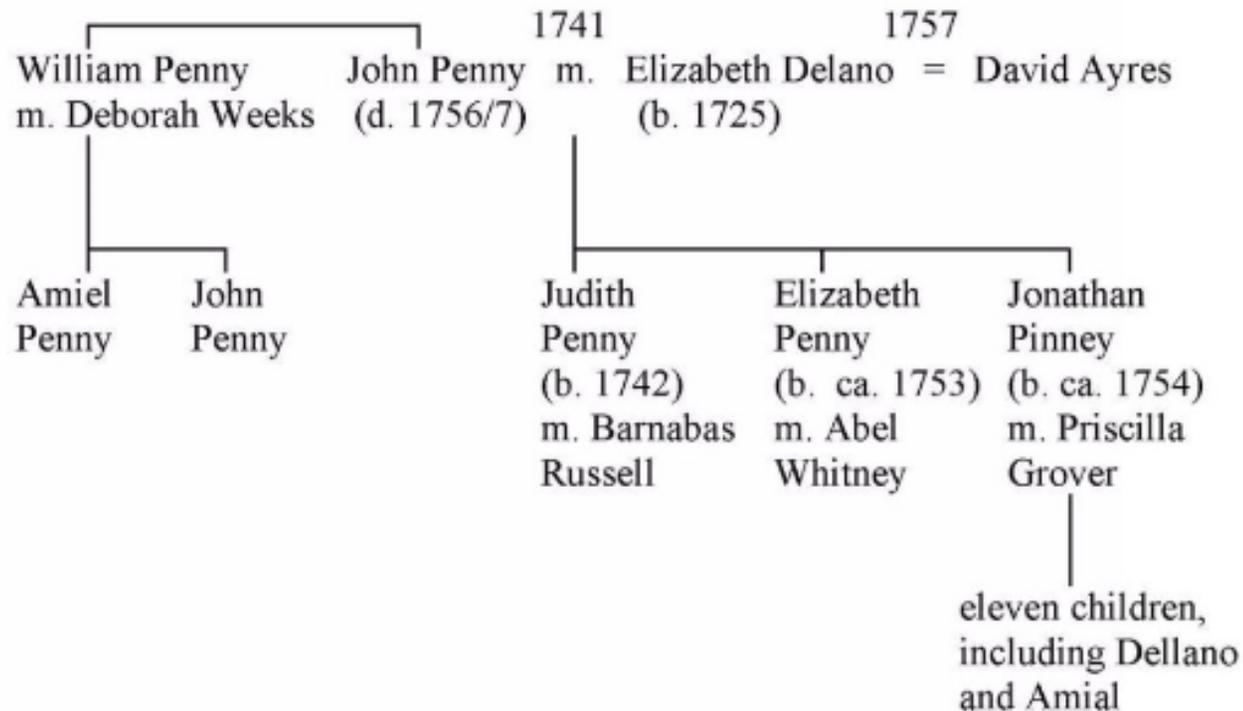
# Jonathan Pinney of Plymouth, Vermont; only one still named Penney/Pinney

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*Identifying Jonathan Pinney*

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## PENNY/PINNEY FAMILY



# Caswell & Shaw Families of CT

- Ebenezer Rogers of Norwich, CT & Albion, NY

Ebenezer Rogers Bible  
Town of Albion, N.Y.  
Printed 1823

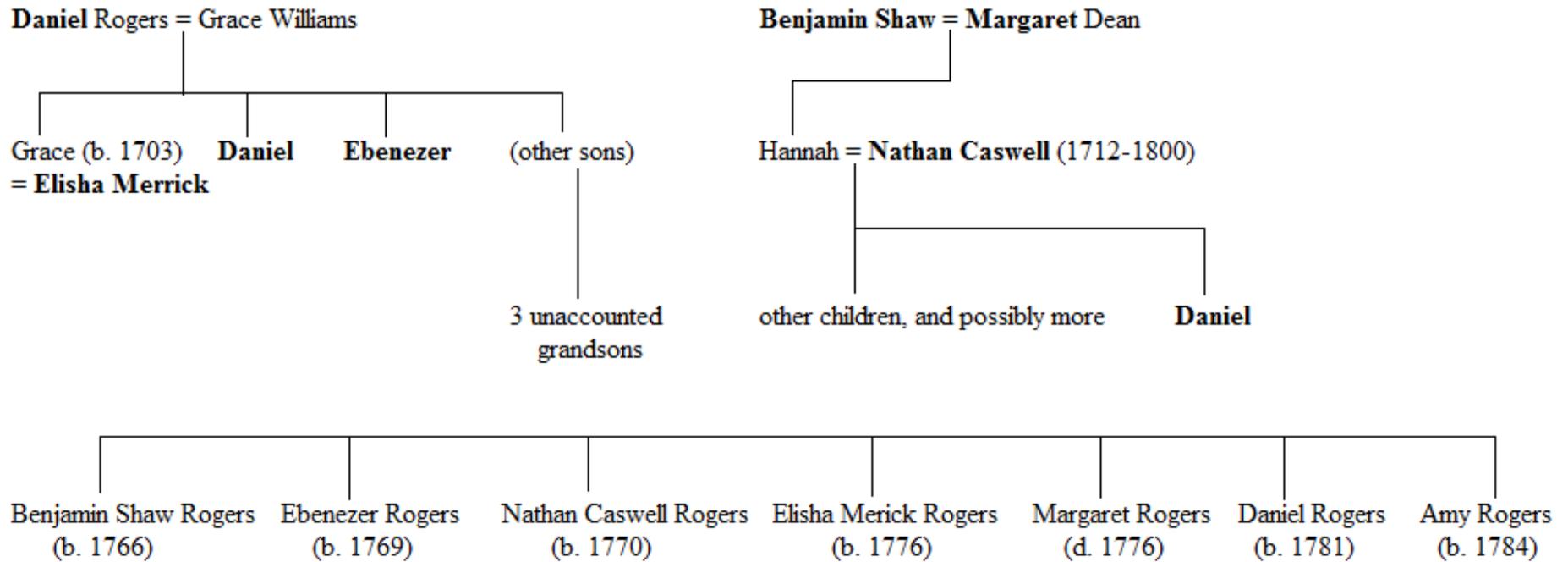
Present Owner: Mrs. Burt Griswold  
West State St., Albion, N.Y.

Ebenezer Rogers b Oct 3, 1769  
Betsy Lyman b Nov 15, 1771 (wife of E) d Aug 28, 1849  
Ebenezer Rogers m Silvia Roberts Feb 12, 1850

Loose page, very old paper:

Benjamin Shaw Rogers	b Apr 22, 1756	
Ebenezer Rogers	b Oct 3, 1769	d Jan 28, 1855
Nathan Caswell Rogers	b Oct 11, 1770	
Elisha Merick	b 1776	
Margret Rogers	d 1776	
Daniel	b Jan 16, 1781	
Amy	b Apr 3, 1784	

# Rogers, Merrick, Shaw, and Caswell Families of Norwich, CT

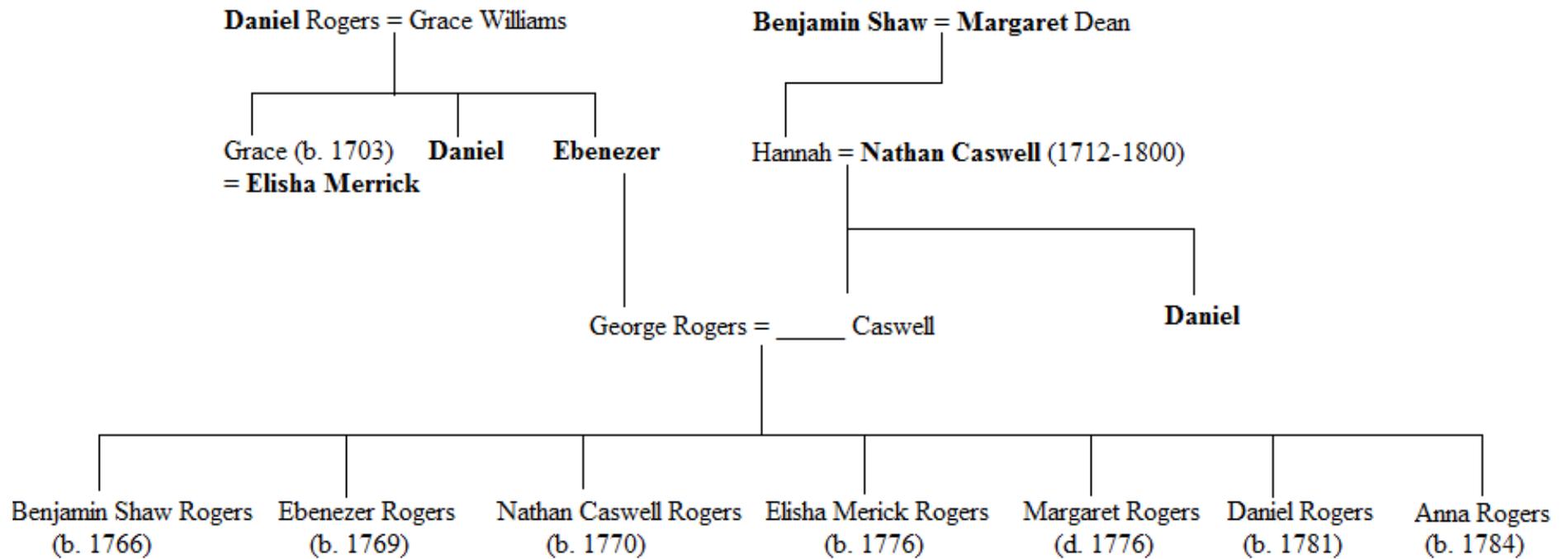


# George Rogers of Whatley, MA

to my beloved wife Ann my whole estate both real and personal to have and to hold during her natural life & no longer. Then after her decease I will and bequeath that my son Daniel shall have the whole of my real estate that shall then remain, to have and to hold to him his heirs and assigns forever. I also give and bequeath to my daughter Anne Starke the wife of John Starke the whole of my household furniture after my wife's decease to have and to hold to her, her heirs and assigns forever. I also give and bequeath to my son Benjamin Shew one dollar to be paid within one year after my decease by my executor. I also give and bequeath to my son Eleaner George one dollar to be paid within one year after my decease by my Executor. I also give and bequeath to my son Nathan Caswell one dollar to be paid within one year after my decease by my Executor. I also give and bequeath to my son Elisha Merrick one dollar to be paid within one year after my decease by my executor. I also hereby name, make, constitute and ordain my son Daniel sole Executor of this my last will and testament. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal, the day and year above written.

George Rogers Seal

# George Rogers family



# Tip

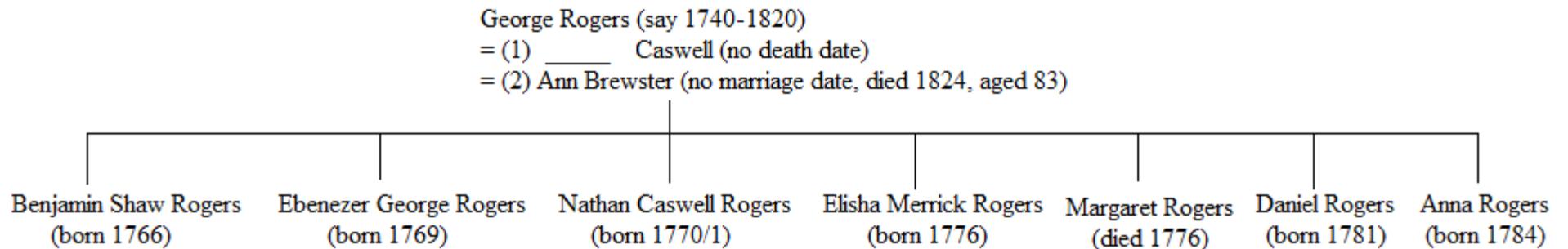
Naming patterns are not  
always a guarantee  
of kinship.

Challenge:  
**Determining maternity  
when a father has  
two wives**

# Challenges

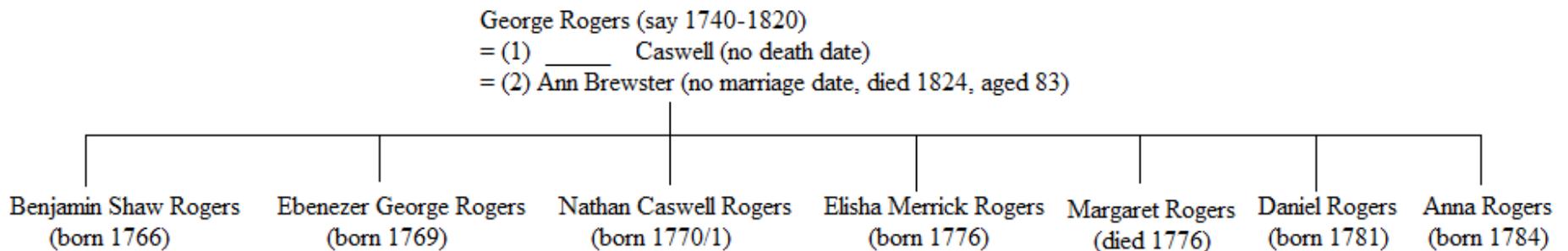
- Sometimes a man may be married to two women with the same first name, two sisters, or even (rarely) women who have the same full name!
- Researching a complete timeline with probate, land records, military, pensions, or any possible record
- Following leads on family members of male subject and both of his wives

# Land Records and naming patterns

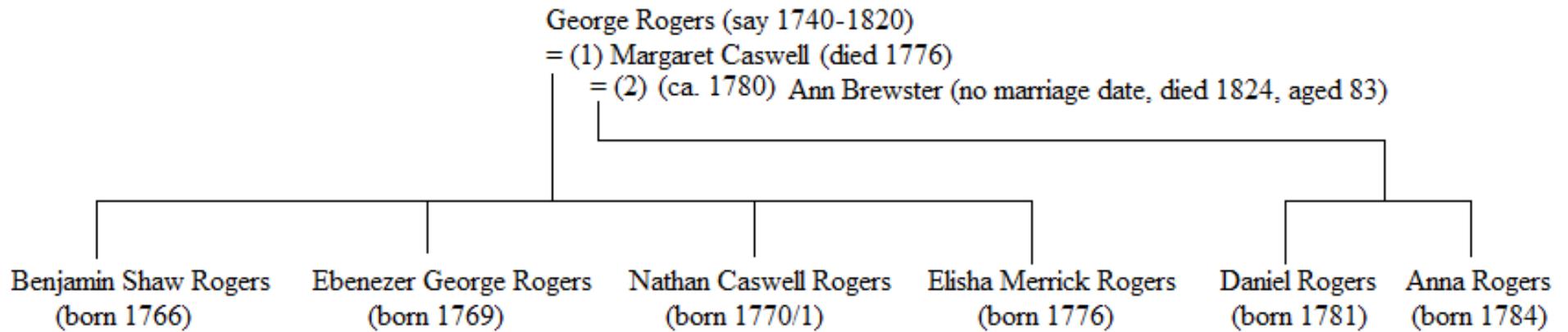


# Key Documents

- Probate Record of Ann Brewster’s brother Daniel Brewster in 1779 lists sister Ann as still single
- Lebanon Land Records, 1781, “George and Ann Rogers,” sell land to Elijah Hyde, Jr.
- 1776 Death date of Margaret: sibling or mother?



# Arranging the two mothers



# DNA - Basic Principles

- DNA contains hereditary material.
- Testing companies use genetic markers to compare your DNA to other testers and population groups.
- Ethnicity results are speculative.
- Test results are only as good as a company's database—they will improve over time!

# Using DNA in Family History

## What DNA can do:

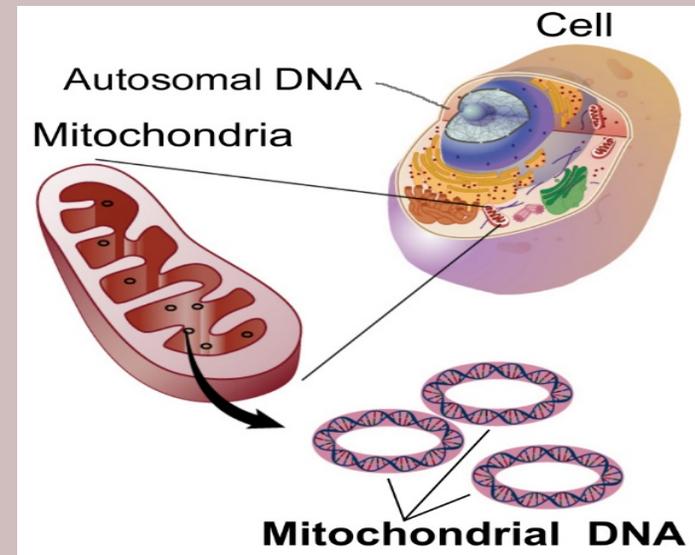
- Test a hypothesis
- Confirm a matrilineal or patrilineal origin
- Provide possibilities of recent non-paternity events
- Open up a can of worms

## What DNA can't do:

- Solve a brick wall ancestor without any genealogical research
- Determine Native American tribe
- Be proof positive of a suspected distant kinship

# What is DNA?

- Autosomal DNA
  - 22 Chromosome Pairs
- Sex Chromosome Pair (XX or XY)
- Mitochondrial DNA

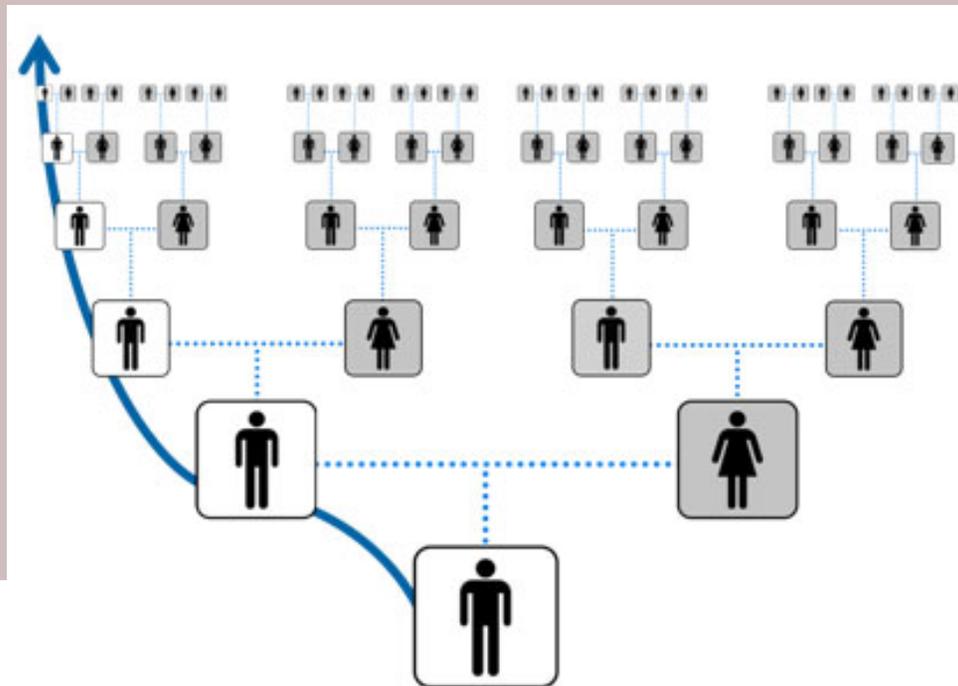


# Basics of Y-DNA

- YDNA is inherited from a person's father
- Patrilineal-related people (even several generations back) share the same STR markers
- People who do not share the same markers are not patrilineally related within recorded history (a few centuries)
- Most cases involve the solicitation of many people and existing descendants who have already participated

# Y-DNA Testing

- Y-chromosome passed from father to son (only men can take this test)
- Testing Company: Family Tree DNA



# Y-DNA is Best for:

- Researching your paternal ancestry
- One name study projects
- Comparing immigrants to the new world

*Grave of  
Benjamin Child, Jr.*



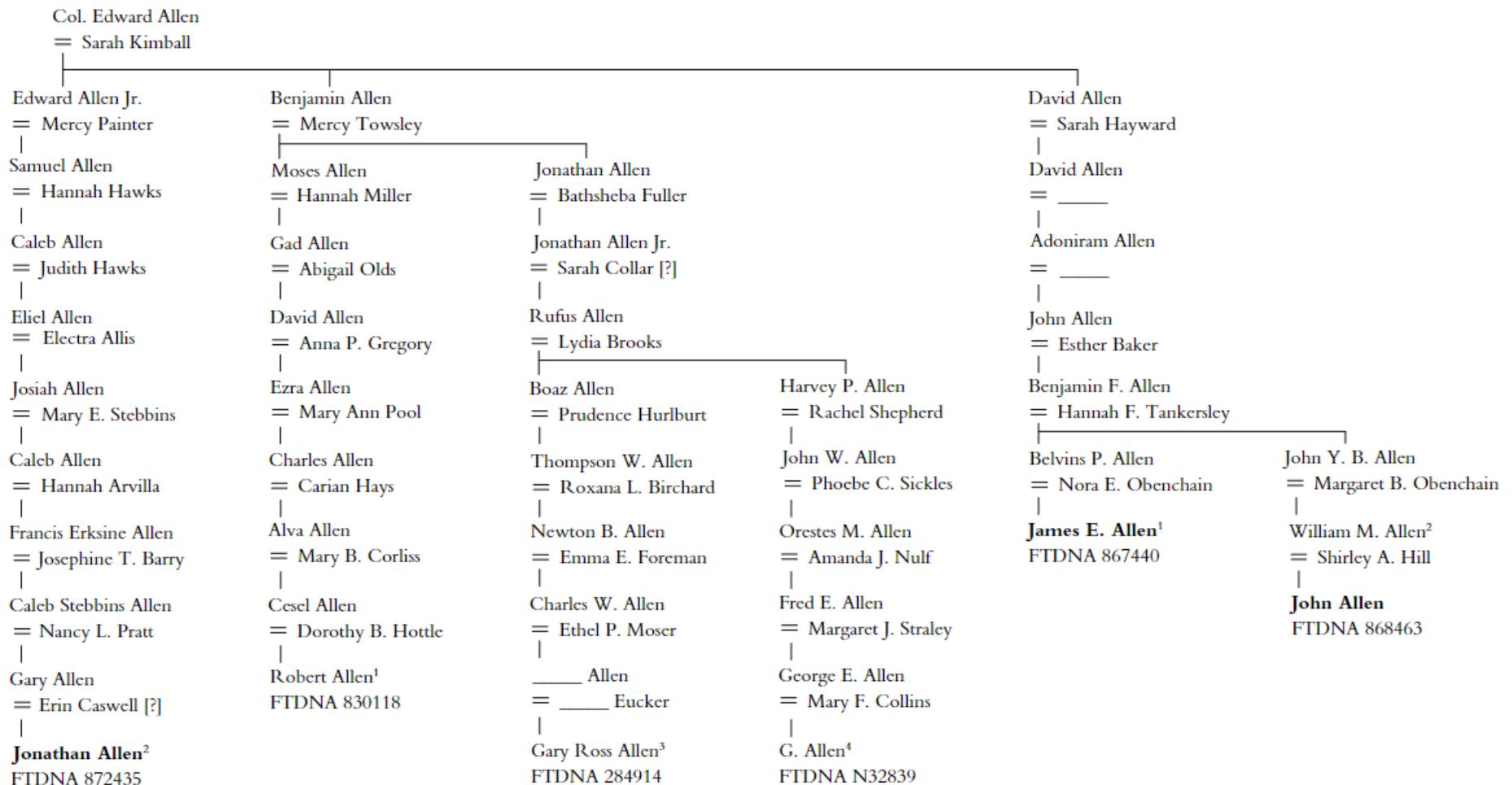
# Case Study: Adoniram Allen (*Y-DNA*)

## **Adoniram Allen (ca. 1751-aft. 1830)**

- Lived in North and South Carolina and Kentucky
- David Allen (b. 1712/3), born Suffield, Conn., later of Hanover, N.J., had a brother Adoniram that died young
- A David Allen, from New Jersey, was in Surry County, North Carolina by 1771, with two other Allen men of age to be his sons

# Y-DNA

## Tested Allen Descendants

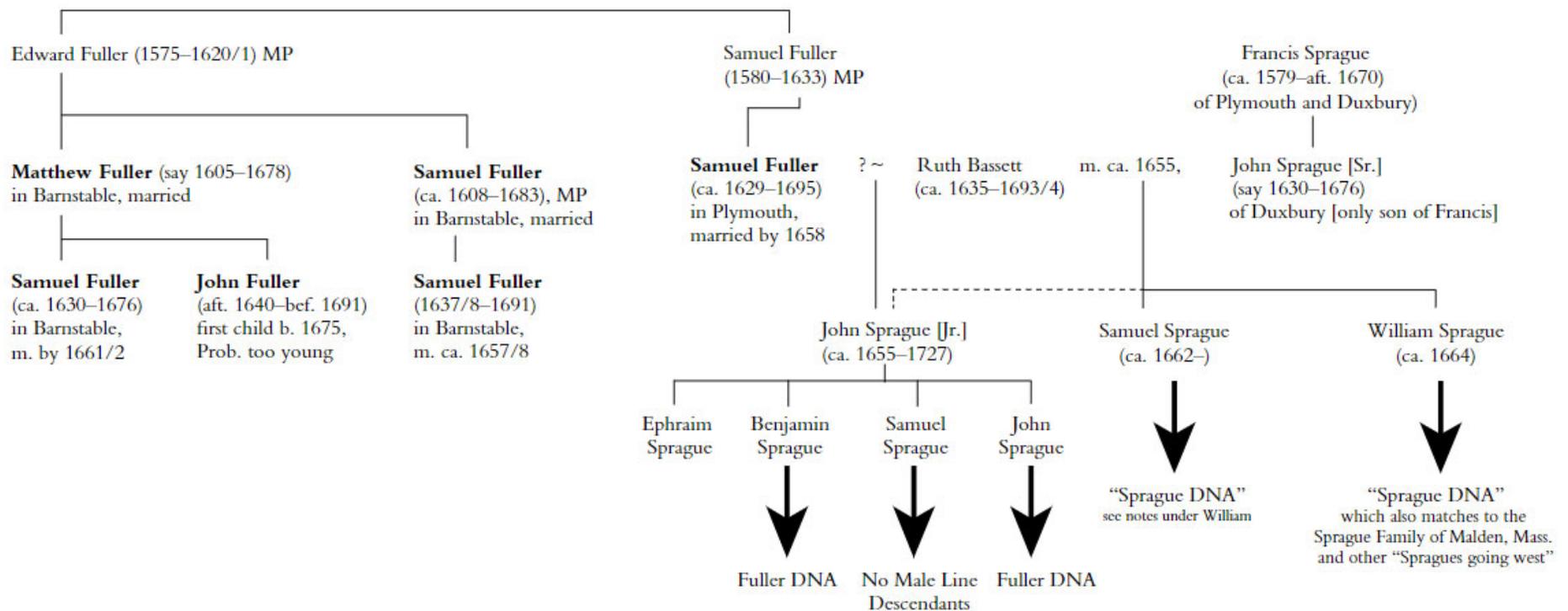


# Case Study: Lt. John Sprague (*Y-DNA*)

# John Sprague's Matches

Genetic Distance ↑	Name	Earliest Known Ancestor	Y-DNA Haplogroup
0	Michael Alan Sprague  Y-DNA67	Francis Sprague, London, England	R-M269
1	Daniel Mason Fuller  Y-DNA111 FF Big Y	Edward Fuller b1575 and d 1621	R-FT14518
1	William Joseph Holbrook  Y-DNA111		R-M269
2	Mr. Ted Ernest Fuller  Y-DNA111 FF	John Fuller b 1400 (Johiel 1778-1849)	R-M269
2	Jim Fuller  Y-DNA111 FF Big Y	Lorenzo Dow Fuller, b. 1848 in NY.	R-Y98567
2	Robert Fuller  Y-DNA111 FF Big Y		R-FT14518
2	Mr. Charles Alonzo Fuller  Y-DNA67		R-M269
2	Eric Raymond Fuller  Y-DNA111 FF Big Y	Edward Fuller 1575-1620 Redenhall, Norfolk, Englan	R-Y85916
2	Emmett Fuller  Y-DNA111 FF Big Y	Eli Fuller 1766-1828	R-FT14518
2	Robert Christopher Fuller  Y-DNA111	Jonathan Fuller b.1785 Mass. d.1853 SaratogaCty, N	R-M269
2	Mr. LaVern Ray Fuller  Y-DNA111		R-M269
2	Bruce Larry Fuller  Y-DNA67	Benjamin Fuller b ca 1775 Washington Co., NY	R-M269
2	David Richard Fuller  Y-DNA111	Benjamin Fuller b.c.1775	R-M269
3	Patrick Lynch  Y-DNA67 FF	Daniel J Lynch, B: 1885 & D: 1968	R-M269
3	David W Fuller  Y-DNA111 FF	Edward Fuller, b. 1575 and d. 1620	R-M269

# Y-DNA



# Tip

DNA probably won't "throw" you out of the Mayflower Society (especially in cases of misattributed parentage)

# Fuller Big Y Test

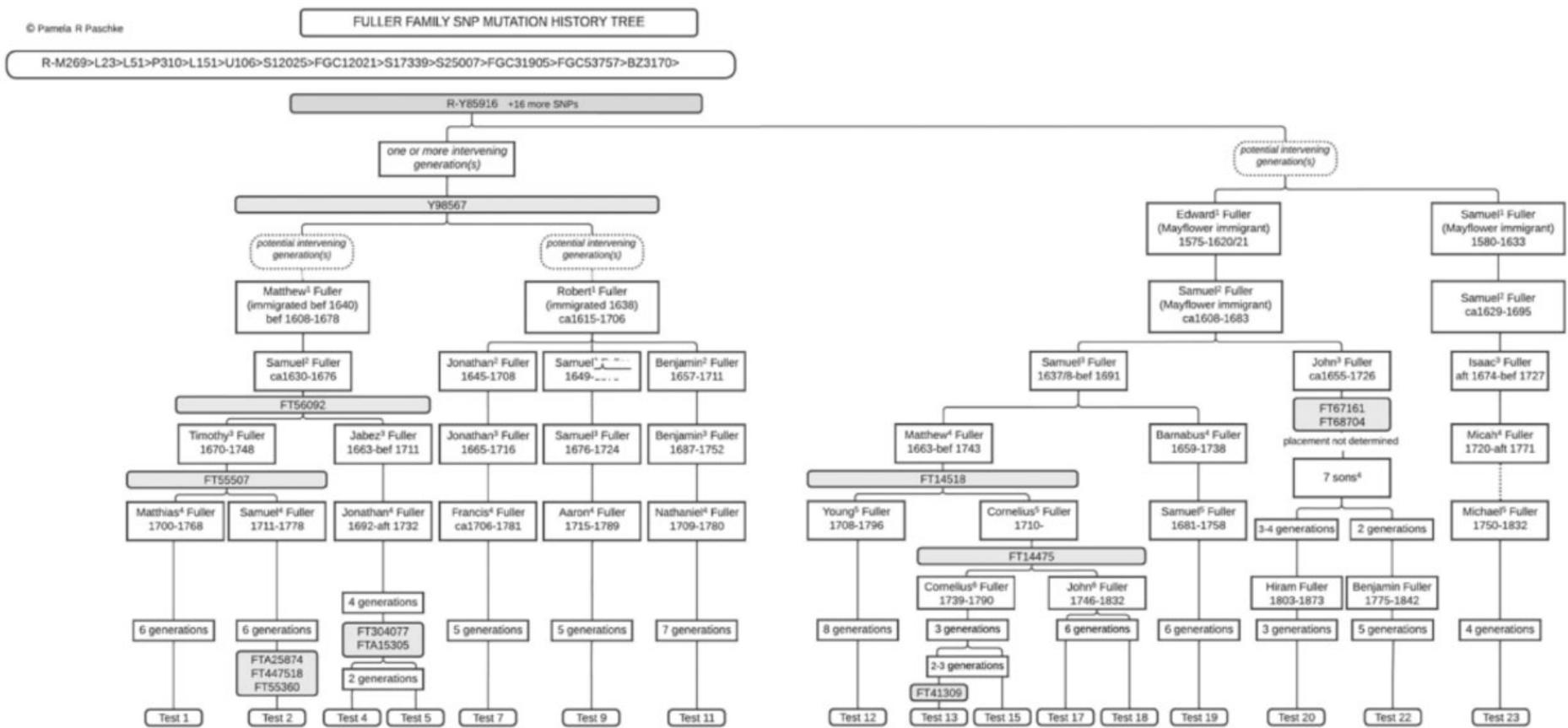
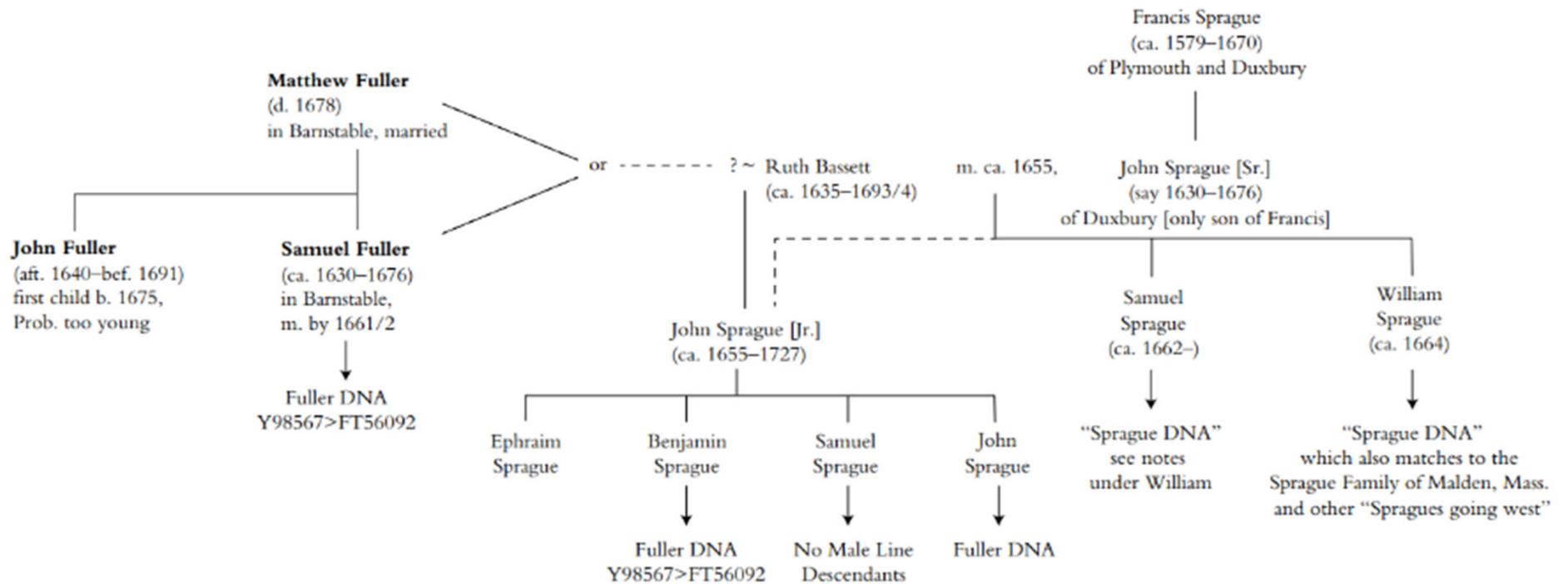


Figure 2. SNP Mutation History Tree.

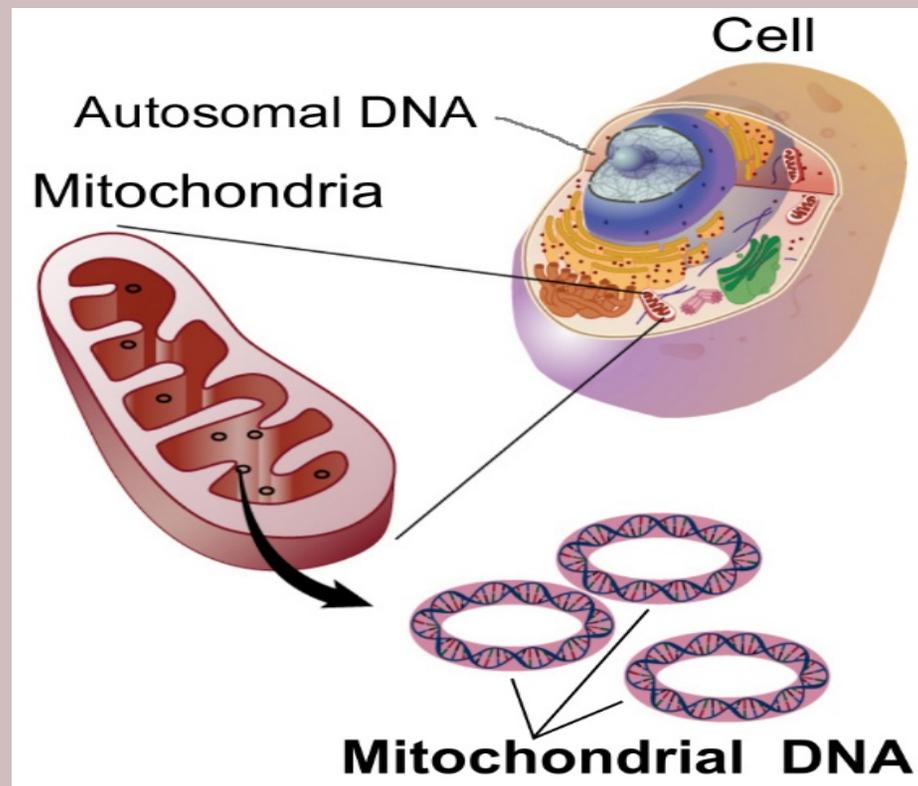
# Big Y DNA update



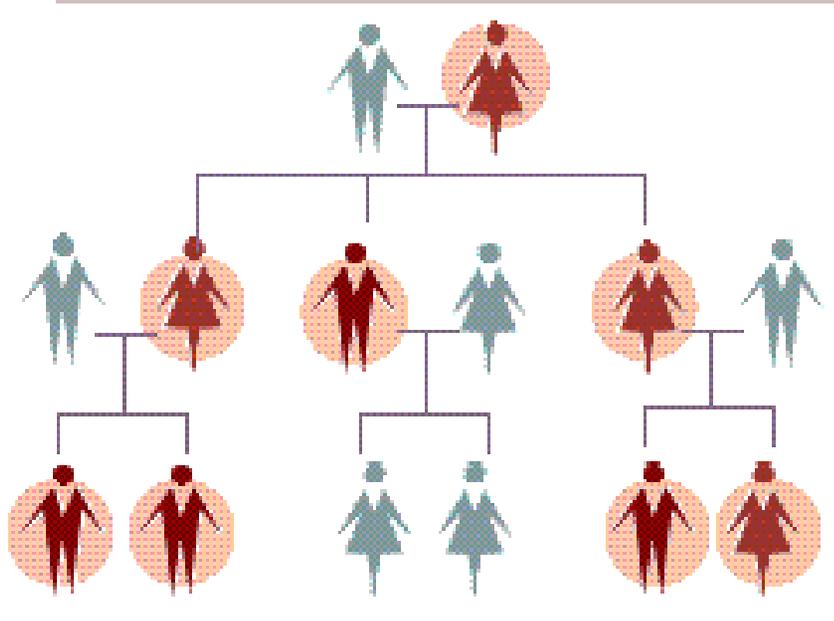
# QUESTIONS?

# The Mitochondrial Test

- Tests the full Mitochondrial DNA



# mtDNA Testing



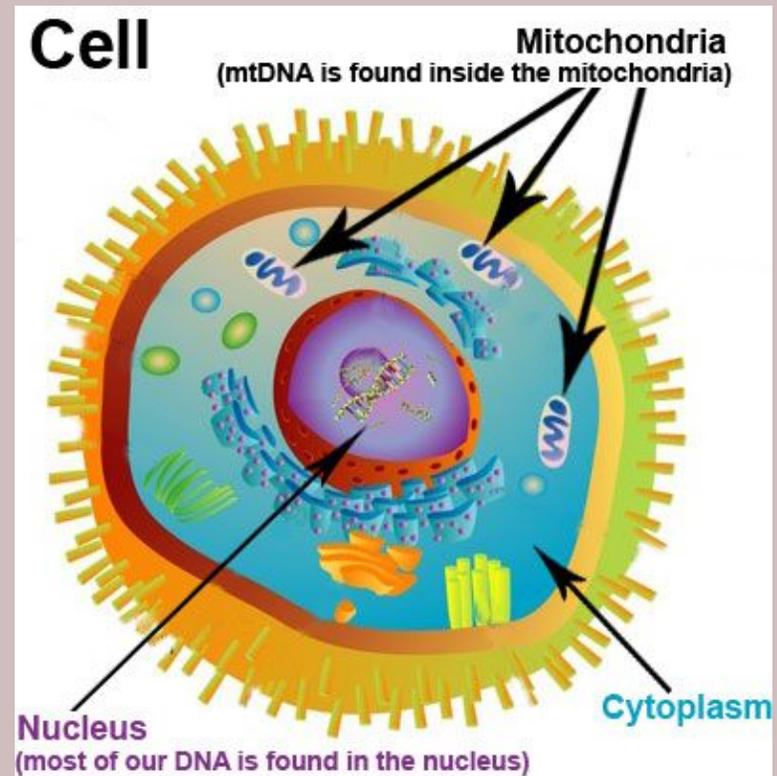
- Inherited from mother to child (both men and women can take this test)
- Males inherit mtDNA, but do not pass it to their children
- Testing Company: Family Tree DNA

# Basics of mtDNA

- mtDNA is inherited from a person's mother
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- People who do not share the same markers are not matrilineally related within recorded history (a few centuries)
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# mtDNA is Best for:

- Researching your maternal ancestry
- Comparing to see if two people have the same mother or maternal grandmother

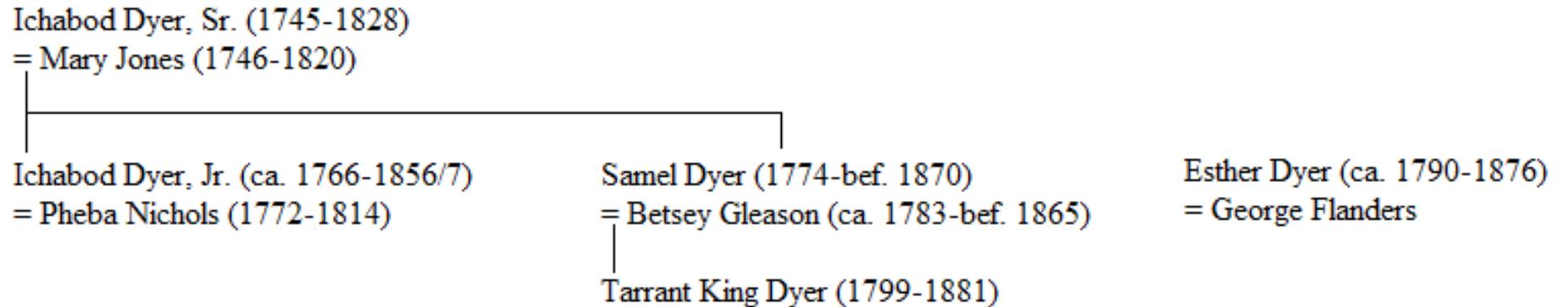


# Case Study: Esther (Dyer) Flanders *(mtDNA)*

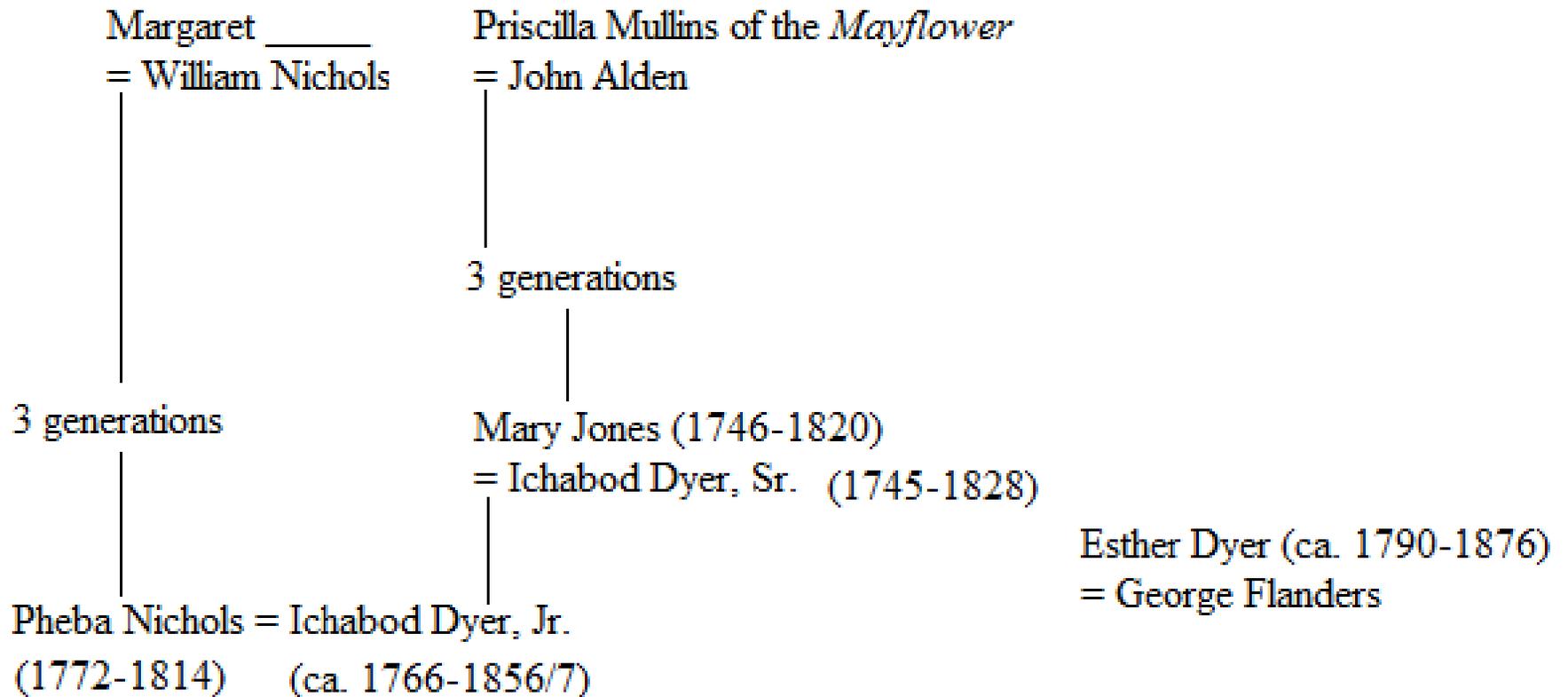
# Esther Dyer of Braintree, Vermont

- Born Vermont, about 1790
- Married Braintree, Vermont, 1814, George Flanders, and moved to New York
- In later censuses, Esther lived with Tarrant Dyer, a grandson of Ichabod Dyer, Sr. of Braintree, Vermont
- Based on the 1800 censuses, Esther could be a daughter of Ichabod Dyer, Jr., or his eldest son Ichabod Dyer, Jr.

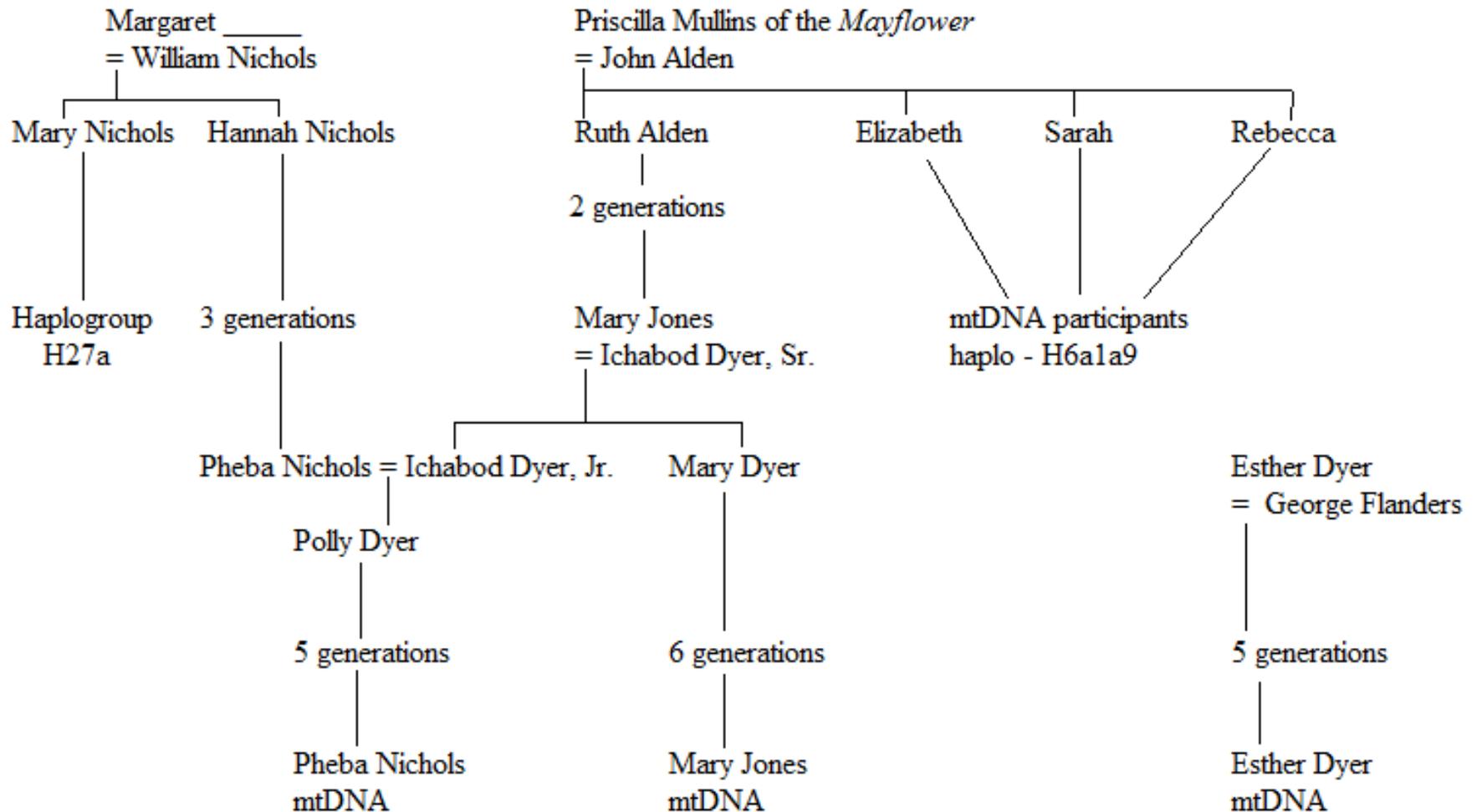
# Which family does Esther belong to?



# Matrilineal descendants



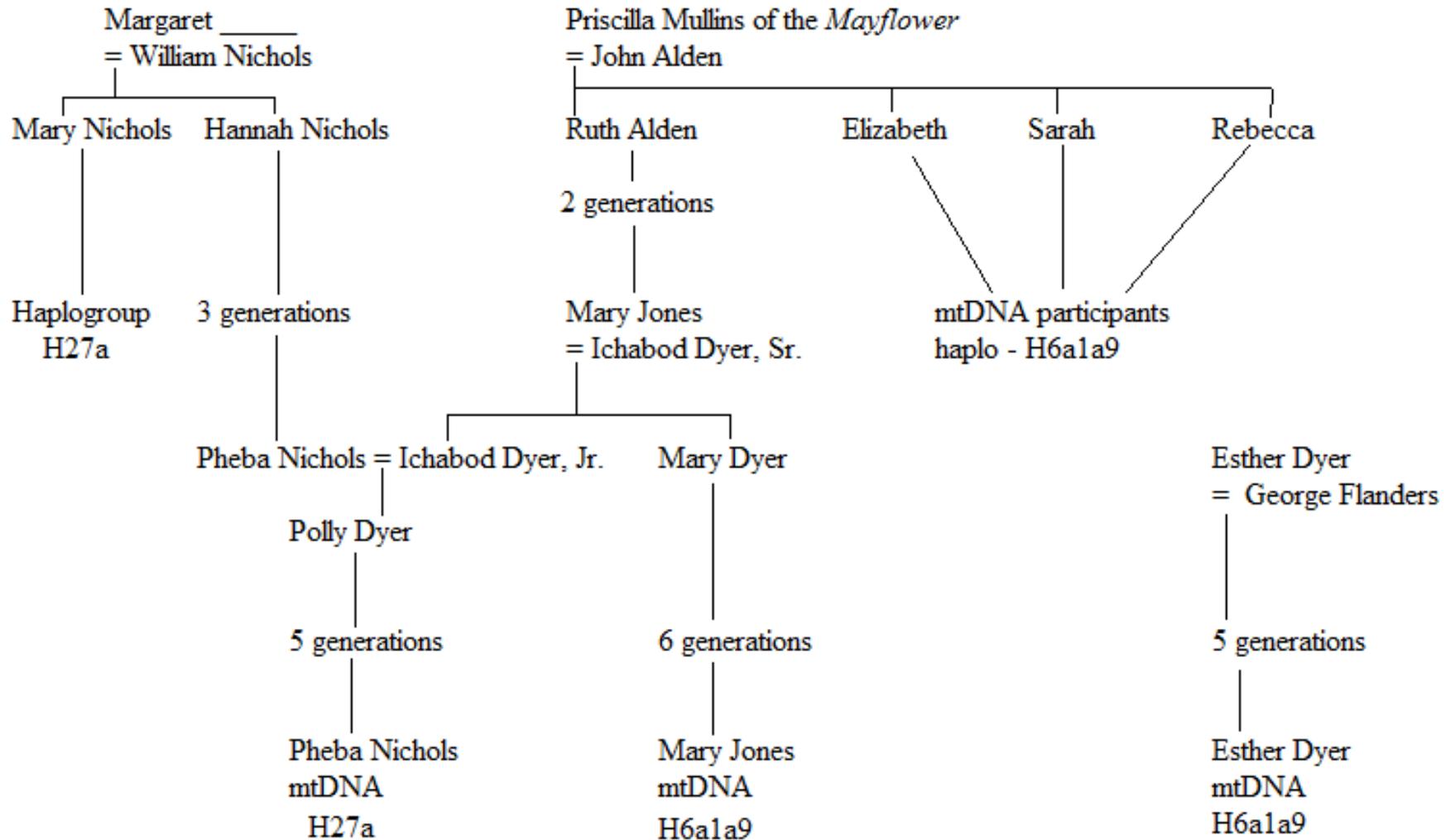
# Matrilineal descendants



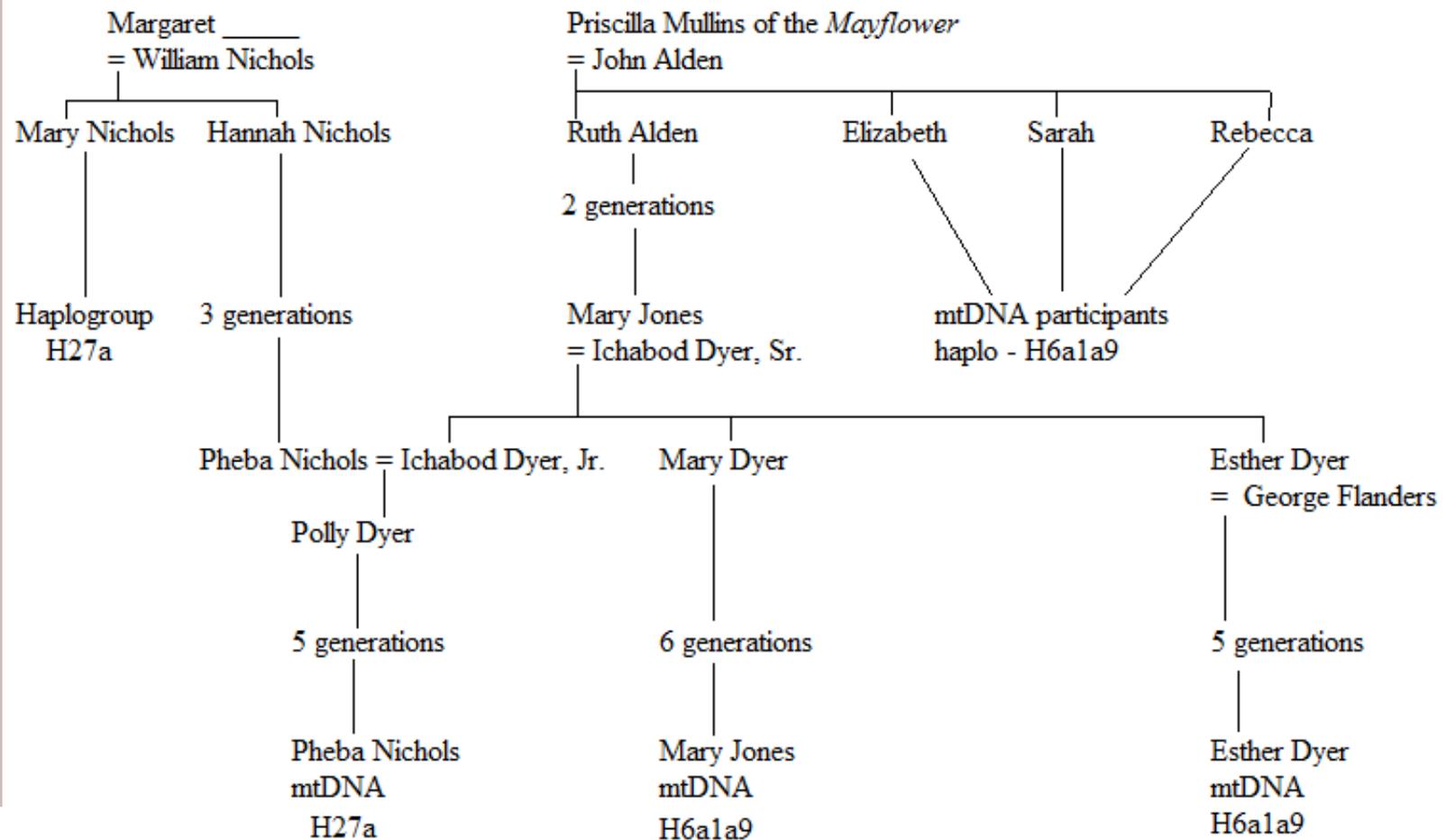
# Expected Conclusions

- Matrilineal descendants of Phebe Nichols should match descendants of Margaret (\_\_\_\_\_) Nichols
- Matrilineal descendants of Mary Jones should match descendants of Priscilla Mullins
- Matrilineal descendants of Esther Dyer should match one of these two groups
- If Esther's descendants match the Nichols bunch, she was a daughter of Phebe Nichols and Ichabod Dyer, Jr.
- If Esther's descendants match the Mullins/Alden bunch, she was a daughter of Mary Jones & Ichabod Dyer, Sr.

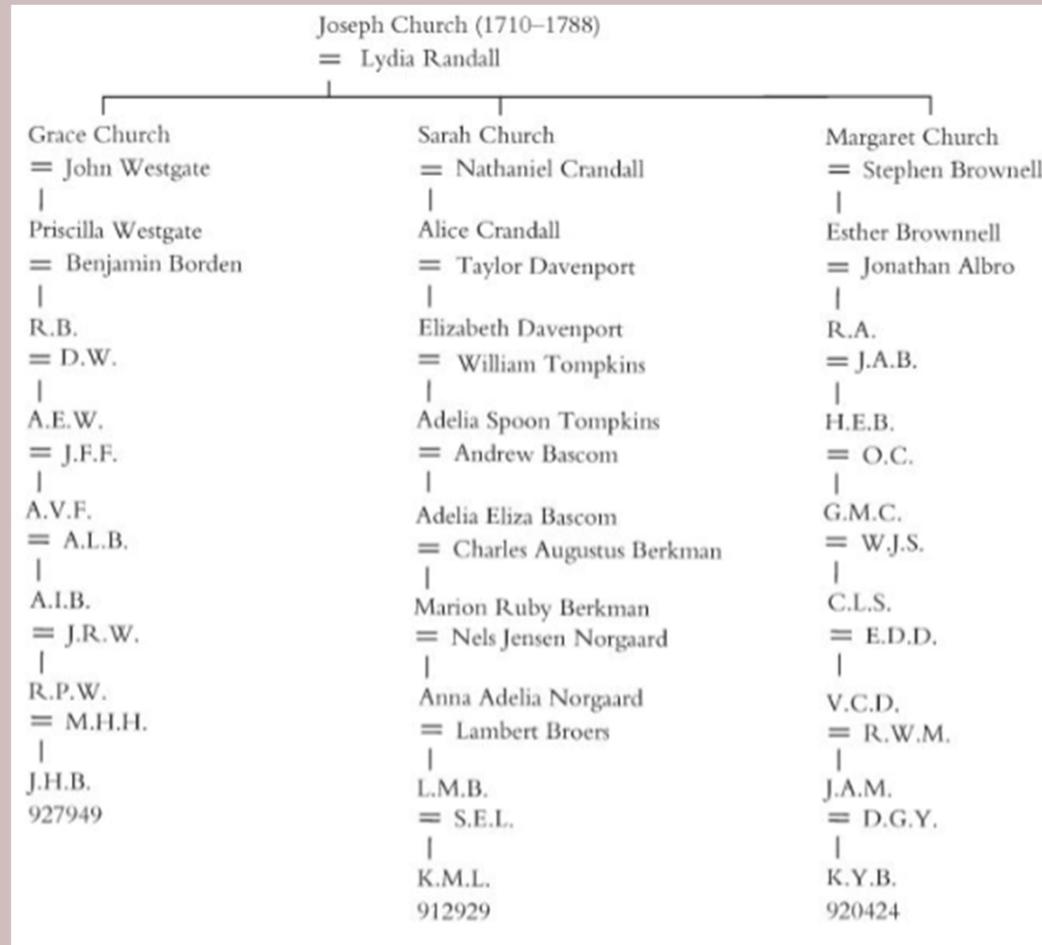
# Results!



# Esther Dyer is a daughter of Ichabod Dyer, Sr. and Molly Jones



# The Sisters of Sarah Church



## **Why DNA testing can aide in colonial *Mayflower* research**

- An additional piece for the paternity of a male ancestor or maternity of a female ancestor, by comparing DNA results of living descendants

# What Companies are useful

- For most of this talk relating to 17<sup>th</sup> century *Mayflower*:
  - FamilyTreeDNA.com
- In a very limited scope:
  - AncestryDNA
  - 23andME
  - MyHeritage

# QUESTIONS?

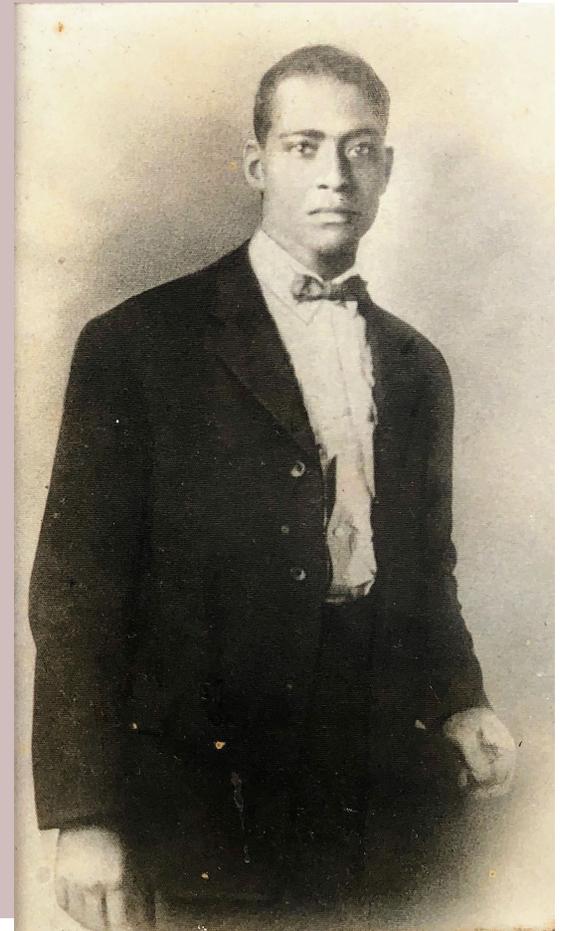
# Autosomal DNA

# Limitations

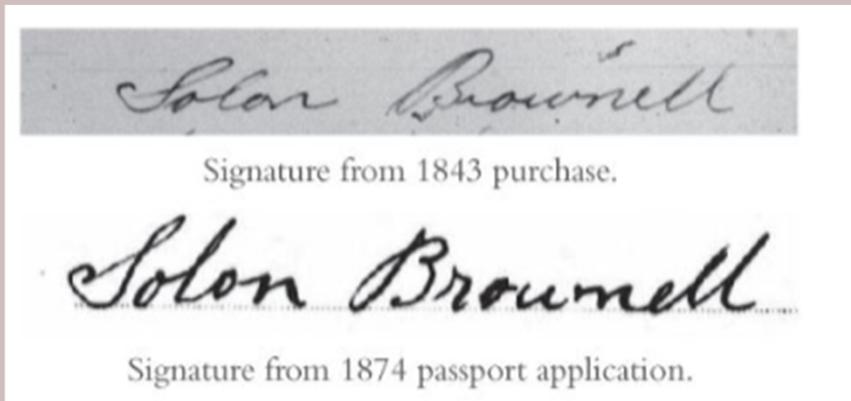
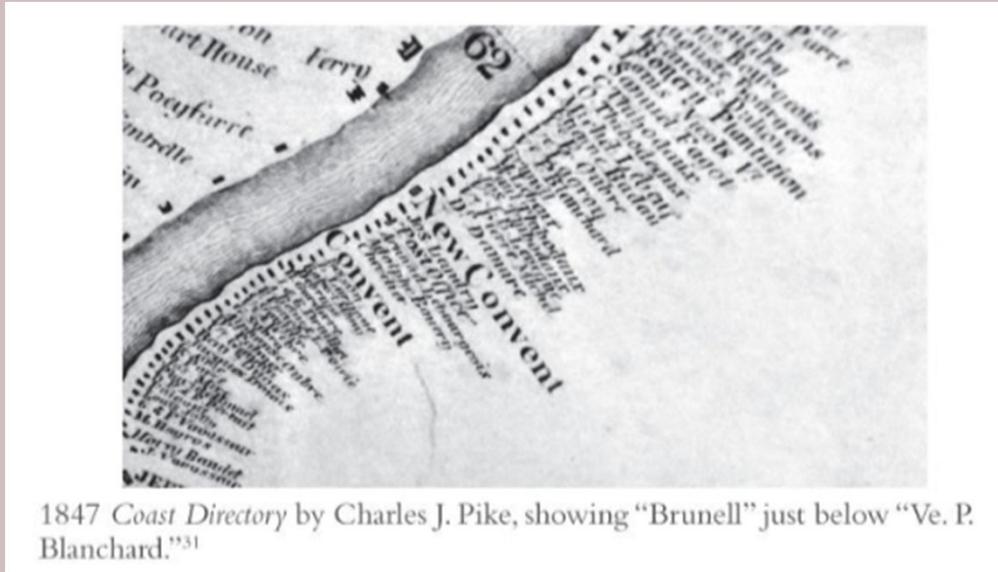
- While the identification of the unrecorded person may be perfectly reasonable and sound, a registrar may want all pertinent vital records, many might be impossible to legally obtain
- Getting permission from your matches to have an article published in print or online
- Some articles have included Gedmatch numbers

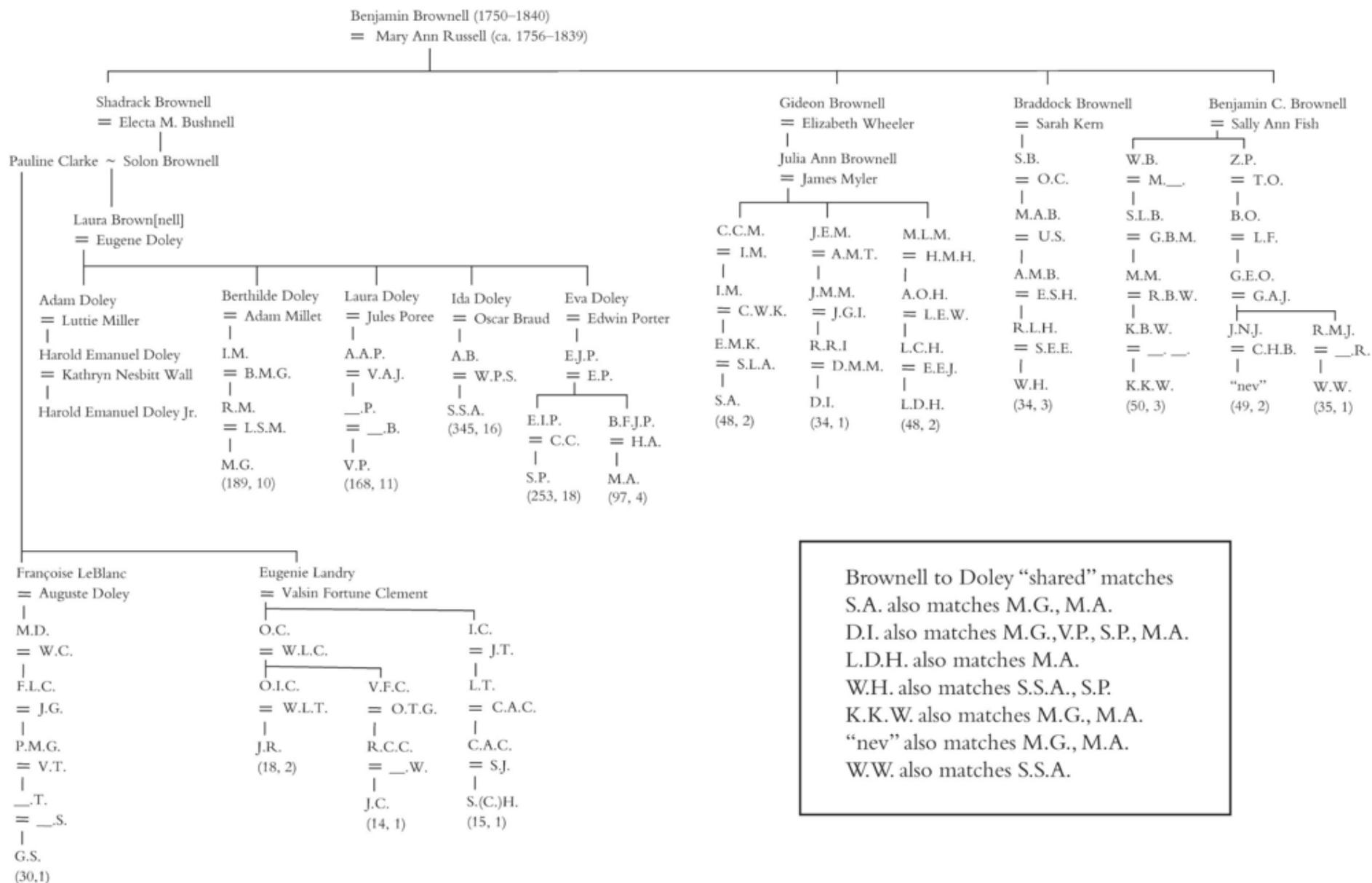
# The father of Laura (Brown) Doley of Louisiana

- Born in 1846 to Pauline Clark, a free woman of color, and “Brenna Brown”
- Searches of the area for men named Brown/Braun/Brownel, etc.
- Solon Brownell (1810-1880)



# Following Solon's movements





Brownell to Doley "shared" matches  
S.A. also matches M.G., M.A.  
D.I. also matches M.G., V.P., S.P., M.A.  
L.D.H. also matches M.A.  
W.H. also matches S.S.A., S.P.  
K.K.W. also matches M.G., M.A.  
"nev" also matches M.G., M.A.  
W.W. also matches S.S.A.

# Tip

In many situations, genealogical theories on 17<sup>th</sup> century families cannot be aided by DNA (or your own DNA is "useless")

**Does your problem  
have a DNA  
component?**

# Is DNA possible?

- Are there living descendants?
- Are they willing to test?

# Does your problem . . .

- Discuss the paternity of a male?
- Maternity of a female?

# Do you Need DNA?

Children of William Orcutt, probably by Hannah Smith, possibly not in the correct order:

- 9    iii. JANE ORCUTT, b. say 1704; m. JOSHUA WARREN.
- 10   iv. NATHAN ORCUTT, b. say 1706; m. PHEBE LILLIE.
- 11   v. DELIVERANCE ORCUTT, b. ca. 1707; m. (1) JOSEPH WASHBURN<sup>6</sup> (*Josiah Washburn<sup>5</sup>, John<sup>4</sup>, Elizabeth Mitchell<sup>3</sup>, Jane<sup>2</sup> Cooke, Francis<sup>1</sup>*); m. (2) ABIEL PACKARD.

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12	vi. MARTHA ORCUTT, b. ca. 1708; m. SOLOMON WASHBURN <sup>6</sup> ( <i>Samuel Washburn<sup>5</sup>, Samuel<sup>4</sup>, Elizabeth Mitchell<sup>3</sup>, Jane<sup>2</sup> Cooke, Francis<sup>1</sup>; Abigail Leonard<sup>5</sup>, Jacob<sup>4</sup>, Sarah Chandler<sup>3</sup>, Isabella<sup>2</sup> Chilton, James<sup>1</sup></i> ).	
13	vi. DAVID ORCUTT, b. say 1710; m. SUSANNAH PACKARD <sup>6</sup> ( <i>Mary Harris<sup>5</sup>, Mercy Latham<sup>4</sup>, Susanna Winslow<sup>3</sup>, Mary<sup>2</sup> Chilton, James<sup>1</sup></i> ).	
14	vii. MOSES ORCUTT, b. say 1713; m. MERCY ALLEN.	
15	viii. CALEB ORCUTT, b. ca. 1715; m. MEHITABLE HARVEY.	

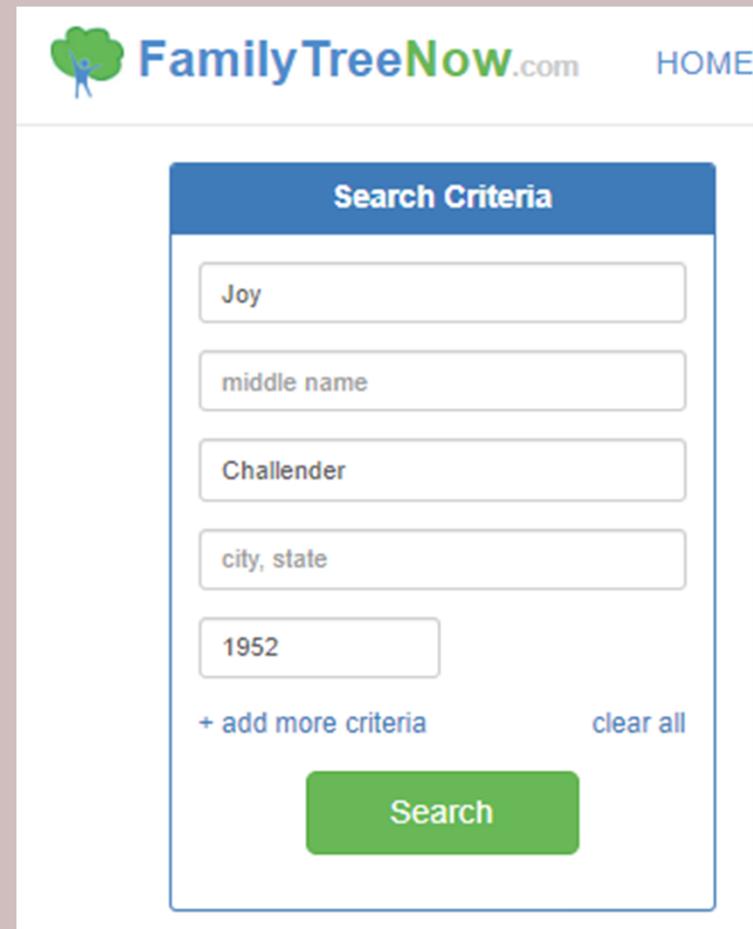
# Getting Participants

# Finding them

- Looking through published genealogies, vital, census, and probate records, for people who appear as children in the 1930 and 1940 census
- Finding deaths of these people through the Social Security Death Index and State Death Indexes
- Getting obituaries that identify children and their then residences
- Using online people finders

# Online finders

- U.S. Public Records Index, 1950- 1993 (Ancestry.com) [for birthdates]
- Whitepages.com
- FamilyTreeNow.com
- Netronline.com
- Voter Records
- Assessor Records



The screenshot shows the FamilyTreeNow.com website interface. At the top, there is a logo for FamilyTreeNow.com and a 'HOME' link. Below the header is a 'Search Criteria' section with a blue header. The search criteria are as follows:

- First name: Joy
- Middle name: middle name
- Last name: Challenger
- City, state: city, state
- Year: 1952

Below the search criteria, there are two links: '+ add more criteria' and 'clear all'. At the bottom of the search criteria section is a green 'Search' button.

# Associated Relatives, Contact Info

Full Name	Joy D Challender
Birth Year	1952
Age	68

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Associated Names
Joy C Child
Joy Challenderchild
Joy D Child

Way more information on Joy Challender at [TruePeopleSearch.com](http://TruePeopleSearch.com)

Possible Relatives		
Name	Age	Birth Year
William C Child Jr	69	1951
Carole Topol Orland	67	1952
Carolyn E Child	35	1984
Christopher C Child	39	1980
J Child		1952
Katherine Joy Child		1988

Current & Past Addresses	
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609 Beacon Park, Webster, MA 01570 <i>(Jun 2014 - Jun 2020)</i>	map
2 Tatnuck Ter, Worcester, MA 01602 <i>(Oct 2007)</i>	map
PO Box 71, Putnam, CT 06260 <i>(Dec 2005 - May 2006)</i>	map
390 Main St #1000, Worcester, MA 01608 <i>(Jul 1993 - May 2006)</i>	map
30 Front St, Putnam, CT 06260 <i>(Oct 2004 - Nov 2004)</i>	map
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390 Main St, Cherry Valley, MA 01611 <i>(Nov 1996)</i>	map
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# Getting DNA from strangers

- Say enough so they don't think you are a spammer
- Be as forthcoming with your goals
- Don't sound too "stalkerish"
- Your request may sound weird
- Offer them a genealogical gift if they are interested
- Pay for the test

Tip

Have a plan A, B, C, D

## **Some people may just want to be left alone . . .**

David could not be your husband's father. He was married at the time. He was faithful to his wife. I am sorry but Greg won't get his answers from David. David is a good man but is not happy to think that someone thinks he was unfaithful. I wish you the best of luck.

# Figuring people out without contact information

The screenshot shows a DNA match interface. At the top, there are two circular icons labeled 'TH' and 'WM'. To the right, the name 'T and wmschnauzer' is displayed. Below this, it states 'Predicted relationship: 3rd-4th Cousin' and 'Shared DNA: 95 cM across 5 segments'. There are two buttons: 'Add to group' and 'Add note'. Below the match information, there are three tabs: 'Trees', 'Ethnicity', and 'Shared Matches'. The 'Trees' tab is selected. Underneath, there are two panels. The left panel is titled 'Common Ancestors' and explains that Tom Hagen hasn't linked a family tree to their DNA results. The right panel is titled 'wmschnauzer hasn't built a searchable tree' and states that wmschnauzer hasn't built a searchable tree yet.

The screenshot shows a Google search for 'wmschnauzer'. The search bar contains the text 'wmschnauzer'. Below the search bar, there are navigation options: 'All', 'Maps', 'Videos', 'Images', 'Shopping', 'More', 'Settings', and 'Tools'. The search results show '6 results (0.75 seconds)'. A suggestion is made: 'Did you mean: "schnauzer"'. The first result is 'CMP Directory - Music For Healing & Transition Program' with the URL 'https://www.mhttp.org > find-a-certified-music-practitioner-cmp'. Below the URL, there is a snippet of text: 'wmschnauzer@... 7-2619. Graduated 2008. CEU credits due 12/31/16. P. Allen Macfarlane Lap dulcimer. Lawrence, KS macfarlanepa162@gmail. You've visited this page 2 times. Last visit: 10/27/19'.

# **Ethical Obligations and Possible Consequences**

# Your participant doesn't match

- Bad genealogy?
- Adoption?
- Parentage outside of marriage
- Your obligations or future assistance
- Publish negative findings?

# Tip

DNA may corroborate one generation, but you still have to verify the rest!

# Final thoughts

- Genetic findings within an MD article can be cited for the purposes of documenting a descent
- DNA evidence can be one piece of evidence (amongst many), and should not be the only piece of evidence
- Every lineage society has their own policies on accepting circumstantial and genetic evidence, which can change periodically
- Publishing your genetic evidence (especially for more recent findings) may not be possible
- Just because the lineage society rejects your evidence does not mean you are wrong
- Publishing your findings will benefit additional generations of descendants

# QUESTIONS?

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