

News, Updates, & More

Varner Family Genealogy

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FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR

Older newsletters and much more family genealogy information can be found on the Varner Family website.

<http://brucevarner.com/VarnerGenealogy.htm>

I came across this chart showing the number of ancestor each one of us has, as we go back generations. It always is surprising to me just how many previous individuals are involved in you being who you are. See this chart at the end of the newsletter, [here](#).

I also have created a [second chart](#) by listing known George Varner of Missouri previous generations, then further extrapolated back, using the average number of years between known generations to place additional possible dates. Just another visual method to see the past.

Happy New Year to all !!

QUESTIONS / NEWS

Q: For physical reasons, plus the loss of Don, Judy Varner has decided to stop managing annual Varner/Williams reunion.

A: Linda Cushman has stepped up (For this year only!) to fill that role. The same church has been reserved for 2019. The exact date being Saturday, May 25, 2019.

Linda is involved in the annual Newton reunion and has other obligations. The point is that there needs to be some serious thought given by everyone to how and whether to continue our annual reunion.

Reunion planning takes considerable effort. Varner participation has declined over the last few years. Having a full time job taking care of my disabled stepson, means I am personally unable & unwilling to manage this effort.

I can see different options for the future:

- 1) Stop even having the Varner/Williams reunion.
- 2) Separate the reunions into Williams only and Varner only reunions.
- 3) Continue the Williams reunion and discontinue the Varner reunion.

Option two would require someone to step-up for the Williams, and someone to step up for the Varner's to assume the responsibilities.

Everyone needs to begin thinking about this dilemma. It really should be resolved at or before this year's reunion. Thanks!

George Varner of Missouri Direct Line DNA

Earlier the month (December), I finally listed my remaining copies of Gerald Varner's "Varner Families of the South" on eBay. Wanted to give folks an opportunity to obtain the volumes for Christmas 2018.

Anyway, I sold a copy of the set to a Lori Kilgo of Euharlee, Georgia. Lori was purchasing a set for her grandmother and another for herself.

She stated that she is a DAR member, and her Revolutionary War ancestor was Matthew Varner. Apparently Lori's 92 year old grandmother of Cave Spring, Georgia, was the person who in the 1980's gathered the facts surrounding their descendance from Matthew Varner. That descendance was down through Matthew's daughter Olive.

As we know, there has never been an established male descendant proven from Matthew.

Olive Varner married a James Ellis, who is Lori's 4th great grandfather.

Olive was very receptive to our Varner lines likely connection. I am hoping after the holidays to get back into touch with Olive and see if she can ask her 92 year old grandmother some questions.

You never know. Maybe I can identify some cousins that are descended from Matthews brothers, and get someone to do a Y-DNA test.....

Riggs/Varner Connection

No new updates this month.

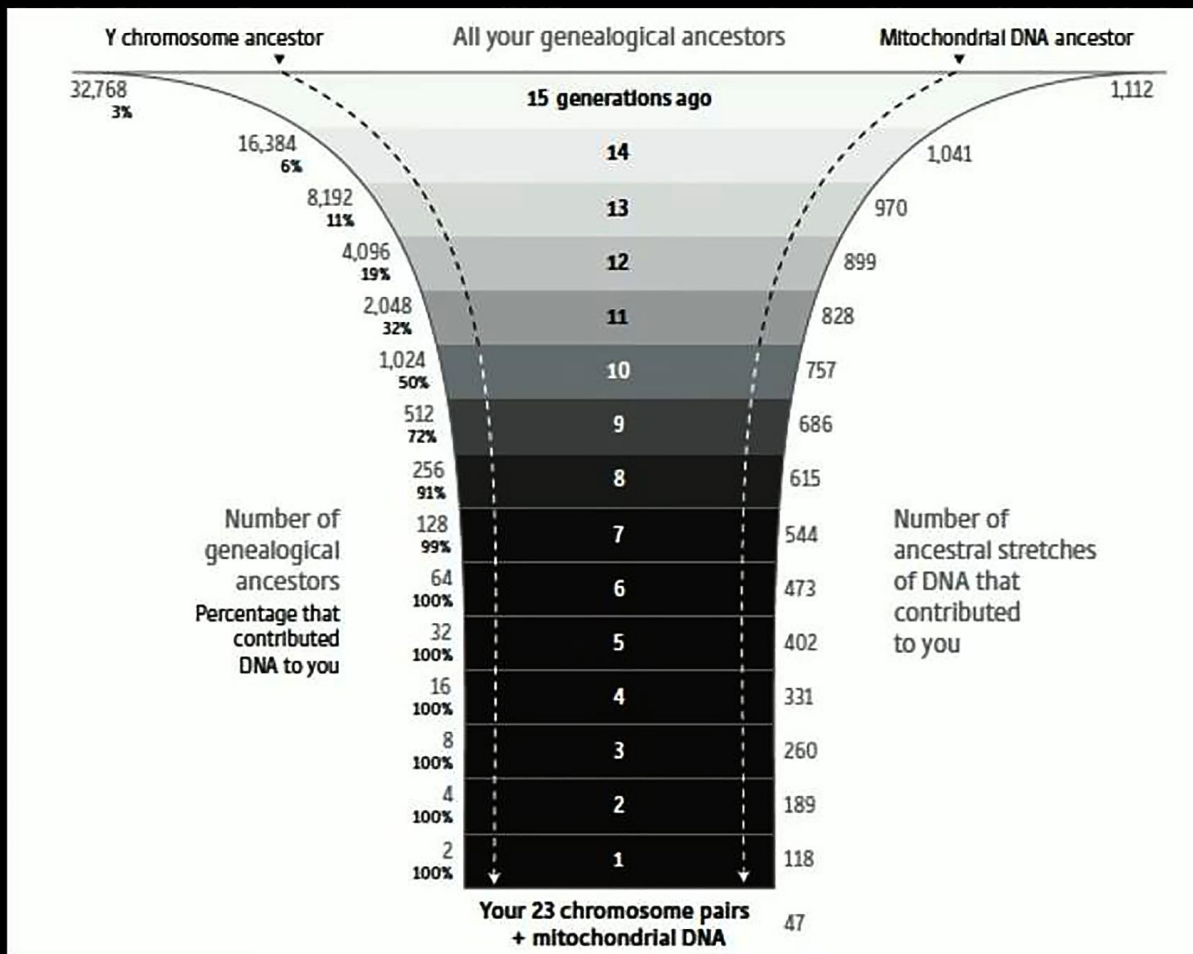
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Getting things back to normal. Looking forward to next month.

Happy New Year !!

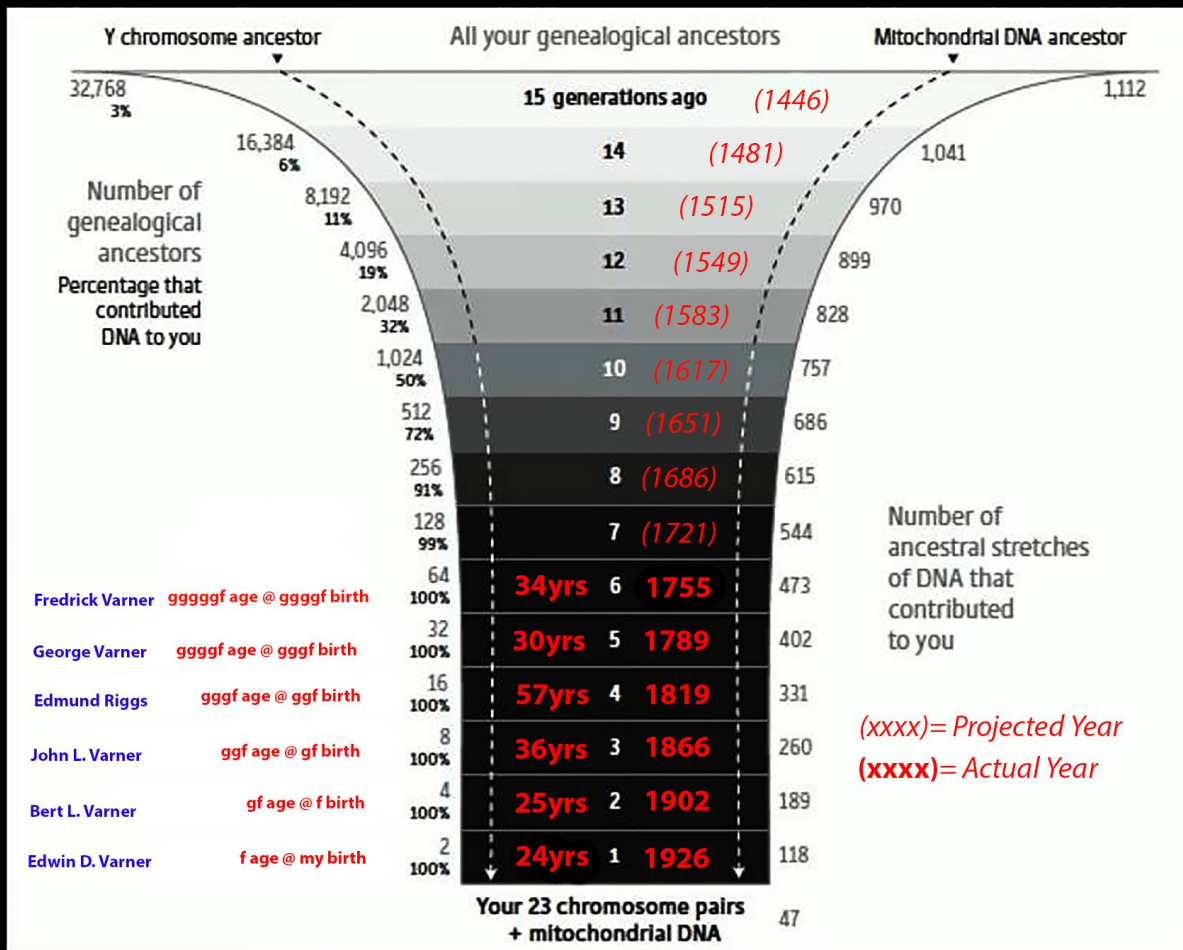
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