

Zeroing in on the Journey of My Forefathers

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Haplogroup I1

Historical and genealogical evidence points to the strong possibility that my male line arrived in Scotland from Flanders around the time of the Norman invasion of England. Over the next hundreds of years various male direct descendants would have chosen from a variety of surnames to fit their professions, family allegiances, home towns, etc., since having a surname became a requirement to assist with tax accountability. Probably somewhere along the line one or more of my direct-line male ancestors chose to be professional pages.

The historical evidence mentioned above refers to an online article entitled THE FLEMISH INFLUENCE IN SCOTLAND that may be found at the following URL:

<http://amg1.net/scotland/fleminfl.html>. In this article a list of surnames having strong Flemish affiliation included: Balliol, Beaton, Brodie, Bruce, Cameron, Campbell, Comyn, Crawford, Douglas, Erskine, Fleming Fraser, Graham, Hamilton, Hay, Innes, Leslie, Lindsay, Lyle, Murray, Oliphant, Seton, and Stewart.

The highlighted surnames are some of the ones now belonging to people with Y-DNA markers that are *relatively* close to my own, according to the [www.familytreedna](http://www.familytreedna.com) website, as follows:

EXACT Match 12 Marker Y-DNA

Genetic Distance – 0

Thomas Alexander Cameron

Aaron Hamilton (Y37)

Chester Hamilton (Y37)

Denzil Earl Hamilton (Y37)

Ernest Leroy Hamilton (Y37)

Gordon Andrew Hamilton (Y37)

Grayson Lee Hamilton (Y37)

Joshua Pearre (pete) Hamilton

Phillip Bryant Hamilton (Y37)

Richard Leo Hamilton

Rowan Terrell Hamilton (Y37)

William Caleb Hamilton

Francois Louis Haye

Joseph David Hayes (Y25)

Kenneth Duane Hayes (Y25)

Alexander Robert Haygens (Y25)

Bruce Wayne Haynes (Y37)

James Ronald Murray (Y37)

Steve Murray (Y37)

Ian William Stewart

25 Marker Matches Y-DNA

Genetic Distance – 2

Chester **Hamilton** (Y37)
Grayson Lee **Hamilton** (Y37)
Rowan Terrell **Hamilton** (Y37)

James Ronald **Murray** (Y37)
Steve **Murray** (Y37)

37 Marker Matches Y-DNA

Genetic Distance – 2

John Clifford **Hamilton** (Y37)

Genetic Distance – 3

Larry **Hawkins**
Steve **Murray** (Y37)

Genetic Distance – 4

James Ronald **Murray** (Y37)
Keith S. **Murray**

67 Marker Matches Y-DNA

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According to Y-DNA comparison at the *www.ysearch.com* website using ID **NYWPF**:

37 Marker Matches Y-DNA

Genetic Distance – 3

Poland – 1
Scotland – 1

Genetic Distance – 4

Scotland – 2

The genealogical evidence mentioned above refers to a gedcom submitted by James Ronald **Murray**, the only of my 37-marker cousins to provide one. When I opened it I discovered that his earliest known ancestor was born in Scotland in the 1600s and died at Baltimore, MD, in the early 1700s. I was quite surprised to have Scotland enter into the Page equation until email-corresponding with a 25-marker cousin Ross Billings. He suggested I do an online search for references to the Flemish in Scotland, which netted the information I've included in this account. A companion article to the one discussed above may be found at URL:

<http://amq1.net/scotland/flemfam.htm> and is titled THE RISE OF THE FLEMISH FAMILIES IN SCOTLAND.

As to the “Page” connection, the only ones I’ve found that were close enough to be counted were all at a genetic distance of 1 at the 12-marker level. Most likely this would have placed our most recent common ancestor near the beginning of our ancestors’ adoption of the surname “Page.”