

# Chasing my Y-DNA part 9

Families associated with the Elwald of Redheugh  
Traitors of Leven in the last part we find;

**Douglas, Armstrong, Kerr and Scott** associated with the Elwald  
this was in the later part of the fifteenth century.

A generation earlier land of Redheugh, was passed to the family  
squire Robert Elwald.

Report on the  
manuscripts of  
Colonel David  
Milne Home of  
Wedderburn ...,  
Issue 2  
By Great  
Britain. Royal  
Commission on  
Historical  
Manuscripts,  
David Milne  
Home

6. Declaration as to the giving of Sasine to David of Home  
in the lands of Wolle and Wolfhoplee, 1486 :—

Universis ad quorum notitias presentes litere pervenerint, Nicolaus de Rutherford de Zhetam, ballivus, et Henricus Willelmi, serjandus magnifici et potentis domini, Domini Willelmi de Dowglas, militis, Comitis de Anguse, specialiter in hac parte deputati, salutem in Domino: Cum pium sit et meritorium omnique rationi consonam testimonium perhibere veritati, hinc est quod universitati vestre tenore presencium veraciter notificamus et testimonialiter declaramus quod ultimo die mensis Julij anno Domini M<sup>o</sup> cccc<sup>o</sup> xxxvj<sup>o</sup> de mandato dicti domini Comitis domini nostri nobis per literam suam ballivatus directam, tradidimus sasinam hereditariam nobili viro, David de Howme, de omnibus terris cum pertinenciis de Wolle et de Wolfhople, jacentibus infra regalitatem nostram de Jedwood Forest infra vicecomitatum de Roxburgh, super fundo dictarum terrarum per terre et lapidis tradicionem, ut est moris, secundum formam et tenorem carte dicti domini nostri Comitis quam idem David de Home habet inde confectam, juris solempnitate in hujusmodi fieri consueta mediante, in presencia testium subscriptorum, viz.—Thome de Cranstoun de Denum, Johannis de Rutherford, filii et heredis dicti Nicolai de Rutherford, Jacobi de Rutherford, Johannis de Rutherford de Hundwelle, Georgei de Cranstoun, Jacobi de Cranstoun, Patricii Robson, Johannis de Hall, Willelmi de Lee, Roberti de Lee, Thome Olyver de Swyne, Thome de Hall, Willelmi Johannis, Johannis Elwald, Jacobi Crosare et Patricii Bylhope et aliorum quam plurimorum ibidem existencium; et hoc omnibus quorum interest vel interesse poterit notum facimus presencium per tenorem veritati testimonium in hac parte perhibendo. In quorum fidem et testimonium sigillum predicti Nicolai presentibus est appensum anno, die, mense et loco prenotatis.

Previously; MCCCCXXXVI (1436) lands of Wolfhopelee north of Liddesdale were passed to David Home (Hume) squire, in attendance were John Elwald, and Jacob Corsar. This land was from a William Douglas to his family squire David Hume. It is important to know once an individual is established as landed the basically can become or are gentry. David de Home is of Home, which is located near the eastern end of the 1320 Scottish Border.

It has been said that the *Elwald/Ellot/Elliot* are allied to the gentry of *Douglas, Bothwell, and Hume*, and this is to show the Hume received their status as a gentry from the Douglas, with the names Elwald and Crosar involved, in an area north of Liddesdale away from the 1320 Scottish Border in 1436.

When of the Redheugh region was passed from Achibald Douglas, (Bell the Cat) 5<sup>th</sup> Earl of Douglas to his family squire Robert Elwald, it took days and many people were involved, and this shows how important it was for the family to obtain the lands of Redheugh, which today is considered the home of the clan.

On 25th June, 1476,<sup>2</sup> Archibald, Earl of Angus and Lord of Liddesdale, popularly known as “Bell-the-Cat,” granted a charter of the lands of Dalman, Bluntwood, and the Crouke, to “our velbelufyt fameliar squiar Robert **elwald** of ye Redheuch for his guid and faithful servis to us don and for to be don,” which lands had formerly been possessed by David Purdom. This charter is signed at “Lentole,” *i.e.*, Lintalee, an ancient possession of the house of Douglas by the banks of the Jed.

On 7th January, 1479,<sup>3</sup> the Earl of Angus, at the “Ermtage” (Hermitage), granted another charter in favour

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<sup>1</sup> History of Liddesdale, &c., p. 179; and The Border Elliots, appendix, No. xi.

<sup>2, 3</sup> Larriston Titles.

*The word **Caer** means a fort, and is said to have been used in speaking of a left-handed person, and such the Border **Kers** are asserted to have been. Their pedigree begins with **John Ker** of the forest of Selkirk, who in 1357 had a charter granting him part of Auldtounburn. In the time of his great-great-grandson Andrew, on the fall of the Douglasses, the family became vassals of the Crown. In 1451 the said Andrew had a charter of the king's lands of the barony of **Old Roxburgh**, and in 1457 is described as "of Cessford." By his marriage with a daughter of Douglas of Cavers he had three sons — Andrew, whose daughter married John Home of Ersilton, from whom is descended the Earl of Home ; Walter, who continued the line of the Kers of Cessford, the ancestor of the Duke of Roxburghe ; and Thomas, the first of the Kerrs of Ferniehirst, the ancestor of the Marquess of Lothian.*

*The **Elwalds** were first known in Liddesdale about the middle of the fifteenth century, and it is probable that they were introduced by the Douglasses, of whom they were ever the firm supporters. The Earl of Angus — **\*\* Bell - the - Cat "** — in an old Larriston deed, dated 1479, describes the laird of Larriston as "our velbelufyt fameliar squiar Robert Elwald of ye Redheuch," and mentions "gud and faithfull servis to us don and for to be don." The family increased till it became one of the largest on the Border,*

**The Annals of a Border Club (the Jedforest): And Biographical Notices of the ... (1899)**

Author: George Tancred

Publisher: J. Menzies Year: 1899

Though found it interesting about the Kerr, that they are noted to be **left-handed**. Have a brother that is left-handed, and I myself write with my left hand, but feel there is **no** correlation, but found it interesting any way.

of the said Robert Elwald, and for a similar cause as the preceding, of the lands of "Layhalcht, Carolschelis, harts-garth et le faulde," lying in the lordship of "ledesdale" and sheriffdom of Roxburgh, to be held for the services of ward and relief.

On 8th January, 1479,<sup>1</sup> Angus granted a precept for infesting the said Robert Elwald in the lands in the last mentioned charter.

On 20th September, 1484,<sup>2</sup> Angus again executed a precept directed to "Walter Scot de Edschan, Radulpho Ker, fratri Wateri Ker de Cessford et Willielmo Elwaldo de goranbery" to infest Robert Elwald of the Redheuch in the 20 merk lands of Over and Nether "Larrostane."

On 13th November, 1489,<sup>3</sup> at "Calco," the earl directed a further precept to William Ker of "Mersyntoune Radulpho Ker de Primside louch, Wilielmo elwad de gouinbery et Wilelmo gledstanys" to infest Robert Elwad of the "Redehuch" in the lands commonly called "redehuch," "layhauch," "hartsgarth," "caraschele," "daw-

Names; Archibald Douglas 5<sup>th</sup> Earl of Angus, Robert Elwald, Walter Scott of Edschaw, Walter Kerr of Cressford, William Elwald of Gorrenberry, Rudolph Kerr of Primside Loche. These names are felt to be of landholders.



of the "Redehuch" in the lands commonly called "redehuch," "layhauch," "hartsgarth," "caraschele," "dawmane," and "larostanys superior et inferior," lying in the lordship of "Lyddalisdale;" and on 13th June, 1497,<sup>4</sup> in presence of Ninian Elwald, Robert Elwald, William Elwald, John Elwald, Andrew Elwald, John Crosar, Quynntin Crosar, John Grame, and George Forstar, sasine of all the foresaid lands was taken in the hands of Richard Hall, notary public. We have thus, in the foregoing writs, the original infestments of, probably, the earliest Robert Elwald of Redheuch, first of the long succession of Roberts, chiefs of the clan, and frequently captains of the castle of the Hermitage under its various lords, and from whom the leading branches of the clan presume descent. The actual charter of the lands of Redheuch is awanting, but from the terms of the precept of 1489, we may presume that it, too, was granted to the same individual in whose favour the previous writs run. The importance of the family at this period

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<sup>1, 2, 3, 4</sup> Larriston Titles.

More names; Ninian Elwald, Robert Elwald, William Elwald, John Elwald, Andrew Elwald, John Crosar, Quinton Crosar, John Graham, George Forester, these name are felt to be family, and likely include inlaws.

**Robert, William and John** are standard Redheugh family names.

Andrew becomes Dand then Daniel in Ulster, and Ninian, a famous Scottish Saint, was dropped around the time of The Reformation, and Dand was beginning to be used for Andrew of St Andrew. Though John can be considered a Saintly name it was then as today in common use, and made it through the Redheugh Reformation, unlike the names which were derived from St Ninian, and St Elwald.

The Redheugh surname **Elwald** became **Ellot** (at that time the only correct

spelling for the name was Elliot without an “i”).

Given the above, and the Traitors of Levyn; The surnames related to the Elwald of Redheugh are;

As gentry;

Scott, Hume, Douglas, and Kerr

As family;

Armstrong, Graham, Crosar, and Forester

Given;

UN2SH	<a href="#">View</a>	Elliott (Elwood)	England (Cumbria)	R1b	14 24 14 10 11 14 12 12 13 14 13 30 16 9 10 11 11 25 15 19 30 15 15 17 18
JG96U	<a href="#">View</a>	Thomson (Thompson)	Ulster (Derry)	R1b	14 24 14 10 11 15 12 12 11 13 13 29 15 9 10 11 11 25 15 19 30 15 15 16 18
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GJT4S	<a href="#">View</a>	Tweedie	Scotland (Borders)	R1b	14 24 14 10 11 15 12 12 12 12 13 28 18 9 10 11 11 24 15 19 30 14 16 17 17
RKBTQ	<a href="#">View</a>	Percy	British-USA	R1b	14 24 14 10 11 16 12 12 12 14 14 30 18 10 10 11 12 25 15 19 30 15 15 16 16
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R6SVG	<a href="#">View</a>	Kerr (Carr)	Scotch-Irish-USA	R1b	14 24 14 10 12 15 12 12 11 13 13 30 18 9 10 11 11 25 15 19 30 14 15 17 17
VH8Z6	<a href="#">View</a>	Scott	British Isles	R1b	14 24 14 11 10 11 12 12 11 13 12 29
R3Z8G	<a href="#">View</a>	Watson	Scotch-Irish-USA	R1b	14 24 14 11 11 13 12 12 12 13 13 29
SE5EU	<a href="#">View</a>	Tait (Tate)	England (London)	R1b	14 24 14 11 11 14 12 12 11 13 13 29
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7BSFU	<a href="#">View</a>	Kerr (Carr)	Ulster (Donegal)	R1b	14 24 14 11 11 14 12 12 11 13 14 29 17 9 10 11 11 25 15 19 30 15 15 17 18
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GUP6S	<a href="#">View</a>	Tait	Scotland (Lothian)	R1b	14 24 14 11 11 14 12 12 13 13 13 29

In the above one can see the names Elliot (Elwood (Elwald)), Scott, Kerr, Liddell, and Armstrong. Tweed is a river near the eastern 1320 border in the are of Home. Thomson; son of Tom, and Watson; the son of Walter. It should be noted the is from Border Reiver DNA site which contain border Reveivers.

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q
1	Kit Number	Name	Paternal Ancestor Name	Haplogroup	DYS393	DYS390	DYS19	DYS391	DYS385	DYS426	DYS388	DYS439	DYS389	DYS392	DYS389b	DYS458	DYS459
2	21587	Sir Thomas Edward Ervin Carothers	John Carothers 1725-1783 Cumberland Co. Pa.	R1b1	14	23	14	10	11-16	12	11	13	14	29	16	9-10	
3	69284	Robert Forrest	William Henry Forrest, born abt. 1864 AL	R1b1b2	14	23	14	10	11-14	12	12	13	13	13	28	17	10-10
4	85134	Jack A. Murray	William Murray b@1670 d@1716 Tweedsmuir, Scotland	R1b1b2	14	23	14	11	11-14	12	12	12	13	14	30	18	9-10
5	89242	William Andrew Eden Murray	William Murray b@1670 d@1716 Tweedsmuir, Scotland	R1b1b2	14	23	14	11	11-14	12	12	12	14	14	30	18	9-10
6	92916	Steven Young	Alexander Young, c. 28 JUL 1754 Jamannan, SCT	R1b1b2	14	23	14	11	11-14	12	12	13	14	13	30	17	9-9
7	50086	Keith Armstrong		R1b1b2	14	24	14	10	11-15	12	12	11	13	13	29	18	9-10
8	25660	Mr. Paul Glyn Ellwood		R1b1b2	14	24	14	10	11-14	12	12	13	14	13	30	16	9-10
9	23141	Kenneth Michael Carr	Elijah Carr Tennessee	R1b1b2	14	24	14	10	12-15	12	12	11	13	13	30	18	9-10
10	23208	Wilden Hume Tweedie		R1b1b2	14	24	14	10	11-15	12	12	12	13	28	18	9-10	
11	31225	Mr. John Doyd Elliott Jr.		R1b1b2	14	24	14	11	11-14	12	12	11	13	13	29	16	9-10
12	87131	Mr. David Randall Clark Elliott		R1b1b2	14	24	14	11	11-14	12	12	11	13	13	29	16	9-10
13	50622	Charles Richard Elliott		R1b1b2	14	24	14	11	11-14	12	12	11	13	13	29	16	9-10
14	180011	Mr. Alton David Elliott		R1b1b2	14	24	14	11	11-14	12	12	11	13	13	29	16	9-10
15	172354	Mr. Robert Pierce Elliott		R1b1b2	14	24	14	11	11-14	12	12	11	13	13	29	16	9-10
16	19761	Thomas A. Elliott	John Elliott b abt 1792	R1b1b2	14	24	14	11	11-14	12	12	11	13	13	29	16	9-10
17	116335	Mr. James Donald Elliott		R1b1b2	14	24	14	11	11-14	12	12	11	13	13	29	16	9-10
18	101829	Mark Stephen Elliott		R1b1b2	14	24	14	11	11-14	12	12	11	13	13	29	16	9-10
19	117367	Ray E. Elliott		R1b1b2	14	24	14	11	11-14	12	12	11	13	13	30	16	9-10
20	N53075	Mr. J.C. Eliott	Daniel Eliot, b.c. 1665, Salem, Massachusetts	R1b1b2	14	24	14	11	11-14	12	12	11	13	13	30	16	9-10
21	19868	Mr. Clifford Bayne Elliott		R1b1b2	14	24	14	11	11-14	12	12	13	13	13	29		
22	78732	Joseph Samuel Hall Jr.		R1b1b2	14	24	14	11	10-11	12	12	11	13	14	29	14	9-10
23	N84998	Mr. James William Scott		R1b1b2	14	24	14	11	11-14	12	12	12	13	13	29		
24	111392	Dr. James Richard Storey	Alexander Storey b 1746 County Antrim	R1b1b2	14	24	14	11	11-14	12	12	12	13	13	29	18	9-10
25	78752	John Michael Tait		R1b1b2	14	24	14	11	11-14	12	12	12	13	13	29	17	9-10
26	N89590	Mr. Alisdair Morison Tait		R1b1b2	14	24	14	11	11-14	12	12	13	13	13	29		
27	23935	Herbert Hoover Horton		R1b1b2	14	24	14	11	11-14	12	12	11	13	13	29	16	9-10
28	10486	Douglas George Fletcher		R1b1b2	14	24	14	11	11-14	12	12	12	13	13	29	17	9-10
29	50100	Michael Dean Christian	Ewan MacChynsten, b. 1252 d. 1309 Isle of Man	R1b1b2	14	24	14	11	11-15	12	12	12	13	13	29	18	9-9
30	59275	David Coull Burnett	John Burnett, b. 1794 Fettergill, Kingarinesshire	R1b1b2a1b	14	24	14	11	11-14	12	12	11	13	13	29	17	9-10
31	63274	William Charters Burns	David Burns, b. Feb. 1817, Carrowdore, N. Ireland	R1b1b2a1b5	14	24	14	11	11-14	12	12	12	13	13	29	17	9-10
32	132152	Michael Joseph Erskine	Ebenezer Martin Erskine	R1b1b2a1b5	14	24	14	11	11-14	12	12	11	14	13	31	16	9-10
33	85020	Derek Douglas		R1b1b2	14	25	14	11	11-13	12	12	13	13	14	29	17	9-10
34	46249	David Wayne Dixon	Ebenezer Dixon b1770 Augusta CoVA, d1855 Putnam IN	R1b1b2a1b	14	25	15	10	11-14	12	12	12	14	13	30	16	9-10

Above is a bit different grouping; Carothers, Carr (Kerr), and Forrest shows up, along with Fletcher which has been brought up in a previous part, and there is even a Douglas. Young is was used on the Scotland borders and brought to Appalachia, as when one would refer to someone as *young John*; his father is named *John*.

The names of the *Traitors of Leven* are represented above; *Douglas, Kerr, Armstrong, Scott and Elwald* (Ellwood), are represented in the grouping above.

My Y-DNA is represented in both groupings, in the above as SEYDN, and in the below as 101829.

Though Graham and Crosar, do not show above, the Graham were more of the are of Leven, and the Crosar, were of a small group associated with the Elwald, and today considered a sept of the Armstrong Clan.

The above Y-DNA information shows that my Y-DNA has a fingerprint of where it has been, and that region is near as the Liddell in Liddesdale. This is said to be a *Y-DNA Fingerprint*.



# Tait?

Clan Tait/Tate seems to show up on the Y-DNA so it is felt something needed to be said about them.

[surname.sofeminine.co.uk/w/surnames/surname-tait.html](http://surname.sofeminine.co.uk/w/surnames/surname-tait.html)

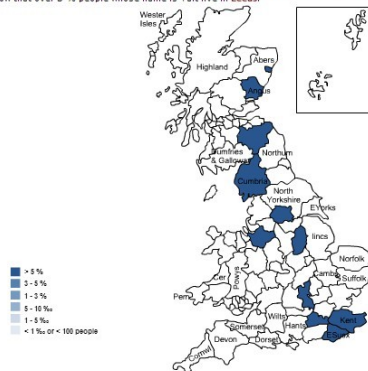
## TAIT

In Great Britain : 24 601 people share the surname Tait according to our estimation  
The surname Tait is the 380<sup>th</sup> most common name in Great Britain.

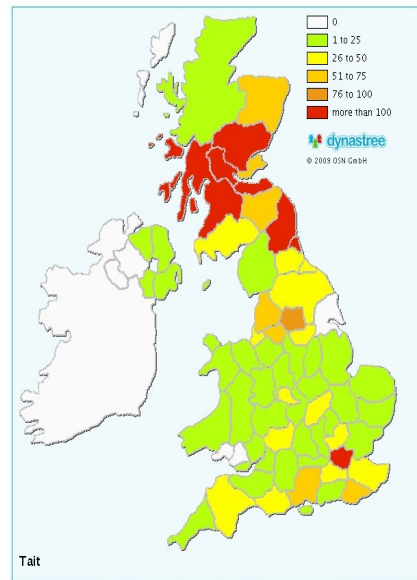
all about the name Tait :  
Geographical spread - Data by county - Sorted by county

### GEOGRAPHICAL SPREAD

This map shows the geographical spread by county of surname Tait in Great Britain. For example you can see below that over 5 % people whose name is Tait live in Leeds.



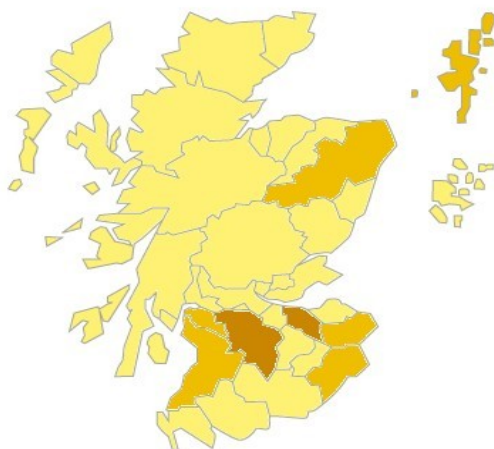
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[www.ancestry.com/name-origin?vi](http://www.ancestry.com/name-origin?vi)

MAP: United States England & Wales Scotland

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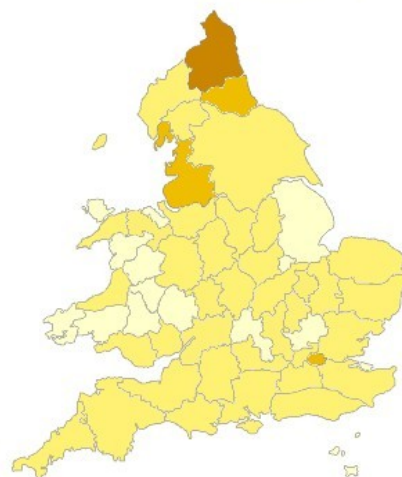


Number of Tait families  
631 - 1,260  
211 - 630  
1 - 210  
1 - 210

from the 1891 Scotland Census Data

[www.ancestry.com/name-ori](http://www.ancestry.com/name-ori)

MAP: United States England & Wales Scotland



Number of Tait families  
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from the 1891 England and Wales Census Data



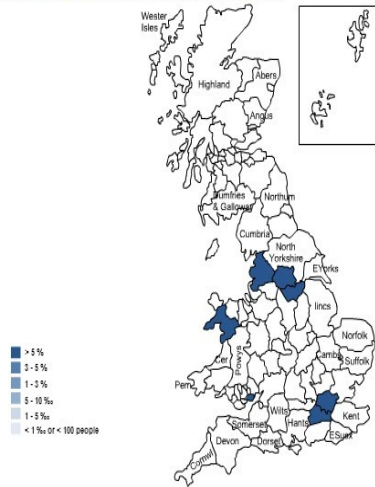
TATE

In Great Britain : **14 474** people share the surname Tate according to our estimation  
 The surname Tate is the **679<sup>th</sup>** most common name in Great Britain.

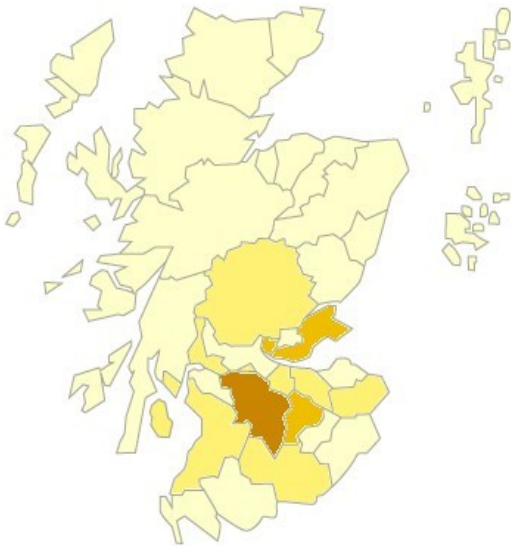
all about the name Tate :  
 Geographical spread - Data by county - Sorted by county

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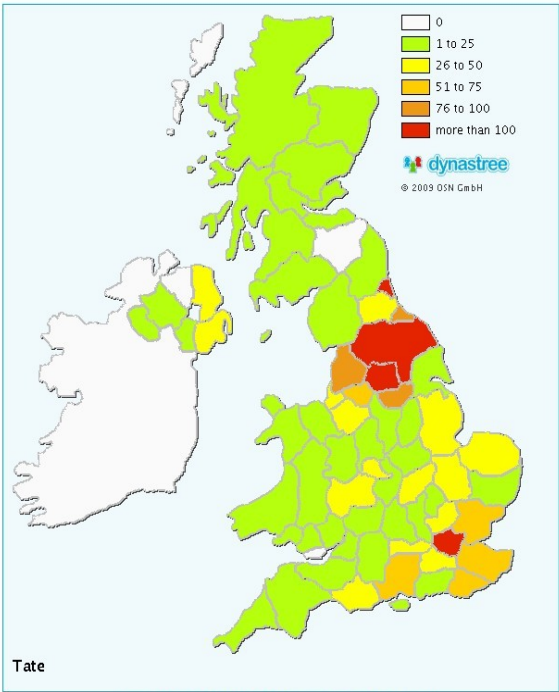


MAP: United States England & Wales Scotland



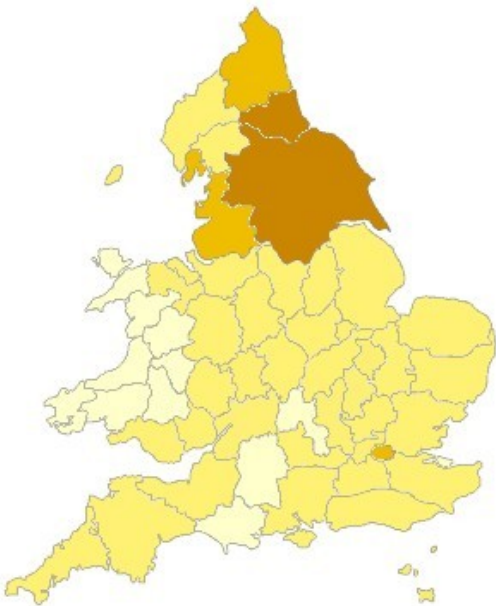
Number of Tate families  
 12 - 22  
 5 - 11  
 1 - 4

from the 1891 Scotland Census Data



Tate

MAP: United States England & Wales Scotland



Number of Tate families  
 906 - 1,810  
 303 - 905  
 1 - 302

from the 1891 England and Wales Census Data

# Tait, not Tate is Scottish

By looking at the distribution of the name Tait and Tate; Tait is Scottish. All the listings on the Y-DNA the name is **spelled Tait, not Tate**, though **Tate** is known to be in common use by the listing above as **Tait (Tate)**.

All the **Tait/Tate** above are spelled as the Scottish **Tait**.

## The **Tate\Tait** Clan

[http://www.irishgathering.ie/clan\\_info.asp?clanID=1503](http://www.irishgathering.ie/clan_info.asp?clanID=1503)

### Clan History...

The surname Tate is thought to be an ancient Viking-Norse name with its origin in the old Norse word "teitr" meaning cheerful. The name subsequently became an Anglo-Scottish name. The name is recorded in a debt settlement in Scotland as far back as the fourteenth century and in Suffolk, England in the reign of King William 11 of England in the late eleventh century where in Feudal Documents of the abbey of Bury St. Edmunds, a record in the name of Ulric Tates appears.

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### Tait History

The surname Tait was originally a nickname.

According to Venerable Bede, in his book 'The Ecclesiastical History of the English People', Ethelberga, who was daughter of Ethelbert, king of Kent, she was also known as 'Tate' (feminine), and there are nine individuals recorded as being called 'Tata' (masculine) in Walter de Gray Birch's *Cartularium Saxonicum*.

In Old Norse the word *teitr* appears, meaning 'glad', or 'cheerful', and in the Icelandic manuscript *Landnámabók* the word appears numerous times but as an actual name, Teitr.

In 1329, there is a recorded payment by the king, either **Robert I** or **David II**, to Thomas dictus Tayt as a debt repayment.

There are several entries of payment of a pension recorded between 1362 and 1370 to John Tayt, a clerk, who seemed to have been connected to the hospital of Montrose.

In 1381, Alexander Tayt was recorded as being burgess of Edinburgh.

Adam Tayte, in 1424, was granted safe conduct papers so he could travel to England, and it is thought that he is the same person as the Adam Tayt, scrutifer, who was witness to a charter in Paisley in 1432.

In Edinburgh, in 1490, Andrew Tait was Master of the Flesher Craft, and a different Andrew Tayt was, in 1492, one of the preambulators of Yochry's and Achbrady's boundries.

A Robert Tait was recorded in 1531 as being a tenant of the land of Wydsyd, and Christie Tett and Dand Taitt were tenants of Kelso Abbey in 1567.

**TAIT!** an exclamation of remonstrance. "**Tait!** man alive, ye manna de that."

**TAIT, TATE, TYET**, a small quantity ; a small wisp or lock of grass, hay, straw, etc. "A *tait* of straw," a handful.

Northumberland words, Volume 2 By Richard Oliver Heslop

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587. At Lanark, 26 Oct.

A Letter of Acquittance, remitt and discharge made to PATRIK ERLE BOTHUILE, lord Halis, etc., direct to the schiref of Roxburgh and his deputis, and to the thesaurer and auditouris of the chekker being for the tyme: Makand mentiouin that forsamekle as the said Patrik erle Bothuile was adjudgit in the justiceare of Roxburgh baldin at Jedworth (22 Oct. 1498), in the soume of (550) lib. of usuale money of the realme, as plege for thir personis, ressavit be him in ane endentour fra oursoveranelordiscrownar to hafenterit to the said are, that is to say, George Armistrang, Hectouris bruther, Wilzam Elwald his mach,<sup>2</sup> Gerrard with the prik, with his sone, Henry Nicsoun in Larishop, Golfrid Nicsoun thair, Edward Nicsoun thair, David Crosar, Wilzam Elwald, Robert Elwald the king, Wilzam Elwald, Wilzammys sone, Johne Elwald in Thorleshop, Andro Elwald, Wilzammys son, Robert Elwald of the Lang-

<sup>2</sup> Cautioners, sureties.

<sup>3</sup> Son-in-law.

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halch, Johne Wighame alias Cok, Matho Crosar, Quintynis sone, Johne Elwald, Lowrence sone, Wilzam Elwald [alias?] Siders, Patrik Elwald, Gilbert Elwald, Nicholis sone, Henry Elwald, Rauf Elwald, Gilbert Crosar, Patrik Lauson, Ingrame Crosar, Wilzam Crosar, George Crosar, James' bruther, David Crosar at the Tempilhall, James Crosar alias Jak, Johne Crosar, Liell Crosar alias Schevill, Alexander Armistrang, Henry Nicsoun [alias?] Craksperre, Johne Nicsoun alias Johne Wilzame Nicsoun, Archibald Henrisoun, Gilbert Henrison, David Henrisoun, Wilzam Henrison, Robert Simson callit Smyth, Robert Elwald callit zong ridar, Wilzame Crosar, James' son, Edward Crosar elder, Robert Armistrang, Archibald Armistrang, Andro Armistrang, Androis sone, Wilzame Armistrang callit Slittrik, David Trumbull with George Trumbull, Hector Armistrang, George Trumbull in the Hermitage, Patrick Tayt,

The Hermitage was transferred from Archibald Douglas 5<sup>th</sup> Earl of Angus to Patrick Hepburn Earl of Bothwell.

This from my understanding was to lessen the strength of the Douglas family on the border. The Douglas family had owned Bothwell previous to the Hepburn, and this was an exchange directly or indirectly where Archibald regained Bothwell near Glasgow for the Douglas family, though the Hepburn retained the name of the estate and were referred to as Bothwell.

1516.

England, 30 June last, by Robt. and John Dalgles his son, **Dande** Tate his "mawghe," and others. (5.) Of Ralph Stroder, within England, 29 July last, by **Jok** Yong of Otterburn, **Jok** Yong of Cesford, Will Yong of the Spittell, Thos. Chambre of Levyngton, Tom Smith of Clifton, James Glenwhoom and others. (6.) Of James Hardy of New Cartington, Englishman, on — last, in England, by Robin Robson, Allan Robson, brother, Ralph and **Jok** Robson, Geo. of Fawley, Laird of the Wells, David Kirkton and others. (7.) Of — of Haltwesill in England, 14th Jan. last, by Will. Gawin, and Arch. Elwald, brother, Will Elwald, called "Sydears," Rolle, Hob and Wille Elwald son to **Jok** Elwald of Thorley's Hope, **Jok** Elwald brother to Will Elwald of Thorley's Hope, Will Nykson called "fingerless Will," Will Nykson of the Stele, Ector Nykson, Henry Nykson's son, Ingraham Nykson, Lyon, Croyser, and others. (8.) Of William Hopper of Unthank, in the lordship of Bywell, 12 Feb. last, by Wille Elwald, called "Sidears," **Jok Dande** and Will Elwald, brother, sons to **Jok** Elwald, David

Dande Tate his "mawghe" (best guess; bookkeeper/servant). Note the name Yong (Young) 1516.

et terram quondam Nicholai **Elwald** ex parte occidentali . . . annum redditum viginti quatuor solidorum et quatuor denariorum de tenemento nostro iacente in Vico Canonicorum inter tenementum quondam Thome Tynel ex parte orientali . . . et tenementum Nevini Gandow ex parte occidentali . . . annum redditum nouem solidorum de tenemento Johannis Wardene iacente in villa de Leith inter terram Johannis de Newtounne ex parte boreali . . . et terram dicti Johannis Wardene ex parte aufrali . . . annum redditum quinque solidorum de tenemento Johannis **Tait** iacente in . . . Leith inter terram Johannis de Barr ex parte boreali . . . et terram quondam Symonis de Hiltounne ex parte aufrali . . . et . . . annum redditum . . . duorum solidorum de terra Alani Napar iacente in . . . Leyth inter terram domini Roberti Logane militis ex parte boreali . . . et terram Alexandri de Prestounne ex parte

Registrum cartarum ecclesie Sancti Egidii de Edinburgh: A series of charters

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By St. Giles Church (Edinburgh, Scotland), David Laing, Bannatyne Club (Edinburgh, Scotland)

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**1498-99**

Above felt to be near Edinburgh.





The Tait (not Tate) family does not seem to have the strong associations to the Redheugh line like other names Scott, Armstrong, Kerr, Crosar, and Douglas, but it seems to bump shoulders with the family of Elwald, and seems to match the northern part of my Y-DNA.

Have covered family names with PSE (pre surname emergence), Gresham, Scarborough, Cave, Dennis and Fletcher, and have covered names with after surname emergence, which may spread name through association, by NPE (non parental events). These would be Armstrong, Scott, and Kerr, and Crosar it is felt that the Tait may a combination of PSE and NPE.