Family Tree DNA

- Family Tree DNA or "FTDNA" is one of the larger DNA testing companies.

- An alternative to Ancestry.com or AncestryDNA.

- Your (autosomal) test from another company can be transferred to FTDNA's databases for further comparison.

- Unlike Ancestry, FTDNA offers Y-DNA and mtDNA tests

- Individual users can create family or regional projects to group FTDNA members with common interests, surnames and lineage.

FTDNA Projects

- From the website: https://www.familytreedna.com/projects.aspx
- FTDNA Projects may be created for these interests:
  - haplogroup,
  - lineage,
  - geographic region,
  - ethnic group, or
  - Surname
- FTDNA has an application process to start projects. Once a project is started, it is difficult to begin another with any sort of similarities.

Eastern Shores (GHOTES) DNA Project

This is the Eastern Shore (VA, DE and MD) project begun by GHOTE Richard Colbert more than a year ago.

Note the "s" in Shores if you plan to search for and join this project on FTDNA.

https://www.familytreedna.com/groups/eastern-shores-ghotesdna/about

This project is surname and geographical but also includes Y-DNA and mtDNA statistics, if applicable. Only the basic autosomal DNA tests and proof of ES lineage is required to join the group. DNA tests must be converted or downloaded as raw data (often a GEDCOM file) and then uploaded to FTDNA for project purposes.

Eastern Shores (GHOTES) DNA Project

A summary of project statistics may be found here:

https://www.familytreedna.com/groups/eastern-shores-ghotesdna/about/project-statistics

Highlights include:

- Paternal Ancestor surnames: 48; Maternal Ancestor surnames: 40
- 21 (of 21 submissions) DISTINCT mtDNA Haplogroups (traces to one common maternal ancestor)
- 12 (of 48 submissions) DISTINCT Y-DNA Haplogroups (traces to one common paternal ancestor)

Eastern Shores (GHOTES) DNA Project

- Currently we have 70 members listed in the ES GHOTES DNA Project
- 19 ES-specific surnames listed (Some members have duplicate surnames).

What more would you like to see in this project?

Questions?