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The Pilgrim Francis Cooke Society (PFCS)

Francis Cooke (c. 1583 – 1663) was a Leiden Separatist who came to the “New England” on the Mayflower in 1620, and was a signer of the Mayflower Compact. His origins and parentage are still unknown. Francis married Hester Mahieu in Leiden, Holland around July 20, 1603. Francis and Hester Cooke had seven children: John, Jane, Elizabeth, Jacob, Hester, Mary, and an unknown child. The birth order is uncertain.

The Francis Cooke Society was formed in 2003 to honor and perpetuate the memory of Francis Cooke, and to assist the descendants of Francis Cooke in acquiring acceptable proofs of lineage. The Society was reorganized in 2019 with a Board of Directors and the society's name was changes to the **Pilgrim Francis Cooke Society** to more closely align with the GSMD Mayflower Society Families. The PFCS is a member of the Family Societies of the General Society of Mayflower Descendants.

The Pilgrim Francis Cooke Society is a nonprofit educational and associational organization. The Society's management and activities shall be consistent with Section 501(c)(3) of the United States Internal Revenue Code. The Society is managed by a Board of Directors. Membership is restricted to descendants of the Mayflower passenger Francis Cooke. Any person eighteen (18) years of age or over is eligible to apply for membership in the Society.



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Francis Cooke and Mordecai Cooke – Are the Two Families Related?

By Robert Mike Terry¹

If you are a male and you take a Y DNA chromosome test at FamilyTreeDNA (FTDNA) you will be assigned a unique Kit number and a haplogroup based on your Short Tandem Repeat (STR) marker values which is comprised of a letter and a number in red. If you do an advanced single nucleotide polymorphism (SNP) test at FTDNA, you will be assigned a confirmed haplogroup which will be noted in green.

This is screen shot of the first 12 markers from the Pilgrim Francis Cooke Society DNA Project.² The more markers you match with another male the closer will be your generational connection to the other male tester. A male descendant of Francis Cooke who completes a BigY700 test will get 111 STR marker values and at a minimum an additional 589 STR markers. You will also be assigned a confirmed haplogroup shown in green.

Kit Number	Paternal Ancestor Name	Country	Haplogroup	DY393	DY390	DY319	DY391	DY385	DY3426	DY388	DY3439	DY3891	DY392	DY38911
MIN				14	23	17	10	15-16	11	13	11	13	12	29
MAX				14	23	17	11	15-16	11	13	11	13	12	29
MODE				14	23	17	10	15-16	11	13	11	13	12	29
401478	Francis Cooke of the Mayflower	United Kingdom	I-FGC57464	14	23	17	10	15-16	11	13	11	13	12	29
61584	Richard Cook, b1810, Yarmouth, Nova Scotia, CAN	United Kingdom	I-M223	14	23	17	10	15-16	11	13	11	13	12	29
93791	Francis Cooke-Mayflower c1583, Nottinghamshire	Unknown Origin	I-M223	14	23	17	10	15-16	11	13	11	13	12	29
961988	Francis Cooke c.1583 – April 7, 1663, Plymouth, MA	United Kingdom	I-FGC57464	14	23	17	10	15-16	11	13	11	13	12	29
468236	Francis Cooke c.1583 – April 7, 1663, Plymouth, MA	United Kingdom	I-FGC57464	14	23	17	10	15-16	11	13	11	13	12	29
974450	Francis Cooke c1583-Apr 7, 1663	Unknown Origin	I-M223	14	23	17	10	15-16	11	13	11	13	12	29

The table above shows the Francis Cooke male descendants from the Pilgrim Francis Cooke Society Y-DNA Project

Kit 401478 Francis1, Jacob2, Francis3, Caleb4, Ephraim5, Manasseh6, Joseph7
Kit 61584 Francis1, Jacob2, Francis3, Caleb4, Ephraim5, Manasseh6, Joseph7
Kit 93791 Francis1, Jacob2, William3, Elisha4, Consider5, William6, Henry7
Kit 961988 Francis1, Jacob2, Francis3, Caleb4, Ephraim5, Manasseh6, Joseph7
Kit 468236 Francis1, Jacob2, Francis3, Caleb4, Ephraim5, Manasseh6, Joseph7
Kit 974450 Francis1, Jacob2, Caleb3, John4, Paul5, John6, James7

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I2- Lineage 3a (FGC57464) Cooke of MAYFLOWER														
MIN				14	23	17	10	15-16	11	13	11	13	12	29
MAX				14	23	17	10	15-16	11	13	11	13	12	29
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I2- Lineage 3a Cooke of MAYFLOWER														
MIN				13	23	17	10	15-15	11	13	11	13	12	29
MAX				14	23	17	11	15-16	11	13	11	13	12	29
MODE				14	23	17	10	15-16	11	13	11	13	12	29
153866	Bobby Raymond Cook., Kokomo, Howard, IN30SEP1929-1	Unknown Origin	I-FGC57472	13	23	17	10	15-15	11	13	11	13	12	29
61584	Richard Cook, b1810, Yarmouth, Nova Scotia, CAN	United Kingdom	I-M223	14	23	17	10	15-16	11	13	11	13	12	29
93791	Francis Cooke-Mayflower c1583, Nottinghamshire	Unknown Origin	I-M223	14	23	17	10	15-16	11	13	11	13	12	29
974450	Francis Cooke c1583-Apr 7, 1663	Unknown Origin	I-M223	14	23	17	10	15-16	11	13	11	13	12	29
I2- Lineage 3b Cooke of GLOUCESTER, VA														
MIN				14	23	17	10	15-16	11	13	11	13	12	29
MAX				14	23	17	10	15-16	11	13	11	13	12	29
MODE				14	23	17	10	15-16	11	13	11	13	12	29
191988	Norman Cooke, b. 1360 and d.1401	United Kingdom	I-FGC57458	14	23	17	10	15-16	11	13	11	13	12	29
198216	John M. Daniel, b. 1790-99, d. <1840, VA Glouc'r,	Unknown Origin	I-M223	14	23	17	10	15-16	11	13	11	13	12	29
12343	Mordecai Cooke-Gloucester, Virginia / 1639-circa	Unknown Origin	I-M223	14	23	17	10	15-16	11	13	11	13	12	29
158037	Silas Milton Cook 1812	Unknown Origin	I-M223	14	23	17	10	15-16	11	13	11	13	12	29
51907	Mordecai Cooke-Gloucester, VA (Wareham Branch)	England	I-M223	14	23	17	10	15-16	11	13	11	13	12	29

The table above shows the Cook/e/ lines in the Cook Y-DNA project³

Kit 153866 Cook line not determined...

Kit 191988 Mordecai1, Mordecai2, Mordecai3, Mordecai4

For brevity, we are listing the shared SNPs starting with the youngest five haplogroups for the five BigY700 testers. The common ancestor is unproven; however, it is for now **I-FGC57458**. The Mordecai Cooke male descendant is not positive for SNP **I-FGC57464**.⁴

I-Y4760>FGC57449>FGC57463>**FGC57458**>FGC57464- Mordecai Cooke tester Kit 191988

I-Y4760>FGC57449>FGC57463>**FGC57458**>FGC57464+ Francis Cooke testers Kit 401478, Kit 961988, and Kit 468236

The importance of Y DNA chromosome testing is suggested by the results we are reviewing here. We would not have known there was a connection between the Cookes in Nova Scotia, Canada, and the Cookes in Massachusetts without Y-DNA testing at FTDNA. We would not know there was a genetic connection between the Francis Cooke families and the Mordecai Cooke families of Gloucester County Virginia, without the BigY700 test results from both families.

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Some Mordecai Cooke researchers indicate there may be a connection to the Cooke families of Whitefield, County Suffolk based on Arms found at the Jarvis farm in Gloucester County, Virginia. See Stubbs book.^{5,6}

“In 1606, the Cookes left Leiden and went to Norwich, co. Norfolk, for a time (for what reason is not known), but returned to have their first son, John, baptized at the French church in Leiden, sometime between January and March, 1607. In Holland, Cooke took up the profession of wool-comber.”⁶

¹ Robert Mike Terry has been a FamilyTreeDNA Administrator since 2005 and is currently the administrator for these DNA projects: Bottoms, Carter, Cunningham, Francis Cooke Society, Hefner, Mayflower Society, McInturff, Standish, Stokes, Terry, and Hale (Family Finder Project). Additionally, he has DNA tested with 23AndMe, AncestryDNA and FTDNA and transferred his autosomal test results to Gedmatch and MyHeritage. Mr. Terry was editor and publisher of the Terry Family Historian Quarterly from 1982 to 1987. He has been a board member of the Pilgrim Francis Cooke Society since it reorganized in 2019 and is the current Chairman of the Mayflower Society DNA policy committee.

² See all STR values for Francis Cooke lines see the Pilgrim Francis Cook Society DNA Project: <https://www.familytreedna.com/public/FrancisCookeSocietyDNA?iframe=ycolorized>

³ See all STR values for Cook DNA project of Gloucester, Virginia: <https://www.familytreedna.com/public/cook?iframe=ycolorized>

⁴ For a more comprehensive listing of all shared branching SNPs between Francis Cooke males and the Mordecai Cooke males see FamilyTreeDNADiscoverTM <https://discover.familytreedna.com/y-dna/I-FGC57464/path>

⁵ William Carter Stubbs - Descendants of Mordecai Cooke, Of "Mordecai's Mount", Gloucester Co., Va., 1650, and Thomas Booth, of Ware Neck, Gloucester Co., Va., 1685 [1923]. In the early part of the book, it addressed whether there was a connection between a Mordecai Cubitt Cooke (1825 – 1914) of Horning, Norfolk, England and the Mordecai Cooke family of Gloucester County, Virginia and at that time they could not find a genealogical connection between to two families, even though they shared the Mordecai given name found in both families. Now, 100 years later we can do hypothesis testing with DNA tests. It should be noted a Y-DNA test is in process for a male Cook related to Mordecai Cubitt Cook. Positive results could possibly indicate a genetic connection between all three Cooke families.

⁶ Mordecai Cubitt Cooke: (12 July 1825, in Horning, Norfolk, England – 12 November 1914, in Southsea, Hampshire, England) was an English botanist and mycologist who was, at various points, a London schoolteacher, a Kew mycologist, curator at the India Museum, journalist and author, Mordecai Cooke was the elder brother of the art-education reformer Ebenezer Cooke (1837–1913) and father of the book illustrator and watercolour painter William Cubitt Cooke (1866–1951)

The Descendant Chart was provided by Susan Abanor.

Descendants of Hester Mahieu and Francis Cooke on Wikitree as of 03/02/2023

Generation #	# of Desc. in the Generation	Date of Birth	Overall # of Desc.
1	1	1583-1584	1
2	7	1605-1625	8
3	33	1629-1675	41
4	174	1646-1728	215
5	747	1678-1773	962
6	1979	1701-1806	2941
7	4319	1723-1868	7260
8	7161	1741-1888	14421
9	10633	1761-1922	25054
10	13475	1790-1954	38529
11	14162	1822-1975	52691
12	11213	1847-1990	63904
13	5577	1871-2000	60481
14	1583	1890-2010	71064
15	318	1915-2020	71382
16	62	1929-2020	71444
17	5	1970-1980	71449

WikiTree is a free, shared social-networking genealogy website that allows users individually to research and to contribute to their own personal family trees while building and collaborating on a singular worldwide family tree within the same system. As of February 2023, the WikiTree website has more than 980,000 registered members and included more than 33 million profiles, with 11 million having DNA test connections. https://www.wikitree.com/wiki/Help:The_Free_Family_Tree

Francis Cooke Sixth and Seventh Generation Project

Project Administrator and PFCS Genealogy: Dianna Saario.

Researching the sixth and seventh generations of Francis Cooke (looking at 8th generation children). All approved Mayflower members who are descended from Cooke are encouraged to send all pages of their approved membership application (with notations), or to send their information including sources on these two generations and 8th generation notes. We are including these generations with the 8th generation child and their spouse. We will not include any living persons for publication. Please send a copy of your information to Pilgrim Francis Cooke Society, Dianna Saario, 40708 Balch Park Rd. #A, Springville, CA 93265-9749 or: email Dianna Saario at genealogist@pilgrimfranciscookesociety.org

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All Annual and Associate members are required to pay annual membership dues. Dues are payable in advance and shall be for the following calendar year. Please mail your annual dues for 2023.

Annual Members have the option to pay their dues online on our website, a small fee is added.

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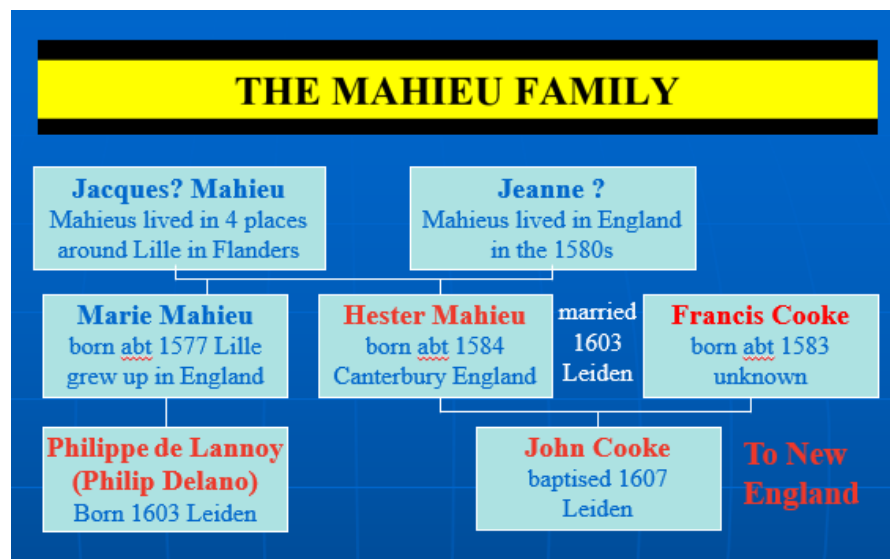
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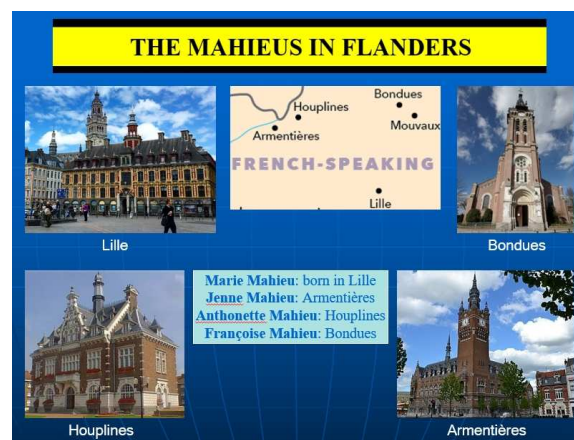
Hester (Mahieu) Cooke – Our Unique Ancestor

by George Philip English

The Cooke descendants are arguably the most unique among all of those who descend from the Pilgrims who sailed to “New England” on the *Mayflower* in 1620. This is not because of Francis Cooke, whose origins and parentage are still unknown, but due to his wife, Hester Mahieu, mother of John who sailed with Francis. The Mahieus had lived in three different countries in the 50 years before the *Mayflower* sailed – Flanders, England and Holland. Seven different places that they lived are known.

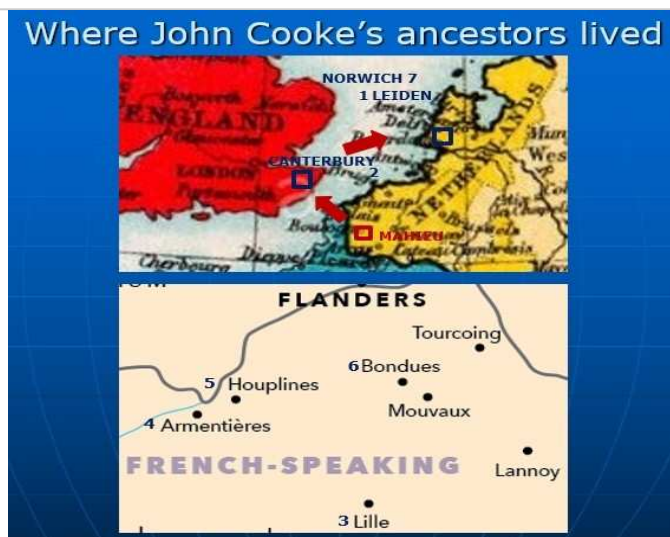


The extraordinary and fascinating story of the Mahieus was very different to that of the English Pilgrims. In the 16th century, Jacques? and Jeanne Mahieu lived in four different places, Lille, Armentières, Houplines and Bondues – in the Châtellenie (*Lordship*) of Lille, then in the French-speaking southern part of the province of Flanders (now in France)



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Flanders was then ruled by Spain, who instituted the Inquisition for the suppression of heretics, which included the emerging Protestants. It has been estimated that between 50 and 100,000 people were burned, strangled, beheaded, or buried alive for religious reasons by their Spanish Catholic rulers.

The Mahieus were different from the English Pilgrims because they left their homeland due to persecution by their Catholic rulers, whereas the Pilgrims chose to separate from the Protestant Church of England. The Mahieus fled from Flanders around 1580 to Elizabethan England. They lived in Canterbury, while the Separatist Movement was gathering momentum; and were there when the Spanish Armada was sent in 1588. Hester Mahieu was born in Canterbury around 1584. From England, the Mahieus went to Leiden in Holland around 1590, nearly 20 years before Rev. John Robinson and the Separatists from Scrooby and Gainsborough arrived there. Hester Mahieu married Francis Cooke around July 20, 1603 in Leiden. On August 8, 1606, Francis and Hester Cooke went to Norwich in England, where they joined the Walloon Church. Rev. John Robinson had left Norwich in 1604 to go back to Scrooby. The Cookes returned briefly to Leiden in 1607 to have their son Jean/John Cooke baptized, within the Leiden Walloon congregation. They returned to Leiden in 1608.

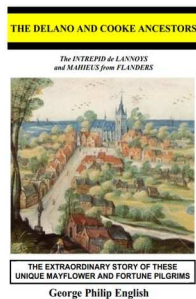
Francis Cooke arrived in “New England” with their oldest son John accompanying him on the Mayflower, in 1620, while Hester and the other children followed them to Plymouth in 1623 on the ship Anne. Francis died April 7, 1663 and was buried on Burial Hill in Plymouth. Hester outlived Francis and died after June 8, 1666 and was buried on Burial Hill in Plymouth. The noted descendants of the Mahieus include five U.S. presidents, Ulysses Grant, Calvin Coolidge, Franklin Delano Roosevelt, George H. W. Bush, and his son George W., as well as U.K. Prime Minister Winston Churchill.

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The information and data presented within this article are provided by the author and may not necessarily represent the views and opinions of the National Mayflower Society.

‘The Delano and Cooke Ancestors’ by George Philip English



The extraordinary story of the Mahieus' unique European ancestry and history has been published as part of 'The Delano and Cooke Ancestors' by George Philip English. His book can be purchased from the Lulu Bookstore (<https://www.lulu.com/shop>).

A full scholarly, evidence-based, genealogical and historical articles about the Mahieus and de Lannoys in Europe were published by George English in the Mayflower Descendant in 2007 and 2021:

- MD 56 (2007): 70-90, 163-184: George English, "Ancestry and History of Philip Delano, Born Philippe de Lannoy,".
- MD 69 (2021): 5-29, 178-192: George English, "Ancestry and History of Philip Delano, Born Philippe De Lannoy - Further Findings about the De Lannoy and Mahieu Families" and "An Updated Review of Publications,".

For the Research Through People family history website, (<https://researchthroughpeople.com>)