



## *McOsker – McCusker – McCosker Family Newsletter*



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We have some interesting news to share. Luke McCusker has joined our DNA study, and the results are pretty much what we had expected.

I (Ken McOsker) had found that my closest genetic matches were Maguire men with roots in County Fermanagh Ireland. Fermanagh has been known as the home of the Maguire clan since the time of Donn Caragh Mag Uidhir, born in 1264 A.D. Donn Caragh was the first Maguire prince.

We have believed that our families came from Oscar (died 1373), the great-grandson of Donn Caragh, and more likely from a son or grandson of Oscar. Oscar's sons were named in the Annals of Ulster as Matha mac Osgair and Seaan mac Oscair (Matthew and John Son of Oscar)

My DNA results have shown that statistically, I would share the The Most Recent Common Ancestor (TMRCA) with several Maguire men about 24 generations ago. If a generation is 25 or 26 years, that would mean a common ancestor around 600 to 625 years ago, or around 1380 A.D. to 1400 A.D.

So, where does Luke McCusker fit in now? Luke's DNA results show that he also shares most of his genetic matches to the Maguire clan, and statistically Luke and I would share The Most Recent Common Ancestor (TMRCA) of about 20 generations ago.

So we might theorize at this point that our families, McOsker and McCusker split from the Maguire's around 600 years ago, and then split from each other maybe 4 generations after that.

This is all a combination of advanced genetic science, statistics, historical research, and some guess-work. We will continue to refine this data as more family members join our study. We would love to have a McCosker male join our project. Please share this with any relatives you think may be interested.

See our family website at [www.mcosker.com](http://www.mcosker.com) for more information

It is fun to realize that we all share a royal blood-line.

We will stay in touch!