

## DNA Project Update

By Patricia Caster DNA Project Coordinator

My wait and see position on FTDNA vs Ancestry has changed. With approval from the board **FTDNA** (Family Tree DNA) will be our testing site. Their site is at [www.ftdna.com](http://www.ftdna.com). At this time I do not know if you can view the project results without ordering a test. I have sent a note to find out.

Their companion site at [www.ysearch.org](http://www.ysearch.org) allows you to search by surname. At this time it does not group the results by project but by surname. I have sent in a suggestion for them consider it.

You can always view the results at our website at <http://www.rootsweb.com/~caoa> where they are grouped by DNA Families.

I will be contacting each of our members who have taken the test to discuss whether or not they wish to leave their results at ancestry. For my personal ones I have decided to add them to ysearch and remove them from ancestry.

I have several new tests to add the site and hope to have them there by the time you receive this newsletter. Some of them will be from non-members who belong to the FTDNA Custer project. (I have been co-admin there for awhile)

If you have any questions please send me a note at [caoa-dna@caoa-gen.org](mailto:caoa-dna@caoa-gen.org) —Patricia

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## Magdalena Kuster and Philip Firebaugh—Query

Searching for parents, siblings of Magdalena Kuster, born in Lancaster Co., PA, died 1790 in Elk Lick Twp, Bedford (later Somerset) Co., PA. She married 14 March 1780 in Paxton / Paxtang Twp, near Middletown, Lancaster (later Dauphin) Co., PA to Philip Firebaugh / Feuerbach (Source: Lancaster County Church Records of the 18th Century, Vol 5, page 135. Authors: Robert L. Hess and F. Edward Wright).

Children:

Jacob Firebaugh b: between 1780 AND 1790

Phillip Firebaugh b: 1782 in Lancaster (later Dauphin) Co., PA

John Firebaugh b: June 1785 in Elk Lick Twp, Bedford (later Somerset ), PA

Elizabeth Firebaugh b: 1786 in PA

David Firebaugh b: June 1787 in Elk Lick Twp, Bedford (later Somerset ) Co., PA

An approximate age for Magdalena is not known, but Philip Firebaugh / Feuerbach was born about 1744. Assuming that Magdalena would have been at least 15 by the birth of her first known child in 1780, she could have been born any-time between 1740-1765.

"The Firebaugh-Fierbaugh Family in America" by John Franklin Fierbaugh (privately published, Rocky River Ohio 1981) FHC film # 1033751 indicates Magdalena died 1790 in Elk Lick Twp, Bedford (later Somerset) Co., PA, where Philip is found on the 1790 census. As there is only one female in the household, which would account for daughter Elizabeth, Magdalena died before the census date of February 1790. Philip remarried in 1795 to Barbara Hendricks.

The 1800 census of Allegany Co MD indicates Philip Firebaugh was living in Sandy Creek Twp, where he died in 1809. His near neighbor was Emanuel Custer, enumerated here as Custin. Philip's descendants married into the Friend, Little and Miller families living nearby.

The Firebaugh genealogy indicates Barbara and the children went to Ohio before 1810. There is no 1810 census of Ohio. However, the 1820 census shows Barbara Hendricks Firebaugh living in North Township, Harrison County Ohio. Whether or not a coincidence, John and Jacob Custard (sic), were in the same area during that time."

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Just recently I became aware of a glitch in our email addresses. The emails were getting to the inboxes but were not forwarded to the officers. If you have sent email to our caoa-gen.org addresses in the last six months please let us know and we will try to answer your questions or take care of address changes.

I am truly sorry that I did not catch this sooner. In the future if you suspect we did not receive you email please drop the President a note and we will check it out right away. Patricia