

## Vanessa Williams ancestry traced through mail-order DNA test

*The following is an excerpt.*

The project that first sequenced a human genome in 2000 took 15 years and cost about \$3 billion.

Now it takes six to eight weeks and costs as little as \$100. Takers include actress Vanessa Williams, who has a long interest in tracing her family history.

Williams jumped at the opportunity to try out genealogy website Ancestry.com's DNA test — a mail-order tube-and-swab kit priced from \$200 to \$350 that the company says offers customers detailed results in six to eight weeks. Dozens of other commercial labs offer similar testing, with prices from \$100 to \$400.

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