## **Introduction To Using Ancestry DNA Matches**

**Using Ancestry DNA Beta version** 

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## DNA Research and Records Research Are Partners

The process of breaking a brick wall often depends on identifying which of several possibilities for a parent or a sibling is most likely to be correct. DNA can help with that.

But sometimes we're entirely clueless and DNA can point to candidates to investigate further.

But it is important to explore the records too and look for verification of what the DNA discovery shows you.

## Why You Need A Tree

Ancestry DNA has two parts: your DNA test results and your tree.

Your DNA test results tells who you match but not why you match.

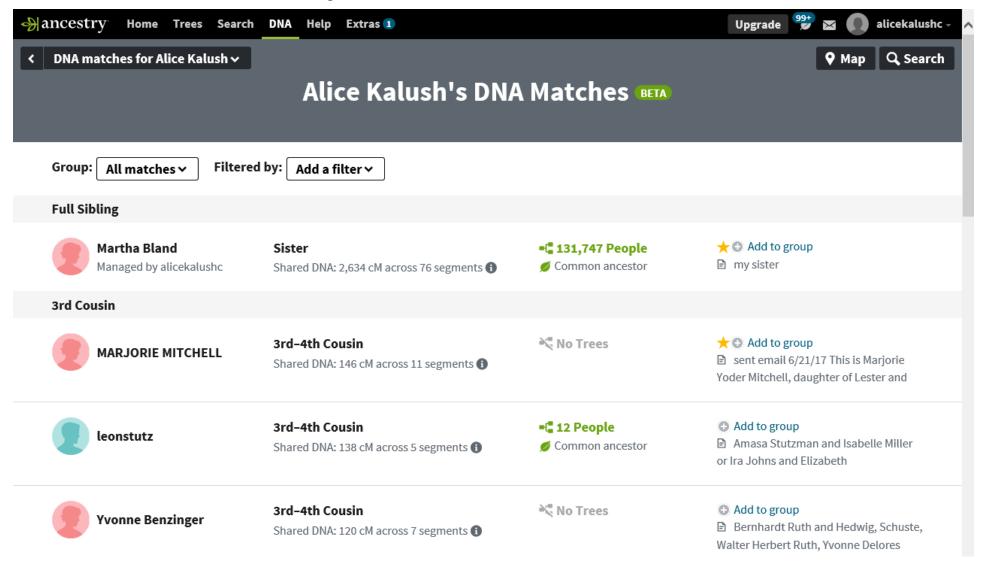
When you hook up your tree to your DNA results then Ancestry looks for things in common between your tree and your match's tree and displays them.

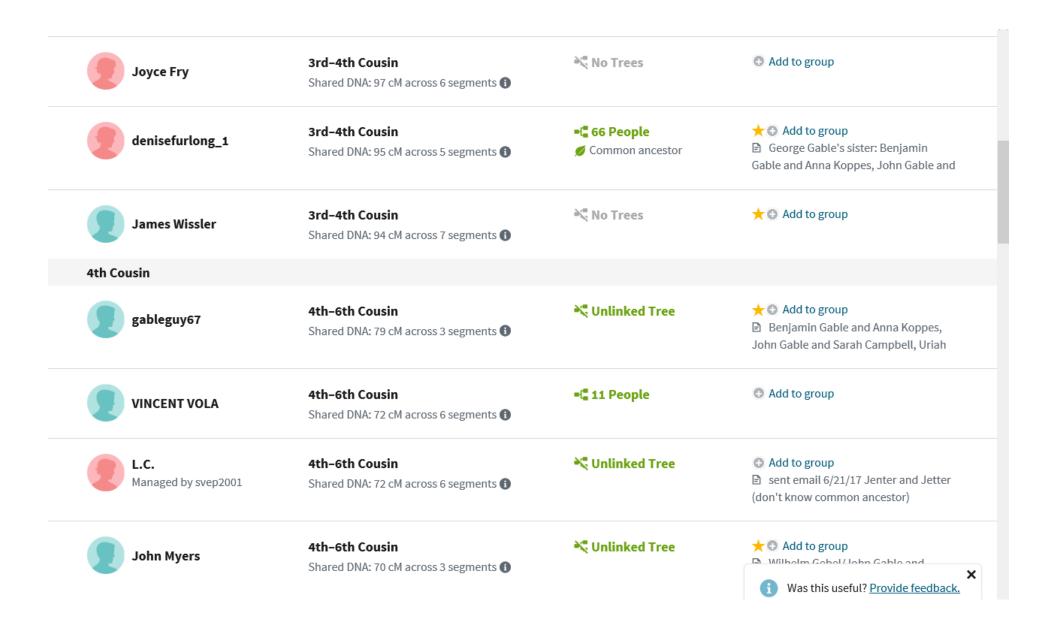
So if you want to know why you match - You Need A Tree!

## How to Opt In to Beta version

https://www.ancestry.com/BETA

## My DNA Match List





# Your Highest Matches (Top 10)

- Might include some close relatives you know
- Usually include some not quite as close relatives that you both know another close relative
- Some won't have a tree so you won't know why they match you

### Let's take a closer look



#### 3rd-4th Cousin

Shared DNA: 95 cM across 5 segments 🚯





🛨 🕒 Add to group

George Gable's sister: Benjamin Gable and Anna Koppes, John Gable and

## Trees: # of people, Unlinked Tree, No Tree, Locked Trees, Hints











## Looking for Useful and Helpful Contacts

Your highest matches are more closely related

No Tree - Not Very Interested

The Best Ones Have a Tree Linked to Their DNA

**Bigger Trees - More than 1000 people -**

**Have The Most Information and Are The Most Helpful Contacts** 

**Check Out Unlinked Trees Too** 

## After Clicking Match's Name

#### Shared DNA with denisefurlong\_1

Predicted Relationship: 3rd Cousin

Amount of shared DNA is 95 centimorgans across 5 DNA segments

#### **Blue Text Are Links**

🖹 George Gable's sister: Benjamin Gable and Anna Koppes, John Gable and Sarah Campbell, Uriah Gable and Mary Zulemma Anderson (on email list)

denisefurlong 1's Linked Tree

#### Gable Family Tree - 66 people

This is the tree that denisefurlong\_1 has linked to their DNA results.

View surnames, birth locations, and up to 7 generations.

Preview tree

How are you and denisefurlong\_1 connected?

#### Common Ancestors 🥖

According to Ancestry family trees, these are common ancestors you and denisefurlong\_1 share. You can view each relationship to see if it's correct.





#### **Shared Matches**





View all shared matches

## **Denise is My Third Cousin**

## Shared DNA with denisefurlong\_1

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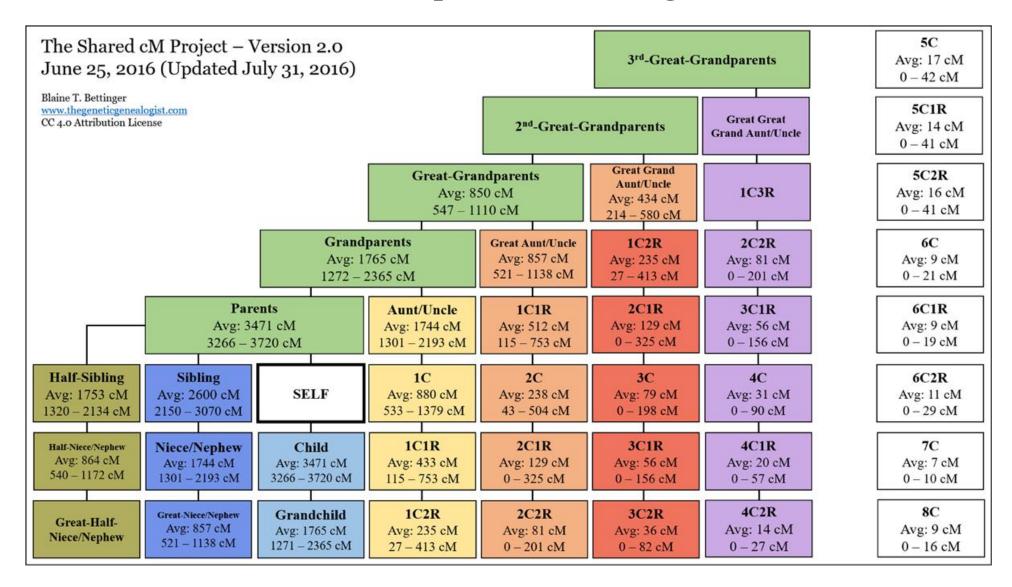
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🖹 George Gable's sister: Benjamin Gable and Anna Koppes, John (

## Relationships and Percentage of DNA Inherited

- 50% from each parent
- 25% from each grandparent
- 12.5% from each great grandparent
- 6.25% from each GG grandparent
- and so on

#### **Relationships and Centimorgans**



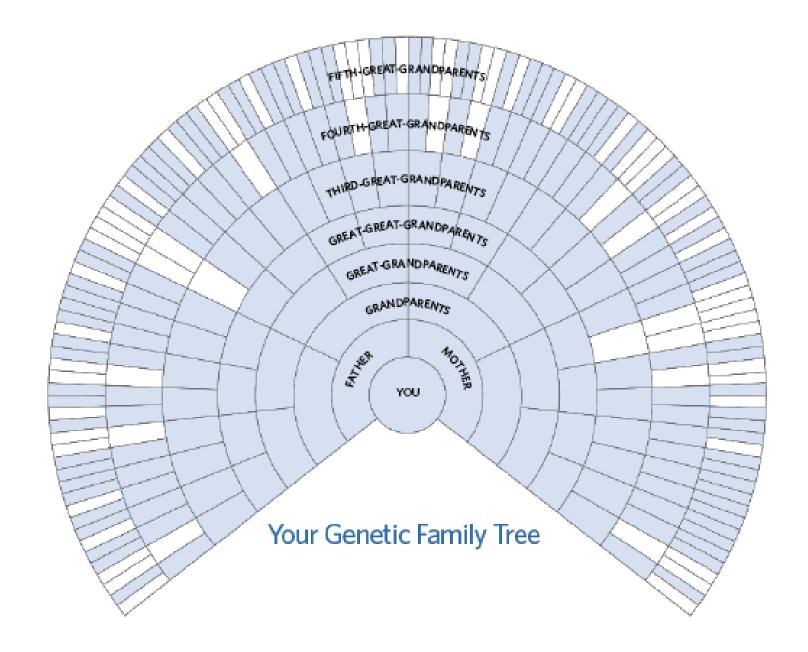
Confidence	Centimorgans	Likehood of Common
Score		Ancestor
Extremely	>60	Virtually 100%
High		
Very High	45-60	About 99%
High	30-45	About 95%
Good	16-30	Above 50%
Moderate	6-16	15-50%

I prefer above 30 cm - very reliable 15 cm - 91% share a recent ancestor

below 10 cm - the likelihood of false matches starts to be a concern, but matches supported by reliable trees can be accurate and provide new helpful new information

## **Relationships and Sharing DNA**

- •All people that share your GG grandparents will match
- About 5 pct of 3rd cousins don't match
- •The further back you connect, the less likely you'll match
- •Less generations means a match is more likely
- Test that 96 year old grandmother!



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#### Benjamin Gable

2nd Great-Grandfather 1806–1895 View Relationship



#### **Anna Koppes**

2nd Great-Grandmother 1808–1865

View Relationship

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## Hints

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#### Relationship to denisefurlong\_1 BETA You may be related to denisefurlong\_1 through Benjamin Gable Benjamin Gable 2nd great-grandfather 1806-1895 John Gable David K. Gable 2nd great-uncle Great-grandfather 1842-1930 1851-1934 Uriah C. Gable **Charles Dudley Gable** Paternal grandfather 1st cousin 2x removed 1880-1966 1887-1963 **Charles Marvin Gable** George R. Gable 2nd cousin 1x removed Father 1908-1961 1918-2004 ΑK DE

### **About Hints**

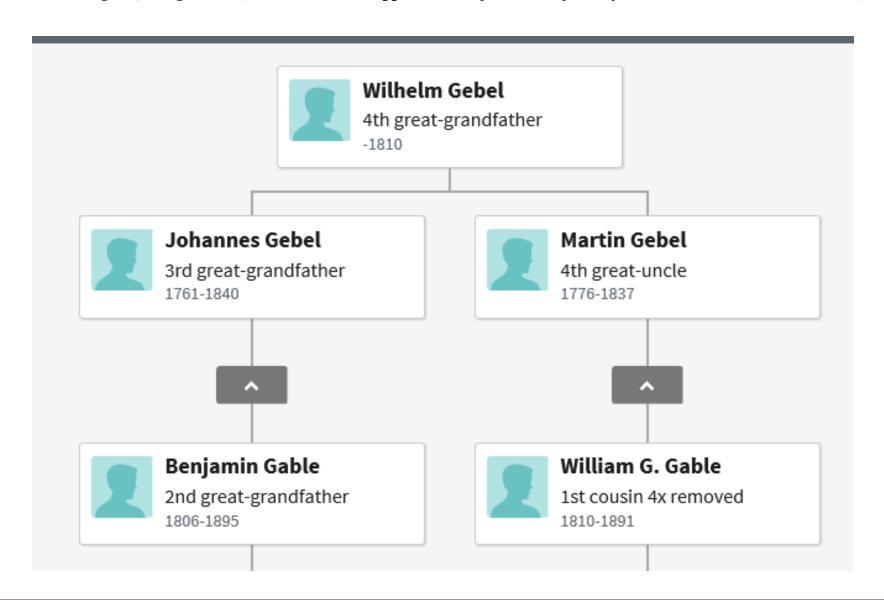
- Current AncestryDNA: You and your match must both have the shared ancestor(s) in your tree for a hint to be found
- •If trees are unreliable, Hints may not be correct
- Finding Hints is a lot of work and Ancestry does NOT attempt to find all of them

## **Beta AncestryDNA Hints**

Is finding Hints based on combining information from your tree and your match's tree and even in some cases using a third person's tree to connect your tree with your match's tree to find the common ancestor Lots more hints - but at least a few aren't right!

#### **Digging Deeper**

30 centimorgans, 2 segments (This Hint didn't appear until after I modified my tree to include the connection.)



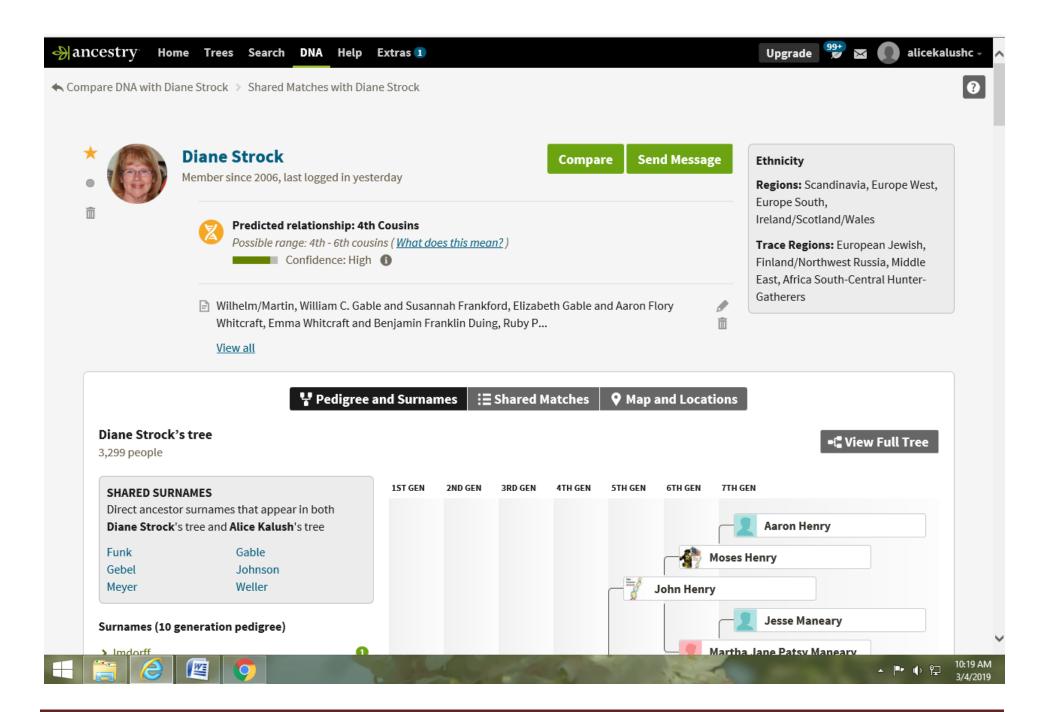
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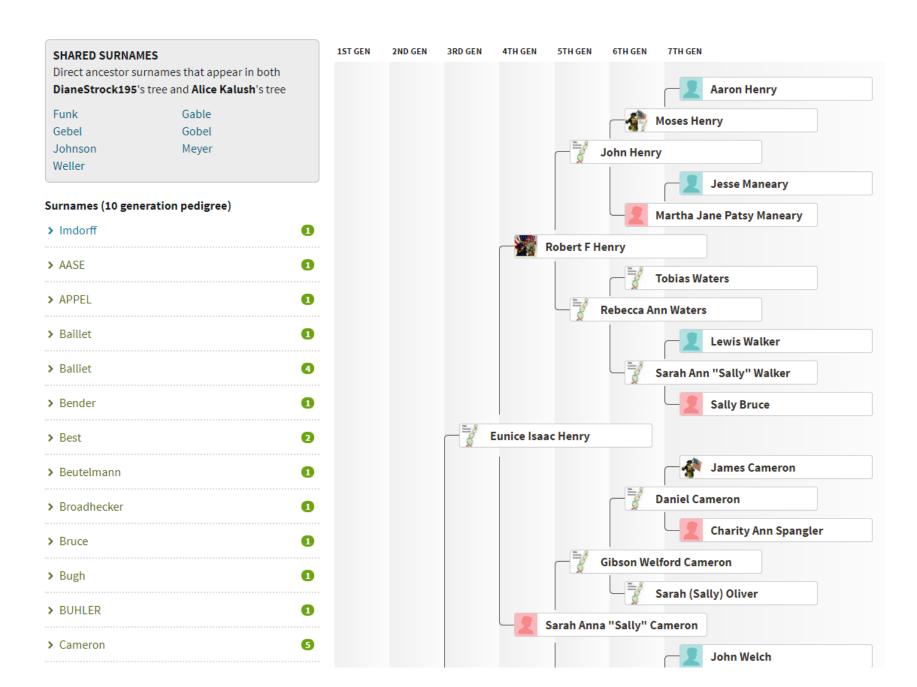
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#### SHARED SURNAMES

Direct ancestor surnames that appear in both

DianeStrock195's tree and Alice Kalush's tree

Funk Gable

Gebel Gobel

Johnson Meyer

Weller

From Diane Strock: Broadhecker Family Tree (2)

#### William C. Gable

B: 27 Aug 1810 in Lancaster, Lancaster,
Pennsylvania, USA
D: 11 Jul 1891 in Millport, Warwick Twp., Lancaster
Co., PA

#### Elizabeth "Eliza" GABLE

B: 17 Mar 1832 in Lancaster Co., PA
D: 5 Dec 1915 in Upper Leacock, Lancaster,
Pennsylvania, USA

From Alice Kalush: Kalush for Ancestry 20180112 (5)

#### Benjamin Gable

B: 26 Oct 1806 in Lancaster, Pennsylvania D: 9 Aug 1895 in Guilford Township, Medina County, Ohio

#### Elizabeth "Eliza" Gable

B: 3 Feb 1822 in Lititz, Manheim Township, Lancaster, Pennsylvania, USA D: 7 Jun 1908 in Mountville, Lancaster, Pennsylvnia, USA From Diane Strock: Broadhecker Family Tree (3)

#### Wilhelm Gebel

B: Abt 28 Sep 1704 in Germany
D: Abt 22 Apr 1786 in Lancaster Borough,
Lancaster, Pennsylvania

#### Wilhelm (William) Gebel

B: Abt. 1740 in Germany D: 22 May 1810 in Manheim Twp., Lancaster, PA

#### Martin Gebel

B: 5 Dec 1776 in Lancaster, Pennsylvania, USA D: 1 Apr 1837 in Lancaster, Pennsylvania, USA From Alice Kalush: Kalush for Ancestry 20180112 (2)

#### Johannes Gebel

B: 16 Nov 1761 in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania D: Aft 1840 in last known Milton Township, Wayne County, OH

#### Wilhelm Gebel

D: 22 May 1810 in Manheim Twp., Lancaster, PA

### **Shared Surnames**

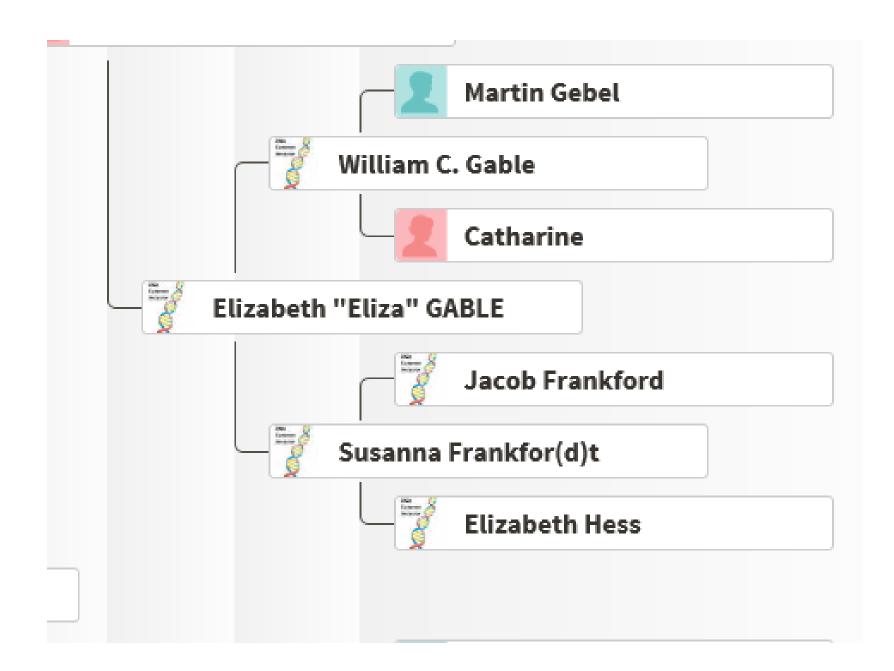
### Why do you and your match share a surname?

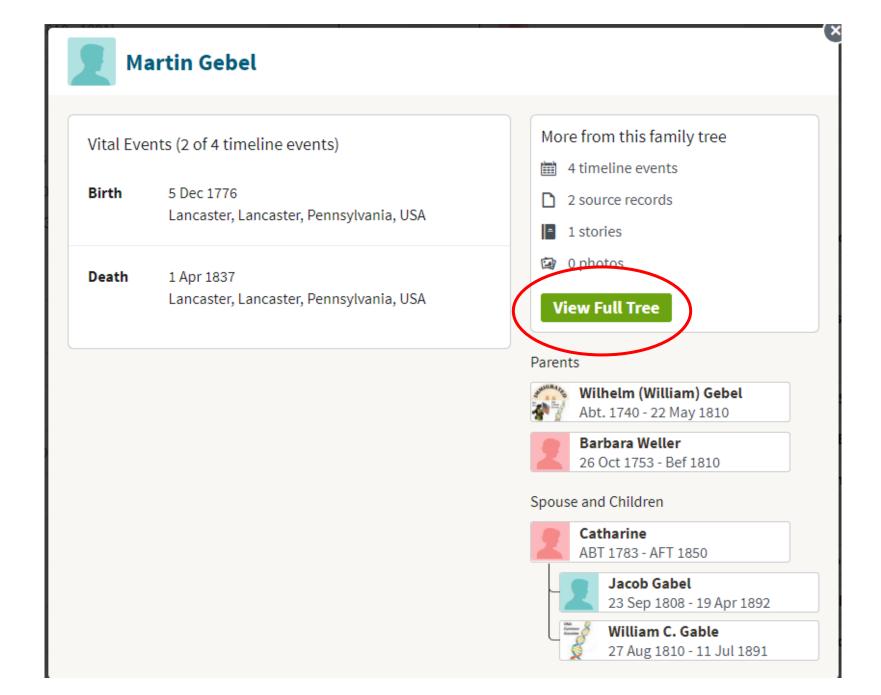
- 1) You have a common ancestor with that surname. Can you find it in your trees? Do the names, dates, spouses and places match?
- 2) You both have ancestors with that surname, but they aren't related to each other.

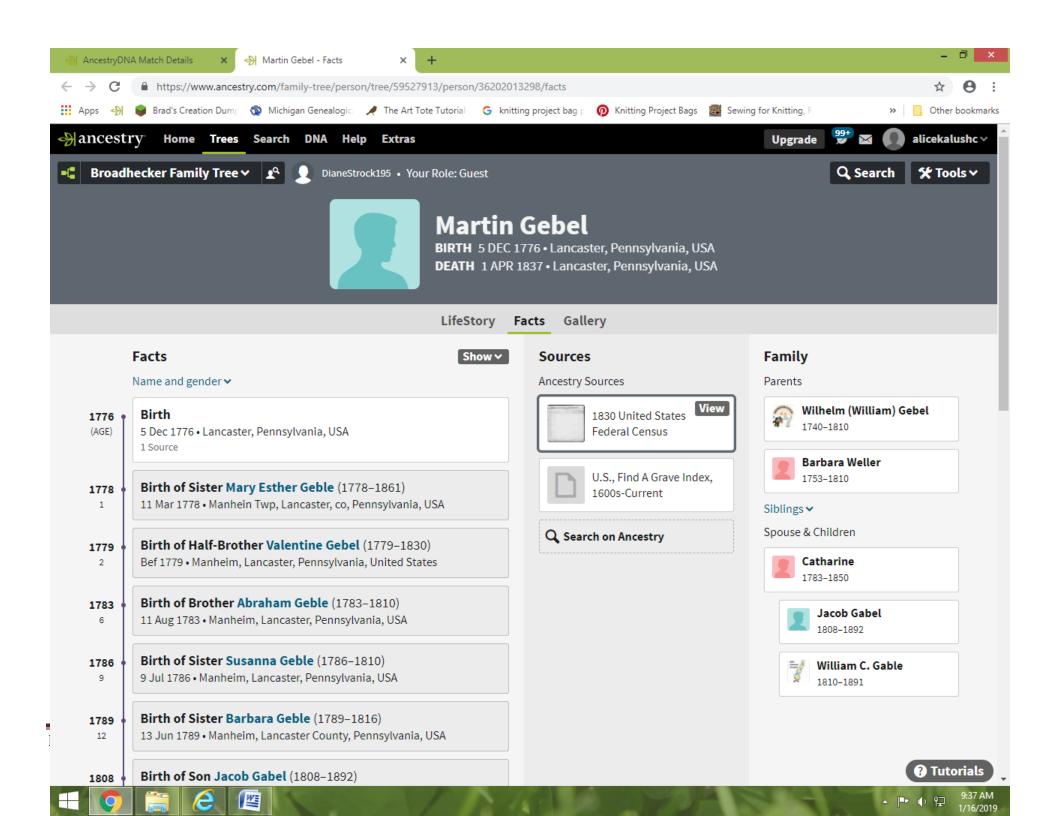
## Surnames (10 generation pedigree) > Imdorff AASE > APPEL > Baillet > Balliet > Bender > Best > Beutelmann

## After Clicking an Entry In Your Match's Surname List Below The Shared Surnames List



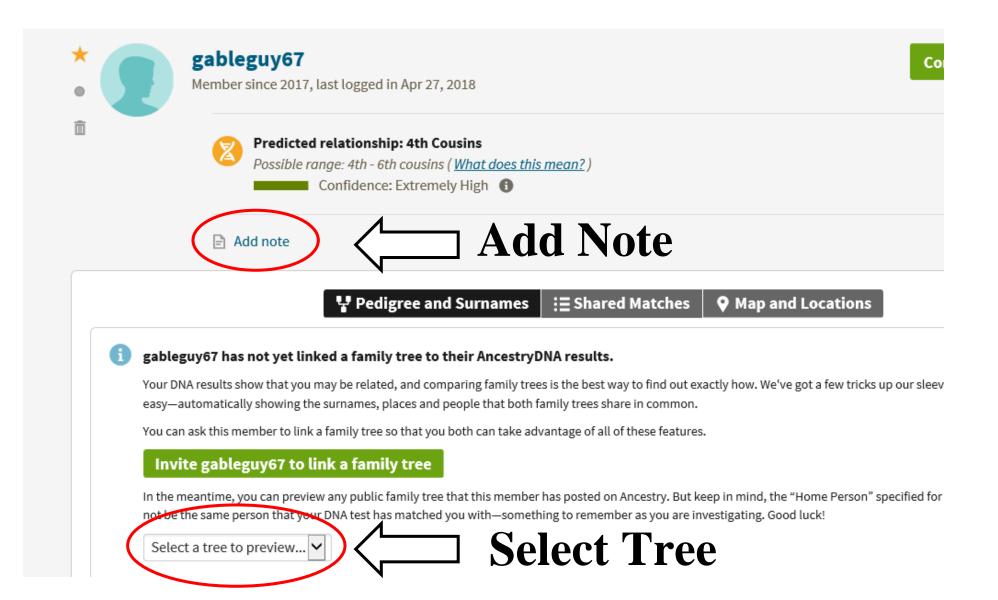






# Connecting Unlinked Trees And Adding Notes

- Some DNA matches have trees that aren't hooked to their DNA results
- You can hook them up
- You can add notes about your shared ancestor(s)

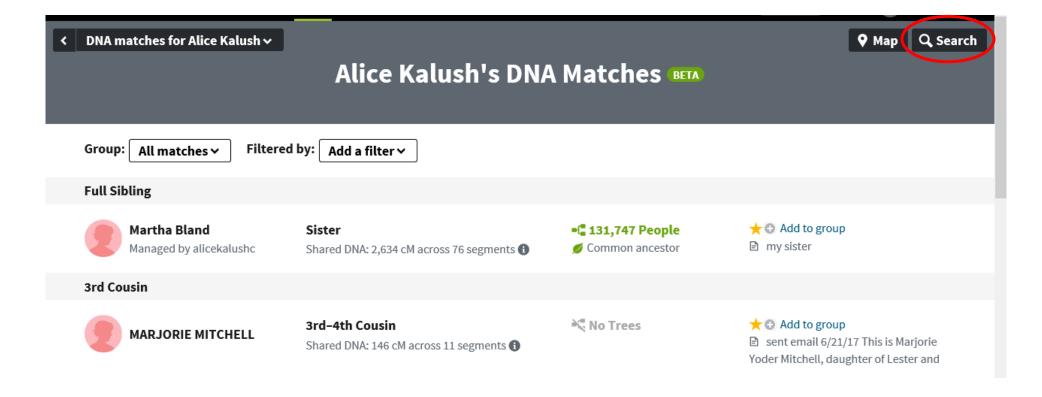


# Things To Check or Do

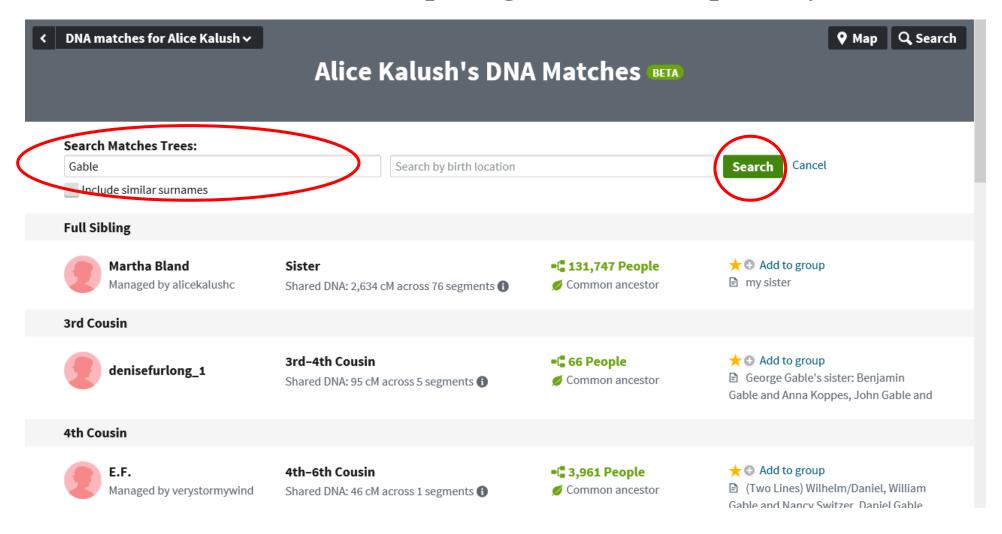
- 1) Be sure to click the shared surnames and look for anything that looks familiar
- 2) Also look at the surname list below for any surnames that look like variations of spelling of your ancestral surnames and click them What you'll see there is information from your match's tree not yours
- 3) You can click on names in various places on the Pedigree and Surnames tab and the DNA version of their Profile page will appear
- 4) Once you've done this, you can click View Full Tree to go to their tree as you'd normally see it from records searches

# **STOP HERE**

#### **Shared Surname Searches**



## **Enter the Surname - Do Spelling Variations Separately (Gabel)**

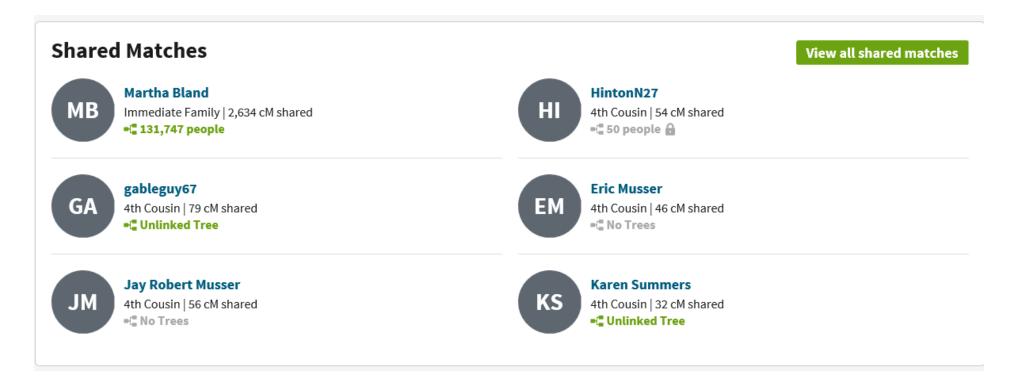


# **Surname DNA Match Searches**

- •Makes it easier to locate your matches below 30 cm your 3rd, 4th and 5th cousins
- Finds matches down to Moderate (6 cm)

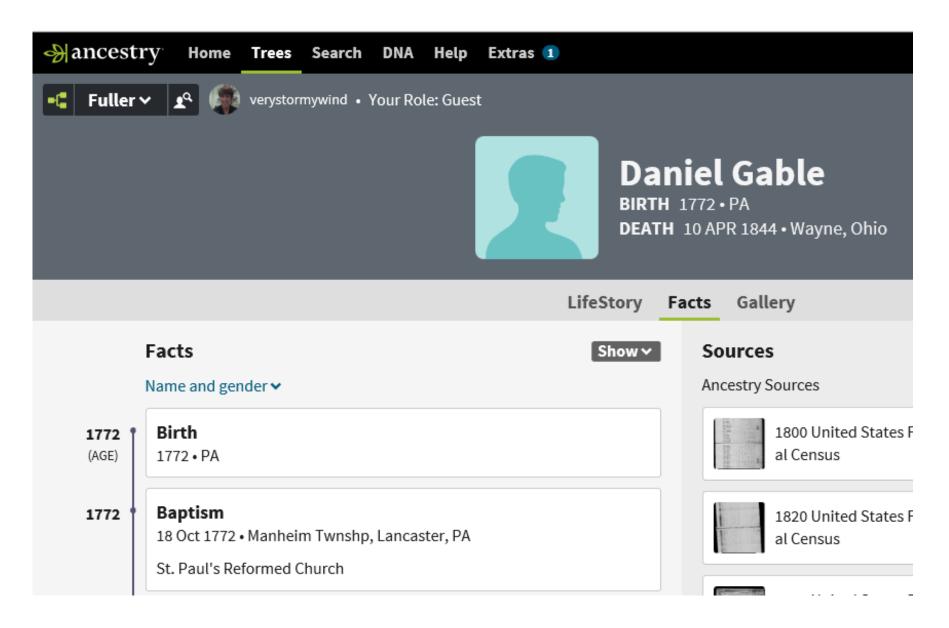
Explore these matches in the same ways we discussed above.

#### Shared Matches - Tab on the main Match Screen or the search Matches screen



# You and your match must both match the third person at 20 or more cm to be included

## **During A Record Search - Are They a DNA Match?**

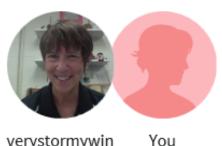




#### verystormywind

#### **Ancestry DNA**

Select DNA Test ∨



#### verystormywind is not on your DNA match list

This person is either not a DNA match or has not yet taken a DNA test.

verystormywin

You match the following 3 tests administered by verystormywind



E.F.

Relationship: 4th - 6th cousins

Confidence: Very High 1

View match



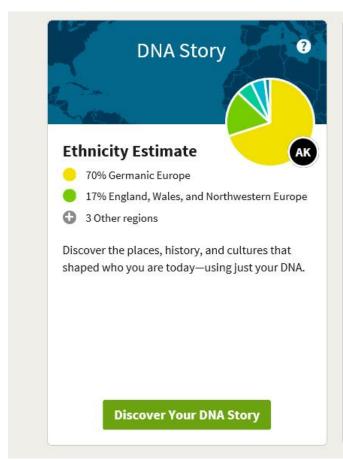
Rhubarb62

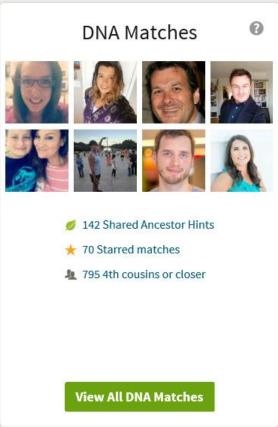
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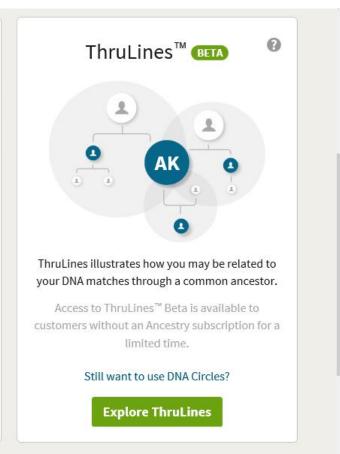
Confidence: Good 1

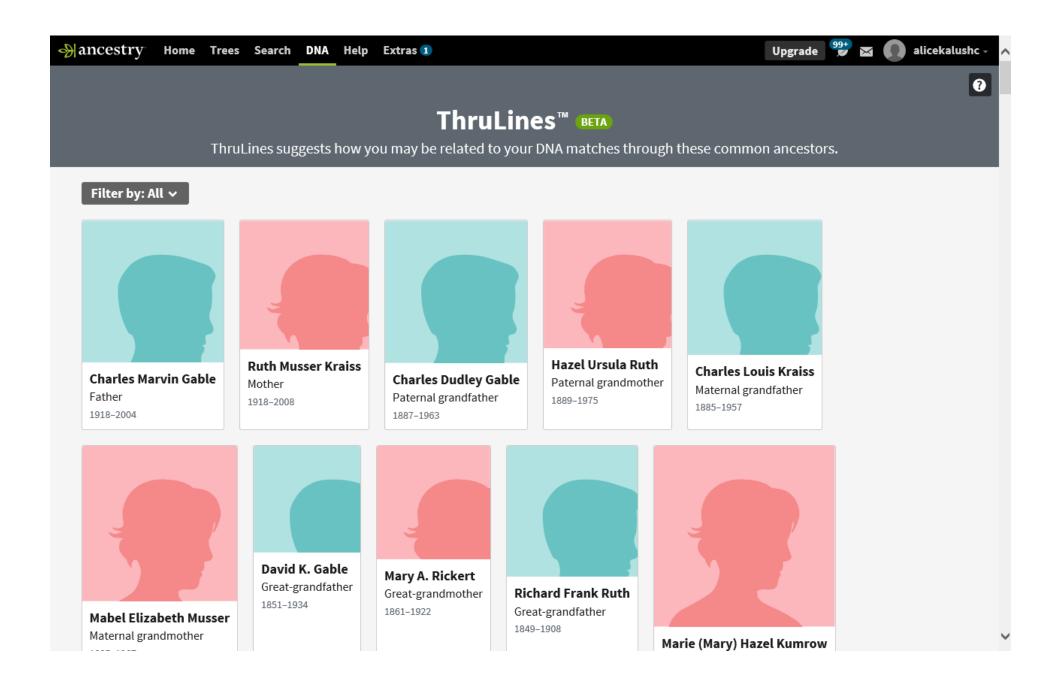
View match

# **ThruLines**











Johann Carl Friedrich Kummerow (Kumrow)

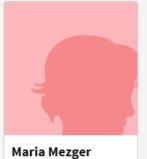
2nd great-grandfather

1826-1872

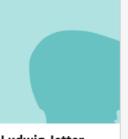


2nd great-grandmother

1834-1880



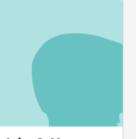
2nd great-grandmother 1816–1873



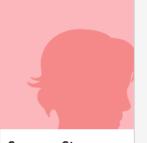
**Ludwig Jetter** 2nd great-grandfather 1824–1891



**(Anna) Maria Jenter** 2nd great-grandmother 1824–1896



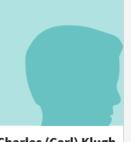
**John S. Musser** 2nd great-grandfather 1817–1875



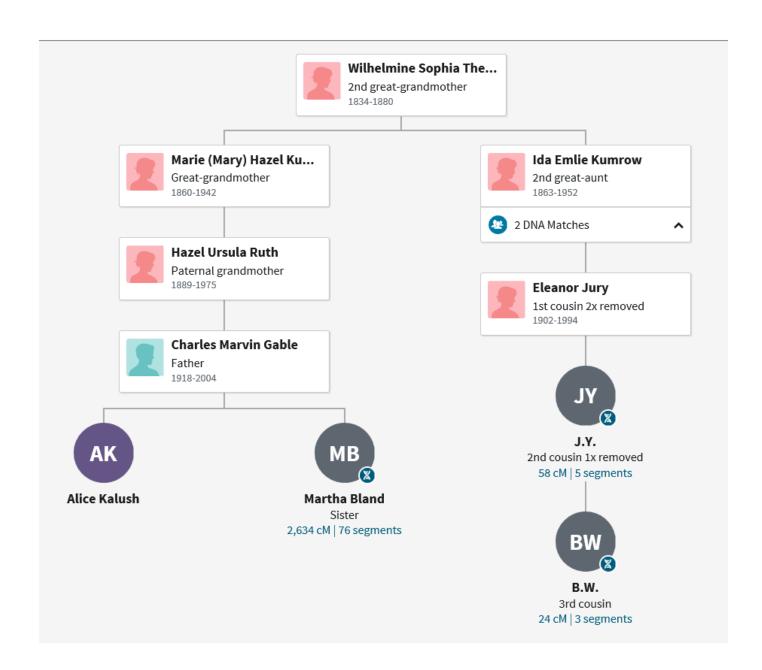
**Thomas Kraiss** 2nd great-grandfather

1814-1883

**Susanna Stoner** 2nd great-grandmother 1820–1861



Charles (Carl) Klugh 2nd great-grandfather 1816–1862



# **About ThruLines**

- Will find common ancestors that aren't in your tree
- •It will find a common ancestor using your match's tree even 3 generations further back than your tree goes
- •It also will use a third tree for someone closely related to either you or your match to bridge the gap between your tree and your match's tree

- It accepts variations of surname spelling and missing dates
- It did find over 20 matches that my rather thorough process of locating over 150 Gable matches didn't find and most of them looked good
- Based on the three red comments above, I advise not being overly trusting You should check the other person's research

# **Privacy**

- Doesn't display email addresses sends emails anonymously
- Can make your tree private
- Can make your DNA results private
- You can still share your tree and/or DNA results with selected people
- Only displays information about your matches and matches you and your match both share with others
- If you want to have a private tree/DNA results, you should make sure you set the privacy settings BEFORE hooking up your tree to your DNA results
- Choosing to have a private tree and/or DNA results prevents collaboration with others The person you don't know can be the most help!

# **Ethnicity**

- Ethnicity sort of equals Geographic Region of Origin
- In 2019 Ethnicity Estimates are still rough estimates
- But they have been improving in accuracy and are expected to continue to do so
- Percentages below 10 percent may still be likely to disappear later
- The estimation process is more effective for some geographic regions than others
- About the improvements with the Fall 2018 Ethnicity update

# Resources for Getting Started with Ancestry DNA

DNA 101: An Insider's Scoop on AncestryDNA Testing (webinar)

https://www.ancestry.com/academy/course/ancestry-dna-101

- What is a DNA test and why should I take one? (2:17)
- Genetic Inheritance: Who gave me my DNA and why does it matter? (5:34)
- How to Order a DNA Test (1:20)
- Activating your test (2:34)
- How do I share my DNA results? (2:33)
- AncestryDNA Ethnicity (6:40)
- AncestryDNA Matching (15:37)
- Review of Matching (6:07)
- DNA Success Stories: Making a Connection (3:58)

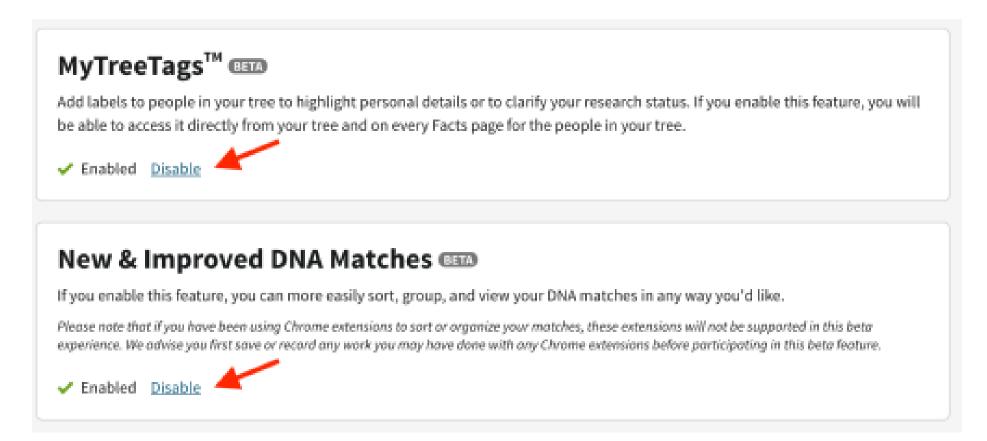


# First 5 Things

- 1. Check privacy settings
- 2. Provide some tree info
- 3. Review ethnicity results
- 4. Review closest matches
- 5. Work with shared matches

https://familytreewebinars.com/download.php?webinar\_id=721 (Compares getting started with Ancestry, 23AndMe, MyHeritage, and FTDNA)

# Beta Version Opt out: Click Extras in Black Tool bar, select Ancestry Lab and disable Beta features.



#### MORE WEBINAR TRAINING

All of these sites have beginning, intermediate and advanced webinars on a variety of topics about using DNA for family history research.

https://familytreewebinars.com/category/249/dna - Has non-product specific webinars. MyHeritage webinars are also on this site. Some are free, some at a monthly fee.

Blaine Bettinger's Foundations of DNA Series (5 webinars, not free, can watch free preview)

https://familytreewebinars.com/dna1

DNA in Ancestry Academy (free):

https://www.ancestry.com/academy/courses/understand-dna

FamilyTreeDNA webinar library (free):

https://www.familytreedna.com/learn/ftdna/webinars/

CeCe Moore and DNA Detectives (free)

https://thednadetectives.com/in-the-media

#### **BOOKS**

Genetic Genealogy in Practice by Blaine Bettinger and Debbie Parker Wayne: This workbook is a solid one that will help you interpret your DNA test results. Its practical and easy to understand approach helps you with you with your research with hands on activities.

The Family Tree Guide to DNA Testing and Genetic Genealogy by Blaine Bettinger.

#### WEBSITES

These sites are a little more advanced but they contain lots of useful information. Blaine Bettinger's blog is very useful even for beginners.

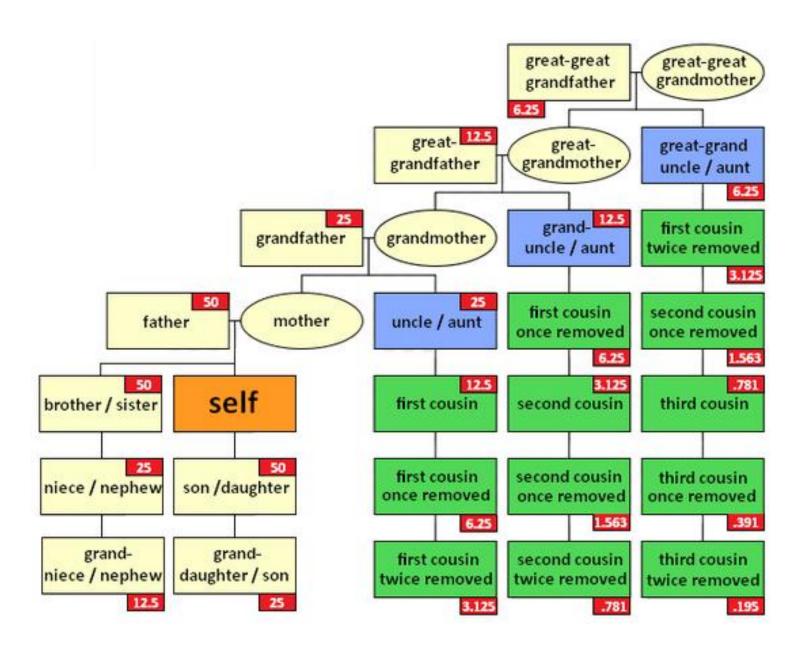
ISOGG Wiki - International Society of Genetic Genealogy - table of contents to their wiki https://isogg.org/wiki/Wiki\_Welcome\_Page

The Shared CM Project

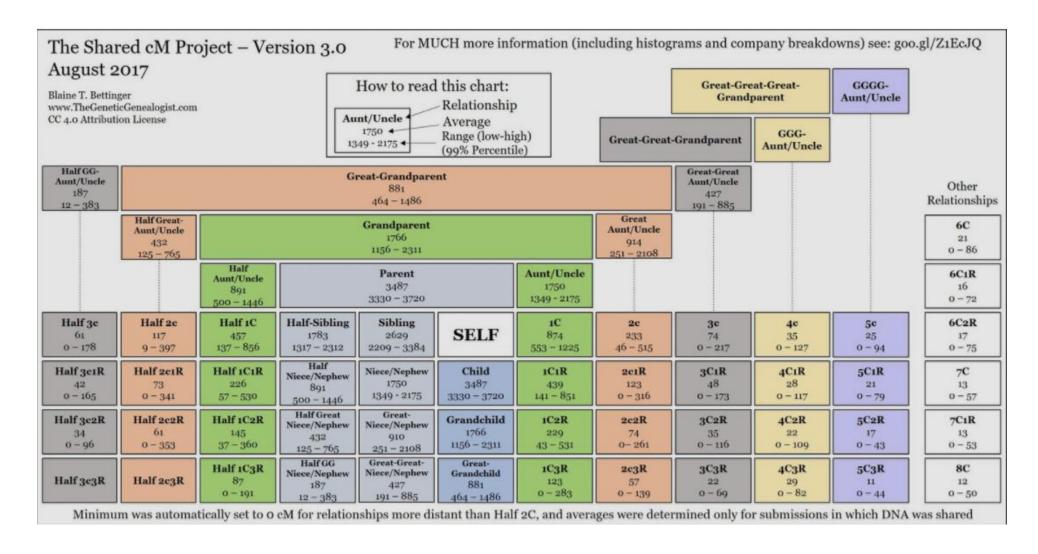
https://thegeneticgenealogist.com/2015/05/29/the-shared-cm-project/

Blaine Bettinger's The Genetic Genealogist blog with many useful articles https://thegeneticgenealogist.com/

DNA Painter Tool - Type in the centimorgans that you and your match share and get an chart showing how you may be related and other cool tools https://dnapainter.com/tools/sharedcmv4



Approximate amount of shared DNA (in centimorgans)	Possible relationship
3,475	Parent, child, or identical twin
2,400—2,800	Full sibling (including fraternal twins)
1,450—2,050	Grandparent, aunt, uncle, half— sibling
680—1,150	1st cousin, great—grandparent
200—620	2nd cousin
90—180	3rd cousin
20—85	4th cousin
6—20	Distant cousin: 5th cousin — 8th cousins



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> https://thegeneticgenealogist.com/2015/05/29/the-shared-cm-project/; https://www.yourdnaguide.com/scp

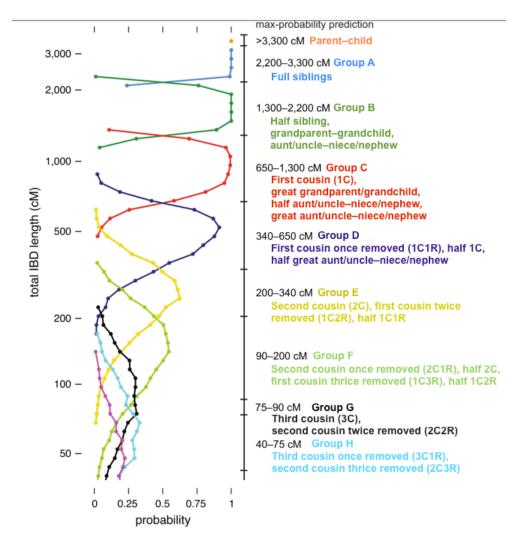


Figure 5.2 from the AncestryDNA Matching White Paper edited to use the groups defined by the DNA Detectives chart. Note that the numbered ranges to the right of the graph mark regions where that group is the most likely one, not the full range for that group. For example, between 200 cM and 340 cM, the most probable relationship is Group E, but the full range for that group is 65–600 cM (see below).

https://thednageek.com/the-limits-of-predicting-relationships-using-dna/

https://www.ancestry.com/dna/resource/whitePaper/AncestryDNA-Matching-White-Paper

## DNA Painter - https://dnapainter.com/tools/sharedcmv4

#### Filter How to read this chart

Enter the total number of cM for your match here:



reset

Relationship Average Range (low to high) (99th percentile)

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)	
Relationship probabilities (based on stats from The DNA Geek)	
<b>54.40%</b> 6C 6C1R 5C 6C2R 4C1R 5C1R 7C Half 3C2R 4C2R 5C2R 7C1R 3C3R 4C3R 5C3R 8C or more distant	
17.00% Haif 3C 3C1R Haif 2C2R 2C3R	
17.00% 4C Half 3C1R 3C2R	
9.00% 3C Haif 2C1R 2C2R Haif 1C3R	
2.60% Haif 1C2R † Haif 2C 2C1R 1C3R	
~ 0% ** Half GG-Aunt / Uncle Half GG-Niece / Nephew	
** this set of relationships is just within the threshold for 30cM, but has a zero probability in thednageek's table of probabilities	
† this relationship has a positive probability for 30cM in thednageek's table of probabilities, but falls outside the bounds of the recorded cM range (99th percentile)	

