

Getting the Most of Your Autosomal DNA Test Results

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While Waiting for Your DNA Test Results

- Explore DNA Testing Company Website
 - How to Navigate
 - Read on site DNA Testing Information
 - Read the Forums
- Add Family Tree to DNA Testing Website
- Update User Profile
 - Contact Information
 - List Family Surnames and Locations
 - Link to your Family Tree on another website
- Education
 - Books, Websites, Blogs, Articles
 - Local Genealogy Society, Local Family History Centers
 - Classes, Seminars, Webinars, You Tube
 - Institutes and Conferences

Tested at Ancestry?

- Allow Matches To See You As A Match
- Link Your DNA Kit To Your Tree
- No Tree? Then Create or Upload a Tree and Link Your DNA Kit to it

Tested at Family Tree DNA (or other DNA testing company)?

- Add a Family Tree or add a link to your on-line tree
- Let Others View Your Tree
- Enter Earliest Known YDNA and mtDNA ancestors
- Enter Ancestral Surnames and Locations

Matches

- Capture your list of DNA matches
- Use Notes feature to capture match details
- View shared cM and Segments
- View Tree
- View Full Tree
- View Shared Matches (In Common With Matches)
- View Match Profile (View Administrator Profile)
- Create Genetic Networks
- Contact Matches, share other methods of contact, i.e. email address, phone number
- Research Matches Trees

Next Steps

- Upload Raw DNA data to GEDmatch.com (Free) and to Family Tree DNA (\$20)
- Google your matches, your ancestors and their ancestors
- Search for your matches on social media sites
- Keep track of your searches (research log)

Example Genetic Network

Ancestry DNA Matches					MRCA or couple	my relationship to MCRA											
	f/m	shared cM	# shared segments	relationship			Mitch	Kathy	Molly	Kevin	June	Frank	John	Heather	James - not sure if part		
Mitch	m	125	7	2C1R	Smith Jones	2Ggp		X	X	X	X	X	X				
Kathy	f	3480	26	mom	parent	child	X		X	X	X	X	X	X			
Molly	f	98	8	2C1R / 3C	Smith Jones htree	2Ggp	X	X			X	X	X				
Kevin	m	42	2		DNA attached to f		X	X									
June	f	26.5	3	3C1R	Jones Johnson htree	3Ggp	X	X	X			X	X	X	X		
Frank	m	25.8	3		no tree		X	X	X		X		X	X	X		
John	m	22.9	1		1 person tree		X	X	X		X	X			X		
Heather	f	23.1	1		6 people tree			X			X	X					
James - not sure if part	m	20.5	2	3C1R	Jones Johnson - DNA c	3Ggp					X	X	X				X
jk - not sure if part	f	32	1													X	

Autosomal Test names/DNA Testing Companies/Web Address

Family Finder – FTDNA’s test for autosomal DNA matches - <https://www.familytreedna.com/>

Relative Finder – 23andMe’s test for autosomal DNA matches - <https://www.23andme.com/>

AncestryDNA – Ancestry.com’s DNA test - www.ancestry.com/dna

My Heritage – <https://www.myheritage.com/dna>

Living DNA - <https://www.livingdna.com/en-us>

National Geographic Geno 2.0 test - <https://genographic.nationalgeographic.com/>

Resources:

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Bettinger, Blaine T. and Debbie Parker Wayne, *Genetic Genealogy in Practice*, Arlington, VA, National Genealogical Society, 2016, Print. ISBN-13: 978-1-935815-22-8

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Useful Websites

International Society of Genetic Genealogists (ISOGG) Wiki - http://www.isogg.org/wiki/Wiki_Welcome_Page

FTDNA FAQ - <https://www.familytreedna.com/learn/>

FTDNA Forum - <http://forums.familytreedna.com/>

FAQs – AncestryDNA - <https://www.ancestry.com/dna/en/legal/us/faq>

Ancestry Message Boards - <https://www.ancestry.com/boards/>

Facebook Groups – DNA Newbie, Genetic Genealogy Tips&Techniques, GEDmatch.com User Group

Helpful Blogs

DNAeXplained - Genetic Genealogy, Roberta Estes - <http://dna-explained.com/>

The Genetic Genealogist, Blaine Bettinger - <http://www.thegeneticgenealogist.com/>

DNA Genealem's Genetic Genealogy, Emily Aulicino - <http://genealem-geneticgenealogy.blogspot.com/>

DNA Testing Advisor, Dick Hill - <http://www.dna-testing-adviser.com/>

The Legal Genealogist, Judy G. Russell - <http://www.legalgenealogist.com/blog/>