

Roddy-Ruddy One-Name Study

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DNA PROJECT

General DNA Project Goals

1. To confirm known or suspected relationships between various Roddy and Ruddy family lines.
2. To help connect distant cousins with each other.
3. To use what these distant cousins know about their family history to help others break through brick walls in their own families.
4. To assist in the understanding of the origins of the Roddy and Ruddy surnames.
5. To identify separate and ancient Roddy and Ruddy family lines and attempt to connect them to origin stories.

Ruddy-Roddy Surname Project - Goals

[The below information is adapted from the FamilyTreeDNA site courtesy of Daniel Ruddy] - <https://www.familytreedna.com/public/ruddysurnameproject>

The main goal of the Ruddy/Roddy Surname Project is to differentiate Y DNA among Ruddy and Roddy males, to determine which paternal ancestral lines are related to each other, and which are not. Based on paper records, there appear to be two origin points for the Ruddy clan: one in the West Coast of Ireland (especially Co. Mayo and Co. Donegal) and the other in the north of England (especially in Lancashire and Yorkshire counties). Even today, phone listings and voter rolls show heavy concentrations of Ruddys in these areas of Ireland and England.

The area around Newry, Co. Down in Northern Ireland is a mid-point along what could be called a "Ruddy Mayo-Lancashire Axis." Right now, it is unclear whether Ruddys from Newry and its environs are Irish or English in their deep ancestral roots. Preliminary results suggest they may be more English than Irish, but no definitive conclusion can yet be made.

The linguistic origin of the surname "Ruddy" appears to be completely different at each end of the "Ruddy Mayo-Lancashire Axis."

In England, Ruddy comes from the Old English "rudde" meaning of reddish complexion. In Ireland, Ruddy comes from the Gaelic word "Rodach" meaning spirited or furious. Therefore, the fact that an Irish Ruddy has the same surname as an English Ruddy in many instances may be a complete accident. The Irish and English only began to use surnames about 500 years ago, and sometimes they chose the same surname, but for different reasons.

The goal of this project is to investigate whether or not Irish Ruddys and English Ruddys (and their respective ancestors) are genetically related. Geographic proximity suggests they might be, but the differing linguistic origins of the Ruddy surname suggest they are not.

To find answers to these questions we welcome the participation of all Ruddys and Roddys from the United States, Ireland, England, the rest of Europe, Australia, South Africa, Australia, Latin America and anywhere else in the world they may live. The more data the better! A Ruddy living in Brazil or Argentina might not seem of much use in this project, but in fact they are since all Ruddys and Roddys should have a genetic link back to Ireland and England.

Roddy Project - Goals

[The below information is adapted from the FamilyTreeDNA site courtesy of Tara Bellomey]- <https://www.familytreedna.com/public/Roddy>

We hope to find relationships between the Roddy and Roddye lines and connect with others who have similar research interests. We are also seeking to see if there is a signature Roddy DNA profile and if not how closely related the different DNA profiles are. We can help identify the lines by all new YDNA testers entering as much information as they know. Please enter your earliest known ancestor, dates for your earliest known ancestor, and please enter the location of your earliest known ancestor. It seems as if several lines may be related with a few minor differences. Having this additional information may help unconnected Roddys, Roddyes and Ruddys be able to connect and find a common ancestor. It may also help those who have tested find a link with a researcher with similar interests.

It is my hope that we can see several unconnected lines test. We would also like to see a test for the Hugh Roddy line, the Col. James Roddye line, the Daniel Roddy of TN line, the Alexander Roddy line, Roddys in Ireland and Roddys in other countries other than Ireland and the US.

Thank you to all who are participating!

Rodd-Rudd Project - Goals

[The below information is adapted from the FamilyTreeDNA site courtesy of Parker Rodd] - <https://www.familytreedna.com/public/Rodd>

The goal of this RODD DNA PROJECT is to build the RODD surname family tree from the many branches which exist around the world and confirm which branch of the tree we all belong to.

To enable researchers to share information and create concise family tree records for future generations.

An additional goal is to determine if families with Rodd and Rudd are related, and did they give rise to other similar surnames such as Roddy and Ruddy?

By casting a wider yDNA net, the project hopes to prove or disprove this kind of surname evolution, as well as help establish historical roots for all the connected surnames. This project is limited to yDNA (direct male line only), as the female mtDNA will not be conclusive with the goals of the project. If you are a female Rodd or Rudd, or surname with a similar spelling, please try to find and encourage a male member of your family to contribute their DNA to this study.

Rudd Family Project - Goals

[The below information is adapted from the FamilyTreeDNA site courtesy of Parker Rodd] - <https://www.familytreedna.com/public/RuddFamily>

To encourage all males with the Rudd surname to participate in this project in order to group families.