

SAMPLE 1

I have visited Ireland in past years and their wonderful memories have remained with me. I wondered if I would ever return to the land that gave me my heritage and now I believe it could be because of modern DNA and the help I am receiving from the Irish people I have contacted.

I am researching my Harper / Harpur ancestors that look very much like they lived in or around County Wexford in the early to mid or late 1700s. Many early records in Ireland and over here were lost over the years but because of help from Dr. Tyrone Bowes and Irish Origenes I think there is a good chance that my ancestors came from Wexford as the Harper / Harpur clan has been situated there for many centuries. Through the years some may have moved to Dublin or the surrounding area .

To prove that my Harper / Harpur ancestors were originally from the Wexford area, I am asking that a few of the Harper / Harpur males from Wexford oblige me by taking a Y-Chromosome DNA test which I will supply. Dr. Tyrone Bowes will help interpret the results of the test and prove a conclusive link. Some of my relations in the United States have already taken this test and it is probable that their DNA will match one of the early Harper / Harper lines in Wexford. This comes about because the Y-Chromosome carried by males was inherited from their father who inherited it from his father , who inherited it from his father--remaining virtually unchanged go far back in time, hundreds, if not thousands , of years. When two people's DNA matches, they are genetically related.

To participate in this project, any male with the surname Harper or Harpur can request one of the several test kits available. This person should give a good description of their Harper or Harpur ancestry including the names of great-grandparents, great-great-grandparents, and further back [if known] for their Harper or Harpur line. This information is confidential and will only be used for genealogy and family history purposes. DNA tests for genealogy are different than the usually DNA tests as they only test markers that point to ancestral information. The person testing is given a barcoded kit number and not referred to by name

Please send your letter of application to :

SAMPLE 2

Dear Donegal Democrat Newspaper Editor,

I am researching my Boyle ancestors from Ireland who immigrated many years ago to the United States and ended up in Saline, Jefferson County, Ohio in the early to mid-1800s. My James Boyle ancestor appears in the United States 1870 Census as a coal miner, but I have not been able to trace them back to their Irish homeland. With the help of Dr. Tyrone Bowes who created the website called Irish Origenes (www.irishorigenes.com), we believe based on commercial ancestral DNA testing that our Boyle ancestors came from West Donegal where the Boyle clan originated centuries ago. To prove that my Boyle, sometimes spelled O'Boyle, ancestors were originally from the West Donegal area, I am seeking Boyle males from West Donegal to take a simple Y-Chromosome DNA test which I will supply. The DNA test consists of a simple swab from inside the mouth. Dr. Tyrone Bowers will help interpret the results of the test and prove a conclusive link. My brother David Boyle in the United States has already taken this test and it is highly likely that his DNA will match one of the Boyles living in Donegal. This comes about because the Y-Chromosome carried by males was inherited from their father who inherited it from his father, who inherited it from his father – remaining virtually unchanged going far back in time, hundreds, if not thousands, of years. When two people's DNA matches, they are genetically related.

To participate in this project, any male with the surname Boyle can request one of the several test kits available.

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SAMPLE 3

Dear Editor,

I am researching my Scottish McCrindle ancestors who we believe settled in Ireland around 1666AD (and where the spelling changed to McReynolds) and left Ireland as McReynolds in 1737 for the William Penn Colony of Pennsylvania in the Americas. This family appeared in records in Virginia but

I have been able to connect them using commercial ancestral DNA testing to the McCrindle's in their Scottish homeland. With the help of Dr. Tyrone Bowes who created the website called Scottish Origenes (www.scottishorigenes.com) we are seeking McCrindle males from Ayrshire to participate in a DNA study to confirm the link between the American and Irish McReynolds and Scottish McCrindle's. A free commercial DNA test will be supplied to any Scottish McCrindle participants and Dr. Tyrone Bowes will help interpret the results and prove a conclusive link.

There are several McReynold's in the United States that have already taken the commercial ancestral DNA test known as the Y-DNA37 test in the hope of solving the mystery of their origins. The Y-DNA test examines the Y chromosome which is carried by males and is inherited from the father who inherited it from his father, who inherited it from his father – remaining virtually unchanged going far back in time, hundreds, if not thousands, of years. When two people's DNA matches, they are genetically related and share a common male ancestor. You can see the McReynolds DNA Project at www.familytreedna.com/public/mcReynolds. Please send your letter of application to:

SAMPLE 4

Using DNA To Pinpoint Ballyartella Ancestry

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Dear Editor

I am Dr Tyrone Bowes and I run a website called Irish Origenes. The aim of this website is to help people with Irish ancestry use their DNA to pinpoint where in Ireland their Irish ancestor lived. I recently completed a Case Study for a Mr Hart who lives in the USA. Genetically he matches many individuals called Hart, O'Brien, Hogan and Butler, and some Kennedy's. These surnames all localise to North Tipperary and I have succeeded in identifying a townland to the north of Nenagh called 'Ballyartella' (Ui Artaile or O'Hartley's town) where one also finds a Ballyartella Tower-house and Bridge. All the DNA evidence points to his ancestors living in that area for hundreds and possibly thousands of years (his ancestors were certainly there when his surnames founding ancestor; the 'Ui Artaile Adam' so to speak first took that name).

My quest is this; since I use DNA to pinpoint a Genetic Homeland, one can also use DNA to prove it by DNA testing males with the surname Hart/Harte/Harty that still live in the area. Hence we are hoping that some male members of the Hart community will see this article and decide to take the commercial DNA test that will prove this area as the Genetic Homeland of the 'Ui Artaile.'

Mr Hart has allowed me to publish the results of his Case Study.

Looking forward to hearing from readers.

Yours sincerely,