

Our paternal genetic pedigree

My paternal genetic pedigree belongs to the R1a haplogroup. This group of people was originally located perhaps on the north side of Caspian and Black Sea, some 5000 years ago. This culture is archeologically recognized as „kurgan culture“; (the word kurgan is Russian term for tumulus). Then, one part of this group moved across central Europe to the north. In this moment there is not enough data to say more than our specific subgroup of the group R1a (which is characterized by the value of the marker DYS388=10) evolved perhaps in the area of southern Scandinavia.

This group reached on one side as to Nederland; on the other side we can found haplotypes of this group as far as in Estonia.

One part of this subgroup could be named „Drake clan“can be found especially in England. (It moved there perhaps in early middle ages from Denmark.) This part is specific by values of markers: 388=10, DYS19=15 and DYS 464=12,14,14,17.

I call this group „Drake clan“, according to one English family where it was found. Probably, even the famous corsair Sir Francis Drake belonged to this clan. Two members of the Drake family have very similar values of Y-STR markers (from 67 characterized markers, 60 has identical values). The family Michaelsen from Hamburg (perhaps of Danish origin) has 37 markers identified and 30 is same as I have. (However, there are hundreds of other families in England, which belong to this group.) It seems that the common ancestor of my line and these families lived sometimes during the Middle Ages. My paternal line then moved – by some unknown way- to Nove Hradý in the South Bohemia (maybe as servants of noble Buquoy family, maybe in the armies during The Thirty Years War, or later, by marriage with some foreigner in 18. century) and one member of this clan became an illegitimate father of my great-great grandfather Jakub Sassmann, (who took the surname of his mother) born 1842 in Bynov by Nove Hradý (South Bohemia).

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