

DNA LECTURE FORMAT FOR BOISE FH CONFERENCE OCT 2008

HOW I FOUND MY 4TH GREAT GRANDFATHER USING DNA TESTING

1. The **Y chromosome** is the [sex-determining chromosome](#) in [humans](#) and most other [mammals](#). In mammals, it contains the gene [SRY](#), which triggers [testis](#) development, thus determining sex.
2. In working with genealogical lineages a direct male descendant of a given ancestor will have the same Y chromosome as his male ancestor. It is therefore possible to determine a common ancestor using dna testing of living male descendants.
3. **GETTING STARTED:** After over 50 years of exhaustive research by family members producing zero results the family decided to each chip in \$10 and try DNA testing. We tested Grigg, Griggs, Gregg, Gragg, Grogg, etc. in the United States and England, then Family Tree DNA come up with the perfect match.
4. **GOAL:** To identify the biological father of our common and first known ancestor, Moses Grigg.
5. Show pedigree chart, (A) Lawrence Richard Grigg to Moses Grigg, (B) Moses Grigg to William Grigg, the Immigrant, Cleo's process of elimination.
6. **SELECTING THOSE TO TEST:** We chose two known male descendants of Moses Grigg and two known male descendants of William Grigg, the Immigrant to take the cheek swab test and send them in to Family Tree DNA.
7. Tests on the two descendants of Moses Grigg were a perfect match and the two descendants of William Grigg the immigrant were perfect matches but there was not a good match between the two pairs.
8. Show and explain the dna test results of Grigg and various name spellings of Grigg in America.
9. **EXPLAIN** Family Tree DNA's perfect match with Owen and Grigg research.
10. **CONCLUSION:** Moses Grigg's biological father was found to be an OWEN using the Family Tree dna tests.
11. Preview and discuss the familytreedna.com site and frequently asked questions.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Basic questions about DNA and Genealogy are answered in this page. For additional information and any other questions, please use our [DNA and Genealogy Forum](#).

Before we go to the regular Q&A, we thought that a customer's e-mail that was received at the office would give us a great opportunity to clarify some other questions that you may have. For that purpose, we created a separate page that can be found here: [Testing my DNA?!? Are you nuts?!?!](#)

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