

# Carpenter Cousins Project

The **Carpenter Cousins Project** is an international *surname and Y-DNA research initiative* focused on the **Carpenter, Zimmerman**, and related surname variants (such as Carpender, Carpentier, Charpentier, Cymerman, Sherbondy, Zimmer, Simmerman, Timmerman, Timmermann) who often share a common ancestry and sometimes have had their surnames anglicized after arrival in North America<sup>[1] [2] [3]</sup>. The project aims to assist genealogical research by:

- Using **Y-chromosome DNA testing** of biological males with these surnames to confirm or discover common male-line ancestors, helping researchers link paper trails and genetic evidence<sup>[1] [2]</sup>.
- Maintaining a public database of *Y-DNA marker data* organized by genetic groups, which researchers can use to compare ancestry and evaluate familial relationships. Some project groups have even reconstructed ancestral haplotypes and documented connections back to notable early ancestors, such as William Carpenter of Rehoboth and William Carpenter of Providence<sup>[3]</sup>.
- Being part of a broader *One Name Study* registered with the Guild of One Name Studies, further supporting surname-based historical and genealogical research<sup>[2] [4]</sup>.
- Providing a central resource website with results, discussion, and research support for participants worldwide<sup>[5]</sup>.

This project is open to all **biological males** with the verified surnames or variants, and encourages female descendants to sponsor male relatives for testing. Participation is global and not limited to any one country or geographical region<sup>[1] [2] [6]</sup>.

Note: This is strictly a **Y-DNA (paternal line) project**. Other types of genetic tests, such as mitochondrial DNA (maternal line) or autosomal DNA tests, are not used in this particular study<sup>[1] [2] [6]</sup>.

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1. <https://www.familytreedna.com/groups/carpenter-cousins-dna/about/background>
2. <https://www.familytreedna.com/groups/carpenter-cousins-dna/about>
3. [https://isogg.org/wiki/Carpenter\\_Cousins\\_Y-DNA\\_Project](https://isogg.org/wiki/Carpenter_Cousins_Y-DNA_Project)
4. [https://one-name.org/name\\_profile/carpenter/](https://one-name.org/name_profile/carpenter/)
5. <https://carpentercousins.com>
6. <https://www.familytreedna.com/groups/carpenter-cousins-dna/about/news>