

Vance Y-DNA Project: Group 8 Overview

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Lineages

- William Shaw Vance (b.c.1817, Ireland)
- William Vance (b.1770, Ireland)
- Francis "Frank" Vance (b.c.1790, Ireland – d.Miss.)
- Thomas Frank Vance (b.Antrim, Ireland, prob. bef.1818 – d.Miss.)
- Thomas James Vance (b.1795, Ireland – d.1879, Miss.)
- James Alexander Vance (b.c.1755 – d.1821, Chester Co, SC)

Members

- 192176 – William Shaw Vance (b.c.1817, Ireland)
- 1812224 – William Vance (b.1770, Ireland)
- SOR6 – Francis "Frank" Vance (b.c.1790, Ireland – d.Miss.)
- SOR7 – Thomas Frank Vance (b.Antrim, Ireland, prob. bef.1818 – d.Miss.)
- SOR8 – Thomas James Vance (b.1795, Ireland – d.1879, Miss.)
- 188864 – James Alexander Vance (d.1821, Chester Co, SC) (Wm)
- N3804 – James Alexander Vance (d.1821, Chester Co, SC) (James)
- 105272 – James Alexander Vance (d.1821, Chester Co, SC) (John, William)
- 128853 – James Alexander Vance (d.1821, Chester Co, SC) (John, George)

DNA Analysis

DNA Results

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When compared on 34 markers or 67 markers, members of Group 8 are within a genetic distance of 3 from each other. This result is fully consistent with a recent shared descent in the direct male line. The group’s closest matches are with members of Group 1, but both SNP and STR results for members of the two groups indicate that they belong to different haplogroups entirely and haven’t shared a common genetic ancestor in the direct male line for thousands of years.

Since we have results from descendants of three sons of James Alexander Vance (hereafter referred to as JAV), we have been able to deduce his ancestral haplotype on 67 markers. It was identical to the haplotype of N3804, as depicted in the above chart.

Matches with Other Surnames:

This group is a very close match on 67 markers with a descendant of a certain George Hay, who married Janet Watson in Nairn, Scotland in 1777. Genetically the George Hay descendant is indistinguishable from this group of Vances. He and they also share a handful of rare repeat values, indicating a high probability of a relatively recent common descent. The Hay descendant has allowed his results to be incorporated in the Vance project; they are listed on the results page of the website as H1.

The lineage leading from George Hay to H1 runs from Scotland directly to Australia, whereas the earliest known ancestors in Group 8 lived in Ireland. Therefore, it seems likely that the common ancestor of Group 8 and the Hay man also lived in Scotland at some point prior to the mid-18th century, although it is possible that George Hay or one of his ancestors moved back to Scotland from Ireland.

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Observations on Marker Values:

Group 8 is characterized by some unusual repeat values, listed here in order of rarity:

481=24	6% of R1b
446=12	6% of R1b
572=12	8% of R1b
390=25	16% of R1b

Marker rarity was assessed using the late Leo Little's [survey of marker value frequencies](#).

Haplogroup:

H1 has tested positive for the L2 SNP, which defines a subclade of the U152 haplogroup, itself a subclade of the P312 subclade of R1b. He has not tested positive for the L20 SNP, which defines a further subclade of L2. H1's SNP results may serve as a proxy for Group 8, given their extremely close match on 67 markers and the high probability of a relatively recent shared descent. The International Society of Genetic Genealogy maintains an up-to-date SNP tree for the R haplogroup here:

http://www.isogg.org/tree/ISOGG_HapgrpR09.html.

Additional resources:

- P312 project: <http://www.familytreedna.com/public/atlantic-r1b1c/default.aspx>
- U152 project: <http://www.familytreedna.com/public/r1b1c10/default.aspx>
- David Faux database of U152 haplotypes, including L2:
http://www.davidkfaux.org/R1b1c10_Data.htm

Notable Findings:

It had long been thought by many researchers that JAV was a cousin of Patrick and John Vance of Chambersburg, PA, and David Vance of Mecklenberg Co, NC. This theory was based on a letter written by Patrick's grandson, P. A. Vance, in 1873, in which he notes, "Grandfather had some cousins, the most of them settled in South Carolina and some of their descendants lived in Carroll Co, Miss." This sentence was thought to refer to the family of JAV's son John P. Vance, whose family is assumed to have been the only Vance family in Carroll County, MS, during that time period.

Descendants of both Patrick and David are members of Group 1, indicating that a close genetic relationship in the direct male line between them and JAV is impossible. There are three possible interpretations of this:

- 1) In his letter of 1873, P. A. Vance may have been referring to some other Vances who settled in Carroll Co, MS, not to the family of John P. Vance. He doesn't mention any Vances by name, only that they came from South Carolina and went to Carroll Co, MS.
- 2) P. A. Vance may have simply been mistaken when he said that the Carroll County Vances were cousins of Patrick. His letter contains other errors which

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indicate that he may not have been a reliable source for information on some of his more distant relations. Perhaps there were other inaccuracies in P.A.'s account.

3) A third interpretation would be that JAV was a cousin of Patrick and David, but that his Y-DNA differed from theirs due to an adoption or some other reason.

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Genealogical Overview: An Investigation of Origins

Group 8 consists of three genealogically distinct groups:

- 1) 192176 and 181224, whose lineages remained in Ireland;
- 2) SOR6, SOR7, SOR8, whose ancestors all emigrated from Ireland to Mississippi in the 1840s, and whom traditional evidence suggests were closely related;
- 3) N3804, 105272, 128853, descendants of James Alexander Vance of Pennsylvania/South Carolina.

192176: William Shaw Vance (b.c.1817, Ireland)

Of all the Vances in the DNA project, member 192176 probably has the best claim to a descent from John Vance of Coagh, whose family figures so prominently in Balbirnie's work on the Irish Vances. Member 192187's lineages is as follows:

1. William Shaw Vance (b.c.1817, Ireland – d.1887, Kilkenny, Ireland)
m. Margaret Conroy, 1839
2. Thomas Shaw Vance (b.1845)
m. Williamina Balfour, 1869
3. PRIVATE
4. PRIVATE
5. 192176

Jamie Vans has theorized that member 192176's earliest confirmed ancestor, William Vance, was the son of James Vance of Summerhill, a great-grandson of John of Coagh. This theory is based primarily on William's middle name, Shaw, and the fact that James of Summerhill was wed to one Mary Ann Shaw. William's location also tends to support this theory. William died in Kilkenny, a suburb of Dublin, and was buried in Dublin proper, and James Vance of Summerhill was also based in Dublin. Since the link between William Shaw Vance and James Vance of Summerhill is based entirely on circumstantial evidence, more solid proof is warranted before making a final determination of William's descent from John of Coagh. It should be noted that there is support for this theory in the fact that the other Group 8 lineages who are able to trace back to Irish ancestors all trace back to an area without about a 20 mile radius of Coagh.

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181224: William Vance of Ireland (b.1770, Ireland)

Member 181224 descends from William Vance, who was born in Ireland in 1770. Though little information is available on William, more is available on his son James Vance (b.c.1799, Ireland – d.1867, Killygarvan, Donegal), and his children, all of whom appear to have been born in County Tyrone. In the mid-19th century James was living in the area around Inneval, Killygarvan, and Brigh, not far from Stewartstown. He may probably be identified as the James Vance who is listed in Cahoo in 1828 in the *Northern Ireland Tithe Applotment Books*. Here is a map of the area, showing Cahoo in relation to the locations associated with James Vance and his children in 181224's genealogy:



In the *Tithe Applotment Books*, a bit to the north of Cahoo a group of Vances is listed around the town of Coagh, and a John Vance is found in nearby Cookstown. In Coagh and the nearby town of Aghavea a William Vance was listed, perhaps the ancestor of 181224. Coagh and Cahoo are only 6 miles distant from each other.

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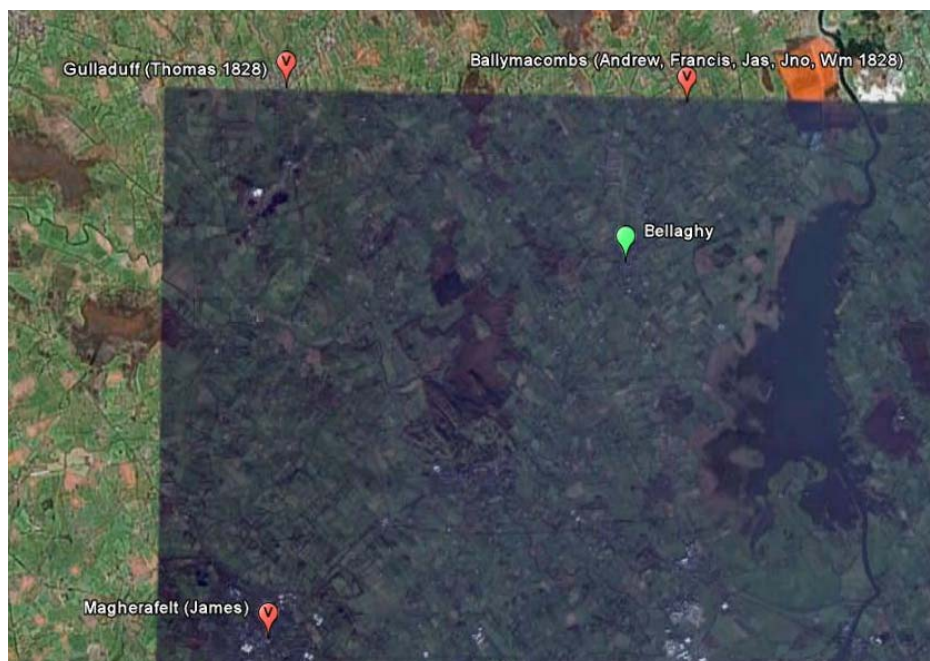
SOR6, SOR7, SOR8: County Derry, Ireland to Newton County, Mississippi

Members SOR6, SOR7, and SOR8 descend from men who were born in Ireland in the decade of the 1790s, who appear to have lived in County Derry, and who all moved to Mississippi in the 1840s, settling in Newton County.

SOR6's ancestor was named Francis, a relatively rare given name among Vances. Francis (or rather the shortened version "Frank") was also the middle name of SOR7's ancestor. These men may probably be identified with the Francis Vance and Thomas Vance who are listed in the *Northern Ireland Tithe Applotment Books* as being in County Derry in 1828. Francis was listed in Ballymacombs and Thomas in Gulladuff, and these locations are only about 4 miles distant from each other. Several other Vances were listed in this area in 1828/1829, including Andrew, James, John, and William in Ballymacombs, as well as a James in Magherafelt. The James in Ballymacombs or possibly the James in Magherafelt could be SOR8's ancestor, Thomas James Vance (although his first name was Thomas, he appears to have used the name James).

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The area around Ballmacombs is very close to the town of Bellaghy, which we know is the birthplace of Sarah (Vance) Moore owing to a Bible record. This is significant because, like the ancestors of SOR6, SOR7, and SOR8, Sarah (Vance) Moore also emigrated to Mississippi. She and her husband William Moore are buried in Kemper County, MS, adjacent to Newton County, where the ancestors of SOR6, SOR7, and SOR8 lived.

It should be noted that this area around Bellaghy, though in a different county, is very close to the area near Cookstown in County Tyrone where the ancestors of 181224 lived. Cookstown and Bellaghy are a mere 15 miles distant.

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In his work on the Irish Vances, Balbirnie provides extensive information on the families of two Vances who may be found in this area at a very early date: John Vance of Coagh (c.1735) and William Vance of Aghaveagh (c.1713). Given their locations, and the origin of several Group 8 Vances in the general area, it is natural to wonder whether Group 8 might have an origin in one of these men. As already noted, a connection to John of Coagh is attractive in light of what we know about the lineage of member 192176. A connection to William of Aghaveagh is also hinted at by the presence of the given name Adam among his descendants. As detailed below, Adam is a given name associated with the family of James Alexander Vance.

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N3804, 105272, 128853: James Alexander Vance (d.1821, Chester Co, SC)

James Alexander Vance's first confirmed appearance in the documentary record is on the 1790 census in Camden District, York County, SC. By 1800, he was in Chester County,

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SC, where he remained until his death. JAV appears to have moved to South Carolina from Pennsylvania some time between 1781 and 1786; this is deduced from the 1850 census, in which his son Adam listed his birthplace as PA and his age as 60 and his son William listed his birthplace as SC and his age as 64. Based on the birth years of his eldest children, JAV himself may have been born some time during the 1750s.

Adam Vance of York County, PA

Given that JAV named his eldest son Adam, many of those researching his origins have been attracted to any instances of the given name Adam among Vances, and Adam Vance of York County, PA, has attracted the most attention. The trail of evidence relating to Adam of York leads to evidence that strongly suggests a relationship between him and JAV.

The July 1994 issue of the VFA newsletter contains a few abstracts relating to Adam Vance's estate:

6 Dec 1777 – **John Vance & Benjamin Armstrong** made admrs. of **Adam Vance** late of Cumberland Twp., Pennsylvania. On special plea of Robt. Galbreath, Esq, for children Mary aged 10 yrs, Wm aged 8 yrs, Margaret Myers, & Sophia 2 yrs, Hans Morrison & Samuel Getty are made their guardians

19 Oct 1790 – [Adam's] daughter, Sophia Vance over 14 yrs of age chose **William Gilliland** Esq. for her guardian

13 Dec 1795 – Petition by William Vance eldest son of Adam Vance who died over 15 yrs ago, followed a few days later by death of wife. Their issue: William (petitioner), Mary married Benjamin Hutchinson, whose daughter is Mary Vance Hutchinson & Sophia married John Agnew. Father died owner of 600 acres which petitioner wants appraised. **Alexander Cobean** is guardian of Mary Vance Hutchinson aged 5 years.

The 600 acres mentioned in Adam's estate account were purchased by him in York County in 1772. Adam is presumed to have lived elsewhere prior to that time and another item from his estate file provides a clue as to the location. There is a letter in the estate file from William Clarke, dated 17 November 1777, in which Clarke notes, "Mr. Armstrong and *his brother-in-law* has a mind to Administron Mr. Vance Estate." The "Mr. Armstrong" is clearly Benjamin Armstrong, one of the administrators of Adam Vance's estate. Benjamin's "brother-in-law" must be John Vance, the other administrator. The letter was sent from Back Creek. Though there are numerous creeks of that name in different regions, the Back Creek in question has been identified as being in Cecil County, MD. This conclusion has been deduced from several Cecil County inventory records that serve to tie specific families from Back Creek to York County, PA. These records confirm the presence of a James Vance and an Adam Vance there in the 1760s and 1770s. A large number of connections are suggested by these records and these indicate that Adam Vance of York and Adam Vance of Cecil were probably one and the same.

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- William Calwell/Caldwell, Cecil County. £62.6.0; 9 December 1760; 18 February 1761. Appraisers: Samuel Bayard, **James Vance**. Creditors: **William Clark Jr.** Next of kin: **William Clark Jr. & Sr.** Adminsitrator: **William Clark**. (Liber 71, Folio 107).
- **John Awl**, Cecil County. £203.5.8; 13 March 1762; 1 September 1762. Appraisers: David Clark, **William Clark**. Creditors: Henry Lancaster, **Samuel Stuart**. Next of kin: **James Awle**, Sinclair Lancaster. Executors: **James Vance**, Mary Awle. (Liber 79, Folio 25)
- James Black, Cecil County. £66.7.1; 2 December 1762; 30 March 1763. Appraisers: **William Clark, James Vance**. Creditors: John James, John McCay. Next of kin: John Smith, Mary Lesly. Administrator: William Smith. (Liber 80, Folio 175).
- **James Vance**, Cecil County. £315.18.6; 23 June 1767; 25 November 1767. Appraisers: Bennet/Barnet Vanhorn, David Clark. Creditors: William McFarland, Archibald Douglas. Next of kin: **John Vance, Sarah Vance, Gracy Vance**. Administrator: **Adam Vance**. (Liber 95, Folio 91)
- Eleanor McCoy (wife of James McCoy), Cecil County. £524.9.7; 5 August 1774; 6 August 1774. Appraisers: Alexander Clark, Barnet Vanhorn. Creditors: Benjamin All, Richard Boulden Ford. Next of kin: Sarah McCoy, **Grace Vanes (?Vance)**. Executors: **Adam Vance, Benjamin Armstrong**. (Liber 116, Folio 331)
- **James Vance**, Cecil County. £94.17.1; ; 22 November 1775. List of debts. Administrator: **Adam Vance**. (Liber 122, Folio 324-5) [Note: this entry is a continuation of the probate records of James Vance whose inventory was recorded in 1767. It was common for lists of debts to be filed separately.]

Note that Benjamin Armstrong and Adam Vance were named executors of the estate of Eleanor McCoy in Cecil County. This is likely the same Benjamin Armstrong who was later a co-administrator of Adam Vance's estate in York County and who was named as a brother-in-law of John Vance by William Clarke. James Vance was an executor of John Awl's estate and James Awle is listed as next of kin. This James Awle is probably the Jas. Aul named among the Notes and Bonds in the estate record of Adam Vance of York. One of John Awl's creditors, Samuel Stuart, may be the Samuel Stourt listed among the accounts receivable in Adam Vance's estate. All of this serves to indicate that Adam Vance of York was most likely also Adam Vance of Cecil, and that he was tied to James Vance of Cecil County. Henry Peden's *Inhabitants of Cecil County, 1649-1774* reveals that James Vance was on the tax list in 1759, which is also the date of the earliest inventory in which he appears. He was a resident of Middle Neck Hundred, which was just south of Back Creek. Another resident of Middle Neck hundred, according to Peden's book, was Abraham Gonce; this is the name of the man who married Margaret Vance, a daughter of Adam Vance of York. Adam Vance appears first in the estate record of James Vance in 1767 and thereafter in records through 1774. His disappearance from these records around this time roughly coincides with Adam Vance's purchase of land in York County in 1772.

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The above records provide compelling evidence that Adam Vance of York and Adam Vance of Cecil were one and the same. What is unclear is exactly how Adam Vance, James Vance of Cecil, and the John Vance who administered Adam's estate were related. A John Vance was listed as a taxable resident of North Susquahanna Hundred in Cecil County in 1761, but I am not aware of further evidence of a John Vance in that county.



Cobean Connection

There is more than just the given name Adam to suggest a connection between Adam Vance of Cecil/York and James Alexander Vance (JAV). Alexander Cobean was named a guardian of Adam Vance's granddaughter Mary Vance Hutchinson. Given the rarity of his surname, he is thought to be related to a Thomas Cobean who owned property adjacent to JAV in Chester County, SC. (This Thomas had a son, Alexander, who engaged in some land transactions with JAV's son Adam in Chester County.) If the relationship between Alexander Cobean of York and Thomas Cobean of Chester were to be definitively established, it would provide good circumstantial evidence for a relationship between JAV and Adam Vance of York County, PA.

Sidebar: Gilliland-Ezekiel Vance

In 1790, Adam Vance's daughter Sophia chose William Gilliland as her guardian. In *Early Families of Frederick County, Maryland, and Adams County, Pennsylvania*, there is an entry for the family of John and Jane Gilliland. It notes that John and Jane settled in that part of Lancaster County from which York County, and later Adams County, were carved, that is, the same region where Adam Vance lived. [VFA, Oct 2001] One of their sons was William Gilliland (1753-1831), possibly the man who was guardian to Sophia Vance. William

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Gilliland's brother, Samuel Gilliland, married an Eleanor Vance, a name that has some resonance with the family of Ezekiel Vance of York County, PA:

Ezekiel Vance Will Book B, p. 156-157. Written 1 Jan 1768, probated 24 Mar 1768. Signed with his mark. Wife, Elenor, son, William, not 21 years of age, daughter, Ann, son, John, and if wife with child it should receive a proper share. Exec: Elenor Vance and Alexander Brown of Tyrone Twp. Witness: John Vance and Joseph Lawrence. Several sheets of inventory.

The tentative connection of the Gillilands with Ezekiel's family is strengthened by a deed from York County in 1795 in which William Vance (of Ezekiel), his wife Sarah (Moore) Vance, and brother-in-law James Moore, sell property that was adjacent to the property of John Gilliland, most likely either the original Gilliland immigrant or his son.

Ezekiel's relationship to Adam Vance or any of the other Vances in York County has not been established. It is only suggested by the possible connection of both Ezekiel Vance and Adam Vance to the Gilliland family.

McAnulty-McCullough-Egger Connection

An article by Janet Francis in the October 2003 VFA newsletter contains the following:

On 11 October 1777 William McAnulty of Chanceford Township, York County, PA and *James Vance of Cecil County, MD*, were bonded for 100 lbs; and letters of administration on the estate of Ann Savage, late of York County, were issued to Vance. William McAnulty, who later removed to Cabarrus County, NC, was a brother to Michael McAnulty, father of the Vance wives [Mary G. McAnulty and Isabella McAnulty, who married, respectively, William Vance and John P. Vance, the sons of James Alexander Vance].

This McAnulty connection further strengthens the link between JAV and York County, PA. In fact, there is a very good chance that the James Vance of Cecil County who shared administration of Ann Savage's estate with William McAnulty may even have been JAV himself, who is known to have been in Pennsylvania prior to 1781. The only other James Vance known of in Cecil County prior to this time (the one discussed above in numerous estate records) passed away by 1767.

Jan Francis discussed further connections between the McAnulty, McCullough, Egger, and Vance families in an article that appeared in the April 2001 issue of the VFA newsletter:

The will of Hugh McCullough of Reading Township, York County, PA, reveals that his daughter Mary was married to Michael McAnulty . . . Also named were Thomas Eager, another son-in-law. . . Michael's family were residents of Antrim Township of what is now Franklin County, PA, [Note: this is the county where Patrick and John Vance of Chambersburg were located] . . .

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. . .Of additional interest is the 1806 will of George McCullough of Little Britain Township, Lancaster County, PA, . . . among those listed with specific notations were George McCullough Jr., who married Mary Vance. . . and Mary McCullough, who married John Vance Jr. [this Mary and John Vance were children of John Vance of Chambersburg.]

By the 1780s, both James Alexander Vance and the younger namesake Michael McAnulty (son of John) had relocated to York County, SC. They became neighbors to each other and to numerous other families from the original York and Cumberland Counties, PA, including Robert and Samuel McCullough.

Adam Vance in Balbirnie

In William Balbirnie's work on the Irish Vances several Adam Vances are found and they are all listed among the descendants of William Vance of AUGHAVEA. Given that the family of 181224 appears to hail from that general area, and given the DNA connection between 181224 and the descendants of JAV, a common descent from William of AUGHAVEA is compelling. It is worth quoting Balbirnie in full on William of AUGHAVEA:

The next of the family we find proceeding out of Donegal, is named William, who was located at AUGHAVEA, Ballyclug, Tyrone, whose will is dated 19 April 1713; we expect he was George Vance of Raneel's third son; he left four sons, John, William, Adam and James. His second son, William, succeeded his father, who was succeeded by his son John Vance, of AUGHAVEA. This last had two brothers, David, who went to America, and was said to have carried the colours at a battle under Washington, and William, who married Elizabeth Vance, daughter of Oliver Vance, senr., of Drumhirk, near Dungannon.

The eldest son, John, of AUGHAVEA, had a son, David who emigrated to America; his wife bore him a son, born after his father's death, and named David. John's second son, William, and third, Adam, both went to America and had families; there were other two sons, John and James, who had no children, and four daughters, one of whom, Margaret, married Mr. William Brown, of Stewartstown, Tyrone, farmer and hotel keeper. He is dead many years ago, but his widow and their son, Samuel, carry on the business. . . .

The next record we have of the name is that of James Vance, Ballymacombs, County Derry, but near County Tyrone, granting a lease to one Winton; this James we take to have been the youngest son of the first William Vance, of AUGHAVEA. Ballycombs is said to have been a fine freehold property, but James the son the Successor of the aforesaid James, giving himself up to habits of dissipation, squandered his patrimony; James had three brothers, Adam, William, and Joseph. He had a son James, who in consequence of his father's improvidence, and his own reduced circumstances, removed to a place, called Ballyforlea, Parish of Derrylorn, County Derry, near Cookstown, Tyrone; he had also a brother, William, who lived at Suffolk, near Belfast, who had a large family

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– they are nearly all dead. This James had a son Robert, who bitterly experienced the effects of his grandfather's folly, having been brought up in poverty, if not privation, who in search of better fortune, went to Scotland about the year 1839.

The following family tree of William of Aughavea and his descendants may be constructed based on Balbirnie's account (those who were supposed to have gone to America are in boldface):

- 1. William Vance of Aughavea (will dated 1713)
 - 2. John Vance
 - 3. **David Vance (to America)**
 - 4. David Vance (born after father's death)
 - 3. **William Vance (to America)**
 - 3. **Adam Vance (to America)**
 - 2. William Vance (succeeded his father)
 - 3. John Vance of Aughavea
 - 3. **David Vance (to America)**
 - 3. William Vance
 - m. Elizabeth Vance (of Oliver)
 - 2. Adam Vance
 - 2. James Vance
 - 3. James Vance
 - 4. James Vance
 - 5. Robert Vance (to Scotland c.1839)
 - 3. Adam Vance
 - 3. William Vance
 - 3. Joseph Vance

There is no evidence to suggest that Adam Vance of York/Cecil may be identified with any of the Adam Vances in the above chart, though the coincidence of the name is suggestive.