

FRENCH SURNAME DNA PROJECT



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Hi All,

After looking at numerous other family sites to see how they are conducting their projects, I have the information gathered for us to begin our French Family Surname DNA Project.

In a nutshell, we are testing the DNA of male Frenches to see if they have a common ancestor so that we can create a genetic family tree to aid us in our genealogical research.

The more participants we have the better. Please forward this email or letter to all of your French relatives and French researchers and encourage them to participate so that we will have more possibilities of making a connection with each other.

I have created an Adobe Acrobat Reader PDF file that contains all of the information about the project and how you may participate. It is available as a download from our French Surname DNA Project website. <http://dnafrench.tripod.com/>
Thanks to Dick French for helping put the website together.

If you do not have Adobe Acrobat Reader, click the link below for the free download.
<http://www.adobe.com/products/acrobat/readstep2.html>

The forms may be filled out on your computer and then printed.

They also may be printed out and completed by hand. Please print or type them.

If you have any questions, ideas or need assistance downloading the file, please feel free to contact me.

I think this is an exciting way we can join together to figure out our French Family connections.

Best Regards,

David

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PROPOSAL

INTRODUCTION

We are starting a worldwide French Surname DNA Project. With the recent advances in genetic testing, we now have another research tool to aid us in our genealogy endeavors.

OBJECTIVE

The purpose of this project is to identify the different lines of the French Family surname in the United States, Europe and elsewhere.

TIME FRAME

This will be a continuous and on-going project starting January 2003.

PARTICIPANTS

We are looking worldwide for male descendants with the French surname to participate in our DNA testing project. If you are female, perhaps you have a grandfather, a father, a brother, an uncle, a nephew or a male cousin who would like to participate.

TESTING METHOD

We will first be testing the Male Y-chromosome. The Y-chromosome is passed only from father to son usually without any significant change. Thus, it makes for a great way to trace a family lineage. We have chosen Family Tree DNA of Houston, Texas as our testing company. They are leaders in their field as well as being associated with Dr. Michael Hammer, Ph.D., Geneticist, associate research scientist in the Division of Biotechnology at the University of Arizona.

The testing laboratory will be analyzing either 12 or 25 different markers on the Y-chromosome between male Frenches. If the Y-chromosomes of two or more male individuals match, it will indicate they descend from a common male French ancestor. It will not identify the specific ancestor, just that they share a common male ancestor.

	12 MARKER DNA TEST	25 MARKER DNA TEST
	12 of 12 Match Between Male Frenches	25 of 25 Match Between Male Frenches
50% Likelihood	Common Ancestor lived ~14.5 Generations or ~290 years ago.	Common Ancestor lived ~7 Generations or ~140 years ago.
90% Likelihood	Common Ancestor lived ~48 Generations or ~960 years ago.	Common Ancestor lived ~19.8 Generations or ~396 years ago.

Source: Family Tree DNA. Twenty years is the length of a generation for genetic study purposes.

Some people may be concerned about having their DNA available to other people. This will not and cannot happen because the lab we are using, which is located at the University of Arizona, reports the results as numbers, which represent the number of 'repeats' that are found on a particular area of a DNA strand. It has been estimated that up to 97% of DNA is non-coding or "junk DNA" and the Y-DNA falls into that category. The Y-chromosome contains no information regarding health issues, hair color, eye color, stature, intelligence, etc.

PROCEDURE

1. Order your DNA Test Kit using the following link. This link is only for the French Surname DNA Project. By using this link you receive the lower group prices. We are using either the Y-DNA 12 Marker Test or the Y-DNA 25 Marker Plus Test for this project.
http://www.familytreedna.com/surname_join.asp?code=J74332
2. Send the French DNA Test Project Coordinator an Application, Consent Form and Ancestor List. These are available on the French Family DNA Project website as an Adobe Acrobat Reader PDF file download. <http://dnafrench.tripod.com/>
3. Collect your DNA by following the directions included with your kit. The sample is taken by a painless swabbing of the inside of your cheek and placing the sample in the container provided. <http://www.familytreedna.com/kit.html>
4. Mail testing sample and signed Release form to
Family Tree DNA
1919 North Loop West, Suite 110
Houston, Texas 77008, USA
5. Receive your results in about seven weeks from Family Tree DNA. Your Project Coordinator will also receive a copy of your results. Family Tree DNA will maintain a French Family database of the results so we will have a growing database of French Family DNA-supported lineage to aid in genealogical research for years to come.
6. Review and compare your individual DNA test results with the other participants that will be posted on the French Surname DNA Project website as they become available. Only your first name will be used along with an ID code (not your test sample kit number). In addition, a number will be assigned to each family group for ease in identifying the different French families. The website will list the participant's earliest known ancestor's information as shown below. At a later date, we may also provide a link to the ancestor's family tree information.
<http://dnafrench.tripod.com/>
7. Example:
Participant, Family Group #, Earliest Known Ancestor, Date, Location/Migration, Results
David (#1234), FG #1, Joseph French, (1726-1774), Carteret & Onslow Counties, North Carolina, USA, Result #'s

COST

The Y-DNA 12 Marker Test is \$99.00 + postage for each participant.

The Y-DNA 25 Marker Plus Test is \$169.00 + postage for each participant.

The 25 Marker Upgrade Test is \$90.00 for each participant. The upgrade test is only available to those who have already taken the 12 Marker Test and wish to test for the additional 13 Markers. Another DNA sample is not required.

Family Tree DNA of Houston accepts and prefers online payments using MasterCard or Visa.
http://www.familytreedna.com/surname_join.asp?code=J74332

They also accept checks or money orders. You can order your kit online and select Invoice. You can send payment when you return your test sample kit. Also, you may send payment via regular mail to the address in Item #4. List on your check that you are with the French Family. The lab will only process your test sample kit after receiving payment.

LINKS

French Surname DNA Project Website

<http://dnafrench.tripod.com/>

French Surname DNA Project Test Kit Order Link

http://www.familytreedna.com/surname_join.asp?code=J74332

Family Tree DNA - Website Main Page

<http://www.familytreedna.com/>

Family Tree DNA – DNA Test Kit Contents & Picture

<http://www.familytreedna.com/kit.html>

Family Tree DNA - Frequently Asked Questions

<http://www.familytreedna.com/faq.html>

Family Tree DNA - Client Testimonials

http://www.familytreedna.com/testimonials_home.html

Family Tree DNA - Testing Demonstration

<http://www.familytreedna.com/flash/presentation1.html>

Family Tree DNA - Release Form

<http://www.familytreedna.com/release.html>

Family Tree DNA - Legal Issues

<http://www.familytreedna.com/legal.html>

Family Tree DNA - Privacy and Confidentiality Statement

<http://www.familytreedna.com/privacy.html>

SPECIAL THANKS

To the Boone Family Website: <http://members.tripod.com/dellariola/>

To the Clan Lindsay Family Website: http://www.clanlindsay.com/dna_project.htm

To Bennett Greenspan and Max Blankfeld of Family Tree DNA.

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APPLICATION

I would like to participate in the French Surname DNA Project as described in the Proposal and at the French Surname DNA Project website. <http://dnafrench.tripod.com/>

I understand that the results of this test will help determine whether or not the project participants are descended from a common ancestor. I understand that a specific ancestor will not be targeted. Since the French name is so widely used, there will be more than one family line identified.

I understand that it is my responsibility to pay for the cost of my individual test. I also understand that payment is to be made directly to Family Tree DNA and not to the Project Coordinator. In addition, I agree to sign and return the Family Tree DNA release form along with my testing kit to Family Tree DNA in a timely manner.

As a participant, I agree to send the following items to the Project Coordinator:

1. Application (Please Fax or Regular Mail)
2. Consent & Release of the Project Coordinator (Please Fax or Regular Mail)
3. Ancestor List (Please Email if possible or Fax or Regular Mail). (Gedcoms are also accepted).

All items must be completed in full and signed as noted to participate.

On All Pages, Items with an asterisk * may be filled in on the form. Use the Tab Key to Move Between Fields.

Signature _____

Printed Name * _____



Date _____

CONTACT INFORMATION: PLEASE PRINT. Thanks!

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First Name *

Middle Name *

Last Name *

Mailing Address (Street Number, Street Name, Apt Number or P. O. Box) *

City *

State *

Zip/Postal Code *

Country *

Telephone *

E-Mail Address *

Website *

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CONSENT, RELEASE & WAIVER

This Consent, Release and Waiver is given in the interest of permitting the French Surname DNA Project to go forward in the genetic testing of all participants and of permitting David A. French to serve the French Surname DNA Project as Project Coordinator.

It is the intent of the French Surname DNA Project Coordinator to ensure to the best of his ability the strict confidentiality of the participant associated with his personal Y-Chromosome DNA results.

Therefore I, _____
[Participant's Printed Name] *

give permission to David A. French, French Surname DNA Project Coordinator, to record my name, address, other contact information, Testing Kit Number, DNA Test Sample Number and ancestor information for Y-chromosome DNA analysis. It is my understanding that the laboratory results will be sent back to me and to the Project Coordinator, who will record the individual DNA test data.

It is also my understanding that the individual DNA test data from all participants will eventually be posted on the French Surname DNA website and possibly will also appear in other future literary publications.

The individual DNA test data will never be publicly referenced with any identity other than the First Name, ID Number and Family Group Number assigned by the Project Coordinator at the start of this project. The Testing Kit Number or DNA Test Sample Number will never be used to publicly identify the participant unless the participant agrees in writing at a future time to do so.

I furthermore assume responsibility for any risk associated with my participation in the French Surname DNA Project.

I also agree to indemnify and hold David A. French harmless from all claims, judgments, consequences and expense incurred in connection with any claims brought as a result of my participation in the French Surname DNA Project and which are released by the terms of this agreement.

I also agree that this Consent, Release and Waiver form shall apply to all French Surname DNA Project Coordinators that may serve in the future.

Signature of Participant: _____

Printed Name of Participant: * _____



Date: _____

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ANCESTOR LIST

Participant's Printed Name *

The Ancestor List should go back as far as possible on your direct male French surname as documented by yourself or others. Also include as many, birth / death years, maiden names for the spouses and places as possible. Do not include the names / dates of mothers for living persons. Gedcoms are also accepted.

Example:

- (1) **Joseph FRENCH, Sr.** (~1726, - 1774), Carteret & Onslow Counties, NC, USA &
- (1) Abigail SALLIER (~1725 - 1779), Middlesex County, NJ & Onslow County, NC, USA
- (2) **Joseph FRENCH, Jr.** (1746 - 1776), Onslow County, NC, USA &
- (2) Mary Magdalene CRAY (~1747 - > 1775), Charleston County, SC, USA & Onslow County, NC, USA
- (3) **William FRENCH** (1772 - 1824), Onslow County, NC, USA &
- (3) Mary MONTFORT (1780 - 1850), Onslow County, NC, USA
- (4) **William Cray FRENCH** (1804 -1868), Onslow, Jones & Craven Counties, NC, USA &
- (4) Mary Susan Francks FONVIELLE (1807 - 1845), Onslow, Jones & Craven Counties, NC, USA
- (5) **Louis Henry FRENCH, I** (1828 - 1906), Craven County, NC, USA &
- (5) Julia Elizabeth Frances MCILWEAN (1833 - 1889), Craven County, NC, USA
- (6) **Francis Jeremiah FRENCH** (1861 - 1931), Craven County, NC, USA &
- (6) Mary Alice WINDLEY (~1870 - ~1951), Pitt & Craven Counties, NC, USA
- (7) **Louis Henry FRENCH, Sr.** (1888 - 1973), Craven County, NC, USA
- (8) **Charles Etheridge FRENCH**, Craven County, NC, USA (LIVING)
- (9) **David Anthony FRENCH**, Fulton County, GA, USA. (LIVING)



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Please Print, Type or use the Form Fill-In Option. List Additional Generations on a separate sheet.

1st Line: Husband, (Birth - Death), Locations • 2nd Line: Wife, (Birth - Death), Locations

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