

WALLACE DNA ANALYSIS



The advance of DNA testing has provided genealogists with an extremely valuable tool in their toolbox. Y-DNA is passed from father to son relatively unchanged for hundreds of years. This is tremendously helpful for surname research where matches between two samples indicate a common male ancestor within a certain period of time based on the number of markers tested and the number of markers that match.

The matches to our results have been interesting and challenging at the same time. To date we have 26 different males that have been tested that share the similar Y-DNA. Due to the advanced testing ability of *FamilyTreeDNA* we know that these men all descend from Haplogroup **R-BY20619**. While a few other DNA testing companies would offer Y-DNA testing in the past, *FamilyTreeDNA* is the only company to offer it currently. The results below and those of other Moore County families can be found at <https://www.familytreedna.com/groups/moore-county-nc/about/background>

DESCENDANTS OF EVERET WALLACE

- *Hurley Wallace Jr.* [700 Y-DNA markers analyzed] descends from **Everet Wallace** [1770-1845] via son **Isham Wallace** and grandson Emsley Wallace > Lucian Wallace > Hurley Wallace, Sr.
- *Ronnie Mitchell "Ron" Wallace* [700 markers]. Ron also descends from **Isham Wallace** via son Virgil Spinks "Byrd" Wallace > Isham Wallace > Claude Cleveland Wallace > William Lewis Wallace.
- *Rodney Wallace* [700 markers] descends from **Everet Wallace** through his son **John Wallace** and grandson Nathan Wallace > Daniel Houston Wallace > David Overton Wallace > Phillip Downy Wallace > Phillip David Wallace. John migrated from Moore County, NC to Bibb County, AL in the 1840's and Nathan and his descendants continued on to Cherokee County, TX during the 1860's.
- *David Wallace* [700 markers] also descends from **John Wallace** via son Josiah/Cyrus Wallace > John Wesley Wallace > Noah Columbus Wallace > James Edward Wallace. Josiah/Cyrus Wallace was born in Moore County, NC and migrated with his parents to AL in the 1840's. Many of his descendants can still be found in Bibb County, AL.
- *Sammy Wallace* [700 markers] descends from **Elias Wallace** [1828-1893] > John Spinks Wallace > Fletcher John Wallace. Elias was born in North Carolina and migrated to Prentiss County, MS by 1850. Based on Sammy's close DNA match to other male descendants we believe that Elias was a grandson of Everet Wallace. Research is still ongoing to determine Elias' parents, but the most likely candidates are Enoch Wallace [1808-aft 1880] and Malvina Furr.
- *Michael Howard "Mike" Wallace* [43 markers] descends from **Everet Wallace** through his son **Joseph Wallace**. Joseph's son Ruffin Wallace fought and died in the Civil War. Ruffin was the father of Jerome A. Wallace and grandfather of Audrey Howard Wallace.

ADDITIONAL WALLACE MATCHES

- *Neal Wallace* [700 markers] descends from **Isham Wallace** [1778-1853]. Isham was born in North Carolina and resided near the Montgomery and Davidson County line near the Yadkin River. Isham was listed in the 1800 Montgomery County Census, in Tax Lists in Davidson County 1810-1815 and the 1820 Davidson County Census prior to migrating to Calloway and Graves County, KY by 1833. Isham Wallace is believed to have been closely related and possibly a brother to **Nathan Wallace** [1785-1852] and **Eli Wallace** [1790-1855]. Like Isham, Nathan and Eli migrated with their families to western KY during the late 1820's and early 1830's along with many other neighboring families. Given the prominence of the given names of Isham, Everet, Nathan, Eli in these families it has always been my belief they were connected to the Wallaces of Moore County, NC. This Y-DNA match is one of the most important discoveries in decades as it confirms that Everet Wallace [b. 1770] and Isham Wallace [b. 1778] share a common male ancestor.

- *Edwin E. Wallis II* [700 markers] descends from **Nathan Wallis** [1806-1859] > C.J. Wallis > Joseph J. Wallis > William Cirby Wallis > Edwin E. Wallis Sr. Nathan was born in North Carolina [likely Davidson County, NC], migrated to western Kentucky, died in Obion County, TN and is believed to have been closely related to the families of western Kentucky and may have been a son or nephew of Isham Wallace.

- *Jimmy Wallace* [700 markers] descends from **John Wallace** [1809-1893]. John was born in Union County, SC and moved to DeKalb County, AL by 1835. We have not been able to verify John Wallace's father and grandfather yet but there seems to be a connection here. One interesting thing to note is that a Robert Wallace lived in Chatham County, NC during the 1780's-1790's before migrating to Union County, SC where he died in 1800. This Robert owned a tract of land in Moore County, NC [now Lee County]. Jimmy has been trying to confirm a relationship from his John to this Robert but has not been able to verify anything to date. This deed reference is the only mention of Robert Wallace in Moore County and we have never been able to establish a connection with him.

- *Terry Smith* [700 markers] descends from **William Conner Smith** [1847-1920] > John Arch Smith > John C. Smith > J.C. Smith. William Conner Smith was the son of Fannie Smith and is listed in the 1850 Census in Moore County, NC next door to **Aaron Wallace** [1818/1826-aft 1880]. Aaron Wallace and his family moved to the Laurel Hill area of Scotland County, NC by 1870 and William and his mother Fannie did the same. Based on the Y-DNA match, I believe that Aaron was the father of William Conner Smith. Aaron Wallace was likely a child or grandchild of Everet Wallace.

RITTER CONNECTION AND RESULTS

- One of the more monumental findings of our DNA results is the connection to the Ritter family of Moore County, NC. Several male Ritters are very close matches to descendants of Everet Wallace. While we are unsure of the relationship between the Wallace and Ritter families, the Y-DNA matches clearly demonstrate they share a common male ancestor. Many of these men descend from **Jesse Ritter** [c1735-c1810]. Given these results it is very likely that either Everet Wallace's father or grandfather was a Ritter or that Jesse Ritter, Sr.'s father or grandfather was a Wallace. Recent discoveries suggest that Jesse Ritter's wife Susannah may have been a Wallace adding another complex piece to the puzzle. Ritter Y-DNA matches include:

DESCENDANTS OF JESSE RITTER

- *John Ransom Ritter* [37 markers] descends from Jesse Sr. > Everett Ritter > Benjamin Franklin Ritter > John Robert Ritter > Elmer Milton Ritter.
- *Andy Franklin Ritter* [12 markers] descends from Jesse Sr. > Everett Ritter > Everett Ritter Jr. > Isaac A. Ritter > Everett Jackson Ritter > Andrew Jackson Ritter > Alvie Dewitt Ritter.
- *Joseph W. Ritter* [27 markers] was a descendant of Jesse Sr. > Everett Ritter > James Ritter > John Newton Ritter > William Edwin Ritter > James Benjamin Ritter.
- *Eugene L. Ritter* [12 markers] was a descendant of Jesse Sr. > Everett Ritter > James Ritter > Benjamin Franklin Ritter > David Martin Ritter > Cecil Franklin Ritter.
- *James R. Ritter* [700 markers] descends from Jesse Sr. > John Ritter > Thomas Wesley Ritter > Captain John Ritter > Francis Marion Ritter > Ulysses Grant Ritter > Colon Causey Ritter.
- *Eli Ritter* [111 markers] was a descendant of Jesse Sr. > John Ritter > Thomas Wesley Ritter > Captain John Ritter > John Spinks Ritter > Eli Junior Ritter > Gilmer Allison Ritter.
- *Morgan Ritter* [37 markers] was a descendant of Jesse Sr. > John Ritter > William D. Ritter > John Henry Ritter > William Thomas Ritter > Charles Edward Ritter > Thomas Alexander Ritter > Charles Edward Ritter
- *Darrell Jackson Ritter* [37 markers] and his father Nolen Ritter [12 markers] descend from Jesse Sr. > Thomas Ritter [1768-1848 Moore County, NC] > John Thomas Ritter > George D. Ritter > Aaron Ashley Flowers Ritter > Thomas Franklin Ritter.
- *James Everett Ritter* [111 markers] descends from Jesse Ritter, Sr. > Jesse Ritter, Jr. > Everett Solomon Ritter > James Henry Ritter > James E. Ritter > James Everett Ritter Sr.
- *Arbuary Gene Ritter* [37 markers] was a descendent of Jesse Sr. > Jesse Ritter Jr. > Everett Solomon Ritter > James Henry Ritter > John Sampson Ritter > Rufus Randolph Ritter
- *A Ritter male* [37 markers] descends from Jesse Sr. > Jesse Ritter Jr. > Mark Ritter > Wiley Lively Ritter > William Riley Ritter > Aubrey "Blackie" Ritter.
- *Timothy Ritter* [12 markers] was a descendant of Jesse Sr. > Jesse Ritter Jr. > Mark Ritter > Richardson Ritter > Simon Ritter > Orville Nelson Ritter.

ADDITIONAL RITTER MATCHES

- *Bruce Ritter* [111 markers], was a descendent of **Moses Ritter** [1730-1819 New Hanover County, NC] > James Bradbury Ritter [1757-1816 Surry County, NC] > Lazarus Ritter > Joseph Ritter > John Franklin Ritter > Hugh A. Ritter. Moses Ritter was believed to be closely related to Jesse Ritter Sr. of Moore County, NC and may have even been his brother. He lived in Wayne County, NC prior to migrating to New Hanover County, NC [present day Pender County] where he lived near Moore's Creek.

- *John Floyd Ritter* [700 markers], descends from **William Ritter** [1789 NC-aft 1870 Claiborne County, TN] > Nathan Silas Ritter > John Franklin Ritter Sr. > Donald Eugene Ritter. William is believed to have been the son of Aaron Ritter [1763-bef 1840] and grandson of Moses Ritter 1730-1819.
- *David Thomas Ritter Sr.* [700 markers] descends from **James Ritter** through son William H. Ritter > Thomas Jackson Ritter > Thomas Scofield Ritter. James married Melinda Ballentine in 1841 in Clarksville, Montgomery County, TN. Given the DNA connection, it is very likely that James was a descendant of either Jesse Sr. or Moses Ritter. More research will need to be done to narrow down the connection.
- *Gurney Smith Cornwell III* [67 markers] can trace his lineage back to **Jason Ritter Cornwell** [1817-1862 of Southampton County, VA], son of Margaret Cornwell and unknown Ritter.

ADDITIONAL WALLACE RESULTS (DO NOT SHARE SAME Y-DNA AS THE ABOVE MEN)

- *John Mack Wallace III* and *Christopher "Chris" Wallace*, descendants of **John Mack Wallace** [1845-1927] have also been tested. Mack's mother was Franey Wallace, daughter of Everet Wallace and we have been trying to confirm the oral history that had been handed down through generations that Mack's father was a Hunsucker. Both of these samples closely match the Y-DNA of several Hunsucker male descendants likely confirming the oral history. The most likely candidate for John Mack's father was **Abraham/Abram C. Hunsucker** [1806-1869], son of George Hunsucker [1775-aft 1860] and Sarah Spinks.
- *Tom Wallace* and *Donald Lee Wallace* both descend from **William Lane Wallace** [1814-1886]. William Lane Wallace was born in Moore County, NC and was closely related to Everet and his descendants. We have been unable to identify William Lane's parents but given his date of birth and proximity to Everet it has been believed that he was likely a son or grandson of Everet. Tom and Donald both descend from William Lane > Everett W. Wallace > Charles Chalmers Wallace. Because their Y-DNA does not match any of the tested Wallaces, the results likely indicate that William Lane was the offspring of a Wallace female and unknown male. The most likely scenario would make him Everet's grandson through a daughter.
- *Chris Wallace* descends from **George M. Wallace** [1857-1932]. George was born in Moore County, NC, lived near the Moore County Wallaces and even married into a closely related family (Horner), but I am not certain as to the connection. My grandfather told a story of one of Everet's daughters moving to Randolph County and having children by a man named Whistlehunt. Unfortunately, I have not been able to locate any record of a father yet. Chris' Y-DNA does not match any Wallace men but does match the Y-DNA of male Deaton descendants possibly indicating that George's father or grandfather may have been a Deaton.
- Additionally, we have tested three descendants of **Eli Wallace** [1790-1855]. Eli was born in Montgomery County, NC and migrated to Graves County, KY during the 1830's and is believed to have had brothers Isham and Nathan Wallace [see above]. *Clifton Wallace*, *Chuck Wallace* and *Charles T. Wallace* descend from Eli through his son Kendrick Wallace and three separate sons [Thomas A. Wallace, Ambrose Wallace and Joel Kendrick Wallace]. Their Y-DNA results match each other confirming their ancestral lines back to Kendrick but they do not match any other Wallace men tested above. More research and more samples will need to be tested to gain a better understanding.

- Four descendants of **William Wallace** [1791/1800-1843] of Montgomery County, NC have also been tested. William resided in the same general vicinity as the Eli, Nathan and Isham Wallace [mentioned above] families of Montgomery/Davidson County, NC and several of William's children migrated to western Kentucky and intermarried with these families. *Larry Wallace* and his nephew *Benjamin G. Wallace* descend from William > James Alvis Wallace > Chisholm Clark Wallace > Claude Clark Wallace [Larry's grandfather]. *Kurt Wallace* also descends from William Wallace via son Alexander Clark Wallace [migrated from Montgomery County, NC to Graves County, KY] > E. Milton Wallace > Herman S. Wallace [Kurt's grandfather] and *Ed Wallace* who descends from William's son Erasmus Stimpson Wallace > June Harrison Wallace > Verle Lee Wallace [Ed's grandfather]. The results were pretty fascinating as they match a number of Wallaces throughout the country who either trace their ancestry back to Scotch-Irishmen James Wallace [1690-1748] and wife Elizabeth Campbell or Peter Wallace, Sr. [1680-1723] and wife Elizabeth Woods. The connection between James and Peter Sr. has not been established but a number of their descendants share similar Y-DNA. Many of their children immigrated to America and based on the timeframe it is likely that William Wallace was a great-grandson of one of these men. More research is needed to determine the connection, but it is possible that William's father lived in Rowan County, NC and his father came from MD/VA to NC. This likely means that while William Wallace was closely connected to the other Wallace families in the area, he may not have been closely related.

- Another nearby Wallace family is that of **Thomas Wallis** [d. 1800 Randolph County, NC]. There has always been a question as to whether Thomas Wallis was related to the Wallaces of Moore County, NC or the Wallaces of Davidson/Montgomery County, NC. Thomas be found in Randolph County on Brush Creek near the Chatham County line beginning in 1795. Most of his children migrate west in Tennessee and Mississippi. *Maxie Wallace* and his son *Steven Wallis* descend from Thomas' son Josiah Wallis [1775 NC -aft 1850 Prentiss County, MS] and match two other Wallace men, *Frank Wallace* and *Julius Wallace*. Frank Wallace traces his line back to Henry Wallace [b. 1803] who may be the grandson of Thomas Wallis through his son Timothy Wallis. Julius Wallace seems to descend from Jacob Wallis [b. 1788] who was born in South Carolina and resided in Randolph County, AR. More research and additional samples will be needed to understand these connections.