

DNA Special Interest Group

DNA Testing Recommendations



**RECOMMENDED TESTING
PLAN FOR INCORPORATING
DNA TESTING INTO YOUR
GENEALOGICAL RESEARCH**

Basic DNA Test Plan



- Purchase an Ancestry.com DNA test. Cost \$99
- Obtain a FREE Registered Guest account if you do not already have an Ancestry.com account.
- Start building your family tree on Ancestry.com or upload a GEDCOM file of your tree if you already have one in digital format.
- Join the Club's DNA Special Interest Group

Why should I test?



- DNA testing results provide you with DNA matches which are your DNA cousins (aunts, uncles, etc).
- Using your family trees you and your matches can work together to determine your Common Ancestor or solve other unknowns in your family trees.
- Testing can also point out Misattributed Paternity (also called a Non Paternity Event), adoptions, name changes, etc.
- It can look beyond brick walls and help you break through them.

Success Stories



- Judy Trahan will tell why she decided to test.
- Herb Scheuermann will tell about a problem solved.
- Club member experiences?
- I will tell about how I am using DNA in trying to help an adoptee find her birth father and also how I am trying to break through my Thompson brick wall.

What is Required



- A DNA test from Ancestry.com.
- A family tree or at least the start of a tree on Ancestry.com.
- A willingness to learn something new.

How to get Started at Learning Something New



- This can be overwhelming for the novice. Working with DNA data can be difficult at first.
- You can learn most anything if you break it up into smaller task and that is what we are recommending.
- Make use of the DNA Special Interest Group when you need help.

DNA Testing Plan

Task 1



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- Study Learning Center information provided by Ancestry.com
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Go to Ancestry.com



You might just find the story of a lifetime.

How would you like it to begin?

The advertisement features a vintage black and white photograph of a family of six. Overlaid on the image are several interactive elements:

- Top Left:** A snippet of a census record form with handwritten entries: "Wilmington" for Place of Birth, "Delaware" for State, and "17" for Age in Years.
- Top Center:** A red box with a white circle containing the text "A GREAT FIRST STEP". Below it, the text "Jump right in and explore." is displayed, followed by a green button labeled "Start 14-day free trial".
- Bottom Left:** A dark green box with the text "Become a member." and a green button labeled "Subscribe today".
- Center:** A profile card for "Mary Feret" (1893-1980) with a small photo and a snippet of text: "Mary Feret was born in Poland in 1893 in Stanislaus, California. She was 5 years old and lived in Delaware with her parents and daughter."
- Bottom Center:** A dark blue box with the text "Discover your ethnic mix." and a green button labeled "Explore AncestryDNA". Below the button is a pie chart showing the following data:

52%	Irish
18%	Scandinavian
10%	Eastern European
8%	Native American
- Right Side:** A vertical line of person icons representing a family tree.

At Ancestry.com



 **ancestryDNA™** *The leader in DNA testing for family history*

Discover the family story
your DNA can tell.

Uncover your ethnic mix, discover distant relatives, and find new details about your unique family history with AncestryDNA.

ONLY \$99

[ORDER NOW](#)

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-  **53%** Iberian Peninsula
 -  **10%** Africa North
 -  **10%** Italy/Greece
 -  **27%** Other

At Ancestry.com



Contact Information

Payment

Review

Confirmation

Create your free account to access your DNA results

Already have an Ancestry account? [Sign in here](#)

Contact Information

All fields required

First Name

Last Name

Email Address

Create Password

At least 5 characters

Show Password

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1-800-ANCESTRY

(9am - 11pm ET Every day)

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Task 2



- Once you receive your Ancestry.com DNA results do a transfer of your DNA data to Family Tree DNA at a cost of \$39. Now you will have access to DNA matches from 2 of the 3 testing companies.
- Also transfer your DNA data to GEDmatch.com. The basic functions of this site are FREE. GEDmatch.com host DNA test results from all 3 testing companies but only for those who manually transfer their results to GEDmatch.
- Remember to join the DNA Special Interest Group

Questions ?

