

Patriarch Page

Below you will find the patriarchs of the Jean Family DNA Project, by Earliest Ancestor and Line Leader who we can currently identify through DNA. We hope to eventually locate descendants of each known family and to arrange their participation in the DNA project.

Jean / Gean / Jaynes Lineage I

First – we must discuss the fact that the DNA test used in family research is on the y-chromosome, which only males carry. Once a group of DNA test results are known, lines can be formed based upon mutations, and a model DNA profile should be established. In other words, originally there was a male who had this “model dna profile”. Who he was, where he lived, etc is unknown at this point, and we will probably never know. The goal of DNA profiling is to take the lines as far back as possible, and hopefully join them together. But, what was the original DNA profile? Again, we will probably never know that for sure. All we can do is look at what we do know and compare the different tests. Then we attempt to group these lines with as few small differences (due to mutations) as possible. For researchers of this family it is becoming abundantly clear that the Jean/Jane line with the fewest mutations (at this point) is the line of Western Peyton of Floyd Co., KY. It does not mean that the Jean/Janes were Peyton’s, it just means that his y-chromosome appears to have mutated the least, and therefore we will use him as our model DNA profile.

Lineage I families have been found predominantly in North Carolina, South Carolina, Kentucky and Tennessee. Many of these families did leave those areas and migrate to GA, AL, MS, and AR. Known spellings of this surname include: Gean, Geane, Geanes, Jean, Jeanes, Jeans, Jane, Janes, Jayne, and Jaynes.

- **Unknown Jean Ancestor** – tree based upon DNA – WARNING: some lines may be further apart or closer together than indicated here
 - **JEAN, Philip** - of Caswell Co., NC & Greenville District, SC b c 1732 died aft 15 Sept 1812 in SC – *Descendants in this line have a mutation on marker DYS460 of +1 with a value of 13*
 - **JEAN, Nathan** - born 1752 in Bute Co., NC & died 1830 in Franklin Co., NC
 - **JEAN, Nathan** - born 1790-1800 in NC & died aft 1830 in NC
 - **JEAN, Unknown** - born 1817-1825 in NC & died aft 1849 in NC
 - **DENTON, Redford James "Red"** - born 1849 in Franklin Co., NC & died 1924 in Wake Co., NC
 - **DENTON, ?**
 - **DENTON, ?**
 - **DENTON, Living** - *Test Participant*
- **JEANS, Parham** – b 1820 in NC & died 1883 in Franklin Co., NC
 - **JEANS, William Guilford** – b 1854 in Franklin Co., NC & died 1915 in Dunn, Franklin Co., NC
 - **JEANS, Williford Kearny** – b 1880 in NC & died 1943 in Dunn, Franklin Co., NC
 - **JEANS, Bonnie Lonie** – b. 1906 in Franklin Co., NC & died 1953 in Nash Co., NC
 - **JEANS, Living** - *Test Participant*
- **JEAN/JANES, Burrell** – b c 1766-1775 in NC married Nancy League died aft Sept 1853 in Pickens District, SC

- **JANES, Phillip** - b 1810-1820 & died bef 1850 in SC
 - **JANES, Job** – b 1829 in Pickens Dist, SC & died Dec 1913 in Pickens Co., AL
 - **JANES, Samuel** - born 1861 in SC
 - **JAYNES, Jessie** - born 1897
 - **JAYNES, Living**
 - **JAYNES, Living** - *Test Participant*
 - **JANES, ?**
 - **JAYNES, ?**
 - **JAYNES, Living**
 - **JAYNES, Living** - *Test Participant*
- **JEAN, William (Sr.)** – b 1735 Brunswick Co., VA – *Descendants in this line have a mutation on marker DYS460 of +1 with a value of 13*
 - **JEAN, Edmond (Sr.)** – b 1755 Brunswick Co., VA – *Descendants in this line have a mutation on marker DYS455 of -1 with a value of 11 (it is not known at this time if the mutation happened earlier in this line, but two separate lines of descent (sons) from Edmond show this mutation)*
 - **JEAN, Wiley** – b 1777 in NC & died aft Oct 1837 in Greene Co., TN
 - **JEAN, Wyatt** – b 1806 in NC & died aft 1880 in Greene Co., TN
 - **JAYNES, David Paul** – b 1848 in Greene Co., TN & died 1897 in Crockett Co., TN
 - **JAYNES, Benjamin** – b 1881 in Crockett Co., TN & died 1952 in Crockett Co., TN
 - **JAYNES, Frank Farrow** – b 1920 in Crockett Co., TN & died 1993
 - **JAYNES, Living** – *Test Participant – Descendants in this line have a mutation on marker DYS442 of +1 with a value of 18 (it is not known at this time if the mutation happened earlier in this line or at this point)*
 - **JEAN, David** – b 1795 in NC & died 1878 in Lincoln Co., TN
 - **JEAN, William W.** – b 1819 in TN & died 1899 in Lincoln Co., TN
 - **JEAN, Edmund Fletcher** – b 1845 in TN & died aft 1910
 - **JEAN, Willis Mose** – b 1885 in TN & died 1963 in Lincoln Co., TN
 - **JEAN, Wilburn Leslie** – b 1911 & died 1985
 - **JEAN, Living** – *Test Participant*
 - **JEAN, Unknown** – *Descendants in this line have a mutation on marker DYS460 of +1 with a value of 13*
 - **GEANE, Philip** – b c 1752 m Mourning Seymore, Chatham Co., NC - died 1781 in NC
 - **GEAN, William** – b c 1775 in NC married Martha Yarborough, died abt 1850 in Chatham Co., NC
 - **GEAN, Bird** - b 1814 in NC & died aft 1890 in Grant Co., AR
 - **GEAN, David Edward** b 1844 m Sarah B Garrett died Grant County, AR 1915
 - **GEAN, John A** b abt 1872 Grant County, AR
 - **GEAN, ?**

Janes / Jaynes Lineage II

Lineage II families consist of Janes/Jaynes families found early on in the North Eastern Region of the United States. The families predominately use the surname spelling of: Jane/Janes/Jayne/Jaynes

- **JANES, William** - Essex, ENG & Hampshire Co., MA b c 1610 Essex, ENG & d 1690 Northampton, Hampshire Co., MA – *Descendants in this line have a DYS464c of +1 with a value of 18*
 - **JANES, Benjamin** b c 1672 Northampton, Hampshire Co., MA & died 1748 in Coventry, Tolland Co., CT
 - **JANES, Seth** - b 1713 in Coventry, Tolland Co., CT
 - **JANES, Elijah** - b 1744 Coventry, CT & OH
 - **JAYNES, Elijah** - Coventry, CT & VT
 - **JAYNES, Chester** – VT
 - **JAYNES, Homer Warren** - VT & KS
 - **JAYNES, Frederick Delmer** - IL & UT
 - **JAYNES, Frederick Delmer** - of SLC, UT
 - **JAYNES, Living**
 - **JAYNES, Living** – *Test Participant*
 - **JAYNES, James** - Kings Co., NY – *Descendants in this line have a DYS464c of -1 with a value of 16*
 - **JAYNES, James** - Kings Co., NY
 - **JAYNES, James** - Ostego, NY
 - **JAYNES, Isaac Deloit** - Woodford Co., IL
 - **JAYNES, George Leroy** - Los Angeles Co., CA
 - **JAYNES, ?**
 - **JAYNES, Living** - *Test Participant*

Jean Lineage III

Lineage III families descend from a Jean family of France, which migrated to Canada in the mid-1600's. From Mark Godon a descendant: "...four [JEAN] brothers... immigrated to Canada.... [Three of the brothers came over in 1669 – Elie (or Helie), Vivien and Pierra. They sailed from LaRochelle, France on the 150 ton Pot de Beurre, (Butter Pot) captained by Frederick Booterpot. The youngest brother Guillaume did not accompany his older brothers at this time. He arrived in Quebec ten years later in 1679.] Two of the JEAN brothers took "dit" names. This was a fairly common practice under which the French would change their surname. The family would often keep the dit reference for a few generations then drop it in favor of the new surname. In the case of the four brothers, two kept the name JEAN and two adopted dit names. Vivien JEAN changed his name to Vivien JEAN dit VIEN. Elie JEAN changed his name to Elie JEAN dit GODON. I am a direct descendant of Elie JEAN dit GODON. To confuse matters a bit there was another Vivien JEAN that immigrated to Canada a few years earlier. This Vivien JEAN was married to Elisabeth DROUET. He also changed his surname to JEAN dit VIEN or VIENS. His son Pierre seems to use VIENS almost exclusively."

JEAN, Francois-Regis - Quebec, Canada

JEAN, Joseph-Pierre - Quebec, Canada

JEAN, Joseph-Pierre - Quebec, Canada

JEAN, Cyril - Quebec, Canada & MI

JEAN, Cyril - West Bay City, Bay Co., MI

JEAN, ?

JEAN, Living - *Test Participant*

JEAN, Vivien - Petit Fetilly, Aunis, France

JEAN, Vivien - Petit Fetilly, Aunis, France, d. 4 Apr 1664 Ecoyeux, France

JEAN dit GODON, Elie - born 10 Mar 1641, Ste. Barthelemy, La Rochelle, Charente-Maritime, France and died abt 1686 Charlesbourg, Quebec

JEAN dit GODON, Pierre - born 25 Mar 1706, Charlesbourg, Quebec and died 3 Jan 1751, Charlesbourg, Quebec

JEAN dit GODON, Pierre Charles - born 5 Mar 1740, Charlesbourg, Quebec and died 21 July 1790, Batiscan, Quebec

GODON, Louis - born 27 Jan 1766, Charlesbourg, Quebec

GODON, Dominique - born 6 Nov 1804, Ste. Genevieve de Batiscan, Champlain, Quebec

GODON, Joseph Treffle - born 9 Oct 1832, Ste. Anne de la Perade, Champlain, Quebec and died 5 Dec 1910, St. Thomas, Pierreville, Yamaska, Quebec

GODON, Patrick - 8 Mar 1861, St. Thomas, Pierreville, Yamaska, Quebec and died 16 Sept 1940, South Hadley, Hampden, MA

GODON, Theodore AKA: Theodore GORDON - born 7 Apr 1895, St. Nazaire d'Acton, Bagot, Quebec and died 24 Oct 1970, Holyoke, Hampden, MA

GODON, Living

GODON, Living - *Test Participant*

Jean Lineage IV

Lineage IV families descend from William JAYNE of Orange Co., NY – current DNA does not indicate that these families are related in a genealogically reasonable number of generations to those in Lineage I, II or III. The current three participants have one marker difference based upon 30 markers, and their MRCA is most likely less than 13 generations (their MLE is less than 7 generations).

- **JAYNE, William** – born 1618 Bristol, England and died 1714 Suffolk Co., NY
 - **JAYNE, William II** – born 1678 Suffolk Co., NY and died 1756 Suffolk Co., NY
 - **JAYNE, William III** – born 1712 Suffolk Co., NC and died 1798 Northampton Co., PA
 - **JAYNE, Capt. Timothy** - of Orange Co., NY
 - **JAYNE, ?**
 - **JAYNE, ?**
 - **JAYNE, ?**
 - **JAYNE, ?**
 - **JAYNE, ?**
 - **JAYNE, Living** - *Test Participant*
 - **JAYNE, John J.** – of Brookhaven, NY – b 1680 Brookhaven, NY and died 1729 in Suffolk Co., NY – *Descendants in this line have a mutation on marker DYS390 of -1 with a value of 24 (it is not known at this time at what point the mutation occurred)*
 - **JAYNE, Nathaniel** – of Surry Co., NC – b c1715 in NY and died 1793 in Surry Co., NC
 - **JAYNE, Zopher** - of Orange Co., NY, Surry Co., NC & Wythe Co., VA
 - **JAYNE, Robert** - of Surry Co., NC & Patrick/Grayson Co., VA
 - **JAYNE, John** - of Vermilion Co., IL
 - **JAYNE, Jesse Tompkin** – of IL
 - **JAYNE, Robert Finley** – of IL
 - **JAYNE, Cletus Ward** – of IL
 - **JAYNE, Living** – *Test Participant*
- **JAYNE, Unknown Ancestor** (*Unknown number of generations*)
 - **JAYNE, Living** - *Test Participant*

Jeans/Janes Lineage V

Lineage V families are in need of additional participants! Currently there is no common ancestor, but they are distinct lines that should connect, most likely within 8 generations.

- **JANES, John of Randolph Co., AR** – born about 1744 in VA and died about 1826 in Randolph Co., AR
 - **JANES, George W.** – born 1778 in VA and died aft 1850, possibly in Ouachita Co., AR
 - **JANES, Andrew Martin** – born about 1815 in AR and died about 1846 in Ouachita Co., AR
 - **JANES, George Messer** – born 1844 in AR and died 1927 in Comanche Co., TX
 - **JANES, ?**
 - **JANES, ?**
 - **JANES, ?**
 - **JANES, Living** - *Test Participant*
- **JEANS, William of Loudon Co., VA** – born about 1720 and died 1796 in Clark Co., KY
 - **JEANS, William** – born about 1745 in MD and died 1809 in Montgomery Co., KY
 - **JEANS, William** – born about 1768 in Loudon Co., VA and died before Apr 1826 in Pike Co., MO
 - **JEANS, Jephtha B.** – born 1805 in Montgomery Co., KY and died 1895 in Newton Co., MO
 - **JEANS, Benjamin Franklin** – born 1838 in Pike Co., MO and died 1927 in Newton Co., MO
 - **JEANS, Richard Muir** – of Pike Co., MO
 - **JEANS, Luther Theodore** – of Newton Co., MO
 - **JEANS, Living** - *Test Participant*
- **JEANS, Joseph of Prince George Parish, MD**
 - **JEANS, Edward of Prince George Parish, MD**
 - **JEANS, Joseph of Prince George Parish, MD & Laurens District, SC**
 - **JEANES, John C.P.**
 - **JEANES, Greenbury**
 - **JANES, ?**
 - **JANES, ?**
 - **JANES, ?**
 - **JANES, Living** – *Test Participant*

Jean Lineage VI

Lineage VI families are in need of additional participants! Currently they are distinct lines that have yet to match another participant.

- **JANES, David** – of VA & Adair Co., KY – b c 1755 in VA, married Elizabeth Gaines and died 1845 in Adair Co., KY
 - **JANES, Thomas** – of Adair Co., KY – b c 1785 and died 1873
 - **JANES, Andrew Jackson** – of Adair Co., KY – b c 1832 in KY and died 1890 in Adair Co., KY
 - **JANES, Martin Roy** – b c 1890 in KY and died 1927
 - **JANES, Ruel Willard** – b 1915 in Green Co., KY and died 2009 in Cook Co., IL
 - **JANES, Living** - *Test Participant*
 - **JANES, ?** – of Adair & Russell Co., KY – some researchers believe Spencer to be the son of David's son David and others show him as a son of David's son William.
 - **JANES, Spencer C.** – b 1804 and died after 1860
 - **JANES, Andrew Jackson** – b 1840 in Adair Co., KY and died 1915 in Pulaski Co., MO
 - **JANES/JAMES, John Wesley** – b 1865 in KY and died 1934 in Laclede Co., MO
 - **JAMES, Roy Lee** – b 1931 and died 2000
 - **JAMES, Living** – *Test Participant*

Jean Lineage VII

Lineage V families are in need of additional participants! Currently they are distinct lines that have yet to match another participant.

- **JANES, Edward Payne** - born 1816 in VA & died 1881 in Modcoc Co., CA
 - **JANES, Benjamin Franklin** - of Janesville, WI, born 1840 in Janesville, Rock Co., WI & died 1918 Washington Co., ID
 - **JANES, Arthur Roy** - born 1892 Washington Co., ID & died 1967
 - **JANES, Living**
 - **JANES, Living** - *Test Participant*

- **JEAN, Christopher** - of Northampton & Granville Co., NC - born 1708 in Prince George Co., VA & died 1763-1768 Granville Co., NC
 - **JEAN, William** - of Northampton Co., NC - born bef 1748 & died bef 1 June 1795
 - **JEAN, William** - of Northampton Co., NC - died between 10 Mar - 3 Sept 1800 in Northampton Co., NC
 - **JEAN, James N.** - of Greensville Co., VA - born 1795-1796 in VA & died aft 1860
 - **JEAN, Cincinnatus** - born 1837 in Greensville Co., VA & died 1915 in Portsmouth, VA
 - **JEAN, James** - born 1875 in VA & died after 1910
 - **JEAN, ?**
 - **JEAN, Living** - *Test Participant*

Links above will take you to the [Gean-ealogy Family Tree](#) where more information can be found on the individuals and their descendants.