

## STREETER: FREE HELP PAST, PRESENT & FUTURE FOR OUR FAMILY

*Your help is needed to identify more of our Streeter cousins.  
Collaboration may reveal our unknown common ancestors in England and New England.*

### Why were you directed to this document?

**You are a known, probable or possible descendant or cousin of William<sup>A</sup> and Ann (-?-) Streeter of Dunnings Farm, East Grinstead, Sussex, England.**

Even if you did not previously know that *you* descend from (or relate to) our Streeter family, genealogical and/or genetic evidence—including your online tree and/or your DNA matches—indicates that you do! Otherwise, you may be managing an online tree and/or DNA results on behalf of a Streeter descendant or cousin.

Please share this document with anyone who may be interested or able to help. If none of this applies, I apologize for the distraction. Simply disregard and discard!

**Experience has shown that collaboration among cousins—sharing both genealogical and genetic evidence—is the key to learning more about the ancestors that we have in common. Collaboration is essential to reveal our *unknown* common ancestors. Please keep reading to learn more about how *you can help!***

### How I Have *Already* Helped the *Extended* Streeter Family

Streeter ancestry has been revealed, confirmed or extended for thousands of descendants by research that I have conducted and shared freely over the last four decades. For the best evidence of that, please see an updated version of my 2011 article for *The New York Genealogical and Biographical Record* that documents the earliest generations of the family tree:

[www.perrystreeter.com/streeter.pdf](http://www.perrystreeter.com/streeter.pdf)

I have more Streeter articles in queue for publication and, below, I have shared some updates with you. For examples of other past successes, please see the [Publications](#) page at my site.

**Well beyond the scope of the article above, I have documented *thousands* of our Streeter cousins in my personal genealogical database. The database constitutes a small fraction of the information that I have accumulated for our family over four decades.** Much of the information in my personal archives may never be made available online, given the sheer volume of effort required. However, I intend to publish a classic hard-bound genealogy that will outlive all of us and the obsolescence that plagues rapid-evolving technology.

## How DNA Broke a Brick Wall in the 1700s and *Extended* the Streeter Family Again

Our cousin Jason Wallace used Autosomal DNA comparisons at Ancestry to theorize that his “brick wall” ancestor, William Chart (born about 1777), was somehow connected to Sarah (Streeter) Chart, a daughter of William<sup>A</sup> and Ann (–?–) Streeter of East Grinstead, Sussex, England (see [article](#) linked-to further above).

Jason’s theory prompted me to find an original record confirming that William Chart was born in East Grinstead. Given all of the evidence (not presented here), we can be highly confident that Sarah (Streeter) Chart was the mother of William Chart and probably more children whose births were *not* recorded in East Grinstead. Our earliest known Streeter ancestor, Richard<sup>B</sup>, was a Baptist so it is not surprising that christening and marriage records *cannot* be found for some of his descendants in parish registers for the Church of England.

### Sharing this success story is important for multiple reasons:

- Richard<sup>B</sup> Streeter probably has many more descendants yet to be discovered.
- DNA comparisons can identify common ancestors who lived in the 1700s!

## DNA Comparisons Can Extend Our Common Ancestry

I hope that you share my goal to extend our common ancestry with confidence. All descendants of our Streeter family have these “grandmothers” in common:

- Elizabeth, wife of Richard<sup>B</sup> Streeter (ca. 1683–1766)
- Ann, wife of William<sup>A</sup> Streeter (ca. 1713–1787)

Thanks to having nine children, many Streeter descendants also share this “grandmother” with me:

- Louisa, wife of Thomas<sup>1</sup> Streeter (1754–1830)

**Mitochondrial DNA comparisons have refuted the theory that [Louisa<sup>5</sup> Beard](#) (Aaron<sup>4-3</sup>, John<sup>2</sup>, Andrew<sup>1</sup>) was Louisa, the second wife of Thomas<sup>1</sup> Streeter (William<sup>A</sup>, Richard<sup>B</sup>), and further research has failed to reveal Louisa (–?–) Streeter’s true origins.**

However, specific segments of *Autosomal* DNA have already been found among more than 30 diverse descendants of Thomas and Louisa that match diverse descendants of *his* siblings. It may be possible to identify other DNA segments among their descendants that match descendants of *her* unknown siblings.

**Genetic evidence from Autosomal DNA comparisons has the potential to reveal the paternal and/or maternal grandparents of Louisa (–?–) Streeter—even if her parents**

**are never revealed by *genealogical* evidence. It won't be *easy* but the success story shared above proves that it is *possible*!**

**As proven by the success story shared above, *your* DNA results could provide the breakthrough to identify the origins of Elizabeth, Ann or Louisa! Elizabeth and Ann probably had siblings born in England and Louisa probably had siblings born in New England. Let's collaborate to find them!**

### Why *More* Streeter DNA Tests Are Needed

When the common ancestor that DNA matches seek is a parent or grandparent, there are just a few big pieces in a small puzzle that is easily solved. When the common ancestor that DNA matches seek lived several generations ago, there are countless small pieces in a very large puzzle. Collaboration becomes a necessity to achieve success!

**Autosomal DNA is inherited very randomly. Parents have many matches that none of their children do, so it important to test our eldest relatives while the opportunity exists.** For more on this topic, please see "[Concepts – Why DNA Testing the Oldest Family Members is Critically Important.](#)" Siblings have many overlapping matches but each of us also has many unique matches that none of our siblings have (aside from identical twins).

### Ancestry? GEDmatch? Both!

Any site related to Autosomal DNA comparisons can potentially be useful. However, two sites have become particularly useful, for very different reasons.

#### *Good News About Ancestry*

**Ancestry.com now has the largest number of DNA samples available for comparisons, *by far*.** As Jason proved, Shared Matches can be successfully leveraged to identify potential genealogical connections. That success inspired me to have Dad take an Ancestry DNA test (redundant to his test at FamilyTreeDNA). ThruLines also make it easy to identify the *possible* most recent common ancestors for DNA matches.

#### *Bad News About Ancestry*

Ancestry provides no Chromosome Browser or other tools to reveal the details of the genetic connection between DNA matches. The threshold for identifying Shared Matches is 20 cM; generally speaking, that is too high when seeking common ancestors in the 1700s.

**“ThruLines [TL] is based on genealogy** – it finds Common Ancestors based on your Tree and the Trees of others. However, it only reports Common Ancestors with your DNA Matches. So, in a sense it has a DNA component. But the connections TL finds are not based on shared DNA cMs, Chromosome location, segment Triangulation, Clustering or Shared Matching – **it is based only on connections found through Trees (only on genealogy) ...”**

— Jim Bartlett, [“AncestryDNA ThruLines Missing Out”](#) (26 March 2020)

**ThruLines can be 100% true from a genealogical perspective but the attribution of the genetic relationship to those specific common ancestors can also be 100% false! The DNA match may actually be derived from other unknown common ancestors that—by definition—cannot be identified by ThruLines! ThruLines are helpful when identifying more descendants of our known ancestors but, with respect to the unknown origins of our common Streeter “grandmothers,” ThruLines can only mislead us!**

Ancestry does not allow DNA results to be imported from other sites so we cannot leverage the *invaluable* DNA results of three great-great-grandchildren of Thomas<sup>1</sup> and Louisa (–?–) Streeter who were tested by FamilyTreeDNA years ago, before they passed. Born in 1754, Thomas<sup>1</sup> Streeter was the youngest child of William<sup>A</sup> and Ann (–?–) Streeter yet his nine children by his second wife, Louisa, were not born until 1808–1822. There are no other known great-great-grandchildren of Thomas and Louisa still alive to be tested.

### ***Good News About GEDmatch***

GEDmatch.com is a free site, based on DNA results imported from other sites, including Ancestry. Its Chromosome Browser and other free tools far surpass anything offered by Ancestry. GEDmatch also has Tier 1 subscriber (\$) tools, including one to semi-automate the identification of common ancestors, through Triangulation:

**“Triangulation [is] a process or method by which three or more people all sharing an overlapping segment of DNA in common compare their family trees in order to identify a common ancestor or ancestral couple shared by all... the Tier 1 Triangulation tool at GEDmatch DOES perform triangulation. It confirms that all members of a reported triangulation group share the same segment of DNA in common.”**

— Blaine Bettinger, [“A Triangulation Intervention”](#) (19 June 2016)

Visualize DNA segment *triangulation* as a stool—it takes *three* well-placed legs to create stability. If two legs are too close to each other the stool will tip over! Thus, we are seeking *specific segments* of matching DNA from cousins who are as *diversely* descended from our common ancestors of interest as possible. GEDmatch Kits are on already on file for three great-great-grandchildren of Thomas<sup>1</sup> and Louisa (–?–) Streeter who descend from three different children so their matches are diverse. In total, I manage/monitor 30+ GEDmatch Kits for known descendants of William<sup>A</sup> and Ann (–?–) Streeter.

Returning to the success story above, we used the GEDmatch Segment Triangulation Tool to discover that Jason Wallace shares *multiple specific* DNA segments with *multiple diverse* Streeter cousins and effectively confirm that William Chart was a son of Sarah (Streeter) Chart. By using the best of both Ancestry *and* GEDmatch, we have proven that common ancestry can be identified and extended into the 1700s!

**When *multiple diverse* Streeter cousins *triangulate* on *specific* DNA segments with others who do *not* descend from our *known* ancestors, the *ancestry of those matches must include our unknown common ancestors*. Triangulation with others who have already identified and confirmed their common ancestry through prior triangulation is the only process by which we will ever be able to identify the unknown origins of our Streeter “grandmothers” with any confidence.**

### How You Can Help Extend the Streeter Family

**If you have not already done so, here are some of the ways in which *you can help* to identify more Streeter cousins and, ultimately, more common ancestors!**

- **Encourage other cousins in your branch of the Streeter family tree to take an Autosomal DNA test at Ancestry, giving priority attention to the eldest cousins generations-wise.** If anyone is opposed to using Ancestry for any reason, FamilyTreeDNA and MyHeritage are also good options, where existing Streeter kits are already available for direct comparisons. **Please see the Appendix for sample messages that you can copy, paste and edit as you see fit,** as tailored for descendants of William<sup>A</sup> Streeter (*all of us*) or Thomas<sup>1</sup> and Louisa (-?-) Streeter (*some of us*).
- **Link any DNA results for Streeter cousins to a tree (preferably public)** that includes a full line of descent from our earliest known ancestor, Richard<sup>B</sup> Streeter. That will make it easier for all Streeter descendants to recognize our existing connections and discover new ones. For the purposes of generating ThruLines (that *may* or *may not* be valid!) and identifying more *possible* cousins that can be solicited for more GEDmatch kit numbers to *prove or refute theories* with Triangulation, consider identifying:
  - Elizabeth, wife of Richard<sup>B</sup> Streeter, as a daughter of John and Susannah (Willett) Humphrey
  - Ann, wife of William<sup>A</sup> Streeter, as a daughter of Abraham and Ann (Gummins) Huggett
- **Share the Ancestry (or other) profiles of known, probable and possible Streeter cousins** with DNA results with me for comparisons with other Streeter cousins who also have DNA results on the same site. As Jason proved, Shared Matches can be invaluable for identifying Streeter cousins who don't even know that they are our cousins yet. Most sites have a function similar to Shared Matches at Ancestry.
- **Invite me to be a Viewer for Ancestry DNA results for Streeter cousins.** Having view-only access enables me to see Shared Matches, trees, etc. *which may be displayed to DNA matches only*.
- **Invite me to be a Collaborator for Ancestry DNA results for Streeter cousins.** I will add Groups (if possible and desired) and Notes to identify your known and possible Streeter Shared Matches for you by cross-referencing your DNA Match list with the other Streeter Ancestry DNA kits for which I am already a Viewer or Collaborator.

- **Most importantly, copy DNA results for as many Streeter cousins as possible to GEDmatch. Your GEDmatch Kit could be the one that yields a significant research breakthrough for all Streeters! Please let me know if you would like specific “how to” steps for this process.**
- **Please share feedback** that you have to increase the probability of success for what we are attempting to achieve, through collaboration with you and an ever-growing network of Streeter cousins.

With Viewer or Collaborator access to just a handful of Streeter Ancestry DNA kits who are *distantly* and *diversely* related to my father, I have already identified:

- 50+ known descendants of William<sup>A</sup> and Ann (-?-) Streeter
- 100+ known descendants of Thomas<sup>1</sup> and Louisa (-?-) Streeter
- 150+ Shared Matches who are *highly probable* Streeter descendants or cousins

These numbers only pertain to Dad’s Ancestry DNA match list—each of the other Streeter kits to which I have access have a different mix of Shared Matches—some of which overlap with others and some of which are unique. Before making me a Viewer or Collaborator, please contact me for an alternate email address to overcome a known bug at Ancestry.

**Streeter-specific Shared Matches may hold the *genealogical* and/or *genetic* evidence that all we all need to identify more common ancestors in both “Old” England and New England. As we look at the trees of our Streeter Shared Matches, we may be seeing common ancestors that we simply can’t recognize yet.**

### More Free Help Offered to You

- For every Streeter cousin DNA profile shared with me at Ancestry or elsewhere, I will attempt to do further comparisons and analysis. I will share my list of Streeter cousin DNA kits, which may help you to sort out other matches.
- **For every Streeter cousin GEDmatch Kit Number shared with me, I will share a free Tier 1 (\$) Segment Triangulation report and Streeter-specific analysis.** Having triangulated results for each kit’s 500 closest matches is the key to identifying more common ancestors in every branch of one’s family tree! I will share my list of Streeter cousin GEDmatch kits, which may help you to sort out other matches.
- I will conduct free conventional genealogical research in original records to clarify or confirm potential genetic relationships—just as I have already done for Jason and so many others, for decades.
- If you have plans to visit Streeter-specific “places of interest” in England or New York State, please let me know so that I can help you make the most of your visit.
- I am not a professional genealogist or geneticist but I will attempt to answer any general questions that you may have.

## For More Information

Some of my requests may generate questions. For more information, without obligation, please contact by whatever means is most convenient for you. I am happy to help you to better help me—as much or as little as you may like.

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## Appendix: Sample Messages for Contacting More of Our Streeter Cousins

Please feel free to copy, paste, edit and personalize the sample messages below as you see fit. The formatting should work equally well in Ancestry messages, email, etc.

### FOR DESCENDANTS OF WILLIAM<sup>A</sup> AND ANN (-?-) STREETER

#### STREETER: FREE HELP PAST, PRESENT & FUTURE Collaboration to Identify More Cousins & Ancestors

Dear Cousin {NAME}:

Your line of descent from William-A & Ann (-?-) Streeter of Dunnings Farm, East Grinstead, Sussex, England has probably been revealed, confirmed or extended by research that our cousin Perry Streeter has conducted and shared freely over the last four decades. For the best evidence of that, please see an updated version of his 2011 article for *The New York Genealogical and Biographical Record* that documents the earliest generations of our family tree:

<http://www.perrystreeter.com/streeter.pdf>

Perry needs your help to identify more Streeter cousins so that we can identify more of our unknown common ancestors in East Grinstead and surrounding parishes. Please continue reading at:

<http://www.perrystreeter.com/help/streeter.pdf>

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We look forward to having your help at your earliest convenience. Thank you for your valuable time and attention.

### FOR DESCENDANTS OF THOMAS<sup>1</sup> AND LOUISA (-?-) STREETER

#### STREETER: FREE HELP PAST, PRESENT & FUTURE Collaboration to Identify More Cousins & Ancestors

Dear Cousin {NAME}:

Your line of descent from Thomas-1 Streeter of Dunnings Farm, East Grinstead, Sussex, England and his second wife, Louisa, has probably been revealed, confirmed or extended by research that our cousin Perry Streeter has conducted and shared freely over the last four decades. For the best evidence of that, please see an updated version of his 2011 article for *The New York Genealogical and Biographical Record* that documents the earliest generations of our family tree:

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Perry needs your help to identify more Streeter descendants and cousins so that we can discover the origins of Louisa (-?-) Streeter in New England (she was *not* Louisa Beard!), as well as identify more ancestors for Thomas-1 Streeter in “Old” England. Please continue reading at:

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