

The Todd Familes of Ireland

Irish Todd DNA Survey and Todd Families in Tithe Applotment and Griffiths Valuation records For Ulster/Northern Ireland Richard McMurtry December 2010, rev June 2011, August 2011, June 2012, March 2013, Nov 2024

Between 2010 and 2013, 20+ Todd families of Ireland gave DNA samples to help uncover previously unknown information about the relationships between Irish families and their connections with the Todds of Scotland and America. Several years later a concerted effort was made to sample the Todds of south-central Tyrone – all of which shared the same male DNA pattern. More recently in 2023-2024, samples were recruited for three locations in County Down.

The above map has black dots showing the locations in Northern Ireland where Todds appeared in the Tithes records in the early 1800s and the Griffiths Evaluation of the mid 1800s. These dots were converted to colored dots for those families for which male DNA samples were obtained.

In some cases, I have indicated matching families by listing the Todd Family Number or the Todd Family Group Number. The Todd Family Numbers are listed in a table and the Todd Family Group Numbers are identified on my spreadsheet of all Todd DNA data in our possession. Both the table and the spreadsheet are contained on my Todd Families website.

Showing the Connections between the Todds of America, Ireland and Scotland

The results have been very gratifying! For several of the Irish Todd families for which DNA samples were obtained, a matching family was found in America. Also, three of these family groups had matching families in Scotland!

One of these groups is referred to as Group 1 (or the Mary Todd Lincoln group of Todds) and includes the central Antrim group (Ballyalbanagh/Ballyclare/Dongeore/Glenwherry/Glynn) and central Derry group (Banagher Parish) which had matches with Todds in Bonhill, Dumbarton; Glasgow; and West Lothian – all in central Scotland.

The specific Group 1 families in the central Antrim area are:

- 1. Robert Todd 1807-1844 d Prince Edward Island md 1825 Anne Craig in Donegore
- 2. William John Todd of Trench Hill, Ballyeaston md 1863 in Kilbride to Eliza Todd
- 3. Andrew Todd 1804-1882 Coggry, father of Hugh Todd 1833 md Letitia Smith
- 4. Thomas Todd b 1817 Ballyeaston =>Australia and md 1844
- 5. James Todd b 1810 Rashee
- 6. Robert Todd of Coggry b 1836 md Agnes Kirk
- 7. Nathaniel Todd b 1820 d 1855 Edwardsburg, Ontario
- 8. James Todd 1859-1861 Glynn md 1887 Sarah Jane McNeill
- 9. William Todd b 1800 Carnlea=>Drumdarragh, Co Antrim (son of Thomas Todd)
- 10. Nathaniel Todd b 1746 of Ballyalbanagh: Son Nathaniel 1785=>Dearborn, IN 1829
- 11. Samuel Todd of Glenwherry md 1863 Ellen McMeekin
- 12. Nathaniel Todd 1804-1872 Magherabane, Co Antrim

The Group 1 Todds in County Derry were:

- 1. Adam Todd b 1781 Co Derry d 1851 Queens, New Brunswick (1831 Census Banagher Parish)
- 2. Thomas Todd b 1798 d1887 Brant Twp, Bruce County, Ontario

The second group, referred to as Group 2 (or the Somerset County NJ Todds), has the most widespread distribution in Ulster, and included the Todds of central and southwest Co Down, the Todds of Dunluce/Coleraine in NW Antrim/NE Derry, the Todds of NW Tyrone and the Todds of Sligo which all matched a family from Fenwick Parish, Ayrshire in southwest Scotland.

The specific Group 2 families in Ulster for which DNA was obtained were:

- 1. John Todd b 1780 of Dunluce, Co Antrim
- 2. Andrew Todd b abt 1740s from Co Sligo to Dublin in 1770: son Charles b 1783
- 3. John Todd md 1868 Louisa Deane in Tynan, Co Armagh
- 4. Robert Todd md Anne McCarley: son Robert b 1866 in Co Derry
- 5. Ralph Todd d 1832 Co Down: son Ralph Todd 1800-1874 Glaskerbeg, Co Down
- 6. John Todd b 1620 son James Todd 1646-1704 Aghaderg, Co Down
- 7. John Todd b abt 1800: son John Todd 1837-1912 md Fanny Sinclair 1859 in Coleraine
- 8. William Todd 1792 Derrykeighan d 1870 =>Delaware 1825 then Kent Co Maryland
- 9. Alexander Todd 1806 Co Tyrone =>Philadelphia 1825
- 10. Robert Todd b abt 1790s md Isabella Love in Ardstraw, Co Tyrone
- 11. Andrew Todd b 1756 Co Down=>Co Monaghan 1760=>Laurens Co South Carolina 1816
- 12. Robert Todd b 1806 Co Down =>America 1860, d 1899 Butler Co Ohio
- 13. Samuel Todd 1804-1884 Ballynafoy, Co Down
- 14. William Todd b 1818 md 1847 Cappagh Co Down
- 15. Alexander Todd 1819-1903 Lisburn,, Co Down

The third group with Scottish DNA matches was actually just a single family: Henry Todd 1795-1856 of Ballaltikilligan, Comber in northern County Down, which matched the DNA pattern of Tod families that lived along the Perthshire/Kinrosshire border in central Scotland.

So this suggests a likely origin in Scotland of these three Irish Todd families' groups.

With respect to matches in America, the Group 1 Todds of central Antrim and Derry matched several American families including

(1) the kin of Mary Todd Lincoln who came to America between 1720 and 1735 and settled in New Jersey, Pennsylvania, North Carolina and Virginia

(2) the family of David Todd b 1731 and John Todd b 1729 who came to Hunterdon Co New Jersey by 1749

(3) the family of John Todd who died in Mecklenburg Co NC in 1799 who came there by 1767(4) the family of Andrew Todd died 1801 Tazewell County, Virginia who probably came to America just before the Revolution

(5) John Todd 1755-1820 who came to Somerset County NJ just before the Revolution

(6) the families of Nathan/Nathaniel and Patrick Todd who settled in Laurens County, South

Carolina about 1795. The descendants of the Nathaniel Todd family of South Carolina had a

tradition that their family originated in the Loch Lomond area of Scotland before migrating to Ireland; so the matching DNA with the Bonhill Todds just south of Loch Lomond supports that family tradition.

(7) the family of James Todd d 1799 in Augusta County, Virginia

(8) the Nathaniel Todd family of Ballyalbanagh who came to Dearborn, Indiana in the 1820s.(9) the family of Nathan/Nathaniel Todd who married in Co Antrim in 1849 and then came to St Lawrence County New York

This group also included several families that came to Canada in the 1800s (William Todd who came to Ontario by 1851 was born abt 1821 son of a Nathaniel Todd – probably from Antrim, Adam Todd b 1782 Co Derry came from Banagher Parish to New Brunswick 1845, Thomas Todd b 1798 Derry, came to Bruce Co Ontario by mid-1830s, James Todd 1774-1838 was in Quebec by the 1820s, Nathaniel Todd 1790-1873 came to Edwardsburg, Ontario in 1840s.)

See the Group 1 Todds DNA analysis for more details on this group of Todds, including the families that migrated to Canada and those who stayed in Ireland.

The Group 2 Todds of County Down, Co Antrim, Co Tyrone, and County Sligo matched the DNA of several families that came to America:

- 1. Andrew Todd 1697-1777 who settled in Londonderry, New Hampshire in 1720
- 2. Brothers William d 1760, John, Robert, James d 1781, and Andrew Todd d 1781 who settled in Somerset County New Jersey in the 1730s
- 3. Archibald Todd of County Monaghan who settled in Washington County New York by 1764
- 4. James Todd d 1820 Kennett, Chester County, arrival unknown
- 5. James Todd 1748-1815 who came to Nashville by 1780, then to Xenia, Ohio
- 6. Robert Todd d 1793 Loudon Co Virginia, son Samuel b 1762. Probably a branch of Somerset County New Jersey Todds.
- 7. John Todd d after 1808 Washington Co Pennsylvania, from Co Tyrone, md Mary Gillespie; son William b 1765 Ireland
- 8. Thomas Todd b 1781 md 1808 Lewis Co Kentucky; to Fleming County by 1811
- 9. Thomas Todd b 1765 County Down d 1855, =>Delaware by 1785=>Fayette County, Pennsylvania by 1790
- 10. Archibald Todd b abt 1745 =>South Carolina by 1772 in 96 District died by 1781
- 11. Robert Todd b 1750s,->Rabon Creek, Laurens Co by 1773
- 12. William Todd 1792-1870, fr Derrykeighan, Antrim to Pennsylvania by 1825, then Delaware and Kent County Maryland.
- 13. Alexander Todd b b 1806 Co Tryone md 1825 Philadelphia, went to Peoria Illinois
- 14. Andrew Todd b 1756 Co Down=>Co Monaghan 1760=>Laurens Co 1816.

The DNA pattern connects these American families back to Fenwick Parish, Ayrshire in south-west Scotland.

See Group 2 Todd DNA analysis for more details about the families of this group.

So we now have kinship connections for these two DNA groups in Scotland, Ireland and America!

We also found a family in Fifeshire whose DNA resembled the family of Joseph Todd who came from Eling in Southampton Co (later Hampshire) England to Philadelphia and died there in 1699. So this reflects a link between Todds in Scotland, England and America.

Connections Within Ireland

Within Ireland, the most widespread DNA pattern was a pattern common to two families in two different locations in County Down both of whom settled there in the 1600s.

One family settled at Carricknaveagh (later Toddstown) by 1625; the other (James Todd d 1704) settled in Aghaderg Parish in the 1600s, probably mid-1600s.

There were Todds elsewhere in Ireland with the same DNA pattern that may reflect independent migration from Scotland to Ireland or may reflect migration from Co Down. This pattern is that of a family in Dunluce in north west Co Antrim that is rented land from a Daniel Todd 1653-1737 who lived in Coleraine, Co Derry. We assume some kinship between the well-to-do Daniel Todd family and their Todd tenants. The Daniel Todd family can be traced back to the early 1700s and seems to have included a descendant (Isaac Todd) who purchased Buncrana Castle in 1812. Given that Todds were in Dunluce in the mid-1600s, it is possible that the Dunluce Todds represent an independent migration from Scotland to Ireland rather than a migration from Co Down. On the other hand, we know of one migration from County Down towards the west. Andrew Todd b 1756 in Co Down moved to Co Monaghan in 1760 and to South Carolina in 1816.

Three families of western Tyrone - a family with origins in Ardstraw, Co Tyrone that came to Philadelphia in 1825, a family that came from Milltown in the same area came to western Pennsylvania about 1800 and the families that lived in Ardstraw/Castlederg area - also had the same DNA pattern and may reflect a migration from Co Down.

A second pattern to the DNA results in Ireland was two family groups over a widespread area – one of those groups occurred in eastern and central Co Tyrone and the other group seemed to occupy a swatch from Gortnaran in western Londonderry and to the Castlemellan area of NW Tyrone. A branch of this latter family migrated about 1840-1850 to Dunboe parish in eastern Londonderry.

The third pattern to the DNA results– characteristic of 1/3 of the families studied - was that of isolated families of very localized geographic extent unrelated to the Todds around them. Many of these sent branches to America.

Those sending branches to America

- Daniel Todd b 1798 Ballycastle, Ramoan Parish, in the extreme north of Co Antrim came to New York in 1847. His DNA matches the family of three brothers William Todd b abt 1756, John Todd b abt 1754 and Edward Todd who settled in Nottingham Twp Washington Co Pennsylvania.
- 2. The family of William Todd 1762-1843 assumed grandfather of Samuel Todd 1837-1917 of Salter's Grange in southern Co Armagh matched the DNA of the family of James Todd who

died in 1772 in Nottingham Township, Chester County, Pennsylvania and a family of Todds that moved to Uxbridge in Ontario in the mid-1800s. This family matched the family of William Todd b 1758 Haydon Bridge, Northumberland County, England.

- 3. The family of Joseph Todd d 1835 Co Armagh (probably Tartaraghan Parish) matched the family of William Todd b abt 1750-1760 who settled in Cecil Co Maryland by 1780 and matched a James Todd who married Judith Morningstar of Pennsylvania and moved to Canada before returning to Erie Co New York and sending descendants to Iowa and California, including John Todd b 1838 died of poison hemlock poisoning in 1877 San Luis Obispo County, California.
- 4. Several families of County Tryone matched a family that came to Pulaski County Kentucky about 1810 and was close match to a family that settled in Washington County, Virginia about 1793. These families of Tyrone included:
 - a. William Todd b abt 1770 of Corlea, Drumragh, Co Tyrone
 - b. John Todd b abt 1790 of Ballynapottage, Carnteel Parish, Co Tyrone
 - c. James Todd 1805-1900 of Cappagh Parish
 - d. John Todd md 1865 to Elizabeth Arthurs in Clogher
 - e. James Todd 1799-1881 of Fymore Todd, Errigal Trough Parish
 - f. John Todd 1799-1881 of Fymore, Errigal Trough Parish
 - g. Henry Todd b 1774 Co Tyrone=Allegheny County, Pennsylvania by 1825
 - h. John Todd 1794-1837 from Co Tyrone =>Quebec
 - i. William Todd 1805 md Jane Kelsey: son Charles Todd b 35 Canada
- 5. The family of Joseph Todd b 1798 md Ann Shannon b 1807 Londonderry and came to America in 1830s PA, MO, then IL. This family matched two Jesse, James and William Todd, the latter two being brothers born in North Carolina 1788-1793 who went by 1811 to the portion of Rutherford County, Tennessee which became Cannon County in 1836.

Those not sending branches to America

- 6. The family of John Todd son of John Todd born Tonduff 1833 who married Jane Purdy 1855 Coleraine Register Office with descendants to Thornlibank Scotland matched the family of Samuel Todd of Gortnaran in western Co Londonderry. A will that made bequests to Todds in Gortnaran and in Castlemellan, Co Tyrone suggests that the Todds of Castelmellan are also part of this family group. A branch of the Gortnaran Todds went to Ontario, Canada; a member of the Castlemellan Todds (William Todd) went to the US and served in the Civil War and left a daughter Mary Jane Todd.
- 7. The family of Neal Todd who son Archibald d 1900 of Drumnagee, Ballintoy Parish, Co Antrim did not match other Todds and no branches of this family have been found in America except for a migration in recent decades.

Each of these families in Ireland and America have very interesting family histories. The details are beyond the scope of this small report, but they are detailed in other locations. (Please see, for example, the Todd Families in America website:

 $\underline{http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~mcmurtriecfr/richard/todd/toddentrance.htm}$

Let's take a closer look at where the Todds lived in Ireland.

The map on the first page of this report shows the 5 counties of Northern Ireland with the parish boundaries and either the name or a number for each parish.

- County Antrim is in the northeast at the top left of the map;
- County Down is in the southeast;
- County Londonderry/Derry is to the west (left) of Co Antrim.
- County Tyrone and Co Armagh are to the west (left) of Co Down.

The first thing to notice is the small black dots with red rings around them. These are placed at the locations where the Todd families lived in the 1820/30s and 1860s. As you can see, they are widespread in northern Ireland but not in every parish. We have grouped them into zones and then recruited DNA samples from families that lived within each zone.

Notice the larger colored circles. They represent the locations where we have sought or obtained DNA samples. The black circles are those for which we have not obtained results as yet.

The dark blue circles are interesting because they are more widespread than other families. They occur in northern and southern County Down, in northern County Antrim and in northern Co Tyrone and are the families having the Co Down/Group 2 DNA pattern that occurs also in a family in Ayrshire, Scotland, in Somerset County New Jersey in the 1730s, and in South Carolina as early as the 1770s.

The other families are all families for which their DNA pattern only occurred in that one location:

- In the far north of Antrim, there were three Todd families all unrelated. At the gray-blue circle is the family of Daniel Todd b 1798 Ballycastle, Ramoan, Co Antrim who came to New York in 1847 whose DNA matched a family of three brothers (William, John and Edward born in the 1750s) who came to Nottingham Township, Washington County Pennsylvania in the late 1700s. The burgundy circle is the family of Neal Todd whose son Archibald d 1900 in Drumnagee, Ballintoy Parish. The blue circles is the family of Andrew Todd of Dunluce parish and the William Todd 1790-1870 of Derrykeighan which match the Group 2 Co Down Todds.
- Moving south in Co Antrim to central Antrim, we find, at the red circles, the Todd families • in Ballyalbanagh and Carnlea which share the Group 1 (Mary Todd Lincoln) DNA pattern. The family of William Todd b 1800 Carnlea, just to the west of Ballyalbanagh, was an excellent match with the Mary Todd Lincoln group of Todds. Also, a desc of the Carnlea Todds had an autosomal DNA sample that matches a descendant of Andrew Todd d 1801 Tazewell Co, Virginnia. This suggests a fairly close relationship between these families. The Andrew Todd d 1801 descendant had three lines of descent from Andrew Todd d 1801 so he had an inordinate amount of Todd DNA in his genes. The family of Nathaniel Todd b 1746 of Ballyalbanagh had two sons - Nathaniel b 1786 and James b 1778 - who migrated to Dearborn Co IN in 1829 and whose DNA matched the MTL Todds pattern. This pattern is also the pattern of Nathan and Patrick Todd who went to Laurens Co South Carolina, James Todd b abt 1760 md Jane Erskine who went to Pendleton District/later Anderson and Oconee Co SC about 1800, a William Todd b 1821 Ireland (son of a Nathan) who came to Ontario by 1851, a Nathaniel Todd b 1820 Ireland who settled in Edwardsburg, Ontario by

1847, and a James Todd b 1774 d 1838 who had children in Quebec in the 1820s. There is also an Adam Todd 1782-1851 who came from Ireland to New Brunswick in 1847. This Adam appears to have lived in Banagher in 1826 and Cumber Lower in 1827, and there were Todds of this branch in Banagher in 1740. We do not know if he had migrated there from the Ballyalbanagh area or whether this branch of the family had been in Londonderry for generations.

- Moving south to County Down, we have, at the dark blue circles, the Todds that lived in the vicinity of Carricknaveagh (later Toddstown) in central Down prior to 1625 and we have the Todds of southwest Co Down in Agahderg Parish (James Todd d 1704) some of whose descendants moved to the parishes slightly further south. Also, we have the family of Samuel Todd 1802-1884 of Ballynafoy, Parish of Annaclone and his nephew William Todd b 1818 Cappagh, Parish of Annaclone who matched this same DNA pattern.
- Moving west to Co Armagh, we have, at the orange circle, the family of Joseph Todd d 1835 in Tartaraghan parish. The sons of Joseph migrated to Elgin, IL and then to Iowa. Their DNA matched the Todds that migrated to Cecil County Maryland by the 1780s,
- In southwest Co Armagh, in the parish of Salter's Grange is the family of William Todd 1762-1843 whose descendant's DNA matched the family of James Todd who died 1772 in Nottingham Township, Chester Co PA, and John Todd b abt 1690 d 1775 Chester Co Pennsylvania, a Quaker family, reflecting an early Co Armagh migration to America. Also, genetic kin to this group is a William Todd 1801-1866 who came to Ontario prior to 1845. A most recent discovery is a genetic match of this group with a William Todd b 1758 of Haydon Bridge, Northumberland County, England suggesting an English origin to this entire group of families.
- Also in central Armagh, we have a John Todd 1783-1817 of Market Hill, parish of Mullaghbrack who matched the family of Henry Todd b 1779 who resided in Cumberland and York County, Pennsylvania and then went to Marion County Indiana where he died in 1842.
- Moving to central Co Tyrone and eastern Tyrone, we have, at the light blue circles, several families that are genetic kin to each other: the family of Henry Todd 1735-1823 Corlea, Drumragh, and a branch in Dromore Parish headed by Henry Todd b 1811, the family of James Todd b 1790 of Ballynapottage, Carnteel Parish, James Todd 1805-1900 of Cappagh Parish, John Todd md 1865 Elizabeth Arthurs of Clogher Parish, Patrick Todd b 1836 and his cousin William b 1838 of Errigal Trough Parish. A desc of the Errigal Trough Todds came to St Johnsbury, Vermont by 1848. This group also matched the Todds who came to Washington Co Virginia by 1793 with branches going to Orange County, Indiana and to Pulaski County Kentucky by 1810. Also genetic kin to this group was a John Todd born about 1794 who married Jane Lamb of County Monaghan and came to Quebec where he died in 1837. We presume he was a County Tyrone family. Also kin to this group was a William Todd b 1805 who married Jane Kelsey and had a son Charles born in 1835 in Canada and died in 1915 in Chataqua New York.
- In western Tyrone in Castlederg and Ardstraw are Todds that match the Group 2 pattern of Co Down and northern Co Antrim.
- In NW Tyrone, SW Londonderry and eastern Londonderry we have three families that all seem to be related. (Shown in lime green circles.)
- In the town of Londonderry in the far west of Co Londonderry/Derry (yellow circle), we have the family of Joseph Todd b 1798, a Catholic family that doesn't have matching DNA

elsewhere in Ireland, but does closely match a family that settled in Rutherford County later Cannon County, Tennessee in America after 1800.

- In the NE of Londonderry is John Todd in Loughan Mill/Boghill, a branch of Group 2 (blue circle).
- In central Londonderry lived the families of Adam Todd 1782 and Thomas Todd b 1798 in Banagher Parish who separately came to Canada – Adam to Nova Scotia and Thomas to Ontario. They had the Group I pattern. Hence, other than families that have the name Nathaniel in them suggesting a connection to Ballyabanagh, it is not possible to tell if a family with the Group 1 pattern came from Ballyalbanagh or from Banagher.

On this map, we have described the general pattern of Todd settlement in Ireland but also shown the location of specific families and the DNA pattern associated with them. We further speculate that this may be the location from which the families with matching DNA migrated to America.

This DNA study has shown that contacting Todds with known origins in Ireland can lead to determining the approximate geographic origins of the Todd families of America. It has also demonstrated that telephoning Todds in Ireland can often lead to connections with Todds who have studied their family histories.

It is hoped that future Todd family historians will build on this foundational work on the DNA of the Todds of Ireland and collect samples from each of the families that can be traced down to the present. This might begin with contacting all the Todds in Northern Ireland by phone and following up with those interested enough to detail their lineage back to the 1901 or 1911 census and thence with public records back to the early 1800s.

Gratitude

This report would not have been possible without the donation of DNA samples from the 17 Todd families studied here. It also would not have been possible without the generosity of the 28 descendants of Todds, principally in America, but also in Canada and England, who contributed over \$2200 to fund this project.

Appendix 1: Locations of Todd Residence in Ireland

In trying to search for origins of the Todds in Ireland, we attempted to get a sense of where in Ireland, the Todds lived. We looked at the tithe applotment books (a tax record from the 1820s/1830s) and the Griffith's Evaluation (a tax from the 1860s) and found that by the 1860s Todds were in many locations throughout the extent of Ireland, but that most were found in the counties of Northern Ireland. In the Tithes of the 1820s and 1830s, we found that 2/3 were in Co Antrim and Down and the rest split between Armagh,Tyrone and Derry. About 1/3 were in Antrim, 1/3 in Down, 1/5 in Armagh, 1/10 in Tyrone and 1/10 in Derry.

In Co Antrim, of the 46 entries in the tithes, 19 were clustered around the area of Ballycor/Ballynure/Ballyclare, Ballylinny, Coggry, Kilbride, Donegore, Glenwherry, Glynn in central Antrim; 17 were clustered in the far north of Antrim between Dunluce, Billy, Ballintoy Derrykeighan, and Ramoan;

In Co Down, of the 45 entries in the Tithes, 11 were in the area around Comber, Drumbeg and Saintfield, including the area where Todds settled prior to 1625; 26 were in the Aghaderg, Donaghmore, Annaclone, Drumballyroney, Newry and Clonallen area. There were Todds in the Aghaderg area in the 1600s, including the James Todd d 1704 that Emily Todd Helm, the family historian of the Mary Todd Lincoln family erroneously thought was the ancestor of her family.

In Co Armagh, of the 29 entries in the Tithes, 13 were in the parish of Drumcree in northern Armagh and the overwhelming majority were clustered around Drumcree in the parishes of Tartaraghan, Loughall, Grange, Mullaghbrack, and Seagoe.

In Co Tyrone, of the 16 entries in the Tithes, the Todds were scattered around the county, with equal numbers appearing in Ardstraw in the north, Drumragh in the center, and Clogher and Carnteel in the south.

In Co Derry/Londonderry, of the 12 entries, most were scattered along the border with Tyrone, but there were a few in the NE around Coleraine.

At the website, referred to above, there are maps of each county with parish boundaries and the numbers of Todds in each parish where they resided. Also, there are lists of the specific Todd families that appear on the Tithe listings.

Appendix 2: Details on Individual Families

Co Antrim

1. Todds of Ballycastle, Ramoan

Daniel Todd b 1798 Ballycastle, Ramoan Parish, in the extreme north of Co Antrim came to New York in 1847. DNA shows that he is not related to the nearby Todds of Dunluce, to the west in Co Antrim, but is related to a Group 10 group of Todd brothers that migrated to Washington County, Pennsylvania in the 1790s and to Pulaski Co Kentucky about 1810.

2. Todds of Dunluce and Derrykeighan

John Todd b 1766 d 1851 is assumed to be the father of Andrew Todd 1811-1893 and Hugh Todd. Andrew lived on land that was once owned or leased for life by Daniel Todd died 1737 of Coleraine. The Todds lived in this area for generations and may even have been descended from the Todds that appear in the Dunluce records in the mid-1600s. They leased land from the Coleraine Todds who owned considerable acreage through their lease holdings in Co Londonderry and Co Antrim. This latter group included Isaac Todd who made his fortune in the fur trade in Canada.

The Derrykeighan Todds – William Todd 1790/2-1870 (who came to PA by 1835) and his unmarried brother James Todd 1786-1877 – also match the DNA of the Dunluce Todds. They both match the Group 2 Todds of County Down.

3. Todds of Ballyalbanagh, Coggry and vicinity

In the Ballyeaston Church census of 1813, there were 40 Todds in Coggry, 23 in Ballyalbanagh, 14 in Rashee, 10 in Ballynashee, and 5 in Carnlea. The census gives a snapshot of multiple generations of the Todds in these parishes back to the the 1750s.

Two families in this area have the Mary Todd Lincoln group of Todds DNA Pattern (Group 1). One was that of William Todd b 1800 Carnlea who came to Drumdarragh, and the other was Nathaniel Todd b 1746 of Ballyalbanagh. Also a family with origins in Coggry who moved to the Carrickfergus area and a family that lived in Glynn by the mid-1800s had this same pattern.

We speculate that the 1775 leases in Ballyalbanagh that refer to a Nathan Todd are referring to either Nathaniel Todd b 1746 (whose desc went to Dearborn Co IN in 1829) and to Nathan Todd b 1751 who went to Laurens Co SC in 1794.

Also, Nathan and Nathaniel were names on the Tithes that only appear in this area in the 1820s and so the William Todd b 1821 who came to Canada by1851 and whose death certificate said his father was Nathan is assumed to come from this area. The descendants of William Todd b 1821 also have a DNA pattern matching the Group 1 Mary Todd Lincoln DNA pattern.

One branch of these Todds was said to have migrated to the Glenarm/Deer Park area of eastern Antrim. The Todds of Glynn and Templecorran have this same pattern but they are thought to have migrated to these areas from the Ballyalbanagh/Coggrey area in the mid 1800s.

Descendants of the Todds of this area migrated to Canada and the US in the 1800s. This may be the area from which originated the Todds having this DNA pattern who came to America (the Mary Todd Lincoln group of Todds who came to New Jersey and Pennsylvania in the 1730s to 1750s and the Nathan and Patrick Todd family who came to South Carolina in 1795).

Co Down

4. Todds of Carricknaveagh and Vicinity

The Todds were in Carricknaveagh as early as 1625 when it was called Toddstown. Andrew Todd participated in the 1798 uprising of the United Irishmen and the family lands were confiscated by the Crown.

Much of the family remained in the area, but numerous branches appear to have migrated elsewhere. This family matches the Group 2 DNA pattern of the Todds of Somerset County New Jersey and several Todd families that came to South Carolina 1770-1816.

A Robert Todd b 1806 married Prudence Scott in Killinchy, County Down and migrated to Ohio in the 1860s. This family's DNA matches the Carricknaveagh Todds. The Lisburn Todds also are a close match to this branch.

5. Todds of Aghaderg and Vicinity

James Todd 1646-1704 died in Aghaderg Parish, Co Down. He had sons Robert, Andrew and James. James' descendants continued to live in the area and in the parishes to the south. Their DNA matches the Group 2 DNA of the Todds of Carricknaveagh and Dunluce. This is not the DNA pattern of the Mary Todd Lincoln group of Todds and hence this refutes the claim of Emilie Todd Helm that that the Mary Todd Lincoln family was descended from the Aghaderg family.

Close kin to this family are the families of Samuel Todd 1808-1884 of Ballynafoy, Annaclone Parish and his nephew William Todd b 1818 of Cappagh, Annaclonse Parish and the family of Ralph Todd b abt 1765-1775 who lived in the Glasker area of Ballynaskeagh.

6. Todds of Ballyaltikilligan, Comber

A Henry Todd, a stonemason, 1795-1856 who appears in the records of Ballyloughan, Ballaltikilligan, and Trooperfield, all near the town of Comber in northern County Down matched the DNA pattern of the Todds who lived along the Perthshire/Kinrossshire border in central Scotland.

Co Armagh

7. Todds of Tartaraghan

A Joseph Todd appears on the Tithes for Tartaraghan in 1834. He is assumed to be the father of the Todd brothers who came to America in the 1820s based on a verbal tradition reported by James F

Todd of Harmony, Minnesota in 2010. One of those brothers, James Todd b 1821, came from County Armagh to America in 1845 and settled at Elgin, Illinois and then moved in 1856 to Iowa.

Descendants live in Iowa and Minnesota.

DNA matches the Group 30 DNA of the William Todd who lived in Cecil County Maryland in 1780 and the family of John Todd d 1775 Chester County, Pennsylvania, a Quaker. Also a family of James Todd who came from Ireland to Canada, married Judith Morningstar there and then moved to Erie County, New York with a descendant Jacob Morningstar Todd moving to Iowa.

8. Todds of Salters Grange

A William Todd 1762-1843 appears in the graveyard in Salter's Grange and is probably the William Todd who appears on the Tithes for 1832 in Drummond, Grange, just a few miles from Salter's Grange. His assumed son James Todd 1789-1858 also appears in the graveyard along with James' assumed son Samuel Todd 1835-1916 who married Mary Jane Linton.

A great-grandson of Samuel lives within shouting distance of the graveyard where his ancestors lie.

This family's DNA matched the Group 12 DNA of James Todd d 1772 of East Nottingham Township, Chester County, Pennsylvania and a family of Todds that migrated to Uxbridge in Ontario in the early 1800s. Also matched the family of William Todd b 1758 Haydon Bridge, Northumberland County, England. Also matched the family of David Todd b 1805 Forsyth Co North Carolina.

Co Tyrone

9. Todds of Castlemellan, Donaghedy and Gortnaran Co Londonderry

James Todd 1820-1877 lived in Castlemellan and married Eleanor Ballantyne of Carrickatain in 1840. Their son Thomas Walker Todd 1855-1907 lived there as well. Thomas married in Londonderry in 1879 and after Thomas' death, his widow and children moved to Glendermot, Co Londonderry by 1911. James appears in the Griffiths in Castlemellan and Carrickatain but does not appear in the Tithes, suggesting that he migrated from elsewhere.

The Will of William Alexander in 1880 made bequests to (1) Thomas Todd of Castlemellan, (2) James Todd of Carrickatane, (3) Thomas Todd of Tonduff, Co Londonderry. This suggests kinship between the Todds of Tonduff (Lower Cumber Parish) Co Londonderry and the Todds of Castlemellan/Carrickatane.

The Todds of Lower Cumber/Gortnaran include four assumed siblings: Thomas Todd 1811-1886, his sisters Sarah Jane Todd 1817-1887 and Isabella Todd 1820-1888 and a brother James Todd who married Jane Craig. James' son Samuel Craig Todd 1847-1890 left a large family that migrated to

Toronto, Ontario in the 1910s. There was also a John Todd born about 1800 who married Isabella Mowbray/Mowberry and had a son John b 1833 who moved east to the Coleraine area and married in Articlave to Jane Purdy in 1855. Descendants of this family moved to Dumbarton in Scotland.

This DNA pattern was also shared by Adam Todd b 1782 who came to New Brunswick in 1839 with his wife and children (including son Adam and son Henry). He was thought to have married his wife Matilda/Martha Gill in Co Tyrone. We see an Adam Todd, Thomas Todd and Henry Todd in the 1826 Banagher Parish, Co Londonderry and then an Adam Todd and Thomas Todd in Cumber Lower Parish in Co Londonderry in 1827. Since the DNA of a descendant of Adam Todd of New Brunswick matches the DNA of the Cumber Lower Todds, we theorize that the family may have originally been in Banagher and migrated to Cumber Lower.

10. Todds of Ardstraw and Castlederg

There were two William Todds in Fyfin, Ardstraw – one William Todd 1817-1890 son of Robert Todd and Isabella Love and the other William Todd 1819-1884. From the former are descended the Todds who still live in the Fyfin area today; from the latter are descended a prominent family of jurists, including Robert Henderson Todd 1850-1920, crown solicitor for Londonderry and Andrew Todd 1854-1920. Andrew Todd was born in Castlederg in northwest Co Tyrone in 1854. He was a barrister and married Ellen Palethorpe, daughter of Job Palethorpe an engraver, in 1891. His son Andrew Todd was born in the 1890s, played rugby for the Irish team, and was a medical doctor serving in India for a time. His grandson Richard Todd was an actor who almost was selected by Alfred Hitchcock to be James Bond.

11. Todds of Drumragh

William Todd born abt 1770 appears on the Tithes for Corlea, Drumragh in 1830. His assumed son James was the father of Robert Todd who married Elizbeth Bowers in Aghavea, Co Fermanagh. Descendants live in England and Australia. There is evidence in the 1899 Will of William Todd of a connection to the Todds of Aughadulla, Dromore Parish, Co Tyrone.

12. Todds of Carnteel

John Todd appears on the Tithes in 1828 in Ballynapottage, Carnteel Parish in southeast Tyrone. His son Wilson Todd 1829-1901 married in 1860 in Carnteel to Mary Burton.

13. Todds of Cappagh

This family is headed by a James Todd who lived to a ripe old age of 95: 1805-1900. His son James Todd 1852-1931 married Euphemie Ross. One branch settled in Ontario, Canada.

14. Todds of Clogher

John Todd of Clogher had a son John Todd who married in 1865 in Clogher to Elizabeth Arthurs.

15. Todds of Errigal Trough (Fymore Todd Townland)

This family is headed by two cousins: Patrick Todd b 1836 son of James Todd and William Todd b 1838 son of William Todd. This is a Catholic family who probably converted in the early 1800s late 1790s.

Also kin to this family is a John Todd b 1799 died 1881 who came to St Johnsbury, Vermont by 1848.

County Londonderry/County Derry

16. Todds of Londonderry Town

Joseph Todd was born in 1798 in Co Londonderry. He married about 1826 to Ann Shannon who was born in the town of Londonderry. Joseph appears on the 1831 census as resident of Hogg's Folly in Londonderry. About 1840, he migrated to Pennsylvania, then St Louis, then to Perry County Illinois. There he operated one of the first mills in the county and donated 20 acres for the construction of the Todds Mill Catholic Church.

He is genetic kin to the family of Jesse, James and William Todd who came about 1811 to the portion of Rutherford County, Tennessee that later became Cannon County, Tennessee.

Also, kin to James Todd b 1833 md 1864 Tullamore, Kings County, Ireland to Bessie Mooney.

17. Todds of Cumber Lower

James Todd 1820 married about 1846 to Jane Craig. James was possible younger brother to Thomas Todd 1811-1888 of Tonduff. Samuel Craig Todd son of James (1847-1890) married Isabella Collingwood in 1874. After his death at a young age of 43, his widow and most if not all of his children migrated to Toronto, Ontario, Canada about 1905.

James Todd may be the son of the Adam Todd or Thomas Todd who appeared in the Tithes for Tonduff, Cumber Lower Parish and kin to John Todd 1792-1894.

The will of William Alexander in 1880 included bequests to (1) Thomas Todd of Tonduff (2) Thomas Todd of Castlemellan, and (3) James Todd of Carrickatane. As mentioned above, this suggests kinship between the Castlemellan/Carrickatane Todds and the Tonduff, Lower Cumber Todds. DNA also shows that the Todds of Gortaran are genetically related to the John Todd who married Isabella Mowbray/Mowberry and whose son John born Tonduff 1833 married Jane Purdy in Articlave, Dunboe in 1855. Perhaps the John Todd who married Isabella Mowbray is the John Todd who married Isabella Mowbray.

18. Todds of Coleraine

Daniel Todd was buried in St Patrick's in Coleraine in 1737 and Samuel Todd died there in 1740. Daniel left a will distributing his lands in NW Antrim, NE of Coleraine, in Coleraine, in central Londonderry and in Donegal. He is assumed to be kin to the Todds of Dunluce and Billywillan because they lived on his lands though no line of descent has been found. Daniel's grandson Isaac Todd 1742-1819 bought Buncrana Castle in Donegal in 1812. Daniel's children born in the 1710s seem to have had several cousins of the same age who settled on Daniel's lands in NW Antrim/NE Londonderry.

A western Londonderry family moved to Coleraine area in the mid-1800s. John Todd and Isabella Mowbray had son John Todd born 1833 in Toneduff, Cumber Lower. This John married Jane Purdey in Coleraine in 1855, had a son John (b 1858) and a son Hugh (born 1865 Articlave, Co Londonderry) who both moved to Thornliebank, Renfrewshire, Scotland. DNA shows relationship to the Todds of Gortnaran and hence to the Todds of Castlemellan/ Carrickatane, Co Tyrone.

This suggests that the other John Todd, the one who appeared in the 1831 census – namely the John Todd of Brooks Street in Coleraine may be the father of John Todd of Loughan Mill who married Fanny Sinclair of Boghill. This family matches the DNA pattern of the Todds of Coleraine and NW Antrim.

19. Todds of Cam, Macosquin

There was a John Todd in Cam of Macosquin in the 1831 census and in the Griffiths, but not the 1828 tithes. This John appears to be the John born 1784 died 1872 (age 88) in Cam but recorded in Articlave.

20. Todds of Tamlaght Finlagan

There was a James Todd in Ballydarroc of Tamlacht Finlagan in 1740 and a John Todd in Daisy Hill/Mullagh of Tamlacht Finlagan in the tithes of 1828, but no Todds there in the Griffiths in the 1860s. Perhaps in the mid 1800s, the John Todd of Tamlacht Finlagan moved eastward to Coleraine just like the John Todd of Toneduff did.

County Sligo

21. Todds of Sligo

Andrew Todd was an apothecary/surgeon trained in Dublin who moved to Sligo about 1770 and died there in 1795. His son Charles Hawkes Todd was a Professor of Anatomy in the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland. His grandson James Henthorn Todd 1805-1869 was a antiquarian, theologian and historian. His grandson Robert Bentley Todd 1809-1860 was a founder of Kings College in London and was a pioneer in neurology and neuroscience.

Descendants live primarily in England.

There was a John Todd an apothecary in Dublin in 1748. Due to the shared occupation, it is conceivable Andrew Todd of Sligo was his son. The Thomas Crawford 1798-1882 family that lived in Sligo left letters mentioning a Dr. John Todd who widow Mary Dickey Todd married Thomas Crawford and went to Dublin. It is possible that this John was the John Todd apothecary of Dublin and the father of Andrew Todd d 1795 Sligo.