

# Blake Newsletter

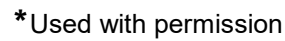


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- 1. Blake Pedigree Chart – Blake Museum at Bridgwater, Somerset was brought to my attention by one of the members of our DNA group. This is a recent addition to the website: <http://www.bridgwatermuseum.org.uk/>**

**On the left hand side of the website under the caption “New” there are 10 \*.pdf documents which contain scans of this particular Blake Family Tree. I am just in the process of reproducing the original chart in order to examine it in detail readily. I will also put it into my genealogy program (I use Legacy) in order to compare it with other Blake Pedigree Charts that are available. The date of production for this chart is not given particularly but it does refer to similar documents mentioned on the Blake Pedigree Chart held by the Swindon and Wiltshire Record Office but is considerably more complete. I will attempt to learn more about the history of this particular chart. It is written primarily by one individual with additions. The handwriting is different from that found on the Blake Pedigree Chart at the Swindon and Wiltshire Record Office.**



Perhaps most interesting to me was the individual at the top of the Pedigree Chart – Robert le Blake of Quemberford, Wiltshire. I had postulated that Richard Blake might be Richard le Blak a merchant from Rouen Normandy. I need to now look at this Chart from the viewpoint of finding possible records for the descendants of Robert le Blake and putting these individuals into some sort of timeline. Records on the Blake family in this time frame are now available on line making the pursuit of this early history of the Blake family in England more accessible. I also found it interesting that the author of this particular pedigree has used a broken line to link the Blake family at Andover to this chart. Of that I am in great agreement as I do not think that the Blake family at Andover (my line) in the male line descends from the male line of this chart. This may prove to be one of the most fascinating additions to the Blake One-Name Study in 2017! Although within this newsletter (section 5) can be found an equally fascinating piece of research very much challenging this item for first place! Working on the Blake family is really a full time job and at 72 years of age I am finding myself less and less able to keep up with all the new and fascinating information. However, I do intend to try to keep this newsletter going for another eight years. The idea of a Blake Family Research Group has been part of many Blake researchers' dreams and perhaps with this yDNA study (and autosomal as it grows) we will see fruition of such a group which can continue well past my activity in it. Although mitochondrial Blake DNA is of interest to many the loss of the Blake surname upon marriage in many cultures has made such a study very limited (and that includes myself!).

2. **Blake Surname Study – Progress:** One Name Blake Study at the Guild of One-name Studies was originally undertaken by another researcher. I took it on as a project in 2011 when my husband was ill and we were spending all of our time at home while he convalesced. Fortunately, following surgery, he was able to again take on commitments that he enjoyed and my time to work on the Blake study diminished. Hopefully, as he steps back from some of his commitments, I will once again be able to become more fully engaged with my study. In that frame of mind, I say once again that I hope to soon return to blogging the Blake wills from the Prerogative Court of Canterbury and other Registry Offices. Thanks to an email from a reader I have now corrected several “interpretations” that I have made about individuals mentioned in wills. As always my blogs are an ongoing memory of what I thought on any particular day with regard to my studies. As the study grew my ability to retain all of those thoughts diminished rapidly!

### **3. Blake autosomal DNA Study at FT DNA**

**The Blake autosomal DNA study continues to attract new members but does need to grow considerably larger before it will benefit the members of the study. I will try to write up the results of this study in a way that protects everyone's anonymity but does make some use of the interesting results that are arising.**

**I do need to have a family tree to go with new members and would mention that here. I will not share your trees with others unless you specifically give me such consent. The autosomal DNA studies work best amongst cousins stretching all the way out to 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> cousins particularly if your family tree has traced down all of the siblings of your parents/grandparents/great grandparents etc. Thus far I have reached back to my Blake 2x great grandparents and their ten children. This couple had 49 grandchildren and several of these grandchildren had themselves more than 40 grandchildren. I am, at the moment, tracing down these children who, fortunately for the most part for me, remained in England making the task a good deal easier. I have thus far reached the third child although do have my line (their eighth child) complete to the present in as far as I know it. A match with one of the descendants of John Blake and Ann Farmer a couple of years ago (this set of my 2x great grandparents) proved that our mutual research is accurate. I continue to hope that more of my Blake family will test their autosomal DNA and to date I have several more distant cousin matches in this Blake line. My father was an only child and my mother's only brother did not have any children so we do not have any first cousins and as it turns out we have very few second cousins since my mother's father was, as an adult, the only one in his direct family line to have children. My father had a number of first cousins but not as many as one might expect given that his father was one of twelve children. World War I and World War II were hard on this Blake family and that is likely true for many families in the British Isles.**



4. Andover, Hampshire, England Parish Registers

Andover, Hampshire, England has often been said to be the “home of the Blakes” when I have been writing to people in Hampshire through the years. I would say that Calne, Wiltshire perhaps has a stronger hold on that particular title although there are a number of other areas in England where the Blake family has been for centuries. When I decided to transcribe the Parish Registers of Andover I was surprised to find that yes there are a number of Blake entries but there are far more Blake entries in Parish Registers in other parts of England as mentioned. In this issue, I will publish the marriages for Blake in the Parish Registers (grooms first and brides second). These records are taken from fiche which have scans of the original parish registers. The registers for marriage begin in 1588 and have provided me with a lot of details on the Blake family in Andover in the late 1500s and into the 1600s/1700s. Eventually I hope to complete my project of transcribing these Parish Registers for St Marys Andover beyond the early to mid 1700s.

Grooms	Groom Surname	Groom Forename	Parish	Brides Surname	Brides Forename	Parish	Grooms Father	Brides Father	Year	Month	Day	Details
	Blake	Roberd		Stronge	Margerrye				1588	July	9	widow
	Blake	John		Glour	Joan				1590	February	25	
				Borne alias								
	Blake	John		Apnre	Joan				1595	October	13	
	Blake	William		Magick	Dorothy				1605	February	6	
	Blake	John		Cooper	Joane				1611	June	17	
	Blake	Robert		Syms	Christian				1618	November		
	Blake	Nicholas		Smith	Rebecka				1628	April	2	
												married at
	Blak			Dashford	Jane				1632	October	9	Dorchester
	Blake	John		Trollop	Jone				1641	October	11	
	Blake	William		Hellier	Ann				1644	September	5	
			Ludgershall,									
	Blake	Edmon	Wiltshire	Kite	Annis	Wayber			1655	November	10	
	Blake	Charles		Framtan	Jane				1687	September	2	

	Groom Surname	Groom Forename	Parish	Brides Surname	Brides Forename	Parish	Grooms Father	Brides Father	Year	Month	Day	Details
Brides	Blake	Robert		Russell	Elizabeth				1694	July	15	
	Blake	Thomas		Spring	Mary				1708	November	6	
	Blake	John		Kent	Margaret				1723	June	1	
	Blake	John		Clerk	Mary				1725	June	6	
	Blake	John		Rumball	Mary				1729	January	4	
	Blake	John		Miller	Frances				1733	April	16	
	Blake	William		Bounds	Ann				1734	June	10	
	Blake	William		Green	Mary				1738	September	26	
	Blake	Edward		Wooll	Ann				1740	April	7	
	Blake	William		Smith	Mary				1744	December	26	
	Blake	John		Dowling	Mary				1747	June	9	
	Blake	thomas		Stephens	Hester				1752	February	9	
	Baylie	Richard		Blake	Joane				1605	May	6	
	Hopgood	John		Blake	Elsabeth				1605	June	18	
	Burmingham	Peter		Blake	Dorothy				1608	April	25	
	Hinxman	Joseph		Blake	Elenor				1610	December	10	
	Daniell	Richard		Blake	Anne				1612			
	Savage	....hard		Blake	Margaret				1616	April	7	
		John	Wallop	Blake	Margaret				1629			
				Blake	Mary				1633		20	
	Sedgwicke	Roberte		Blake	Joane		Blake, Mr. William		1635	January	6	
	Elton	Mr. John		Blake	Ann				1636	October	20	Ann blake is a widow
	Crab	_enrye		Blake	Ann				1637	October	7	
	Joyce	John		Blake	Elizabeth				1639	June	13	
	Genene	Richard		Blake	Marget				1678	August	27	widower,widow
			New									
	Standen	John	Alresford	Blake	Lucy	Eastontowne			1679	February	9	
	Bishop	John		Blake	Elizabeth				1688	October	2	

Groom Surname	Groom Forename	Parish	Brides Surname	Brides Forename	Parish	Grooms Father	Brides Father	Year	Month	Day	Details married at
Lambert	Edward	Boyton, WIL	Blake	Mrs. Sarah				1688	September	11	Foxcott
Hartland	Abraham		Blake	Mary				1699	July	9	
Frances	John		Blake	Margery				1705	May	13	
Hunt	Lawrence	Ham, Wilts	Blake	Sarah	Coomb			1706	July	27	
Bandy	Garvis	Wilts	Blake	Ann				1707	October	5	
Hardiman	John		Blake	Elizabeth	East Titherly			1708	May	21	
Holdup	James		Blake	Margarett				1717	November	17	
Knowles	John		Blake	Sarah				1720	February	16	
Osborne	Thomas		Blake	Lydia				1721	June	18	
Leach	Abraham	Lower Wallop	Blake	Ann	Edmunston, Wiltshire			1723	January	14	
North	John		Blake	Lucy				1723	May	1	
Baker	Robert	Abbots Ann	Blake	Elizabeth				1725	September	29	
Temple	John	Winnal	Blake	Mary				1726	November	2	
Chitty	Thomas		Blake	Elizabeth				1729	September	15	
Spratt	William		Blake	Margarett				1734	December	24	
Elcock	John		Blake	Hannah				1739	July	1	

## 5. Blake Surname yDNA Project

**yDNA studies are proving to be a very successful method of connecting back to your ancestral Blake line. Movement of people in particular emigrations has broken that connection for many Blake family lines.**

**A British Isles Ancestry**

**This group belongs to a haplogroup which is quite ancient to the British Isles. The haplogroup is found most commonly in the west side of the Irish Republic but also is represented all across the British Isles. The branch of the author is found in the Andover area dating back to the early to mid 1400s. Within this group there are at least two distinct lines known to the editor with the one being at Andover and the second being in the Romsey area also in Hampshire. Two members of this group trace their ancestry back to Ireland. A fifth member of the group traces their line back to England with no particular area mentioned.**

**B English Ancestry (1)**

**This group belongs to the I-M253 haplogroup with a few members having tested to a deeper level. This group was originally put together by another researcher and I have not done very much work on it. There are some strong similarities between all the members but any relationship is probably far in the past. A few believe they are descendant of the Blake Family at Calne.**

**C1 English Ancestry (2)**

**This group belongs to the I-M223 haplogroup with one member having done further testing. The members of this group share common ancestry back to Theophilus Blake who first came to the Americas in the 1700s into Pennsylvania moving later into the West Virginia area. The members of this group are a good match for each other and appear to have a common ancestor in the last three hundred years.**

**C2 English Ancestry (5)**

**The single member in this group belongs to the M-M223 haplogroup but is not a match for the above group.**

**D English Ancestry (3)**

**70% of British males belong to R1b and this particular group has one member who believes he is descendant of the Somerset Blake family at Plainfield (this was the family of Admiral Robert Blake). No one has tested with a known line back to this family**



so it remains a mystery in that respect. In that it is generally believed that the Somerset Blake family is descendant of the Calne Blake family it remains to be proven as no one with a proven paper trail back to the Calne Blake family has come forward to be tested.

#### **E1 English Ancestry (4)**

A second R1b group with English ancestry and several members are involved in a research project dealing with this group. They are all a fairly good match with each other although between the two members who have tested beyond 12 markers there is a genetic distance of 4 on 37 markers. This is still considered to be within the range for relatedness.

#### **E2 English Ancestry – Somerset Blake Family**

The single member of this group belongs to E haplogroup and does have a proven trail back several generations in Somerset. The E haplogroup is found in the British Isles around 2% and considered as part of the Neolithic movement. More people testing with a proven line would be handy in the Blake Somerset family.

#### **F1 English East Anglia (possibly descended from Peter and Elizabeth Blake)**

All the members of this group belong to R1a and all the members are a good fit and likely related within the past 300 or so years. Most believe they are descendant of the Blake family at Swaffham Market but all members are from the United States and tracing back to Jasper Blake of New Hampshire.

#### **R1a>R-M512/R-M198>R-Z283>R-YP5320**

One member has tested to YP5320 and information on this particular subclade places it in the North Sea area which does help with the thought that these members do descend from the East Anglia Blake family. A match with a known descendant of this family would be most helpful.

**F2 English East Anglia (Suffolk)**

**The single member of this group does trace with a paper trail back to the Blake family in Suffolk.**

**G Irish Ancestry (Galway-Towerhill, Kiltolla)**

**The members of this group have successfully traced back to the Galway Blake family. They carry the significant SNP FGC39971 which links them altogether (those who have tested). They descend from several different Galway Blake lines and are a very good match with each other.**

**R1b>R-M269>R-L159>R-FGC39971**

**Several members have tested to R-FGC39971 and ytree.net has listed two of these members under a long series of snp results:**

**<http://www.ytree.net/DisplayTree.php?blockID=16> (search on Blake)**

**H Irish Ancestry (descendant of Sir Thomas Blake)**

**This is a group that was prepared by another researcher. In general they are a reasonable match with each other but do have rather distinctive differences. They would not be related in hundreds of years in some cases. Where known they do trace back to Ireland although one member believes his ancestry is back to Scotland. This member along with the member below him in the chart are interesting and could be a group on their own but do have some resemblance to this group.**

**R1b>R-M269>R-L193**

**R1b>R-M269>R-BY513**

**R-M269 dominates European R1b and represents 92% of males in Wales, 82% in Ireland, and 70% in Scotland. The members of this group do not likely belong together and I hope to find someone who can look at them and make such decisions. I have tried to become more knowledgeable on the Blake family in Ireland but I do not feel skilled enough to look at this group and make that decision. I do know that L193 generally points to the Argyll/Ayrshire area of Scotland and the area north of that. But with the constant back and forth between that area and Northern Ireland it becomes much more difficult to predict.**

#### **I British Isles Ancestry**

**This is a diverse group with some members matching each other. Most believe their ancestry is from Ireland although for some unknown or Wales or England is also stated. They belong to R-M269. Again I need assistance looking at this particular group.**

**R1b>R-M269>R-U152>R-DF21**

#### **J T-M70**

**This is a haplogroup from West Asia, Africa but also Europe. There is only one member of this group.**

#### **K German Ancestry**

**Possibly this group has undergone a name change on emigrating to the United States. They are not a cohesive group and have been put together solely on their stated German ancestry.**

#### **L G haplogroup**

**On the website, I mention that this is perhaps a descendant of a Roman Auxiliary given the G haplogroup. There is just the one member of this group. He does not belong to any of the other groups as far as I can tell.**

**M E haplogroup**

**A second member of the E haplogroup but these two men are not related.**

**6. The Future**

**I hope to continue with the newsletter for quite a while. At 72 years of age I realize that my time doing the Blake Study is limited so I would like to be able in the next ten years to hand it off to someone interested in continuing and keeping research ongoing into this ancient family. Although some believe that there is common ancestry for this family back to a singleton individual, that is simply not possible given the various haplogroups. The surname Blak[e] can be seen to have arisen spontaneously on the continent considering the number of males with the Blake surname who came to England between 1330 and 1550 from areas outside of England including various places in Europe and also Ireland.**

**The new chart on the Blake Museum website (Bridgwater, Somerset) has got me thinking about this family once again and hopefully in the next issue I will be able to discuss the chart and its possibilities**

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