

Gordon Mottershead's ancestry for the Big Y DNA matches

1. Background summary

Gordon Mottershead b1927 has Big Y DNA matches to Irving Stubbs and Rodney Stubbs of the Stubbs Project. Gordon's Y DNA haplogroup is R-BY50010, which originated from his grandfather, Daniel Mottershead, who had an unknown father. Daniel Mottershead was born in 1862 in Poynton Cheshire UK, and his family appear at least as far back as 1801 to have been in Cheshire.

2. Family tree of Gordon Mottershead

Thomas Mottershead, coal miner, b1801 Butley Cheshire (now Prestbury) m. Mary

--- Harriet Mottershead b1837 Poynton Cheshire *and* **Unknown father for Daniel**

--- Daniel Mottershead b1862 Poynton Cheshire m. Emma Bold

--- Percy Mottershead b1890 Stafford, Staffordshire, d1969 Australia

--- numerous children b England and Australia

--- Vivian Mottershead b1898 South Manchester, d1974 Melb Aust

--- no issue

--- Edgar Leonard Mottershead b1901 Hindley Lanc, d1979 Aust

--- **Gordon Mottershead b1927, d2017 (Melb Australia)**

The earliest known maternal ancestor of Gordon Mottershead is Thomas Mottershead, who was born in Butley, Prestbury, Cheshire in 1801. Butley is only a few kilometres east of Mottram St Andrew in Cheshire, which is where the Gamel family owned the land and village of Motre (later called Mottram St Andrew), which was described in the Domesday Book back in 1086, during the reign of William I (William the Conqueror).

The earliest paternal ancestor is Daniel's unknown father, most likely born between 1820 and 1840. Whilst the origin of the ancestor is unknown, autosomal DNA is now being refined to help understand which counties in England the DNA is most likely to have originated from, so further information may become available. Apart from the Y-DNA, no other facts are known about Daniel's father. Gordon's daughter Sandra is using a combination of Y-DNA and autosomal DNA to try and find the family. As Gordon's Y-DNA matches that of members of the Stubbs Project (with some variations), he has become a member there to share research and common associations.

3. Daniel Mottershead and descendants; and duplicate names and changes of name

Daniel Mottershead was born in 1862 to Harriet Mottershead and an unknown father in Poynton Cheshire England. No father was noted on the birth certificate, so Daniel took on his mother's maiden name. Daniel was named after Harriet's brother Daniel, who had died shortly before Daniel's birth in 1862 (this information is included to avoid confusion if the 1861 and 1871 census returns for the family are reviewed). Daniel Mottershead b1862 was baptised in Pott Shrigley, but was raised as the child of Harriet's parents Thomas and Mary Mottershead, as he is listed as his grandparents' child in the 1871 England Census.

Another confusing point is that in the 1881 England Census, Daniel Mottershead is listed in the census as 'Daniel Tabner', as his mother had by that time married William Tabner, and the boy had taken his step-father's name. By the time Daniel reached his majority and married, however, he had reverted to using 'Mottershead' as his surname.

Daniel married Emma Bold and had five sons and one daughter; three sons lived to adulthood: Percy, Vivian and Edgar. The children were born in coal mining areas in Staffordshire and Lancashire, but close to Daniel's birthplace in Cheshire. Daniel Mottershead emigrated to Australia in 1911, taking his wife Emma, and two younger sons Vivian and Edgar. His son Percy later married and was working as a coal miner in Lancashire. Percy and his family emigrated to Australia in 1920. Hence, all of Daniel's immediate descendants were now resident in Australia.

There is a 'daughter' Nellie Mottershead listed in the 1911 emigration; this was Nellie Ryder, the Mottershead's 20 or 21-year-old domestic servant (from the 1911 Census), who they 'adopted' and took with them to Australia as family. Edgar and Vivian grew up in Australia with Nellie as a much older sister.

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