



WHITESIDE FAMILY ASSOCIATION

SEPTEMBER 2024

FALL 2024 BOARD MEETING

The WFA Board of Directors will hold its Fall 2024 Meeting on Thursday, October 10 via zoom. The meeting will begin at 10:00 AM EDT. The following is the link needed to access the zoom meeting: <https://calendar.app.google/VCWKAN3KxvnMn39KA>. All members are welcome to join the meeting. President Bill G Whiteside will conduct the meeting.

On the agenda for this meeting are discussions of the additions which have been added to the Don Whiteside Publications and further information about the Foster Clay Whiteside files.

The group will also look at the Genpro Family Trees and tree charts in other publications. There will also be a discussion of the origin of our family surname as well as a look at African American Whitesides.

Other items on the agenda include the following:

- DNA Project developments
- New and Old Websites
- Newsletter
- Facebook Project
- FTDNA status
- Research Project Log
- Volunteer Requirements & Candidates
- Membership
- Finance
- Delaware Agent status
- Additional Business
- Plans for Next Meeting

Plan to join us if you can!

INTEGRATION OF FAMILY TREES

Family Tree DNA retired its current tree builder on September 9, 2024, and all trees not connected to the new experience became read-only.

[FamilyTreeDNA](#) has partnered with [MyHeritage](#) for tree integration. The purpose is make obsolete the [FamilyTreeDNA'S](#) tree and integrate it as a tree that resides on [MyHeritage](#).

This does not mean that [MyHeritage](#) is merging with [FamilyTree DNA](#). [MyHeritage's](#) tree-building software is much more robust and functional than the [FamilyTreeDNA](#) trees.

CRITICAL

- [MyHeritage](#) does not get any DNA data
- [MyHeritage](#) does not get any match information even when you link matches to the tree.
- If you don't have a tree on [FamilyTreeDNA](#) now, you cannot create one. Clicking the family tree button will take you to the [MyHeritage](#) integration page.
- Each member may grant an administrator of a project permission to connect the member's tree to [MyHeritage](#). This is done from the Project Preference page under Account Settings, right next to where they choose Access permission.

These comments have been copied from the blog DNAexplained, by Roberta Estes. <https://dna-explained.com/2024/07/20/familytreedna-tree-integration-with-myheritage-step-by-step-instructions/> Posted July 20, 2024.

The tree at [FamilyTreeDNA](#) has always served three primary purposes:

- So you can view your matches trees and vice versa
- So that you can link your known relatives to enable Family Matching (bucketing), an awesome feature that deposits your matches in either maternal or paternal buckets based on triangulated segments.
- To provide resources for internal feature development, such as information for MyOrigins.

As of September 9, 2024, all trees at FamilyTreeDna will become read-only, meaning that you can see your tree and you can see their if they have not migrated to [MyHeritage](#), but you can no longer modify or add to the tree at [FamilytreeDNA](#).



The vitality of the WFA depends upon volunteers to do some important tasks. There are some critical needs listed below. Please study the list and see if you can support the work in some way—they don't require huge amounts of time or attendance at meetings.

1. **DNA Manager**—work with Bill G. Whiteside to oversee the Whiteside DNA project; recruit individuals to participate in the project
2. **Assist leading the Facebook group** Dan Boucher is leading this group alone and could use some help
3. **Data entry** to create a table of contents for the states with research listed. Contact Arliss Whiteside, webmaster, for further info.

These are positions that the board has recognized, but if you have a skill set not mentioned here that you are willing to share with the organization, please contact Chip Whitesides at chip.whitesides@gmail.com

