

# Meek/Meeks Families of Virginia

## Meek Group C Introduction

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The Meek/Meeks Y-DNA Project<sup>1</sup> has established DNA signature<sup>2</sup> for a significant number of early American ancestors. This allows for a determination of which Meek ancestors were related and which ones were not related. Combined with genealogies DNA shows five major groups one of which is designated as Group C. Y-DNA 37 STR<sup>3</sup> marker tests on their descendants indicate that they all shared a common Meek ancestor. The haplogroup<sup>4</sup> of Group C men is defined by the SNP<sup>5</sup> marker R-L21. L21 and its many sub-clades include a significant portion of European men. All men in Group C will be positive for L21. Extensive structure has recently been found below L21 but no one in Group C has undergone extensive SNP testing.

The earliest known ancestors in Group C are John Meek born 1707 and Thomas Meek born 1708. They lived in different places and there is no known documentation to prove a connection between them. DNA shows that they were related, possibly closely related. However, it is not possible at the current time to determine when the common ancestor lived.

**John Meek** born about 1707 lived in Augusta Co., VA. This area was settled in the 1730's. John's name first appears in court records 6 Aug 1750 and he likely lived there before that date. It is not known where John was born or where his family came from. His estate was probated in 1761. The names of his children are known through court records of guardians being appointed.

**Thomas Meek** born about 1708 lived in Washington Co., MD. He owned several properties in Maryland as well as property in Washington Co., VA. The earliest known record of him is 1752. It is not known where Thomas was born or where his family came from. There are indications that his father lived in the colonies. Part of Thomas' bequeath to his oldest son included "And also Fifty acres of land called Pleasant Hill which was purchased out of my Fathers Effects he leaving no will, neither did any person administer lawfully thereon..."

When he died about 1776 his wife and some of his children moved to the property in Washington Co., VA. Since the first white settler only came to Washington Co., VA in the 1760 it likely that Thomas had owned the land for a short period of time. There is no reason to believe that he had any connection to Virginia other than as a land speculator.

It is noted that also living in Washington Co., VA was Joseph Meek born 1744. Descendants of Joseph Meek who have been DNA tested fall into Meek Group E and thus Joseph was not related to John, Thomas or any other ancestor in Group C. A man in one group cannot be related to a man in another group.

A word about Guy Meek: Joseph Meek of Washington D. C. was a significant Guy Meek researcher. He and other researcher concluded that John and Thomas were sons of Guy Meek. While he had extensive documentation on the Guy Meek family he had no records that prove that John and Thomas had any connection to Guy Meek. They are not included in parish records like

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<sup>1</sup> <http://meekdna.com>

<sup>2</sup> 37 Y-DNA STR marker results. AKA DNA haplotype, signature or profile

<sup>3</sup> STR=short tandem repeat

<sup>4</sup> Haplogroup=large population of men defined by a single SNP marker

<sup>5</sup> SNP=single nucleotide polymorphism

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Guy's other children and there are no documents to place them in Anne Arundel Co., MD. Since DNA is not currently available from the Guy Meek family a connection to Guy Meek cannot be excluded. However, it seems unlikely at this point in time.

### Other pre 1800 Ancestors in Group C:

**James Meek** was born about 1774 in Virginia. He married Mary Greenslate. They resided in Greenup Co., KY. Two DNA samples from descendants of different sons show non-matching profiles. Additional tests are required to resolve the conflict.

**Thomas Meek** was born between 1775 and 1780 in Virginia. He married Naomi Grinstead 13 Jun 1807 in Warren Co., KY.

**James Meek** was born about 1778. He died in 1823 in Johnson Co., KY. He married Judith Hylton.

**William Meek** died 5 Apr 1832 in Johnson Co., KY. He married Judith Popplewell 18 May 1807 in Wayne Co., KY. His descendants **have not been DNA tested** and he may not be connected to this group but since he lived in Johnson Co., KY he may be related to James Meek.

### Other post 1800 ancestors represented in the DNA project

Other members of the DNA project have been unable to trace their ancestor further back than 1800. One member of the project currently lives in Ireland but it is not known how long his family has lived in Ireland.

**John W. Meek** (1801 - )  
Owen Co., KY

**William Meek** (1800- )  
Dade Co., MO

**John "Crip" Meek** (1835 - )  
Grundy Co., TN

Summary: Were John and Thomas Meek the progenitors for all the other Group C ancestors or were there one or more other men who migrated to the United States without leaving a footprint? The DNA for Group C does not identify different branches of this particular family. It is known that John and Thomas left relative behind in the Isles because there is at least one family that remains in Ireland today. The descendant chart for John Meek born 1707 is incomplete and it is entirely possible he is the progenitor of at least some of the members in the DNA project not connected to Thomas Meek born 1708. At the same time it is entirely possible that other members of the Group C family came to the United States after John and Thomas did. More research is needed to answer the question.

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