   SEARCHING FOR ONE'S HISTORY IS ALWAYS IMPORTANT... AND FOR SOME IT'S TOUGHER THAN OTHERS.   
     I HAVE THE PLEASURE OF HAVING A A GREAT FAMILY HISTORY DETAIL IN PHOTOS, WORD OF MOUTH, BIBLE ENTRIES.  
  BUT THE TRAIL GROWS COLD AT ONE POINT, WHERE MY FAMILY IS FROM, BEFORE THE UNITED STATES.  
   RECENTLY, I GOT SOME ANSWERS FOR MY FAMILY AND MYSELF.  
  THANKS TO A DILIGENT COUSIN,   I HAVE BEEN ABLE TO LEARN A LOT OF INFORMATION ABOUT MY FAMILY.  
  I'M BLESSED WITH TO HAVE KNOWN MY GRANDMOTHER AND GREAT GRANDMOTHER ON MY MOTHER'S SIDE.  
   AND I HAVE PHOTOS AND PORTRAITS OF MY GREAT GREAT GRANDMOTHER, GREAT GREAT GREAT GRANDMOTHER AND \*HER MOTHER\* MY GREAT GREAT GREAT GREAT GRANDMOTHER- RACHEAL FIELDS... BORN IN 1810.  
  AND WE HAVE INFORMATION ABOUT WHERE WE'RE FROM ORIGINALLY -  GEORGIA...  BEYOND THAT THE TRAIL GOES DARK, UNTIL NOW.   
  RECENTLY I TOOK A D-N-A TEST  PURCHASED FROM AFRICAN-ANCESTRY-DOT-COM.  
    A SIMPLE 20 SWABS ON THE INSIDE OF EACH CHEEK WILL HELP DETERMINE MY FAMILY'S HISTORY. THE TEST TRACES MY MOTHER'S LINE THROUGH HER MOTHER, HER MOTHER AND HER MOTHER AND SO ON.  
"I have always my own speculation based on historical events of where i think my family is from...  again this will tell me where the family originated from in Africa... which country on the continent."  
  ONCE DONE, I SEAL UP THE SAMPLE, MAIL IT OFF AND WAIT AND WAIT AND WAIT - MORE THAN 6 WEEKS TO EXACT.  
 THEN THE DAY, FINALLY CAME.  
  "So I got home this afternoon, from running a few errands, and opened my mailbox and in  i find this. It's from African-Ancestry and  the results that I've been waiting for my DNA test for weeks... just talked to my photographer a little while ago about it and i was getting a little antsy and now they're here and  now i have to wait to open it.. so i can get the my response on camera... i suppose i could just this.. but my photographer has told.. forbid me do it without her being present, so I have to wait.”  
  
 SO, WHERE AM I FROM... GHANA..?  THAT'S MY GUESS...  
  
 \*\*\*PART TWO\*\*\*\*  
  
YESTERDAY,  I TOLD YOU ABOUT THE  D-N-A TEST  I PURCHASED FROM AFRICAN-ANCESTRY-DOT-COM   
   AND HOW A SIMPLE 20 SWABS ON THE INSIDE OF EACH CHEEK.. WILL HELP DETERMINE MY FAMILY'S HISTORY...  
 THE TEST TRACES MY MOTHER'S LINE... THROUGH MY MOTHER, HER MOTHER  AND SO ON.   
   I RECEIVED THE RESULTS.. BUT DIDN'T OPEN THEM UNTIL I COULD FIND OUT ON CAMERA.  
“And we're here at work.. and that officially had to be the longest  12 hours... i don't know how i slept. I am really excited about.. so i'm not going to belabor the point - we're gonna open it up and see what we've got here...  It is with great pleasure... that i report our matriclan analysis successfully identified your maternal ancestry.... and... we determine you share maternal genetic with masa and  mafa people in Cameroon...  I was soo off.  I thought it was Ghana all this time.”  
  AND NOW THE REAL WORK BEGINS, TO FIND OUT MORE ABOUT CAMEROON AND THE MASA AND MAFA PEOPLE.  
“I was a little shocked.”  
 FOR STARTERS, I TURNED TO THE PRESIDENT OF AFRICAN ANCESTRY-DOT COM GINA PAIGE.  
 WE TALKED FROM HER OFFICE IN WASHINGTON D.C.  VIA SKYPE.    
 “When you take this test, you think you're gonna get the answer to a question, which you do...  but then it opens up a whole plethora of additional questions... well what is the country  like what are the people like? what are the things are similar in my families traditions that are similar to their traditions.”   
  AND THE FIGHT TO FIGURE OUT MORE ABOUT MY FAMILY AND SHARE THAT WITH THEM.. CONTINUES...AND THIS CAMEROONIAN CONNECTION IS AMAZING START...   
“Cameroon is one of the countries we find the most often.. and Ghana interestingly enough is where we find the least often... so you're in good company in terms of your cameroonian results.”  
THE NORTHERN PART OF CAMEROON WAS AN IMPORTANT PART OF THE SLAVE TRADE NETWORK... WHICH EXPLAINS WHY MANY PEOPLE IN THE U-S SHARE THAT SAME D-N-A TRAIT...   
 AND FOR ME AND MANY OTHERS WITH THAT CONNECTION - NO MATTER THE COUNTRY OR CONTINENT OF ORIGIN- KNOWLEDGE IS POWER.  
“Knowing where you're from  is a critical component to knowing who you are.”