

# Tour of the Collins Project

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The permanent home of the Collins project at FTDNA is at: [familytreedna.com/groups/collins](https://familytreedna.com/groups/collins).

The screenshot shows the FamilyTreeDNA website for the Collins project. The header includes the FamilyTreeDNA logo, navigation links for DNA TESTS, UPLOAD DNA DATA, and SHOP, and a SIGN IN button. The main banner features the text "Collins The British Isles and Beyond 358 members" and a JOIN button. Below the banner is a navigation menu with "About us" selected, and sub-links for Overview, Background, Goals, News, and Results. The main content area is titled "Read before clicking JOIN" and contains the following text:

This Y DNA project is for MEN named Collins, Collings, Cullen, or a close variation. (See **SURNAMES**.)

**State in your JOIN request the most recent Y DNA test you ordered - Y37, Y67, Y111, or Big Y. One of these tests is required. Y37 is the minimal, "entry level" test.**

If you don't already have a Y DNA test of 37 markers or more, see the [FTDNA products page](https://www.familytreedna.com/products/y-dna):  
<https://www.familytreedna.com/products/y-dna>.

If you already have a FTDNA account with a swab submitted, **log in to your account before ordering your Y DNA test.**

See the [FAQ](https://www.familytreedna.com/groups/collins/faq) for eligibility details, project policies, tips on setting up your account, etc:  
<https://www.familytreedna.com/groups/collins/faq>

**Men with non-eligible surnames** will likely need to do substantially more testing beyond Y37 and need to **follow the [FAQ instructions](#) BEFORE clicking JOIN.**

See our [DNA and Y testing tutorial](#) if you need help understanding the differences between the male line, female line, and universal lineage types of tests:  
<http://collins.dnagen.org/dna/faq.html>

You can view any haplogroup work done on our [project website](#):  
<http://collins.dnagen.org/dna/haplogroups/>

If you have any questions **AFTER** seeing these materials, send Susan a **BRIEF** email, **NO ATTACHMENTS - DIRECTLY** - at [collinsdna@pobox.com](mailto:collinsdna@pobox.com).

Copy and paste the exact phrase **COLLINS PROJECT** into the subject line of your email **otherwise your email will be viewed as SPAM**

The page also includes a sidebar with navigation links (About, DNA Results, Surnames, Activity Feed, Photos, Links, FAQ), a list of Administrators (Susan Barretta) and Co-Administrators (Marilyn Pilkington), and a "Donate" button showing a General Fund Total of \$94.05. Two maps are included: one of the British Isles with regional labels like "Mae Collain", "Ó Collain", and "Cullin", and another map of the British Isles with regional labels like "Collins of Steele", "Collins the Bargeas", and "Collins the Reeve".

The project uses three websites. There is the basic FTDNA website ("FTDNA website"). There is also a website owned by the project administrator, not FTDNA ("project website").

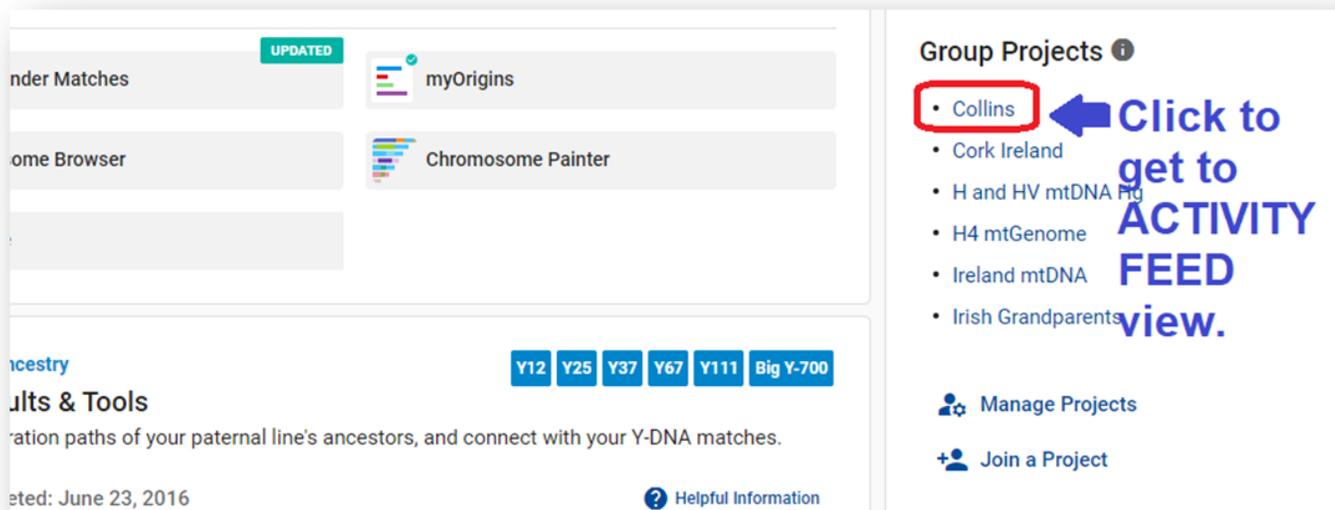
A third website ("support website"), also owned by the project administrator, is utilized specifically to hold detailed illustrated aids that are shared across multiple projects.

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## QUICK TOUR OF THE FTDNA WEBSITE

**SIGN IN** to your [FTDNA account](#). Look for **myProjects** on your account dashboard in the sidebar. The projects you have joined are listed there. Click on **Collins** when you find it.



This will take you to the **Activity Feed View** of our FTDNA website, which is shown on the next page.

At the top of the **Activity Feed** is a pinned **PROJECT ESSENTIALS** post. This is a VERY short summary of the same information in this document.

In the Activity Feed, you can post questions and comments. You can even post an image of a genealogy document you might be having trouble reading, and ask for other eyes to look at it.

Now pay attention to the menu in the left sidebar. See the figure on the next page.

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The screenshot shows the Collins Project page on FamilyTreeDNA. At the top, the navigation bar includes 'Home', 'Results & Tools', 'Family Tree', and 'Group Projects'. The user profile for 'John Collins' is visible in the top right corner. The main header features the 'Collins' logo, the tagline 'The British Isles and Beyond', and '367 members'. Below this are two maps: one of Ireland with locations 'Mao Coileáin', 'Coileáin', and 'Cuilín' marked, and another of the British Isles with 'Collins of Steele' and 'Collins the Burgess' highlighted, along with 'Domesday Book Attestations'.

On the left side, a navigation menu is shown with red boxes highlighting 'About', 'DNA Results', 'FAQ', 'Administrators', and 'Co-Administrators'. Below the menu are sections for 'FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS' (with a link to details on eligibility and account setup), 'DNA RESULTS' (with a link to view a spreadsheet), and 'ABOUT MENU' (with a link to overview and goals).

The main content area has a 'Post to Group' section with options to 'Post to Group', 'Post a Picture', and 'Ask a Question'. Below this is a 'Pinned Posts' section featuring a post by Susan Barretta, an Admin, dated May 14, 2021. The post is titled 'PROJECT ESSENTIALS' and contains the following text:

Last updated 19 Feb 2022 and subject to change!

PLEASE - do not publish the FTDNA account number or information on another project member in a different venue without that person's express permission!

PRIVATE EMAIL TO ADMIN  
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Copy and paste COLLINS PROJECT on the subject line.  
Include your FTDNA account number on the subject line.  
Otherwise your email gets routed into a spam folder.

TAKE THE COLLINS PROJECT TOUR  
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<https://collins.dnagen.org/CollinsProjectTour.pdf>

ACCOUNT SETUP. FAMILY TREE. ETC.  
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<https://www.familytreedna.com/groups/collins/faq>

DNA TUTORIAL  
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The **About Menu** gives you access to the Project **Overview**, Project **Background**, Project **Goals**, **Results**, quick **News** blurbs, and **bulletins** that are private to the project and accessible only when logged in. The **Overview** is the home page of the project at FTDNA and was probably the first page you saw when you found the project. **Background** gives some project history. **Goals** describes what the project is trying to do.

FamilyTreeDNA Home Results & Tools Family Tree Group Projects Add Ons & Upgrades John Collins KIT No. xxxxxx

## Collins

The British Isles and Beyond

367 members

Mac Ceilcáin  
Ó Ceilcáin  
Cúilín

Collins of Steel  
Collins of the Barges  
Collins the Reeve  
Domesday Book Attestations

**About**

- DNA Results
- Surnames
- Activity Feed
- Photos
- Links
- Code of Conduct
- FAQ

**Administrators**

- Susan Barretta

**Co-Administrators**

- Marilyn Pilkington

General Fund

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### About us

Overview Background Goals News Results Bulletin - Members Only Updates - Members Only

## Read before clicking JOIN

This Y DNA project is for MEN named Collins, Collings, Cullen, or a close variation. (See SURNAMES.) **It is not sufficient to have a Collins person in your ancestry.** The tester must be a man named Collins and his direct paternal lineage must be of men named Collins.

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Pay attention to [Results from the About Menu](#). It is a **detailed tutorial** on how to read the spreadsheet of **DNA Results** which you click from the left sidebar. Then click **Colorized Chart**.

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👉 Make sure you are able to find your **kit number** and your **cluster** on the Y DNA Results spreadsheet. Be able to identify your **cluster number**, the SNP sequence describing your cluster, and any further information in the label.

Now go back to the left sidebar. The [FAQ](#) holds details on project eligibility, links to tips on how to create or upload a family tree, fill in your earliest known paternal ancestor and country of origin, and much more.

www.familytreedna.com/groups/driscoll/faq

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Administrators  
Susan Barretta

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General Fund Total  
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## FAQ

Prospective members who have any questions ABOUT THE PROJECT after reading the materials here should email Susan at [driscoldna@pobox.com](mailto:driscoldna@pobox.com). **If you expect your email to be seen and you want a reply**, copy and paste the exact phrase **DRISCOLL PROJECT** into the subject line of your email. **Current project members need to add their FTDNA account number on the subject line**. Emails must be BRIEF (300 words or less). Do NOT send attachments. **Otherwise your email will be regarded as spam and you will not get a reply.**

**READ THIS PAGE** for information on: project eligibility; project resources, including our DNA test Q&A; setting up and navigating your FTDNA account; creating and sharing your family tree; privacy and communication policies; advanced level participation, and MUCH more!

This project utilizes a third party website to describe and illustrate FTDNA account features. Links to that website are in a box with a gray background like this one.

### Eligibility and Joining

1. What is the purpose of the project and who is eligible to join?
2. Based on my Y test, I believe I am a Driscoll/other project surname. What if my last name is not Driscoll or a project surname?
3. I'm not eligible but I have project surname ancestry. Is there anything you can do for me?

### Administration and Policies

4. How is the project administered?
5. Communications

Now from the left sidebar, click [LINKS](#). Our Project website URL is listed near the top. Click to visit the project website at [collins.dnagen.org](http://collins.dnagen.org).

1	Donate to the project fund	<a href="http://www.familytreedna.com/group-general-f...">www.familytreedna.com/group-general-f...</a>	
2	Collins Project Website	<a href="http://collins.dnagen.org">collins.dnagen.org</a>	

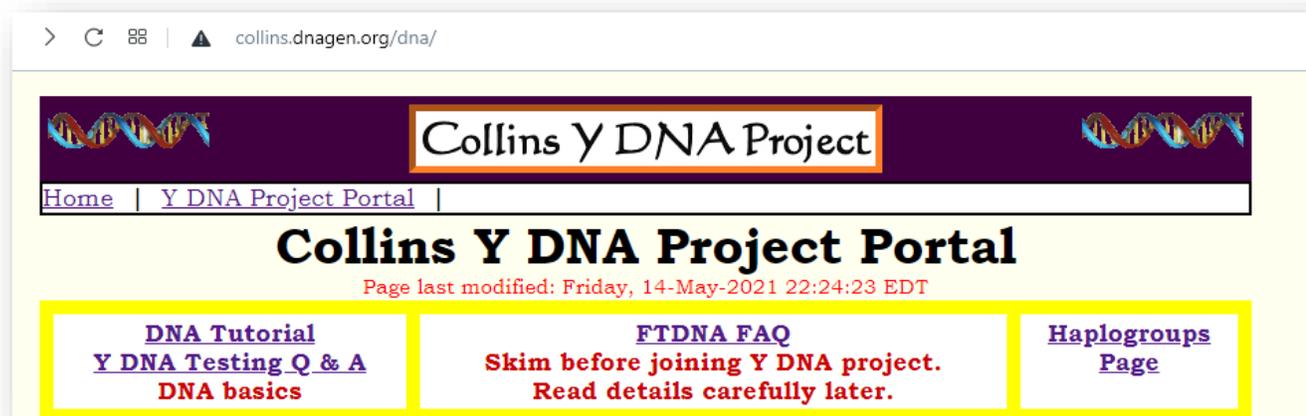
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## QUICK TOUR OF THE PROJECT WEBSITE

The [project website](http://collins.dnagen.org) ([collins.dnagen.org](http://collins.dnagen.org)) is not an FTDNA website, but is the property of the Collins project administrator.

👉 The most important area for our purposes is the **DNA Portal**. From here you can access a DNA tutorial. The portal also has a section on our project haplogroups. It contains advanced analysis of Y DNA results for those of you participating at [expert level](#). The portal goes into detail analyzing your STR markers more extensively; looks at your SNP haplotree, and maps out your relationships to your matches. The content of the website depends almost entirely on how extensively you as a project member are willing to participate.



For those new to DNA and Y-DNA testing, the [DNA Tutorial](#) can be helpful. Currently, it is divided into five parts. [Part 3](#) teaches basic Y-DNA terminology for genetic genealogy and deals with understanding and navigating your Y DNA results at FTDNA.

While you are waiting for new Y DNA results to process, skim over part 3 so you'll have some idea of what to expect. Once your Y DNA results are in, review them with part 3 open in another browser window, so you can identify everything you see in your account and then see how your results compare with those in the examples.

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## Part III: Understanding and Navigating Y DNA Results

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### 👉 Concepts

marker

Short Tandem Repeat (STR)

allele

haplotype

modal haplotype

Genetic Distance (GD)

advent of surname usage

mutation rates

formation date

Time to Most Recent Common Ancestor (TMRCA)

Single Nucleotide Polymorphism (SNP)

haplogroup and terminal SNP

non-paternity event (NPE)

haplotree

clade and subclade

upstream and downstream

**Prerequisites: Part I and Part II are recommended.**

## Part IV: Understanding and Navigating Y SNP Results

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**Prerequisites: Parts I and and III are recommended.**

1. [Is there a relationship or correlation between STR markers and SNPs?](#)
2. [What is FTDNA's yDNA Haplotree?](#)
3. [My known first/second/third paternal line cousins has done SNP testing and we match on STRs. Do I need to test SNPs too?](#)
4. [My terminal SNP appears in an SNP stream that aligns with the SNP stream of others in my surname project, but mine remains stuck upstream from the terminal SNPs of other members. Why?](#)
5. [How are SNPs named?](#)
6. [Why should I get SNP testing done?](#)
7. [What are the major parent Y haplogroups?](#)

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The next major part of the DNA Portal is the **haplogroup** section. If you are participating at **expert level**, clicking on your haplogroup will lead to further details.



## Collins Y DNA Project



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## Collins Y DNA Haplogroups and STR Analysis

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MUTATION  
RATES

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Parent Haplogroup: [E](#) [G](#) [J](#) [I1](#) [I2](#) [L](#) [Q](#) [R1a](#) [R1b](#)

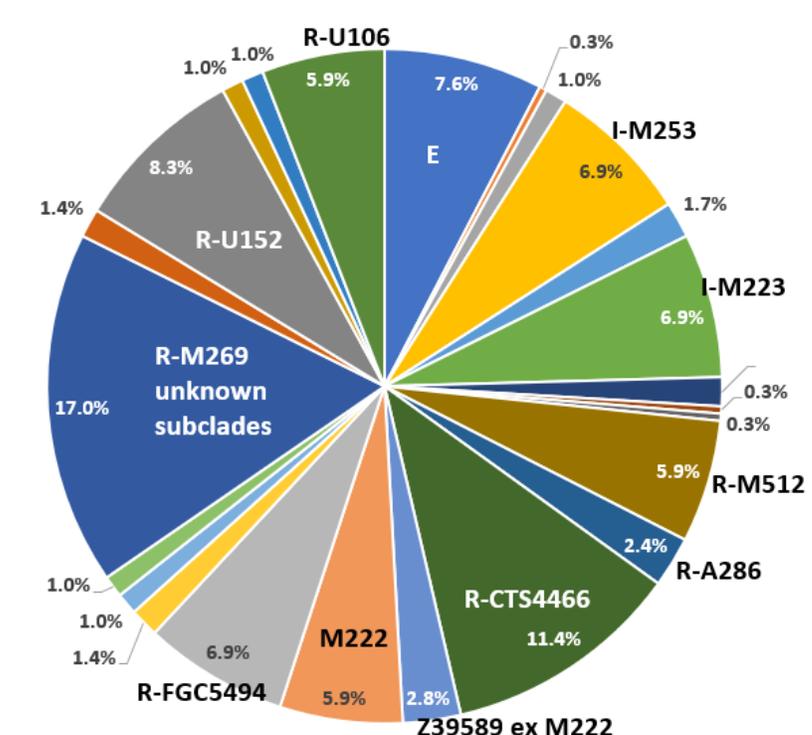
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**Visitors new to Y DNA testing and to this website are advised to first read the help and tutorials available on the above toolbar.**

### Breakdown by Haplogroup

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#### Collins Project Haplogroups



Haplogroup	Percentage
R-U106	5.9%
E	7.6%
I-M253	6.9%
I-M223	6.9%
R-M512	5.9%
R-A286	2.4%
R-CTS4466	11.4%
Z39589 ex M222	2.8%
M222	5.9%
R-FGC5494	6.9%
R-U152	8.3%
R-M269 unknown subclades	17.0%
Other	1.4%
Other	1.0%
Other	0.3%
Other	1.0%
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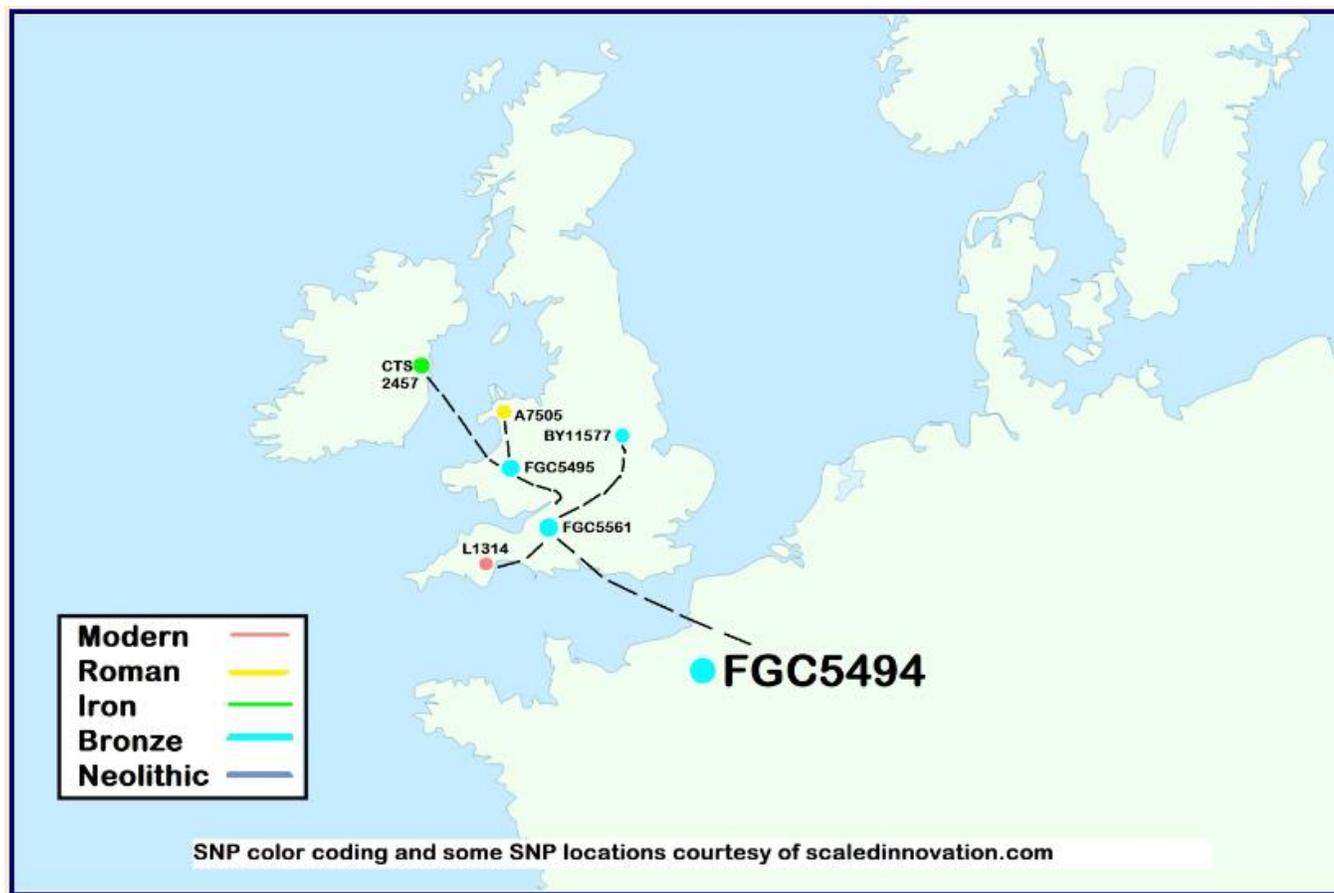




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The project also illustrates the progression of your SNP subclades geographically with maps that approximate locations of SNP movement.



The project links pedigrees with haplogroups. The individual project members participating at expert level also have published pedigrees. Clicking on a **project member number** on a haplogroup page redirects to that member's pedigree.

Member Number	Patriarch Name, Approximate YOB, Patriarch Location or Primary Geographic Region(s)	Haplo group
<a href="#">E</a> <a href="#">I-M223</a> <a href="#">I-M253</a> <a href="#">R-FGC5494</a> <a href="#">R-CTS4466</a> <a href="#">R-M222</a> <a href="#">R-M512</a> <a href="#">R-U152</a>		
- A -		
18358253	<a href="#">Andrew Collins b. 1740 North Carolina, USA</a>	R-FGC5494
27946119	<a href="#">Andrew Collins b. early 1800's, Enniskeane, Cork, Ireland</a>	R-U152
- C -		
12700093	<a href="#">Champ Edward Collins b. 1918 Overton Co, Tennessee</a>	I-M253
- D -		
17203518	<a href="#">Daniel Henry Collins, b. 1800's, Pennsylvania to Ohio</a>	R-CTS4466
73335919	<a href="#">David Collins b.c. 1773, I. Grayson, Virginia, to Missouri</a>	R-M512
87702215	<a href="#">Denis Collins and Mary Sweeney of Crow Hill Cork Ireland</a>	R-U152
91801235	<a href="#">Denis Collins (1823-1919) and Margaret Mahony of Lissane Lower</a>	R-CTS4466
- H -		
24586750	<a href="#">Harry Bruce Collins b. 1886 NY disappeared</a>	R-M222

Our Pedigree Index is alphabetized by **Earliest Known Paternal Ancestor**.

👉 This is how we link pedigrees to Y SNP branches.

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👉 At the time you agree to become an expert level participant, you choose whether or not to publish a contact email on your pedigree page. Providing an email may give distant relatives an opportunity to contact you directly.



## *Collins Pedigrees*

[Home](#)[Project Pedigrees](#)[John Collins of Culpepper Co. Virginia](#)

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## Robert Collins of Culpepper County, Virginia

This lineage shows four generations in Virginia and four generations in Kentucky.

This project member falls into [I-M223](#).

For further information: **Your email goes here**

### **John Collins**

late 1600's/early 1700's m. Unknown Dillard l. Caroline Co, VA, USA

#### ■ **James Collins**

b. VA, USA d. 20 Aug 1788 m. Mary Kirtley of St. Marks, Spotsylvania, VA, also had daughters Mildred (1754), Mary, Nancy, Margaret, sons Edward (1757), James (1769), Thomas (1775), Francis, and Tandy

#### ■ **Robert Collins**

b. 1757 Culpepper Co, VA, USA d. 02 Apr 1816 Franklin Co, KY, USA m. Mildred Dudley 1774

#### ■ **Thomas Collins**

b. b. 1783 Culpepper Co, VA d. Franklin Co, KY m. Mary Ann Bourne 1811

#### ■ **Thomas Dudley Collins**

b. 1820 Franklin Co, KY d. 1887 Taylor Co, KY m. Sarah Elizabeth Richeson 1841, also had daughters Mary Collins Graves (1852 - 1927), Sarah Collins Creel (1854 - 1887), Julia Collins Tandy (1859 - 1887), sons Henry (1857 - 1931)

#### ■ **John Luther Collins**

b. 08 Oct 1843 Campbellsville, Taylor Co, KY d. 01 Jul 1920 Lebanon, Marion Co, KY m. firstly Sarah Abel, also had daughters Sarah (1870), Sallie (1871), Annie (1872 - 1876), Addie (1874 - 1875), Mary (1878 - 1968), Myrtle (1886), sons Eldred (1869 - 1871), Lister (1880 - 1966)

#### ■ **John Collins**

b. 20 Nov 1876 KY d. 24 May 1943 m. Georgia Burdette, also had daughters Mary (1908 - 1984)

#### ■ **Willis Ernest Collins**

b. 13 Jan 1911 Marion Co, KY d. 10 May 1991 Clermont, Lake, FL, USA m. Ida Hansford

m. secondly Diana Cowherd

#### ■ **Joseph Tolbert Collins Sr.**

b. 1848 Taylor Co, KY d. 1928 Taylor Co, KY m. Mary Frances Faucett 1875, also had daughters Elizabeth Collins Turner (1875 - 1955), Mary (1883 - 1883), Julia Collins Feather (1884 - 1923), sons William (1877 - 1939), Robert (1881 - 1881),

#### ■ **Joseph Tolbert Collins Jr.**

b. 1890 Taylor Co, KY d. 1972 Wichita, KS m. Sarah Belle Coppock 1915

👉 Projects are about sharing data and information and collaborating as we compare our results. Please consider becoming an EXPERT LEVEL participant, which can help you better view and understand your results in the context of your participating matches. Otherwise, WHY are you in this project??

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Now, go back to the Collins project at FTDNA, and locate the FAQ in the left menu bar. Click the FAQ for the final part of the tour.

## QUICK TOUR OF THE SUPPORT WEBSITE

The [FAQ at FTDNA](#) contains the following notice:

This project utilizes a third party website to describe and illustrate FTDNA account features. Links to that website are in a box with a gray background like this one.

The FAQ contains tips for setting up your FTDNA account. As you scroll down the FAQ, you will see links that take you to [dnagen.org](http://dnagen.org), the project administrator's support website.

15. • **Set up paternal ancestor** [Back to top](#)

See external help: [Set Paternal Ancestor data.](#)

16. • **Share Y results and paternal ancestral data with projects** [Back to top](#)

See external help: [Share Your Y Results.](#)

At the top of each help page at [dnagen.org](http://dnagen.org), you'll see the title FTDNA ACCOUNT SETUP HELP. This is followed by a reminder **in red** that the website is not a property of FTDNA.

### **FTDNA Account Setup Help**

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**FTDNA Account: Edit Paternal Ancestor Data**

See also: [FTDNA Learning Center Earliest Known Ancestors under Account Settings - Genealogy.](#)

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If you click **BACK TO HOME**, that will take you to the main page with a menu of account setup help tips. So you can access the help tips directly from [dnagen.org/ftdnafaq/](https://dnagen.org/ftdnafaq/). You do not even need to go through the FAQ at FTDNA.

## FTDNA Account Setup Help

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[Email notifications](#)

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[Law Enforcement Matching Sharing Option](#)

[Matching, Opt In](#)

[Maternal Ancestor \(earliest known\), Edit](#)

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[Paternal Ancestor \(earliest known\), Edit](#)

[Surname List | Trick: Make Ancestral Locations Searchable](#)

🛒👤 Kit No. ▾

- ⚙️ Account Settings
- 📁 Order History
- ❓ Learning Center
- 🚪 Sign Out

These pages have detailed illustrated instructions on setting up your account.

This concludes the basic tour. The remaining pages contain additional information on project participation that we hope are helpful.

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**NAME MAINTENANCE.** The tester's name in the account First and Last Name fields should ALWAYS contain the real name of the tester. **The Last Name field should contain ONLY the last name!!**

If you are monitoring the account of a relative, put your name in the Middle Name field starting with C/O.

For example: John C/O Jane Smith Collins

The screenshot shows a web interface with a navigation bar at the top containing 'ACCOUNT INFORMATION', 'GENEALOGY', 'PRIVACY & SHARING', 'PROJECT PREFERENCES', and 'NOT'. Below this is a sub-section with tabs for 'Contact Information', 'Password', and 'Beneficiary Information'. The 'Contact Information' tab is active. It contains several input fields: a 'Prefix' dropdown menu, a 'First Name \*' field containing 'John', a 'Middle Name' field containing 'C/O Jane Smith', a 'Last Name \*' field containing 'Collins', and a 'Suffix' dropdown menu.

**EMAIL CORRESPONDENCE.** When emailing the project administrator, ALWAYS

Put COLLINS PROJECT on the subject line of your email.

Add your FTDNA account number to the subject line if you are a project member.

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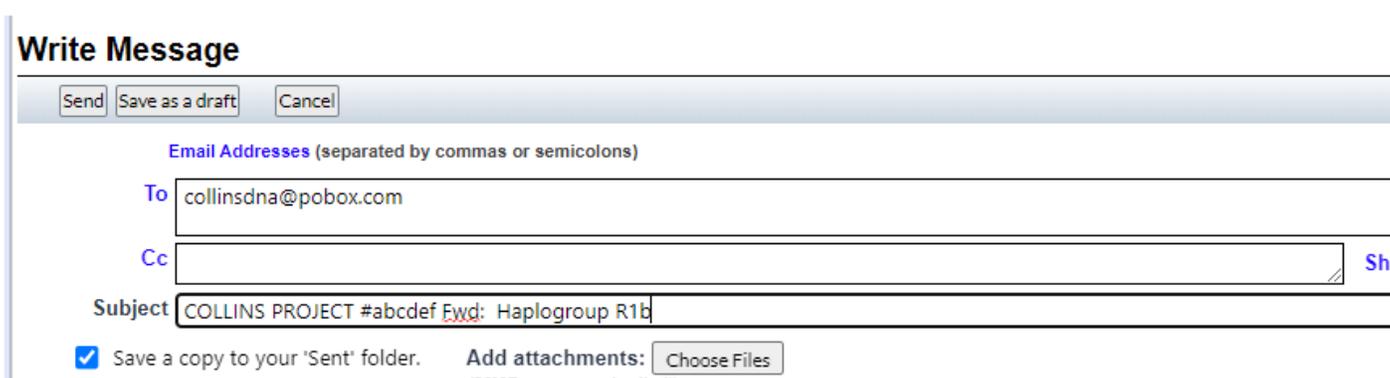
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For example: COLLINS PROJECT #abcdef

Do this even with email you are forwarding!!

This way your email may be seen in a SPAM folder and rescued.

It is also easy for the project administrator to search for your correspondence at a later date to refresh the memory on our prior conversations. It also makes it easy for YOU to find and file all our correspondence in one place.



**Write Message**

Send Save as a draft Cancel

Email Addresses (separated by commas or semicolons)

To collinsdna@pobox.com

Cc

Subject COLLINS PROJECT #abcdef Fwd: Haplogroup R1b

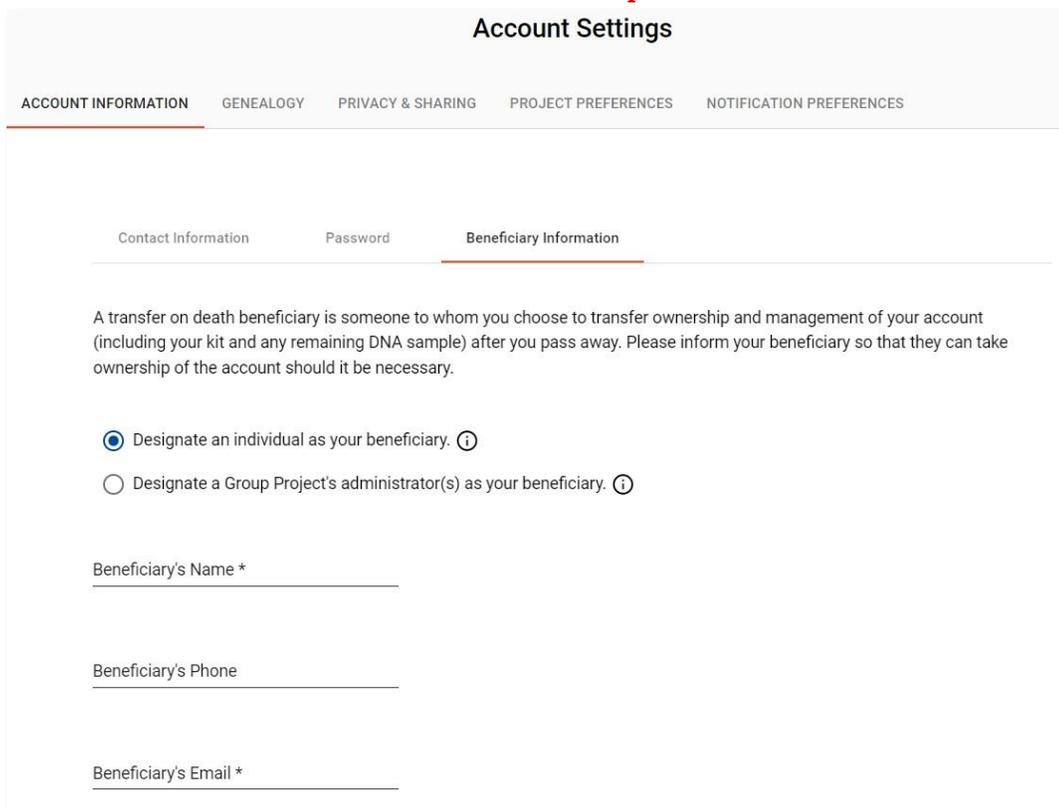
Save a copy to your 'Sent' folder. Add attachments: Choose Files

**ORGANIZATION.** Like the family photo album, your DNA results are an inheritable family heirloom. Someday, one of your inheritors will be interested in your discoveries. For their sake, please preserve all information about your DNA testing and results. The following recommendations are just one way you can go about it. **Do it your way, but do it!**

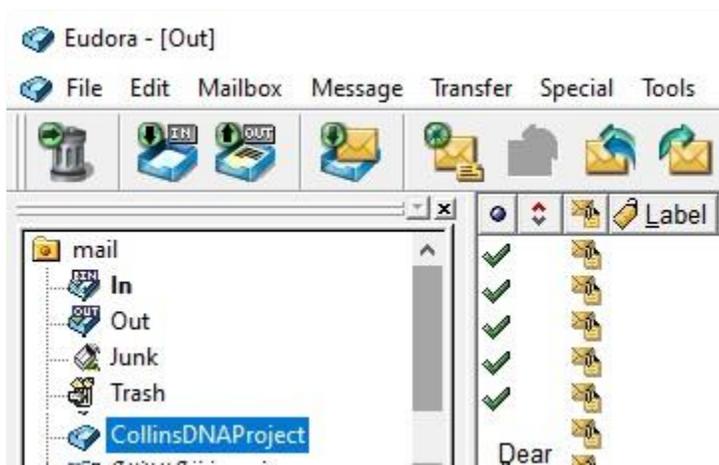
👉 Fill in a beneficiary in your FTDNA account. See the Beneficiary dashboard on the next page. Enter the beneficiary's name, phone, and email.

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The screenshot shows the 'Account Settings' page with the 'Beneficiary Information' tab selected. The page includes a navigation bar with 'ACCOUNT INFORMATION', 'GENEALOGY', 'PRIVACY & SHARING', 'PROJECT PREFERENCES', and 'NOTIFICATION PREFERENCES'. Below the navigation bar, there are three sub-tabs: 'Contact Information', 'Password', and 'Beneficiary Information'. The 'Beneficiary Information' section contains a paragraph explaining that a transfer on death beneficiary is someone to whom you choose to transfer ownership and management of your account after you pass away. It then offers two radio button options: 'Designate an individual as your beneficiary.' (selected) and 'Designate a Group Project's administrator(s) as your beneficiary.'. Below these options are three text input fields labeled 'Beneficiary's Name \*', 'Beneficiary's Phone', and 'Beneficiary's Email \*'.



👉 File your email correspondence with the project in a dedicated email folder.

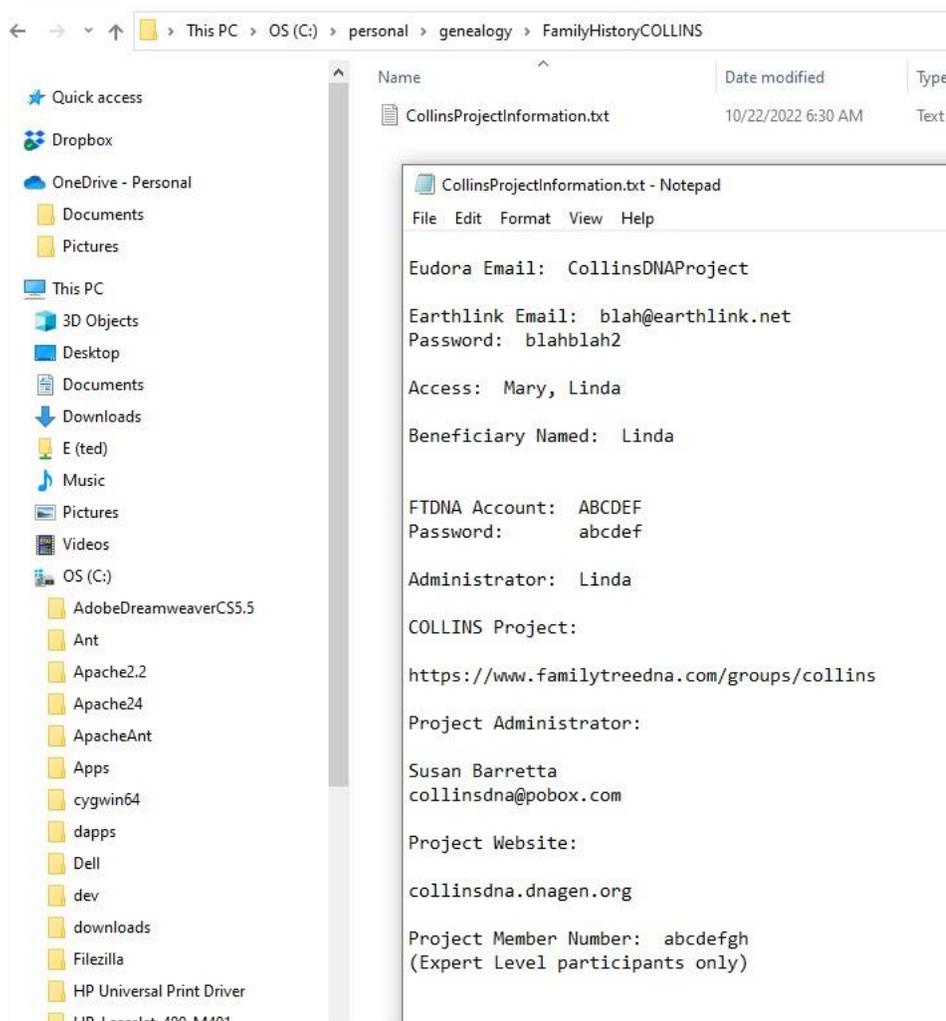
Create a file on your computer where you keep your surname project research. Name it something like COLLINSPROJECT or COLLINSDNA or whatever makes sense to you.

To that file, add:

- Your FTDNA account number and password.
- Your email address you are using for that account.
- The password of your email program.
- Your account beneficiary.
- The URL of the COLLINS project at FTDNA.
- The URL of our external project website.
- Project administrator name and email.

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- Your expert level project member number (if applicable).

⚠ If you do not download your email to your computer, and then your access to your web-based email is cut off, **you will lose your project correspondence.**

⚠ If you download your email, but don't keep separate physical backups of your computer, **you will lose project-related information when your hard drive fails.**

⚠ Do not rely solely on the Internet to maintain hard copy backups of your computer. You might lose access to that storage space. Use portable

thumb drives or external drives to maintain copies.

If you can, print out:

- Your COLLINSPROJECT file
- Your FTDNA purchase receipts
- Welcome email and this manual if possible.

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