

ADMIN Tim23:50

Hi Toni! Saw your videos on Facebook. Looks like you had a great evening.

Lorna Wanstall23:50

Shame to waste good Coffe though drowning H8, but drown him certainly

Toni Mount23:50

just home from an evening speaking to the WI, but we are here, lurking

Wendy Dunn23:51

So - what's your favourite period in history, Lorna?

Claire Ridgway23:52

I'm going to be lurking tonight too, feeling a bit under the weather, so do excuse the lack of interaction this evening.

Wendy Dunn23:52

Good morning, Toni!

Lorna Wanstall23:52

well I suppose it's Tudors and Stuarts, but I do dabble in other periods as well.

Wendy Dunn23:52

I mean evening for you!

Elizabeth Goodman23:53

Hi everyone, my first time in a chatroom!

Lorna Wanstall23:53

Hello Elizabeth and Toni, and hope you start to feel better soon Claire

Lorna Wanstall23:53

hiya Doc

Wendy Dunn23:53

Oh - that's not good news, Claire! Everyone seems to be ill at the moment. I think it must be the overwork...

Wendy Dunn23:54

Good morning Elizabeth!

Toni Mount23:54

hi everyone

Claire Ridgway23:54

Mine's an ongoing battle with vertigo, must find out how the Tudors treated it!

Lorna Wanstall23:54

welcome Elizabeth always good to see new people and this is a great place to be

Elizabeth Goodman23:55

Thank you very much!

Wendy Dunn23:55

Lovely to see everyone here! And there is a doctor in the house. Hello Doc Clark!

Toni Mount23:55

trying to upload a video of this eveing where I disclose I had 'medieval tissues' in my purse - yes we all have colds too

Lorna Wanstall23:55

Yeah Vertigo isn't nice Claire I get it from time to time, my nortypiline usually sorts it out

ADMIN Tim23:55

Just a few minutes until we start tonight's chat officially.

Wendy Dunn23:56

Hope everyone will be feeling better very soon!

Lorna Wanstall23:56

there are a lot of colds about at the moment, doesn't help that the weather is so topsy turvy

Elizabeth Goodman23:56

Type two diabetes for me - goodness only knows how the Tudors dealt with that!

Claire Ridgway23:56

We're all just working far too hard!

Wendy Dunn23:57

Our weather has just started to turn cold.

Lorna Wanstall23:57

yeah know that feeling Claire.

Wendy Dunn23:57

I am actually happy about that. Our summer just went on and on...

Lorna Wanstall23:58

been a smashing few days here, bright sunny and warm, but it's set to change yet again over the week

Doc Clark23:58

Hi everyone. I might as well be down in Melbourne where Winter is on its way. Yesterday I drove through a snowstorm in the middle of Wyoming. Yep, Spring is sure on the way..

Wendy Dunn23:58

Well - here I go again. Thank you for joining for this chat on Sir Thomas Wyatt, the elder.

Claire Ridgway23:58

A big welcome to Wendy and a big thank you to her too for joining us and for her wonderful talk. The chat tonight is on Thomas Wyatt the Elder.

Lorna Wanstall23:58

Elizabeth my dinosaur suffers with that not nice

Claire Ridgway23:58
Also hello to everyone!

Wendy Dunn23:58
Thank you, Claire!

ADMIN Tim23:59
Can I start with a question about you, Wendy, and what you do at Swinburne University?

Wendy Dunn23:59
I suppose one question all of us would love to have answered is whether Thomas Wyatt and Anne Boleyn were in truth lovers.

Lorna Wanstall23:59
funny you say that Wendy

Wendy Dunn00:00
I do think there is enough evidence to say some of his poetry was inspired by his relationship with Anne – but whether it was a consummated relationship....LOL – I think poets are more likely to write in response to unrequited love...Does anyone have any thoughts about this?

Claire Ridgway00:00
Ha! Good question!

Claire Ridgway00:00
I don't think they were lovers, but I do wish that Wyatt hadn't been married and Anne had been able to be with him.

Sharon Conrad00:01
Unrequited, I think.

Lorna Wanstall00:01
yes I think I'm inclined to believe this as his poem will you leave me thus seems to indicate that he wanted to be more than just her friend

Wendy Dunn00:01
Oh yes! I feel the Tom I hold in my heart saying a big yes to that!

Claire Ridgway00:02
Do you read Whoso List to Hunt as suggesting that Henry's advances constituted almost sexual harassment?

Elizabeth Goodman00:02
I live halfway between Allington and Hever and it is really amazing to walk where they once would have walked!

Claire Ridgway00:03
How wonderful Elizabeth!

Wendy Dunn00:03
Do you read Whoso List to Hunt as suggesting that Henry's advances constituted almost sexual harassment?

Yes - very much so!

Lorna Wanstall00:03

Elizabeth I live just a few minutes drive from Rochester and I'm pretty sure they stayed there at one time, just as Aof Cleves did

Wendy Dunn00:04

Oh - how lovely to live near Hever and Allington, Elizabeth!

Wendy Dunn00:04

I have managed to get to Allington. Big sigh...

Wendy Dunn00:04

I have never managed...

Elizabeth Goodman00:05

I'm very lucky and also my kids love Hever Castle too

Doc Clark00:06

Wendy, I was fascinated to learn that one of your ancestors was associated with James Boleyn. What exactly was the connection?

Wendy Dunn00:06

So - what about these stories that come up...that Tom wasn't beheaded in those bloody days of 1536 because he had told the king that Anne was a 'bad' woman?

Elizabeth Goodman00:06

I am very lucky, and also my kids love Hever Castle too!

Wendy Dunn00:06

Hello Doc Martin!

Lorna Wanstall00:06

In a way hunt is right, Henry refused to take no for an answer and bombarded poor Anne with love letters and gifts etc, and eventually he did wear down her resistance, although it was purly on her terms

Lorna Wanstall00:07

I thought Cromwell stepped in and saved Thomas

Wendy Dunn00:07

My ancestors had land dealings with both the Wyatts (over at least two generations) and James Boleyn - Anne's uncle.

Claire Ridgway00:08

I'm not sure Wyatt was ever in danger, perhaps he was arrested just to make the case look good. I think his father's relationship with Cromwell helped.

Doc Clark00:09

What was his name? The reason I ask is my ongoing research on the Norfolk affinity, which the Boleyns and Wyatts were part of at one time

Wendy Dunn00:09

Yes - I think his father's long service to the crown, plus his friendship with Cromwell...

Sharon Conrad00:09

I never thought that was what saved Thomas. I always thought that Cromwell needed extra bodies in prison so he could say, see we let these two go. The others were guilty.

Lorna Wanstall00:09

What I find so romantic (loosely worded) is Thomas love for Anne lasted on through the next generation, i.e tom junior and Elizabeth

Claire Ridgway00:10

Yes, I think Page, Wyatt and Bryan's interrogation were all for show.

Wendy Dunn00:10

It is the Canham family, Doc Clark...Simon Cahham senior and junior...

Lorna Wanstall00:11

Yes I think you are rightt claire, Henry wanted to paint anne as black as possible and why no arrest a few more men just to hammer the point home

Wendy Dunn00:12

LOL. I was once in contact with a descendant of Tom's - and he was 100% certain that Tom really loved Anne.

Lorna Wanstall00:13

Do you think that the flowers left on Anne tomb every year are anything to do with the wyatt family?

Wendy Dunn00:13

He was the one that told what George Wyatt wrote, That Tom "could gladly yield to be tied forever with the knot of 'Anne's'"love"

Wendy Dunn00:14

Tom blamed his arrest in 1536 on the Duke of Suffolk.

Wendy Dunn00:15

Tom seemed to have hated Suffolk. I suspect because Suffolk used to add to the terrible stories about Anne Boleyn.

Doc Clark00:16

Was Nicholas Page also on Suffolks's hate list or did he land in the Tower with Wyatt for some other reason?

Wendy Dunn00:18

Claire! What do you think about Nicholas Page?? I don't know enough about Page to offer an answer...

Doc Clark00:20

don't worry about it, Wendy. I was just curious if there was a connection.

Claire Ridgway00:20

I really think Page was to do with appearances. He'd been a favourite of Cromwell's. His first name was Richard, I think. I think he just made it all look thorough.

Wendy Dunn00:21

I personally find it fascinating that Wyatt had a strong association with Katherine of Aragon, yet he became one of Anne Boleyn's people too... I think he would have been very conflicted at times - especially in the years from 1527 to 1533... What do people think??

Lorna Wanstall00:21

What exactly did Thomas take from Anne when he knew Henry was interested in Anne and why?

Wendy Dunn00:23

LOL! Is that question for me, Lorna??

Ceri Creffield00:23

Wendy, I think most people at the Tudor court must have been conflicted at times. There were so many different influences, factions and loyalties.

Lorna Wanstall00:23

Yes Wendy.

Doc Clark00:24

Wyatt would not have been the only person in such a position. Lord and Lady Morley were both attendants to Queen Katherine and yet were in the Boleyn affinity because of Jane Parker's marriage to George. Once Anne was gone and Katherine was dead, the Morleys became close to Princess Mary

Doc Clark00:25

Jane Seymour too was one of Katherine of Aragon's maidens and yet had to play that same role for Anne too

Wendy Dunn00:25

A jewel on a cord from Anne's pocket.

Lorna Wanstall00:26

But why did Thomas take it

Elizabeth Clayton00:28

Wendy, I really love the poetry in your novel, Dear Heart, How Like You This, which I am thoroughly enjoying reading at the moment. I wondered how much Thomas' poetry inspired you when writing your novel.

Wendy Dunn00:28

They were both wooing Anne at the time. The king had Anne's ring and teased Tom about it. That's when Tom brought out the jewel and measured the cord. "If it may like your majesty to give me leave to measure it, I hope it will be mine," Wyatt said!

Wendy Dunn00:29

Oh Elizabeth! Always love it when people tell me they enjoy my work!

Doc Clark00:29

I'm always amazed that Wyatt didn't lose his head over that jewel

Lorna Wanstall00:29

Yes Elizabeth I'm toying with the idea to use some of Thomas's poetry in what I'm doing at the moment

Wendy Dunn00:30

Now - Dear Heart, How Like You This? was utterly inspired by that poem I read out in the video.

Lorna Wanstall00:30

Oh I see so that why Anne came up with the non tagales motto

Wendy Dunn00:31

They flee from me that sometime did me seek,
With naked foot stalking in my chamber.
I have seen them gentle tame and meek
That now are wild and do not remember
That sometime they put themselves in danger
To take bread at my hand; and now they range
Busily seeking with a continual change.
Thanked be fortune, it hath been otherwise
Twenty times better; but once in special,
In thin array after a pleasant guise,
When her loose gown did from her shoulders did fall,
And she me caught in her arms long and small
And Therewithall sweetly did me kiss,
And softly said, "Dear heart, how like you this?"

Lorna Wanstall00:31

my keyboard is playing up again

Wendy Dunn00:32

Tom would love you to use his poetry! LOL. I always end up talking as if he is still around. Sometimes, I think he is!

Sharon Conrad00:32

I agree, Doc. That was a big mistake.

Elizabeth Clayton00:32

It is such a beautiful idea to delve into the mind which produced that poetry. I love it.

Lorna Wanstall00:33

I wonder what he really did look like

Wendy Dunn00:33

Hello Carl!

You write: Wendy, I think most people at the Tudor court must have been conflicted at times. There were so many different influences, factions and loyalties.

Lorna Wanstall00:33

he must have been extremely handsome

Ceri Creffield00:34

Wyatt's poetry has always been a favourite of mine too.

Lorna Wanstall00:36

Wendy do you think the flowers on Anne tomb every year are to do with the wyatts

Wendy Dunn00:36

There was so much happening in their society in period. The change from a catholic country to the new religion was more than huge. The change of queens. England was so close to another civil war - and I think we have to give Katherine of Aragon a lot of credit for that not happening,

Lorna Wanstall00:37

Yeah Katherine was pretty formidable.

Wendy Dunn00:38

Could be, Lorna! I know Thomas Wyatt has many, many descendants thanks to his son...

Lorna Wanstall00:39

Do you think Thomas loved Anne for the rest of his life.

Wendy Dunn00:39

Interesting question, Lorna.

Wendy Dunn00:40

My imagination would like to say yea, but he also was very committed to Elizabeth Darrell.

Ceri Creffield00:40

He did write that poem about travelling to Calais with Anne and Henry, following the coals that had been quenched - which suggests that either he had got over her or thought it prudent to pretend he had!

Stephen Sigler00:40

Well, I'll jump in here Wendy...from my 3rd great grandmother, Miranda Wyatt, who descended from the Wyatts of Virginia, Hawte and Francis, I have Wyatt the Elder as my 13th great grandfather. If you believe ancestry.com!

Lorna Wanstall00:41

i think he must of done

Wendy Dunn00:41

He would have married Elizabeth if he was able to free himself from his first wife. Also named Elizabeth!

Wendy Dunn00:42

I believe you, Stephen!

Doc Clark00:43

Wendy, do you think Wyatt's wife, Elizabeth Brooke slept with Henry VIII?

ADMIN Tim00:43

Claire and I joke that we should start a website called "RelateMeToRoyalty.com", which goes a few generations back of real people, then jumps onto another line and takes you to a random royal. But, in reality, it is likely that a lot of us are related to known Tudor people.

Stephen Sigler00:43

Along with many thousands of others surely, but pretty cool

Doc Clark00:43

there were rumours to that effect

Wendy Dunn00:43

Tom junior fathered a big family before he ended up losing his life under Mary I

Lorna Wanstall00:43

Ancestry .com is a handy little tool

Lorna Wanstall00:44

That's true tim..

Elizabeth Clayton00:45

Oh, that's exciting, Tim. Please start it up!! I would like to be related to a well- known Tudor lady!!

Lorna Wanstall00:45

I haven't gone into it much, but my brother has, and he's traced back to the 17th century thus far

Wendy Dunn00:45

Carl writes: He did write that poem about travelling to Calais with Anne and Henry, following the coals that had been quenched - which suggests that either he had got over her or thought it prudent to pretend he had!

Well - Tom was an excellent diplomat!

Doc Clark00:45

If you believe the way mitochondrial DNA statistics work, approximately 2% of the Earth's population is descended from Eleanor of Aquitaine. I'm sure similar statistics could be calc'd for Henry VIII too

Stephen Sigler00:45

Tim, I would say very likely.

Wendy Dunn00:45

I would like to be related to Tom Wyatt!

Lorna Wanstall00:45

but our surname my maiden name, suggests we are a mix of welsh and scotish ancestry

Doc Clark00:47

Such stats for H8 would have to assume that one of more of the Carey kids were his children....

Lorna Wanstall00:47

strange that since I'm writing about Scotland.. Maybe my brother might find out we are scottish Royalty, that would be funny

Sharon Conrad00:47

Was it Tom's wife, or a niece with the same name, Doc.

Elizabeth Clayton00:47

I love that you feel such a special, close bond with Tom Wyatt, Wendy.

ADMIN Tim00:47

It's the Careys that everyone is related to!

Wendy Dunn00:47

I do! LOL.

Doc Clark00:47

Now given how many Wyatt kids were born, it would be fun to do the DNA probability stats for Wyatt...

Doc Clark00:48

Which name? I'm confused Sharon.

Wendy Dunn00:49

Well - my particular theory is that my Canham ggggggg grandmother and Tom had a closer relationship than just land dealings...

Lorna Wanstall00:49

I believe that delaware is named after a boleyne/carey ancestor.

Sharon Conrad00:49

Elizabeth Brooke.

Wendy Dunn00:49

Elizabeth Cobham was Tom's wife.

Lorna Wanstall00:50

wasthat any relation to Eleonor Cobham

Doc Clark00:50

you know, folks like ancestry.com and wikitree are now doing dna testing for descendancy. you could always get your dna done, Wendy and submit it to one of the geneology dna sites to see if you had Wyatt descent

Sharon Conrad00:51

Now I'm confused. I thought he was married to Elizabeth Brooke.

Ceri Creffield00:51

To who would they compare the DNA though?

Wendy Dunn00:52

Sharon's right - she was known as Brooke. But she came from the Cobham family.

Ceri Creffield00:52

Elizabeth Brooke was his mistress.

Doc Clark00:52

I thought Elizabeth Brooke was Wyatt's wife? I guess I was mistaken. Sorry about that.

Ceri Creffield00:52

Or am I getting confused now?

Sharon Conrad00:52

Elizabeth Darrell was the mistress.

Stephen Sigler00:53

Lots of confusion here!

Doc Clark00:53

Wendy mito dna's would have to be compared to the dna of a Wyatt mother or daughter to show descent from a Wyatt

Lorna Wanstall00:53

Did Henry banish Thomas at any point whilst Henry was courting Anne, and what excuse did he use.

Doc Clark00:54

Didn't H8 send Wyatt off on diplomatic missions? I recall he got sent to Rome at one point

Wendy Dunn00:54

Elizabeth Brooke was the daughter of Thomas Brooke, who was Lord Cobham

Stephen Sigler00:54

How do you gather DNA from a long gone supposed ancestor without exhuming?

Sharon Conrad00:54

Thank you Wendy.

Wendy Dunn00:55

Which is why I had a moment of confusion...sorry!

Toni Mount00:55

IS ANCESTRY RUN BY MORMON CHURCH?

Sharon Conrad00:55

Wasn't there a younger niece who caught the eye of Henry. She was also an Elizabeth Brooke.

Wendy Dunn00:55

Tom was active in Henry VIII service from the time he was 18 to his death at 38.

Doc Clark00:55

You can compare to a known modern descendent and then look to see if the pattern "drift" is within the statistical allowance for descent through a given number of generations

Wendy Dunn00:56

Yes. You're right, Sharon.

Sharon Conrad00:56

I believe so, Toni.

Doc Clark00:56

ancestry.com is owned by the LDS mormons of Salt Lake City

Doc Clark00:56

genealogy is part of their religion so doing it right is really important to them

ADMIN Tim00:56

Toni - According to the internet, No, they are not run by the mormon church, but they have close links because they share a large amount of common information.

Lorna Wanstall00:57

He was still quite young when he died then

Doc Clark00:57

wikitree on the other hand is not run or owned by LDS

Wendy Dunn00:57

Lots of ideas to get my dna checked out! LOL!

ADMIN Tim00:58

Ancestry is a publicly traded company, not owned by any church.

Wendy Dunn00:58

Yes. Sad we lost him so early. So many poems unborn...

Toni Mount00:59

and they are collecting everyones dna

ADMIN Tim00:59

Well, it's the end of our time here. I would like to announce that Elizabeth Clayton is the winner of Wendy's book "Dear Heart, How Like You This?" - Congratulations!

Wendy Dunn00:59

It's 10am! Thank you for coming to this chat!

Lorna Wanstall01:00

Thank you Wendy I hope you have a good day. Please feel free to pop into our forum and make a comment on any post that tickles your fancy.

Sharon Conrad01:00

How old was Thomas when he died? Did he live to see his son's rebellion?

Lorna Wanstall01:00

Nice one Elizabeth happy reading

Wendy Dunn01:00

Didn't Elizabeth say she was already reading Dear Heart??

ADMIN Tim01:01

Thank you all so much for coming, and thank you, Wendy, for your time with us. As always, we had a fascinating chat. I'm off to bed now. Have a great weekend all!

Wendy Dunn01:01

Perhaps she would like a copy of another of my novels??

Lorna Wanstall01:01

Bed time Katt is biting my feet again, she always does when he wants to go to bed.. little minx she is..

Sharon Conrad01:01

Congrats Elizabeth. Take care everyone.

Ceri Creffield01:01

Thanks Wendy

Elizabeth Clayton01:01

Thank you so much, Tim. I am already reading Dear Heart on my kindle

Wendy Dunn01:01

Goodbye everyone! It was great fun chatting!

ADMIN Tim01:01

Ah - if so, then I can get her Falling Pomegranate Seeds. I'll email her to ask.

Elizabeth Clayton01:02

But it would be lovely to have a paper copy.

Mary Rutherford-Birkey01:02

Rats, got here too late. Hi Wendy and all. Take care!

Wendy Dunn01:02

The Light in the Labyrinth includes a scene with Tom!

Elizabeth Clayton01:02

Thank you for a lovely chat, Wendy.

ADMIN Tim01:02

Elizabeth - email me (info@tudorsociety.com) with your choice of one of Wendy's books, plus your postal address, and I'll get that sorted out.

ADMIN Tim01:02

Thanks Wendy, and thank you everyone!

ADMIN Tim01:03

Hi Mary, so sorry you missed things.

Thank you so much, Tim. Goodnight everyone!

Mary Rutherford-Birkey01:03

Me too Tim. No worries. I'll try to get to the next one. Everyone, have a great weekend.

ADMIN Tim01:04

You to Mary. Must go and sleep now, it is 1am here!

Wendy Dunn01:04

Hello Mary! So lovely to see you here! Until next time!