

References, etc.

For details, see

https://281connections.us/281connections_Wiki/South_Dakota_Families/Loy-Allen/Tracing_mtDNA.html

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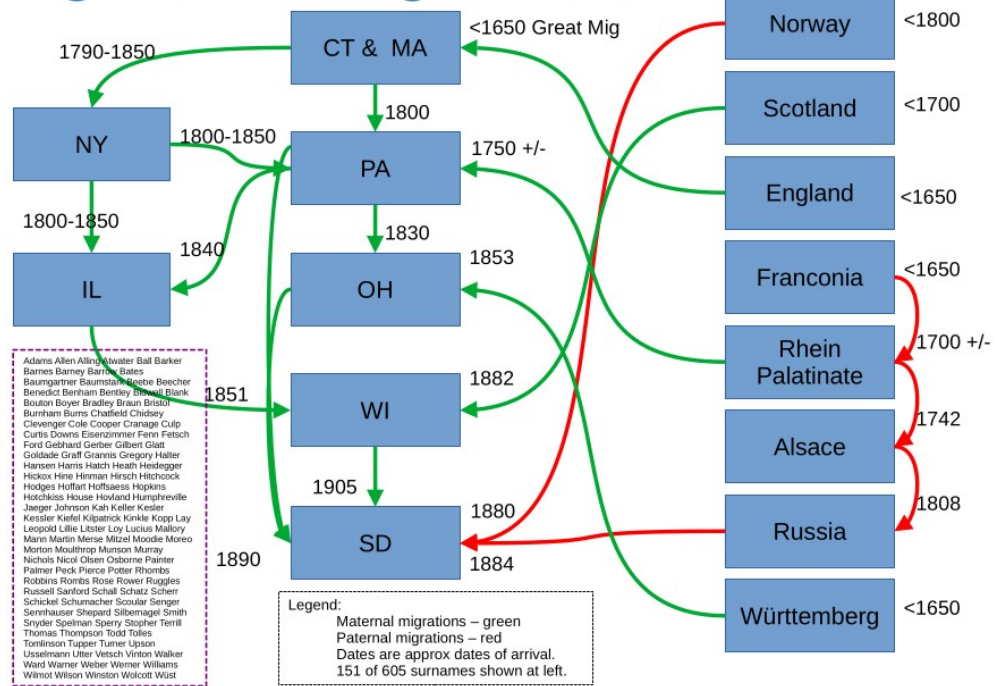
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Background

- This is about a maternal line trace and use of mtDNA analysis
- Current status after years of research and collaboration
- Follow the green lines from South Dakota back to England!

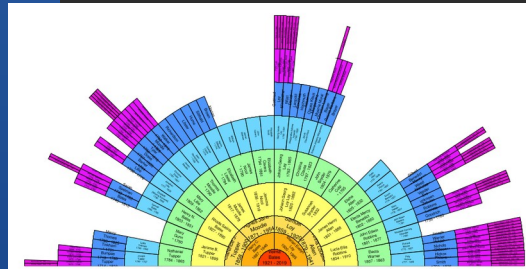
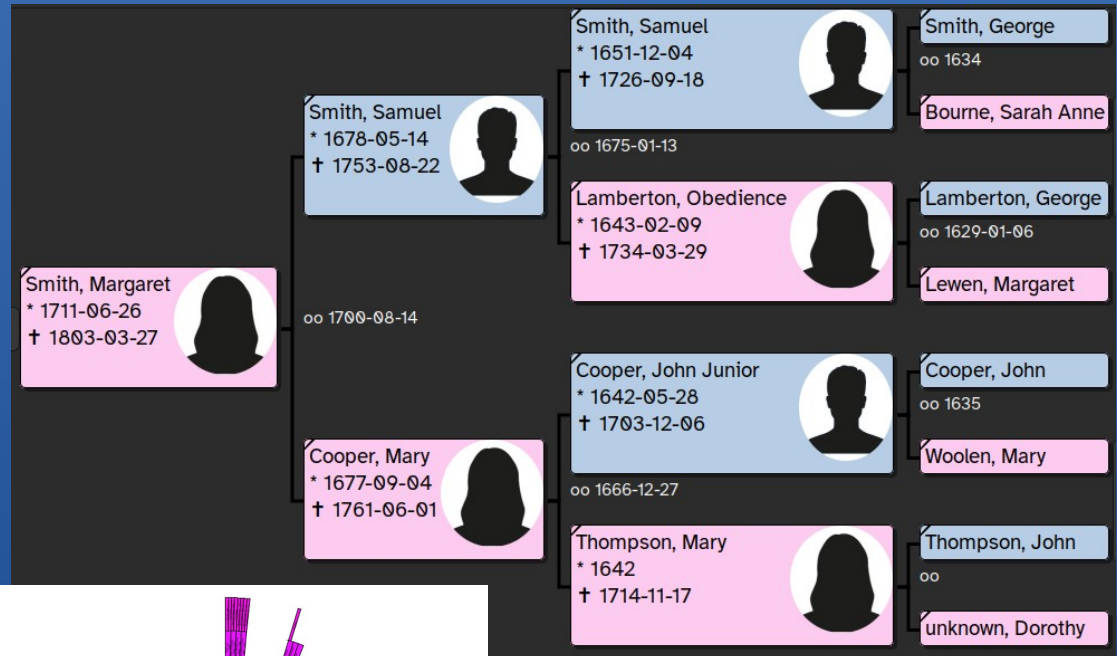


Migration of Craig's Ancestors



Conventional Research

- Surprisingly the trail of mom's maternal ancestors could be followed back to Colonial New Haven, CT.
- It led to the family of Dorothy and John Thompson in the 1640s and 1650s.
- They were part of the Great Migration from England to the British Colonies.



Conventional Research +

- No clues about ancestors other than by association with the other Puritan settlers
- Dorothy's children are listed at right
- She was married twice – the second time to a man with surname = Harrison.
- *Outstanding questions*: Dorothy's identity; origins of both John and Dorothy; was John married twice?
- Perhaps DNA analysis can help . . .

> Thompson, John Jr.	1641-09-10
> Thompson, Mary	1642
> Thompson, Hannah	1643
> Thompson, Joseph	1649
> Thompson, Abigail	1651-01-26
> Thompson, Rebecca	1651-01-26
> Thompson, Sarah	1654-04-30
Harrison, Thomas	1657-03-01
Harrison, Nathaniel	1658-12-13

Conventional Research ++

1. JOHN¹ THOMPSON, "farmer," of East Haven, apparently was not related to the three brothers who founded the New Haven family. According to Dod's *East Haven Register*, the name of his wife was Ellen, and this has been followed by every succeeding account, including that in the *Tuttle Genealogy* (1883). She is referred to merely as "the widow" in the County Court Records, where many of the early Probate entries are to be found; but in the unindexed second volume of Proprietors' Records is a passage (p. 185) which distinctly calls her DOROTHY. There is no reason for disputing the correctness of this record, especially as two of her children, Rebecca (Thompson) Thomas and Nathaniel Harrison, named a daughter Dorothy. John Thompson's estate was inventoried in 1655 (New



- Found a previous famous researcher (Donald Lines Jacobus) who was very critical of reports that John Thompson had a wife named Ellen instead of / in addition to Dorothy. See https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Donald_Lines_Jacobus
- Confusion between two John Thompsons who lived in New Haven at the same time.
- It is hard to sort out 400 year old evidence, but it is clear that confusion has occurred and that there is no evidence that "my" John Thompson had any wives other than Dorothy.

Conventional Research +++

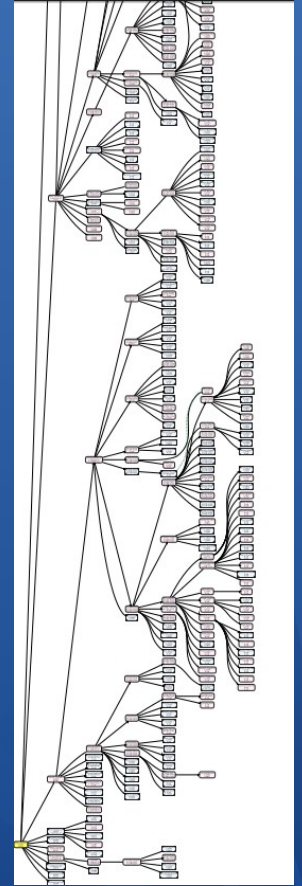
- BTW, Donald Lines Jacobus and I are distant cousins. We both Trace to a daughter of John and Dorothy! . . .

“Craig is the sixth cousin three times removed (down) of Jacobus, Donald Lines. Their common ancestors are Cooper, John Junior and Thompson, Mary.

Craig is the eighth cousin once removed (down) of Jacobus, Donald Lines. Their common ancestors are Cooper, John Junior and Thompson, Mary.”

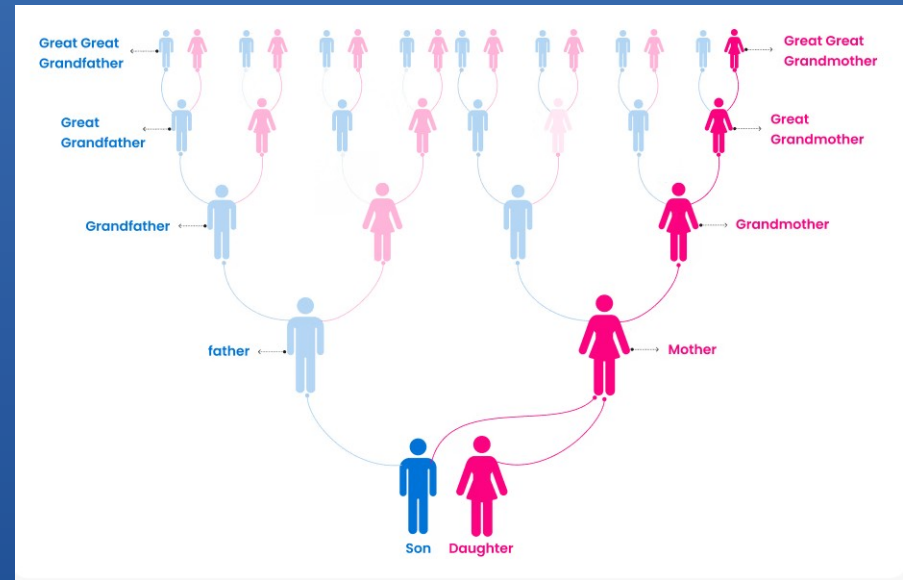
Descendants

- Identified as many as I could find up to about 1800 who share the same mtDNA (about 600 people)
- Used in first outreach attempt to FTDNA mtDNA matches
- Text = https://281connections.us/281connections_Wiki/South_Dakota_Families/Loy-Allen/Tracing_mtDNA/TracingEllensmtDNA.pdf
- Graphical = https://281connections.us/281connections_Wiki/South_Dakota_Families/Loy-Allen/Tracing_mtDNA/EllensDescendants_network.pdf



DNA Testing

- Submitted dna sample for full analysis of mom's mtDNA to FTDNA
- Also submitted to livingdna.com because of their focus on the UK
- mtDNA Haplogroup results . . .
- ftdna = X2b-T226C (X2b42'64 in "Mitotree" haplogroup terms)
- livingdna = X2b'd



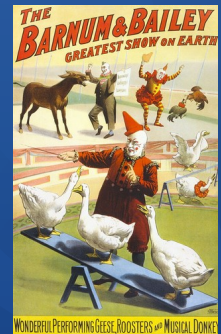
FTDNA mtDNA Matches

- 20 today
- Ann O'Hara and I hammered on this for years.
- Contacted all but the most recent shown here
- Castle match probably significant
- New match in 2022 is very important!

Last Name	Match Date	Maternal Earliest Known Ancestor
<u>Essig</u>	April 05 2013	George <u>Heslop</u> Christ. 21 Oct 1810 died 6 Jan. 1858
Rogers	April 25 2019	
Stark	August 04 2022	Dorothy Thomas b. 1674 d. 1727
<u>Lammert</u>	August 10 2020	
<u>Almquist</u>	December 13 2016	Catherine Wells Hall, b. 1801, d. July 5, 1872
Oldham	December 13 2019	
Banbury	December 20 2012	Maria Carey/1804-1858
Gibson	July 11 2022	
O'Hara	July 27 2012	Richard Sanford ? - 1591
<u>Lydick</u>	June 17 2013	
Maples	June 29 2018	Dorothy Cook
<u>Messenbaugh</u>	March 05 2019	Mary Sanford, b. 1723
Jennings	March 22 2018	
Johnson	May 04 2023	Sarah Gibson, b. circa 1793 and d. circa 1870
Thompson	May 11 2018	Mary Teasdale b. 1742 and d. 1819
<u>Belihar</u>	May 12 2017	Bertha Mae Stewart b 1901 d 1979
<u>Kindrick</u>	May 22 2017	
Bayer	October 04 2019	
CASTLE	October 09 2017	<u>Clarinda</u> Clark
Wiley	September 24 2021	Rachel Peer, b. 1800 d. 1850

Ann O'Hara - heteroplasmy

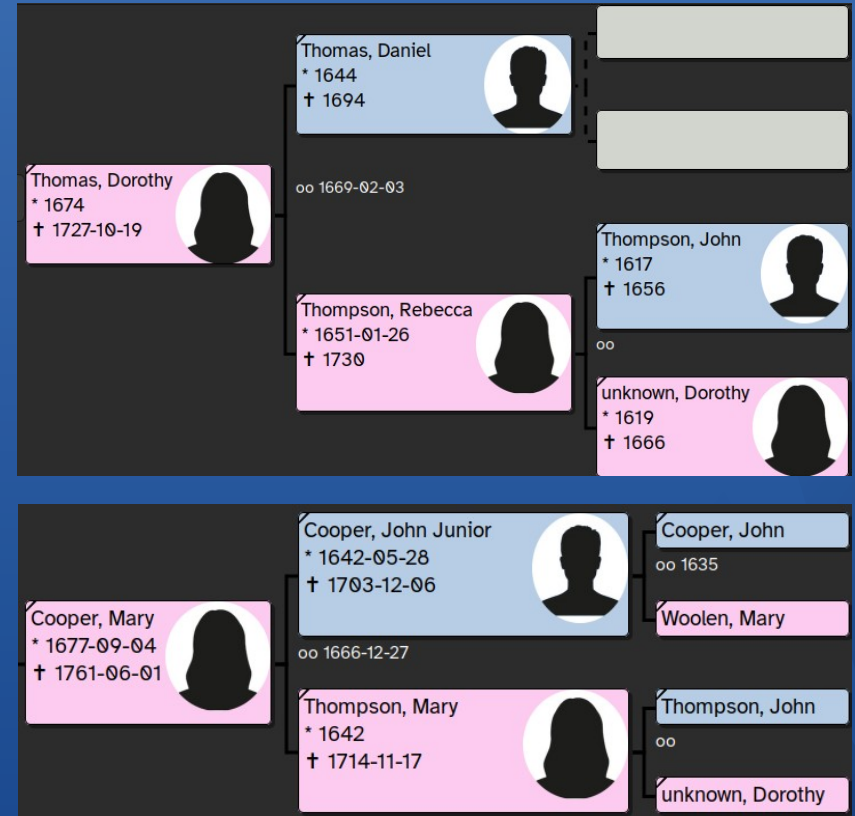
- Encountered Ann O'Hara, who was a marvelous collaborator.
- A detailed comparison of her mtDNA and mother's made me conclude that the matches with distance = 1 could be considered exact matches
- Heteroplasmy:
<https://help.familytreedna.com/hc/en-us/articles/4742569461263-Understanding-mtDNA-Heteroplasmy#what-is-mitochondrial-dna--0-0>
and <https://isogg.org/wiki/Heteroplasmy> and
<https://dna-explained.com/2021/06/10/what-is-a-heteroplasmy-and-why-do-i-care/>
- Most recent common ancestor might be closer than thought at first.
- Stuck in late 1700s with the wife of Ezbon Barnum.
- Ann died, but I keep looking.



A New Important Match

Stark	August 04 2022	Dorothy Thomas b. 1674 d. 1727
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- Noticed just this year
- I know who Dorothy Thomas is!
- Probably named after her grandmother (Dorothy Thompson)
- Descended from a different sister than I
- Note dob for Mary Thompson & Rebecca Thompson – 9 years apart
- Proves that John Thompson was married to just one woman (or to sisters/cousins). – Supports conventional documentation mentioned earlier that John had one wife named Dorothy.



British Isles DNA Project

- At FTDNA
- <https://www.familytreedna.com/public/BritishIsles?iframe=mtresults>
- Two interesting members - UK

Mitotree Haplogroup

Row Number	Kit Number	Maternal Ancestor Name	Country	Haplogroup	Mitotree Haplogroup	HVR1 Mutations	HVR2 Mutations
3098	N37517		Scotland	X2b-T226C	X2b42'64+16311	A16129G, T16187C, G16230A	C146T, C152T, A153G, G225A, T226C, A247G, 522.1A, 522.2C, 309.1C, 315.1C
3099	241798	Dorothy [unknown], b.1619 d.1666	England	X2b-T226C	X2b42'64	A16129G, T16187C, G16230A, C16311T	C146T, C152T, A153G, G225A, T226C, A247G, 522.1A, 522.2C, 309.1C, 315.1C
3102	140398	Henry Simpson 1832	England	X2b-T226C	X2b42	A16129G, T16187C, G16230A, C16311T, T16362C	C146T, C152T, A153G, G225A, T226C, A247G, 522.1A, 522.2C, 315.1C

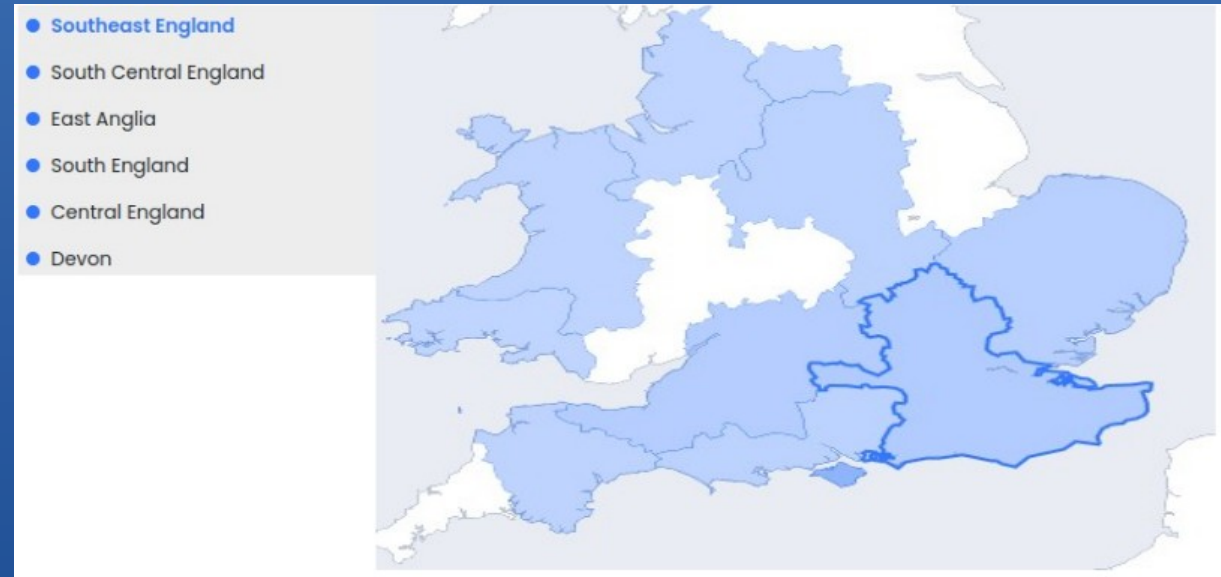
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Outreach in 2025

- Sent note to 19 people identified in FTDNA
- Response from just 2. – bummer – Had hoped to confirm Dorothy Thomas trace.
- One claims Native American trace, but no concrete justification. Also not supported by DNA research that associates X2a with Native Americans. - discount
- The other is actively researching to prove possible path that I have suggested.
- On WikiTree: found descendant of Dorothy's first son; she has helped publish some information; she confirms my assertion that Dorothy is John's one wife.
- Started writing prelim. version of research doc

Autosomal Hints - livingdna

- Based on conventional research, one would expect that half of mother's autosomal genetic make-up could be ascribed to England.
- Composition estimates
- A large contribution (~40%) comes from east and south parts of England



Writing a Summary Doc

- Revised section in website
- https://281connections.us/281connections_Wiki/South_Dakota_Families/Loy-Allen/Tracing_mtDNA.html
- Created research report
- https://281connections.us/281connections_Wiki/South_Dakota_Families/Loy-Allen/Tracing_mtDNA/JohnThompsonAndHisWife.pdf
- To be used in another wave of outreach

Reminder

- Outstanding questions were: Dorothy's identity; origins of both John and Dorothy; was John married twice?
- I think that I have answered the question about multiple wives.
- Still searching for origins and Dorothy's surname.

More Outreach & Research

- Hertfordshire Family History Society (e.g., Herts FHS)
- Other DNA researchers in England (e.g., UCL)
- British Isles DNA Project: follow-up
- Consider putting together a project to research associates of John and Dorothy in New Haven. Hope for clues about English origins. Need parish to be identified.
- Then a brute force search could be considered. -
<https://firstsettlers.genealogyvillage.com/ParishRegisters.html>

Hopefulness



**Hope in a Prison of
Despair by Evelyn De
Morgan, 1887**