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## DNA Testing — \$600 & 6 Men Can Solve Riddles of Denbow Origins

**Dramatic reduction in the cost of DNA testing makes  
this high-tech procedure available to genealogists!**

The August 2002 issue of *Family Tree* magazine (Yes those magazine editors do get carried away with pre-dating things, don't they?) has a major feature entitled, “It's in your genes: The next big breakthrough in your family history might be found not in microfilm but in microbiology.” The article goes on to say that within the last few years, an increasing number of genealogists have been using this new technology to help link various branches on family trees. It's most useful not as a “fishing expedition” to discover new relatives, but when archival research is at a dead end and researchers in a particular family have specific hypotheses that they want to test. I submit that that is exactly where Denbow family re-

searchers are at the moment.

As readers of the *Diaspora* know, we've floated a lot of hypotheses in these pages over the last few years. Now, I think we finally have the tool to test them. Here is a hypothesis that I would like to test: Do the Maine, Maryland, Ohio, Iowa, Indiana and Kentucky clans all come from a common forbearer. And, it's just this kind of hypothesis that DNA testing is actually most suited for.

In case you wondered, the headline here is not a case of sexism, but represents the reality of useful genetic testing of the sort we are contemplating. This is because each father passes on to his sons — and not his daughters — genes on the male

“y” chromosomes. This accounts for only about .5 percent of a man’s chromosomes, but there is just enough variation to be useful in tracing common ancestry. For reasons that we don’t have the space to discuss here the other types of DNA are not as useful for testing the kinds of hypotheses that I just mentioned. These include both the very small amount of mitochondrial DNA, which is inherited only from the mother, and the autosomal DNA, which accounts for the vast majority of our genes and is inherited equally from mother and father.

To sum all this up in the vernacular: What we need is a few good men, or more specifically a “Few Good DENBOW and DENBO men” to come forward and volunteer. I’ve already had one volunteer via email. He’s a Denbo from the Indiana (Crawford County) clan.

In case you wondered, DNA is usually obtained by lightly swabbing the inside of the cheek with a special scrapper. It’s painless and obtains enough cells for the analysis. In many cases, you can do it yourself at home and send the sample back to the laboratory. Some labs take blood samples but this is less common.

Oh, yes, I almost forgot, I’d also like to test the hypothesis that North American Denbo(w)s come from common ancestors in the Devon area of England. So we also

need at least one good English man, err . . . English Denbow. Are you listening Bernard? Nick? Robert? Etc.

Now the specifics of my proposal can be ascertained from the emails that follow. In essence, we need to get six men to qualify for a special \$100.00 a man rate. That’s a total of \$600.00, for those of you who are math challenged! ☺ Elsewhere in this newsletter you will find a form to donate to this special cause. These funds will be accounted for separately from the Diaspora account, and since the Diaspora has made several hundred dollars recently on the sale of the 78th Ohio Volunteer Infantry reprints, we might be able to subsidize the DNA Test Fund to some extent — maybe a third of the cost or so.

I think this prospect of a new way to unlock the mysteries of Denbogenesis is very exciting. I can’t wait to get the test results!

Editor’s Note: What follows is what’s called an internet message “thread.” You may find it more logical to go to the end of this article and read the threaded messages from the bottom up. That’s actually the order in which they were sent, with each new message being added on top of the previous ones.

## It May Still be Possible to Find Reunion Lodging in Zanesville

**AmeriHost Inn** I-70, Exit 155, 230 Scenic Crest Drive, Zanesville, Ohio 43701 740/454-9332, 61 rooms, offers four private whirlpool suites, a meeting room for up to 35 people, indoor pool, whirlpool and sauna, exercise equipment and continental breakfast. Group rates available.

**Best Western: Town House** I-70, Exit 155, 135 N. Seventh St., Zanesville, Ohio 43701 740/452-4511 Restaurant and lounge on site. Free hors d’oeuvres during happy hour. Free HBO. Available within three blocks: free indoor swimming, Jacuzzi, sauna and exercise room. Non-smoking rooms available.

**Days Inn** I-70, Exit 160, 4925 East Pike, Zanesville, Ohio 43701 740/453-3400 Recipient of four “Sunbursts.” Member, Silver Motorcoach Plus Program. Free coffee & tea on site. Remote-controlled cable TV. Fax machine and copier available. Indoor pool, whirlpool, sauna. Ample parking for RV’s, motorcoaches, trucks.

**Red Roof Inn** I-70 Exit, 160, 4929 East Pike, Zanesville, Ohio 43701 740/453-6300, 78 rooms, pool, hot tub, handicapped accessible, group rates available.

**Hampton Inn** 1009 Spring St., Zanesville, Ohio 43701 740/453-6511 \* (800) 426-7866, 64 rooms, free continental breakfast, hot tubs, whirlpool, indoor pool, pets permitted, handicapped accessible. Group rates available.

**Travelodge** I-70, Exit 155, 58 N. Sixth St., Zanesville, Ohio 43701 740/453-0611 In room coffee, hot food vending, Bryan Place across the street. In-room refrigerators, coin-operated laundry available. Cable TV, exercise and meeting room facilities.

**Baker’s Motel** I-70, Exit 164, 8855 East Pike, Norwich, Ohio 43767 740/872-3232, 61 units, color TV & cable, free movies, laundry facilities. Across from the National Road - Zane Grey Museum.

**Comfort Inn** I-70, Exit 155, 500 Monroe St., Zanesville, Ohio 43701 740/454-4144 Coffee, tea, hot chocolate available 24 hours. Free continental breakfast. Deli and legal beverages on site. Walking distance to four major chain restaurants. Indoor pool, sauna, Jacuzzi, exercise room, laundry facilities. Non-smoking rooms available.

**Fairfield Inn (Marriott)** I-70, Exit 155, 725 Zane St., Zanesville, Ohio 43701 740/453-8770 Welcome reception, free continental breakfast, Red Lobster adjacent. Remote-control cable, free HBO, FAX machine. Indoor pool, whirlpool. Group rates available.

**Super 8 Motel** I-70, Exit 152, 2440 National Road, Zanesville, Ohio 43701 740/455-3124 Complimentary coffee, two restaurants in walking distance, VCR, movie rental, microwave and refrigerator available. Remote control cable with HBO & ESPN, pets with permission. Waterbeds and FAX machine available. Baggage handling upon request.

**Holiday Inn** I-70, Exit 160, 4645 East Pike, Zanesville, OH 43701 740/453-0771 or 800-465-4329 Holidome with large indoor pool, whirlpool, exercise room with sauna, video games, ping-pong and pool tables. In-room coffee, room service, restaurant and lounge on site. Free HBO, remote-control TV, laundry service. Free parking.

**2002 REUNION RSVP FORM**  
**Reservation for Friday Dinner Cruise**  
**Limited Seating Still Available!!**

Please cut out this reply form or make a photocopy and **send it in ASAP**. While reservations are required only for the Friday night Diaspora Dinner, your courtesy in replying about all events would be appreciated! Because enough folks registered for the dinner after the last newsletter came out, we were able to secure a boat that has sufficient room for **a few extra passengers**. If you're still interested, but have procrastinated so far, you're in luck. **Send your reservations in by July 10**, and we can assure you of a seat. Limited "walk-ins" may be available, but don't count on it!

\_\_\_\_\_ I will attend the Diaspora Dinner on Friday Night, July 26, 2002. My party will consist of \_\_\_\_\_ people. I've enclosed \$\_\_\_\_\_ (number of attendees x \$25).

\_\_\_\_\_ I plan to attend the Saturday Picnic and Get-together. (I anticipate \_\_\_\_\_ number in my party.)

\_\_\_\_\_ I will take part in the Sunday Field Trip (\_\_\_\_\_ will be in party). Please indicate if you'd like to see the first Denbow lands in Carroll County, or would rather go to another site, please specify \_\_\_\_\_.

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**THIRD MESSAGE IN THREAD**  
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Dan,  
Thanks so much for prompt and thorough response. I will check out the website. I'm also posting this reply on the Denbow-L listserv. You may get some questions from others as a result. As I get into this, I may, indeed, be back to you with more questions. At the moment, you've answered them. I'm definitely going to propose that we do this kind of DNA study. Not only do we have the Denbo/Denbow question, but we have Denbow clans in Iowa, Ohio, Maryland, Maine and Kentucky that, in most cases, don't know the linkage that may exist between them. I think we can easily get six men to get the "group rate"! Thanks, again, for your great message! — Carl

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**SECOND MESSAGE IN THREAD**  
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From: Pelhamdan@aol.com  
[mailto: Pelhamdan@aol.com]  
Sent: April 25, 2002 12:21 PM  
To: denbow@frognet.net  
Cc: tdenbo1@earthlink.net  
Subject: Re: DNA Testing

Dear Carl,  
Thanks for your message. We have only just begun our Hoyt DNA

study but there are quite a number of others that you may be interested in checking out. Check out this website. Not only does it provide good explanations of how this works and what the results are but it has links to other family studies.

<http://www.duerinck.com/project.html>

I would also note that I have also worked with my mother's Grigg family to answer a major question they had. For thirty years, they have been trying to document a link between Moses Grigg born 1748 (our confirmed ancestor) to another Grigg family in the neighboring county in Virginia. When we looked at the Y haplotypes of males from both families, we found that the two lineages were a mismatch for 5 of 12 markers, thus indicating that they do not share a common paternal line ancestor. We are allowing for the possibility that the name came through a female Grigg from the other family (and so would not match as far as paternal lineage) but overall, we have had to conclude that our research should be directed toward other Grigg families.

You should be able to use Y haplotyping very successfully in looking at the question of common paternal line ancestry in your Denbo, Denbow families. If you sign up as a family

study with Family Tree DNA and have at least six men to test, you can get their family group rate of \$99 per person.

I would be happy to answer any questions you have.

Best wishes.  
Dan Wharton (and Marilyn Hoyt)

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**FIRST MESSAGE IN THREAD**  
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In a message dated 4/24/02 11:07:24 PM Eastern Daylight Time, denbow@frogn.net writes:

As I understand it your family is considering, or has done, DNA testing to ascertain if certain branches are truly related. If you've already done this, can you tell me how successful the testing was. If you haven't done it yet, can you give the names and addresses (email preferred) of a representative of any family that has done this? Several members of the extended Denbow/Denbo

families are interested in this to try and prove (or disprove) certain hypothesized relationships.

Thanks for your time in answering my query. — Carl

**DONATE TO DDDF!**



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Coming from the east:

1) Take I-70 West toward Columbus;  
2) Once in Zanesville Take the OH-60/UNDERWOOD ST/OH-146 exit, exit number 155, 0.1 miles; 3) Turn RIGHT at Bottom of exit ramp onto OH-146/OH-60, 0.3 miles; 4) Go to first Traffic Light (by Tumbleweed Restaurant) TURN RIGHT, This is Zane St/RT 666, 0.2 miles; 5) Stay on RT 666 and follow the signs for Riverside Park, 1.5 miles.

Coming from the south:

1) From the South RT 22, RT 93 RT 60 and RT 146 all merge together in Zanesville on Underwood Street; 2) Turn Right on Zane St/RT 666 (by Tumbleweed Restaurant), 0.2 miles; 3) Stay on RT 666 and follow the signs for Riverside Park, 1.5 miles.

**Directions to The Lorena for Friday night dinner cruise:**

I-70 East to Zanesville, Ohio:

Take Exit #154 Fifth Street (one-way south). Go to second light and turn right onto Market Street. Follow Market Street three blocks, cross railroad tracks and curve right to enter Zane's Landing Park.

I-70 West to Zanesville, Ohio:

Take Exit #155 (Underwood Street). Turn left onto Underwood Street, pass through two lights and turn right at third light onto Market Street. Follow Market Street six blocks, cross railroad tracks and curve right to enter Zane's Landing Park.

The DDDF wants not only your money — be you male or female — but we want six good **men** to volunteer to give a few cells for DNA analysis. This is a painless procedure, usually involving no more than a light scrape inside the mouth on the cheek. We need one man from each of the Denbow "tribes" in North American and one good Englishman from the presumed "mother tribe" in the Devon area! If interested in this type of donation please contact Carl J. Denbow at denbow@frogn.net or 17 Coventry Ln., Athens, Ohio 45701-3718 USA.

A few folks who sent in the \$10.00 deposit have not sent in the remaining \$15 per person. If you have intended to do this but just put it off, now is the time to ante up!

The menu Friday evening will be: grilled chicken or beef burgundy; choice of garlic mashed potatoes, carrots, or broccoli and cheese; choice of green salad, fresh fruit, or waldorf salad; and choice of cheese cake or carrot cake for dessert.

Saturday's picnic will be at the shelter house at Riverside Park-Kidzville from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. There is a state softball tournament out there that day, but we anticipate that there will be plenty of room for everything — eating, talking, sharing family stories as well as playing volleyball, tennis, playground games. There is, however, no pool at this park.

Directions to Riverside Park are as follows:

Coming from the west:

1) Take I-70 East to Zanesville; 2) Take exit number 155, 60 South/146 East Seventh Street/Downtown Zanesville, 0.1 miles; 3) Go to first traffic Light and Turn left on Market St, 0.3 miles; 4) Go to next Traffic Light and turn LEFT on Underwood St.; 5) Go to 3rd Traffic Light (by Tumbleweed Restaurant) TURN RIGHT, This is Zane St/ RT 666, 0.2 miles; 6) Stay on RT 666 and follow the signs for Riverside Park, 1.5 miles.



Larry & Kay Denbow, our reunion host and hostess.

Coming from the north:

1) Take I-77 South; 2) Take the I-70 West exit, exit number 44B, towards Columbus; 3) Merge onto I-70 West (24.5 miles to Zanesville); 4) Take the OH-60/UNDERWOOD ST/OH-146 exit, exit number 155, 0.1 miles; 5) Turn RIGHT at Bottom of exit ramp onto OH-146/OH-60, 0.3 miles; 6) Go to first Traffic Light (by Tumbleweed Restaurant) TURN RIGHT, This is Zane St/RT 666, 0.2 miles; 7) Stay on RT 666 and follow signs for Riverside Park. 1.5 miles.

## Denbow Diaspora DNA Donation Document

I wish to donate the following amount to the dedicated *Denbow Diaspora* DNA Fund (DDDF), with the understanding that these funds will be used exclusively for the lab fees in conjunction with DNA testing done by a reputable laboratory. I wish to donate the following:

\_\_\_\_\_ \$100 (covers one man's lab fees)  
\_\_\_\_\_ \$50

\_\_\_\_\_ \$25  
\_\_\_\_\_ Other

Name : \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_



Denbow or Denbo Line: (Please check one)

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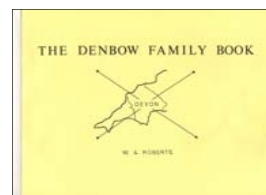
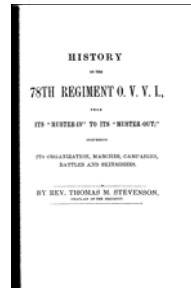
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\_\_\_\_\_ Other, please specify \_\_\_\_\_

## From the Diaspora Bookshop . . .

Two popular publications are still available from  
*The Denbow Diaspora* book store:

- The Regimental History of the 78th Ohio Veteran Volunteer Infantry in the late War of Rebellion can be purchased for \$40.00. This reprint is much cheaper than the original, which brings up to \$450 from rare book dealers.
- The Denbow Family Book, by W. A. Roberts, also a reprint, sells for \$18.00. This book contains more information than is available in any other one source on the Denbow family in England.



Both prices include postage and handling. To order, send a check or money order, payable to:  
*The Denbow Diaspora*, at the editorial offices at 17 Coventry Lane, Athens, Ohio 45701-3718.

## Denbow Reunion — Zanesville, Ohio, July 26-28

It's not too late to decide to come to the Denbow Reunion this summer. It's a three-day affair, featuring the *Denbow Diaspora* riverboat cruise dinner on Friday (reservations required), the Saturday picnic and family get-together, and a Special Sunday excursion to "The Wilds," an exotic animal refuge near Zanesville. And, if there are enough, "hard-core" genealogists who indicate an interest (three or four is a quota among this hardy band), we'll have an "alternate" Sunday field trip to a site of Denbow family lore. Please fill out your interest on the form on page 10. Past trips have included various spots in Monroe County; Denbo, Pa., and the first Denbow lands in Ohio. A return to the latter venue is being contemplated for this year, but that is very tentative and could change.

The Zanesville reunion will be hosted by Larry and Kay Denbow. As reported in the last issue, the Friday night Diaspora Dinner will be a dinner cruise along the beautiful Muskingum River.

If you have not made a reservation in one of the Zanesville area motels, you can still try the ones listed in the back of this newsletter, but if you are unsuccessful in obtaining lodging in Zanesville, we would suggest checking into accommodations in nearby Columbus.

For those you who are going on the dinner cruise on Friday, the boat will leave about 7:00 p.m. for a two hour trip. If you can plan to get to the dock area at about 6:00, we will have a little informal get-together — renewing old friendships and discovering new ones. There are several families signed up for this cruise who have never been to a reunion before — this includes families from Southeastern Ohio and Sistersville, W.Va.



*The Lorena Sternwheeler is the riverboat on which our dinner cruise will take place. She is moored at Zane's Landing Park at the west end of Market Street and is 104 feet long, 17 feet wide. The hull is 68.5 feet and draws 2.5 feet of water. She has carried governors, Miss Americas, Anita Bryant, Pat Boone, and the Imperials.*