

## WALLACE Y-DNA ANALYSIS

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The advance of DNA testing has provided genealogists with an extremely valuable tool in their toolbox. Y-DNA is passed from father to son relative 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 time period based on the number of markers tested and the number of markers that match.

### **FINDINGS [as of June 2020]**

The matches to our results have been interesting and challenging at the same time. To date we have 23 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. Most of the testing below was performed through FTDNA.

### ***Descendants of Everet Wallace 1770-1845***

- Hurley Wallace Jr. [700 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 and Hurley Wallace Jr. both descend from Everet Wallace via son Isham Wallace and are 3rd Cousins Once Removed. He then descends from [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.
- 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.

Finding these matches was extremely helpful in confirming our Wallace line through three of Everet's children [Isham, Joseph and John]. It is especially helpful to match with the descendants of Joseph and John as it confirms Everet as the most recent common ancestor of these four individuals.

### **Additional Wallace Matches**

- 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 NC [likely Davidson County, NC], migrated to western KY, died in Obion County, TN and is believed to have

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been closely related to the families of [Isham Wallace \[1778-1853\]](#), [Nathan Wallace/Wallis \[b. 1785\]](#) and [Eli Wallace \[1790-1855\]](#). These Wallace men migrated 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, I have speculated for years that the Wallace families who resided in Davidson County, NC and Montgomery County, NC near the Yadkin River were likely related to the Wallaces of Moore County, NC. This Y-DNA match is one of the most important discoveries in many years. The match confirms that Nathan Wallace [b.1806] and Everet Wallace share a common male ancestor. Comparing Everet's birth date of 1770 along with the birthdates of Isham 1778, Nathan 1785 and Eli 1790, it is possible that Everet could have been an older brother, cousin or even uncle. These options would likely point to the common male ancestor between Everet and Nathan as Everet's father or grandfather. We are currently looking for additional Wallace males with western KY and Davidson County, NC roots to expand our knowledge of these connections.

- 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 haven't 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 1801. This Robert owned a tract of land in Moore County, NC [near the Chatham County border]. Jimmy has been trying to confirm a relationship from his John to this Robert but hasn't 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 do the same. Based on the Y-DNA, 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 interesting 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 indicate that Jesse Ritter's wife was Susannah Wallace adds another complex piece to the puzzle. Ritter Y-DNA matches include:

### ***Descendants of Jesse Ritter c1735-c1810***

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- John Ransom Ritter [37 markers] descends from Jesse Sr. > [Everett Ritter \[1759-aft1850 Tippah County, MS\]](#) > 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 \[1760-1828 Moore County, NC\]](#) > 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 \[1816-1902\]](#) > John Spinks Ritter > Eli Junior Ritter > Gilmer Allison Ritter.
- Morgan Ritter, [37 markers] was a descendant of Jesse Sr. > John Ritter > [William D. Ritter \[1796-1860\]](#) > 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] descends 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. \[1770/1780-1838 Marion County, AR\]](#) > 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. [1770/1780-1838 Marion County, AR] > Everett Solomon Ritter > James Henry Ritter > John Sampson Ritter > Rufus Randolph Ritter
- A Mr. Ritter [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

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- 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 \[1763-beg 1840\]](#) 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, descend from [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 [111 markers] and Donald Lee Wallace [37 markers] 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 Donlad both descend from William Lane > Everett W. Wallace > Charles Chalmers Wallace. Because Donald's DNA did not match any of the tested Wallaces likely indicating that William Lane was a grandson of Everet through one of his unidentified daughters. Tom's DNA was an exact 37 marker match for the Meacom/McCombs/Combs family of Virginia. We have yet to be able to identify a Moore County, NC connection with these surnames. Further research will be needed to fully understand this connection.

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- 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 [67 markers], Chuck Wallace [67 markers] 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 matches 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.

- Three 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 his children migrated to western KY and intermarried with these families. Larry Wallace [111 markers] and his nephew Benjamin G. Wallace [37 markers] descend from William > James Alvis Wallace > [Chisholm Clark Wallace](#) > Claude Clark Wallace [Larry's grandfather]. Kurt Wallace [67 markers] also descends from William Wallace via son [Alexander Clark Wallace](#) [migrated from Montgomery, NC to Graves County, KY] > E. Milton Wallace > Herman S. Wallace [Kurt's grandfather]. The results were pretty fascinating as Larry, Benjamin and Kurt results 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. More research is needed to determine further conclusions.

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 TN and MS. Maxie Wallace [111 markers] and his son Steven Wallis [111 markers] 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 [37 markers] traces his line back to Henry Wallace [b. 1803] who may be the grandson of Thomas Wallis through his son Timothy Wallis. Julius Wallace [67 markers] seems to descend from Jacob Wallis [b. 1788] who was born in SC and resided in Randolph County, AR. More research and additional samples will be needed to understand these connections.