

What's the big deal about

# DNA Testing

# Fastest Growing Hobby

- “Who Do You Think You Are?” and “Finding Your Roots”
- The Internet = PJ Researchers
  - Ancestry.com
  - Familysearch
  - Findagrave
- DNA testing
  - Technology capacity = Computer processing



# What Motivates DNA testing

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- Ethnic Profile
- Adoption
- Genealogy
- Collaboration



# Surprises

- “Stranger in My Genes” by Bill Griffth

# What to expect

- \$99 - \$200
  - AncestryDNA, FamilyTree and 23andMe
- Type of Testing Results
  - Ethnic Profile
  - Hablogroups
  - X & Y Chromosome
  - Autosomal Cousins
    - Identity by Descent

## If you test

- Buy one at a time
- Test the oldest family member first
- Test all the siblings as possible
- Outline your family tree
- Expect surprises
- Hire a Genealogist!



# Suggested Reading

- Griffeth, Bill. “Stranger in My Genes: A Memoir” New England Historic Genealogical Society. Boston, MA. September 2016
  - Mukherjee, Siddhartha. “The Gene: An intimate History” Scribner. New York, NY. 2016
  - Kenneally, Christine. “The Invisible History of the Human Race: How DNA and History Shape Our Identities and Our Futures” Viking. New York, NY. 2014
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