

# THE Y-DNA PROJECT

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

We've had another quiet quarter. While a number of members have availed of other DNA testing (mtDNA, atDNA/Family Finder) we've had no new results for the core of the project – Y-DNA. I have been busy with the other projects – Munster Irish and R1b-CTS4466 Plus – that I administer and haven't yet completed the revamping of the spreadsheets. Since the project is also available to view at Family Tree - <http://www.familyreedna.com/public/ODonoghue/> - my delayed updating of the spreadsheets on the Society website is not quite as critical as it once would have been. We will let you know when the new spreadsheets are finally online.

There are a few housekeeping issues I would like to cover here. One is asking all participants to keep the email address on their personal pages updated so they will receive any messages I need to send, either individually or the whole group through the bulk email facility at Family Tree. Another is the importance of completing the Beneficiary Information under My Account, so that there is a continuity in the maintenance of the records, and another email address available in the event we have difficulty with the main email address in the system.

While I don't recommend putting information into the system about the most distant ancestor and/or ancestral locations unless you are comfortable it is accurate (I believe some people may input 'possible' data rather than details they know to be true) it is very helpful to have those details for reference. So if you haven't done so yet but do have details you could share, please do so.

I will reiterate for any members of The Glens Kerry tribe, if you haven't joined the R1b-CTS4466 Plus Project, we would be most anxious for you to do so - <http://www.familyreedna.com/public/R1b-CTS4466Plus/>.

For those of you who live 'down under' there are two new Australian Projects just launched at Family Tree for:

- The "Australian Convicts" project is primarily aimed at those poor sods (male and female) who faced the tribulations of that unknown sea journey in the late 18th century. It will also welcome those who were later transferred to Norfolk Island.
- The "Australian Settlers" project is aimed at anyone who ever entered the land as a settler or traversed the rigours of the Convict status and became bone fide settlers.

The administrator, Gail Riddell says that even if you have only tested atDNA (Family Finder) to date, it doesn't matter. She goes on to say:

- If you are interested in joining, the Convicts project is at <http://www.familyreedna.com/public/AustralianConvicts/>
- The Settlers Project is at <http://www.familyreedna.com/public/AustralianSettlers/>. Very little in the way of blurb has been prepared at this time, although it will come.
- If you join, you will need to supply me with either the Fleet and the ship on which your ancestor(s) arrived (for the former) and the port(s) of arrival of your most distant Australian immigrants (both direct male lineage and direct female lineage). If you have only tested atDNA (FF), then that information is unnecessary.
- If you do NOT know on which ship your convict ancestor arrived, please do NOT join the Convict project and opt only for the Australian Settlers project.

Sound interesting!

As usual, if you find any errors or inconsistencies on the website, or have any suggestions to improve it, please let me know. If anyone would be interested in participating in the administration of the project, do get in touch – [elizabethod@eircom.net](mailto:elizabethod@eircom.net).