

DNA: The Missing Link Because. . .?!!!

There has been much to be said about DNA as crime scenes have yielded many convictions based solely on DNA evidence even decades after the crimes. A working definition for kids and adults for DNA is it the material that carries all the information about how a living thing will look and function. ... Each piece of information is carried on a different section of the DNA. These sections are called genes. DNA is short for deoxyribonucleic acid. It is in every cell of every living thing. In the genealogy field, there has been information and claims being made about the importance of genetic genealogy. It is difficult to know if all the opinions and statements made are true but DNA is can definitely be a part of family history research today.

To begin with, **What is Genetic Genealogy?** Genealogy is simply the study of one's family tree or ancestry. Genetic genealogy uses DNA testing to determine the genetic relationship between individuals.

Why would someone want to use DNA for genealogy? There are many reasons but here are a few of the most common. Do any of these relate to your family history needs?

- To learn more about one's ancestry
- To confirm that one's family tree reflects one's actual ancestry
- To confirm the relationship between two people
- To validate a theory of where people came from
- To break down a brick wall in one's genealogy research
- To find relatives for those that were adopted, gave up a child for adoption or otherwise do not know their ancestry]
- To learn from which ancestor(s) certain traits were inherited

What is a DNA test? A DNA test is a tool that genealogists use for answering the questions above. There are three basic types kits being used. One involves spitting into a tube and the others are done by swabbing the inside of the cheek with a small brush. In the one the brush is left to dry in the other it is deposited in a tube. All are easy to use. The latter type has some advantages for those with little saliva production or those failing to get results with the other kind of test. They are also cheaper to mail overseas.

Here's a Tear-Jerking Illustration of How Powerful DNA Testing Results Can Be!

Sister Graul has just shared a wonderful, heart-warming story captured in a web site cited below about two sister's that found each other after 47 years of separation with both sisters being abandon in a train station in Daegu, South Korea. One sister is now living in Connecticut and the other one in Belgium. Through DNA testing, they learned that they are biological sisters. Upon notification from MyHeritage DNA testing results, they fly to South Korea and meet for the first time in 47 years at the very train station there were both abandon. You will have to go to: <https://tinyurl.com/y5bu3g5vf> because the story doesn't end there. You will need to visit the this web site to view both the video and its companion article.

This Story Needs to be Shared With Others!

It is important for me to share it with you about the importance of DNA testing as part of family history endeavors as it can be the very missing links in your family tree. Although the video is 27 minutes in length, there is also a wonderful companion article summarizing the contents of the film and photos with captions. Believe me, you will thank me for introducing you to the some of these DNA technology advances that helps to make family history an exciting endeavor that is part of living in the 21st century.

If your heart is up to it, there are several other heart-warming stories shared at the bottom on this same web site which has the URL's waiting for your attention in their titles with videos and companion articles!

Thank you Sister Graul for sharing these stories with the Foothills Ward Temple & Family History Facebook group!

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