

Vance Y-DNA Project: Group 5 Overview

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Lineages

- Thomas Vance of Gallia Co, OH (b.c.1790 – d.1872) m.Sarah Caldwell/Colwell

Members

- 83432 – Thomas Vance of Gallia Co, OH (b.c.1790) (son George)
- 95164 – Thomas Vance of Gallia Co, OH (b.c.1790) (son Thos)

DNA Analysis

DNA Results

Markers 1-37																																					
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95164	13	24	14	10	10	14	12	12	12	14	14	16	16	9	9	11	11	26	15	19	29	15	15	17	18	10	11	19	23	16	15	19	17	36	37	12	12

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The two members of Group 5 are a genetic distance of 2 from each other, with two single-step mutations separating them on markers 459b and 464d. This genetic distance is fully consistent with their shared descent from Thomas Vance of Gallia County in six generations as documented by traditional evidence.

Group 5 does not share a common genetic descent in the direct male line with other Vances in the project within a genealogically meaningful time frame. The closest match with this group in the project is a genetic distance of 13 from 83432 and a genetic distance of 15 from 95164 on 37 markers.

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Matches with Other Surnames:

A handful of men in Ysearch are a genetic distance of 6 from this group on 37 markers:

<u>User ID</u>	<u>Surname</u>	<u>Origin</u>
XWN3H	Banks	Warcop, Westmoreland, England
58XB9	Plummer	Frederick, Maryland, USA
BX5W8	Flannery	Ireland
N6FS8	Flannery	Ballymalone, Ireland
Z4G8J	Harris	England

Matches of this genetic distance with lone individuals of other surnames are generally not worth investigating unless there is some other evidence to indicate a connection.

Observations on Marker Values:

This group is characterized by several marker values that are unusual for R1b. Those values that are present in less than 20% of R1b males are listed here in order of rarity:

- 578=7 less than 0.5% of R1b
- 385a=10 3% of R1b
- 391=14 11% of R1b
- 447=26 11% of R1b
- 389-1=14 14% of R1b
- 413a=21 14% of R1b
- 444=13 14% of R1b
- 481=23 17% of R1b
- 458=16 18% of R1b

Marker rarity was assessed using the late Leo Little's [survey of marker value frequency](#). These rare values, taken together, help confirm the close relationship between 83432 and 95164.

Haplogroup:

No one in Group 5 has had a SNP test. They certainly belong to the R1b haplogroup, and very likely to the R1b1b2 haplogroup as defined by the M269 SNP. Several subclades of M269 have been identified, but more specific SNP predictions are not possible for this group based on STR values alone.

The International Society of Genetic Genealogy maintains an up-to-date phylogenetic tree of the R haplogroup here: http://www.isogg.org/tree/ISOGG_HapgrpR09.html.

Notable Findings:

This lineage is not genetically related in the direct male line to the lineage of 48374, a descendant of a different Thomas Vance of Gallia County (in Group 2a).

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Genealogical Overview:

The earliest confirmed ancestor of Group 5 is Thomas Vance of Gallia County, Ohio, who was born around 1790 in Virginia, judging from his age and birthplace as listed on the 1850 census. He probably moved to Ohio some time between 1815 and 1827, judging from the ages and birthplaces of his children as listed on the 1850 census.

On the 1850 census, Thomas and his two sons, Thomas (95164) and George (83432), appear in Morgan Township, Gallia County. They are just four households away from Jacob Vance and James Vance, both also sons of Thomas, according to family researchers.

1850 Census, Morgan Township, Gallia County, OH

HH 359, 370

Thomas Vance	60	M	Farmer	700	Va
Sarah Vance	58	F			Va
George Vance	23	M			O
Mary A Vance	21	F			O
Sarah E Vance	3/12	F			O
Sarah Calwell	91	F			Pa

HH 360, 371

Thomas Vance Jr	35	M	Farmer	200	Va
Mary Vance	36	F			Va
Mary E Vance	11	F			O
Cynthia Vance	9	F			O
Sarah Vance	7	F			O
Thomas Vance	5	F			O

[4 intervening households]

HH 365, 376

Jacob Vance	39	M	Farmer	1000	Va
Demaricus Vance	38	F			Va
Amanda Vance	13	F			O in school
Mahala Vance	11	F			O in school
Margaret Vance	9	F			O in school
Caroline Vance	7	F			O in school
Mary Vance	3	F			O
Elizabeth Vance	1	F			O

HH 366, 377

James Vance	29	M	Farmer	500	O
Mary A Vance	19	F			O

Following is a reconstruction of Thomas's immediate family, including the lineages leading to 95164 and 83432:

1. Thomas Vance (b.1791, VA – d.1872)
m. Sarah Calwell/Colwell
2. Jacob Vance (b.c.1811, VA)

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- 2.Thomas Vance (b.c.1815, VA)
 - m.Mary "Polly" Anderson
 - 3.Francis M. Vance (b.1855 – d.1928)
 - 4.PRIVATE
 - 5.PRIVATE
 - 6.95164
- 2.James Vance (b.c.1821, OH)
- 2.George W. Vance (b.1827, OH – d.1900)
 - m.Mary Ann Rowland
 - 3.Henderson V. Vance (b.1855 – d.1928)
 - m.Rebecca Denney
 - 4.PRIVATE
 - 5.PRIVATE
 - 6.83432
- 2.Mary A. Vance (b.c.1829, OH)
- 2.Sarah E. Vance (b.c.1849, OH)

Thomas Vance may be traced back through the census in Gallia County . . .

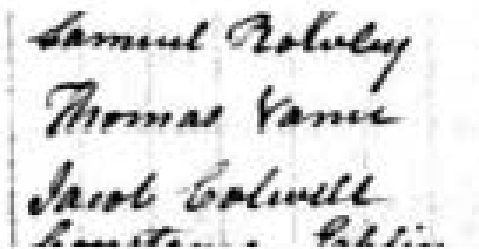
1840 Census - Gallia County, Ohio – List of Vances

Alexander Vance	Gallipolis City		
William Vance	Addison Twp		
Thomas Vance	Morgan Twp	0011001	00021001
Thomas Vance Jr	Morgan Twp	00001	10001
Jacob Vance	Morgan Twp	00001	210010001

In Morgan Township Thomas Vance Sr., age 40-50, is listed adjacent to his two sons Jacob and Thomas, both aged 20-30 and starting their own families. The two other males in the household of Thomas Sr. are likely George and James.

1830 Census - Gallia County, Ohio

On the 1830 census, only one Vance appears in Gallia County - Thomas Vance of Morgan Township, the ancestor of Group 5. At Ancestry.com he is indexed as Vann, although the census image does appear to read Vance:



Note the presence of Jacob Colwell, possibly a relative of Thomas Vance's wife, Sarah Colwell.

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Gallia County pre-1830

For the period prior to 1830, I searched for men with the surname Vance or variants thereof in Dennis Jones' *Gallia County, Ohio Residents, 1800-1825*, which contains census transcriptions for 1810 and 1820 as well as land and chattels tax lists covering the period up to 1825. No Vances are listed from 1800 to 1814 on any census, land tax list, or chattels tax list in Gallia. However, by 1819, three Vance families had moved into the area and these families appear to have remained:

1818 Chattels Tax List

Thomas Vance	Gallipolis Township	2 horses, 1 cattle
Henry Wantz	Raccoon Township	1 horse, 2 cow

1819 Chattels Tax list

Thomas Vance	Morgan Township	1 horse, 2 cow
William Vance	Addison Township	2 horse, 1 cow
Henry Vantz	Raccoon Township	1 horse, 2 cow

1820 Census

Wm. Vance	200010 – 00010 – 0100	Addison Township
Henry Wantz	520010 – 00010 – 0100	Raccoon Township
Thomas Wantz	300010 – 30010 – 0100	Raccoon Township

1821 Chattels Tax List

Henry Vance	Perry Township	1 horse, 1 cattle
William Vance	Addison Township	2 horse, 1 cattle
no Thomas Vance listed		

1822 Chattels Tax List

Henry Vance	Perry Township	2 horse, 3 cattle
Thomas Vance	Morgan Township	1 horse, 2 cattle
William Vance	Addison Township	2 horse, 1 cattle

1824 Chattels Tax List

Henry Vance	Perry Township	1 horse, 2 cattle
Thomas Vance Jr.	Morgan Township	1 horse, 3 cattle
Thomas Vance Sr.	Morgan Township	1 horse, 2 cattle
William Vance	Addison Township	2 horse, 3 cattle

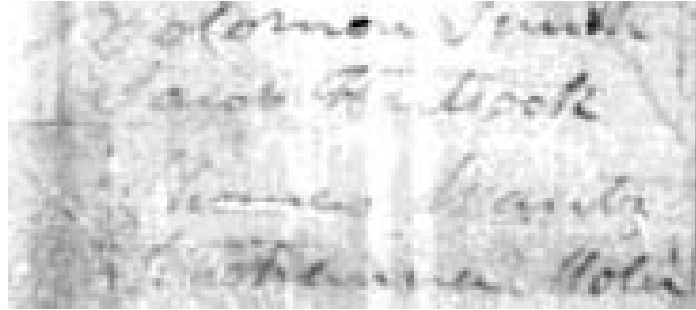
1825 Chattels Tax List

Henry Vance	Perry Township	1 horse, 2 cattle
Philip Vance	Perry Township	1 horse, 1 cattle
Thomas Vance Jr.	Morgan Township	1 horse, 3 cattle
Thomas Vance Sr.	Morgan Township	1 horse, 1 cattle
William Vance	Addison Township	2 horse, 4 cattle

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Based on the above information, a Thomas Vance appears to have moved to Gallia County some time between 1814 and 1818 and to have settled in Morgan Township by 1822. Notably, on the 1820 census his name is spelled “Wantz.” This is actually a German surname that ended up becoming Anglicized to Vance in several American families. Ancestry.com has him transcribed as “Wanta” in its index to the 1820 census, but a look at the census image reveals that the name does appear to be spelled Wantz:



Rockbridge County Origins

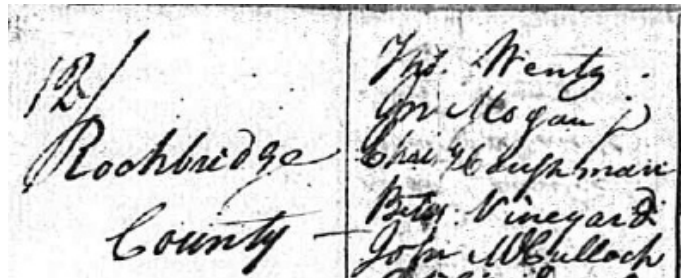
According to a biographical sketch of James Edgar Harrison that appeared in the [Gallipolis Tribune](#) in 1909, Thomas Vance’s family came to Gallia County specifically from Rockbridge County, Virginia. Independent of this secondary evidence, we know from census records that Thomas moved to Ohio from Virginia sometime after 1814. Therefore, we might expect to find Thomas listed on the census in 1810 in Virginia. A search of the entire 1810 census as indexed at Ancestry.com reveals just 5 men named Thomas Vance, none of them in Virginia:

Thomas Vance	Erie, PA
Thomas Vance	Fayette, PA
Thos Vance	Chester, PA
Thos Vance	Botetourt, PA
Thomas Vance	Henderson, KY

However, if the search is widened to include the surname Wentz, the following additional results are provided:

Thos Wentz	Rockbridge, VA
Thomas Wentz	Lancaster, PA

Here we find a Thomas Wentz in Rockbridge County in 1810, exactly where we might expect to find Thomas Vance of Gallia based on the account in the *Gallipolis Tribune*.



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Two individuals were in Thomas Wentz's household, a male and female, both aged 16 through 25. These ages accord with the ages of Thomas and Sarah (Colwell) Vance of Gallia, who would have been about 20 and 18 at the time. Their eldest child, Jacob, was born around 1811, so it makes sense not to find any children in their household in 1810. Given the recurring Wentz/Wantz spelling of his surname, it is natural to wonder whether Thomas Vance ultimately descended from a German family, and whether his surname became Anglicized to Vance during his lifetime.

Wentz Families of Rockbridge

In the April 1997 issue of the VFA newsletter, Delilah Foster documented several Vances in Rockbridge County, VA:

- Dr. Patrick Vance – the most notable early Vance of Rockbridge, Patrick served as a physician in the Revolution.
- Thomas Vance – he was a settler in 1765 and appeared in records through 1780.
- John Vance – his presence is unconfirmed but suggested by the marriage records of his daughters Mary and Agnes.
- Samuel Vance – his presence is unconfirmed but suggested by the marriage records of his children Elizabeth, Margaret, and David.

Ms. Foster also lists a Vance marriage record that appears noticeably German given the other surnames mentioned in the record:

9 Dec 1793 Henry Spitzer m. Catherine Vance
Bond posted by Henry Spitzer, Jacob Dederick, and Michael Wilhelm

In addition to Thomas Wentz on the 1810 census, there was also a man named George who was listed in Rockbridge in 1820 as Vance, but in 1830 as George Wintz. In Kirkpatrick's *Rockbridge County, Marriages 1778-1850* several marriages are noted involving people with the surname Wentz or variants:

<u>Groom</u>	<u>Bride</u>	<u>Date</u>
John Wence	Mary Entsminger of Phillip	20 Apr 1799
David Anderson	Catharine Wence of Thomas	22 Sept 1808
George Wentz	Susanna Turner of William	29 Nov 1810
James Anderson	Sophia Wentz of Thomas	1 Jan 1811
Abraham Wence	Sarah Pierman of Michael Sr	25 Sept 1828
James W. Buchanan	Catharine Wentz of William Sr.	7 Dec 1830
John Wence	Margaret Ann Fox of Mathias	13 May 1835

Note Catharine Wence and Sophia Wentz, daughters of a man named Thomas. Both were married within 2 years of each other to men named Anderson, suggesting that they may have been sisters who married Anderson brothers. Their father Thomas is clearly not Thomas Vance of Gallia, since the latter was only just starting his own family close to the time of their marriages, but they may be related in some other way, perhaps as siblings. It is notable that on the 1850 census in Gallia County, David Anderson (age 75) and Catherine Anderson (age 70) are listed in Morgan Township, the same township

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where Thomas Vance of Gallia lived. Their birthplaces are given as Virginia and Catherine's age puts her in the same generation as Thomas Vance of Gallia, who was 60 in 1850.

337	349	David Anderson	75	m	German	200	VA
		Catharine Anderson	70	f			VA

Could this be David Anderson and Catherine Wence of Rockbridge? Tying Catharine (Wence) Anderson to Gallia County would strengthen the conclusion that Thomas Vance of Gallia was also Thomas Wentz of Rockbridge and that he and Catherine may have been siblings. Gallia County marriage records also show that Thomas Vance Jr. (ancestor of Group 5 member 95164) married a Polly Anderson (12 March 1737). Was Polly Anderson related to the Andersons of Rockbridge who intermarried with the Wentz family?

George Wintz of Frederick County, MD:

While conducting research for this group, I stumbled upon a transcription of a [Chancery Court abstract](#) from Frederick County relating to the estate of one George Wintz, who might be the ancestor of Thomas Wantz/Vance of Rockbridge/Gallia:

George WINTZ - Estate - 19 May 1796

[MSA S512- 1002; 1/36/1/15-964]

John CRONICE and William MILLER vs George WINTZ Estate

George WINTZ d/ abt 1791 intestate, leaving 6 children

- George WINTZ - VA
- **Thomas WINTZ** - VA
- Jacob WINTZ - VA
- Konnot w/o George MON - VA
- Catharine w/o Jacob DERR - VA
- Mary w/o Jacob WALTER - VA

Administrator was Catharine WINTZ (widow?). **All the children are said to have moved to the "back parts" of Virginia.**

Land - Lot #8 near Frederick Town, 8+ acres, (part was confiscated from Daniel DULANEY of Daniel and purchased by Wintz Oct 1781); mortgaged to John CRONICE and William MILLER for 250 pounds gold or silver which was not paid off before Wintz' death.

Creditors: Adam CREAGER in 1791 for Tobacco; Henry LEATHERMAN for monies; Conrad DOLL for a coffin.

Trustee was Joshua DORSEY. Testimony confirming Wintz' descendants was heard from Jacob HEINER Sr. of Frederick Town.

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Note that George Wintz's children had moved to the "back parts" of Virginia by 1796. Where were these back parts? In *The Derr Family* it is noted that Jacob Derr (who was married to George Wintz's daughter Catharine) "bought land in Rockbridge Co, in 1794 and sold it in 1813." Thus it is clear that at least one of George Wintz's children moved to Rockbridge and it is reasonable to suppose that the others may have moved there as well. Given his age, Thomas Vance of Gallia could thus be the son of one of George Wintz's sons, possibly the Thomas Wintz whose daughters are known to have married Anderson men and at least one of whom may have also moved to Gallia County.

Note: In *Revolutionary Patriots of Frederick County, Maryland*, it is noted that a George Wintz was a sergeant in the 8th Maryland Regiment, the so-called German Battalion of the Revolution. This George left a will in Frederick County that was proved 10 May 1789, naming a wife Catherine, son John George, and his "youngest children" Jacob, Margaret, and Mary Ann. This George Wintz appears to be different from the George Wintz with son Thomas, but originals of both records should probably be checked to make sure they are not referring to the same man.