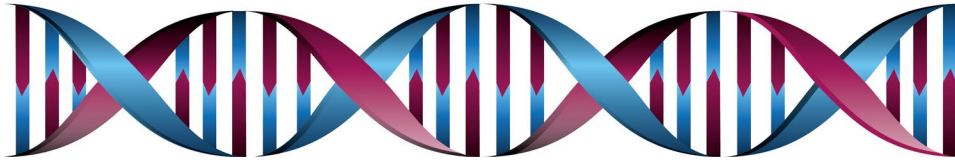


## WALLACE DNA ANALYSIS



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 31 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-BY20618** and some from subsequent downstream haplogroups **R-BY20619**, **R-Y132518** and **R-FT162759**. 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 – HAPLOGROUP R-BY20619

- *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.
- *Aubrey Lee Wallace* [700 markers] descends from **John Wallace** through son John Wesley Wallace > Melvin Augusta “Gus” Wallace > Roy Moody Wallace Sr. Like his brother Josiah, John Wesley Wallace was also born in Moore County, migrated to AL in the 1840's and many of his descendants can still be found in Bibb County, AL.

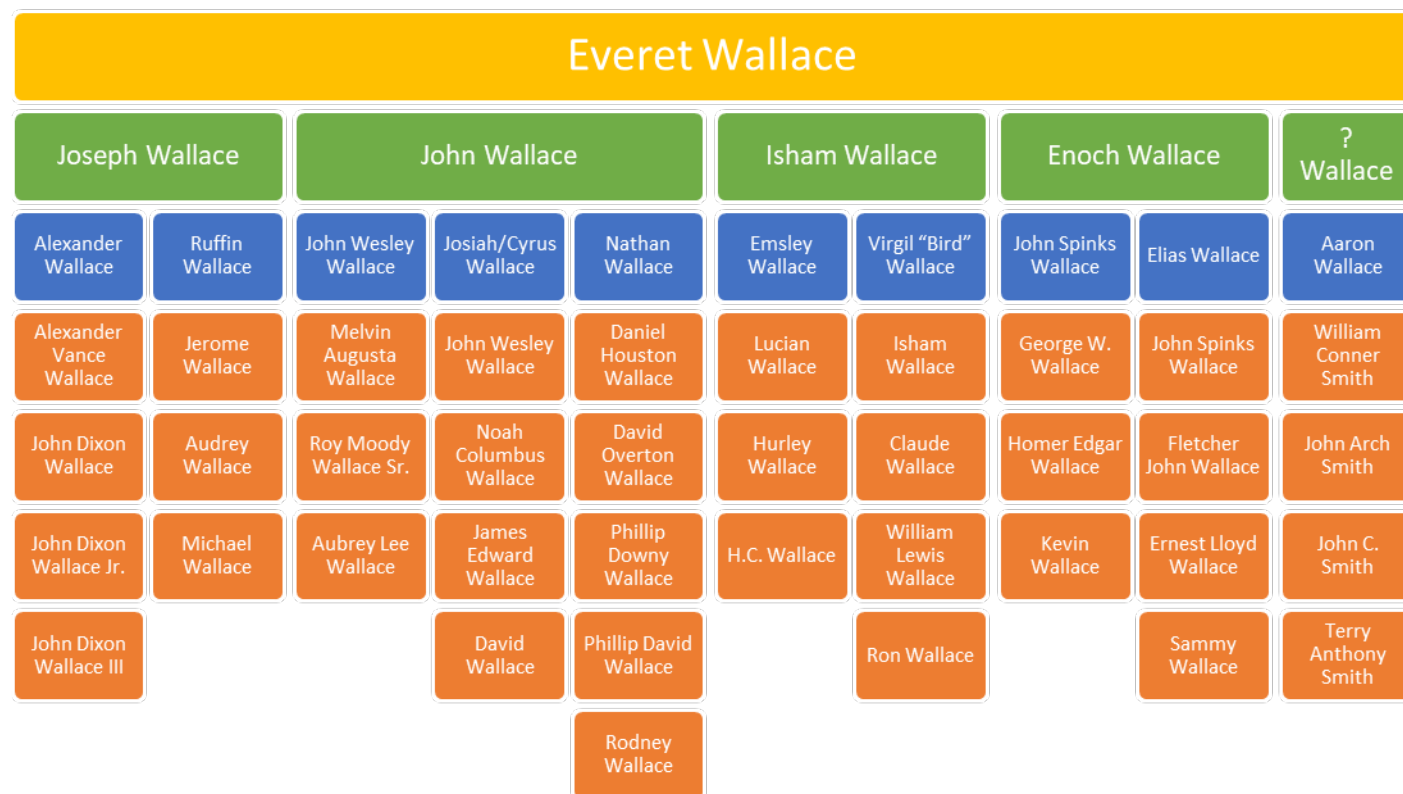
- *Kevin Wallace* [700 markers] descends from **Everet Wallace** through son **Enoch Wallace** via son John Spinks Wallace > George Washington Wallace > Homer Edgar Wallace. John Spinks Wallace was born in Moore County, NC and migrated to Lauderdale County, AL, by 1880 where many of his descendants still reside.

- *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.

- *John Dixon Wallace III* [700 markers] descends from **Everet Wallace** through his son **Joseph Wallace**. John descends through son, Alexander Wallace, and grandson Alexander Vance Wallace. Alexander Vance Wallace lived in Scotland County, NC, where many of his descendants still reside.

- *Michael Howard "Mike" Wallace* [43 markers] descends from **Everet Wallace** through his son **Joseph Wallace**. Joseph's son Ruffin Wallace was killed in the Civil War. Ruffin was the father of Jerome A. Wallace and grandfather of Audrey Howard Wallace.

- *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**.



## ADDITIONAL WALLACE MATCHES – HAPLOGROUP R-FT162759

- *Jimmy Wallace* and *Chris 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 between 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.

## ADDITIONAL WALLACE MATCHES – HAPLOGROUP R-Y132518

- *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.

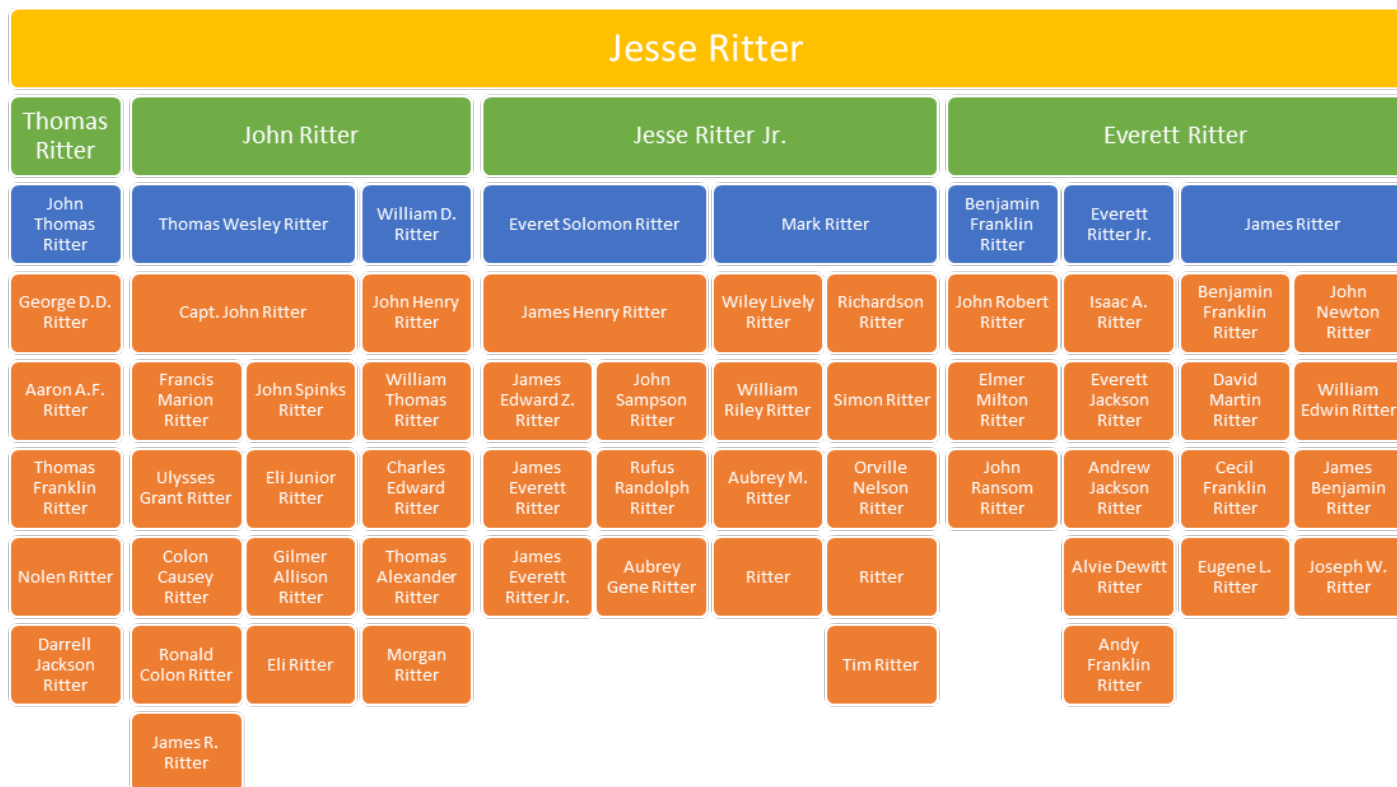
- *Edwin E. Wallis II* [700 markers] descends from **Nathan Wallis** [1806-1859] > C.J. Wallis > Joseph J. Wallis > William Cirby Wallis > Edwin E. Wallis Sr. Nathan was born in North Carolina [likely Davidson County, NC], migrated to western Kentucky, died in Obion County, TN, and is believed to have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

## 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 – HAPLOGROUP R-BY20619

- *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 – HAPLOGROUP R-BY20618

- *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 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. We believe that he was a descendant of Moses Ritter as well.

## HAPLOTREE OF EARLIEST KNOWN PATERNAL ANCESTORS OF Y-DNA MATCHES

**R-BY20618 - est. c1639**

**Moses Ritter (1730-1819)**

**R-BY20619 - est. c1714**

**Jesse Ritter (1735-1810)**

**Everet Wallace (1770-1845)**

**R-Y132518 - est. c1796**

**Isham Wallace (1778-1853)**

**Nathan Wallis (1806-1859)**

**R-FT162759 - est. c1787**

**John Wallace (1806-1859)**

### HAPLOGROUP ANALYSIS OF Y-DNA MATCHES

Haplogroups are YDNA sequence variations that occurred over more than 150,000 years. Each haplogroup describes an individual branch – or closely related groups of branches – on the genetic family tree of all humans. All members of a haplogroup trace their ancestry back to a single individual. Mutations can occur from one generation to the next and when the mutation occurs a new haplogroups is created. While the age of each haplogroup can't be determined precisely, FamilyTreeDNA has been able to provide an estimate.

All the Wallace/Ritter Y-DNA matches above descend from Haplogroup R-BY20618 or its subsequent branches. FamilyTreeDNA estimates that R-BY20618 was created from R-BY20616 around the year 1639 (*+/- 100 years*). Descendants of Moses Ritter [1730-1819] share this haplogroup. FTDNA estimated R-BY20619 was created from R-BY20618 around the year 1714 (*+/- 100 years*). Descendants of Everet Wallace [1770-1845] and Jesse Ritter [1735-1810] share this haplogroup. R-Y132518 was created from R-BY20619 around the year 1796 (*+/- 100 years*). Finally, R-FT162759 was also created from R-BY20619 around the year 1787 (*+/- 100 years*) and is shared by the descendants of John Wallace [1809-1893] These haplogroups are places in the haplotree chart above.

It is important to clarify that this tree doesn't indicate that the earliest known paternal ancestors listed are the "fathers" of the individuals listed in the subsequent branch. It just indicates that the ancestral lines of these branches have mutated since R-BY20618 and created new haplogroups. Moses Ritter's descendants carry the Y-DNA haplogroup of the oldest branch. Everet Wallace and

Jesse Ritter are from the second oldest and Isham Wallace, Nathan Wallis and John Wallace are from younger branches. It does indicate that the Moore County Wallaces and Ritters have a specific mutation that is unique to them. Similarly, the Wallaces of Davidson County, NC/Western KY have a specific mutation as well. As more males are tested additional downstream haplogroups may occur.

#### **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 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*, *Donald Lee Wallace* and *Ken Wallace* all 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 are believed to descend from William Lane > Everett W. Wallace > Charles Chalmers Wallace. William Lane and his son Everett W. were both quite notoriously married/involved with two different women at the same time which leads to an uncertainty about their whether they were in fact the father of all their perceived children. This could explain the lack of Y-DNA connection to the Wallaces. They both possess many Y-DNA matches including males from the following surnames: Meacom, Parks, Bullis and Blake. The matches could possibly mean that Charles Chalmers Wallace was not the son of Everett W. Wallace or that Everett W. Wallace as not the son of William Lane Wallace.

*Ken Wallace's* Y-DNA doesn't match either *Tom/Donald's* Y-DNA or Wallace Y-DNA raising several questions. Ken descends from William Lane > Archie Young Wallace > Rufus Wallace > Rufus Lee Wallace. *Ken's* Y-DNA does match several Argo males from around the country. There was an Argo family in northern Moore in the late 1700s to mid-1800s. This could suggest that William Lane Wallace was the offspring of a Wallace female and unknown male. The most likely scenario would make him Everet's grandson through a daughter. More samples from males who descend from William Lane Wallace are needed to gain a better understanding of these results.

- *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 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 several 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. His descendants' DNA is not a match to any of the above Wallaces though. Thomas can be found in Randolph County on Brush Creek near the Chatham County line beginning in 1795. He likely is the same Thomas Wallis who was listed as a member of the Chatham County militia in 1772. We haven't been able to locate any records between 1772 and 1795 or any information about his origins. Most of his children migrate west to Tennessee and Mississippi. *Lynn Wallace* descends from Thomas' son Isaac W. Wallis [1777 NC – 1862 AR], *Maxie Wallace* descends from Thomas' son Josiah Wallis [1775 NC -aft 1850 Prentiss County, MS] and they match three other Wallace men, *Jaimie Jones*, *Frank Wallace*, *Julius Wallace* and *Steve Wallis*. *Jaimie Jones* descends from Isham Wallace [1802 NC -1876 Richland County, WI] who was married in Surry County, NC before migrating to Randolph County, IN and then finally to Richland County, WI. Randolph County, IN was actually named for Randolph County, NC as many of the earliest settlers were from Randolph, NC. This likely indicates that Isham was a grandson of Thomas through one of his oldest sons and migrated to IN with others or to join Randolph County, NC families. *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* descends from Edward Hudson Wallis [1828 TN – 1905 Newton County, AR] and possibly from Jacob Wallis [b. 1788] who was born in South Carolina and resided in Randolph County, AR. *Steve Wallis* descends from Hiram C. Wallis [b. 1829 TN] who resided in Wayne County, TN and Pulaski County, AR. Given the DNA matches, it is very likely that Edward Hudson Wallis and Hiram C.



Wallis are also grandchildren of Thomas Wallis. More research and additional samples will be needed to understand these connections.