

A Research Note

I am a direct line descendant of John Thompson (1617-1656) and his wife, who lived in early Colonial Connecticut. My mother's maternal line can be traced using conventional means to them through their daughter Mary (1642-1714). My mother's myDNA haplogroup is X2b-T226C as tested with Family Tree DNA (FTDNA). The conclusion is that Mary and her mother had the same mtDNA haplogroup as my mother (and me).

Now, there is some lack of clarity among researchers concerning the issue of whether John had one or two wives (Dorothy/Ellen?) The purpose of this note is to explain a new finding that has bearing on this issue.

The immediate descendants (two generations worth) of John Thompson that I have found are shown below, represented as if he had just one wife named Dorothy.

1. Thompson, John (b. ~1617 - England, d. 1656)
sp. unknown, Dorothy (b. ~1619, d. 1666), m. - New Haven, Connecticut
2. Thompson, John Jr. (b. 1641-09-06 - New Haven, Connecticut, d. 1692-02-13)
sp. Powell, Priscilla (b. 1643, d. 1726), m. 1666-05-22
 3. Thompson, John (b. 1667, d. 1721)
 3. Thompson, Priscilla (b. 1671, d. 1728)
 3. Thompson, Samuel (b. 1673, d. 1677)
 3. Thompson, Samuel (b. 1677, d. 1712)
 3. Thompson, Abigail (b. 1680)
2. **Thompson, Mary** (b. 1642-04-24 - New Haven, Connecticut, d. 1714-11-17 - New Haven, Connecticut)
sp. Cooper, John Junior (b. 1642-05-28 - New Haven, Connecticut, d. 1703 - New Haven, Connecticut), m. 1666-12-27
 3. Cooper, Rebecca (b. 1666, d. 1668)
 3. Cooper, unknown (b. 1668, d. 1668)
 3. Cooper, Mary (b. 1669 - New Haven, Connecticut, d. 1670-04-22 - New Haven, Connecticut)
 3. Cooper, John (b. 1670-02-23 - New Haven, Connecticut)
sp. Thomas, Sarah (b. 1672), m. 1693-01-04
 3. Cooper, Sarah (b. 1673-04-26, d. 1736)
sp. Munson, John (b. 1672-01-28 - New Haven, Connecticut, d. 1749), m. 1692-11-10
 3. Cooper, Samuel (b. 1675-06-20, d. 1762-01-26)
sp. Smith, Elizabeth, m. 1699-11-15
 3. Cooper, Mary (b. 1677-09-04, d. 1761-06-01)
sp. Smith, Samuel (b. 1678-05-14 - New Haven, Connecticut, d. 1753-08-22 - New Haven, Connecticut), m. 1700-08-14 - New Haven, Connecticut
 3. Cooper, Abigail (b. 1679-10-03, d. 1724-12-06)
sp. Johnson, Isaac (b. 1672, d. 1750), m. 1699-04-25
 3. Cooper, Hannah (b. 1681-08-10, d. 1772-11-11)
sp. Lines, John (b. 1676-04-18 - New Haven, Connecticut, d. 1718-02-03), m. 1700-12-27
 3. Cooper, Joseph (b. 1683-09-11 - New Haven, Connecticut, d. 1747)
sp. Smith, Abigail
 3. Cooper, Rebecca (chr. 1689-08-24, d. 1770-01-02)

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- sp. Alling, Daniel (b. 1688, d. 1756), m. 1711-01-10
- 2. Thompson, Hannah (b. 1643, d. 1712-01-17)
 - sp. Moulthrop, Matthew (b. 1638, d. 1691), m. 1662-06-26
 - 3. Moulthrop, Hannah (b. 1663-11-02)
 - 3. Moulthrop, Hannah (b. 1665-04-20, d. 1713-01-30)
 - sp. Russell, John (b. 1664-12-14, d. 1724-02-13), m. 1687-08-17
 - 3. Moulthrop, John (b. 1667-02-05)
 - 3. Moulthrop, Matthew (b. 1670-07-18)
 - 3. Moulthrop, unknown (b. 1673)
 - 3. Moulthrop, Lydia (b. 1674-08-08, d. 1677-10-14)
 - 3. Moulthrop, Samuel (b. 1677-06-24, d. 1677-10-14)
 - 3. Moulthrop, Samuel (b. 1679-04-13)
 - 3. Moulthrop, Kezia (b. 1682-04-13, d. 1767-12-31)
 - sp. Barker, Daniel (b. 1676-01-27, d. 1752-01-25)
- 2. Thompson, Ebenezer (b. 1648-10-15, d. 1674)
- 2. Thompson, Joseph (b. 1649, d. 1703)
 - sp. Lathrop, Elizabeth
- 2. Thompson, Abigail (b. 1651-01-26, d. 1727)
 - sp. Alsop, Joseph (b. 1649, d. 1691-01-12), m. 1672-11-25
- 2. **Thompson, Rebecca** (b. 1651-01-26 - New Haven, Connecticut, d. 1716 - New Haven, Connecticut)
 - sp. Thomas, Daniel (b. 1647, d. 1694), m. 1669-02-13
 - 3. Thomas, Thomas (b. 1670, d. 1670)
 - 3. Thomas, John (b. 1672, d. 1711-01-25)
 - 3. **Thomas, Dorothy** (b. 1674, d. 1727-10-19)
 - sp. Tolles, Henry (b. 1669-11-01, d. 1750), m. 1693-04-13
 - 3. Thomas, Daniel (b. 1676-02-14, d. 1760)
 - 3. Thomas, Dinah (b. 1678-12-26, d. 1769)
 - sp. Sherman, John (b. 1673, d. 1727)
 - 3. Thomas, Samuel (b. 1680-01-13, d. 1681)
 - 3. Thomas, Recompence (b. 1683-05-27, d. 1703-08-31)
 - 3. Thomas, Israel (b. 1685, d. 1767)
 - 3. Thomas, Experience (b. 1687-04-17, d. 1703-08-31 - New Haven, Connecticut)
- 2. Thompson, Sarah (b. 1654-04-30, d. 1716-10-23 - New Haven, Connecticut)
 - sp. Ball, Alling (b. 1656, d. 1710)
 - 3. Ball, Lydia (b. 1680-01-02, d. 1738-03-06)
 - sp. Hemmingway, Jacob (b. 1683-12-06, d. 1754-10-06), m. 1712-05-03
 - 3. Ball, Allen (b. 1689, d. 1761)

I have recently noticed a mtDNA match at FTDNA with the same mtDNA haplogroup who claims to be able to trace the maternal line to Dorothy Thomas (1674-1727), who is the daughter of Rebecca Thompson (1651-1716; another daughter of John Thompson) and Daniel Thomas (1647-1694). This is significant news, since (if the conventional research can be verified) it indicates that John Thompson was either married to just one woman or that he was married to two women with the same maternal lineage (e.g., sisters).

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You can find documentation of some of my work on the descendants of John Thompson and ? at https://281connections.us/281connections_Wiki/South_Dakota_Families/Loy-Allen/Tracing_mtDNA.html . And, you can contact me about this topic at craig@281connections.us .