

When doing our family history and seeking our ancestors, we use the best records we can find. DNA testing can help verify our lines. In particular, our Y-DNA testing is used to determine whether a male with the last name of Towne (or variant spelling) is a descendant of William Towne, husband of Joanna Blessing. Before you decide to have the test done, however, you must be aware that paper documents are not always complete nor always accurate. Therefore, there is a chance that your Y-DNA will not match our Towne Y-DNA.

There have been circumstances in the past where widows and widowers with young children were considered in need of a mate and were often married very quickly. Thus, a child from the first spouse might grow up thinking they were the child of the second spouse if the first marriage ended in death. Or they may have knowingly assumed their step-father's last name. After a few generations this knowledge of the changed surname may not have been passed along to subsequent children. Even if the correct parent was known, the census might list them as a son or daughter of the marriage when they were a step child. There are many reasons why parentage may be misattributed.

There is also the chance that you the tester may be a Towne, but descended from a different Towne line, other than the all-male line you assumed. In this case, too, your Y-DNA would not match our Towne Y-DNA.

Therefore, in the interest of full disclosure, before you take any DNA test and receive the results, we want you to be aware that the results could be different than anticipated. Regardless of whether you get the expected results, be assured that the TFA will still consider you to be a member in good standing and your results will not be disclosed to anyone else.

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