

## RESEARCH, DNA AND THE REAL CHARLES KEYSER

Finding your ancestor can be an almost impossible task; proving your connection can be even harder. But, with the advent of the Internet and DNA testing, modern day genealogists have a much better chance than before.

Earlier researchers could only go so far. But by pushing ahead with his own research and organizing cousins to hire the services of professional researchers, **Mark Kiser** uncovered records of **Carl Sebastian Kayser** in Lancaster Co., Pennsylvania which he successfully linked to a family in Möckmühl Germany.

But just finding **Carl Kayser** was not enough. Mark had to prove that the **Carl Sebastian Kayser** born in Möckmühl, Württemberg in 1726, and the **Charles Keyser**, who settled near the mouth of Hawksbill Creek in Frederick Co., Virginia in 1765, were the same person. To do that, Mark arranged for a member of the Möckmühl **Kayser** family to submit to y-DNA testing, which was compared to several descendants of **Charles Keyser** in the U.S. The analysis confirmed that both the German and American subjects belong to the same family and trace back to a common ancestor, **Johannes Kayser** from Möckmühl. This provided Mark with the proof he needed, and also a pedigree going back to the year 1562.

The DNA results can be viewed at Mark Arslan's "**Kaiser DNA Surname Project**" at the following weblink: <http://arslanmb.org/yDNA/Kaiser-DNA-yDNAResults.htm>. The project compares and isolates several different **Kaiser Families**. Half-way down the page you will see the **Johannes Kayser Family** participants grouped and highlighted in green, as in the image below.

FTDNA E1837	<b>Johannes Kayser</b> (b. 1562, Mockmuhl, Wurttemberg, Germany; d. before 1620; m. Cathrina Hebeys[Gabeytman])	spelled Kaiser	<b>R1a1a (M198)</b>
FTDNA 64475	"	spelled Kiser	<b>R1a1a (M512)</b>
FTDNA 82520	"	spelled Kiser	<b>R1a1a (M512)</b>
FTDNA 163138	"	spelled Kiser	<b>R1a1a (M512)</b>
FTDNA 115220	"	spelled Kiser	<b>R1a1a (M512)</b>
FTDNA 240671	"	spelled Kiser	<b>R1a1a (M512)</b>
FTDNA 66734	"	spelled Keyser	<b>R1a1a (M198+)</b>
FTDNA 79885	"	spelled Keyser	<b>R1a1a (M512)</b>

This is our family. The first subject, **Adolph Kaiser**, from Möckmühl, is a direct descendant of **Johannes Kayser**, who was born in 1562. Below him you will find **Kiser** and **Keyser** descendants of **Charles Keyser**, who was also a direct descendant of **Johannes Kayser**. They all match the **R1a1a haplogroup**, and you can see a simplified chart how they all connect on the following page.

# DNA VERIFICATION OF KAYSER GENEALOGY

(Adapted from a chart by Jack Keyser)

