



# Paisley Family Research and News

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## DNA Results

The first results are in and our Paisley Family DNA project is off and running. Our first two participants share a documented link to a common ancestor from 250 years ago – William Paisley, Jr. of Guilford County, North Carolina. DNA results were expected to be the same and they were! Although a mutation (change) along the Y-DNA strand can occur at any time, usually the Y-DNA is passed unchanged from father to son.

The interesting thing is that 900+ other men participating in Family Tree DNA surname projects have this exact same DNA sequence for the first 12 markers – none with the surname of Paisley! The answer to this startling fact is that these men are almost all descended from people originating thousands of years ago in the countries of Western Europe. There are additional studies underway to see if certain historical men from ancient times became the progenitors to a large percentage of the current populations of Scotland and Ireland.

Before you think this is a common occurrence among all ethnic groups, consider the three great-grandsons of Hattie Rovenia Paisley Llewellyn who participated in the Llewellyn DNA project. They match each other exactly but have yet to exactly match anyone else including other Llewellyns. Also, Diane's husband Jay participated in the Langston DNA project and exactly matched five other men but all with the surname of Langston.

When there are many matches on the first twelve markers it is very important for participants to extend the testing on their Y-DNA samples. Samples are kept for 25 years and can be tested at any time. Funding was supplied to further test our participant #150184 to the 25th marker. Interestingly enough, there are **no** exact matches for all 25 markers. This gives us a distinct "signature" for our Guilford County, NC Paisley family.

A third DNA participant's results arrived at the end of July. This participant matches our first two participants on 11 of the 12 first markers. This would indicate that there is a 67% chance that these Paisley men connected within 24 generations. However, further testing to the 25th marker showed a widening divergence among participants. There are 6 mutations that occur from marker 13 to 25. This takes the chance of finding a connection within 24 generations down to 7%. This means that there probably is no "paper trail" available to connect these Paisley men. Possibly they are related, but it would be before the Scottish were "civilized."

Three Y-DNA samples, are not enough to get an understanding of the different branches of the Paisley family. Please volunteer to become a participant if you are a male with the last name of PAISLEY, PASLEY, or PEASLEY. If you don't carry the Paisley surname, please consider donating to the project to help someone who is willing but unable to afford the testing. Go to [www.familytreedna.com/public/paisley](http://www.familytreedna.com/public/paisley).

[See DNA chart on page 5]

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## Arthur Rankin "Bud" Paisley

Our first participant in the Paisley Family DNA project is Arthur Rankin "Bud" Paisley. Bud lives in Delaware, Oklahoma. He is the son of the late Ursa Rankin Paisley and Sara Romary Paisley. His Paisley line continues back to James Robert "Bob" Paisley, William Anderson Paisley, Preston Paisley, William Paisley, Jr., and William Paisley of Tyrone County, Ireland.

Arthur Paisley was born July 15, 1923. He had three brothers: James Robert Paisley, who died at age 3, Jimmy Wayne, who only lived a few months, and a brother, Clarence, who just passed away June 22, 2009. Bud's sisters are Dorothy Jean Paisley Sellars of Oklahoma; and three sisters who have passed: Rovena Fay Paisley Cook, Joy Paisley Blankenship, and Flora Paisley Gordin.

Bud worked and lived overseas for 42 years before returning to Oklahoma. Below are excerpts from some of Bud's letter to Rovena Jones, who noted that it has been a pleasure getting aquatinted with a long-lost cousin.

*From letter written April 27, 2009. In Arthur "Bud" Paisley's own words:*

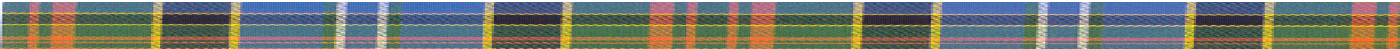
"Mother was born in Lebo, Kansas. Her father Henery Romary was a blacksmith. He served in the Union army. In 1893 the Cherokee Strip was opened for settlers. The Cherokee Strip was from the Arkansas River to the Panhandle Kansas Oklahoma state line on the north. The settlers made the run to stake out 160 acres claims. My grandfather built a home and his blacksmith shop. It was a couple miles north of the legendary 101 Ranch. Maybe a mile or so from the Big V Ranch. The Brett Ranch was to the east. My Dad (your Uncle Ursa) hired out to the Bret Ranch ten years later. When the Ranch foreman asked his first name he told him it was Ursa. The foreman told him from then on his name would be Jim, so your Uncle (my Dad) became Jim Tarheel.

In 1923 I was Little Jim Tarheel. When I was born they bought me a Shetland pony. I was allowed to go every where with my Dad. He farmed for the ranch, raised corn to fatten the cattle. So many settlers flocked in that the big ranches were crowded out. My Dad (your Uncle Ursa) rented Indian land a quarter mile from the ranch. My Dad also had several pieces of leased land we farmed and milked about 16 cows, sold the cream and the calves and grain we raised. In Sept 1939 we moved to Delaware, OK, Nowata County. Fay (my sister) and her husband bought a tractor to use on the farm and to contract hay baling. I learned to be an expert tractor driver. The farm we moved on had a mile of tough bottomland. It would have taken four horse

teams and four teamsters to farm it. So my Dad (your Uncle Ursa) bought a Farmall tractor. Your Uncle (my Dad) bought the tractor and all the tools to go with it. He was a good man. Hard working. He loved to visit with people. When they decided to leave the farm they bought this place. It is five lots. The old house burned



Recent photo of Arthur Rankin Paisley on his horse.



down. A barn I restored. I bought a mobile home. Had machinery shed built. I built the fence myself. I lease some land for pasture. I have the one horse and a house cat."

*From a letter postmarked July 24, 2009. In his own words:*

"In early 1956 I was employed by MidWestern Pipe Line Co. of Tulsa Okla. The job was double jointing 30" pipe in the Republic Steel Mill, Gadston, Alabama. The steelworkers went on strike shutting the job down. Williams Bros. International Co. was advertising for pipeline welders for a job in British Columbia, Canada. I was hired, unfortunately I failed the test on 30" diameter pipe. On every pipe lines that are built welders must pass a welding test. Probably the best to happen to me was they would have sent me back to the U.S.A. Instead I was used on three different 10" and 12" pipe lines in Alberta, Canada. I redeemed myself and was sent back to the job in British Colombia. I even got to take along my movie star helper, a Cree Indian that had a part in the movie *Saskatchewan* (1954). In the movie he got \$5.00 a day to just ride; if he bit the dust he got \$10.00. I was proud of him. Sadly I came to work one morning - my little Indian wasn't there. When I asked about him they said he bought a case of beer went back to the reservation in Alberta. When the job finished first week of Dec it was 35 degrees below 0 with 2 to 3 feet of snow on the ground.

On my way I had two job offers. After Xmas and New Years I drove to the William Bros. office in Tulsa, OK where their headquarters were located. The personnel director had me on the list for a job in Venezuela. I was given 10 min to think about it and after passing the physical and all the shots required I was on my way to Venezuela. That's the way it went. All the time I was making myself faster and better.

Back to Canada. Then Venezuela. Then Bolivia, Chile, South America, Alto Plano (High Plane). Then to Iran, Then to Borneo the Big One. It was for two years. I ended up finishing the 66,000,000.00 dollar job. It's the one I may write a book about.

Then it was Libya, North Africa - The Sahara Desert. Wm. Bros. split the crew. I was in the crew that built a pipeline in Germany. That give me a foot hole in Europe. After Germany it was back to Iran also a big job that I finished. That would be the end of Wm. Bros. work. The next page will be Europe and Off Shore North Sea and Egypt Gulf of Suez.

After the Iran job was finished I caught a flight to Amsterdam, Holland. Friends working there picked me up. I didn't get hired out so I made my way to Lipheim Germany where I stayed while on the German job. It was like family there. I stayed there that winter, the next spring I was hired by Morrison-Knutson from Boise, Idaho. They called the company NPC for Netherlands PipeLine Co. I worked for them and two other American Dutch companies N.A.P's and Crown Const. Co. In early 1968 I stopped by a Brown and Root off shore pipe lay barge. I was hired by them as a welder. By hard work and learning I worked my way up from welder foreman to assistant superintendent. For two years I was construction mgr. In 1978 I was made Supt. of the B and R Barge 324. When I left Brown and Root I worked as an Amoco Oil Co. representative. By the time I was in my sixties a Dutch Co. had sold a Harbour work barge to the Egyptian Co. Petro Jet. I showed them how to rig it up so as to lay off shore pipelines and to be able to make heavy lifts off shore. The workers in the Gulf of Suez - I worked for them two years for a very good salary paid always in \$100.00 bills.

The countries in Europe I worked in were Holland, Belgium, France, Denmark, Germany, England, Scotland, Norway. I never got to Ireland."



## Ernest Hughes Paisley

Ernest was our second volunteer for the Paisley Family DNA project.

In the early spring, Ernest's health was declining. On April 21<sup>st</sup>, the family took a photo of him holding his newborn great-granddaughter Annie, with great-granddaughter Julia by his side. On Friday, April 24<sup>th</sup>, his wife, Muriel, helped Ernest with the DNA sample collecting. But, Ernest did not feel well that night. He did not get out of bed the next morning and developed a temperature of 106 degrees. The medical personnel were able to get his temperature down some but he never regained consciousness. Ernest Hughes Paisley passed peacefully at 3:30 A.M. Sunday morning, April 26, 2009 at the Health Center of Friendship Village of Columbus, Ohio.

Ernest was born on a farm near Mt. Vernon, Jefferson County, Illinois on Sunday, January 11, 1920, thereby causing his Dad, Robert Hughes Paisley, to miss church for the first time in recent memory. Ernest's mother was Annie Sparks Paisley. His siblings were John Calvin, Esther, James, Grace, and Alice, who died as an infant.

Ernest received his B.S. degree in Agriculture from the University of Illinois and his M.S. degree in Dairy Science from Rutgers University. He was elected to the Sigma Xi honorary research society. During World War II, Ernest was a non-combatant medic, travelling 30,000 miles on trains carrying wounded military men to various hospitals throughout the U.S. He was then transferred to the Army Veterinary Corps as a meat and dairy inspector during which service he received the Army Commendation ribbon. Ernest spent 35 years in marketing and sales for Fairfield American Corporation and FMC Corporation. He was a member of Chemical Specialties Manufacturers Association and the Midwest Chemicals Association.

Ernest was married for 62 years to Muriel Irene Lorz-Weiss. They met in 1945 and married in 1947. Ernest and Muriel lived in six states and traveled to Europe several times. Ernest was active in every community in which he and Muriel lived through church activities. In Westerville he delivered Meals on Wheels, volunteered at the historic Hanby House, and was a Malibu go cart racer. At his request, Ernest's body was donated to OSU for medical research and education. A memorial service was held May 1, 2009 at Westerville Community United Church of Christ.

Ernest is survived by his wife, Muriel, daughters Alice Paisley Houtz (Gary) and Martha Paisley Ruth (Gene), grandchildren Laura Waltz, Bruce Houtz, Andrew Ruth, Kate Ruth and two great-granddaughters, Julia and Annie Waltz. Ernest Hughes Paisley's ancestors are Robert Hughes Paisley (1879 IL-1941 IL), Calvin Marshall Paisley (1845 IL-1916 IL), Robert Paisley (1805 NC-1859 IL), John Paisley (1764 PA-1844 IL), William Paisley, Jr. (1742 PA-1822 NC), and William Paisley (abt. 1707 Ireland-1787 NC).

Ernest was a valued member of the Paisley Family Association and the Paisley Family Society of Scotland. We are truly thankful for Ernest's interest in the Paisley family and for his participation in the Paisley family DNA project. We will miss him.



Last photo of Ernest, April 21, 2009. Ernest has his usual big smile holding great-granddaughter Annie Elizabeth Waltz, born March 18, 2009. Julia Irene Waltz, age 3 standing by great-grandfather's side. Also in photo is Ernest's wife Muriel and Julia and Annie's other great-grandmother,







Paisley family gathering at Balgonie Castle, Fife, Scotland for a candlelight dinner. Sunday, July 26, 2009.

## Scotland's Homecoming - Gathering 2009

By Diane Langston

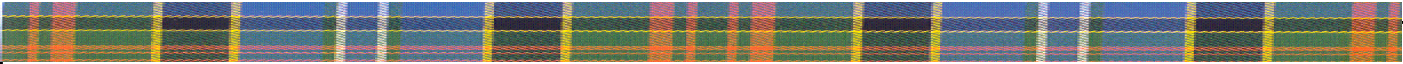
My husband and I and our three children recently returned home from a 10-day trip to Scotland. The experience far exceeded my expectations. We are not a family that travels well, especially my 8-year-old son. None of the children had been out of the country and the two youngest had never flown on a plane. Ashley, David, and Candler traveled beautifully and we all had the trip of a lifetime!

With the price of airline tickets being out of our price range in September 2008, I had put aside any plans for attending the once-in-a-lifetime gathering of Clans at Homecoming 2009 in Edinburgh Scotland. But, early in the Spring, I received a personal phone call from Westerlea, our Paisley Family Chieftain. After some gentle "arm twisting" my husband Jay and I took another look at the price of flying. After a reminder from our children that we had never even taken them to Disney World, we dug into our savings and made reservations.

On July 21 we flew out of Richmond to JFK in New York. Due to traffic problems at JFK we missed our connecting flight to Edinburgh. We finally boarded a plane to Manchester England, but our luggage continued to sit in New York waiting for the next day's flight to Edinburgh. We landed in Scotland eight hours later than planned, but we immediately abandoned the motel room and took the city bus into downtown Edinburgh. What a beautiful city! Ancient stone buildings overlooked by a castle on a hill is not something we see in the United States.

After all the warnings about rainy Scotland, we only got poured on one day. Clouds and sprinkles occurred every day, but mostly we had sun. Jay even got a sunburn at the Scottish games. Temperatures stayed mostly in the 60 degree range. Being so far north, sunset was around 10:00 but twilight continued throughout the night. .

Westerlea and Jane worked hard to put together events for the family. On Thursday, July 23rd, Paisley family and friends were welcomed to Ardtalla, Westerlea and Jane's country home. This old police station is undergoing some great renovations. You should see the bathroom in the old dungeon! The children played in the big yard and tree swing while the adults enjoyed a relaxing visit and meal. On Friday, the Paisleys met for a reception in the private East Queen Street Gardens in Edinburgh. A little rain didn't dampen the hospitality and many adjourned for a meal across the street at the private Royal Scots Club.



Homecoming 2009 was held in Holyrood Park on Saturday and Sunday. It was a huge park, but we didn't mind traipsing to the far end to get fish & chips. We must have been stopped by five people on our way back to the clan tents asking where we had purchased the food. The Scottish organizers could take lessons from the U.S. and set up more food and souvenir tents. Especially since there were so many people from the United States who would buy anything!

Although the vendors and competitions were similar to what you would see at Scottish festivals in the U.S., the number of tents for the Scottish Clans and Families was amazing. You should be proud of the Paisleys. Some of the better known Scottish clans had small tents and few participants. The Paisley tent was always full of people and had quite a large group for the Homecoming 2009 photo. (see page 8) We had representatives from Scotland, England, Canada, U.S.A., and Australia! Harvey Lee McCollum and his daughter Kelly joined us in representing the Paisley Family Association.

How many times have you attended a Scottish festival and seen Prince Charles up close?! This photo opportunity was far from being the highlight of the festival. The most spectacular event was the march of the clans and families up the Royal Mile to Edinburgh Castle. With bagpipes playing and crowds cheering, it was an awesome event!

On Sunday night, a bus took us to Balgonie Castle in Fife for a formal dinner. This private castle has been under restoration for many years. The Much Hon. Duncan W. Paisley of Westerlea is hereditary Captain of Balgonie Castle. The castle has only limited electricity. An elegant and delicious braised steak and potato dinner was consumed by candlelight. Robert Gibb, the Chieftain's personal piper, entertained us with his outstanding playing of the bagpipes. Truly a wonderful evening.

On Monday, a bus took us to the town of Paisley, just outside of Glasgow. We were given a tour of Paisley Abbey and an educational walking tour of the city. The mayor of Paisley then hosted us for lunch at the Abbey. Our day trip was followed by visiting and supper at Ardtalla in Slamannan. A great ending to a Paisley family gathering.

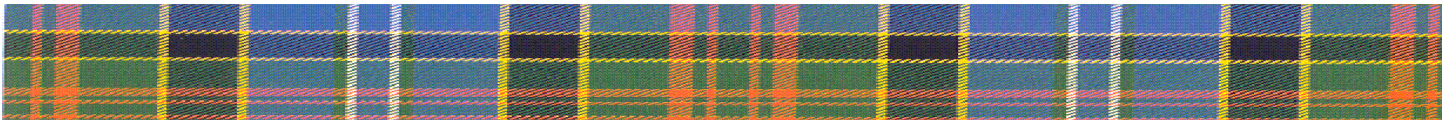
Jay and I and the children took three extra days and drove to Oban and took the ferry to the Island of Mull. This ancestral strong-hold of the McLean clan had some of the most beautiful scenery. Jay managed to get quite good at driving the single lane roads. We visited three castles occupied by the McLeans: Aros (a ruin), Moy (in the process of being restored), and Duart, the main castle of the McLean Clan and just beautiful.

On the drive back to Edinburgh, we stopped at Stirling Castle. This was our 6th Scottish castle, yet we were still in awe at the sight of an enormous stone structure at the top of a huge hill. You should definitely visit Stirling if you want to see an accurately restored Scottish castle.

On July 31st we boarded our plane to New York. Why should the flight back be any different then coming? Delays at JFK led us to land at the Boston airport where we sat for 2 1/2 hours waiting for JFK to reopen. At last we were cleared to take off. As we were coming into New York the British Airways jet in front of us hit wind sheers and couldn't land. We all circled with lots of turbulence. As the passengers held on, our two boys bounced and laughed at the bumpy ride! Unlike the rest of the passengers, they thought turbulence was fun. We made our connecting flight for Richmond since it was also delayed, but we felt sorry for the hundreds of people who lined up for hours trying to re-schedule their connections. We landed in Richmond, drove home, and dropped into our beds at 2:00 am, August 1st. We had been awake more than 24 hours!

We absolutely want to go back to Scotland. When the Paisley Family Society sponsors any future events, I urge you to make the time and go.





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Edinburgh, Scotland  
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Paisley Family Tent  
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