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The databases of Family Tree DNA, the Houston-based company analyzing the CSUEB data, contain the genetic records of 63,000 people, said Max Blankfeld, vice-president of operations and marketing.

When the company first offered a home sample kit in April 2000, it sold about five a week, Blankfeld said. Now, it sells about 500 weekly — not counting the tests associated with the National Geographic Society's Genographic Project, an ambitious 5-year effort to "map humanity's genetic journey through the ages."

For those searching for long

Nancy Summerlin, an alumna of the university who returned to work on the project to see if her genealogical findings matched her genetic makeup, said she found out 31/2years ago that she had been adopted as a child.

Sure enough, Summerlin's genetic mutations place her squarely in Haplogroup V, the group thought to have migrated from Spain to Scandinavia, where she believes a great-grandparent had lived.