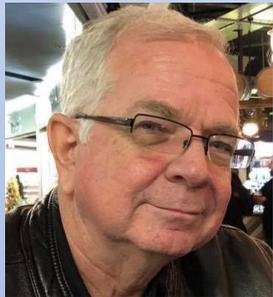


Let DNA Supercharge Your Family Tree!



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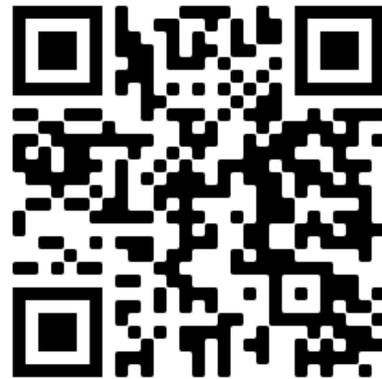
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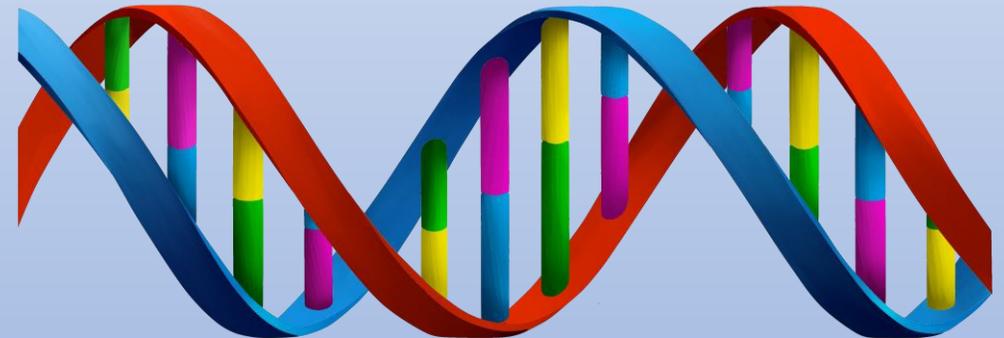
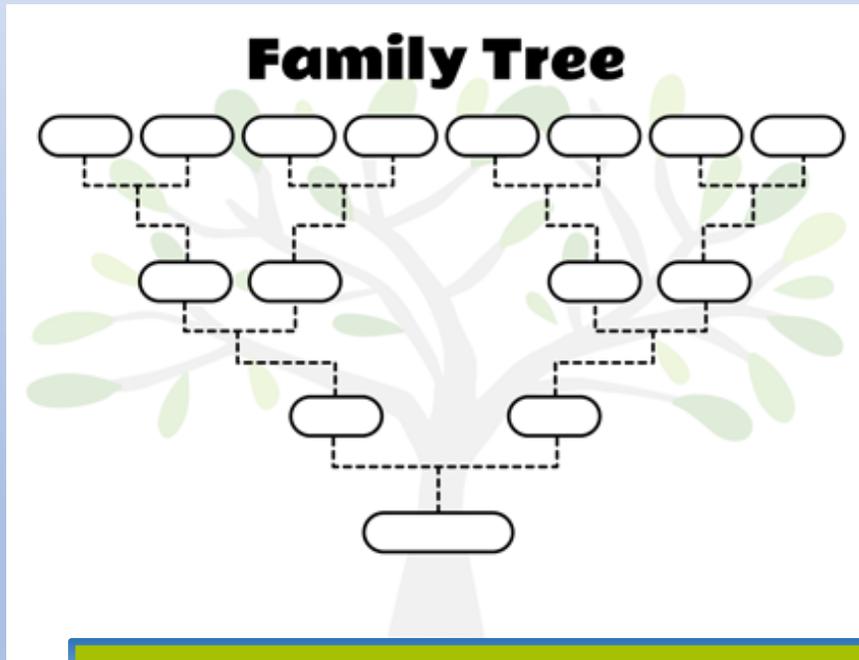
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Topics

- What is DNA?
- Why take a DNA test?
- What are the types of DNA?
- Where can I get a DNA test – what are the testing companies?
- What will I get once the test is completed?
- What 3rd party sites should I consider?

- UPDATE: Recent changes to the DNA testing world

What is genetic genealogy?



Combined Together --- A greater chance of success to solve your family tree mysteries.

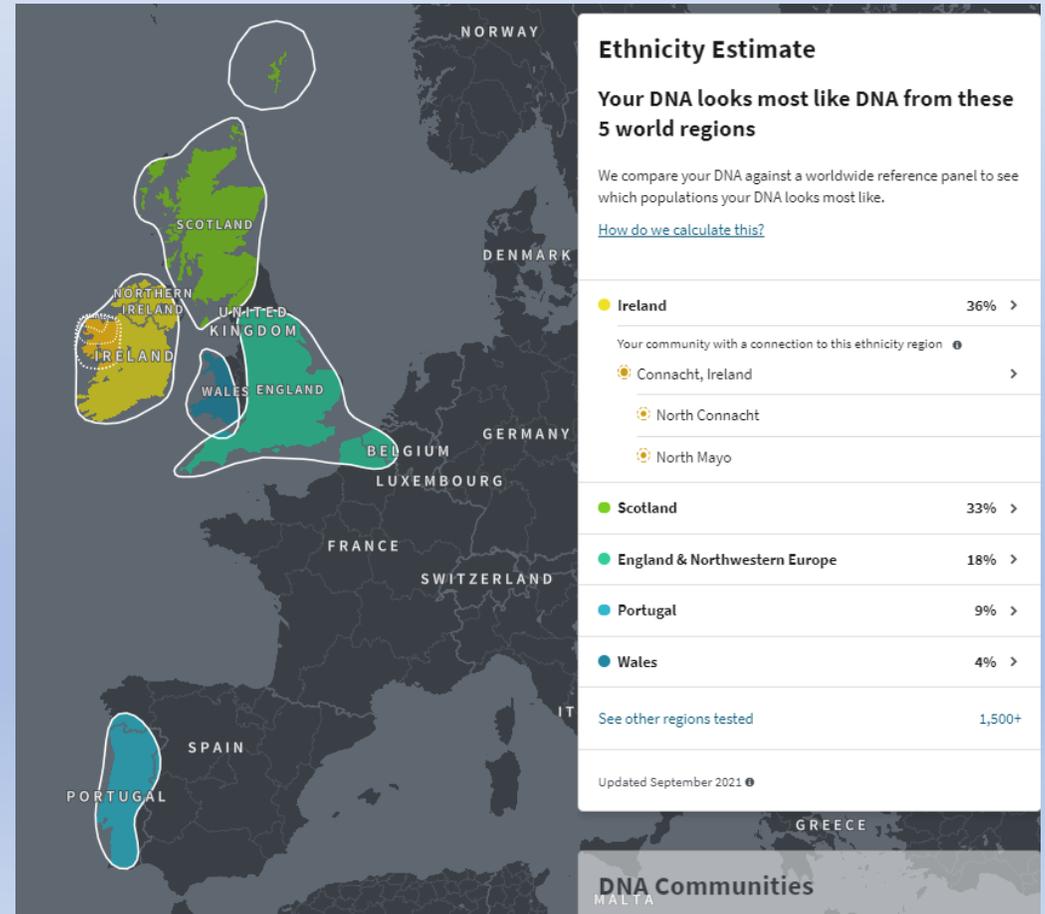
First step: answer some questions

- 1 Why am I interested in taking a DNA test?
- 2 What do I hope to get out of it? (any very specific goals?)
- 3 Do I understand there could be unsettling discoveries that come out?
- 4 Do I have the time and interest to pursue the genealogy aspect?

Why do we take DNA tests??

1. Curious about ethnicity

E.g., Am I part Native American?



Why do we take DNA tests??

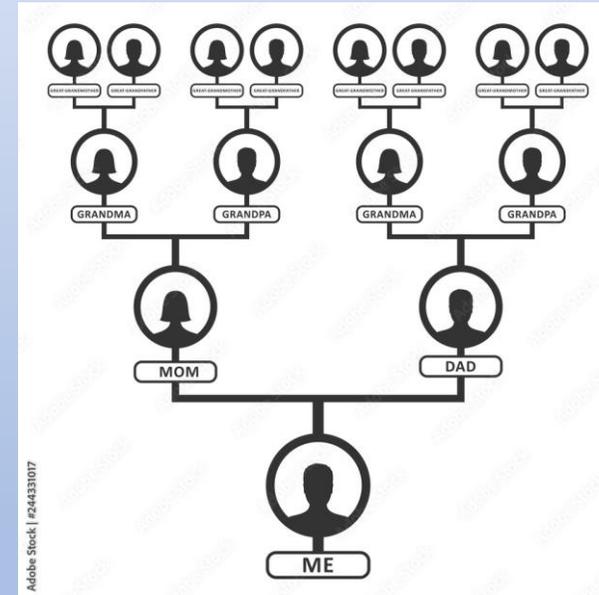
- 2. Curious about health aspects
E.g., Do I carry the BRCA gene?



Why do we take DNA tests??

3. Curious about relationships, i.e., Genealogy

- Unknown parentage (adoption, misattributed parentage, donor conceived)
- Find living cousins
- Help fill in (or confirm) family tree



Assuming it's to learn about family history or solve unknown parentage case...

- What it WILL do:
 - Confirm close relative relationships (e.g., parent/child, full vs. half sibling, etc.) if both individuals take test
 - Introduce you to an amazingly long list of potential cousins (especially for those with strong North American origins such as colonial roots)
 - For unknown parentage cases it's likely to provide valuable hints to help solve the mystery



Assuming it's to learn about family history or solve unknown parentage case...

- What it MAY do:
 - **WARNING!!!!**
 - Uncover dark secret(s) that may or may not greatly upset your family



Assuming it's to learn about family history or solve unknown parentage case...

- What it will NOT do:
 - Absolutely confirm ethnic relationships except in perhaps limited circumstances
 - Fill in all the missing persons (brick walls, etc.) in your family tree



The Time Aspect

- It's fine to take a test just out of curiosity – no real time commitment
 - Might answer a few basic questions for you
 - It really helps others who are using DNA to solve family tree mysteries
- Once you explore the results you just might get *hooked* !!!
 - Can often encourage you to spend more time exploring, especially in identifying those DNA matches and how that can help fill in your tree
- All in all, DNA testing is a wonderful tool to complement your family tree research



<https://giphy.com/explore/wonder>

Basics --- What You Need to Know About DNA

3 Types of DNA

- **Autosomal**

Most DNA tests are autosomal

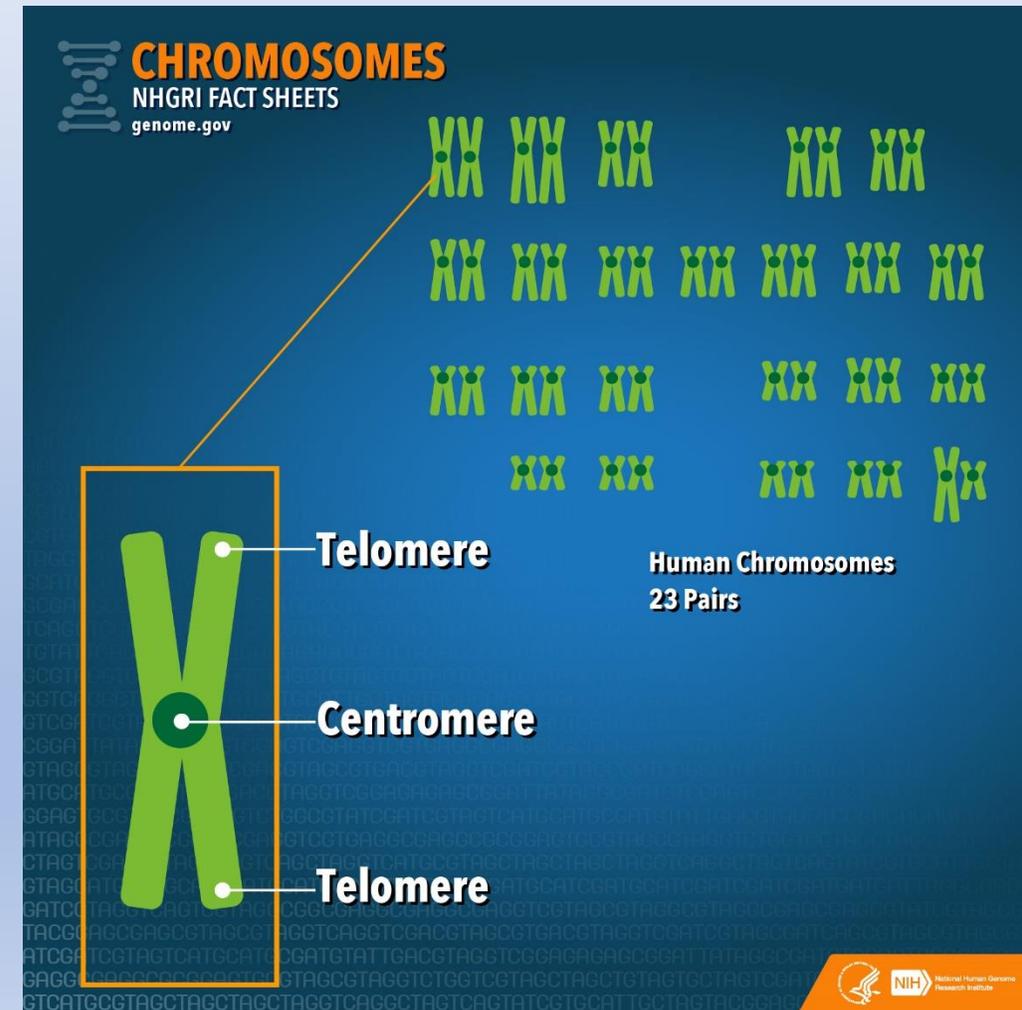
- 22 chromosomes
- + 1 sex chromosome “X/Y”

- **Y-DNA**

- **Mitochondrial DNA (mtDNA)**

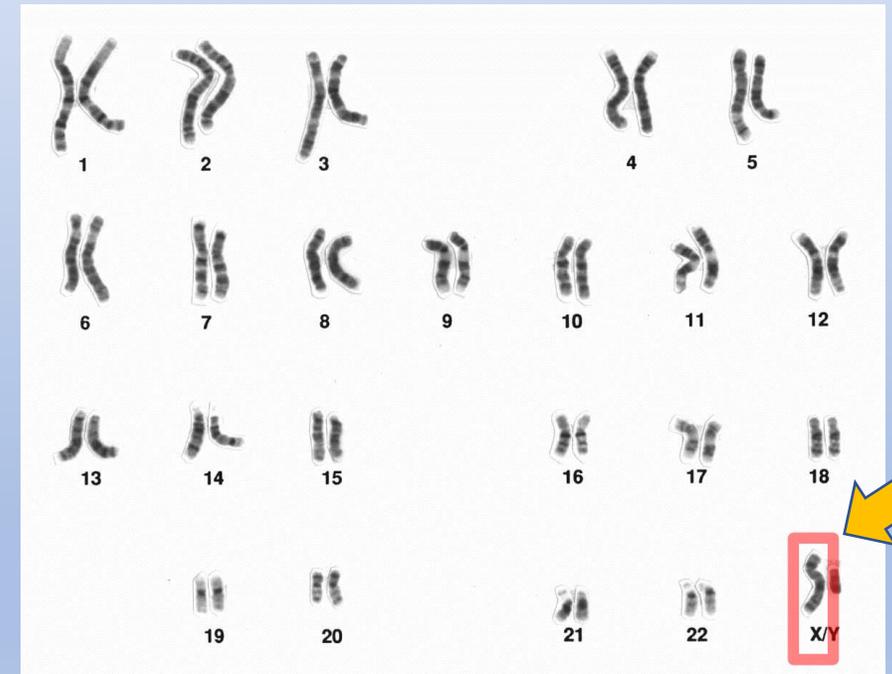
What is DNA? -- chromosomes

- We all have 23 pairs of chromosomes
 - The last pair, 23rd, chromosome is considered the sex chromosome
 - Women have two “X” chromosomes for this whereas men have one “X” and one “Y”
 - Chromosomes 1 through 22 are known as autosomes
 - Foundation of autosomal DNA, or “atDNA” which is the primary DNA used now by DNA testing services

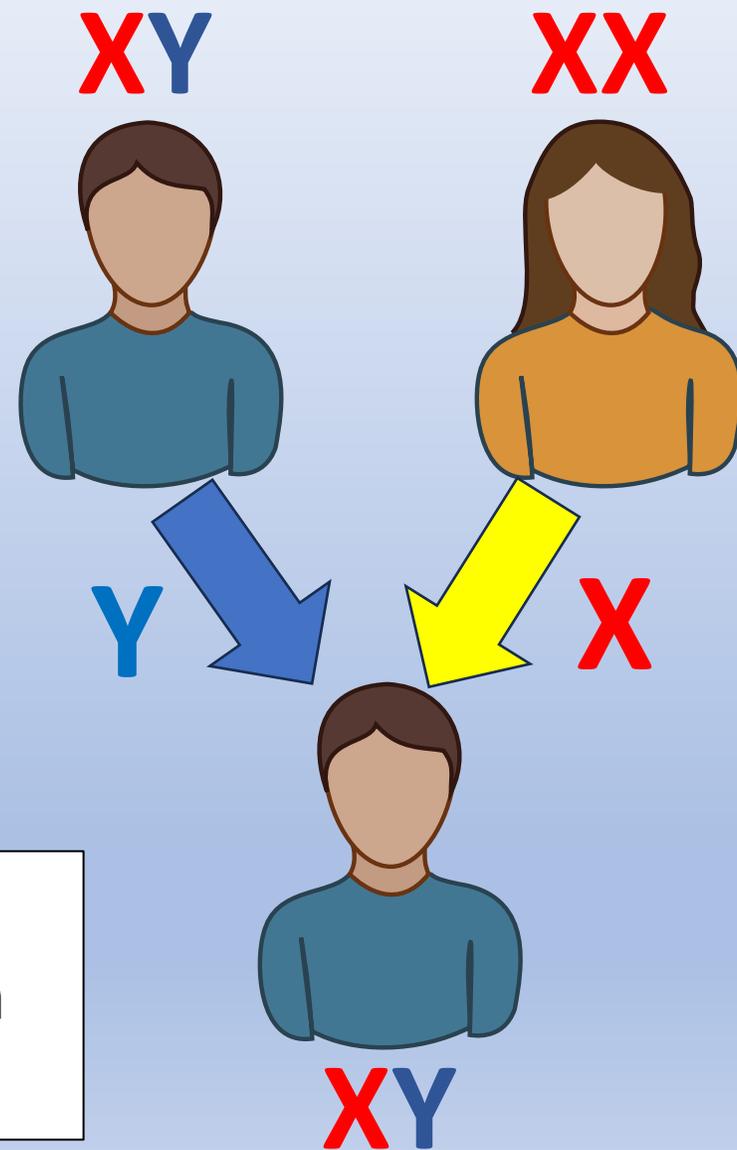
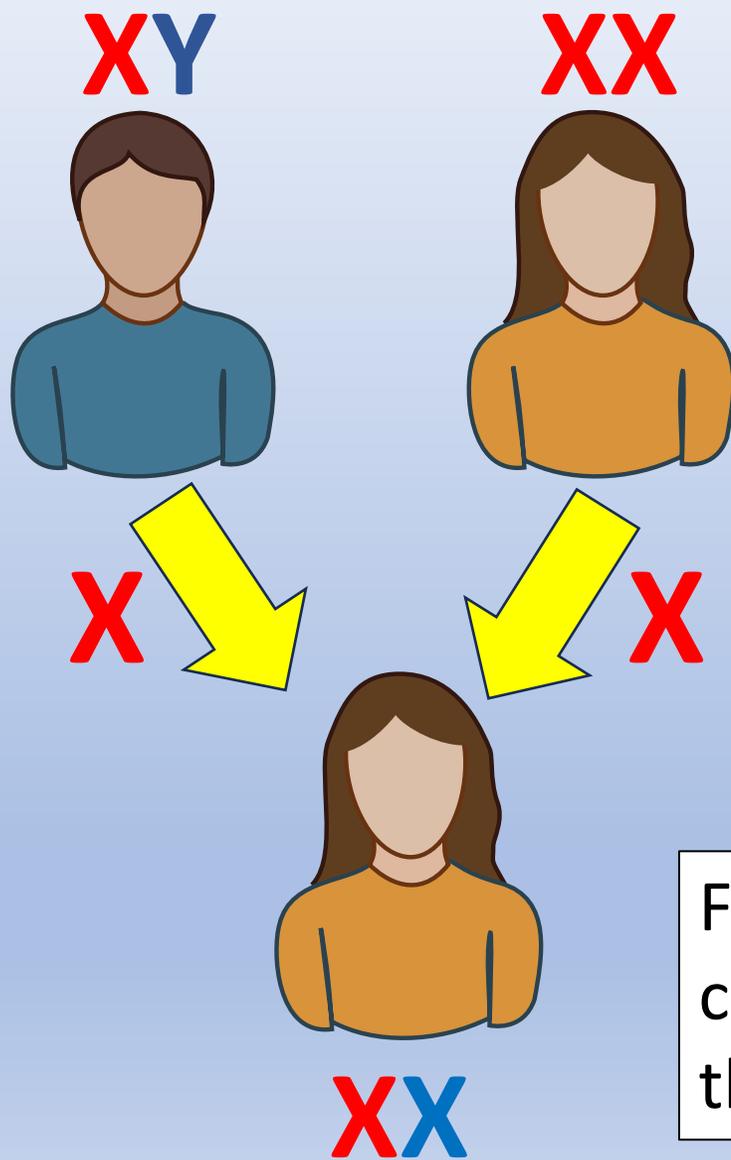


What is X-DNA?

- We all have 22 pairs of autosomal chromosomes
- One additional, the 23rd chromosome, is known as the "sex" chromosome and can at times be useful in evaluating a match.
- Females have two 'X' chromosomes (XX)
- Males have one 'X' chromosome (from mother) and one 'Y' chromosome (from father) (XY)
- **Important Note:** not all testing companies report X-DNA matches



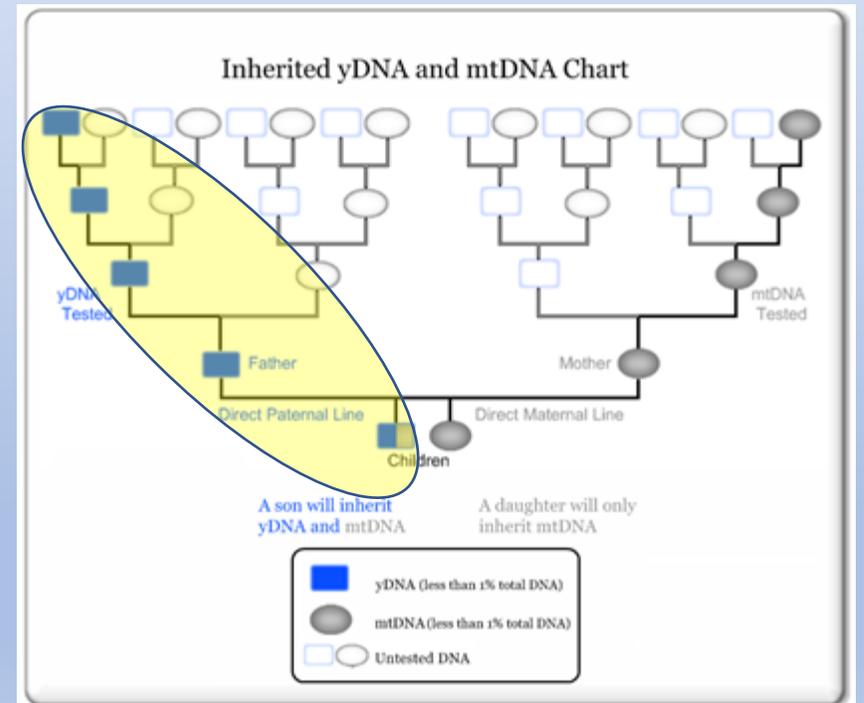
“X-DNA” Inheritance



For males, “X-DNA”
can only come from
the mother

What is DNA? – Y-DNA

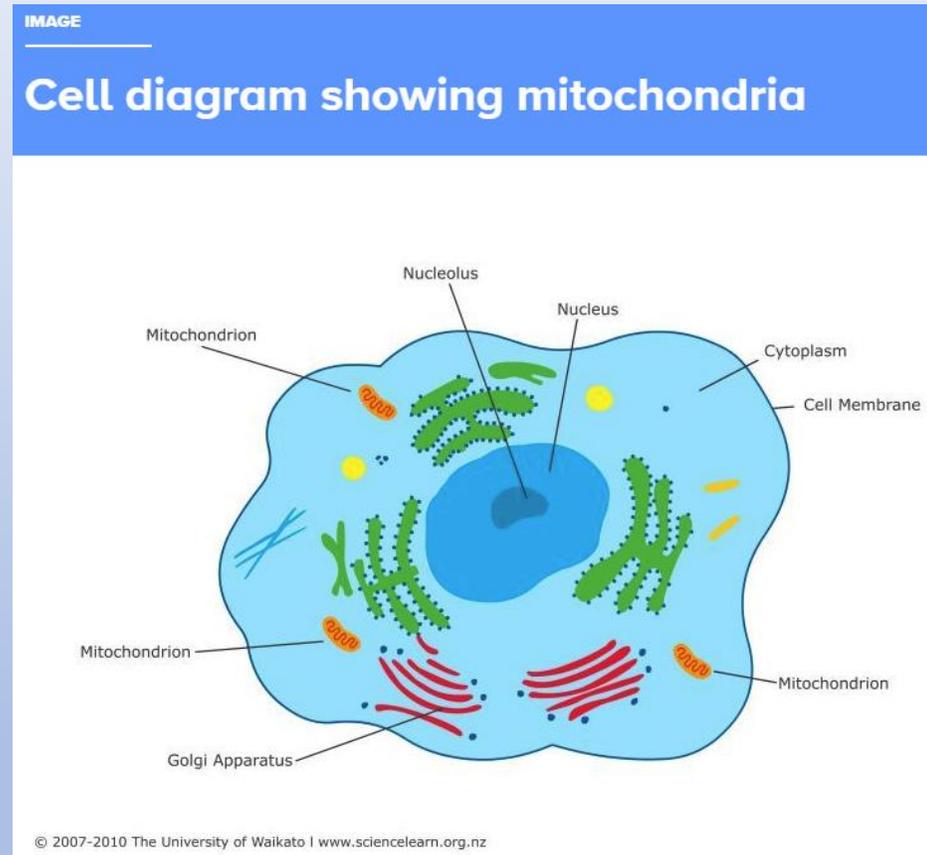
- ***ONLY*** found in males
- Only passed along the patrilineal line
 - Father's father's father's....[etc.]
- Females wanting to test Y-DNA should find a male in the line that they want to test (e.g., an uncle, brother, father, 1st cousin)



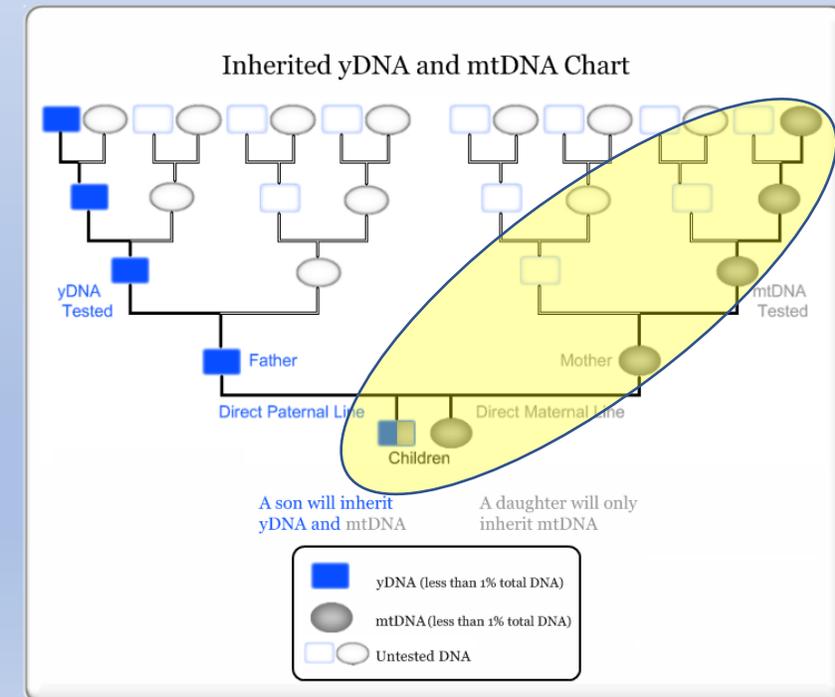
Source: <https://phillipsdnaproject.com/faq-sections/304-ancestor-dna-chart>

What is DNA? -- mitochondrial

- Located outside the nucleus of cells as part of mitochondria
- Males and Females both have
- Has unique characteristic of carrying deep ancestral heritage of matrilineal line
 - Mother's mother's mother's.....[etc.]



Tip: Mitochondrial DNA is often abbreviated to mtDNA



Testing Companies

Types of DNA tests

- Autosomal
 - The vast majority of DNA tests are this type
 - Relatively inexpensive (\$49-\$99)
 - **FOCUS of this presentation is on Autosomal**
- Y-DNA
 - Only used for male subjects and can find matches along the same patrilineal line
 - Can be expensive (up to \$300 for more precision/markers)
- mtDNA (Mitochondrial)
 - Can be used to solve matrilineal line questions
 - Expensive (~ \$200)
- Full Genome Sequencing (FGS)
 - New kid on the block!
 - More expensive (~\$1000) but cost is going down



Testing company options -- Autosomal

- There are 5 known and recommended companies at this time:
 - **Ancestry**
 - **Family Tree DNA**
 - **MyHeritage**
 - **23andMe**
 - **LivingDNA**
- There are others out there but not recommended for a variety of reasons



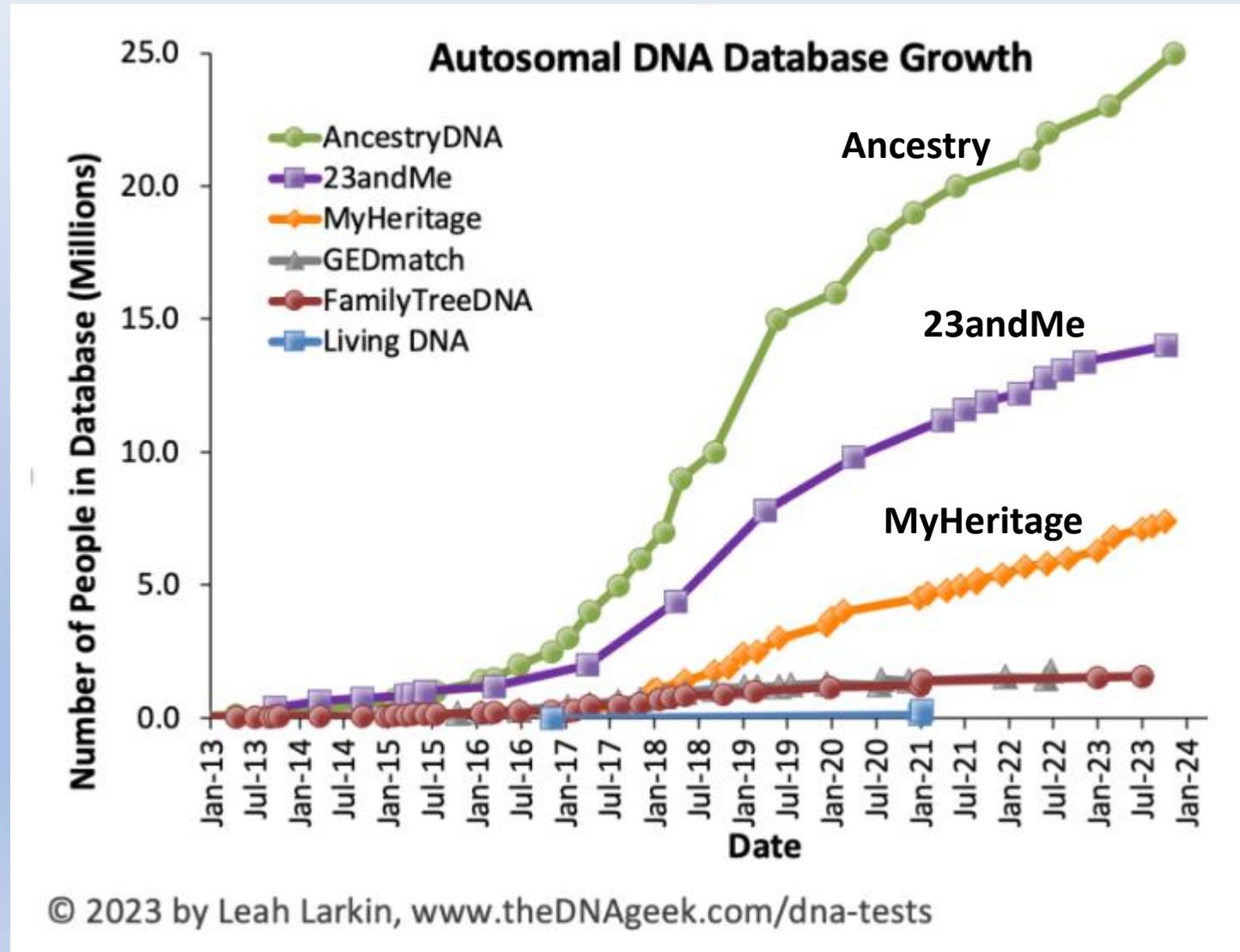
What to look for with testing companies

- What all 5 companies have:
 - Provide ethnicity estimates (emphasis on "estimates")
 - Provide a list of others who match the tester's DNA
 - Ability to download raw DNA data file
 - Test autosomal chromosomes (1-22)
- What some of them have:
 - Provide family trees for your matches
 - Provide health information
 - Ability to group matches that are common to each other
 - Ability to upload raw DNA data file from other companies
 - Test other aspects of DNA such as X-DNA, Y-DNA, and mitochondrial (mtDNA)

Comparative Database Sizes (autosomal kits)

- This chart shows the change over time of the number of DNA kits with each service
- The top 2 services do **not** allow uploads of kits from the other companies

TIP: your chances of finding matches will increase with companies that have more matches



Deeper Dive into the Testing Companies

For each company I will highlight pros and cons including one primary pro and con for each company

Aspects of Each Testing Company

- Ancestry

- Pluses:

- **Largest database of testers, over 25 million**
 - Excellent linkage to a wide array of family trees
 - Useful common ancestor hints
 - Good tools for sorting matches and viewing shared matches
 - Good detailed ethnicity estimates for some

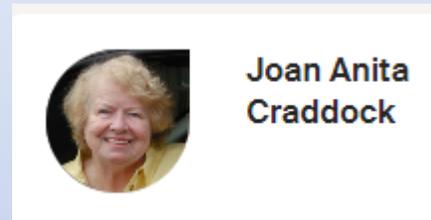
- Negatives:

- **No chromosome browser for advanced work**
 - No display of X-DNA matches
 - Will not accept DNA kits from other companies
 - Tester database is mostly composed of U.S. and Canada test-takers



Ancestry DNA Matches

- Each match includes:
 - Name
 - Relationship estimate
 - Amount of shared DNA
 - SideView estimate (maternal/paternal)
 - Tree, if available
 - Common Ancestor hint, if applicable
 - Tag Group designations (user controlled)
 - User entered Notes



Mother
3,474 cM | 50% shared DNA
Maternal side

 **Public linked tree**
2,843 People
 **Common ancestor**



 **Mother, 3474/46.**

Ken Waters's DNA Matches

View [DNA] Waters Tree Email:satwatcher.gen@gmail.com

All matches By parent BETA By ancestor By location

Filter by: Unviewed Common ancestors Notes Trees Shared DNA Groups Search | Sort

Parent/Child

	Mother 3,474 cM 50% shared DNA Maternal side	 Public linked tree 2,843 People  Common ancestor	View match
	Daughter 3,470 cM 50% shared DNA Both sides	 Public linked tree 2,843 People  Common ancestor	View match
	Son 3,486 cM 50% shared DNA Both sides	 Public linked tree 2,843 People  Common ancestor	View match

Family

	Brother 2,491 cM 44% - 51% shared DNA Both sides	 Public linked tree 2,843 People  Common ancestor	View match
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Other Family

	Uncle 1,583 cM 23% shared DNA Paternal side	 Public linked tree 2,843 People  Common ancestor	View match
	1st cousin 941 cM 13% shared DNA Paternal side	 Public linked tree 27 People  Common ancestor	View match
	1st cousin 716 cM 10% shared DNA Paternal side	 Public linked tree 2,843 People  Common ancestor	View match
	1st cousin 604 cM 9% shared DNA Paternal side	 Public linked tree 11 People  Common ancestor	View match
	Half niece 584 cM 8% shared DNA Paternal side	 Public linked tree 34 People  Common ancestor	View in tree View match

Useful Features of Ancestry DNA

SideView

Ken Waters's DNA Matches
View [DNA] Waters Tree Email: schwatdchergen@gmail.com

All matches **By parent** **IEEA** By ancestor By location

Updated Dec 2022

Maternal

16,621 matches

Last names in trees: Archer, Auld, Barnes, Craddock. View more.

Common communities: Missouri Settlers. View more.

Ethnicity inheritance: Maternal. View more.

Paternal

9,214 matches

Last names in trees: Lemos, Sylvia, Constanca, Avila. View more.

Common communities: Southwestern Quebec, New York & Vermont, French Settlers. View more.

Ethnicity inheritance: Paternal. View more.

Both sides

3 matches

Last names in trees: Abt, Allaby, Alilee, Alley. View more.

Why are some matches related to both parents? They could descend from both parents, be distant relatives who have segments matching both sides, or come from a small population (like an island) that both parents belong to. Learn more.

Unassigned

2,284 matches

Why are some matches unassigned? If a match appears in this category, it could be because their test was processed after our last update or because we don't have enough information to assign them to one parent or the other. You may see updates in the future, in which case some unassigned matches may be assigned to a side.

ThruLines

Filters

ThruLines®
ThruLines shows you how you may be related to your DNA matches through ancestors you share. You get ThruLines when ancestors from your tree are also in a match's tree. Pick an ancestor to see which matches descend from them. [Learn more about ThruLines.](#)

Parents

- Richard Joseph Waters, Father, 1919-1979
- Joan Anita Craddock, Mother, 1928-2015

Grandparents

- Joseph John Waters, Paternal grandfather, 1908-1965
- Caroline Margaret Sylvia, Paternal grandmother, 1903-1963
- Charles Noble Craddock, Maternal grandfather, 1905-1983
- Mardell Lillian Huntley, Maternal grandmother, 1908-2005

Great Grandparents

- John Waters, Great-grandfather, 1866-
- Irene Agnes Berkley, Great-grandmother, 1868-1907
- Joao John da Silva (Sylvia), Great-grandfather, 1845-1922
- Caroline C. Lemos, Great-grandmother, 1874-1913

2nd Great Grandparents

- Charles Noble Craddock, Great-grandfather, 1868-1950
- Mary Ellen Wood, Great-grandmother, 1870-1920
- Nellie Julia Spencer, Great-grandmother, 1878-1922
- Terence Waters, 2nd great-grandfather, 1825-1902
- Sabina Gallagher, 2nd great-grandmother, 1830-1901
- Joseph Mortimer Berkeley, 2nd great-grandfather, 1846-1880
- Mary Ann Wheeler, 2nd great-grandmother, 1848-1913
- Manuel Correia da Silva, 2nd great-grandfather
- Luisa Candida, 2nd great-grandmother
- Feliciano Machado De Lemos, 2nd great-grandfather, 1894-1904
- Deifina Candida San Jose, 2nd great-grandmother, 1843-1901

Tag groups

Starred matches

- 0 - Distant Saved Matches
- 1 - Waters/Unknown
- 2 - Berkley/Wheeler
- 3 - Sylvia/Correia
- 4 - Lemos/San Jose
- 5 - Craddock/Spivey
- 6 - Wood/Thurman
- 7 - Unknown/Unknown MYSTERY
- 8 - Spencer/Cummings
- Berkley/Berkeley line from DC
- Dad's non-Portuguese side (...)

- DI -- Mom's side
- Ferry/Elder on Spencer/Cumm...
- Inner Family
- Low matches (6-8)
- Mystery Network #6
- Mystery Network #7 -- Mom's...
- Mystery Shipp Network
- No idea---no shares
- UNKNOWN #9 Mom's Side
- Unknown Mom's Side
- Unknown Orphan Cluster
- Unknown WBW Stanfield/Ziegl...

Shared Matches in Ancestry DNA

- This, in my opinion, is by far the **MOST USEFUL** tool in Ancestry DNA
- Can help to quickly determine which line a DNA match falls into

The screenshot shows the 'Shared Matches' page for a match with 'S.R.'. At the top, it identifies the match as a '4th - 6th Cousin | Maternal side' with '< 1% shared DNA: 51 cM across 2 segments'. Below this are buttons for 'Connect to tree', 'Message', and 'Edit Relationship'. A section for 'Add/edit groups' shows a group named 'GM. Raymond,Schell,Farrell,Lander...'. The main area is a list of shared matches, filtered by 'Unviewed', 'Common ancestors', 'Notes', 'Trees', and 'Groups'. The list is divided into 'Distant Family' and 'Possible Cousins'. Each match entry includes a profile picture, name, relationship (e.g., '4th - 6th Cousin'), shared DNA (e.g., '41 cM | < 1% shared DNA Maternal side'), tree status (e.g., 'No Trees', 'Private unlinked Tree', 'Unlinked Tree', 'Public linked tree'), and a 'Do you recognize them?' prompt with 'Yes' and 'Learn more' buttons.

Match Name	Relationship	Shared DNA	Tree Status	Recognize?
[Profile]	4th - 6th Cousin	41 cM < 1% shared DNA Maternal side	No Trees	Do you recognize them? Yes Learn more
[Profile]	4th - 6th Cousin	29 cM < 1% shared DNA Maternal side	Private unlinked Tree	Do you recognize them? Yes Learn more
[Profile]	4th - 6th Cousin	34 cM < 1% shared DNA Maternal side	Unlinked Tree	Do you recognize them? Yes Learn more
[Profile]	4th - 6th Cousin	29 cM < 1% shared DNA Maternal side	Unlinked Tree	Do you recognize them? Yes Learn more
[Profile]	4th - 6th Cousin	29 cM < 1% shared DNA Maternal side	Unlinked Tree	Do you recognize them? Yes Learn more
[Profile]	4th - 6th Cousin	29 cM < 1% shared DNA Maternal side	Public linked tree 4 People	Do you recognize them? Yes Learn more
[Profile]	4th - 6th Cousin	29 cM < 1% shared DNA Maternal side	Public linked tree 45 People	Do you recognize them? Yes Learn more

Aspects of Each Testing Company

- 23andMe
 - Pluses:
 - **Large database of testers (> 12 million), many not available at other testing companies**
 - Chromosome browser
 - Upgrade to health aspects for those interested
 - Negatives:
 - **Complicated process to share data with DNA matches**
 - No genealogy research database
 - Most kits will be limited to 1,500 closest matches, thus not revealing more distant matches
 - Will not accept DNA kits from other companies



TIP: I found 3 unknown 2nd cousins on 23andMe! 2 of them were adoptees with unknown parentage which I helped them solve

23 and Me Matches

- Name
- Amount of Shared DNA (using % rather than centiMorgans)
- Relationship estimate

DNA Relatives

Get started with your predicted relationships, then connect and message to learn more.

Filters Showing 1503 of 1503 relatives Sort by Strength of Relationship

Search keywords
Name, location, notes

Reset

Notifications

Profile features and activity

Mother's side/Father's side

Ancestor birthplaces

Connections

Family names

☆	MC	Michelle Chapman	1st Cousin 12.88% DNA shared, 28 segments Connected
★	MH	Michelle Hanson	1st Cousin, Once Removed 5.04% DNA shared, 15 segments
☆	DT	David Taylor	1st Cousin, Once Removed 3.10% DNA shared, 9 segments Invitation sent
☆	CR	Chris	2nd Cousin 3.37% DNA shared, 13 segments Invitation sent
☆	TW	Teresa Williams	2nd Cousin 3.23% DNA shared, 12 segments Invitation sent
☆	SM	Steve Morgan	2nd Cousin 3.09% DNA shared, 15 segments Connected
☆	ME	Michelle Mendenhall	2nd Cousin 2.84% DNA shared, 12 segments Connected
☆		Michelle Spivey (Lambert)	2nd Cousin 2.68% DNA shared, 10 segments Connected
★	HS	Helen Hutchinson	2nd Cousin 2.55% DNA shared, 7 segments Connected
☆		Heather Thomas	2nd Cousin 2.41% DNA shared, 9 segments Connected
☆	FB	Frank Bailey	2nd Cousin, Once Removed 2.59% DNA shared, 8 segments Invitation sent
☆	CW	Christina Williams	2nd Cousin, Once Removed 2.25% DNA shared, 7 segments Invitation sent

23 and Me Matches in Common

- Relatives in Common can be very instrumental to determining how you are related to a match

You have Relatives in Common
Each Relative in Common shares at least one small segment of DNA with Michael.

Relative in common	You	Michael	DNA Overlap ⓘ
 MH William Thomas	1st Cousin, Once Removed (5.04)	Distant Cousin (0.08)	No
 CR LH	2nd Cousin (3.37)	Sister (49.67)	Request sent
 Relative Walter Thomas	2nd Cousin (2.41)	3rd Cousin (1.55)	Yes
 CW Charles Wilkinson	2nd Cousin, Once Removed (2.25)	3rd Cousin (1.14)	Request sent
 Relative Linda Miller (Smith)	2nd Cousin, Once Removed (2.19)	Daughter (50.00)	Yes
 BV Barbara Bennett	3rd Cousin (1.01)	3rd Cousin (0.85)	Yes
 DH Henry Miller	3rd Cousin (0.90)	5th Cousin (0.11)	Yes
 JM James Murray	3rd Cousin (0.78)	3rd Cousin (0.62)	Yes
 LV Linda Wilkinson	3rd Cousin (0.67)	4th Cousin (0.45)	Yes
 LA Linda Miller	3rd Cousin (0.66)	4th Cousin (0.41)	Yes

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 Next >

Aspects of Each Testing Company

- FamilyTreeDNA

- Pluses:

- **Ability to re-use DNA sample on other types of test**
 - Rich, long history of working with DNA
 - The “go to” site for testing Y-DNA and mtDNA
 - Chromosome browser
 - Allows uploads from other testing companies

- Negatives:

- **Relatively small database**
 - No genealogy research facilities
 - No capability to manage more than one kit in a single account



Matches in FamilyTreeDNA

- Names
- Estimated relationship
- Shared DNA
- If an “X” match

Family Finder Matches ? Help

All Matches Detail View Table View Exact Search Search All

All (5317) Paternal (674) Maternal (2751) Both (4) Filter Sort by Export CSV

Calculating Family Matching...

Waters							
Ancestral Surnames Not Provided	Haplogroup Y-DNA: N/A mtDNA: N/A	Relationship Range Parent/Child Link on Family Tree	Shared DNA 3565 cM	Longest Block 284 cM	X Match No Match	Match date: May 12 2021	
Joan Waters							
Ancestral Surnames Not Provided	Haplogroup mtDNA: N/A	Relationship Range Parent/Child MOTHER	Shared DNA 3565 cM	Longest Block 284 cM	X Match 181 cM	Match date: May 12 2021	
Waters							
Ancestral Surnames Not Provided	Haplogroup mtDNA: N/A	Relationship Range Parent/Child Link on Family Tree	Shared DNA 3557 cM	Longest Block 284 cM	X Match 181 cM	Match date: May 12 2021	
Waters							
Ancestral Surnames Not Provided	Haplogroup Y-DNA: N/A mtDNA: N/A	Relationship Range Full Sibling Link on Family Tree	Shared DNA 2634 cM	Longest Block 198 cM	X Match 122 cM	Match date: May 12 2021	
Ernest Waters							
Ancestral Surnames Not Provided	Haplogroup Y-DNA: N/A mtDNA: N/A	Relationship Range Half Sibling, Uncle/Aunt/Niece/Neph... UNCLE	Shared DNA 1655 cM	Longest Block 168 cM	X Match No Match	Match date: May 12 2021	
Waters							
Ancestral Surnames Not Provided	Haplogroup Y-DNA: N/A mtDNA: N/A	Relationship Range 1st Cousin - 2nd Cousin, Great/Half... Link on Family Tree	Shared DNA 767 cM	Longest Block 129 cM	X Match No Match	Match date: May 14 2021	
Donna							
Ancestral Surnames Not Provided	Haplogroup mtDNA: N/A	Relationship Range 1st Cousin - 2nd Cousin, Great/Half... Link on Family Tree	Shared DNA 624 cM	Longest Block 88 cM	X Match No Match	Match date: May 14 2021	
June							
Ancestral Surnames Not Provided	Haplogroup mtDNA: N/A	Relationship Range 1st Cousin - 2nd Cousin, Great/Half... Link on Family Tree	Shared DNA 444 cM	Longest Block 69 cM	X Match No Match	Match date: May 12 2021	

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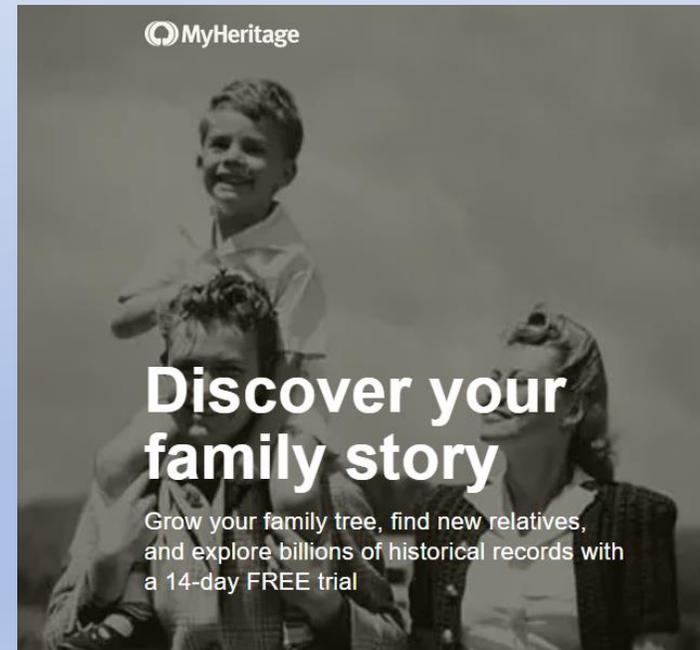
- MyHeritage

- Pluses:

- **Powerful shared matches capabilities**
 - Best chance to find European DNA test takers
 - Robust tools such as auto-cluster available with upgrade
 - Excellent Chromosome browser
 - Genealogy research facilities
 - Allows uploads from other testing companies

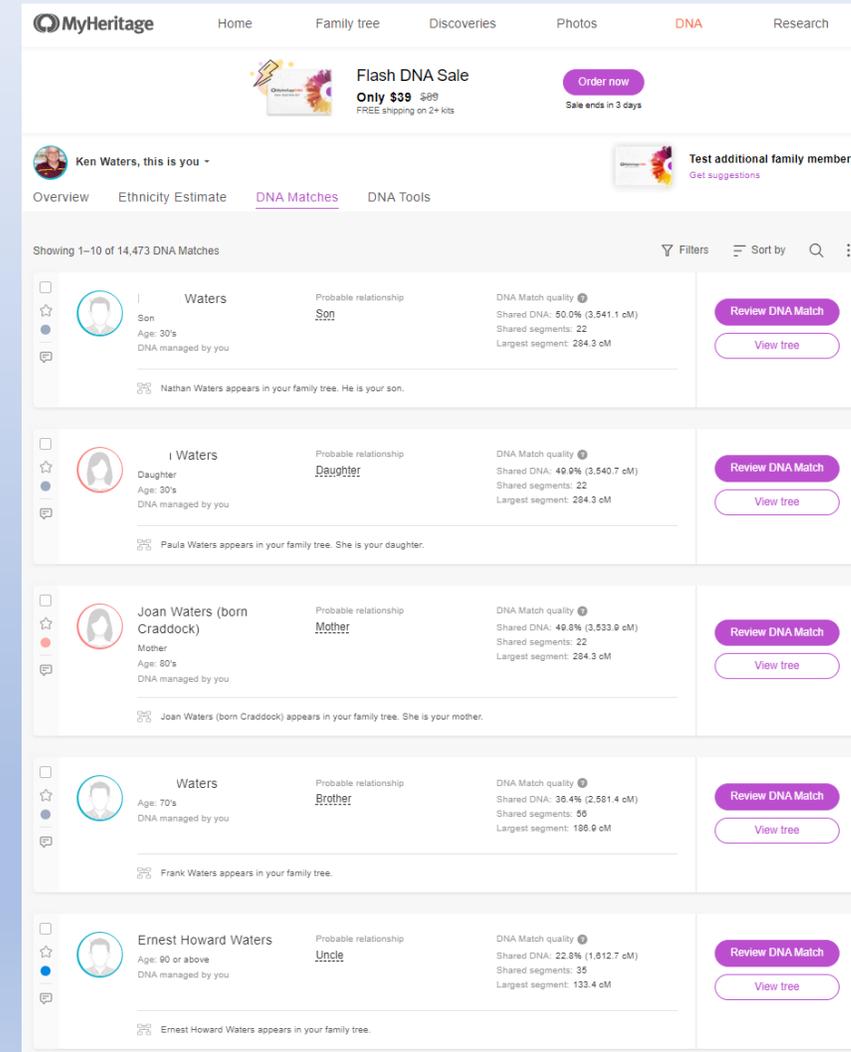
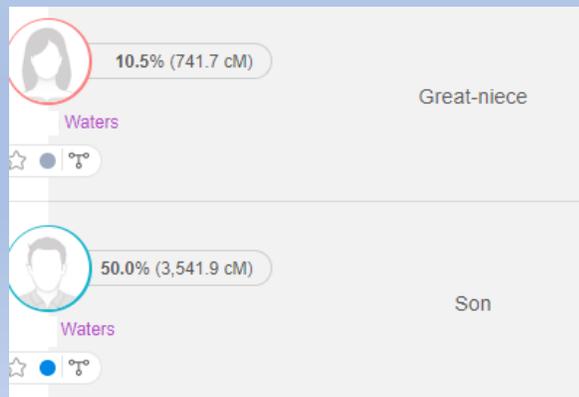
- Negatives:

- **Smaller database compared to Ancestry and 23andMe**



My Heritage Matches

- Very useful capability to not only see how much DNA you share with the match but also how much your match shares with other matches (can often help to discern parent-child or aunt-uncle relationships)



Aspects of Each Testing Company

- LivingDNA
 - Pluses:
 - **Some emphasis on British Isles**
 - 3-in-1, single kit includes Y-DNA and mtDNA
 - Allows uploads from other testing companies
 - Chromosome browser (added July 2023)
 - Negatives:
 - **Very, very small database**
 - No family trees
 - No research database
 - Wacky ethnicity estimates
 - Worst analysis tools of all the companies
 - No matching of Y-DNA or mtDNA
 - History of trying to sell irrelevant add-ons (e.g., supplements, Viking ancestry)



NOTE: I no longer recommend testing with Living DNA due to a lack of tools and matches. If you're interested in trying them then you may want to just try a free upload of your DNA to see what you come up with.

Living DNA Matches

- Very small database
- For me, Living DNA has only 1 kit above 100 centiMorgans whereas I have 47 on Ancestry!

Do not recommend purchasing a kit from Living DNA---instead upload for free

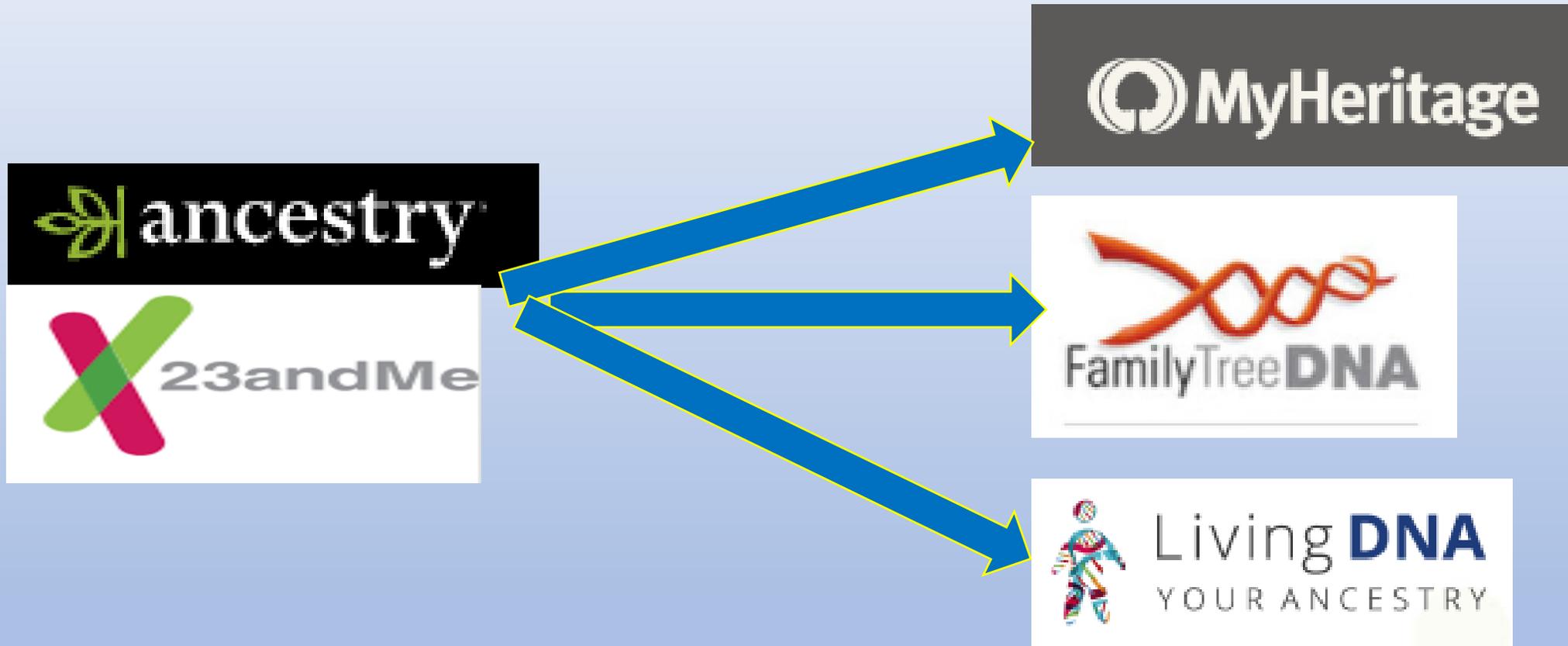
Ken's DNA relatives

Search by initials or display name

Per page 10 Sort by Genetic distance

Match	Relationship	DNA Shared	Shared Matches	Shared Segments
Ken's 6th degree matches				
[Profile]	2nd - 3rd cousin	1.62% DNA shared (117.82cM)	5 shared matches	7 shared segments
Ken's 6th degree matches				
Kei [Profile]	2nd - 4th cousin	0.73% DNA shared (52.84cM)	7 shared matches	4 shared segments
Ken's 6th degree matches				
Kei [Profile]	3rd - 5th cousin	0.60% DNA shared (43.75cM)	20 shared matches	5 shared segments
Kei [Profile]	3rd - 5th cousin	0.53% DNA shared (38.33cM)	6 shared matches	3 shared segments
Ken's 6th degree matches				
Kei [Profile]	4th cousin or greater	0.77% DNA shared (56.20cM)	3 shared matches	4 shared segments
Kei [Profile]	4th cousin or greater	0.65% DNA shared (47.37cM)	4 shared matches	4 shared segments
Kei [Profile]	4th cousin or greater	0.65% DNA shared (47.37cM)	4 shared matches	4 shared segments
Kei [Profile]	4th cousin or greater	0.57% DNA shared (41.60cM)	13 shared matches	4 shared segments
Kei [Profile]	4th cousin or greater	0.57% DNA shared (41.21cM)	4 shared matches	5 shared segments
Kei [Profile]	4th cousin or greater	0.53% DNA shared (38.35cM)	4 shared matches	4 shared segments

3 of the 5 testing companies allow uploading



Allows you to use test results from one company to compare to other databases --- more matches!

FREE to upload (nominal cost to use extra analysis tools)

Summing Up!

Status as of Jan 2024

Company	Method	Database Size	Family Trees	Shared Matches	Segment Data	Allows Uploads	Source Searches	Upgrade Cost	Suggest Relatives
23andMe	Spit	13M	N	Y DISABLED	Y DISABLED	N	N	~\$50 (health)	N
Ancestry	Spit	25M	Y	Y	N	N	Y	\$10/mo	Y
Family Tree DNA	Swab	1M+	Y	Y	Y DISABLED	Y	N	\$19	N
Living DNA	Swab	<1M?	N	Y	Y	Y	N	various	N
My Heritage	Swab	7M	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	\$29	Y

Notes:

- Living DNA does not release database size so this is estimated
- Living DNA has many different upgrade options for various prices
- Ancestry will soon be requiring upgrades for various match comparison features for non-paid subscribers (price estimated)

23andMe Breach

- In October 2023 it was revealed that 23andMe had a breach which compromised account data for millions of users
- As a result, significant changes have been applied to their user interface
- This has also impacted the other testing companies in various ways, affecting what data are available and the ways in which users can log in

Hackers access profiles of nearly 7 million 23andMe customers



By Sean Lyngaas, CNN

2 minute read · Updated 1:30 PM EST, Tue December 5, 2023



<https://www.cnn.com/2023/12/05/tech/hackers-access-7-million-23andme-profiles/index.html>

IMPORTANT: Recent Changes

- 23andMe

- October 2023 -- Removed several important functions including ability to view shared matches, segment data, and ability to download matches and “raw” DNA --- company claims these will be restored but has not said when. **Greatly** reduces the usefulness of the site
- Now requires 2-Factor authorization

NOTE: I do not recommend testing with 23andMe until they restore the ability to view shared matches and segment data

NOTE: this is all subject to change at any time.

Recent Changes

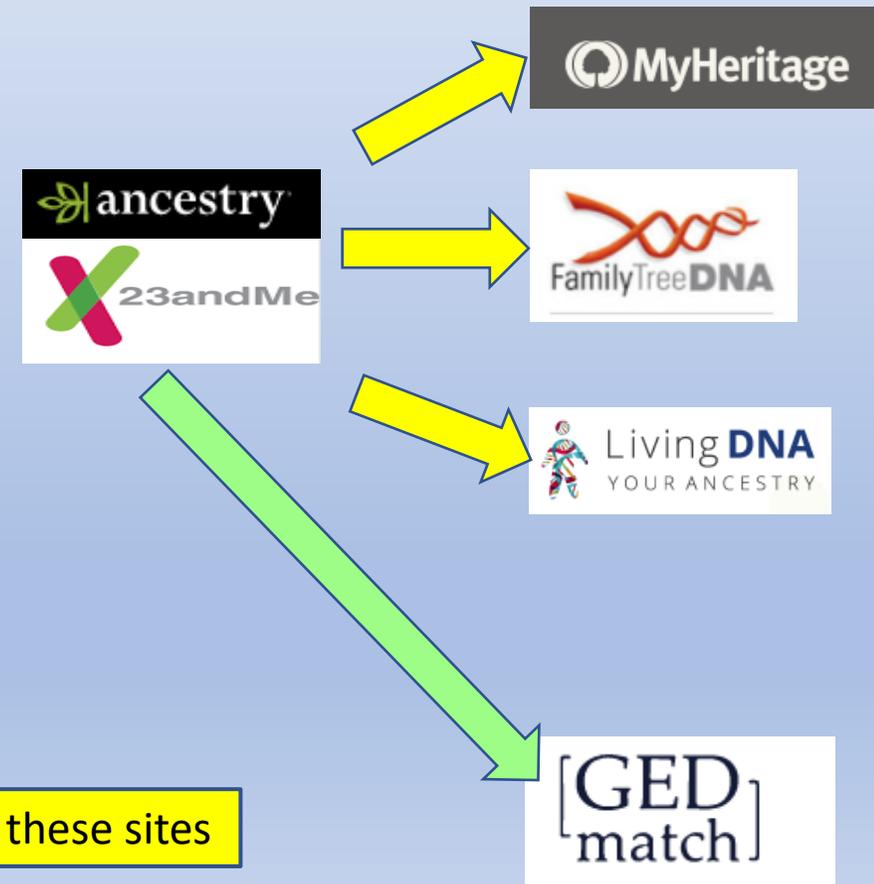


- Ancestry
 - Began requiring 2-Factor authorization
 - NEW—Implemented Paywall (\$60/6 mos) to users for access to many important DNA tools and features such as shared matching. NOTE: this does not apply to those holding active paid subscriptions.
 - NEW---ProTools feature that has tools relating to working with family trees (\$10/mo)
- Family Tree DNA
 - Segment data and match lists are currently disabled – no estimate for restoral
 - 2-Factor authorization coming (no estimate when)

NOTE: this is all subject to change at any time.

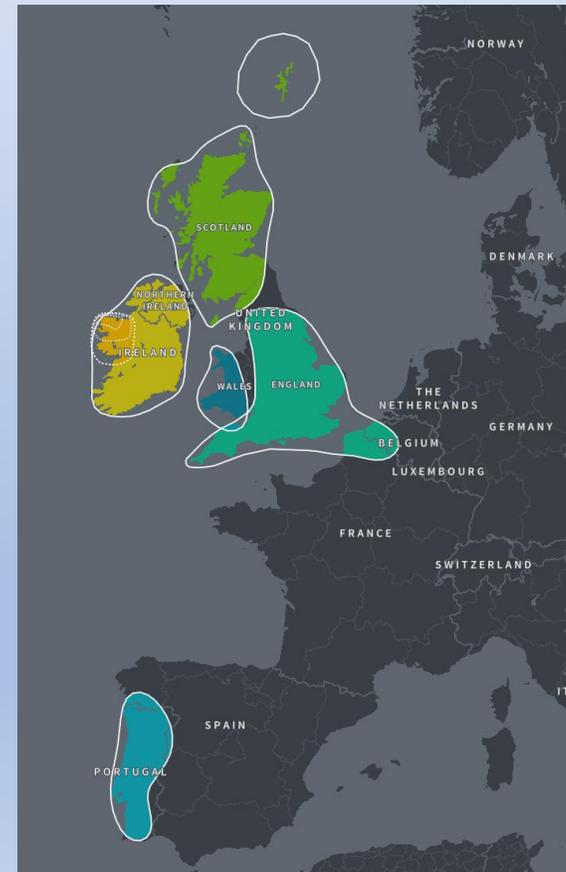
Recommended Strategy

- Test with Ancestry first (largest database, excellent family tree tools)
- After Ancestry, test with 23andMe
- Download your DNA from either Ancestry or 23andMe
- Upload to:
 - My Heritage
 - Family Tree DNA
 - Living DNA
 - GEDMatch (not a testing company)
- The key here is to have your DNA in all 5 testing companies plus GEDMatch



What About Ethnicity Estimates?

- These are purely estimates and should not be relied on to any great extent
- May be interesting to view but of little use for genealogy
- **Wide** variation between companies
- Frequent updates can lead to confusing results



What About Ethnicity Estimates?

MyHeritage

EUROPE	
Irish, Scottish, and Welsh	55.6%
UK and Ireland	
Iberian	25.9%
Scandinavian	18.5%

Nice sub-county detail!

Ancestry

Ireland	36%
Your community with a connection to this ethnicity region	
Connacht, Ireland	
North Connacht	
North Mayo	
Scotland	33%
England & Northwestern Europe	18%
Portugal	9%
Wales	4%

LivingDNA

Europe (North and West)	62.8%
France	56.9%
South Germanic	5.9%
Great Britain and Ireland	30.9%
Ireland	9.2%
Devon	6.6%
South Central England	4.5%
Northern Ireland and Southwest Scotland	3.2%
Southeast England	2.3%
South Wales Border	1.5%
Aberdeenshire	1.3%
Northwest England	1.2%
Cornwall	1.1%
Europe (South)	6.3%
West Iberia	6.3%

French??!!

23andMe

European	99.7%
Northwestern European	85.1%
British & Irish	85.1%
County Mayo, Ireland	
Greater London, United Kingdom	
+18 regions	
Southern European	14.5%
Spanish & Portuguese	13.7%
Azores, Portugal	
+3 regions	
Sardinian	0.6%
Broadly Southern European	0.2%
Broadly European	0.1%
Trace Ancestry	0.3%

FTDNA

Europe	97%
Western Europe	
England, Wales, and Scotland	50%
Ireland	41%
Eastern Europe	
West Slavic	3%
Southern Europe	
Iberian Peninsula	3%
Middle East & North Africa	<3%
Middle East	
Sephardic Jewish	<3%

These are the ethnicity estimates for me as collected, March 16, 2022

Sales!

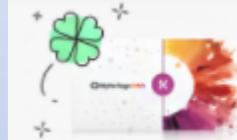
- Try to take advantage of frequent sales with the testing companies
- Typical regular price is \$99 often discounted to \$59, \$49, even \$39
- For example:
 - DNA Day
 - St Patrick's Day
 - Fathers Day
 - Mothers Day
 - Thanksgiving
 - Black Friday
 - Christmas

HOLIDAY SALE \$30 off Family Finder Ancestry Testing Service

Discover your origins and connect with your autosomal DNA relatives.

ONLY \$49 USD
Save \$30 (was \$79)

[Learn more](#)



St. Patrick's Day DNA Sale

Ends tomorrow

Only \$59 ~~\$89~~

Free standard shipping on 2+ kits.

[Order Now](#)

Save up to \$50 on a DNA gift for family.

Surprise them with something truly unique.



Only \$59* ~~\$89~~

[Buy now](#)



Only \$69* ~~\$119~~

[Buy now](#)



In this order

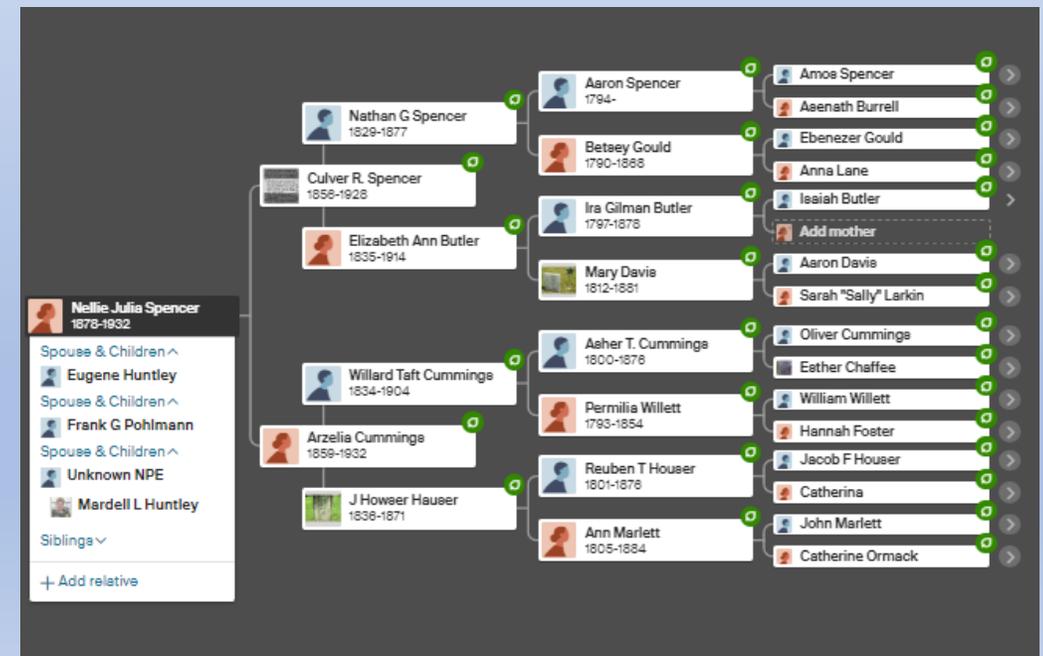
Price

Ancestry + Traits
[REMOVE](#)

~~\$99.00~~ \$79.00
Holiday Offer

DNA kits and Family Trees

- Most powerful way to match other test-takers and know how you are related is through the use of trees
- 3 of the companies (Ancestry, FTDNA, MyHeritage) have capability to store trees
- 1 company (23andMe) can link to FamilySearch tree
- Ancestry has arguably the best provision for family trees



My Suggestions for Family Trees

- For the Family Tree to link to your DNA account I strongly encourage:
 - Keep it relatively small (50-1,000 people)
 - Focus on direct ancestors
 - Include Birth-Marriage-Death information
 - Try to go back 5-7 generations (remember autosomal only goes back this far)
 - Use maiden names
 - Use biological lines (not adoptee)
 - If you don't know the identity of an ancestor then don't enter anything for that person

TIP: It's fine to have large trees but well-advised to use smaller trees for attaching to your DNA kit

Trees in Ancestry

- Public – Linked
- Public – Unlinked
- Private
- Unuseful Trees
 - One-person tree
 - All persons inside the public tree marked private



Public linked tree
2,687 People



YEAH!



Unlinked Tree



May be useful but
sometimes not



Private linked tree
3 People



**Useless for
analyzing DNA
matches**

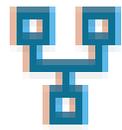


Private



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Trees in Ancestry



Public linked tree

2,687 People



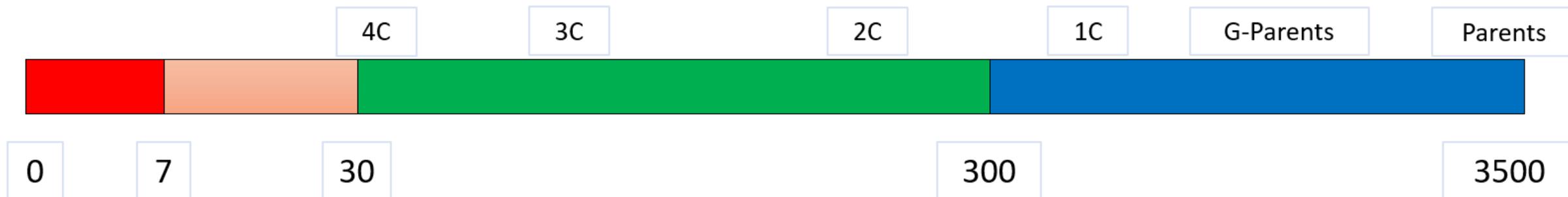
Remember to link your
public tree to your DNA kit!

DNA Test Interpretation

First of all --- What is a “CentiMorgan”??

- Numeric measure of “relatedness”
- From 0 to 3500
- 3500 indicates parent/child
- 0 indicates no DNA shared

TIP: Just because you may not share any DNA with someone does not necessarily mean you are not related



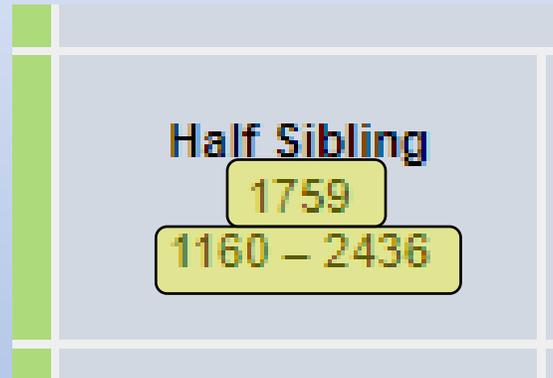
Concept of “relatedness”

- Shared cM Project table showing possible DNA shared values

- Higher numbers indicate closer relationships

- Top number in each box is average (mean)

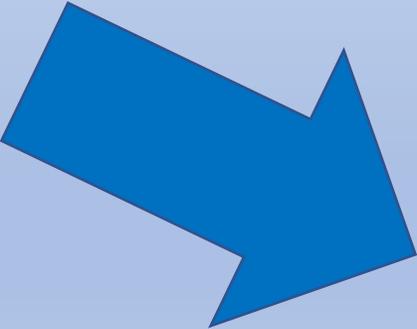
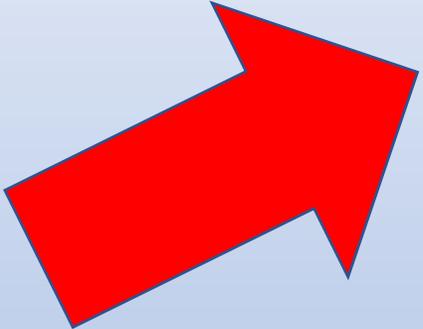
- Bottom is range of numbers that could exist for that relationship



								Great-Great-Grandparent	GGGG Aunt / Uncle		
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Other Relationships											
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<https://dnainter.com/tools/sharedcmv4>

The goal: sort your matches into common groups



First steps

- Review your matches, strongest (highest centimorgans) first
- Try to identify the closest matches
 - Do you know them?
 - How are you related to them?
- Enter notes about what you know about them
- Use Tag Groups (available on Ancestry and My Heritage) to identify them

Kenneth Richard Waters's DNA Matches

Filter by: Unviewed Common ancestors Messaged Notes Trees Shared DNA Groups |

Parent/Child

	Joan Anita Craddock Parent/Child Shared DNA: 3,474 cM across 46 segments	+1,797 People Common ancestor	+ Add/edit groups Mother, 3474/46.
	[redacted] Parent/Child Shared DNA: 3,470 cM across 60 segments	+2,185 People Common ancestor	Mother's Side + Add/edit groups Daughter, 3470/60.
	[redacted] Parent/Child Shared DNA: 3,466 cM across 62 segments	+2,185 People Common ancestor	Mother's Side + Add/edit groups Son, 3466/62.

Full Sibling

	[redacted] Brother Shared DNA: 2,491 cM across 63 segments	+2,185 People Common ancestor	Mother's Side + Add/edit groups Brother, 2491/63.
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Close Family

	Ernest Howard Waters Close Family--1st Cousin Shared DNA: 1,583 cM across 41 segments	+2,185 People Common ancestor	+ Add/edit groups Paternal Uncle, 1583/41.
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1st Cousin

	[redacted] 1st-2nd Cousin Shared DNA: 941 cM across 36 segments	+5 People Common ancestor	+ Add/edit groups [redacted]
	[redacted] 1st-2nd Cousin Shared DNA: 716 cM across 23 segments	+2,185 People Common ancestor	+ Add/edit groups 1st cousin, son of paternal uncle Ernie. 716/23.

2nd Cousin

+ Create custom group

- ☆ Starred matches
- 1 - Waters/Unknown
- 2 - Berkeley/Wheeler
- 3 - Sylvia/Correia
- 4 - Lemos/San Jose
- 5 - Craddock/Spivey
- 6 - Wood/Thurman
- 7 - Unknown/Unknown MYSTERY
- 8 - Spencer/Cummings
- Dad's non-Portuguese side (...)
- Inner Family
- Mystery Network #8
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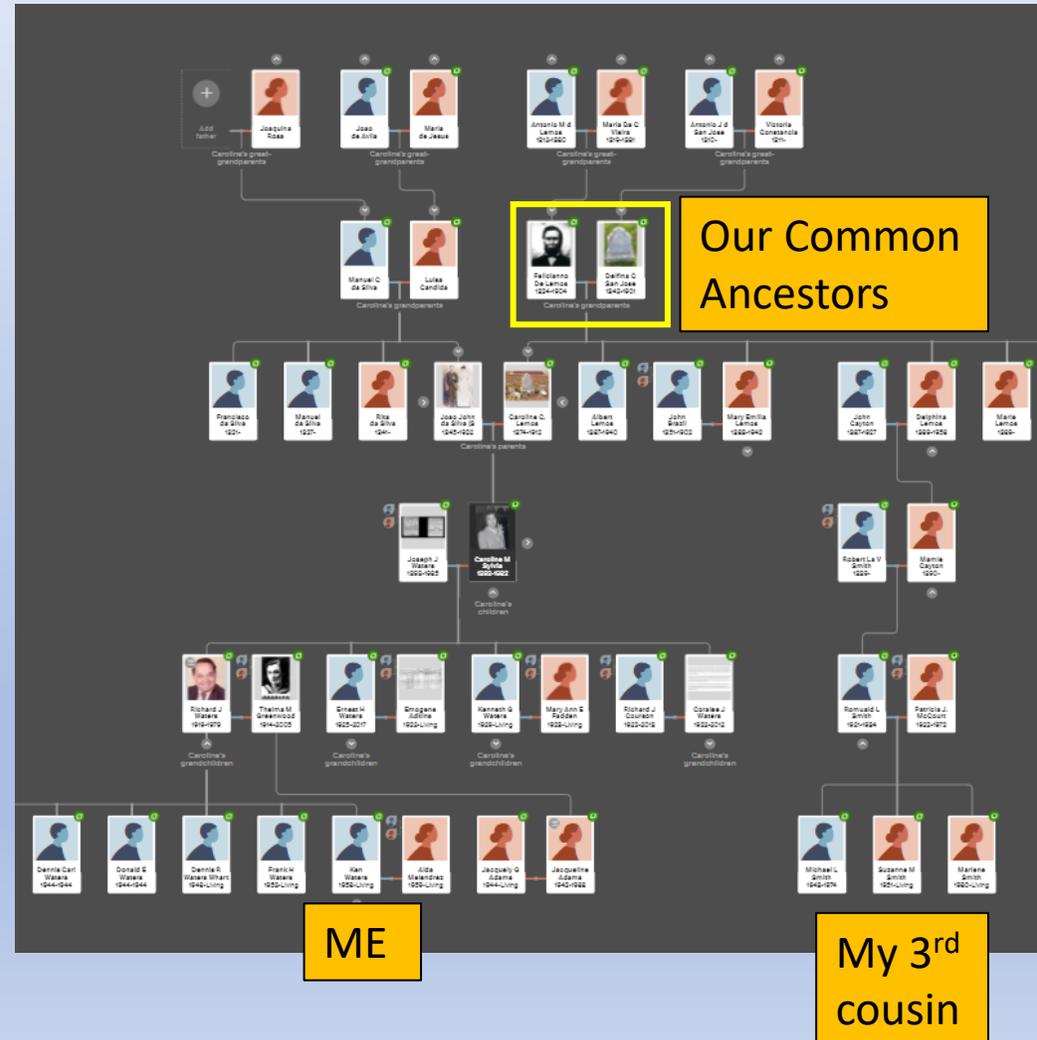
Divide and conquer

- On Ancestry, Using Tag Groups in combination with Notes and Shared Matches:
 - Group your matches by dividing them
 - First, Paternal vs. Maternal side
 - Then, work on Grandparents
 - Continue to divide matches

★ Starred matches (1)
● 0 - Distant Saved Matc... (17)
● 1 - Waters/Unknown (3)
● 2 - Berkley/Wheeler (25)
● 3 - Sylvia/Correia (48)
● 4 - Lemos/San Jose (112)
● 5 - Craddock/Spivey (122)
● 6 - Wood/Thurman (170)
● 7 - Unknown/Unknown ... (6)
● 8 - Spencer/Cummings (126)
● Dad's non-Portuguese... (98)
● Inner Family (14)
● Low matches (6-8) (0)
● Mystery Network #6 (17)
● Mystery Network #7 -- ... (10)
● Mystery Network #8 -- ... (35)

Goal: Find the Most Recent Common Ancestor (MRCA)

- Finding common ancestors allows determination of exact relationship
- Once this is found then we can compare to other matches to help see how they are related as well



What is a Chromosome Browser?

- Comparison of 2 DNA kits showing shared DNA by chromosome
- Available on:
 - Family Tree DNA
 - My Heritage DNA
 - 23 and Me
 - Living DNA
 - GEDMatch

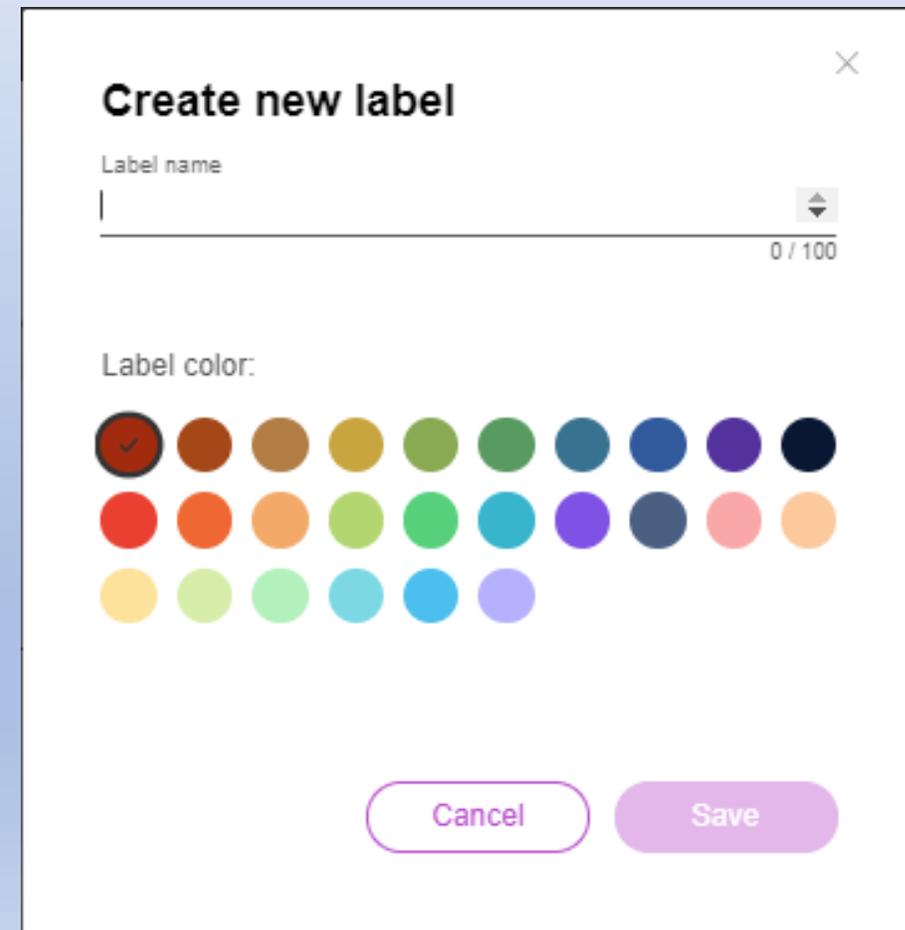
Example of my DNA compared to a 1st cousin once removed showing shared segments

TIP: chromosome browsers can be useful for more advanced and detailed comparisons of DNA matches



My Heritage Labels

- My Heritage also has feature similar to Ancestry Tag Groups
- 30 “dots” versus 24 on Ancestry



The screenshot shows a 'Create new label' dialog box with a close button (X) in the top right corner. Below the title, there is a 'Label name' input field with a character count of '0 / 100' on the right. Underneath, the 'Label color' section displays a grid of 30 color swatches arranged in three rows: the first row has 10 swatches, the second row has 10, and the third row has 10. The first swatch in the first row is selected, indicated by a checkmark. At the bottom of the dialog, there are two buttons: 'Cancel' and 'Save'.

Next steps

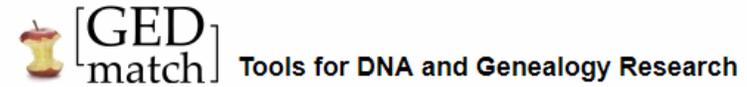
- Build your online tree
 - Increases chances to match other test takers---remember, keep it lean
- Upload to other services including GedMatch (basic services are free)
- Start going through your matches, one-by-one
 - “Divide and Conquer” --- sort your matches into the bins of your family tree (start with dividing mother vs. father matches then build back up the tree)
- Communicate with your matches --- email, messaging --- there’s power in sharing
- Learn more
 - Free classes, online and at the library
 - Facebook Groups – Genetic Techniques



Other Useful Tools

GEDmatch

- A mostly-free public website which accepts DNA data from all 5 testing companies
- <http://gedmatch.com>
- Has more DNA match analytical tools than any of the 5 testing companies
 - Including triangulation
 - Auto-clustering



Welcome to GEDmatch. If you are already registered, just enter your login ID and password in the place provided below.

If you are not previously registered, click on the registration link near the bottom of this page. You will be asked to provide a valid email address and a password. After you are registered, you will be required to accept the GEDmatch Terms of Service. You can read the Terms of Service before you register by clicking on the link at the bottom of this page.

GEDmatch provides applications for comparing your DNA test results with other people. There are also applications for estimating your ancestry. Some applications are free. More advanced applications require membership in the GEDmatch Tier1 program at \$10 per month.

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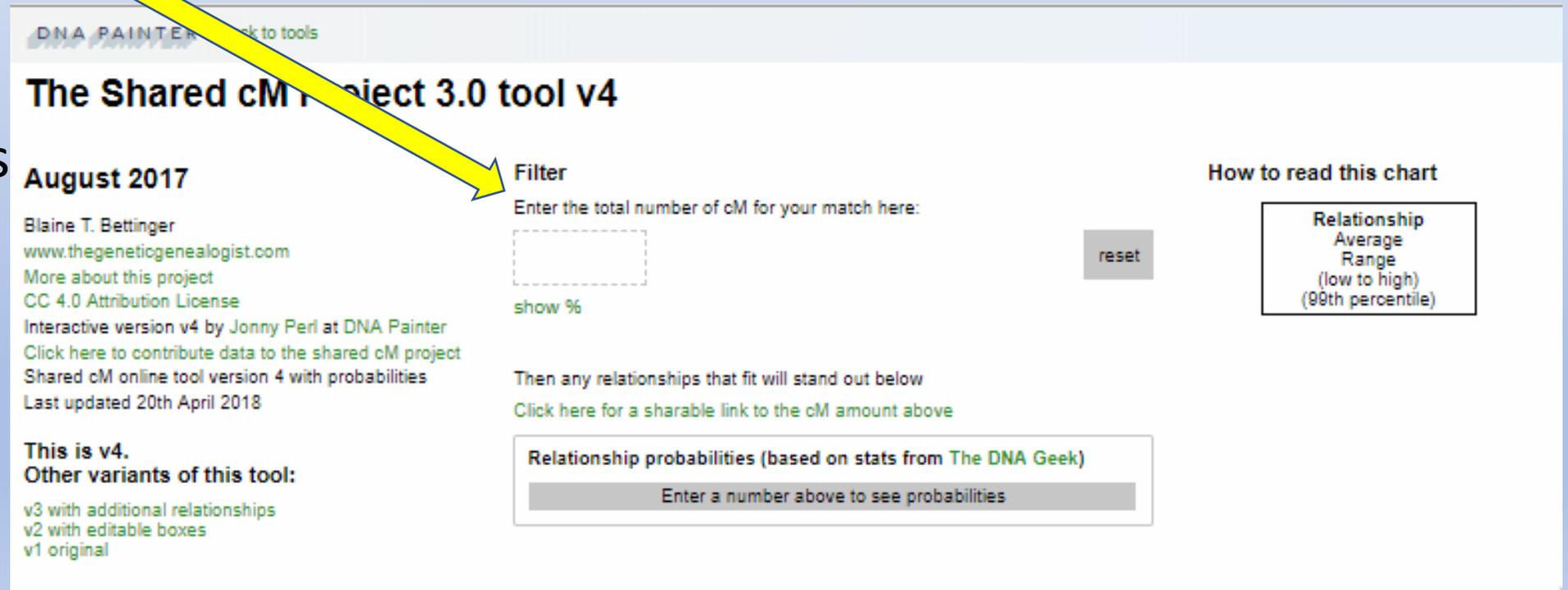
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Dnapainter's shared cm project

- Enter cM value
- See all the possibilities



DNA PAINTER [link to tools](#)

The Shared cM Project 3.0 tool v4

August 2017

Blaine T. Bettinger
www.thegeneticgenealogist.com
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[Interactive version v4 by Jonny Perl at DNA Painter](#)
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Shared cM online tool version 4 with probabilities
Last updated 20th April 2018

This is v4.
Other variants of this tool:
v3 with additional relationships
v2 with editable boxes
v1 original

Filter
Enter the total number of cM for your match here:

show %

Then any relationships that fit will stand out below
[Click here for a sharable link to the cM amount above](#)

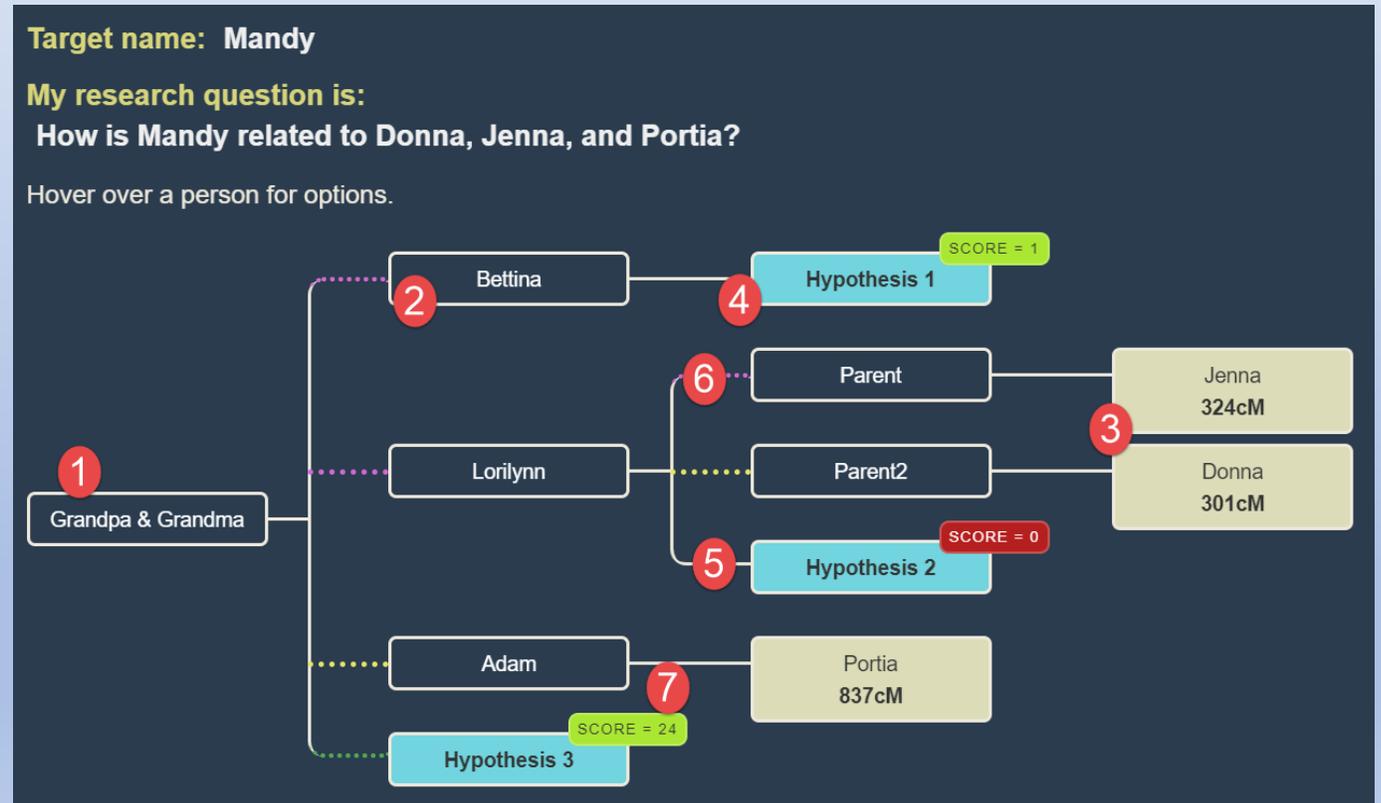
Relationship probabilities (based on stats from [The DNA Geek](#))

How to read this chart

Relationship Average Range (low to high) (99th percentile)
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DNAPainters “WATO” Tool

- WATO=What Are The Odds?
- Test hypotheses using DNA test strength levels (measured in cMs)



Get what you can get from shared matches

- In this case due to good sampling of shared matches I was able to isolate the match to my maternal grandfather
- Some of these are 1st and 2nd cousins to Joan and use the cM values for each match help narrow down the precise line

How are you and [redacted] related?

Common Ancestors

According to Ancestry member trees, these are the common ancestors that connect you and [redacted]. View a common ancestor to see the relationship path that connects you.

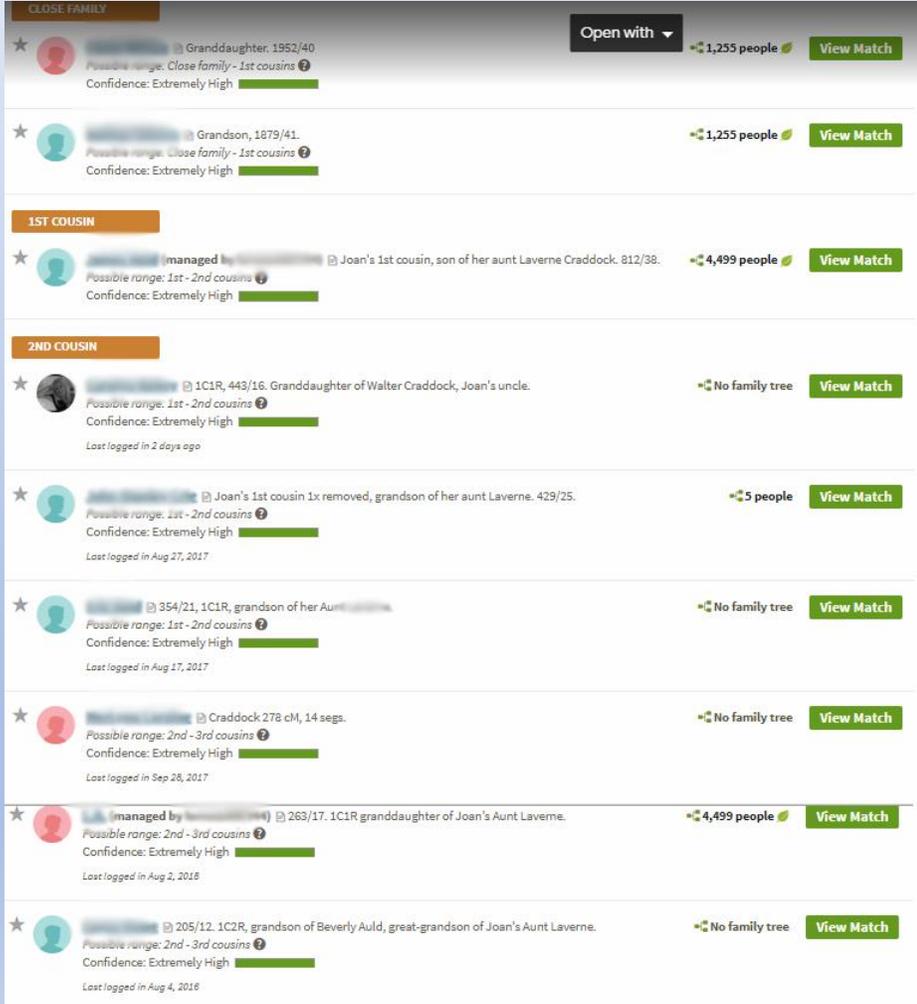
[redacted] could be your 1st cousin 1x removed through:



Charles Noble Craddock
Great-grandfather
1868-1950
[View Relationship](#)



Mary Ellen "Molly" Wood
Great-grandmother
1870-1930
[View Relationship](#)

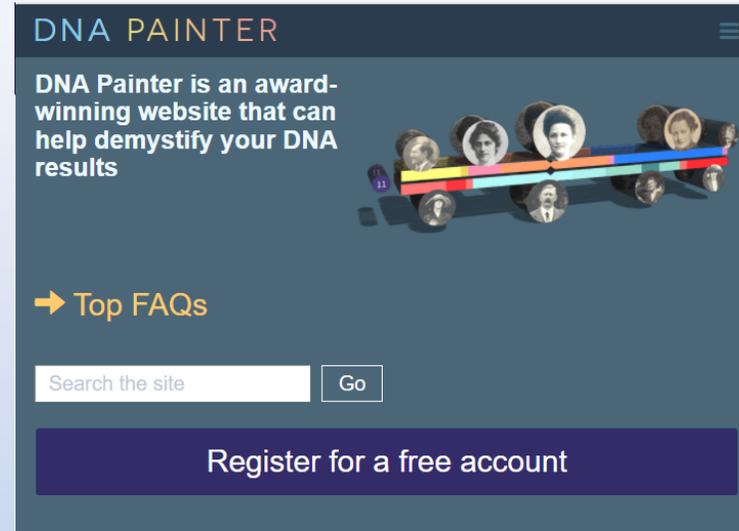


The screenshot shows a list of shared matches for a user named Joan. The matches are categorized into 'CLOSE FAMILY', '1ST COUSIN', and '2ND COUSIN'. Each match entry includes a profile picture, a star icon, a name and birth/death dates, a 'Possible range' of relationships, a 'Confidence' level (Extremely High), the number of other people who match with both, and a 'View Match' button. The matches include:

- CLOSE FAMILY:**
 - Granddaughter, 1952/40. Possible range: Close family - 1st cousins. Confidence: Extremely High. 1,255 people.
 - Grandson, 1879/41. Possible range: Close family - 1st cousins. Confidence: Extremely High. 1,255 people.
- 1ST COUSIN:**
 - Joan's 1st cousin, son of her aunt Laverne Craddock. 812/38. Possible range: 1st - 2nd cousins. Confidence: Extremely High. 4,499 people.
- 2ND COUSIN:**
 - 1C1R, 443/16. Granddaughter of Walter Craddock, Joan's uncle. Possible range: 1st - 2nd cousins. Confidence: Extremely High. No family tree.
 - Joan's 1st cousin 1x removed, grandson of her aunt Laverne. 429/25. Possible range: 1st - 2nd cousins. Confidence: Extremely High. 5 people.
 - 354/21, 1C1R, grandson of her Aunt Laverne. Possible range: 1st - 2nd cousins. Confidence: Extremely High. No family tree.
 - Craddock 278 cM, 14 segs. Possible range: 2nd - 3rd cousins. Confidence: Extremely High. No family tree.
 - (managed by [redacted]) 263/17. 1C1R granddaughter of Joan's Aunt Laverne. Possible range: 2nd - 3rd cousins. Confidence: Extremely High. 4,499 people.
 - 205/12. 1C2R, grandson of Beverly Auld, great-grandson of Joan's Aunt Laverne. Possible range: 2nd - 3rd cousins. Confidence: Extremely High. No family tree.

Resources

- GEDMatch.com
- DNAPainter.com
- DNAGedcom
- Familysearch.com (to research sources)
- Legacy Family Tree webinars (free for 7 days)
- FindAGrave.com
- ISOQG.org Wiki
- WikiTree.com
- Facebook Group: Genetic Genealogy Tips & Techniques
- Local groups: (for example) Phoenix East Valley DNA Group [on Facebook]



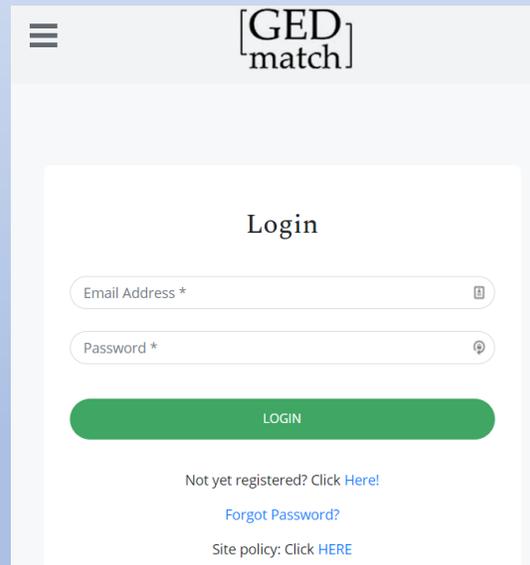
DNA PAINTER

DNA Painter is an award-winning website that can help demystify your DNA results

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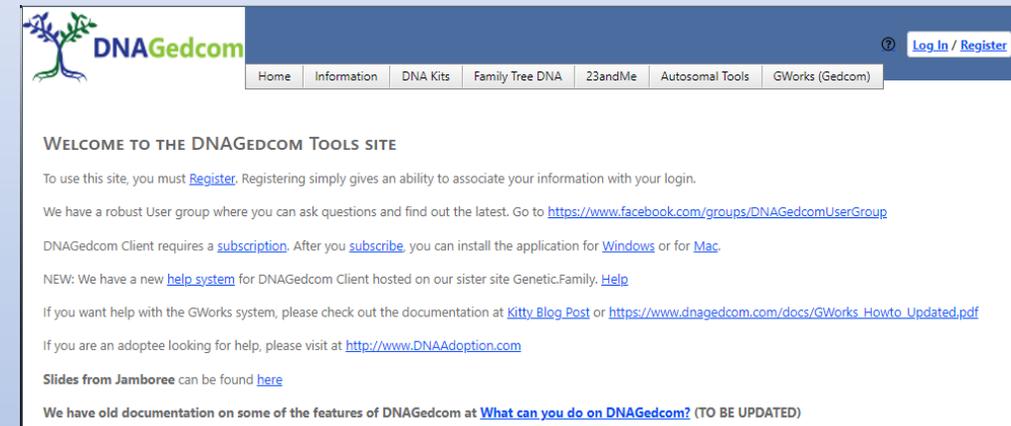
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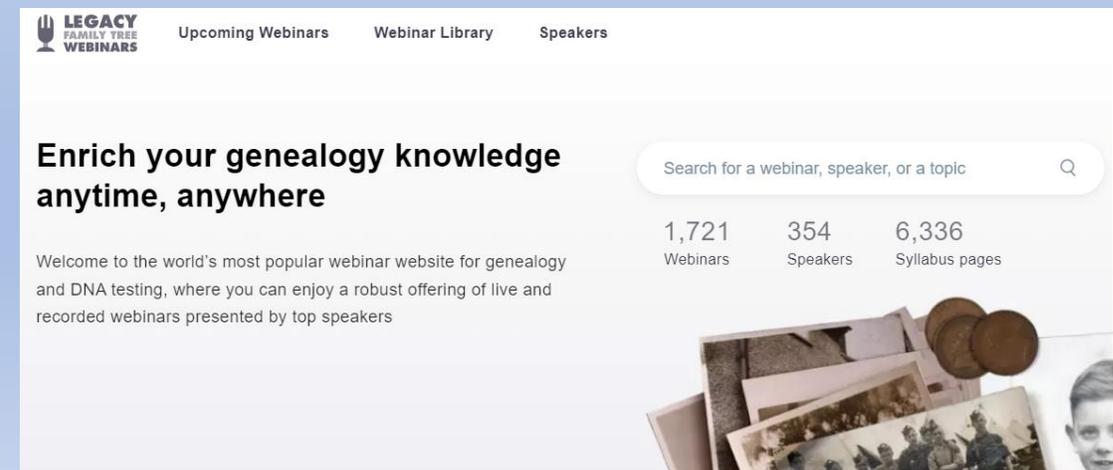
NEW: We have a new [help system](#) for DNAGedcom Client hosted on our sister site Genetic.Family. [Help](#)

If you want help with the GWorks system, please check out the documentation at [Kitty Blog Post](#) or https://www.dnagedcom.com/docs/GWorks_Howto_Updated.pdf

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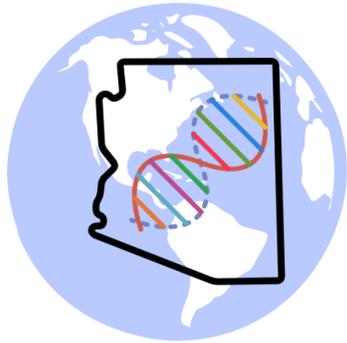
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