

Technology Enabled Collaboration for Genealogists

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DNA Tests

- Y DNA – Paternal (father's) line
- Mitochondrial DNA – Maternal (Mother's) line
- Autosomal DNA

Ethnicity Estimates

- Generalize thousands of years of migration
- Have changed recently
- They will be revised again

DNA Matches identify others who share DNA with you

- Close (genetic) relatives will share a lot of DNA
- Distant (genetic) relatives will share less DNA
- Unit of measurement: **Centimorgans (cM)**

In order to take advantage of DNA tools you need to upload your tree and link it to your DNA results

Ancestry DNA ThruLines™

- Identifies common ancestors shared by DNA matches
- Shows relationships from other Family Trees
- Suggests possible ancestors not documented in your tree

Benefits

- Automatically Identifies Common Ancestors
- Provides visibility to information in private (un-shared) trees
- Provides directed links into other trees
- Provides information about living descendants

MyHeritage Theory of Family Relativity™

- Similar to Ancestry ThruLines™
- Provides percentage of confidence for matches
- Graphically displays alternative relationships

FamilySearch

- Has a huge collection of genealogical records
- Catalog of information available for geographical locations
- Instructional information on how to perform genealogical research for just about any region or ethnicity you can name

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FamilySearch Family Tree

- Relatively new tool
- A “Crowd Sourced” family tree
- It is publicly viewable
- Living people are only visible to the person who entered them
- Anybody can add or change information

Advantages

- Suggests record matches as new information is digitized and indexed
- Allows you take advantage of research already performed by others
- Notifies you whenever changes are made to records you are watching
- Easy to share information with other researchers

Contacting DNA Matches

- **Warning:** They may not be as interested in genealogy as you are.
- Approach them as you would your first date
- **Your goal:** Get them to respond!

Tips & Techniques

- Use Notes to identify common ancestors and identify matches you have already investigated
- Use filters to identify records of interest
- Color code branches of your family (Ancestry.com)
 - Helps when looking at shared matches
- Utilize Match Tree Icon (Ancestry.com)

Finding Living People

- Google Images – <https://images.google.com>
- Been Verified – www.beenverified.com
- FastPeopleSearch – www.fastpeoplesearch.com
- TruePeopleSearch – www.truepeoplesearch.com
- Mylife – www.mylife.com

Fee-Based Search Tools

- Been Verified – www.beenverified.com
- Spokeo.com – www.spokeo.com
- Pipl.com – www.pipl.com

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Links

- [Ancestry.com](https://www.ancestry.com)
- [MyHeritage.com](https://www.myheritage.com)
- [FamilyTreeDNA.com](https://www.familytreeDNA.com)
- <https://dnainter.com/tools>
- [gedmatch.com](https://www.gedmatch.com)
- [23andme.com](https://www.23andme.com)
- [Livingdna.com](https://www.livingdna.com)

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