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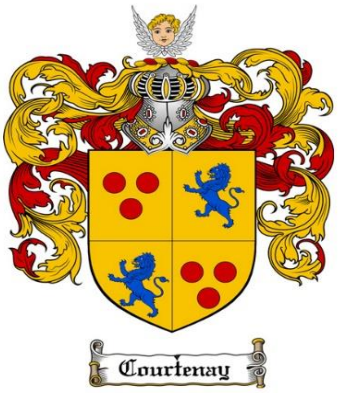









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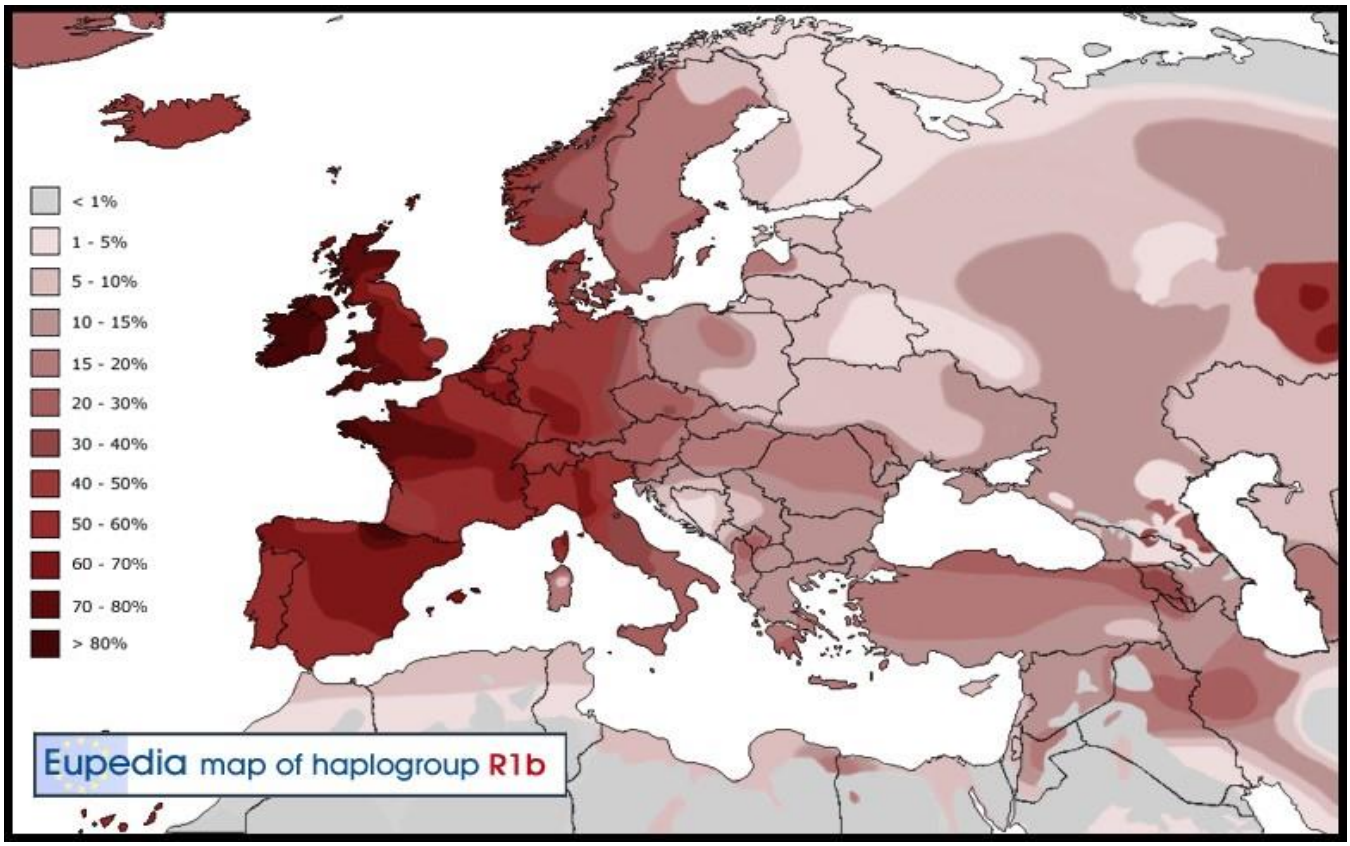
Genetic history for Allen Courtney 1804-1863

R1b haplogroup is a sibling to R1a, both of which branched from Haplogroup R.

R1b originated about 20,000 years ago on the Pontic-Caspian Steppes of Eurasia.



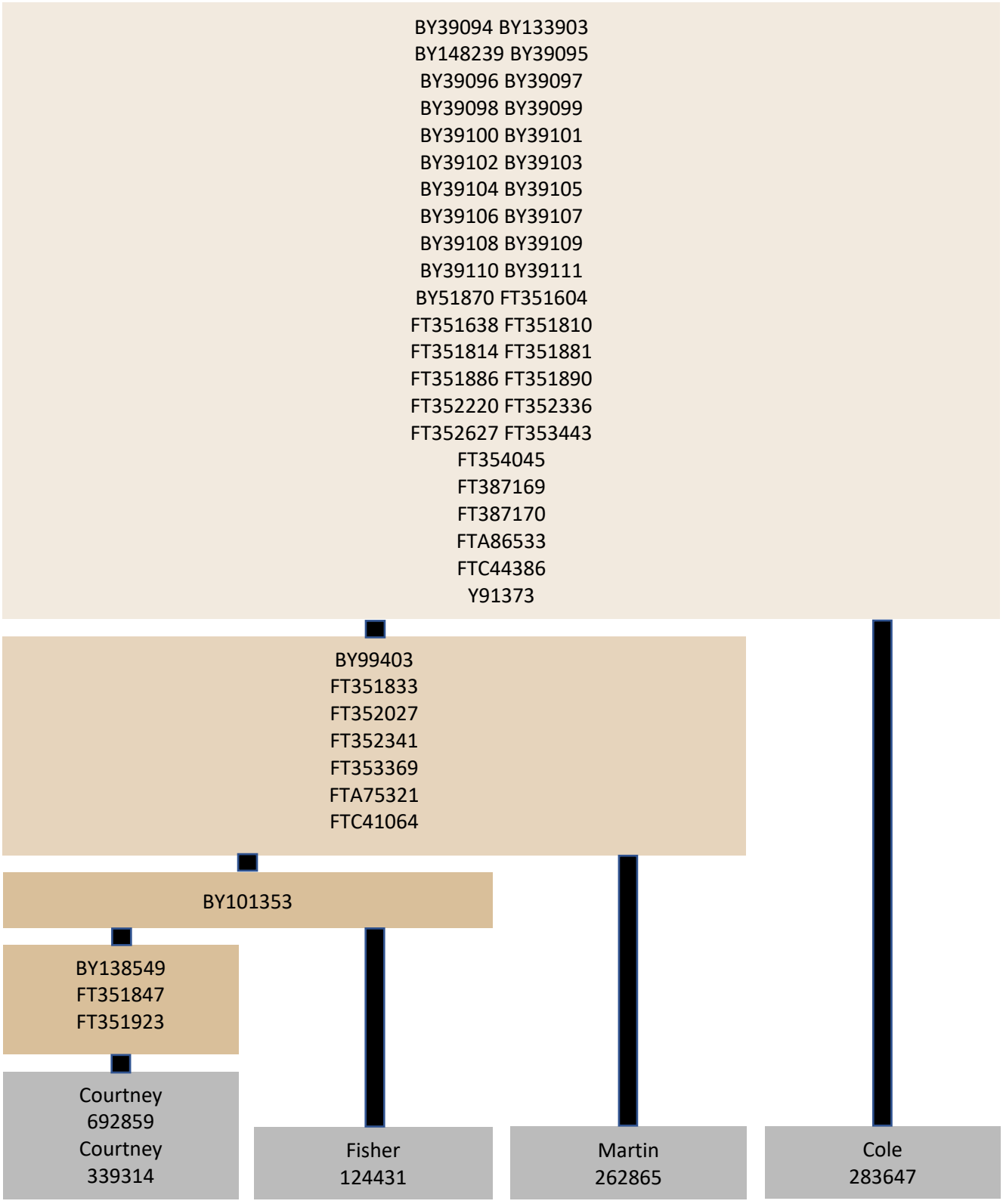
L21 is a very common haplogroup originating 4500 years ago possibly in Central Europe, concentrated today principally in Ireland, Scotland, Wales, England, northern France and northern Spain.

DF13 formed about 4000 years ago and is the major haplogroup in Ireland, Scotland, Wales and Brittany. Probably associated with the Bell Beaker culture.

Z251 also formed about 4000 years ago.

R1b: BY138549

P312 > Z290 > L21 > S552 > DF13 > Z399589 > Z251 > FGC13899 > FGC18232 > FGC18233 FGC18242 > BY39094 > BY99403 > BY 101353 > BY138549 >



Big Y results show the presumed immigrant ancestor is:

Abram Martin born Jan 1644 Ballynahinch Castle, County Galway, Ireland, died Feb 1711 King William, King William County, Virginia, USA.

His genetic descendant was:

Allen Courtney born about 1804 South Carolina died about 1863 Madison County, Mississippi, USA. Married 21 May 1839 Canton, Madison County, Mississippi, USA. Marion E Davis born 1822 Virginia died about 1865 Madison County, Mississippi, USA

Their children:

I. Martha Rogers Courtney born 1 Aug 1840 Madison County, Mississippi, USA died after 1880 Mississippi, USA married Thomas W Wilder 1 Aug 1840

II. George A Courtney born 1843 Madison County, Mississippi, USA.

III. Lucy Ann Courtney born Jun 1846 Alabama, USA died before 1910 Arkansas USA married National Kimberly Lane 17 May 1865

IV . William Rufus Courtney born 18 Oct 1848 Alabama, USA died before 1900 Arkansas, USA married 1st Winifred Bridges 1878 2nd Willie C Reed 1883

Their sons:

A. William Rufus Courtney born 5 Nov 1880 Sumter County, Alabama died 2 Mar 1936 Rains County, Texas married Minnie Bridge 31 Mar 1905

B. William Frank Courtney born 25 Dec 1885 Arkansas, USA died 14 Dec 1928 Pulaski County, Arkansas, USA married Mattie Effie Dial 1918

C. Buck Courtney born 1 Aug 1888 Rison, Cleveland, Arkansas died 13 Sep 1964 Texarkana, Miller, Arkansas married Hannah Lusceda Taylor 1917

D. Hugh Courtney born 20 Aug 1896 Arkansas, USA died Jan 1966 Little Rock, Pulaski, Arkansas, USA married Mary Pearl Janski 18 Mar 1930

V. Robert James Courtney born Apr 1852 Canton, Madison County, Mississippi, USA died after 1880 Arkansas, USA married Georgeanna Hawks 30 Jul 1874

Their son:

A. Robert L Courtney born Feb 1883 Cleveland County, Arkansas, USA

VI. Thomas Lewis Courtney born 25 Oct 1856 Canton, Madison, Mississippi died 3 Feb 1915 Cleveland County, Arkansas mar. Ella Lenore Howe 1896

Their sons:

B. Arthur Lewis Courtney born 11 Jan 1887 Cleveland County, Arkansas died 20 Aug 1975 Pine Bluff, Jefferson County, Arkansas, USA

C. Roy Lamair Courtney born 4 Jan 1894 Rison, Cleveland, Arkansas, USA died 25 May 1966 Rison, Cleveland, Arkansas married 1st France 2nd Leopard

D. Emitt Otto Courtney born 18 Apr 1897 Cleveland, Arkansas, USA died 23 Apr 1959 Fresno County, California, USA married Minnie Bell Studdard

E. Floy Allen Courtney born 11 Mar 1901 Cleveland, Arkansas, USA died 23 Apr 1991 Cleveland, Arkansas, USA married Etta M Graves 7 Aug 1926

F. Thomas Jefferson Courtney born 27 Mar 1904 Cleveland, Arkansas, USA died 8 Oct 1974 Cleveland, Arkansas married 1st Hughes 2nd Studdard

G. Claude Alvin Courtney born 14 Oct 1912 Cleveland, Arkansas, USA died 14 Jul 2005 North Little Rock, Pulaski, Arkansas mar. 1st Cole 2nd Burgess

About the author:

In 1962, at the age of 14 I was given a short two-page history of the family by a second cousin. I was intrigued and soon ordered an array of charts and the Genealogical Helper by Everton Publishers. The next few years was spent corresponding by mail. I eventually discovered the local LDS Family History Center and upon graduating from the University of Oregon in 1970 I headed to Salt Lake City.

My research over the next few years was somewhat off and on until the internet came along. From 1983 to 1997 I published the Courtney Chronicle. I soon learned very quickly that with so many different Courtney families there was no way to organize each group.

In May of 2000 Family Tree DNA started offering YDNA testing. Finally, there was a scientific method to find male relatives and help trace the pure male lineage. Surname projects was a major facet of YDNA testing. The Courtney DNA Project had 10 members in 2012 and has slowly increased to over 450 members as of late 2022.

I became the Group Administrator for the Courtney DNA Project in 2013 and currently am the Group Administrator for 38 other Group Projects.

What does the future hold for genetic genealogy and the Courtney DNA Project? It is hoped within the next couple of years close to a dozen additional Courtney families will have upgraded to the Big Y. Many refinements can be made to groups already in the Project and knowledge is always being added.

Thanks to everyone for their encouragement with the Project and the writing of this book.

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