

THE Y-DNA PROJECT

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

In our researches, we have recently discovered another tribe of O'Donoghues – the Uí Dhonnchadha of the Déisi Mhumhan. We have not found much information about them yet, but their territory is in Waterford/Tipperary. This has caused a re-evaluation of the tribal designations we have to date included in our project, in particular the tribe previously labelled possible Ruis Airgit.

As indicated in our Interpretations link, the largest of our other cluster is defined by the SNP L226. For some time, we had postulated that this cluster may have belonged to the Eoghanacht Ruis Airgit, based to some degree on the family origins of some of the members. However, as more participants have joined this group, the 'territory' has expanded somewhat (keeping in mind that people move and we cannot be sure that their current locations reflect their previous tribal affiliations - this holds true for all our groups). The Déisi, considered an Erainn tribe, were the tribe of the O'Briens prior to the prominence of Brian Boru and their claim of being descended from a brother to Eoghan Mór, Cas.

Since this L226 cluster matches the Déisi of the O'Briens, it's possible, and more likely, that our group is of the Uí Dhonnchadha of the Déisi Mhumhan, so we have changed the designation of this cluster to Uí Dhonnchadha of the Déisi Mhumhan?? We will be researching this tribe more in coming months.

In addition, there has always been limited evidence to suggest that our Eoghanacht Ninussa/Aran Mór?? designation is an accurate one. It was originally based on Dwaine O'Donoghue's origins to be Clare (though it was possibly Cork as well). Robert Schmoltdt (who did not know his place of origin) has only twelve markers tested, but he matches Dwain exactly. When Paul Dunfee Johnson joined, since his origins are Wexford, I did not consider him as a match and placed him in the Unaffiliated R1b1 group. When John Donahue joined, with origins in Kerry, I added him to the group since he is the closest match to Dwaine (estimated TMRCA of 500 years) though puzzled by the Clare/Kerry issue. Taking another look, Paul's closest matches are mainly these two men, and he is truly close enough to be considered part of the cluster (within 800-900 years TMRCA – around the time of surname adoption) so I have moved him to the group. This does make it difficult to consider the cluster to be representative of the Eoghanacht Ninussa, hence I have changed the designation of their group to Group I of the Clusters (since they were identified before the other clusters listed) and moved the other five groups from Group I to Group II, etc.

The haplotype of this Group I is similar to that identified to be indicative of the SNP L513. I approached the gentlemen in the group for interest in testing for this SNP, and Dwaine has done so and found to be positive. The group in the R-L21 project who have tested positive for L513 tend to be almost exclusively Ireland/Scotland/England/Wales, so it is clearly centered in the Isles. It includes the Kerry O'Sheas and other Munster families.

The Interpretations page is being updated to reflect this new information.

The project General Funds were used to take advantage of the Family Tree Summer Sale and upgrade Florence O'Donoghue (currently living in Glenflesk) from 25 marker results to 37 markers. Flurry had been recruited by Prof Tom at the beginning of the project as one of the Couchur Ogs of Inch, a subgroup of the Glens tribe. He is closest to the group of Roger, Jerry and John. (I noted that Nicholas is related to the others through a female O'Donoghue marrying a male O'Donoghue of their lineage.)

There is a new O'Donoghue in Rod's group of the Mór lineage, and Michael Cogley upgraded to 111 markers.

A member of the newly designated Uí Dhonnchadha of the Déisi Mhumhan?? Group also upgraded to 111 markers, and we have a new member in R1a1a.

Rod will let everyone know when we have the spreadsheets and Interpretations page updated.

If you have any questions or find inaccuracies in this report or on the website, please let me know.