



Curtis/s DNA Project

The Curtis/s DNA Project was started in 2002, when FamilyTree DNA (FTDNA) began offering 12-marker Y-DNA test kits. Around 2005, we shifted to the 37-marker test as the baseline measurement for Y-DNA genealogy matching. The Y-DNA test tracks the direct male line and is ideally suited for identifying the immigrant Curtis/s families in America. To date we have 325 members and have been able to identify and verify with research (to varying degrees) about 25 genetically distinct Curtis families. To the extent we have been able to prove the country of origin, it is England. The Y-DNA test results are available on the FTDNA website:

<https://www.familytreedna.com/public/Curtis%20DNA%20Data%20Base?iframe=ycolored>

You can see the names of the various ancestral families and the number of members for each family as well as more technical data.

FTDNA also offers mtDNA and autosomal DNA tests in addition to the Y-DNA test, and anyone can join the Curtis DNA Project simply by clicking on the appropriate box. Although these test results are reported to the Project Administrator Al Field (field@msn.com), research support is very limited as most of the mtDNA surnames reported are not Curtis/s. Autosomal DNA results from 23andMe and AncestryDNA can be transferred to FTDNA for database matching.

<https://www.familytreedna.com/groups/curtis-dna-data-base/about>

FTDNA offers discounts on their DNA tests during various times throughout the year. December is a good month to check on discounted tests if you are interested.