

JJJ June 2010 Newsletter

Dear Group,

This month, I am sending you a zip file with 6 pages of what I call "DNA Critical Thinking". This is Helen's project, and although I remain in the dark about some of it, she has done a fabulous job. She has compared the DNA from all of us, and gathered certain ideas about our respective Johnson families. My hat is off to her for this work, as I know it had to be extremely time consuming and mind bending. I have already told Helen that I admire her work, but I don't understand all of it. Some of you are probably in the boat with Helen, and the rest of you are in my boat.

Anyway, thank you, Helen. It is a job well done, and I am striving to improve my understanding of the science of DNA, and how to understand it.

Next month, my goal is still to use the July Newsletter to send each of you the file that I have been working on for our respective Johnson families. I am still open to anything you may be willing to send to me on your family line. I will appreciate any marriage records, census records, Death Certificates, wills, etc. I can use any proven information to add to the record on which I have been working. I already have information in varying degrees from each of you. But, like a greedy servant, I am always seeking that next tidbit.

This month begins our second year as an active group of researchers. I do believe we have made considerable progress. I think one of the most important advances has been the fact that there are some of us that have a real working relationship. We "talk" to each other, and discuss things we have found, or things that we seek. That can only benefit our group. If you are not among the active members, I would welcome your input and efforts to become more active. However, I also know that it isn't possible to be active in all things at all times. We all have different things "on our plate" at any given time.

In closing, I want to include a small genealogical writing. I collect these special little tidbits, and always find a meaning in them.

"I am bound to them though I cannot look into their eyes
or hear their voices.
I honor their history.
I cherish their lives.
I will tell their story."

Regards,

Judy