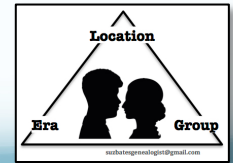


AncestryDNA

Genealogy DNA Quick Start

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- Separate your matches into your father's side of the family and your mother's side of the family.
 - Use the Ethnicity Inheritance Tools in the DNA Origins Tab to help you determine family sides.
 - Maternal Side and Paternal Side arcs will automatically mark your matches.
 - Both Sides – The matches is found on both your mother side and father's side such as your sister.
 - Unassigned - You need to manually determine the side for some matches.
 - All Matches - The matches are not always correct so be sure to check them.Use the Filters to work with the DNA matches you and Ancestry has correlated to a specific branch.

- Create a tree.
 - Upload a gedcom or manually create a tree. Even if you create a tree just through your great grandparents, this can be helpful to other researchers.
 - Be sure the tree is searchable even if it is private.
 - Link the DNA kit to the correct person in your tree even if the name is pseudonym and the parents are marked as living and therefore will come up as private. At least make the great grandparents deceased with dates and locations.
 - Add the sources to verify your facts.
 - Check all your entries and settings to be sure your tree and DNA kit are safe but accessible to DNA Common Ancestors.

- Work your paper trail forward to build branches from the DNA matches thereby creating *Common Ancestors*.
 - Create more *Common Ancestors* by manually entering information into your tree, from your shared matches' trees or trees you created for your shared matches.
 - VERIFY and extending sources. It is not good practice to just add someone's tree to your tree.
 - Cross-reference between your tree and DNA results with notes, comments, and tags.
 - Use the Ethnicity Inheritance tools to guide your tree building.
 - Work across DNA companies with your Ancestry tree as your research base-tree since Ancestry has the most DNA matches.
 - Make connections by messaging the matches or the managers.

Your Ancestry tree now is bigger and includes confirmed DNA connections between and among many matches denoted by your *Common Ancestors* and *ThruLines*[™] and is organized and cross referenced with dots, notes, comments, and tags.

- Go beyond Shared Matches and Common Ancestors to *ThruLines*[™]
 - Continue to create *Common Ancestors* and therefore *ThruLines*[™] by manually entering information into your tree and then verifying and extending sources.
 - Work from the ThruLine[™] back to the matches and trees.
 - Google Search and Facebook search for post-1950 information.
 - Cross-reference DNA kits from other companies
 - Create cloaked trees for the hard to figure out matches.

Ancestry Support pages – DNA

https://support.ancestry.com/s/topic/0TO150000004cAiGAI/ancestrydna?language=en_US