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markers is a genetic distance of 10. There are no matches in Ysearch within a genetic distance of 6 on 37 markers.

### Observations on Marker Values:

Group 4 is characterized by numerous unusual repeat values, listed here in order of rarity:

392=12	1% of R1b
413a=22	2% of R1b
458=19, 20	6% and 1%, respectively, of R1b
449=31	10% of R1b
557=17	16% of R1b
459b=9	17% of R1b
390=10	29% of R1b

Marker rarity was assessed using the late Leo Little's [survey of marker value frequency](#).

### Haplogroup:

No member of Group 4 has had a deep clade test. This group certainly belongs to the R1b haplogroup, and very likely to the R1b1b2 haplogroup, defined by the M269 SNP. Several subclades of M269 have been identified, but more specific SNP predictions are not reliable for this group based on their STR values alone. A scan of Ysearch for individuals within a genetic distance of 6 on the first 25 markers yields hundreds of individuals, who report greatly varying SNP results.

The International Society of Genetic Genealogy maintains an up-to-date SNP tree of the R haplogroup here: [http://www.isogg.org/tree/ISOGG\\_HapgrpR09.html](http://www.isogg.org/tree/ISOGG_HapgrpR09.html).

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### Genealogical Overview: An Investigation of Origins

Patrick Vance's immediate family is depicted here, along with the lineages leading to his descendants who are in the DNA project:

1. Patrick Vance (d.c.1810, Fayette Co, PA)
  - m. Elizabeth McCray
  2. Patrick M. Vance
  2. Jane Vance
  - m. Unknown Hall
  2. William Vance (b. bef. 1765, VA – d. 1829)
    - m. Rebecca Hinton 1787, Frederick Co, VA
    3. Joseph L. Vance (1802-1883, Scott Co, KY)
    4. William Vance (1824-1898, Scott Co, KY)
    5. PRIVATE
    6. PRIVATE
    7. 73288
3. Robert Vance

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- m.Lucinda Trussle
    - 4.Daniel Milton Vance
      - m.Mary Elizabeth Blakely
      - 5.Joseph Edward Vance
        - m.Phoebie Elizabeth Kinder
        - 6.PRIVATE
          - 7.PRIVATE
            - 8.130228
  - 2.Robert Vance
    - m.Catherine Fry, 1789, Frederick Co, VA
  - 2.Elizabeth Vance
    - m.Unknown Edwards
  - 2.James Vance
  - 2.John Vance (b.1773 – d.1852)
    - m.Lydia Reese
      - 3.Maj. William Vance (b.1803, South Elkhorn or Lexington, KY)
        - m.Sophronia Calvin
          - 4.Joseph Calvin Vance (b.1827, Brown Co, OH)
            - m.Olive Thompson
              - 5.Clifford Morton Vance (b.1865, Brown Co, OH)
                - m.Marion Augusta Baker
                - 6.PRIVATE
                  - 7.45731
- 2.Margaret Vance
  - m.David Rusk

Although Patrick died in Fayette County, KY, evidence from Berkeley County, VA, (present-day West Virginia) suggests that he probably lived there before moving west. Patrick also has connections to Frederick County, VA, where a few of his children were married in the 1780s, and to Hampshire County, VA (present-day West Virginia) where his wife, Elizabeth McCray, inherited property. In addition, there is some evidence that hints at a possible connection with the family of Charles Vance of York County, PA, and his son, Reverend Hugh Vance of Berkeley County.

### Berkeley County, Virginia (present-day West Virginia)

Alice Westerberg put up an [informative post](#) on the genealogy.com Vance message board summarizing some of the documentary evidence relating to Patrick Vance of Fayette County, KY. She addressed specifically the probability that he may be identified as the Patrick Vance who appeared in several records of Berkeley County, VA. She notes that in 1782 a Patrick Vance was one of the buyers at the estate sale of Samuel Hair in Berkeley County and that another buyer was James Hinton, father of Rebecca Hinton who married Patrick's son William. In 1784, a Patrick Vance was witness to the will of Stephen Barns in Berkeley County; another witness was James McCray (this was the name of Patrick Vance of Fayette's brother-in-law). Ms. Westerberg also reports that Patrick Vance of Berkeley County appeared as witness to a land transaction between Hugh Miller and

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several individuals, including Reverend Hugh Vance, a notable early resident of Berkeley County.

### Reverend Hugh Vance of Berkeley Co, VA/ Charles Vance of York Co, PA

An extensive article on Reverend Hugh Vance of Berkeley County appeared in the October 1999 issue of the VFA newsletter, from which most of the following account has been taken. Hugh was born in 1735 to Charles and Sarah Vance of York County, PA, and was named an administrator in the will of his father (23 Mar 1763 – 18 Aug 1773, York County, PA). Other children of Charles Vance were named in his probate records: Thomas Vance, Robert Vance, Sarah Vance (wife of James McAllister), Hannah Vance (wife of William Patterson), and Mary Vance (wife of John Park). Hugh Vance married Elizabeth Parks, daughter of John Parks and Mary Patterson, in Franklin County, PA, in 1773. They moved to Berkeley County, VA, where Hugh became minister of the Tuscarora congregation. Hugh died in 1791, leaving his wife and children Sarah, John, Mary, Elizabeth, Nancy, and James.

While researching a different group of Vances, I came across a record in Donna Russell's *Frederick County, Md, Wills 1744-1794* that is interesting in light of the possible Patrick-Hugh connection in Berkeley County. A Charles Vance and a Patrick Vance were both witnesses to the will of John McKinley of Marsh Creek Settlement, Piney Creek Hundred, in Frederick County, MD. McKinley's will was dated 13 January 1767 and Patrick proved it on 21 April 1767. The Charles Vance mentioned in the will is probably Charles Vance from York County, since the latter Charles made a bequest to the Piney Creek Meeting House and is known to have held land on the Pennsylvania/Maryland border. It is unclear if the Patrick Vance who witnessed McKinley's will is Patrick Vance of Berkeley/Fayette, but the later records in which he appears with Charles' son Hugh Vance hint at the possibility.

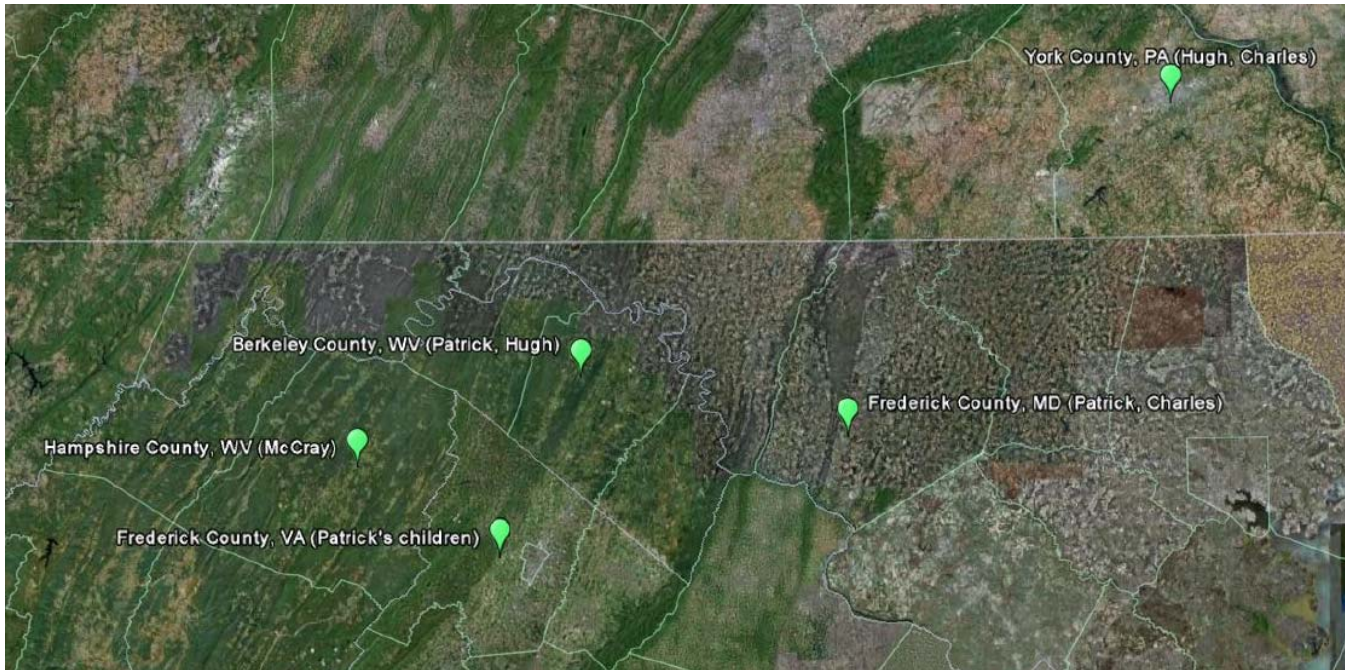
Charles Vance may also be the man who witnessed the will of John Vance of Lancaster County, PA, in 1734:

JOHN VANCE: WB A, Vol. 1, p.13: Written 14 July 1734; Probated 25 July 1734. Wife: MARY; Sons: HUGH and GEORGE (equal division); Daughter: JEAN; If wife is with child and it comes safe to the world it should receive equal part. Witnessed: John Craighead, Jerrett Graham, CHARLES VANCE

[At the time of John's will, York County was not yet carved out of Lancaster County, so John may actually have lived near Charles in what would later become York County.]

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### James Vance of Kent County, DE (d.1738)

Another mention of a Charles Vance comes in the will of James Vance of Kent County, DE (23 Jan – 1 Feb 1738). This is covered in an article by Mary Vance Norfleet that appeared in the October 2000 VFA Newsletter:

An abstract of the will of James Vance; heirs – cousins: Hannah Kilpatrick, wife of John Kilpatrick; George Vance; Charles Vance; Alexander Vance; half-brother: Charles Stewart; Rev. John Hones; uncle, Alexander Vance; and **Patrick & Elizabeth Vance, children of sister Mary Vance**. Executors: James Gorrell, Robert Rowland. Witnesses: Alex Farquhar, Benjamin Ogle, George Grier

[Note: James Vance of Kent County mentions a cousin Hannah Kilpatrick, wife of John Kilpatrick. This Hannah was the sister of a Reverend Patrick Vance, who headed the Presbyterian congregation in Burt Parish, Donegal.]

In his will, James mentions a Patrick *Vance* who was child of his *sister Mary Vance*. Could this Patrick Vance be Patrick of Berkeley/Fayette?

### Other Vances of Fayette County, KY

David Vance of Fayette Co, KY: An ejectment suit filed after his death recorded several details about his life and family (VFA Newsletter, January 1991). He was born in Ireland, migrated to America before 1775, and by that year had settled in Kentucky. He received two grants of land on the south fork of the Elkhorn River in 1784 from warrants issued in 1780 and 1781. David Vance died intestate in 1789 and left no children. At the time of his death, he left a father, David Vance Sr., brothers John, James, and Joseph, and a sister Jane, wife of John Porter. The father, David Vance Sr., had come over from Ireland in 1785 or 1786. The brother, John Vance, came to Kentucky about the same time as his

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brother David and died intestate around 1805 or 1809, leaving a daughter, Jane Tucker. Joseph and James acquired parts of David's estate in Fayette County. Other than location and surname, there is nothing in particular to recommend David Vance as close kin to Patrick Vance.