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This is to make some important announcements.

1. First the latest and greatest version of the DYS Results chart will be going up shortly, perhaps even as I write this, perhaps tomorrow night. The updated lineages will follow soon.

I am expecting a major revision to the DYS Results chart soon after this. How soon depends on how rapidly I can complete my research into the situation. Part of that depends on how rapidly the group responds to the below information and requests. New results this week pulled some things together in a rather startling way. For now I will simply refer to this revision as

1000 years of a WEBB FAMILY?

2. FREEBIE -- with a long wait

Those of you who have not been able to afford a DNA kit may wish to submit your DNA with a GEDCOM going back to the 1800s to www.smgf.org. This is a research organization and they process DNA free -- do not report the results to you and may take a couple of years to add your DNA to their database BUT it costs you nothing AND we can "mine" the database for your results eventually. Once we have "mined" your data from SMGF, you will be eligible to be a full Participant, with access to the Participants Area. For those of you with really tight budgets, this is a viable option.

This is also a good way to get 11 additional markers! (I highly recommend this for the John Webb/Mary Boone group! ALL of you!)

Shorter/faster way to the 11 additional markers -- order the Conversion kit from Relative Genetics \$115. (John Webb-Mary Boone group, if you hate to wait, this is for you!) We need a few markers with differences to distinguish your sublineages!

Shorter faster way to get DNA if you have not already, order from DNA-Fingerprint, where you can buy your DNA one marker at a time. An initial order for one standard marker, say DYS393 will cost \$45.24 at 40%, or \$37.70 at the 50% level. Subsequent orders can be for a single marker at the single marker price, discounted by the size of the batch in which you place your order. This "add a marker" could be a great Christmas present -- especially at the 50% level.

3. Think you are only interested in genealogical time and not in "deep ancestry?"

Many of you do. However, there is a growing group of researchers who are trying to bring the two together. Was your ancestor an "ancient Briton?" Part of the Roman troops along Hadrian's Wall? Part of William the Conqueror's army? A member of the Hanseatic league? A Flemish weaver? A survivor of the plague?

These researchers are studying haplotype patterns of clustering and locations, particular markers, and SNPS to find any and all clues. Since funding for such studies is almost non-existent, they rely upon the participants of Surname Projects to voluntarily participate in their research. Some of them need extended haplotypes (more than 37 markers -- did you know that there are now about 55 available to you, and 18 more soon to be?). Some need SNP tests and indepth SNP tests from Ethnoancestry (www.ethnoancestry.com). Some need specific markers from a test company other than FTDNA -- do you know that our project now has participants with results from 4 different test providers and over 50 markers?

G2 WEBBs

There is a special G2 study group. Contact Whit Athey wathey@hprg.com for details. They are trying to study G2 in its migrations across Europe to see if they can relate the group to a historical people/invasion -- don't ask me which one. They are interested in getting as many markers as possible in order to refine the G2 subclades.

J2 WEBBs

There is also a J2 study group run by Bonnie Schrack bschrack1@comcast.net which is doing much the same as the G2 group, but for J2.

R1b WEBBs

If you have not upgraded to 37 markers, and belong to one of the groups below, I strongly suggest you do so. There is some exciting new research going on to identify the geographic origins and sub-clades of R1b -- which represents about 30% of European and European heritage men. However, it takes extended (37+) markers to identify the geographic clusters, as in general there are so many near the WAMH and Super WAMH.

The major revision I announced above is also going to require 37 markers to make connections between lines.

For those of you who have not ordered the DYS464X test from DNA-Fingerprint (formerly Biotix) I would urge you to do so as soon as possible, particularly those of you who fall into the following Groups:

Giles Webb Group

Wiltshire Webb Group

Henrico Co VA Group

Merry Webb group (formerly Isaac Webb Group)

19037

16833

23550

6917

Recent research has suggested that this test will be not only of utility in sorting out sublineages, but may offer clues to geographic origins in the British Isles, and before that on the Continent.

There is a batch working right now which is at the 40% discount level, which means your Isolation+swab kit+DYS464X = \$50.18. This batch may reach 50% off (as low as it gets), which would reduce the cost to less than \$41.25.

Once your initial Isolation is done, additional markers are at the per marker price, and can be as low as \$3.00.

I will also be recommending that the Wiltshire WEBBs order DYS425 from DNA-FP as soon as he makes it available. While 85% of all living men today, regardless of haplogroup, have a "12" for this marker, there is a rare mutation called "M*" which means multiple peaks. One of your group has been tested at a lab which tests this marker, and he has the M* mutation. Therefore, it will obviously be an advantage to see which, if any, of the rest of you have this mutation, to see how closely your lineages are related.

If you are interested, you may place an order -- or sign up for the "50% off batch waiting list" by emailing me. The current batch closes as soon as we reach 50% OR 10/31/2005, whichever comes first.

I WEBBs

More detailed I sub-clade tests are now available from Ethnoancestry www.ethnoancestry.com. I suggest that at least one member of each I group be tested, at a minimum. If the group passes the hat, it's not expensive.

I would recommend some additional markers for the large group -- the Samuel Webb Group. One of your members has ordered DYS461/2/3, DYS635, and DYS643 from DNA-fingerprint. You could order just one of these (5 of you could choose up sides and order one each to see if you can find differences on them, or all of you could order just one) for \$45.24 at 40%, or \$37.70 at the 50% level.

Don't forget, the more of you who order, the more likely it is that we will hit 50% on the batch! At 50% getting

your Isolation done at this new, innovative company is a real bargain.

4. mtDNA

New research is suggesting that mtDNA may well become more useful to genealogy than has previously been thought. If you have not done your mtDNA, this may be a good time to do it. At the 50% level DNA-FP offers the least expensive mtDNA test on the market at \$166.10. If you have done any tests at DNA-Fingerprint (formerly Biotix) before, no isolation charge is required, and you can do your mtDNA there for \$132.53. If you have tested at FTDNA for 37 markers, the mtDNA should cost you NO MORE THAN the difference between the FTDNA 37 marker package and their DNAPlus package (\$359 group price 37 markers of Y-DNA + high resolution mtDNA). That is if you paid \$221 for the FTDNA37, you should be able to add the mtDNA for \$138.

If you have a female lineage going back to the following areas 1850 or earlier, there are researchers interested in mtDNA lineages for these geographical areas (contact me if you are interested in knowing more)

1. Pittsylvania/Halifax/Lunenburg Co, VA area (or counties derived from these after the Revolution)
2. NC/VA border area, including Southampton Co, VA, Onslow and Camden counties, NC (but not limited to these areas).
3. SC/GA
4. Zacatecas, Mexico

5. Scholarship Fund

We currently have about \$100 in both the Scholarship Fund accounts -- the one at FTDNA has \$95 and the one set up to pay for tests at DNA-FP, Relative Genetics, and Ethnoancestry has a little over \$100 in it. I know that many folks are stretched to the gills right now, but even a "stocking stuffer" of \$1 would increase our ability to help get more kits into the project.

6. WEBB ONE NAME REGISTER (WONR)

I have recently acquired a number of volumes of The Weaver, the publication on WEBB Surname research put out by the WEBB One Name Register in England. Most of this research is on British WEBBs, but there are some bits on American Webb families. I have not completed my reading of them, but I will be reporting to the list which volumes contain information on American WEBB lines.

Membership in the WEBB One Name Register is \$12 a year, and entitles one to use of their archives, which have a great deal of British research contained in them, and to a CD of their back issues of The Weaver (available only to members) for 6 British pounds, including S&H.

I have just sent in my membership for 2006, and agreed to be their American representative. I suppose I should have asked what all that entails, but I figured it would end up being good for the Project! So I agreed. We are, I believe, soon to acquire another British participant or two as a result of my joining the WONR. This also means an annual notice of the Project in The Weaver, which should help us get more British participants by showing them that what DNA has done for us, it can do for them -- regardless of whether they turn up any American cousins or not!

7. NEWSWEEK Story

I was contacted by a reporter for Newsweek early this month for a story they are doing on genetic genealogy. She indicated to me that it could appear in any issue, depending on world events. I haven't heard from her lately, so I don't know if she has found another Surname Project with more relevant data -- I know they were interested in relatives who don't look alike -- or whether it's been put on the back burner due to other events. Bit disappointing if she doesn't use us, as she was quite enthusiastic about it when she interviewed me on the phone. However, keep your eyes peeled, we may show up in Newsweek yet!

OK I'll have a more standard version of the Newsletter out again soon. This was to let everyone know that the website will soon be updated and useful to you again soon and to see how many of you are interested in the research projects and in ordering tests from DNA-FP.

Hope everyone is safe and that Wilma doesn't bother any of you!

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