

Am deadended on the Waite line with Bowen's parents John Wait and Phebe Matteson of West Greenwich, RI. There was a number of Wait/Matteson marriages. One line relates back to John Howland and Elizabeth Tilley of the Mayflower. An unknown Captain George Pearce married a g grand daughter Mercy Howland. Comfort Pearce born of this marriage married into the Matteson lines.

Have been amazed with the findings of the Hoyt, etc lines. My father only mentioned Hoyt's going back to the early colonization days. Was not convinced of being of the line for a long time. The recent matches we have on YSearch with others appear to connect us back to the time of Simon. Your thoughts on the subject are invited for I am cramming to understand the processes. Was amazed to find the E3b trail back 25,000 years to the Mediterranean area- My sister's haplogroup is H- Her migration course continues throughout Europe and ultimately to the British Isles. Rib shows up in a number of my other lines (about 50 % of English population)(E3b about 25 to 30% of the population),

My Wells line arrived around the time of the RW, likely came from Wales to VA. The line was in KY by 1790 when Charles Wells was born. He apparently served during the War of 1812 as an Ensign (still trying to find more proof). He married Susannah Briggs (born on the Potomac) in Ross County, OH (Military Base). They moved to Caesar's Creek, Greene County, OH and raised all but one of their children there. They sold their land (out of the large military survey) and moved to MI. They acquired land following the Chicago Indian Treaty of 1833 and settled in Berrien County. Children of the line married twice into the Vandemhoof/Tietsoort lines from Holland. There were also connections of two Wells brothers that married two Herkimer sisters. Wondered if your MI research has included some of the above families?

My father tried gold mining in Oregon before returning to ND and marrying Jayne Wells. He had been farming and ranching on the Briggs *land in ND* prior to me mining venture. He joined his uncle Eugene Hoyt and filed claims. Have not been able to track down any history on Eugene (Gene) Hoyt. Henry Cooper (grandfather of Bert) had spent two or more years in the CA Gold Rush (about 1851-1854). Henry had made the trip to CA with his oxen team. He made his earnings in gold by blacksmithing and returned by ship to the Isthmus where the group walked across to take a ship back to NY and then returned to Peoria, IL. The family (first son Lemuel) then moved to IA as early settlers in Ellis, Hardin, IA.

Looking forward to sharing more information with you John. Hoping you will find more Hoyt connections in England that take the line back to Europe, etc. Also hoping your research will bring forth more proof of the Jane Stoodley lines. A multitude of Deborah Stowers files overpower the Stoodley ancestry files (many will cling to the Stowers story regardless of DNA testing, etc.