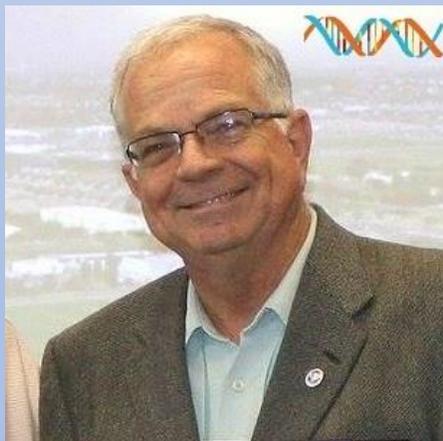




Taking Ancestry DNA to the Next Level



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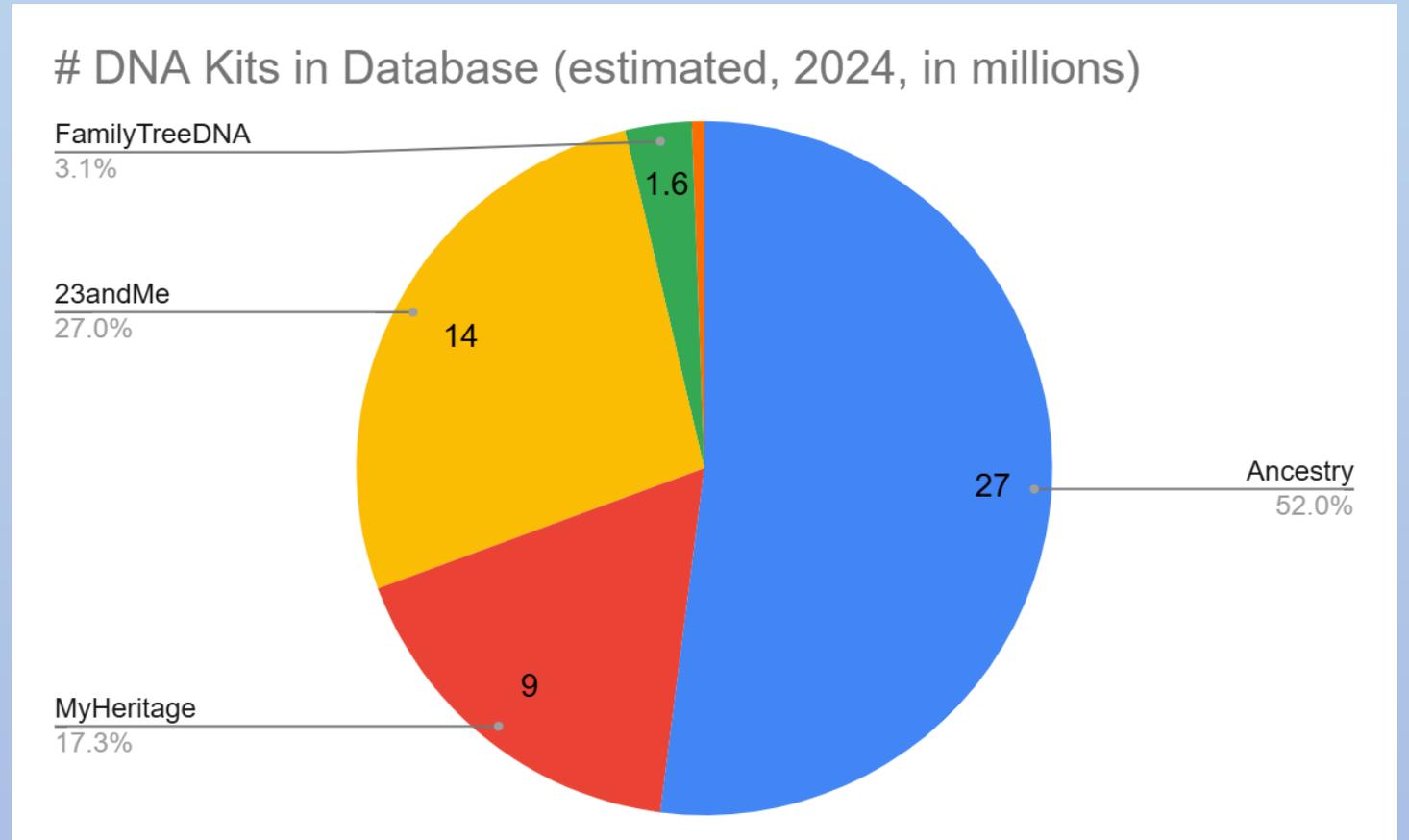
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Variety of Topics

- Downloading your match list
- Different types of subscriptions and add-ons
- Linking a tree to your DNA kit
- Timber algorithm
- ProTools
- ThruLines
- SideView
- Ways to save money

Ancestry DNA

- Most DNA tests in their database: 27 million as of 2025
- Excellent family tree tools with many trees
- Primarily best for American DNA test-takers
 - Most matches for those with colonial roots



Data from https://isogg.org/wiki/Autosomal_DNA_testing_comparison_chart

Ancestry Features

- Family Trees

There are **over 100 million** family trees on Ancestry®, most of which are public. Family trees can contain a wealth of information, but they're only as accurate as the tree creators made them. Trees created by Ancestry members are not checked for accuracy.

Ancestry® Support
<https://support.ancestry.com/article/Searching-Public-Family-Trees>
Searching Public Family Trees - Ancestry® Support

- Research Databases
 - Over 33,000 databases

Card Catalog
Searchable listing of all record collections

Results 1-25 of 33,725

Title	Category	Records	Sort By	Date Added
Haute Vienne, France, Births, Marriages, and Deaths, 1559-1936 (in French)	Birth, Marriage & Death	177,068,877	NEW	
Ballymena, Antrim, Northern Ireland, Internments, 1875-1934	Birth, Marriage & Death	2,299	NEW	
Pawtuxet Valley, Rhode Island, U.S., Periodical Clippings, 1974-2022	Birth, Marriage & Death	228,810	NEW	

- DNA

- Ethnicity (now called Origins)

- **DNA Kit Matching**

- Pet DNA

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Summary **Origins** **Matches** Traits

All **By parent** By ancestor By location

Go to [DNA] Waters Tree Email:aatwatchergen@gmail.com Filter + Create group Search Sort

Parent/Child

- Jo** Mother, Maternal side, 3,474 cM | 50% shared DNA. Public linked tree, 2,799 people, Common ancestor. [+ Add](#)
- Pa** Daughter, Both sides, 3,470 cM | 50% shared DNA. Public linked tree, 2,799 people, Common ancestor. [+ Add](#)
- Ne** Son, Both sides, 3,486 cM | 50% shared DNA. Public linked tree, 2,799 people, Common ancestor. [+ Add](#)

Full Sibling

- Fri** Brother, Both sides, 2,401 cM | 41 - 48% shared DNA. Public linked tree, 2,799 people, Common ancestor. [+ Add](#)

Close Family

- En** Uncle, Paternal side, 1,583 cM | 23% shared DNA. Public linked tree, 2,799 people, Common ancestor. [+ Add](#)
- Mi** 1st cousin, Paternal side, 941 cM | 13% shared DNA. Public linked tree, 74 people, Common ancestor. [+ Add](#)
- Li** 1st cousin, Paternal side, 804 cM | 9% shared DNA. Public linked tree, 74 people, Common ancestor. [+ Add](#)
- Do** Half niece, Paternal side, 584 cM | 8% shared DNA. Public linked tree, 34 people, Common ancestor. [+ Add](#)

Automatic (Included) Features of Having a DNA Kit on Ancestry

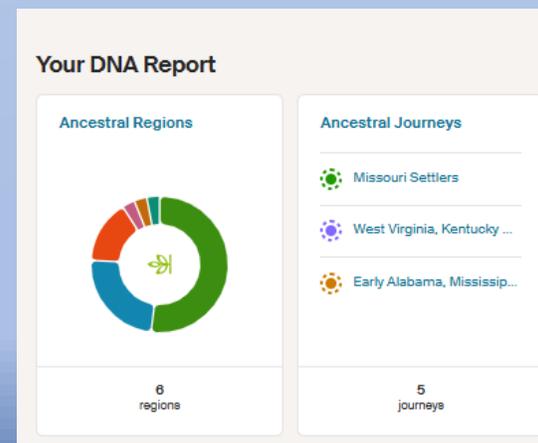
- DNA Matching with others in the database
 - Amount of shared DNA as measured in centiMorgans (cM)



- Ability to build a family tree and attach it to your DNA kit to help others find a common ancestry
- Ability to message your DNA matches
- Ancestral Regions and Journeys
- Ability to add notes to the DNA match



- All free for the price of a DNA kit



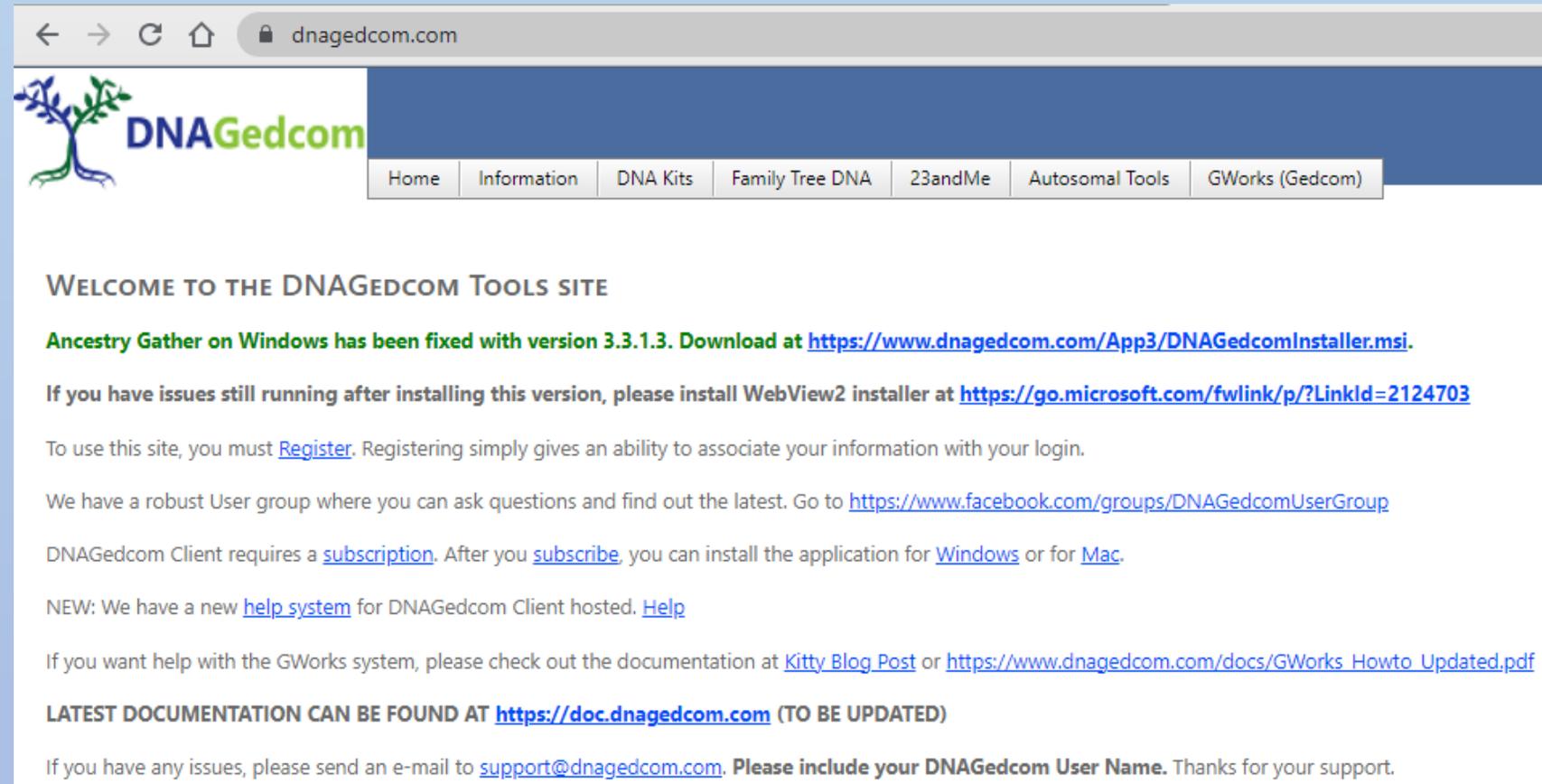
Downloading match list

- Various methods exist with varying difficulty and usefulness
 - These often change or become useless with each change of Ancestry's data structure
- My go-to:
 - DNAGedcom
 - Cost: \$5/mo or \$50/yr
 - Clean way to download all (or selected amount) of your matches into a spreadsheet



What is DNAGedcom?

- Website:
<http://dnagedcom.com>
- Requires downloading a client to your Windows PC or Mac (note: I have only used the Windows version)
- Allows downloading full match data from Ancestry as well as other online services (subject to change)



Special note: this program requires frequent updating due to changes in Ancestry rules and file formats. Luckily it is very carefully administered by Rob Warthen and his team.

Special Note!

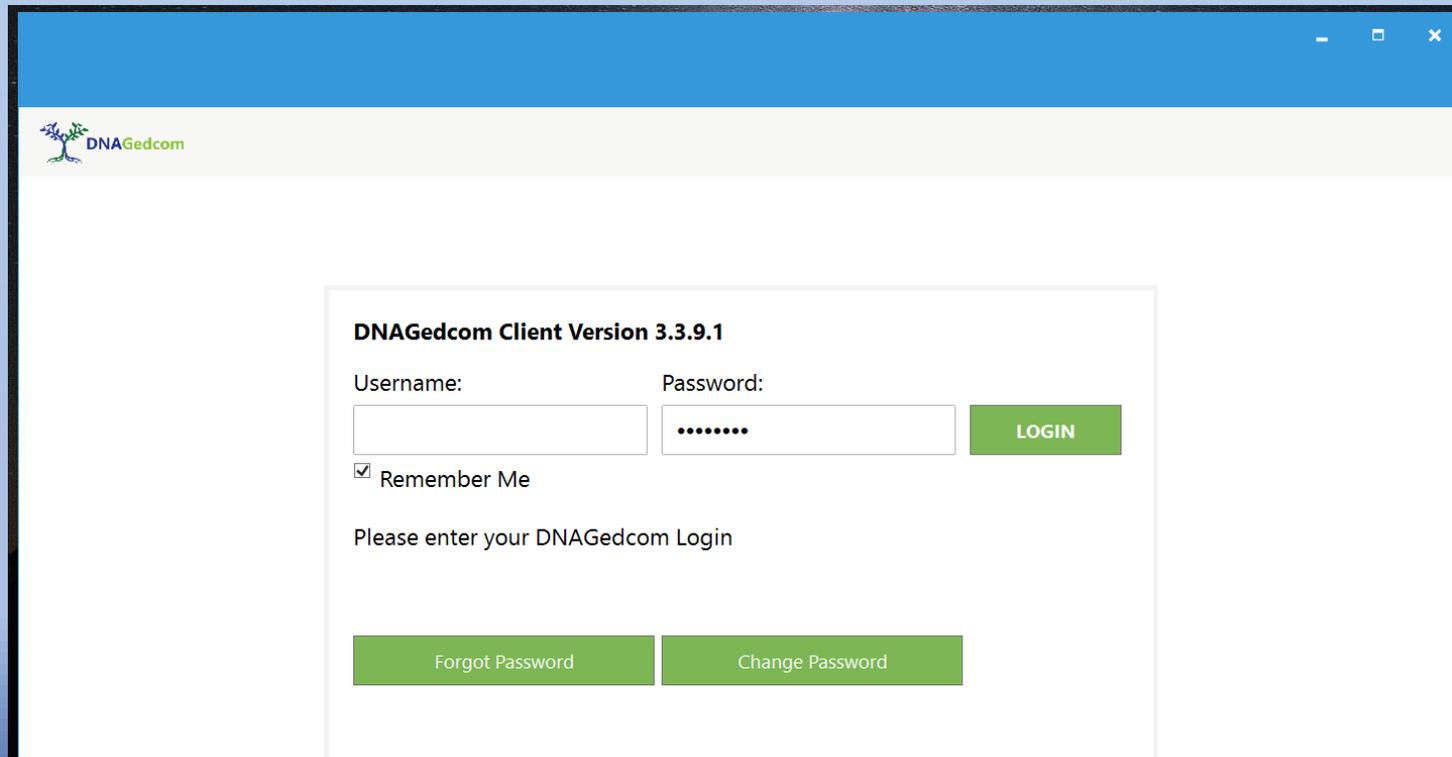
- Using this application requires extensive “hits” to the Ancestry database
 - A few years ago Ancestry cracked down on several applications like this, resulting in removal of access for the applications
 - Ancestry allows DNAGedcom to run this client but at *reduced speeds* in order to prevent overtaxing the server at Ancestry



Step 1: Download and Open the client and log in

- <https://dnagedcom.com/>

DNAGedcom Client requires a [subscription](#). After you [subscribe](#), you can install the application for [Windows](#) or for [Mac](#).



DNAGedcom Client Version 3.3.9.1

Username: Password:

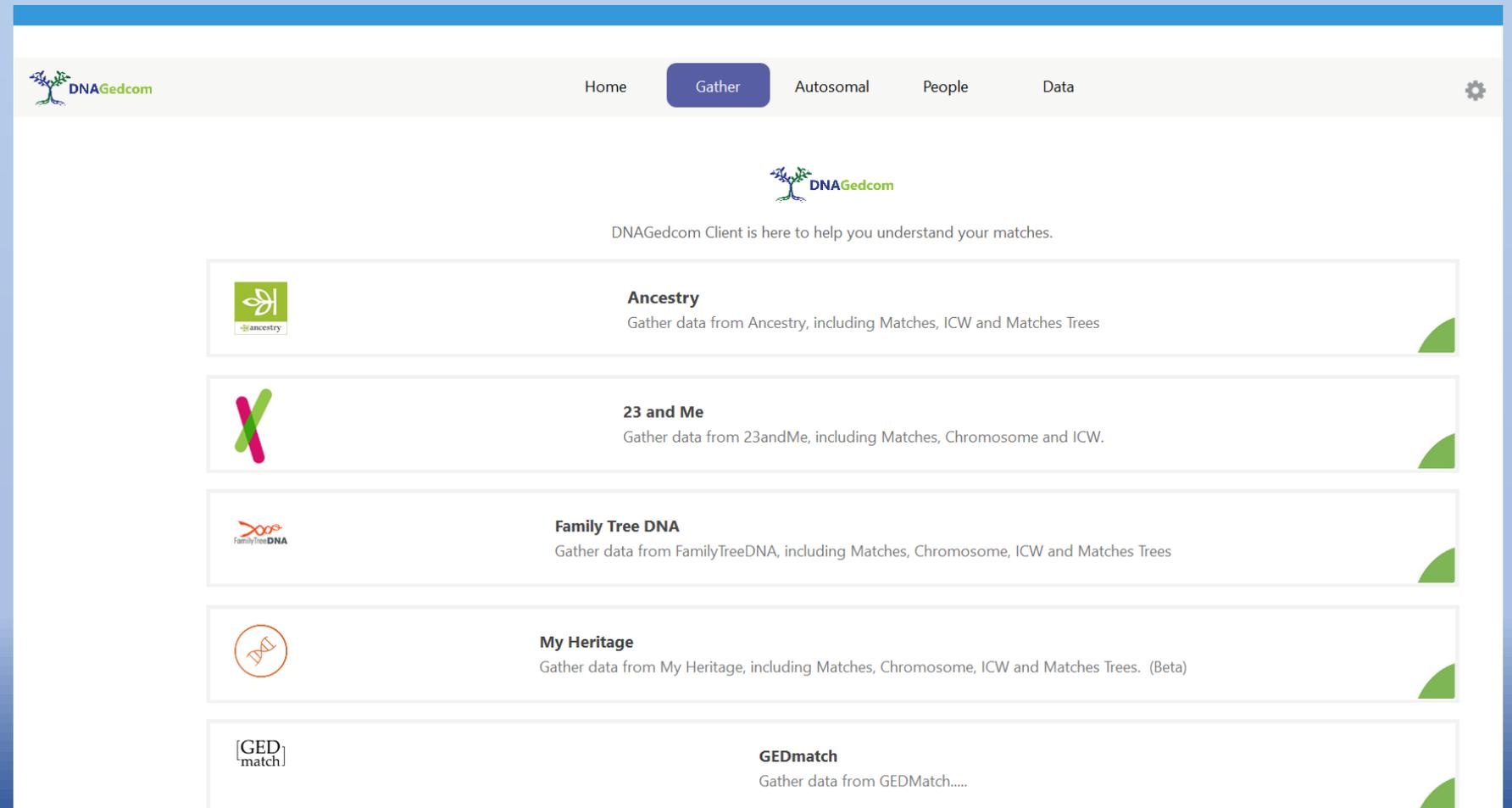
Remember Me

Please enter your DNAGedcom Login

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Step 2: Log into Ancestry (inside of DNAGedcom)

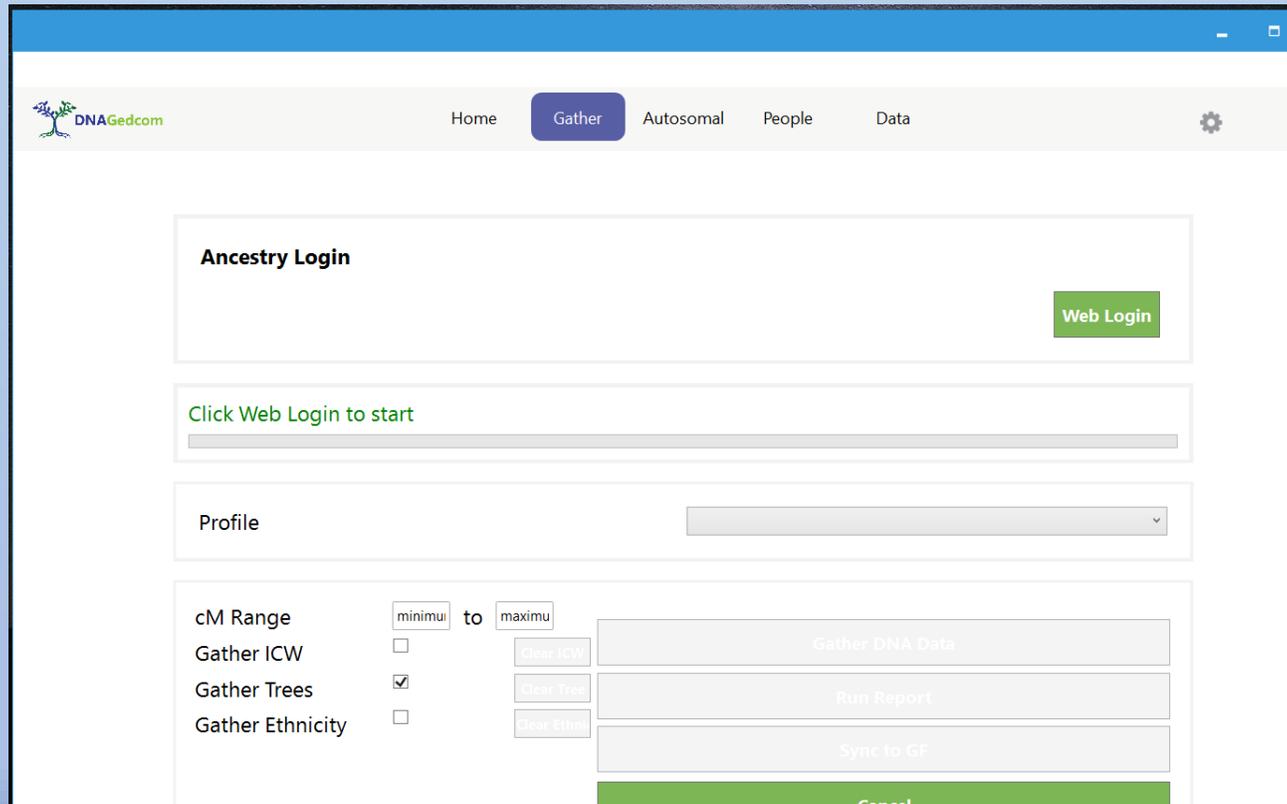
- Click “Gather” and then “Ancestry”



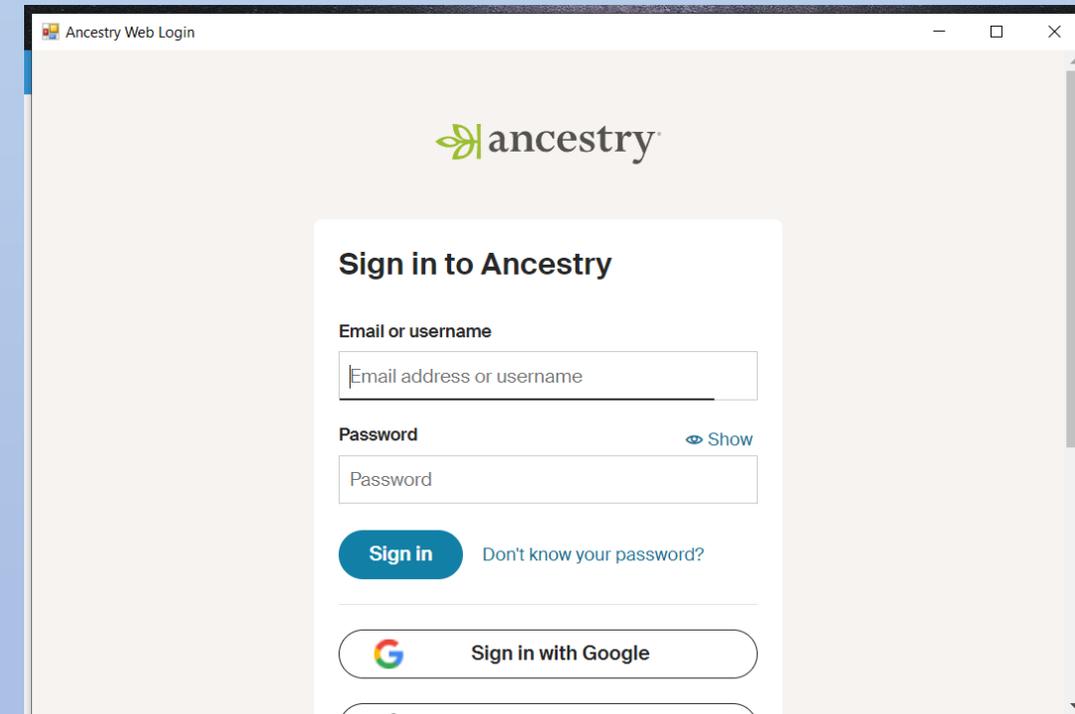
The screenshot shows the DNAGedcom website interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the DNAGedcom logo on the left and menu items: Home, Gather (highlighted in a blue button), Autosomal, People, and Data. A settings gear icon is on the far right. Below the navigation bar, the DNAGedcom logo is centered, followed by the text: "DNAGedcom Client is here to help you understand your matches." Below this, there is a list of data sources to gather from, each in a white box with a green corner:

- Ancestry**: Gather data from Ancestry, including Matches, ICW and Matches Trees. (Icon: Ancestry logo)
- 23 and Me**: Gather data from 23andMe, including Matches, Chromosome and ICW. (Icon: 23 and Me logo)
- Family Tree DNA**: Gather data from FamilyTreeDNA, including Matches, Chromosome, ICW and Matches Trees. (Icon: FamilyTreeDNA logo)
- My Heritage**: Gather data from My Heritage, including Matches, Chromosome, ICW and Matches Trees. (Beta) (Icon: My Heritage logo)
- GEDmatch**: Gather data from GEDMatch.... (Icon: GEDmatch logo)

Step 2: Log into Ancestry (inside of DNAGedcom)



The screenshot shows the DNAGedcom website interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the DNAGedcom logo and menu items: Home, Gather (highlighted), Autosomal, People, and Data. Below the navigation bar, there is a section titled "Ancestry Login" with a green "Web Login" button. Below this, there is a text prompt "Click Web Login to start" with a progress bar. Further down, there is a "Profile" dropdown menu. At the bottom, there is a "cM Range" section with input fields for "minimum" and "maximum", and a list of checkboxes for "Gather ICW", "Gather Trees" (checked), and "Gather Ethnicity". To the right of these checkboxes are buttons for "Clear ICW", "Clear Tree", and "Clear Ethnicity". Below these are buttons for "Gather DNA Data", "Run Report", "Sync to GF", and "Cancel".



The screenshot shows the Ancestry Web Login page. At the top, there is the Ancestry logo. Below the logo, there is a section titled "Sign in to Ancestry". This section contains two input fields: "Email or username" and "Password". Below the "Password" field is a "Show" button. There is a "Sign in" button and a link for "Don't know your password?". At the bottom, there is a "Sign in with Google" button with the Google logo.

Important Note: your credentials are not stored on DNAGedcom server but rather your own computer. This is one reason this application is allowed by Ancestry.

Step 3: Select options and run the Gather

- I recommend:
 - “Gather ICW”
 - Enter a minimum cM value
 - Not entering a minimum cM value will default to all matches down to 8 cMs and can take hours to run

Ancestry Login [Web Login](#)

You are logged into Ancestry

Profile Ken Waters

cM Range to

Gather ICW	<input type="checkbox"/>	Clear ICW	Gather DNA Data
Gather Trees	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Clear Tree	Run Report
Gather Ethnicity	<input type="checkbox"/>	Clear Ethnicity	Sync to GF

cM Range to

Gather ICW	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Clear ICW	Gather DNA Data
Gather Trees	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Clear Tree	Run Report
Gather Ethnicity	<input type="checkbox"/>	Clear Ethnicity	Sync to GF

[Cancel](#)

Step 4: All done with Gather

- This example for all matches on my kit down to 20 cMs took about 10 minutes to run
- If you selected ICW then it will take a bit more time to run the ICW report

Running Report ICW - 0% Complete 1 of 3

Creating Ancestry Reports Completed

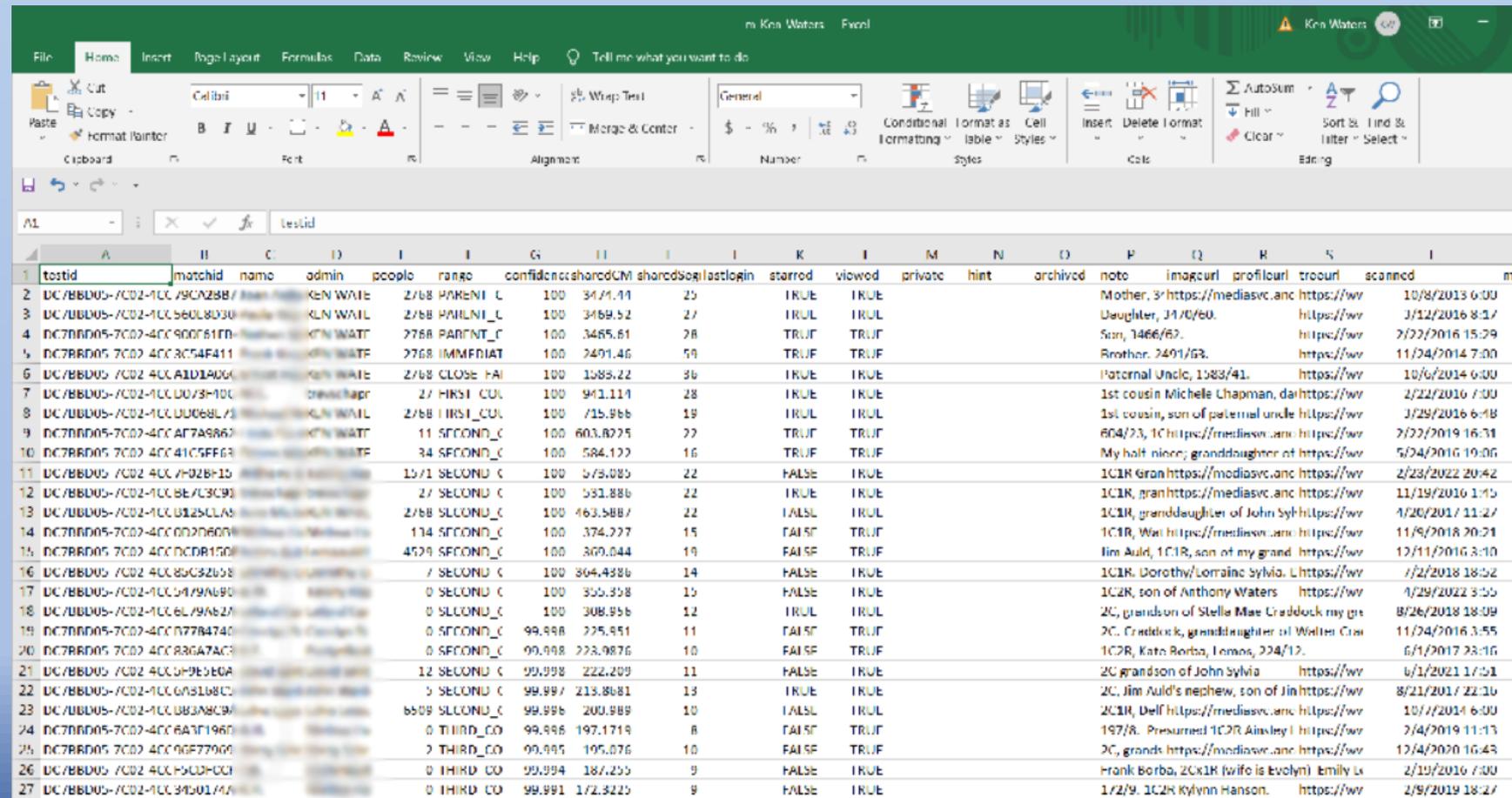
Result is 3 CSV Spreadsheet Files

- “m” file is the spreadsheet with all the matches
- “a” file is the spreadsheet with tree data
- “icw” is the file showing shared match data

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 icw_Ken_Waters	5/3/2023 1:03 PM	Microsoft Excel Co...	4,422 KB
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The “m” file contains all the matches gathered

- This file can now be manipulated and incorporated into other spreadsheets such as documenting shared networks



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The “a” file contains data for trees of your matches

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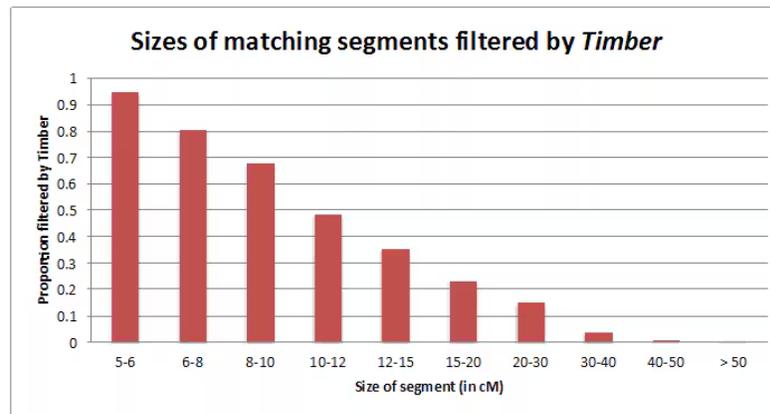
Timber

- What is Timber?
 - An algorithm to try to remove segments that are common to many other matches

Timber mostly filters out shorter segments of shared DNA

The DNA you share with your matches is distributed across segments of DNA. If you think of you and your match's DNA like two books, shared DNA segments are like identical sentences or paragraphs in both books. The length of the longest segment you and a DNA match have in common can help [determine your relationship](#). Sharing fewer, longer segments usually indicates a closer relationship. Shorter segments of shared DNA can indicate a distant relationship or identical DNA due to a shared region.

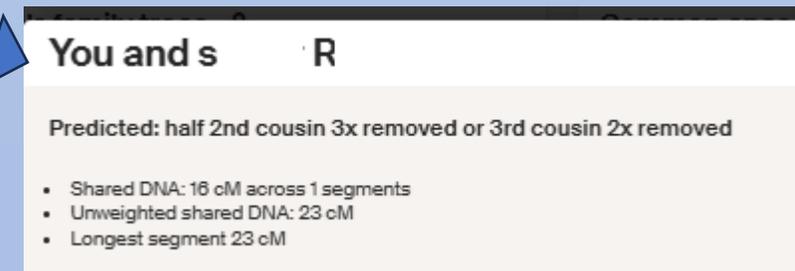
When we looked at the shared DNA segments removed by *Timber* for a study of 300,000 Ancestry customers, we saw that most of the removed segments are shorter (<10 cM). See the chart below.



However, we also found that in some cases, longer identical segments (>15 cM) were also removed by *Timber*. What this shows is that there is much more than just the sizes of the identical DNA segments to consider when trying to identify shared DNA from a recent common ancestor.

Timber

- To find the centiMorgans shared before the Timber algorithm is applied, click on the cM label



After Timber

Shared DNA: 16 cM across 1 segments

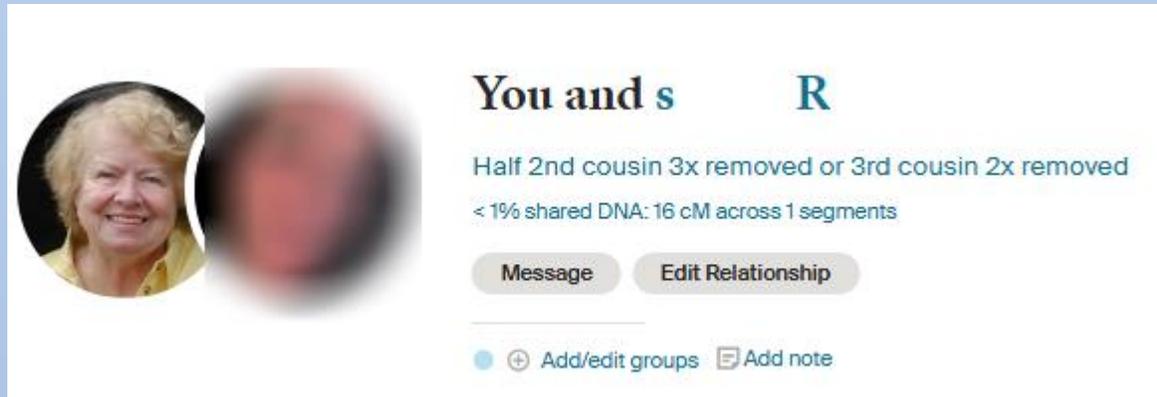
Unweighted shared DNA: 23 cM

Before Timber

Longest segment 23 cM

Real Timber Example

- sR match to my Mom's kit, 16 cMs



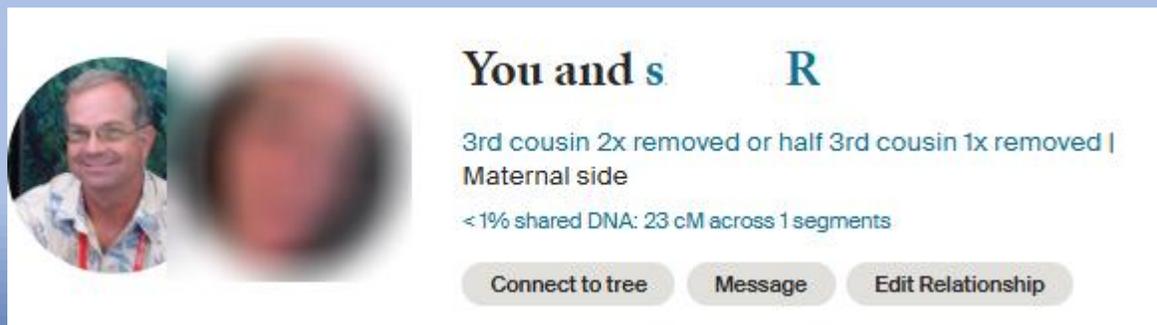
You and s R

Half 2nd cousin 3x removed or 3rd cousin 2x removed
< 1% shared DNA: 16 cM across 1 segments

Message Edit Relationship

Add/edit groups Add note

- sR match to me, 23 cMs

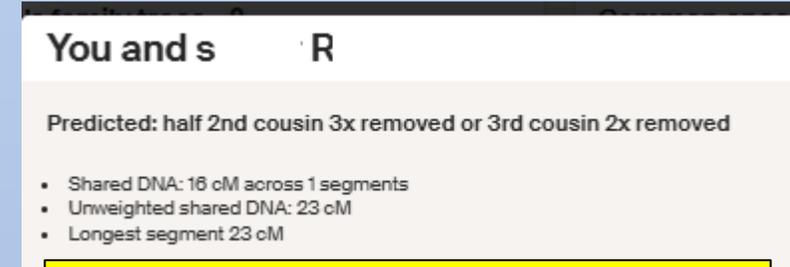


You and s R

3rd cousin 2x removed or half 3rd cousin 1x removed | Maternal side
< 1% shared DNA: 23 cM across 1 segments

Connect to tree Message Edit Relationship

Why is this important?
Timber erroneously makes sR appear more distant to Mom than to me, which is impossible (assuming I'm not related to the match on paternal side also)

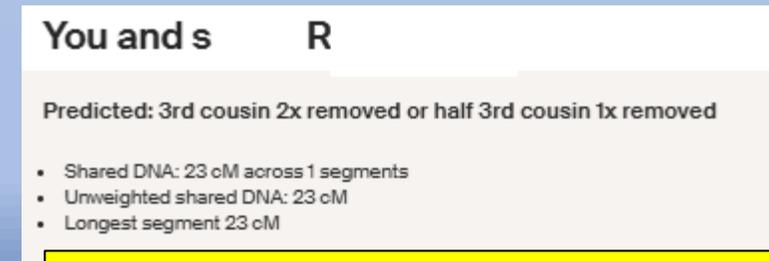


You and s R

Predicted: half 2nd cousin 3x removed or 3rd cousin 2x removed

- Shared DNA: 16 cM across 1 segments
- Unweighted shared DNA: 23 cM
- Longest segment 23 cM

Ancestry split a 23 cM segment in half, reducing it to 16 cMs



You and s R

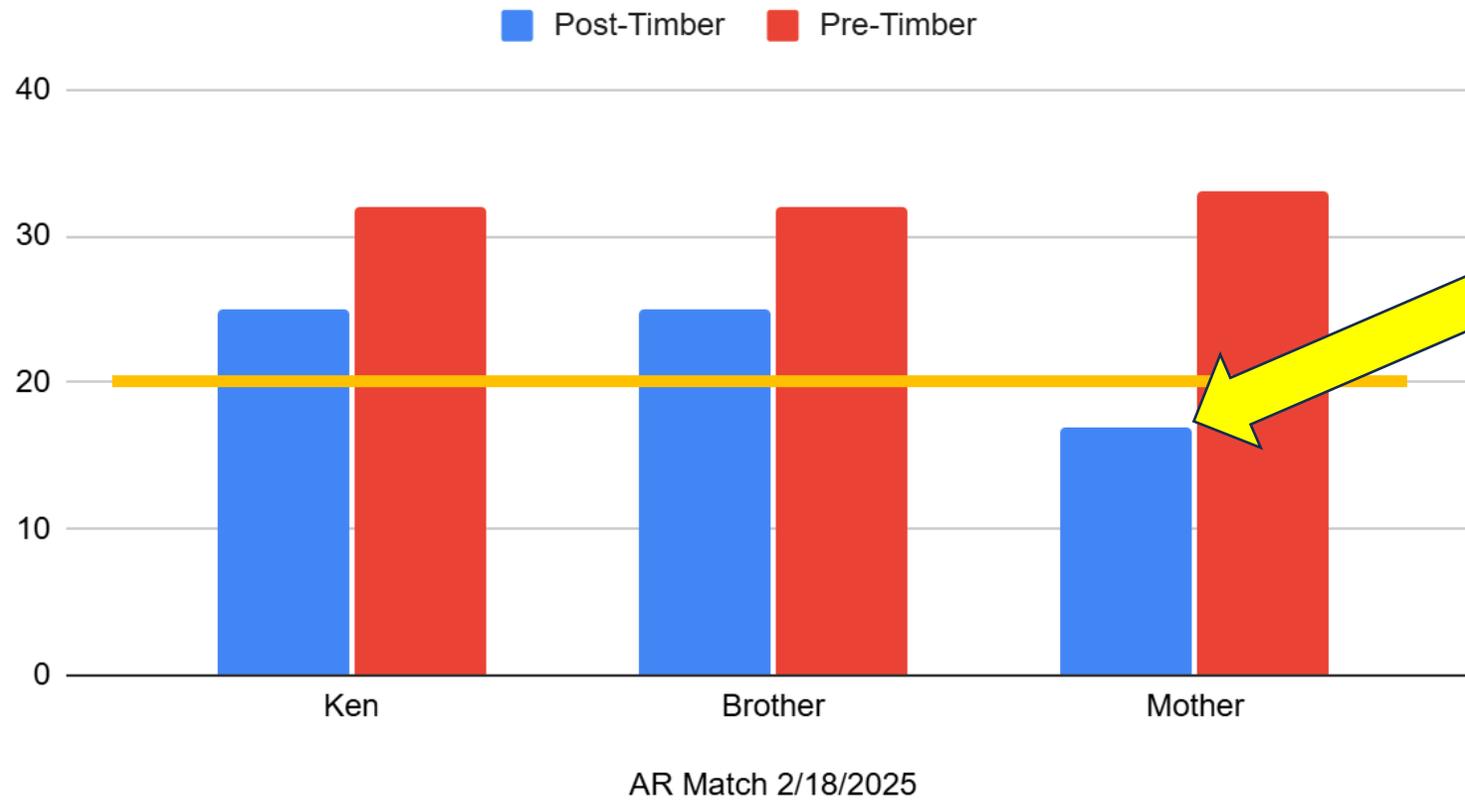
Predicted: 3rd cousin 2x removed or half 3rd cousin 1x removed

- Shared DNA: 23 cM across 1 segments
- Unweighted shared DNA: 23 cM
- Longest segment 23 cM

Ancestry did not split the same 23 cM segment in her son!

Another Timber Example (new match 2/18/2025)

Post-Timber and Pre-Timber



Timber cuts the parent's segment below 20 cMs but not those from the two children. This results in erroneously removing the match from the mother's close matches list!

ProTools

- Contains a variety of useful tools

Ancestry® Pro Tools Membership

Take your research to the next level with Ancestry® Pro Tools. This add-on membership gives you access to advanced DNA and family history tools designed to improve your tree's accuracy and showcase the people in your tree like never before.

What's included

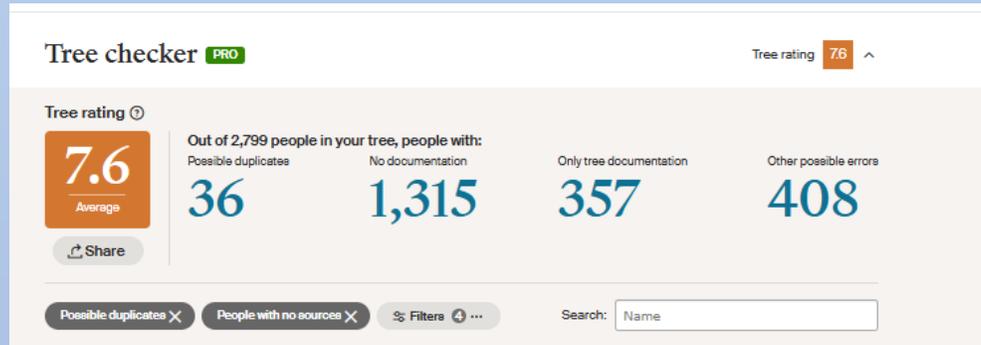
Ancestry Pro Tools requires an active [Ancestry family history membership](#). Family history memberships give you access to paid records, other member trees, and some DNA features.

Pro Tools provides access to advanced DNA and family history tools, including:

- **Tree checker:** Find potential duplicates and possible errors in your tree.
- **Smart filters:** Search, group, and sort people in your tree using key details beyond names.
- **Charts & reports:** Create and share detailed family histories.
- **Tree mapper:** See where people in your tree lived in relation to one another.
- **Tree insights:** Discover familial trends and see patterns in your tree.
- **Enhanced shared matches:** See how much DNA your matches share and their predicted relationships to each other. (Separate DNA kit purchase required to access this feature.)

ProTools -- TreeChecker

- While not a DNA tool it can help a lot to clean up your tree



- It takes a lot of time to go through all these but can help improve your linked tree

Quackenbosch, Pieter	1702 Albany, New York, USA	1772 Niskayuna, Albany, New York, United States
Quackenbush, Pieter Johannese	from 1678 to 1680 Albany, Albany, New York	20 July 1748 Albany, Albany, New York

Likely not a duplicate

Goode, Mary	1720 Whitby Plantation, Richmond, Virginia, USA	1758 Albermarle, , Virginia, USA
Goode, Mary	1720 Richmond County, Virginia, British Colonial America	1758 Albermarle County, Virginia, British Colonial America

A likely duplicate

ProTools – Charts & Reports

- Descendancy chart
 - One of my Mayflower lines
 - Up to 7 generations so I had to break into two reports

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Peregrine White



Descendancy

1. **Peregrine White** b: Nov 1620. d: 20 Jul 1704 in Marshfield, Plymouth, Massachusetts, USA; age: 83.
+ **Sarah Bassett** b: 1630 in Plymouth, Plymouth, Massachusetts, USA. d: 22 Jan 1711 in Marshfield, Plymouth, Massachusetts, USA; age: 81.
2. **Silvanus White** d: Deceased.
+ **Deborah Church** d: Deceased.
3. **William White** b: 1683. d: Bef. 3 Oct 1780 in Dartmouth, Bristol, Massachusetts, USA; age: 97.
+ **Elizabeth Cadman** b: Abt. 1684 in Dartmouth, Bristol, Massachusetts, USA. d: Aft. 6 Jan 1768; age: 84.
4. **Roger White** b: 1708. d: 17 Jun 1802; age: 94.
+ **Rebecca Grinnell** b: 16 Dec 1710 in Little Compton, Newport, Rhode Island, United States. d: 17 Jun 1802 in Little Compton, Newport, Rhode Island, United States; age: 91.
5. **Hannah White** b: 17 Sep 1734 in Little Compton, Newport, Rhode Island, USA. d: 1766 in New York, USA; age: 31.
+ **Abraham Utter** b: 18 Nov 1732. d: 5 Jan 1819; age: 86.
6. **Sarah Utter** b: 12 Jul 1761 in Stonington, New London, Connecticut, United States. d: 29 Jun 1801; age: 39.
+ **Capt. David Larkin** b: November 1751 in Hope Valley, Hopkinton, Kings, British Colonial America, Rhode Island, USA. d: 11 November 1839 in Hope Valley, Hopkinton, Washington, Rhode Island, USA; age: 88.
7. **Sarah "Sally" Larkin** b: 29 Dec 1797 in Hopkinton, Washington, Rhode Island, United States. d: 18 Apr 1828 in Clarence, Erie, New York, United States; age: 30.
+ **Aaron Davis** b: 22 August 1794 in Rhode Island, United States of America. d: 25 January 1859 in Clinton County, Michigan, United States of America; age: 64.

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Aaron Davis



Descendancy

1. **Aaron Davis** b: 22 August 1794 in Rhode Island, United States of America. d: 25 January 1859 in Clinton County, Michigan, United States of America; age: 64.
+ **Sarah "Sally" Larkin** b: 29 Dec 1797 in Hopkinton, Washington, Rhode Island, United States. d: 18 Apr 1828 in Clarence, Erie, New York, United States; age: 30.
2. **Mary Davis** b: 5 April 1812 in Rhode Island. d: 8 April 1881 in Wexford, Wexford, Michigan; age: 69.
+ **Ira Gilman Butler** b: 1797 in New York, USA. m: Abt 1834 in New York, USA. d: 15 Sep 1878 in Marcellus, Cass Co., MI.; age: 81.
3. **Elizabeth Ann Butler** b: Jul 1835 in Rochester NY. d: 30 Sep 1914 in Springville, Wexford, Michigan, USA; age: 79.
+ **Jefferson N Campbell** b: Jan 1833 in Michigan. m: 6 Nov 1890 in Charlotte, Eaton, Michigan, USA. d: Deceased.
+ **Nathan G Spencer** b: 12 Dec 1829 in Hartland, Windsor, Vermont, USA. d: 20 Apr 1877 in Battle Creek, Calhoun, Michigan, USA; age: 47.
4. **Adeline Spencer** b: abt 1854 in Michigan. d: Deceased.
4. **Culver R. Spencer** b: Nov 1856 in Walton, Mich. d: 13 Jan 1928 in Los Angeles, Los Angeles, California, USA; age: 71.
+ **Arzelia Cummings** b: 22 Apr 1859 in Onondaga County, New York, USA. m: 31 Dec 1877 in Kalamazoo, Kalamazoo, Michigan, USA. d: 4 Jul 1932 in Los Angeles, Los Angeles, California, USA; age: 73.
5. **Nellie Julia Spencer** b: 24 Oct 1878 in Jackson, Jackson, Michigan, USA. d: 30 Sep 1932 in Los Angeles, Los Angeles, California, USA; age: 53.
+ **Eugene Huntley** b: May 1846 in Burlington, Chittenden, Vermont, USA. m: 29 Sep 1900 in Cedar Rapids, Linn, Iowa. d: 25 Oct 1900 in Cedar Rapids, Linn County, Iowa, United States of America; age: 54.
+ **Frank Gustav Pohlmann** b: 26 Jan 1880 in Waszminker, Germany. m: 23 Mar 1926 in Colorado Springs, Colorado, USA. d: 4 Jan 1976 in Stanton, Orange, California, USA; age: 95.
+ Unknown
6. **Mardell Lillian Huntley** b: 2 Feb 1908 in Clinton, Clinton, Iowa, USA. d: 28 Aug 2005 in Las Vegas, Clark, Nevada; age: 97.
+ **Charles Noble Craddock** b: 16 Apr 1905 in Mount Vernon, Jefferson, Illinois, USA. m: 10 Dec 1931 in Los Angeles, California, USA. d: 15 Jan 1983 in Las Vegas, Clark, Nevada, USA; age: 77.
7. **Joan Anita Craddock** b: 12 May 1929 in Los Angeles, Los Angeles, California, USA. d: 11 Oct 2015 in Mesa, Maricopa, Arizona, USA; age: 86.
+ **Richard J Waters** b: 22 Dec 1919 in San Francisco, California. m: 7 Sep 1951 in Norfolk, Independent Cities, Virginia, USA. d: 8 Nov 1979 in Petaluma, Sonoma, California, USA; age: 59.

ProTools – Family Group Sheet

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Richard J Waters

Family Group Sheet



Name: [Richard J Waters](#)
Birth: 22 Dec 1919 in San Francisco, California.
Spouses: [Joan Anita Craddock](#)
[Thelma M Greenwood](#)
[Helen L Bockoven](#)
[Jeanne Claire Mills](#)
Death: 8 Nov 1979 in Petaluma, Sonoma, California, USA; age: 59.
Burial: San Rafael, Marin County, California, USA.
Father: [Joseph John Waters](#)
Mother: [Caroline Margaret Sylvia](#)



Spouse: [Joan Anita Craddock](#)
Birth: 12 May 1929 in Los Angeles, Los Angeles, California, USA.
Marriage: 7 Sep 1951 in Norfolk, Independent Cities, Virginia, USA.
Death: 11 Oct 2015 in Mesa, Maricopa, Arizona, USA; age: 86.
Father: [Charles Noble Craddock](#)
Mother: [Mardell Lillian Huntley](#)



Spouse: [Thelma M Greenwood](#)
Birth: 14 Apr 1914 in San Francisco, California.
Marriage: 4 May 1969 in Monterey, California, USA.
Death: 12 March 2005 in Petaluma, Sonoma County, California, United States of America; age: 90.
Burial: San Rafael, Marin County, California, United States of America.
Father: [Lester Errol Greenwood](#)
Mother: [Emily G Battail](#)



Spouse: [Helen L Bockoven](#)
Birth: 23 Mar 1914 in Oklahoma.
Marriage: Divorce: Apr 1968 in Alameda City, California, USA.
Death: Jan 1979; age: 64.
Father: [George Bockoven](#)
Mother: [Maude L Bockoven](#)



Spouse: [Jeanne Claire Mills](#)
Birth: 1 Feb 1922 in Portland, Multnomah, Oregon, USA.
Death: 12 Dec 1995 in Laguna Hills, Orange, California, USA; age: 73.
Father: [David Mills](#)
Mother: [Doris Lucile Desilets](#)

Children of Richard J Waters and Joan Anita Craddock: 2

ProTools – Enhanced Shared Matches

- In my opinion, this feature alone makes it worth it to have this subscription
- Provides how much each of your matches shares with other matches in the genetic network

You and Michelle
2nd cousin 1x removed | Maternal side
2% shared DNA: 152 cM across 8 segments

Connect to tree Message Edit Relationship

+ Add/edit group
2CIR, great-granddaughter of Stella C...

Trees Origins **Shared Matches PRO**

Filter shared matches + Group Search Sort

Shared match:	Your:	Michelle Kaulukukui-Palisbo's:
Joan Anita Craddock	Your: Mother 3,474 cM Maternal side	Michelle 1st cousin 1x removed or half grandaunt 360 cM
	Your: Daughter 3,470 cM Both sides	Michelle 3rd cousin or half 2nd cousin 1x removed 106 cM
	Your: Brother 2,491 cM Both sides	Michelle 2nd cousin or half 1st cousin 1x removed 209 cM
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Jim Auld	my grand aunt Laverne Craddock, 369/20.	
	Your: 2nd cousin 309 cM Maternal side	Michelle Uncle 1,624 cM

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2C, grandson of Stella Mae Craddock my great aunt. 309/15. Sent message 8/26/2018 and ...		

Before I only knew that Michelle and Leland were shared matches to me. I didn't know they were related to each other. With Enhanced Shared Matches I was able to see how they were related to each other and so I could put both in my family tree properly.



ThruLines

- Attempts to build your direct ancestors
- NOTE: this is primarily based on trees --- both yours and your matches
- It can provide hints of how you might be related to your DNA matches

Ken Waters

Summary Origin Matches Trails

All By parent By ancestor By location

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 J Waters (Father, 1916-1972)
- Joan Anita Craddock (Mother, 1928-2015)

Grandparents

- Joseph John Waters (Paternal grandfather, 1888-1952)
- Caroline Margaret Sylvia (Paternal grandmother, 1901-1983)
- Charles Noble Craddock (Maternal grandfather, 1902-1993)
- Mardell Lillian Huntley (Maternal grandmother, 1918-2002)

Great Grandparents

- John Waters (Great-grandfather, 1888)
- Irene Agnes Berkley (Great-grandmother, 1908-1977)
- Joao John da Silva (Sylvia) (Great-grandfather, 1845-1912)
- Caroline C. Lemos (Great-grandmother, 1916-1912)
- Charles Noble Craddock (Great-grandfather, 1865-1930)
- Mary Ellen Wood (Great-grandmother, 1873-1933)
- Nellie Julia Spencer (Great-grandmother, 1879-1912)

2nd Great Grandparents

- Terence Waters (2nd great-grandfather, 1822-1902)
- Sabina Gallagher (2nd great-grandmother, 1822-1901)
- Joseph Mortimer Berkeley (2nd great-grandfather, 1846-1910)
- Mary Ann Wheeler (2nd great-grandmother)
- Manuel Correia da Silva (2nd great-grandfather)
- Luisa Candida (2nd great-grandmother)
- Felicianno Machado Lemos (2nd great-grandfather, 1811-1904)

ThruLines® for Malinda Spivey

ThruLines® uses Ancestry® trees to suggest that you may be related to 11 DNA matches through Malinda Spivey.

Relationships List

Malinda Spivey (2nd great-grandmother)

Charles N Craddock (Great-grandfather, 1868-1950)

Stella M M Craddock (Grandaunt, 1890-1981) - 2 DNA Matches

Laverne Craddock (Grandaunt, 1903-1991) - 4 DNA Matches

Charles N Craddock (Maternal grandfather, 1905-1983) - 4 DNA Matches

Walter J Craddock (Granduncle, 1910-2002)

Judith Ann Craddock (1st cousin 1x removed, 1934-2014)

ME (2nd cousin, 167 cM | 9 segments)

Joan Anita Craddock (Mother, 3,474 cM | 25 segments)

Ken Waters

ThruLines

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AncestryDNA® ThruLines®

ThruLines® shows you how you may be related to your DNA matches. ThruLines are based on information from family trees they don't change the information in trees. If there's inaccurate information in your tree, you may receive inaccurate ThruLines. Only you and anyone you've invited to view your DNA results can see your ThruLines.

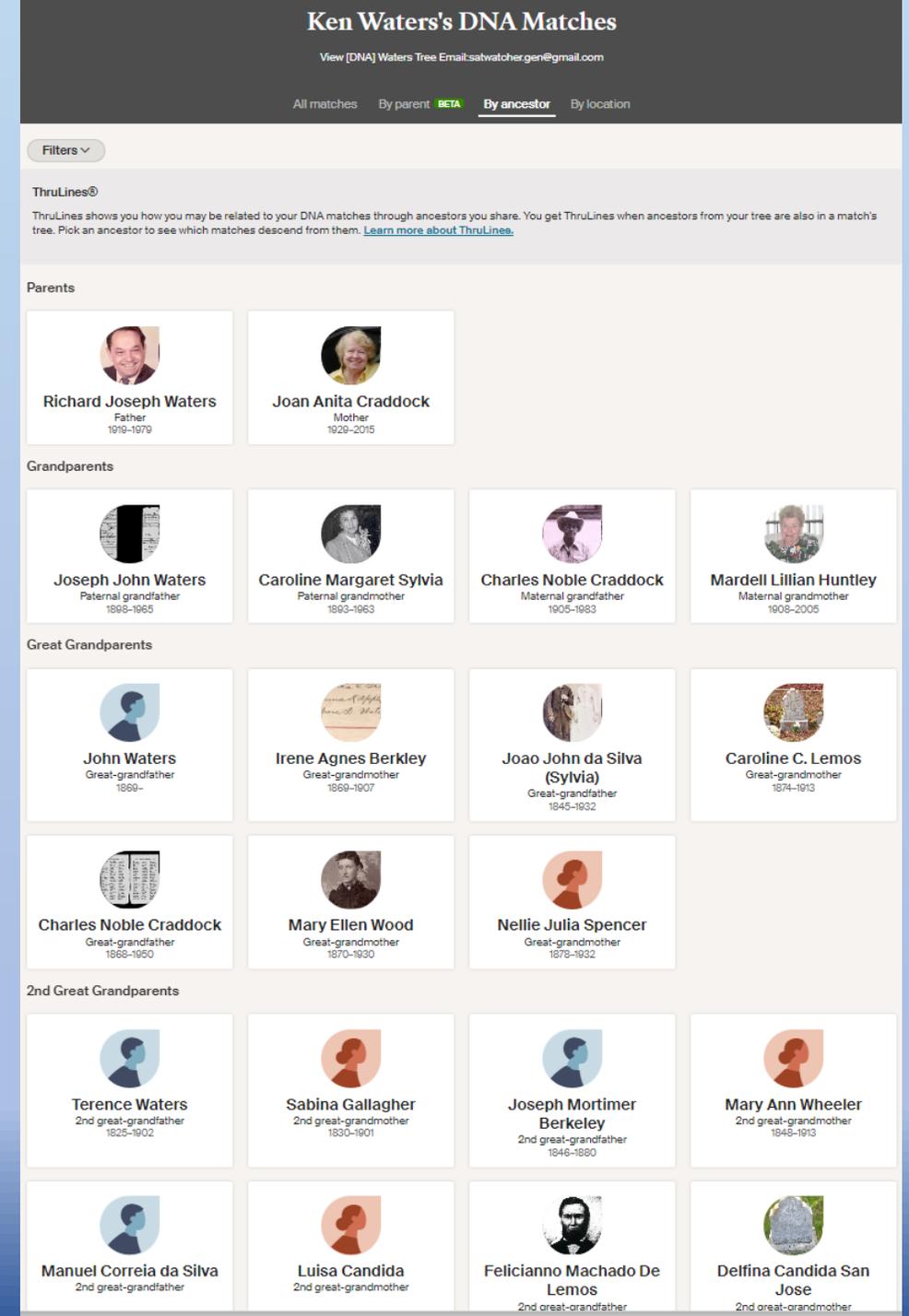
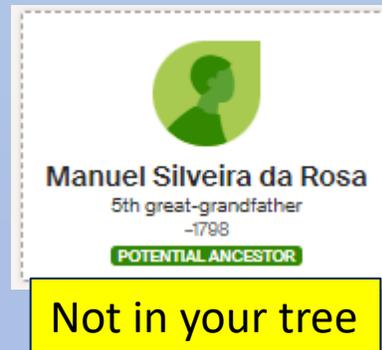
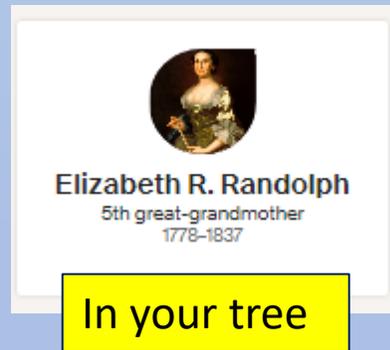
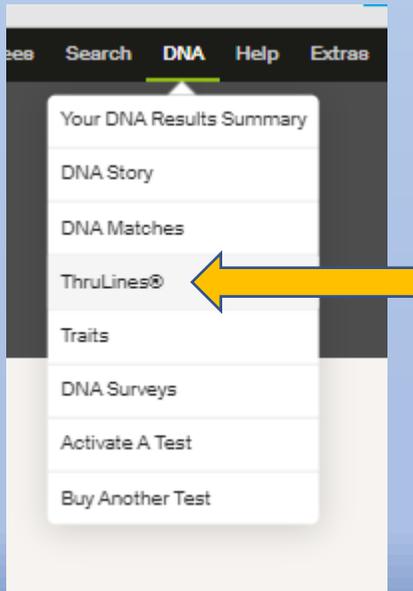
We use the family tree linked to your test to find people who are in your tree and are also in your matches's linked trees. If your tree is private and not searchable, you won't be able to see ThruLines, and information from your matches' trees that are private and not searchable won't be available to you. DNA matches may appear in more than one of your ThruLines.

ThruLines are available for ancestors through 5th great-grandparents. ThruLines won't appear for 6th great-grandparents and beyond.

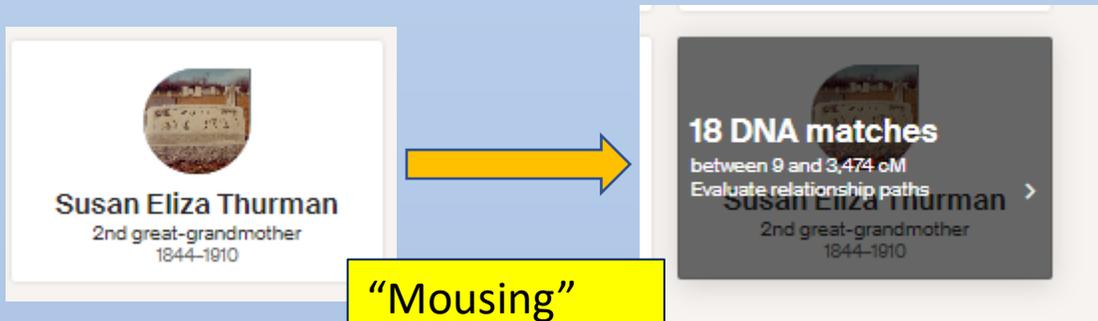
You must have a public tree (or private but searchable) and have it linked to your DNA kit in order to see any ThruLines.

ThruLines

- Starting with parents
- Goes down to 5th great-grandparents



Look at quantity (and *quality* of those DNA matches)



“Mousing”
over a name
can reveal the
number of
DNA matches
Ancestry finds

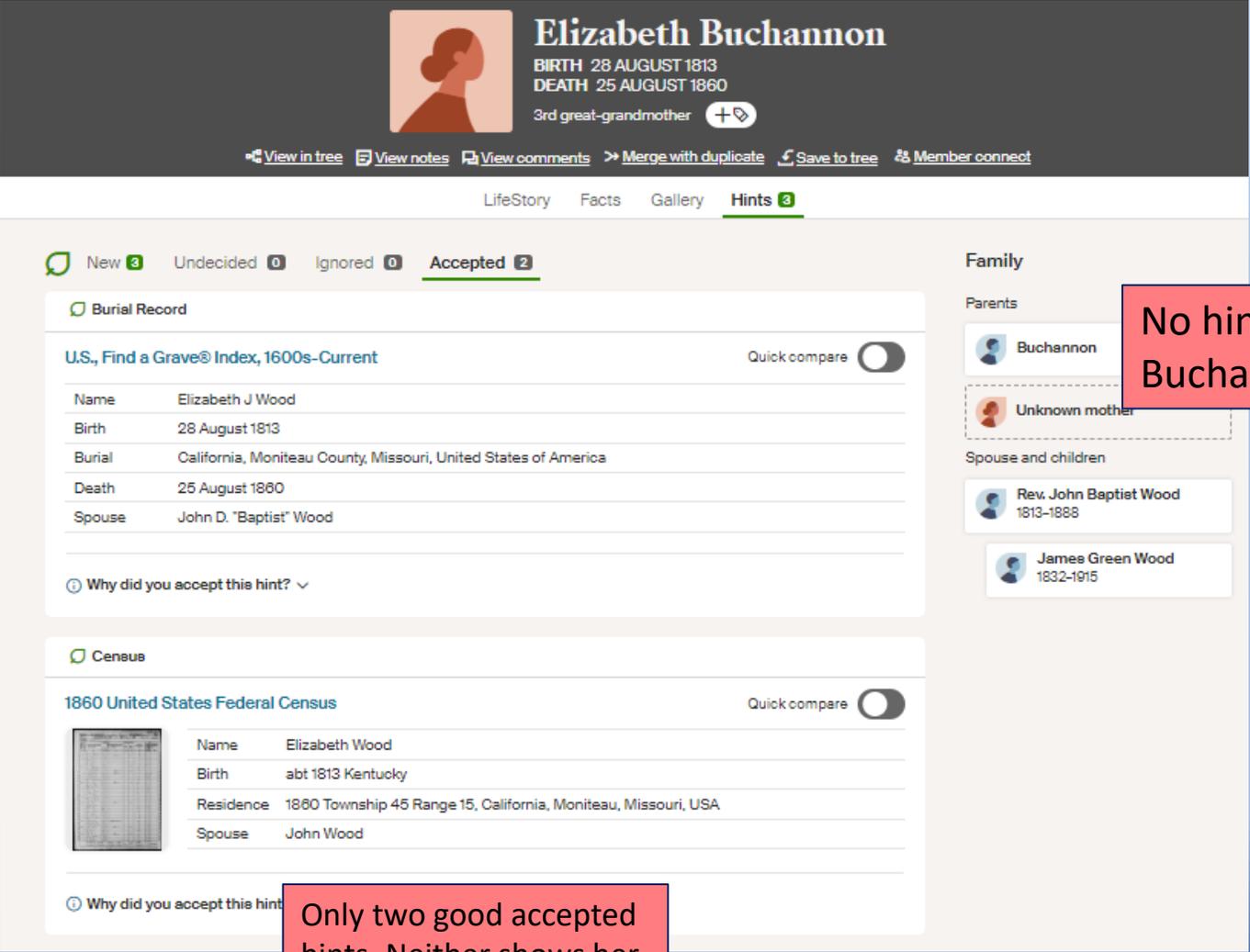
Be careful: having a lot of DNA matches may simply be because of your close tested matches

You need “breadth” of matches from other matches outside your close family

TIP: Try moving the mouse over each person. When you see lots of matches that is an indication that the person in the tree may be properly placed.

My 3rd Great-grandmother

- This was entered as found from one of my known cousin's tree
- Only a couple of sources with none showing birth surname



The screenshot shows a genealogy profile for Elizabeth Buchannon. At the top, her name is displayed in a large font, with her birth date (28 AUGUST 1813) and death date (25 AUGUST 1860) below it. A small profile picture is to the left. Below the name and dates, there are navigation links: "View in tree", "View notes", "View comments", "Merge with duplicate", "Save to tree", and "Member connect". The profile is categorized as "3rd great-grandmother".

Below the navigation links, there are tabs for "LifeStory", "Facts", "Gallery", and "Hints 3". The "Hints" tab is selected, showing a summary of hint status: "New 3", "Undecided 0", "Ignored 0", and "Accepted 2".

The first hint is a "Burial Record" from the "U.S., Find a Grave® Index, 1600s-Current". The details are as follows:

Name	Elizabeth J Wood
Birth	28 August 1813
Burial	California, Moniteau County, Missouri, United States of America
Death	25 August 1860
Spouse	John D. "Baptist" Wood

The second hint is a "Census" record from the "1860 United States Federal Census". The details are as follows:

Name	Elizabeth Wood
Birth	abt 1813 Kentucky
Residence	1860 Township 45 Range 15, California, Moniteau, Missouri, USA
Spouse	John Wood

On the right side of the profile, there is a "Family" section. Under "Parents", there is a "Buchannon" entry and an "Unknown mother" entry. Under "Spouse and children", there are two entries: "Rev. John Baptist Wood 1813-1888" and "James Green Wood 1832-1915".

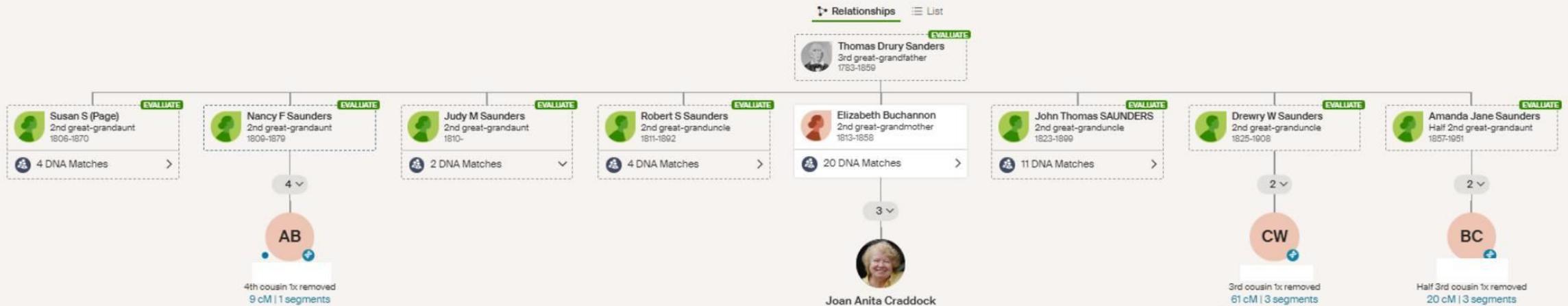
No hints for father Buchannon

Only two good accepted hints. Neither shows her surname as Buchannon

Surprise DNA Matches when opening ThruLines

ThruLines® for Thomas Drury Sanders

ThruLines® uses Ancestry® trees to suggest that Joan Anita Craddock may be related to 44 DNA matches through Thomas Drury Sanders.



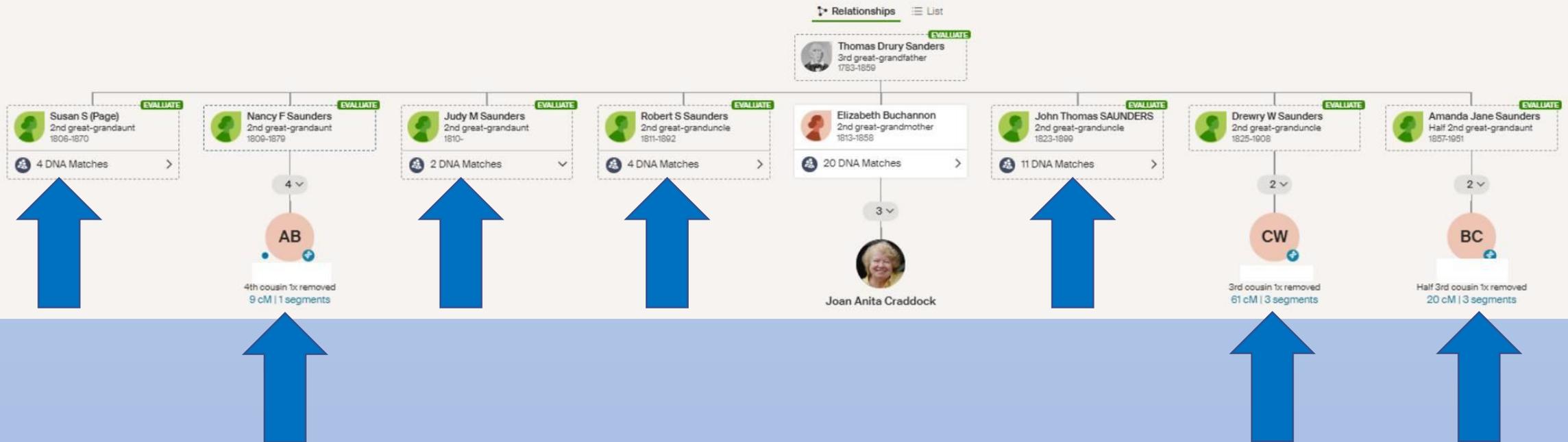
Ancestry found many matches shown as descending from Elizabeth Buchannon's siblings

61 cMs, strong match!

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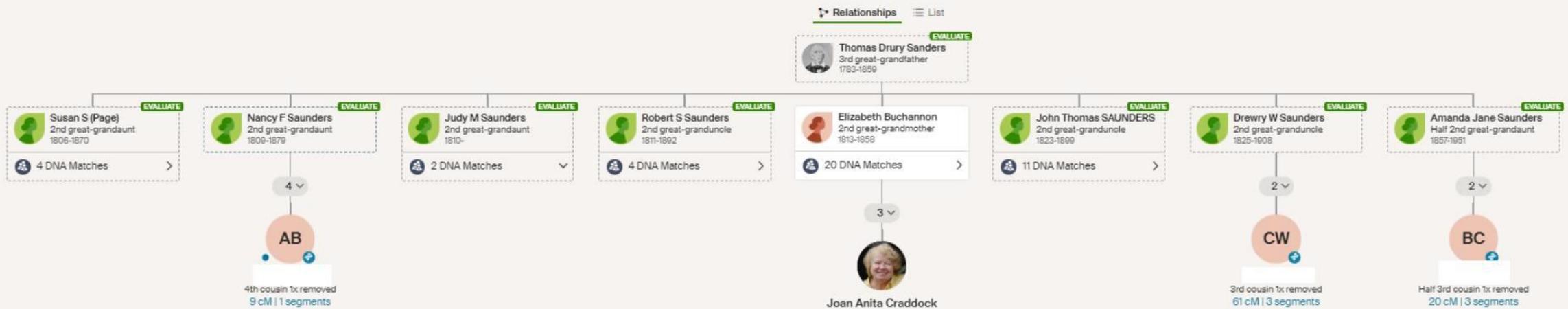


Note the breadth of matches from so many siblings! Very good sign of validation

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What does this mean??

Likely that “Buchannon” is not Elizabeth’s actual surname but it may be Saunders/Sanders instead

The large number of DNA matches that descend from the other Saunders siblings seems to indicate this!

Need to dig deep: look at public trees of these siblings

Build Q&D trees for this line to look for confirmatory sources

A limitation: These people were all born a few decades before the 1850 census

SideView

- What is SideView?

How SideView™ Technology Splits Your DNA Results by Parent

When we first read your DNA, we don't know which parts of your DNA came from each parent.

Ancestry® developed a technology called SideView™ to figure this out using DNA matches. Because a match is usually related to you through only one parent, your matches can help us “organize” the DNA you share with them.

SideView™ technology powers the DNA inheritance features that show which regions, journeys, matches, and traits you inherited from each parent, even without testing your parents (though we don't know which parent is which).

The ability to divide your DNA into parental sides, one paternal, one maternal

Your regions by parent

Your parents each contributed half of your DNA. Now, you can see which regions you inherited from each parent—even if they haven't taken tests. [Learn more](#)

Overview [Share](#)



Select one or more regions to highlight.

- All England & Northwestern Europe Ireland Scotland Portugal Wales Sweden

Detailed comparison [Share](#)

[Edit parent labels](#)

Same data, more detail. This chart shows the percentages of each region you inherited from your parents. Added together, the percents from each parent for a region equals your percent for that region.

Region	Maternal	Paternal	You
Total: 6	50%	50%	100%
England & Northwestern Europe	24%	4%	28%
Ireland	4%	23%	27%
Scotland	20%	2%	22%
Portugal	0%	18%	18%
Wales	0%	3%	3%
Sweden	2%	0%	2%

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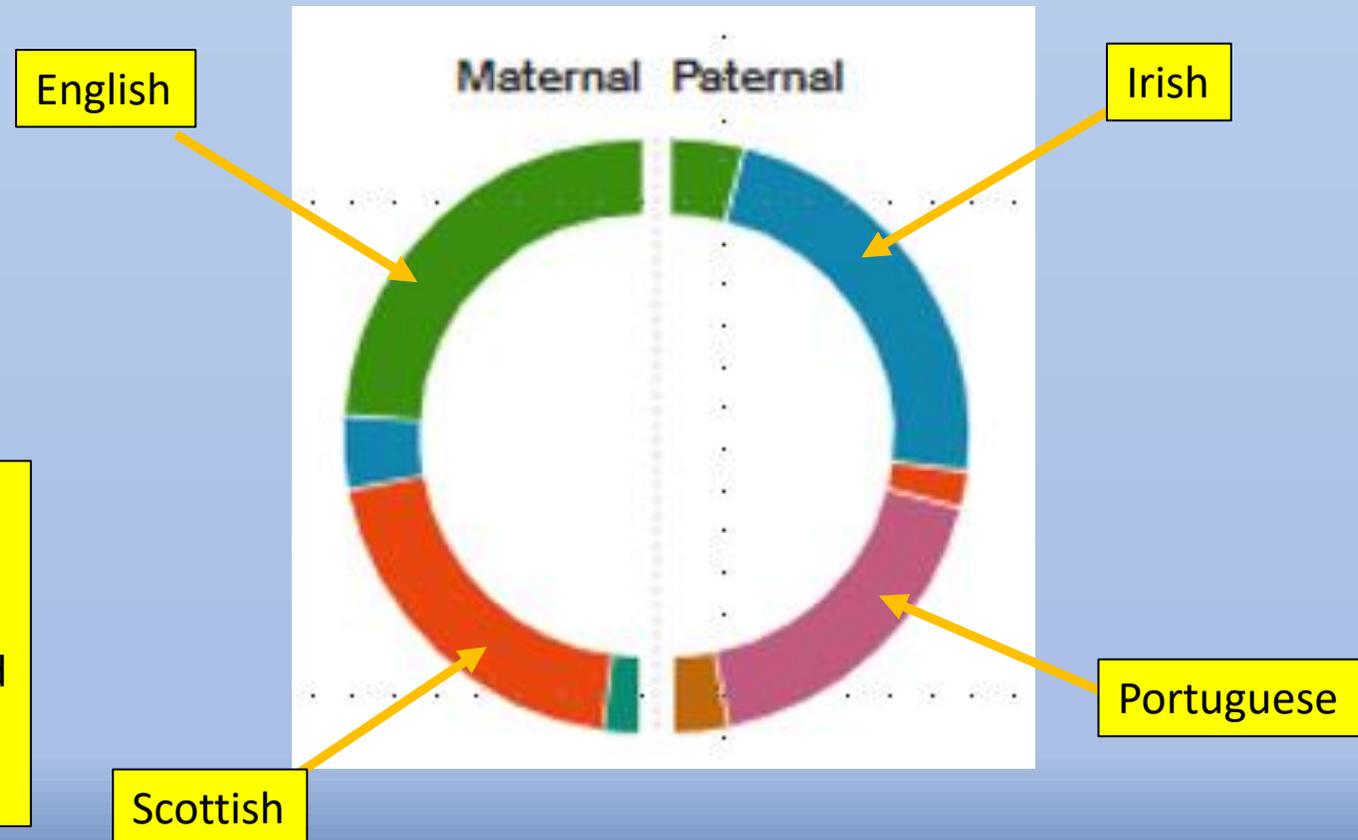
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SideView

- Initially, Ancestry won't know which side is which and so will just label as 'Parent1' and 'Parent2'
- You'll have the ability to declare which is which

The ability to divide your DNA into parental sides, one paternal, one maternal.
NOTE: this feature requires an updated account like AncestryDNA Plus or paid membership.

This is my SideView showing which side I get different "ethnicity" contributions from



Tips to save



- Wait for the 50% off membership deals that come up once in awhile
 - When they do come up, buy a “gift” membership for yourself setting it to be “gifted” one day after your subscription expires
 - Don’t forget to make sure your current subscription does not “auto-renew” by either cancelling it, removing the credit card, or calling Ancestry
 - I’ve done this the last 3 years and so have only paid \$99 to \$109 for a one-year U.S. subscription --- half price

A screenshot of the Ancestry website's Black Friday promotion. The page features the Ancestry logo in the top left, a 'Log In' link in the top right, and a black banner with the text 'BLACK FRIDAY SALE CYBER MONDAY'. The main headline reads 'Save 50%* on Ancestry® Gift Memberships.' Below this, it says 'Our biggest discount of the year.' and a large green button labeled 'Gift now' is centered at the bottom.

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Access all U.S. records on Ancestry®	Access all U.S. & international records on Ancestry®	Everything on Ancestry®, Fold3®, & Newspapers.com™ Publisher Extra®, Pro Tools, & up to 4 additional accounts
Free for 14 days Auto Renewing, Cancel Anytime.	Free for 14 days Auto Renewing, Cancel Anytime.	Free for 14 days Auto Renewing, Cancel Anytime.
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+\$119 \$99/6 mos. Pay per month	+\$169 \$149*/6 mos. Pay per month	+\$259 \$239/6 mos. Pay per month

Tips to save



- Use one account to manage multiple kits
 - Then, when you upgrade to a membership, ProTools, or AncestryDNA Plus you will only have to pay once for them and they will apply to all your managed kits!
- Look out for specials on ProTools such as reduced subscription for 6 months

NOTE: All of this is always subject to change!

	Cost	Description	I have
DNA Kit	\$0 (beyond cost of kit)	See matches, ethnicity, basic tools	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
Membership	\$99-\$300/yr	Ability to search trees, records, etc.	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
ProTools	\$5 - \$10/mo	Many useful tools, in particular the shared matches (note: requires a full paid membership to add on)	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
AncestryDNA Plus	\$30/6 mo	Basic shared matches (included with membership)	<input type="radio"/>



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Mon, Apr 14, 3 pm

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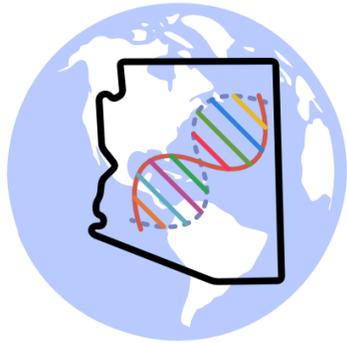
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