

H11 Newsletter



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1. Project Statistics:

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mtDNA Full Sequence	470
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Total Members	517
Unreturned Kits	20

There are no changes in the Statistics from the last newsletter. There are a few changes with the FT DNA format since the subclades were published last February (2025). The new mtDNA Tree that FT DNA has on its website is a very handy new tool.

2. H11 in the News (an interesting summary produced by the AI on Google)

Keywords used: H11 haplogroup historical (several different companies' pages were reviewed by the AI).

Mitochondrial haplogroup H11 is a sublineage of the dominant European haplogroup H, originating in the Near East/Caucasus around 8050 BCE [this timeframe gives a much more recent origin date for the presence of H11 which I found quite interesting]. It is associated with early agricultural expansions, featuring low-frequency spread into Eastern/Central Europe, the Balkans, and Anatolia. Key descendants, including H11a, indicate post-glacial expansion from regional refugia.

Historical Origins and Distribution

1. Formation: The H11 maternal line branched off around 8050 BCE.

2. Homeland: Evidence suggests a primary origin in the Near East/Caucasus region.

[I found this quite interesting as I had several emails back and forth with a researcher in South Ossetia maybe fifteen years ago now and she was convinced that H11 had arisen in that Caucasus area. In my family lines we carry both Neanderthal and Denisovan genes for a total of 5% actually (3% Denisovan). My mitochondrial line was located in Birmingham, England in the mid 1800s to the early 1900s and does appear to have come to the Shropshire area from Northern Ireland likely in the late 1700s and probably were Planters sent by Cromwell in the 1640s to Northern Ireland from Argyllshire/Ayrshire in Scotland. The 1640s is interesting because we have matches with individuals who came to the Carolinas with the Rev William

Martin in 1772 from Antrim, Northern Ireland who are known descendants of Planters. There are quite a number of descendants from this particular migration to the United States particularly in the Carolinas and moving west towards Texas. The Blood of the Isles Database includes our markers actually. I must admit to feeling very lucky as a family to carry the genes of the Western Hunter Gatherer on my father's side (my brothers yDNA) and this very early to the British Isles migrant on my mother's mother's etc. side (which we all carry, myself and my six siblings)] (Wikimedia Commons Map below)



3. Expansion: It moved into Europe during the Neolithic and later historical periods, with notable low-frequency presence in Anatolia, the Balkans, Russia, Ukraine, and Germany.

4. Subclades: Key branches include H11a, H11b, H11c, and others, with H11a being a significant descendant.

Historical Significance

- 1. Neolithic Farmer Movement: H11a1 and related lineages are linked to early farming expansions from the Anatolian/Caucasus region into southeastern Europe.**
- 2. Regional Diversity: H11B and H11A2 are considered to have arisen during early-to-mid Holocene post-glacial reorganizations, with H11A2 showing signs of founder events, potentially in isolated communities [this too is also very interesting and will have to start checking for papers on this subject].**
- 3. Recent History: Modern descendants are spread across Europe (e.g., England, Germany) and the United States, often showing ancestry rooted in specific regional pockets.**

Key Findings

- 1. Age: The ancestor of H11 lived roughly 10,000 years ago.**
 - 2. Current Distribution: It is rare but present throughout Eurasia, including in Jewish communities.**
 - 3. Key Ancestral Region: Anatolia and the southern Caucasus (Armenia, Georgia) remain significant areas for H11 concentration**
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- 3. Any submissions to this newsletter can be emailed to Elizabeth Kipp (kippeeb@rogers.com).**

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