

DNA SIG Reference List #2 – 10 December 2018

AGS SIG = Albuquerque Genealogical Society - Special Interest Group

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REMINDER: Our Next AGS DNA SIG meeting will be on Thursday, 03 January & thereafter we will meet on the first Thursday of each month from 10:30 AM until Noon.

I will always request that we meet in the Library Board Room, which is located in the Genealogy Center (second floor) of our Main Library (Fifth & Copper). The entrance door is located between the staircase & the elevators.

If this room isn't available to us, we will meet in the Northeast corner of the Genealogy Center (second floor).

IMPORTANT: This DNA Reference List #2 Does NOT replace my previous Reference List – 16 November 2018. This #2 is an addition to it.

Both Reference Lists are also available on our AGS Web Site @:
www.abqgen.org

- A. There is a new DNA testing company based in Australia who has recently offered to obtain DNA from old envelopes for a fee. Two of our DNA SIG members are trying this company out. Why? Because they both have branches with no living male kin, but they have envelopes from their deceased male kin. This may be the only way that they can break down their brick walls for that branch of their family tree. I am hoping that they will have their atDNA results in hand by our February or March meeting, so please stay tuned. For more information, please see: www.totheletterdna.com

- B. Science News just published a summary of two long scientific articles that change our understanding of how humans got from Asia to the Americas. As I have said before, the ability to do a full genome analysis on ancient bodies is a very recent development. As more bodies are analyzed we will be getting new & important updates. The article can be downloaded (& printed) at the URL below. Having read it several times, I think it raises

more new questions than it provides answers. Thus, we may have to wait until more ancient bodies are analyzed to get better clarity. One thing I learned in preparing this info for you is that the article that you get from their Web Site is longer & has more illustrations than what is printed in their magazine. Please see:

<https://www.sciencenews.org/article/ancient-dna-fossils-south-america-populated>

- C. Are you aware that lots of new genealogical data gets posted on our AGS Facebook site? Some of our members kindly post a quick summary of new information as soon as it becomes available & they often provide a link to the original information. If you haven't joined our AGS Facebook site, please do so. It is very easy since there is a FACEBOOK button at the bottom of the opening page of our AGS Web Site at www.abqgen.org. Just click on the **FACEBOOK button** & you are there. It is FREE!

- D. If you haven't yet joined the Albuquerque Genealogical Society (AGS), please consider it. We along with the New Mexico Genealogical Society (NMGS) buy new books & equipment for the Genealogy Center (second floor) of our Main Library. We have a wonderful library & our two organizations make it even better each year by our continued support. If you are aware of a book that should be added to our collection, please let the librarian know in our Genealogy Center. If you have deep roots in New Mexico or Southern Colorado you should also join NMGS to take advantage of their extensive resources. Please see: www.nmgs.org

- E. That's all for now. I hope to see many of you at our General Meeting tomorrow (Wednesday) from 10:30 AM until noon in the Community Room in the basement of our Main Library. John