

THE Y-DNA PROJECT

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Quarterly report from Elizabeth O'Donoghue/Ross, the Society's Group Administrator

During the last quarter, we have had two upgrades to 111 markers in the Glens tribe, two new members in the Breifne Group B, two upgrades to 111 markers in the tentatively labelled *Uí Dhonnchadha of the Déisi Mhumhan??* tribe, a new member of another surname in that group, and another upgrade to 111 markers in our Group V cluster. The upgrades to 111 markers will change the TMRCA's somewhat and will be reflected in the updated spreadsheets when they are uploaded.

Shortly after the January Journal was published, I advised all participants in the project through a bulk email that the two new SNPs which appear to define the South Irish haplotype - CTS4466 and CTS5714 – were available for testing. The offer was taken up by a number of those in the Glens tribe, and by now, we have four positive results in and one test still outstanding. Since then, a third SNP – CTS3974 – has become available for testing for the South Irish haplotype, and The Glens has ordered this test for the record. At the moment, anyone tested who has a South Irish haplotype has been positive for all three SNPs, so while it is clear that they are all separate identifiable SNPs, they have not proven to separate the South Irish themselves. At this point, if anyone is interested in testing, we are recommending testing the newer SNP – CST3974 – only. I would expect anyone in the Glens tribe to be positive for this SNP. If later results indicate a level of separation between these three SNPs, I'll let everyone know.

I have recently activated the pages at the Family Tree website for The O'Donoghue Society. This will enable all of you to view the most current results as they become available, and you will no longer have to wait for the quarterly updates to the spreadsheets on the Society website for participants to see their results along side everyone else. At this point, they are not grouped at all, and will look similar to the Spreadsheet A I have until now always provided. Going forward, I will no longer produce the previous Spreadsheet A, and the designation for the main, three-tab spreadsheet formally referred to as Spreadsheet B will become Spreadsheet A and so forth for the other spreadsheets I provide for your review.

All the tested SNPs will now be available at the Family Tree site, so I am only including the most downstream SNPs in Spreadsheet A at the Society website.

The link to find the pages of the Society project at Family Tree is <http://www.familyreedna.com/public/ODonoghue/>. Please make a note of it and/or bookmark it on your computer, since the Society website address is still the formal one given on the Family Tree website. The Results and Interpretations pages are still located at the Society website, and this is noted on the Family Tree pages.

I recommend that all of you place information in the Most Distant Ancestors field for your paternal ancestor and also your maternal ancestor for any of you researching your mother's side of the family. In addition, those of you who know where your family originated in Ireland, adding the location and the latitude and longitude in the Ancestral Locations on that

same link will place you on the Map that is now visible on the Family Tree website as well. On that page, you first need to click the drop-down box at the top left and select All to see the records.

The Y-DNA Member Distribution Map, like google maps, gives you the facility to zoom in and out to see the small balloons that represent each participant. Clicking on a single balloon will give you some details of that individual.

Since Joe Donohoe's passing, the Breifne Clans Project has been inactive, in the absence of a new administrator being assigned. Recently, I've corresponded with Anita Donohoe, Joe's sister, and we are in the process of having Family Tree update the project with Bill Donohoe, Joe's cousin, as the new administrator. I have offered to act as a co-administrator to assist Bill in getting familiar with the project and process. At this point we await Family Tree changing the administrator information.

Any Donohoe who is a participant in the Breifne Clans project is welcome to join our O'Donoghue Society project as well. We already have a number of members who are in both projects.

Family Tree has recently made a business decision to reduce their introductory 12-marker test to \$49 permanently. Their explanation is that testing techniques have become more economical and they hope that more people will be able to begin DNA testing. Naturally enough, they surely also hope that those who begin the process will eventually upgrade to more markers. We've had three new project participants in The O'Donoghue Society project as a result of the \$39 sale, and hopefully we will see new joins when the lower price gets around a bit more. It would be a great gift for someone!

As it is, most of the larger clusters we have identified in the project are discernable even at twelve markers, so this should be an incentive to those who have been contemplating giving it a try.

If you find inaccuracies in this report or on the website, please let me know. The spreadsheets should be updated shortly and Rod will let you know when they are available.