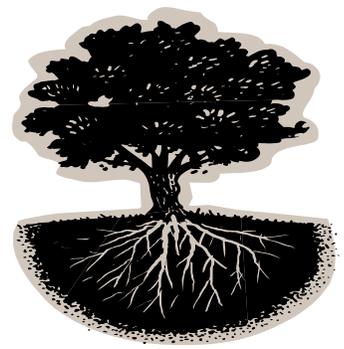


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Dear Friends:

The new **WWNP** web site is up and gaining steam. Its inauguration took place in June 2014. This newsletter is an effort to keep you up to date on what is developing and what is online so far.

Last week, I did some re-organization, dropped some pages and added others. I am planning a resources page, so if you would like to help by suggesting useful links (i.e. by cities, states, country and time frames) please send me URLs of your favorites. If you have cited documents you would like to contribute, you can reach me from the web site [contact tab](#).

Suggestions and feedback are always welcome and appreciated. At the end of this letter you will find links to some of the new pages. The links are active, so just hover your mouse over the link; hold the **control** key, left click and it will open from the newsletter in your preferred browser. You can also cut and paste, or simply go to **WORLDWIDENEWBURGHPROJECT.COM** and explore.

I want to thank several members for adding information recently. They are: Connie Wallukait, Jim Newberry, Donald Newberry, Mitchel Newberry and Judy Freund.

NEW INFO AND INTERESTING FINDS . . .

While searching a citation recently, I ran across some amazing things about the 17th century American colonial Quakers in a document located at [Lambeth Palace](#) in the UK. There is quite a collection describing the Pennsylvania Quakers with whom Walter Newbury of Rhode Island was probably associated. Click here for details:

<http://discovery.nationalarchives.gov.uk/details/rd/6cb23b27-59af-444f-a018-5518e96c7464>

WALTER NEWBURY RESEARCH GROUP

Before we made the move from the private to public web site, a small research group dedicated to studying Walter Newbury of Rhode Island was established. We have been working together for the past year or more. I have been privileged to explore history with this group. They are as tenacious about research as I am; so together we have made some amazing advancements with bone fide sources.

The mystery of Walter Newbury's roots in Berkshire, UK has been solved. When the research group is ready, they will correct the record and tumble down brick walls that have existed for many years. Pete Clifford, a colleague in England, was instrumental in uncovering the information and putting it together. WWNP researcher, Donald Newberry hired him to answer his own family questions. Instead, they cleared a path of discovery for the Berkshire Newberrys more adequately than has ever been done in the past. For

Donald the quest goes on, but what Pete uncovered solved problems encountered by others researching Walter Newbury. Donald generously shared the info with the rest of us. Thanks Donald and Pete!

Our friend Steven Earl Newberry, who passed away in 2006, would be excited to know we have finally cracked the Berks connection for his family line with extant sources at the TNA and other PRO's. Donald thinks, (judging from Steven's research notes) that he was probably close to a break through before he passed away. This project shows how team work and sharing documents can benefit all. Now, if only we could clear the deadfall surrounding Thomas and Richard Newberry of Connecticut and Massachusetts! There are still corrections to be made for Thomas as noted by the College of Arms correspondence in 1925. Richard is a whole other ball of wax.

If you wish to establish a **study group at WWNP**, check out the [Research Interests](#) section in the **Members Only** drop down from the main menu. The folks listed have given permission to post their names and are willing to work with others. If you find someone who is working on your target family, use the [contact tab](#) on the web site to inquire. The admin will put you in touch with those who are actively working on specific family lines.

"MEMBERS ONLY" pages on WWNP

Members only, is a meeting place for serious researchers on the web site, where we can carry on research conversations. I am still experimenting with the blog vs. the forum. Until I have established what method to use, we can continue to send email back and forth.

If you have previously been recognized as a **research member** go to the [WWNP](#) website and click on the [Member's Only](#) tab. You will be shown a logon which requires the password I have sent to those who are eligible. Let me know what you think.

If you would like to be part of this group, drop me a line. To be eligible as a member, I ask candidates to demonstrate their research acumen. Submit and commit to the following:

1. **Submit** a cited pedigree for as far back as you have extended your research.
2. **Make a commitment** to continue your research and to share with your group and WWNP.
3. **Pledge** to keep any work accomplished by your group private from the Internet or other networking entities. **Above all respect [copyright law](#).**

DNA PROJECT - 2009-2014

Since 2009, approximately twelve people have tested their YDNA with various companies and shared their information. Two years ago, I ceased working exclusively with any particular company, as it appears that most YDNA tests are compatible. Since 2003, many more genetic markers have been identified and recorded by scientists. Some participants have only the most basic number of markers, while others have the entire cadre available in 2014. When we originally began, the tests offered eleven markers which cannot compete with newer tests for accuracy and detail.

With the fast paced science, I found it difficult to keep up on new research, so I resolved to concentrate on **YDNA**. With the advent of newer tests, I began to feel I didn't have sufficient knowledge to advise participants about their results when they used the more comprehensive tests. Therefore, I elected to close

company affiliation, and simply invited people to share results of their YDNA tests. A couple of participants have mentioned they tested with more than one company to see if their results varied. The good news is - there is very little variation between companies, although, slightly different nomenclature sometimes occurs. A recent change is in the haplotype descriptions, which demonstrates hybridization is taking place and is becoming more targeted.

Depending on what you want to learn, newer classes of tests are more comprehensive. Of course, in order to test male to male DNA, we will always use the YDNA test. There are also autosomal tests which examine both sides of a person's DNA, and MTDNA tests for matrilineal results. Apparently, only one company in Canada now offers the YDNA test, so it takes longer for results to be processed.

Ysearch If you have tested and/or shared results with me, I would encourage you have a look at Ysearch.org. This entity is run by FTDNA, but folks can input results from other companies. This is a bit of an improvement over surname projects, in that matches are often found outside of the surname. Most individual DNA reports give an abbreviated list of collateral names. However, with over 140,000+ individual reports stored on Ysearch, you may find something new if you check often. One of my recent participants, passed along some interesting findings after exploring this service. It is a truly comprehensive method of seeing with whom you might match.

He said, "FTDNA matches test participants against all people who have tested with them and also against all test results at ysearch.org which has approximately 140,000 participants. I was very excited to see my Newberry matches. However, when I reviewed my DNA matches, there were no Newberrys in the list. Needless to say I was disappointed. When I started looking through the matches I did have, I couldn't believe what I was seeing. I had 24 matches all with the same surname. And that surname is....., (drumroll please) Wolcott!" ☺

This dramatic find was akin to an earthquake, because it changed the landscape of the DNA studies I've conducted previously. After further analysis, they discovered, (as he said) that he was descended from the Wolcott male line, but his is surname is NEWBERRY. Somewhere along the historical timeline (perhaps in the 19th century), a Newberry woman married into the Wolcott family or had an out of wedlock pregnancy, with the same. Apparently, she decided she wasn't going to give her son his father's surname. Consequently, she gave him her maiden surname. Genealogists have found evidence that corroborates this story, but they formerly had no legitimate proof other than hearsay – now they do! Happily this client and another of his cousins were able to discover the genealogical truth. This is a good example of how DNA works to prove or disprove genealogical assumptions not necessarily backed up by historical records. Although it is a sockdolager to their previous work and mine ☺ we now have the truth and the path forward is more obvious.

Because of this particular test, my previous research with Thomas Newberry received a one-two KNOCK-OUT punch! My only Thomas Newberry clients turned out to be descendants of the Wolcott family. Thus, previous results became null and void. **The original goal was to see if Richard Newberry was related to Thomas Newberry.** Unfortunately, it has been almost impossible to find a suitable descendant from Thomas' family. I am still waiting for someone to step from the shadows and throw more light on this family. If you know someone who might qualify, please put them in touch with me.

Many DNA clients who received their reports have asked, "Is that all there is?" Unfortunately, in order for DNA to be useful, a pool of participants must be established – which takes time. If you are the first to test, then the waiting game begins. In the meantime, I would encourage you to look into Ysearch.org and submit your test results. You might be pleasantly surprised with other surnames that match with your own. I would love to hear your story if you find atypical results.

More on the Wolcott Family

As many of you probably know, the Wolcott name is quite important to the early colonial Newberry family of Windsor, Connecticut. Sarah Newberry, daughter of Thomas Newberry, married Henry Wolcott circa 1650. Thomas was the first of the Newberry immigrants to settle the New World. As a merchant he was quite prominent in Massachusetts Bay politics. He died circa 1635/6.

The Wolcotts had sons: Henry, John Samuel and Josiah. I recently added an abstract to the web site telling the story of the contentious relationship of the Connecticut Newberry and Wolcott families with family members who worked for them in the UK collecting rents. The story began with the supposed hanging of Sarah's brother John. It is abstracted at:

<http://www.worldwidewolcottproject.com/thomas-newberry-family.html>.

Long story short, John Newberry was banished from Connecticut for an abhorrent deed. Most genealogists rely on only one piece of evidence and declared him hanged in December of 1647. I discovered evidence to prove he was instead banished, and continued a tense relationship from his home in Dorset, UK with the Wolcotts and his Newberry siblings in **New England**. Nevertheless, New England genealogists are a difficult group to convince, even when the evidence exists in chancery court documents, wills and 17th century letters between the players. I suspect the nature of his crime motivates genealogists to make sure that John stayed dead. The problem is, like the woman who named her son with her maiden name, it throws genealogists off the track, and sends us skidding into that proverbial brick wall.

More Forks in the Road - Falling back two centuries 1402-1484

For the medieval NEWBURGH family, I have discovered another possible genetic divide in the family line of John Newburgh Esq who died 1484. However, being over 200 years earlier, this is tougher to prove. All the evidence *suggests* John Newburgh Esq. took his step-son William Westbury as his heir after 1460. William was the son of Newburgh's 2nd wife, Alice Carent Westbury Newburgh. Although it is highly unusual and supposedly prohibited by feudal law; odd circumstances during the War of the Roses presented an interesting scenario.

John Newburgh Esq.'s biological heir was born to his first wife Edith after their marriage in 1422. This son, **also named John**, appears to have turned coat against his father who was an ardent Lancastrian. Numerous records show this son was tight with the Yorkist court of Edward IV. He received a personal pardon from the king in 1460 which threw a protective blanket over the entire family. It looks as though his participation as a Yorkist may have caused serious damage to the Lancastrian cause. One medieval source details the names of Lancastrians who were either executed or attainted in Dorset by the king. Directly after those entries is a personal pardon crafted specifically for John Newburgh (son of the esquire). The personal nature of this pardon is quite unusual. According to a medievalist at the TNA, most pardons could be purchased by nobility and used at a later time – they were boiler-plate in nature. There are at least three known pardons for the Newburgh family. This pardon is **atypical** of the others. Historians demand solid proof, but thus far only circumstantial evidence exists. Conjecture based on circumstance often turns out to be accurate when records are finally found.

My question is: Do the modern haplotypes of the Newburgh family I1 and R1b, reflect this medieval division? The children of William Westbury Newburgh changed the complexion of the Dorset family, and the family petered out before the mid-16th century. No sons were born to Roger Newberry, who laid claim to the family stronghold at E. Lulworth in 1486. This is an interesting question, and one I hope can be answered in the future with DNA. Check out the abstract on [News](#) on the **DNA NEWS** tab.

In the December issue of *Genealogists' Magazine, Journal of the Society of Genealogists* in London, editor, Michael Gandy, has offered to publish a call for YDNA for the Newburgh and Westbury families in the UK. We'll see how this shakes out in the coming months and years.

Pedigrees

While assembling the mailing list for this newsletter, I rediscovered a plethora of pedigrees many people have shared with me over the years. These might be useful as a tool on the **Research Interest** pages. I had the bright idea that I might compile them into a PDF file for future use. First, as always, I must ask permission to share any research from those who submitted work to me. Keep an eye on the website for further information in the future. If you have a pedigree to share, please contact me from the [contact tab](#).

As I was getting this newsletter ready to send out, I received an update from Jeanette Knight, who is a primary administrator for the FTDNA Newberry surname project. She has given me permission to reprint her work here.

Jeanette Knight's Newberry Project

Hello: Just a quick note to provide an update on the project. We had 5 new members in 2013 and 3 new members so far this year bring us to 26 members! There are several Newberry lines represented in the project and several members still hoping to find a match to help pinpoint the origin of their Newberry line. The best way to attract new members and encourage others to test is to provide your lineage for the Patriarch page. Others whose lines may have lived nearby or who recognize other names in your lineage are more likely to test in order to confirm or disprove a possible relationship. To see the lines currently represented in the project, please visit the Newberry Project at World Families at <http://www.worldfamilies.net/surnames/newberry>. You may either email me your lineage or post it on the Pedigree page here: <http://www.worldfamilies.net/forum/index.php?topic=8796.0>. Please note that we do not include a entire family genealogy on the Patriarch page but rather a shorter version as described on the Pedigree page. Pedigrees submitted are then posted on the Patriarch page here <http://www.worldfamilies.net/surnames/newberry/pats>.

Unfortunately, there are only nine lineages provided on your project Patriarch page and most of these represent only a few distinct lines. Many of you have gone to great lengths to research your line. If you would provide a lineage for the project, that will be a great benefit to all and will encourage other Newberry's to participate in the project.

One of the most exciting pages at the project is the results page: <http://www.worldfamilies.net/surnames/newberry/results>. As you look at the results page you will note the name of the earliest ancestor next to the kit number. Those who have not entered any information for the earliest ancestor will have "Not Provided" listed in that column. This information can be entered through your Family Tree DNA page and adds value to your test and to the Newberry Project. If the donor was adopted by another family or has no lineage information available, that can be entered instead of the "earliest ancestor." If you know where your adoptive or birth parents lived or where you were

born, that can be entered as well.

Can't find any other Newberry's to test? Check census reports for areas near where your line lived for other Newberry's and various spellings. Search those names on Ancestry, Heritage Quest, the internet, and other genealogy sites. Don't forget to check out state, county, city, and newspaper archives, both online and hard copy. Post queries on public forums for Newberry as well as the areas your family was known to inhabit. I was able to find a male for y-DNA testing through a Family Finder match with a female. Her male cousin agreed to test and was a match!

Don't forget to please provide a lineage for the project and add your earliest ancestor to your Family Tree DNA profile. If you need any help, please feel free to contact me.

Finally, there are other opportunities available based on your Family Tree DNA test results that may be of interest to you. There are projects tracing Irish, Mulungeon, African, Jewish, and American Indian DNA as well as many other ethnicities and nationalities at Family Tree DNA. You may join more than one project, if desired. Another project which may be of interest to those who have documentation to support genealogical descent from Thomas Newberry of Dorchester, MA, Richard Newbury of Weymouth, MA, or Walter Newberry of RI, is the Worldwide Newberry Project administered by Sue Simonich. The Worldwide Newberry Project is a good resource for information regarding many other Newberry lines as well. In addition, I have a some Newberry Genealogy resources available for look ups as well as a subscription to Ancestry for look ups. Please don't hesitate to contact me if there is anything I can do to help you.

I am very excited about the Newberry Project and hope you are as well. With your help, the Newberry Project will continue to grow and become a great resource for Newberry researchers. Thank you for your time and participation.

Warm Regards, Jeanette Knight Ahrens

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Disclaimer: Family Tree DNA is not responsible for the safety and security of files downloaded from third-party sites. If at any time you want to stop receiving e-mails from your DNA Project Administrator, please go to the "Setup Preferences" section of your personal page and change the corresponding setting.

NEW PAGES at WWNP

For the past couple of weeks, I have been going through material from the older World Wide Newburgh Project. I am slowly adding material from those pages to the new web site. Given that the myfamily.com site was private and only available to a select few, it is my hope some of this information will be helpful to other family researchers who use the Internet.

Here is a list of the new pages on the site.

<http://www.worldwidewburghproject.com/united-states---colonials.html>

<http://www.worldwidewburghproject.com/thomas-newberry-family.html>

<http://www.worldwidewburghproject.com/walter-newbery-family.html>

<http://www.worldwidewburghproject.com/e-lulworth-and-winfriith-newburgh.html>

<http://www.worldwidewburghproject.com/dna-project.html>

<http://www.worldwidewburghproject.com/richard-newberry-family.html>

If you did not receive this newsletter directly, and would like to be added to the mailing list, please drop me a line on the [contact form](#). See you next month or perhaps in January, depending on how busy things get between now and the end of the year.

Happy Thanksgiving!

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