

While inclusion into our family is automatic by virtue of birth, the organization of our Morrison-Q Group has evolved gradually over a period of time. In September of 2004 the Morrison YDNA Project began with its first participant. In March of the following year the first member of what would eventually be designated as Group Q was added as a participant in the project. It would take another 7 months of waiting before a match with that individual was found - the two becoming historically connected as kin and fellow members of the Morrison YDNA Group Q. It wasn't long before other matches were added to our number. At first communication with each other was via individual emails and phone calls. In August of 2007 the concept of a Morrison-Q gathering in Lancaster, PA was first voiced.

That meeting finally took place in September of 2010. Discussions of other issues began to take shape as well, making it needful to establish a more effective way of communicating. Thus, the Morrison-Q WEB site and Email Discussion Group was established.



The four Morrisons who met in Lancaster Co., PA in September of 2010 happened to be descendants of each of the four original immigrant Morrison brothers who came to America around 1730. From left to right:

- Coit Morrison - descendant of James Morrison
- John Morrison - descendant of Thomas Morrison
- Jean Morrison - descendant of William Morrison
- James Morrison - descendant of Andrew Morrison

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Are you a Group Q Morrison?



Current research assumes our family originated in **Scotland** and migrated to **Northern Ireland** for at least one generation. Around 1730, James Morrison Sr and his four sons (James Jr, William, Andrew and Thomas) immigrated to **Lancaster County**, Pennsylvania, we believe in an area that is now **Dauphin County** (Paxton and Derry). Thomas died in Pennsylvania around 1747. We assume James Sr died in Pennsylvania some time before the brothers traveled to North Carolina. Around 1750, the remaining brothers and Thomas' child(ren) migrated down the Great Wagon Road to **Rowan County**, North Carolina in an area that is now the western part of **Iredell County** (Loray and Scotts). Descendants of the four brothers settled in and around Iredell County, while many eventually moved to other parts of the country **and beyond**. Our branch of the Morrison family has been identified as Group Q in the Morrison YDNA Project .

What is the Group's purpose?

- It's a resource for people who have a connection to our family that they may communicate and share information with others in the family about genealogical matters.
- The primary vehicles to facilitate this sharing are a WEB site and an Email Discussion Group.
- There is no cost to join - just share your name, email address, and your direct line back to your most distant Morrison ancestor.

Who is encouraged to join?

- Those who have a known connection to our Morrison Family through ancestral line (written or oral) or through YDNA testing.
- Those desiring to research a connection to our family.

What are the benefits of membership?

- Access (password) to "Members Only" sections of the WEB site.
- Receive and send messages via our Email Discussion Group.
- Access to group membership list.
- A resource for the sharing of information and expertise.
- Connection to your extended and ever growing family.

Visit our WEB site:

<http://Morrison-Q.com>

Email: Coit@Morrison-Q.com

How do I become a Member?

- Send the following information via our input form on the Membership page of our WEB site:
- Your full name.
- Your Email address (this will be added to our discussion group and membership list).
- Your direct Morrison ancestral line as far back as you have records - including birth years, spouses, and sources. (example: Me - my father - my grandfather - my great grandfather - my great great grandfather - etc...).
- State what connection, if any, you have to the Morrison YDNA Group Q.
- If you desire to join this group but have no known connection, send your reasons for wanting to join.

Morrison YDNA Project



Do you have questions regarding if or how you fit into our Morrison family?

A YDNA test will do much to bring clarity and confirmation.

Do you already know how you fit into the family?

There is still much value in being tested.

The more people who participate, the clearer the genealogical picture of our family tree becomes. It has already proved to be of immense value to our research, and we have only just begun to see the tip of the iceberg. The procedure is safe, private and only involves "junk" YDNA, which is only useful in genealogy. **Please consider participating** - if you have any question don't hesitate to ask!

The DNA testing company we use is FamilyTreeDNA. We have a Morrison YDNA project group set up through them. We are Group Q, which is one of dozens of other Morrison families in the project. You will be asked to sign a form giving FamilyTreeDNA permission to send your email address to anyone that matches you. This is their basic service.

When you sign up through the Morrison Project you will be asked to sign a second form, giving the Project Administrator permission to publish your information on the Morrison YDNA Project website, including placing it in the appropriate Family Group. This takes the usefulness of the results to the next level.

If you choose to be tested (we really hope you do!) - we recommend doing so with at least 37 markers as a minimum.

More information about the project and how our Group Q fits into the bigger picture can be found at:

<http://www.geneticousins.com/morrison>