

# Blake Newsletter



**One housekeeping item and that refers to this newsletter. It is not a subscription item. It appears on the Blake website, my blog and on my webpage. I will be putting it up on my blog this evening, on the Blake website shortly and it will be on my personal website as well.**

## **Wills of the Blake Family**

**I am now continuing with my transcription of the Wills of the Blake Family that I have in my possession. At the moment I am working on Hampshire and have published the wills of several different Blake lines on my blog commencing the 24th of September 2012 after an hiatus of several months. Gardening and the long days do take a toll on my transcription time throughout the spring and summer.**

**At some time in the future I hope to return to these wills and continue with analysis of their content and putting together of related family lines. Each of the wills includes information on the testator and people mentioned in the will. If anyone has a Blake will that they are having a problem deciphering I will try to assist you. I am becoming quite familiar now with the old style of writing. Hard to believe that some of the older wills are easier to read than the wills created in the 1800s!**

**These wills are all available from The National Archives website (of the United Kingdom) that I am working on at the moment for the most part. Several of them are from the Hampshire Record Office (Winchester, UK). I make note of their accessibility.**

## **Blake yDNA Study**

**The latest new member to the Blake yDNA study matches two other members of the English Ancestry group (4). I am learning more about their lines with two members of the group living in the United States and the third member in England. Although there are slight differences they are within the criteria for linking them together as having a common ancestor sometime in the past 10 generations or less.**

**Persuading as many Blake males to test as possible is one of my top priorities. There will be different haplogroups and one of the intriguing bits in all of this for me is discovering why the name Blake was chosen in so many different areas of the United Kingdom. Is there a common link between all of these families through a female Blake marriage where a son of that marriage has taken the surname of one of his maternal uncles for inheritance purposes? I also realize there is the possibility of non paternal events occurring as well but certainly this then produces a new Blake line.**

**Next newsletter will be published at the beginning of January. Perhaps by then time will have permitted me to look more closely at the yDNA results with regard to the deep ancestry of the haplogroups involved. I think perhaps it is time to revisit the haplogroups and have a short discussion on their emergence in the British Isles.**

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