A major error was discovered in my Robbins lineage. My most distant known Robbins ancestor (MDKA) is now George Robbins (1640-1689). A majority of family trees list his parents as Thomas Robbins and Isabel West. A few list his parents as Robert Robbins and Isabel Croad. Finally, even a few list them as John Robbins and Anne (Hester) Pitt. None of these are correct.

There was considerable effort made to prove that Robert Robbins and Isabel Croad were not George's parent. I would have provided the link to this lengthy discussion, but that link is no longer active. Mainly, evidence shows that George and Robert were about the same age and possibly George was actually older.

Most agree that Thomas Robbins is the son of John Robbins and Anne Pitt. John and Anne would be too old to be George Robbins' parents. There is a document, whose link is also no longer active, but it can be found attached to various trees on Ancestry. It states

that there is no documentary evidence for any children Thomas may have had. That doesn't mean he didn't have any, just that there is no evidence showing who they might have been.

Most importantly, y-DNA evidence is the final and most definite proof that George Robbins is not only not a child of Thomas nor John, but they are not even related in the more recent time line. In the Robbins Group page on Family Tree DNA (FTDNA), there are 4 individuals who claim their MDKA is George Robbins (1640-1689). All of these individuals' y-DNA match, as expected. There are 3 individuals who claim their MDKA is John Robyns (b: c1391), again as expected their y-DNAs match. Thomas Robbins and John Robbins are known descendants of John Robyns. At issue is the fact that the y-DNA of descendants of George do not match those of John Robyns.

Unfortunetly, I had followd my Robbins pathway through Thomas and on to John Robyns. It wasn't a matter of a few individuals; I ended up

having to purge 1,520 names from my database. I apologize to those who have used my Robbins database in the past and have follow the same error I, and many others, have made.