

Using DNA to Identify Ancestral Origins

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Overview

- Types of DNA Tests Available
- Ethnicity Estimates
- Reviewing Autosomal DNA Matches
- Case Study #1
- Reviewing Y-DNA and mtDNA matches

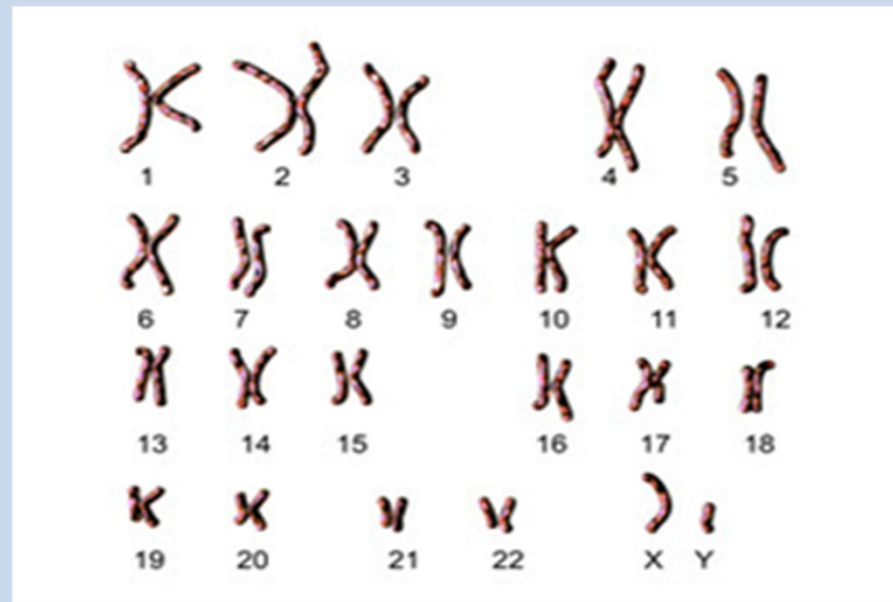
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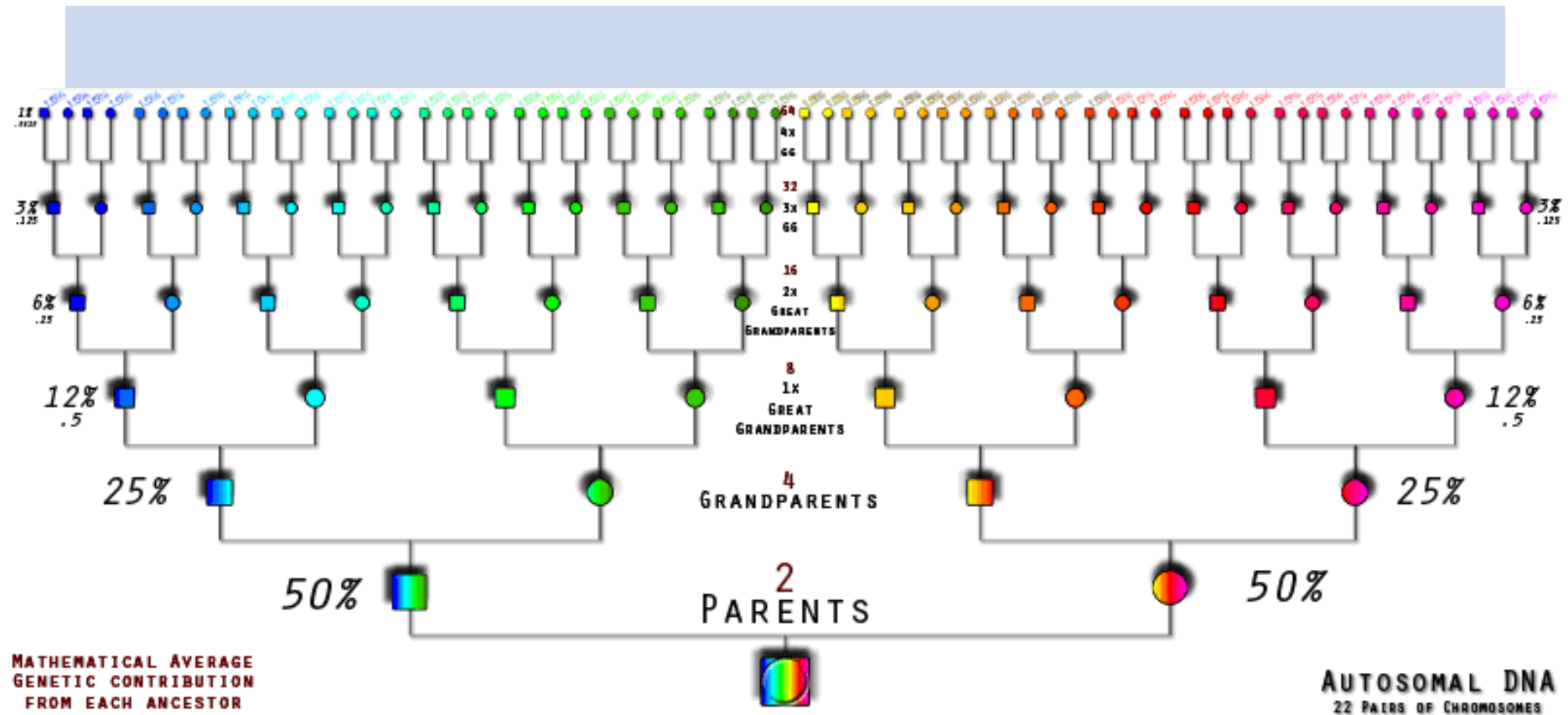
The Three Tests

- Autosomal (includes the X chromosome)
- Y-DNA Test
- Mitochondrial Test

The Autosomal Test

- Autosomal Test includes SNP's (pieces) of all the 22 Autosomal Chromosomes and the X chromosome



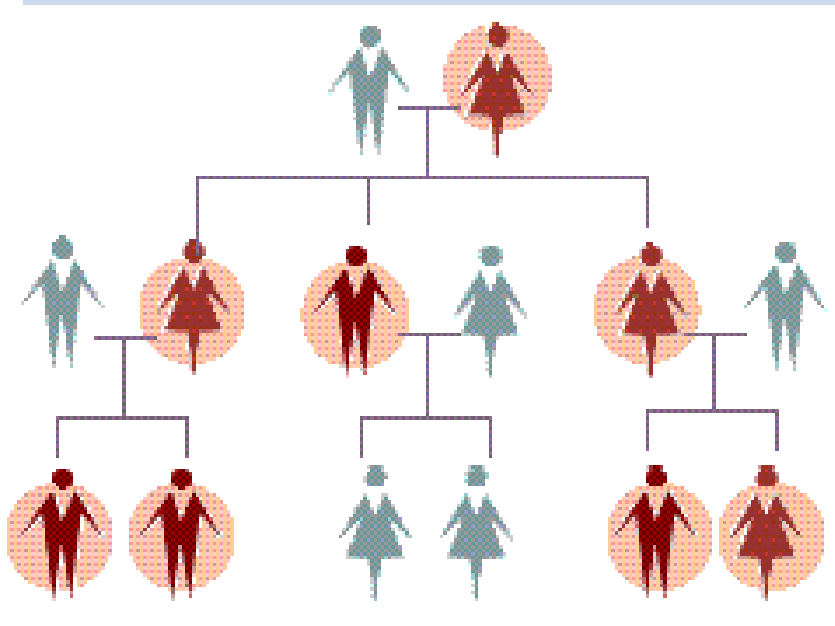


Each human cell has 22 chromosomes split from the mother's and father's cells

Autosomal is Best for:

- Comparing close cousins
- Determining which chromosomes are from mom and dad (if parents also provide a DNA sample)
- Identifying continental origins
- Can reveal information up to 6 or 7 generations back (back to 5th great grandparents)

mtDNA Testing



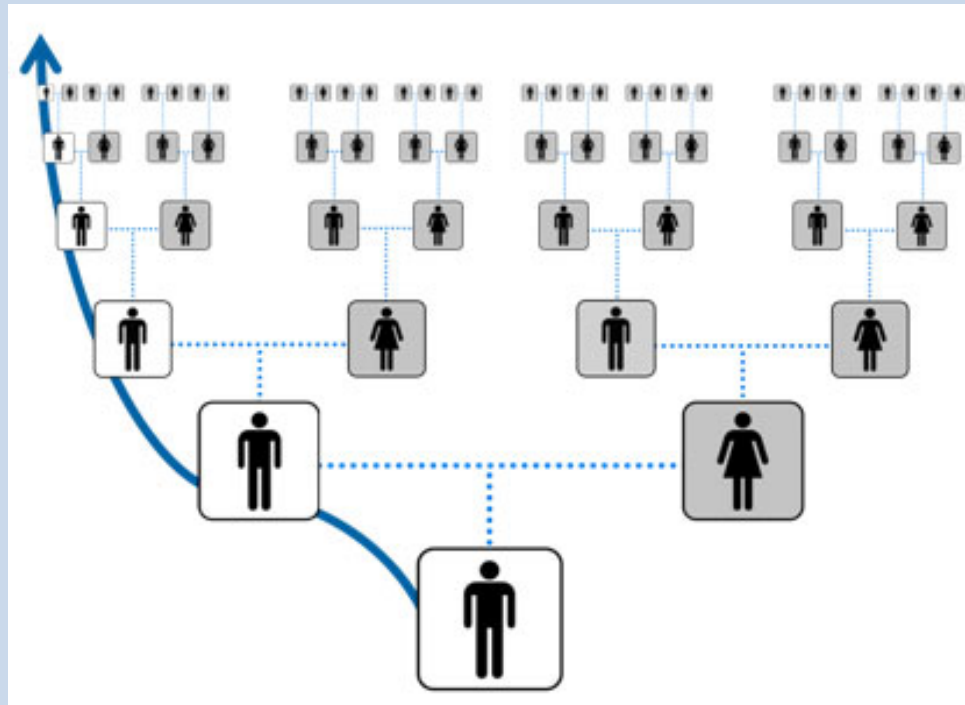
- Inherited from mother to child
- Males inherit mtDNA, but do not pass mtDNA to their child

mtDNA is Best for:

- Researching your maternal ancestry
- Comparing to see if two people have the same mother or maternal grandmother
- Comparing female immigrants to the new world (to the 1600s)

Y-DNA Testing

- Y-chromosome passed from father to son



Y-DNA is Best for:

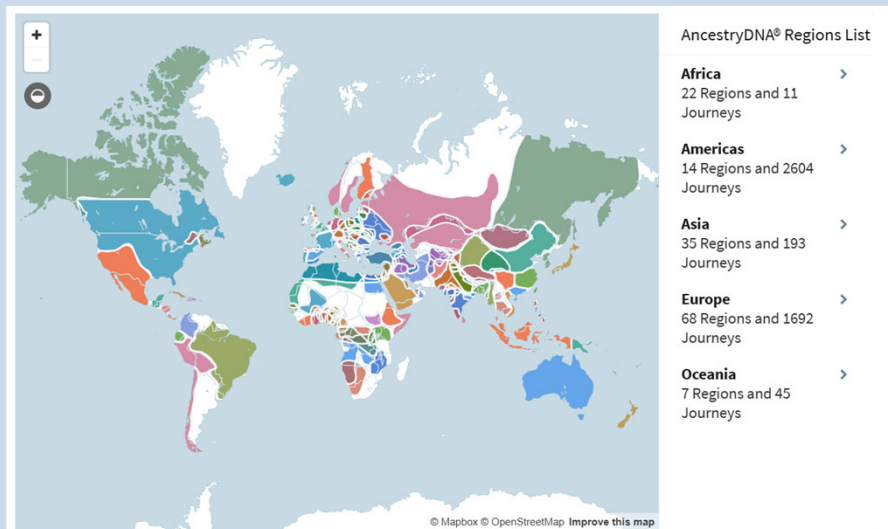
- Researching your paternal ancestry
- One name study projects
- Comparing male immigrants to the new world (to the 1600s)

Ethnicity Estimates

Reference Panels

- DNA samples from populations in a specific area
- People with documented ancestry from the area
- Each company has different sets of samples

AncestryDNA's 146 overlapping regions



Which group are you in?

- Algorithms determine your assigned region
- May be placed in a broader region
- Labels may be confusing

MyHeritage's 2100+
overlapping regions



MyHeritage DNA Genetic Groups



List of Genetic Groups

December 2020

North and West European	295	Chinese and Vietnamese	50	Ethiopian Jewish	4
English	254	Middle Eastern	36	Central Asian	3
Scandinavian	187	North African	25	Somali	3
Irish, Scottish, and Welsh	155	Ashkenazi Jewish	24	Thai and Cambodian	2
Iberian	154	Filipino, Indonesian and Malay	20	Mongolian	1
Nigerian	147	Japanese and Korean	13	Inuit	1
Mesoamerican and Andean	146	Sephardic Jewish	11		
Italian	103	Polynesian	10		
Greek and South Italian	101	Yemenite Jewish	8		
West Asian	92	Mizrahi Jewish - Iranian/Iraqi	8		
East European	67	Baltic	7		
South Asian	64	West African	6		
Finnish	54	Kenyan	5		
Balkan	53	Sardinian	5		

Total of **2114**



Ethnicity timeframes

- Usually about 500-1000 years ago
- Ancestry and 23andMe may be within 500 years



23andMe's Timeline by Generation

AncestryDNA Ancestral Regions



Melanie's 8 ancestral regions

Celtic & Gaelic

	Connacht, Ireland	17%	>
	Donegal, Ireland	12%	>
	Munster, Ireland	12%	>
	Central Scotland & Northern Ireland	6%	>
	Leinster, Ireland	3%	>

Jewish

	Ashkenazi Jews in Central & Southeastern Europe	20%	>
	Ashkenazi Jews in Eastern Europe & Russia	17%	>

Central & Eastern Europe

	Lithuania	13%	>
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Ancestry DNA Map

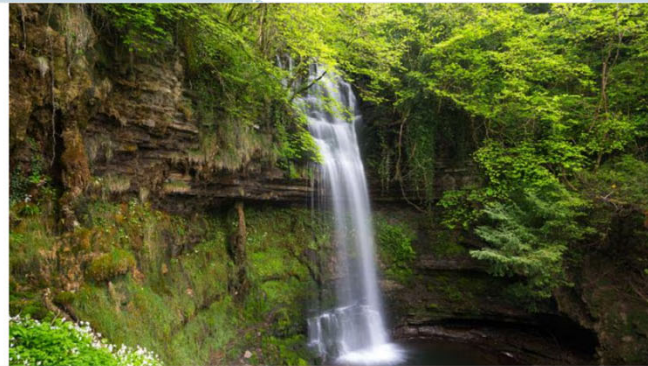


Celtic & Gaelic

Connacht, Ireland

17%^①

[What do the colors mean?](#)



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Our Connacht region covers Ireland's western province, including the counties of Galway, Mayo, Sligo, Leitrim, and Roscommon. Known for its stunning scenery—rugged coastlines, bogs, and mountains like the Twelve Bens and Nephin Beg—the region also has deep Gaelic roots. Irish (Gaeilge) is still spoken in Connacht areas, and ancient sites like

Where do people with this region live?

Primarily located in:



Next

Ancestry DNA Map by Region

[←](#) DNA Origins: Regions > Connacht, Ireland [? DNA help](#) [Share](#)

Which parent passed it down?

Your parents each contributed half of your DNA. This chart shows the estimated percentage you inherited from your parents.

[View regions by parent](#)

Celtic & Gaelic: Connacht, Ireland

Paternal

17%

Maternal

0%

You

17%

People with this region often share these journeys

Your connection to this region may come from relatives who also connect you to this ancestral journey.

 **Ulster** [→](#)

 South East Ulster & North East Leinster

 North Monaghan & South Fermanagh

 North Monaghan & South Tyrone

[View journey timeline](#)

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Ancestry DNA Journeys with Map

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Ulster

You and other people with this journey are linked through shared ancestors. You probably have family who lived in this area for years—and maybe some of your relatives still do.

Specific places you're connected to:

-  [South East Ulster & North East Leinster](#)
-  [North Monaghan & South Fermanagh](#)
-  [North Monaghan & South Tyrone](#)

[View journey timeline](#)



Journeys by Parent

[Regions](#) [Journeys](#) [Chromosome Painter](#)

Your journeys by parent

Find out where your ancestors lived in the recent past—on each side of your family. Even if your parents haven't taken DNA tests, we can tell you which journeys you inherited from each parent. [Learn more](#)

Your journeys

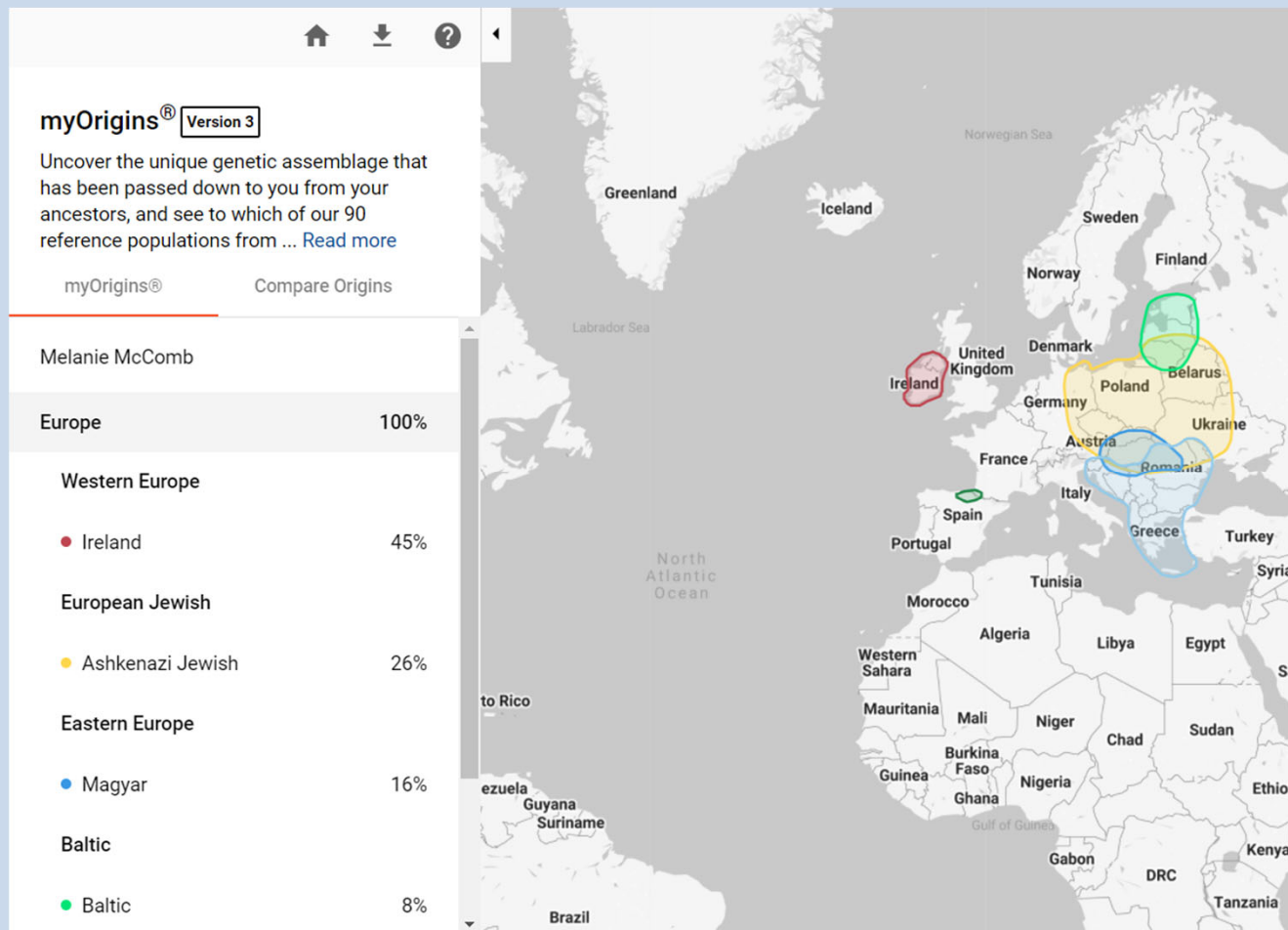
[All](#) [Paternal](#) [Maternal](#) [Both sides](#) >

Journeys you inherited only from your paternal side.

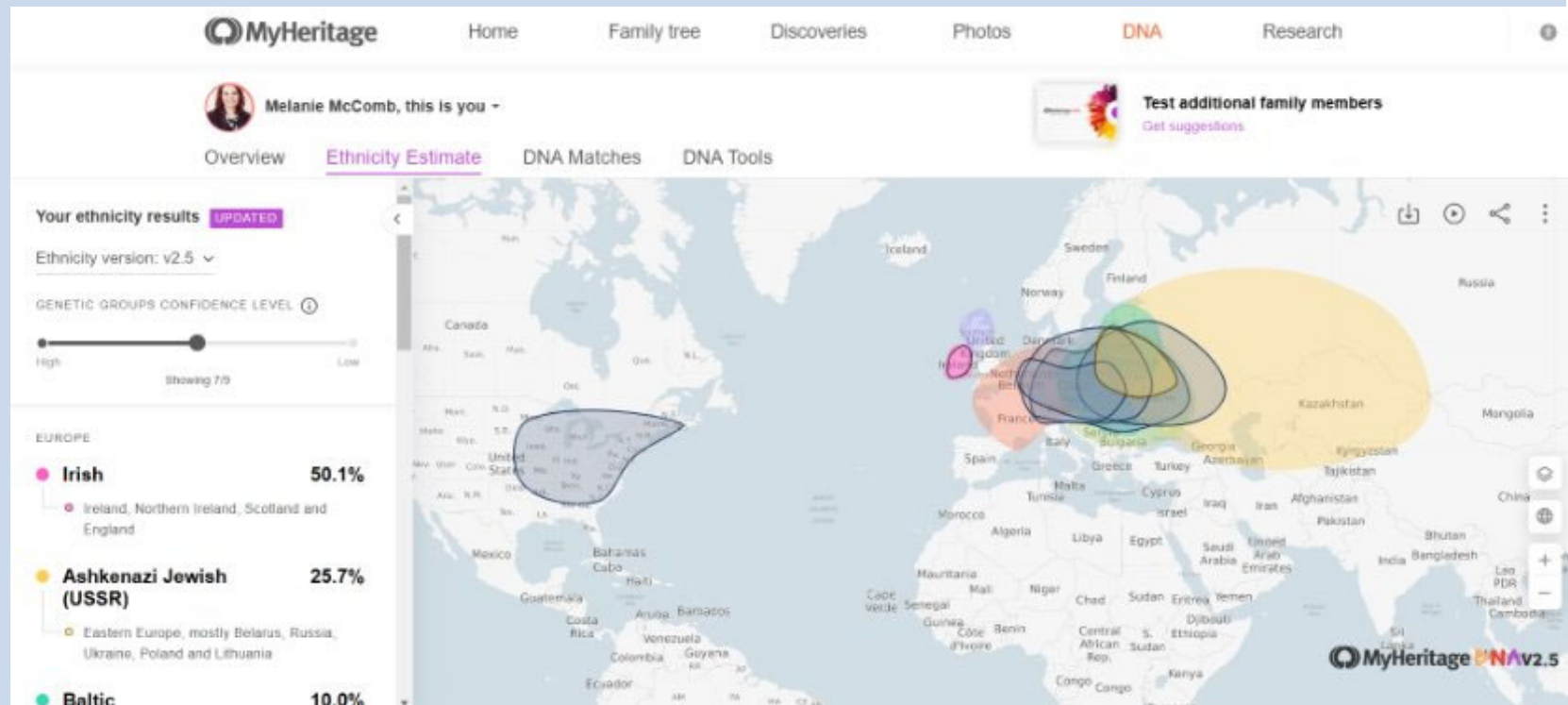
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-  [Kings & Eastern Queens Counties](#)
-  [Ulster](#)
-  [North Monaghan & South Fermanagh](#)
-  [North Monaghan & South Tyrone](#)
-  [South East Ulster & North East Leinster](#)



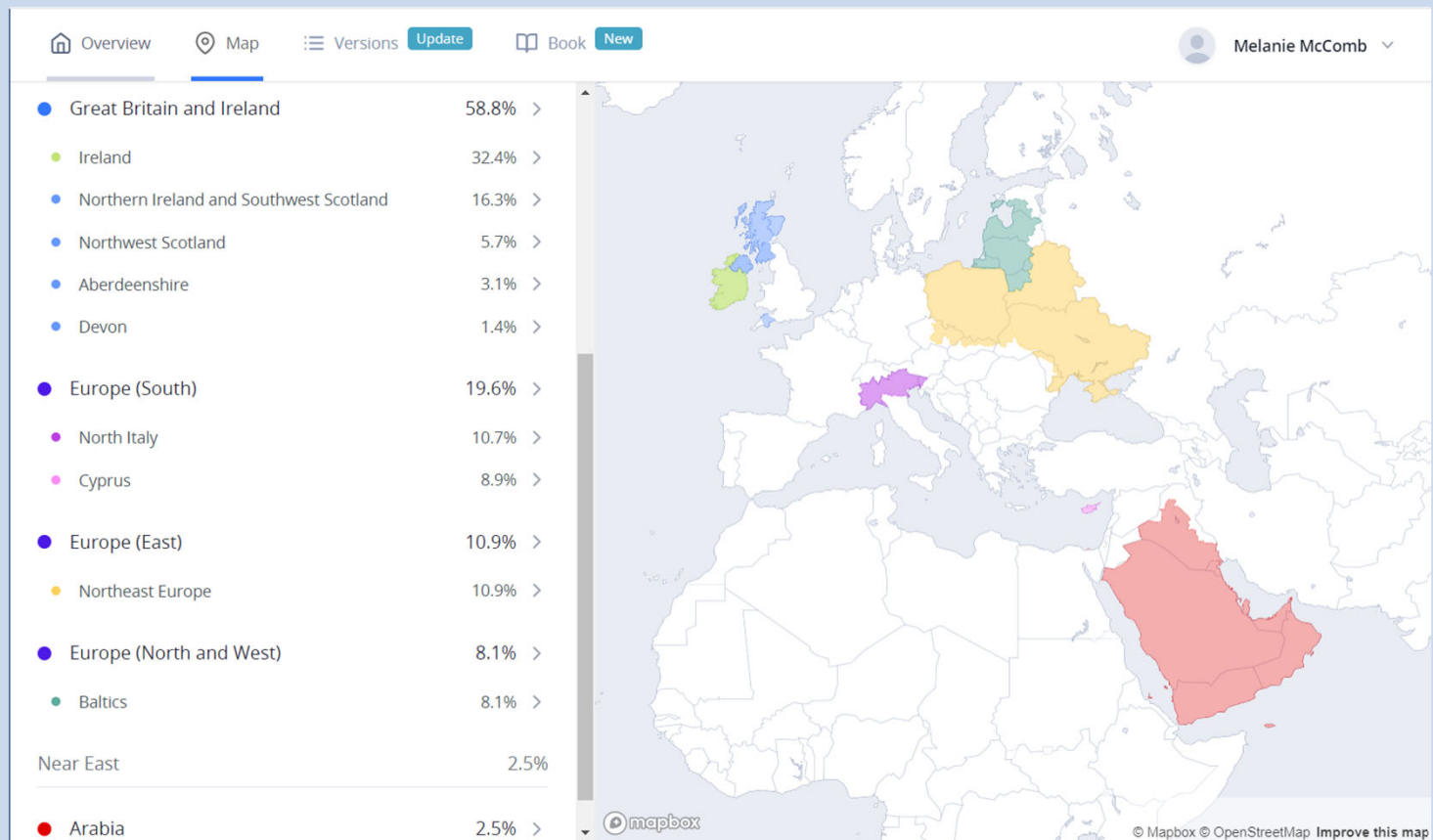
FamilyTreeDNA myOrigins



MyHeritage



LivingDNA



23andMe

Ancestry Composition

Summary

Version History

How It Works



European 100%

British & Irish 50.4% >

Irish NEW 35.7% >

North Central Ireland

Central and Northern Ireland

+16 regions

Scottish NEW 14.7% >

Scottish Lowlands and Southern Uplands

Northern Ireland and Central Scottish Lowlands

+10 regions

Ashkenazi Jewish NEW 37.0% >

West Central Ukrainian Jews

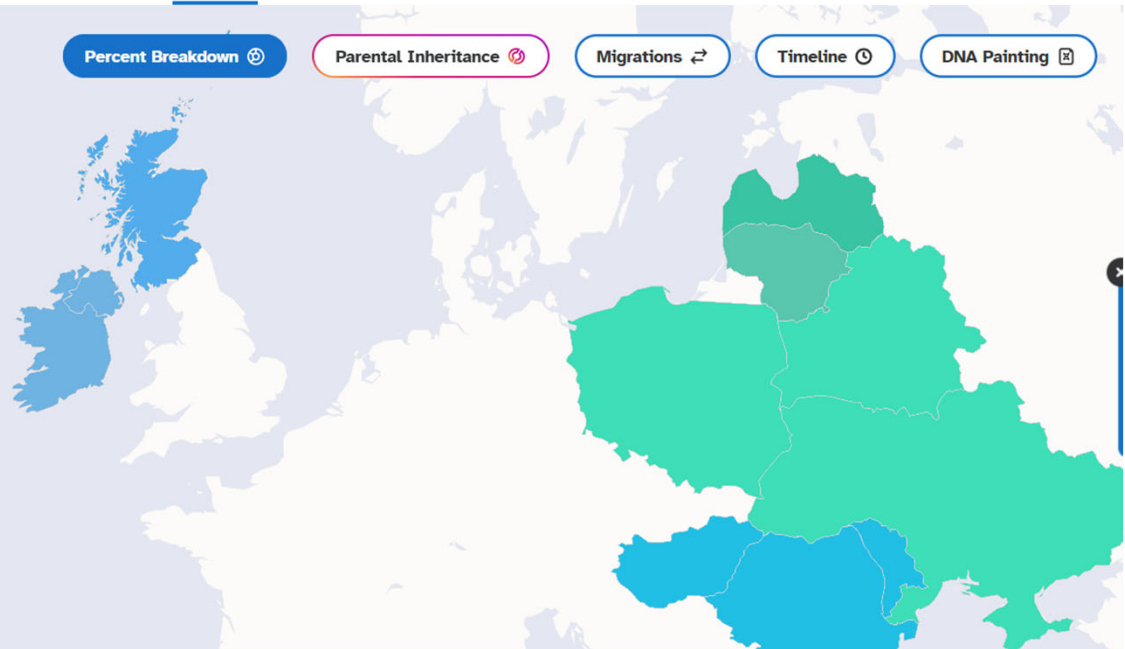
Percent Breakdown

Parental Inheritance

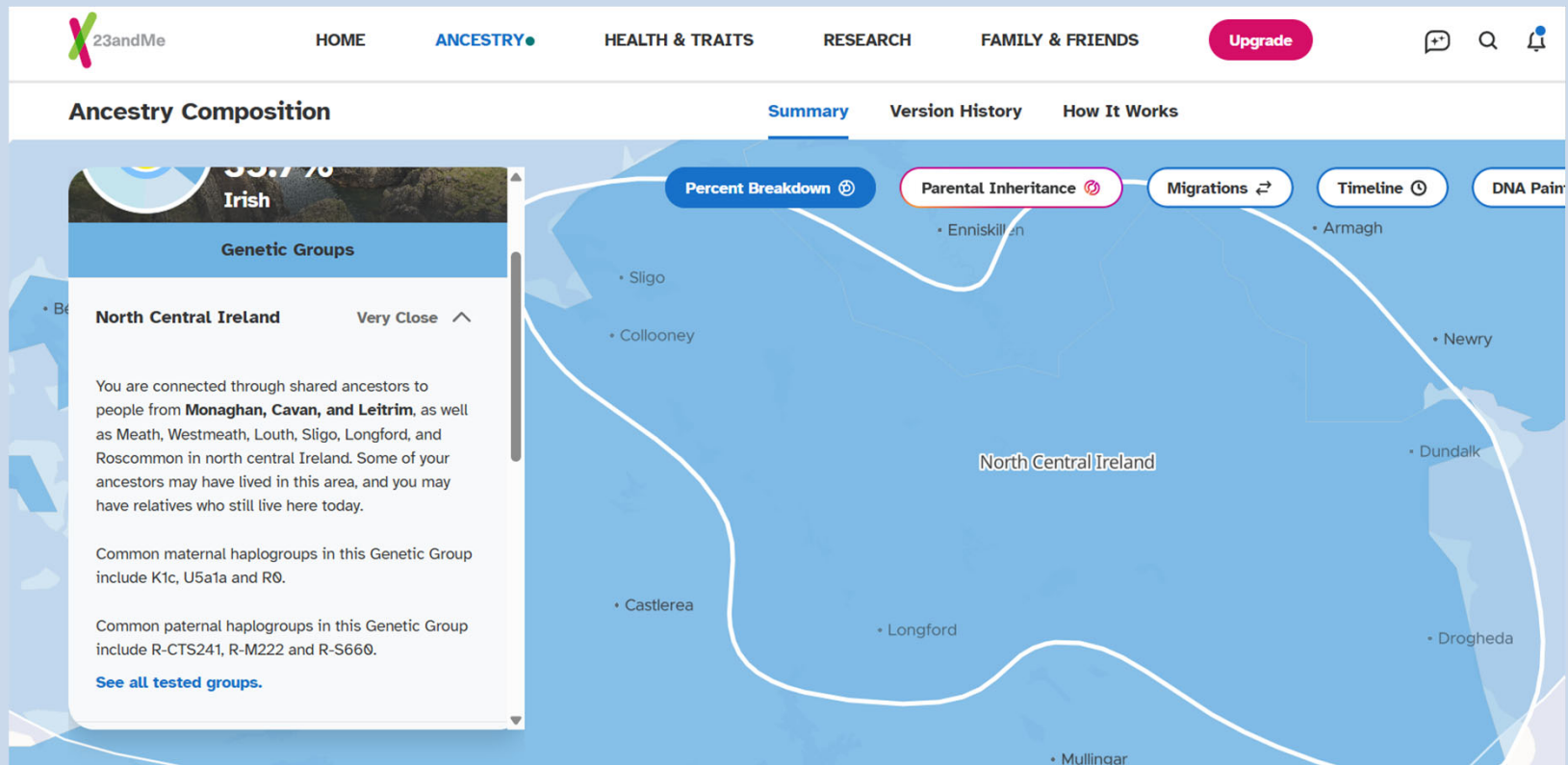
Migrations

Timeline

DNA Painting



23andMe



Ethnicity Estimate takeaways

- Results differ across companies due to
 - Reference Panels
 - Algorithms and reporting timeframes
- Can point to areas of recent ancestry
- Misleading if broad or more distant regions
- May change over time

Reviewing Autosomal DNA Matches

Your Family Tree

- Must include all your earliest known ancestors
- Include dates and locations for all births, marriages and deaths
- Provide locations where family lived or moved to
- Include all children or siblings in each generation
- May want to include hypothetical relations

Evaluate Your Tree

- Do you have gaps or brick walls?
- Can you fill with hypothetical ancestors?
- Traditional naming conventions might be useful
 - Need all children or siblings in correct birth order to apply
 - Watch out for families that did not use it

Working with your Matches

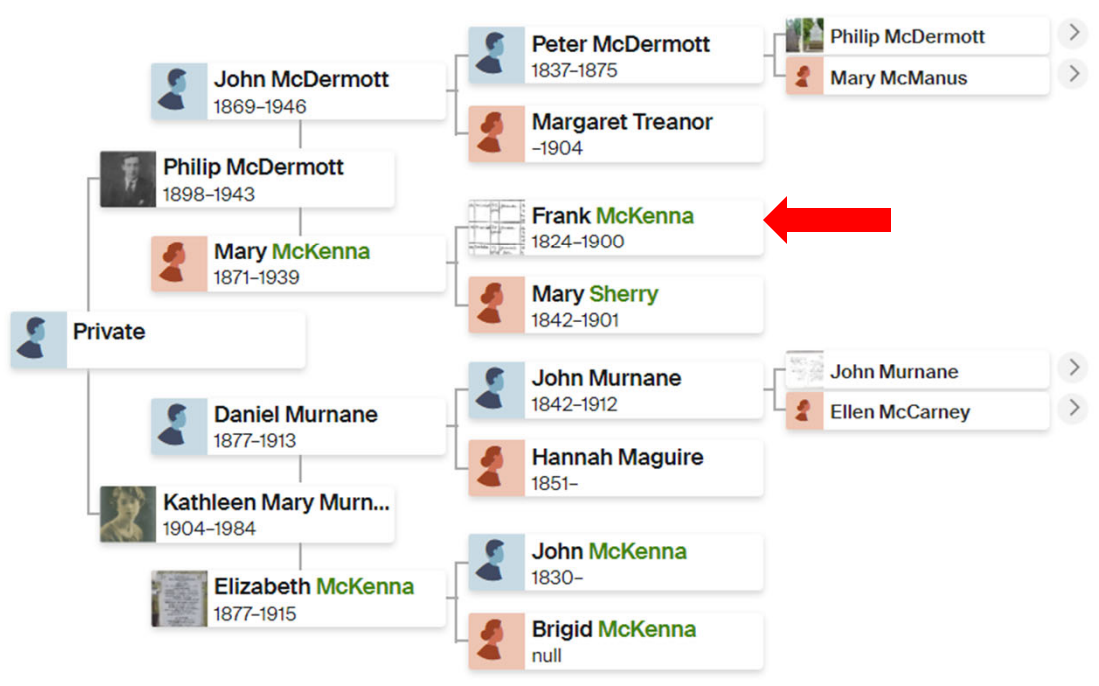
- Look for people or surnames in common
- Look for locations in common
- Ask questions and be patient for answers
- Work together and share information
- Always confirm with genealogical records

Finding clues in trees

Donagh McDermotts  [Expand tree](#)

's Linked Tree  **496 People**

This is a preview of the public tree linked to Donagh McDermotts's DNA results. Surnames that appear in both your tree and Donagh's tree are **marked in green**.



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graph TD
    JohnMcDermott[John McDermott 1869-1946] --- PhilipMcDermott[Philip McDermott 1898-1943]
    PhilipMcDermott --- MaryMcKenna[Mary McKenna 1871-1939]
    MaryMcKenna --- Private[Private]
    Private --- DanielMurnane[Daniel Murnane 1877-1913]
    DanielMurnane --- KathleenMaryMurnane[Kathleen Mary Murnane 1904-1984]
    KathleenMaryMurnane --- ElizabethMcKenna[Elizabeth McKenna 1877-1915]
    ElizabethMcKenna --- JohnMcKenna[John McKenna 1830-]
    JohnMcKenna --- BrigidMcKenna[Brigid McKenna null]
    PhilipMcDermott --- PeterMcDermott[Peter McDermott 1837-1875]
    PeterMcDermott --- MargaretTreanor[Margaret Treanor -1904]
    PeterMcDermott --- PhilipMcDermott2[Philip McDermott]
    PeterMcDermott --- MaryMcManus[Mary McManus]
    MargaretTreanor --- FrankMcKenna[Frank McKenna 1824-1900]
    MargaretTreanor --- MarySherry[Mary Sherry 1842-1901]
    DanielMurnane --- JohnMurnane[John Murnane 1842-1912]
    JohnMurnane --- HannahMaguire[Hannah Maguire 1851-]
    JohnMurnane --- JohnMurnane2[John Murnane]
    JohnMurnane --- EllenMcCarney[Ellen McCarney]
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The family tree diagram illustrates the following structure:

- John McDermott** (1869-1946) is the root of the left branch.
- John McDermott is connected to **Philip McDermott** (1898-1943).
- Philip McDermott is connected to **Mary McKenna** (1871-1939), whose name is highlighted in green.
- Mary McKenna is connected to a **Private** node.
- The **Private** node is connected to **Daniel Murnane** (1877-1913).
- Daniel Murnane is connected to **Kathleen Mary Murnane** (1904-1984).
- Kathleen Mary Murnane is connected to **Elizabeth McKenna** (1877-1915), whose name is highlighted in green.
- Elizabeth McKenna is connected to **John McKenna** (1830-), whose name is highlighted in green.
- John McKenna is connected to **Brigid McKenna** (null), whose name is highlighted in green.
- Philip McDermott is also connected to **Peter McDermott** (1837-1875).
- Peter McDermott is connected to **Margaret Treanor** (-1904).
- Peter McDermott is also connected to **Philip McDermott** and **Mary McManus**.
- Margaret Treanor is connected to **Frank McKenna** (1824-1900), whose name is highlighted in green. A red arrow points to this node.
- Margaret Treanor is also connected to **Mary Sherry** (1842-1901), whose name is highlighted in green.
- Daniel Murnane is also connected to **John Murnane** (1842-1912).
- John Murnane is connected to **Hannah Maguire** (1851-).
- John Murnane is also connected to **John Murnane** and **Ellen McCarney**.

Finding Clues in Trees



Frank McKenna

Donagh McDermotts

Birth

1824 • Toneylone, Tydavnet.

Death

08 Feb 1900 • Toneylone, Tydavnet.

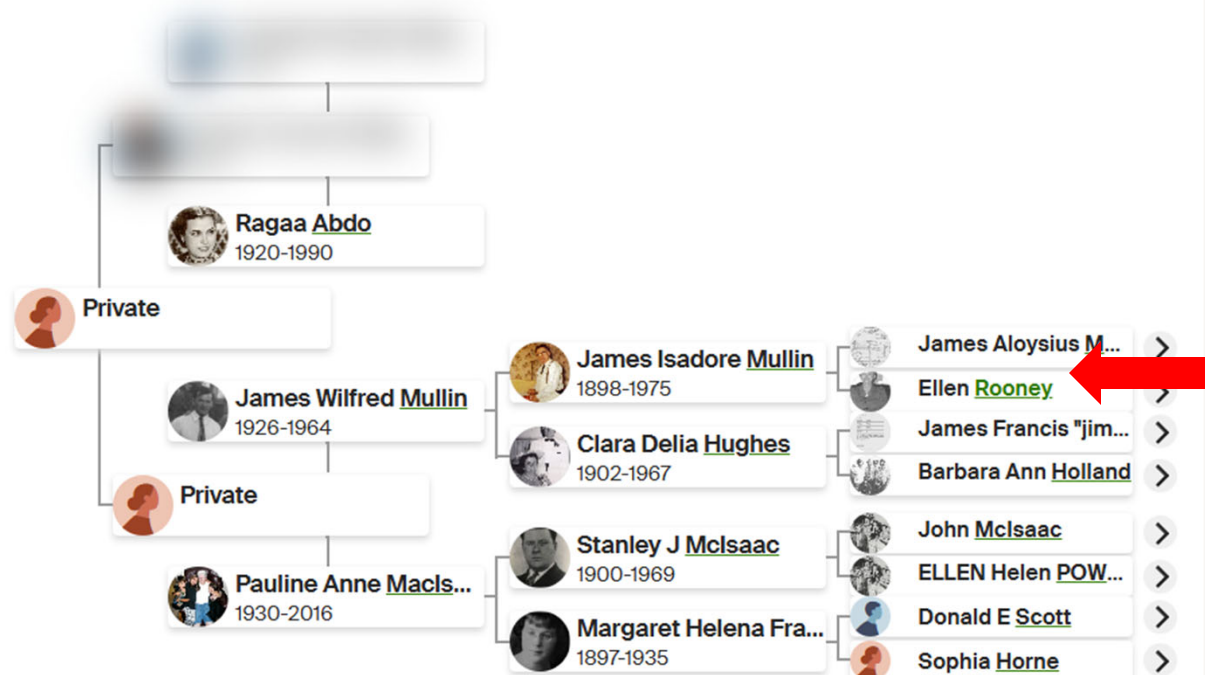


2 timeline events

[View in tree](#)

Finding clues in trees

Family tree information for this match



Finding clues in trees



**Ellen Rooney**

Birth
14 Apr 1876 • Iona, Queens, Prince Edward Island, Canada

Death
1 Jul 1960 • Newton, Middlesex, Massachusetts, USA

 2 timeline events

[View in tree](#)

Parents

**Dennis Rooney**
1836–1914

**Catharine Mahar**
1845–1922

Finding Clues in Trees





Dennis Rooney

Birth
1836 • Rosslea, Fermanagh, Ireland

Death
14 Jun 1914 • Queens, Prince Edward Island, Canada

 2 timeline events

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Parents



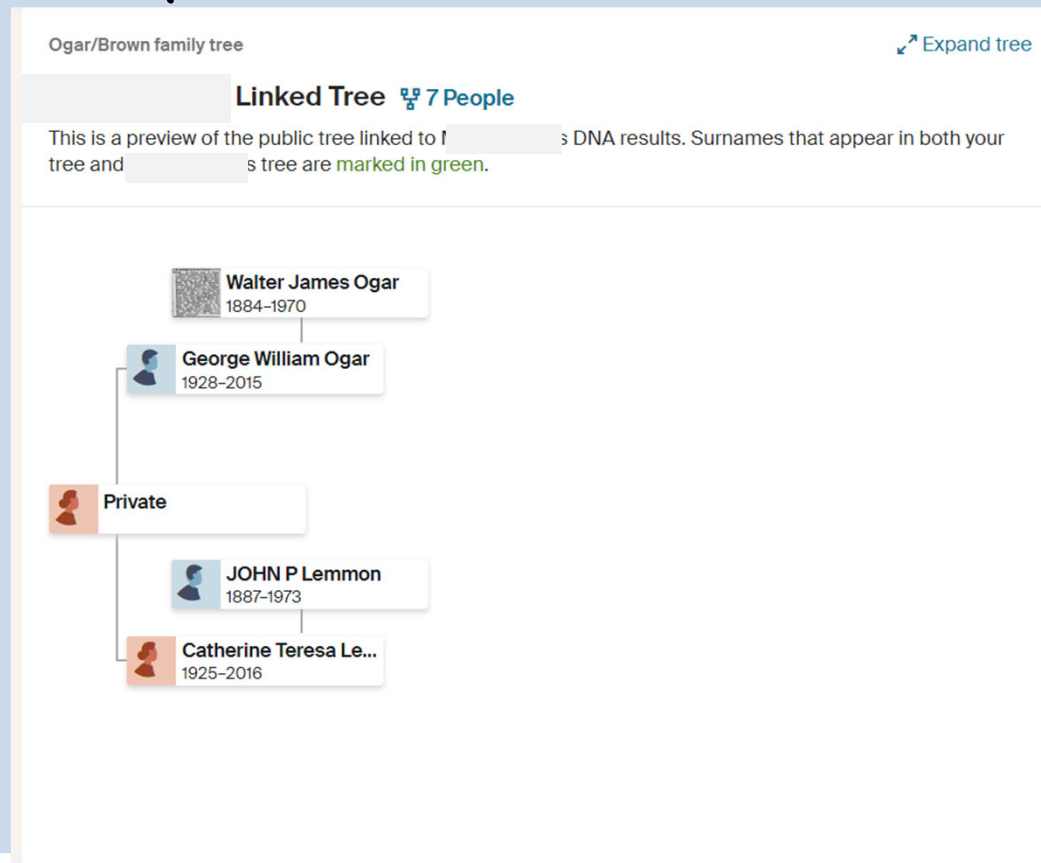
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1807-1884



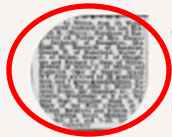
Mary Doherty
1820-1896

Shallow Trees

- Build out yourself to learn more



Ancestry DNA



Walter James Ogar

Ogar/Brown family tree

Birth

8 Jun 1884 • Charlottetown, Queens, Prince Edward Island, Canada

Death

1 Aug 1970 • Milton Village, Norfolk, Massachusetts, USA



2 timeline events

[View in tree](#)

Ancestry DNA – Common Ancestors

How are you and [redacted] related?

Common Ancestors

According to Ancestry member trees, these are the common ancestors that connect you and [redacted]. View a common ancestor to see the relationship path that connects you.

Marie Brown could be your half 4th cousin 1x removed through:



Owen Dougherty
4th great-grandfather
1760–1861
[View Relationship](#)



Ogar/Brown family tree

[Expand tree](#)

Linked Tree 7 People

This is a preview of the public tree linked to [redacted]'s DNA results. Surnames that appear in both your tree and [redacted] tree are marked in green.



Walter James Ogar
1884–1970



George William Ogar
1928–2015



Private



JOHN P Lemmon
1887–1973



Catherine Teresa Le...
1925–2016

Ancestry ThruLines

Relationship to

You may be related to

through Owen Dougherty



Owen Dougherty
4th great-grandfather
1760-1861



View ThruLines®



Francis O Dougherty
3rd great-grandfather
1802-1892



Honora Ann Dougherty
Half 3rd great-grandaunt
1800-1873



Owen Dougherty
2nd great-grandfather
1829-1909



John Slavin
Half 1st cousin 4x removed
1846-1898



Joseph Dougherty
Great-grandfather
1871-1949



Elizabeth K Slavin
Half 2nd cousin 3x removed
1885-1955



Michael J Doherty
Paternal grandfather
1910-1986



George W Ogar
Half 3rd cousin 2x removed
1918-2015

Reviewing Origins on DNA Match

Tester and [M B](#)



4th cousin 1x removed | Paternal side

< 1% shared DNA: 37 cM across 3 segments

[View in tree](#)

[Message](#)

[Edit Relationship](#)



[+ Add/edit group](#)



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Ancestral regions

Y O

17%

Connacht, Ireland



12%

Munster, Ireland



12%

Donegal, Ireland



3%

Leinster, Ireland



M B

21%

40%

18%

15%



Reviewing Shared Journeys on DNA Match

Shared journeys



Ulster, Ireland

In the late 1700s the population of Ulster was growing. Land was scarce, rents were high, and...

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Prince Edward Island

British settlement of Prince Edward Island (PEI) began in the early 18th century, as officials look...

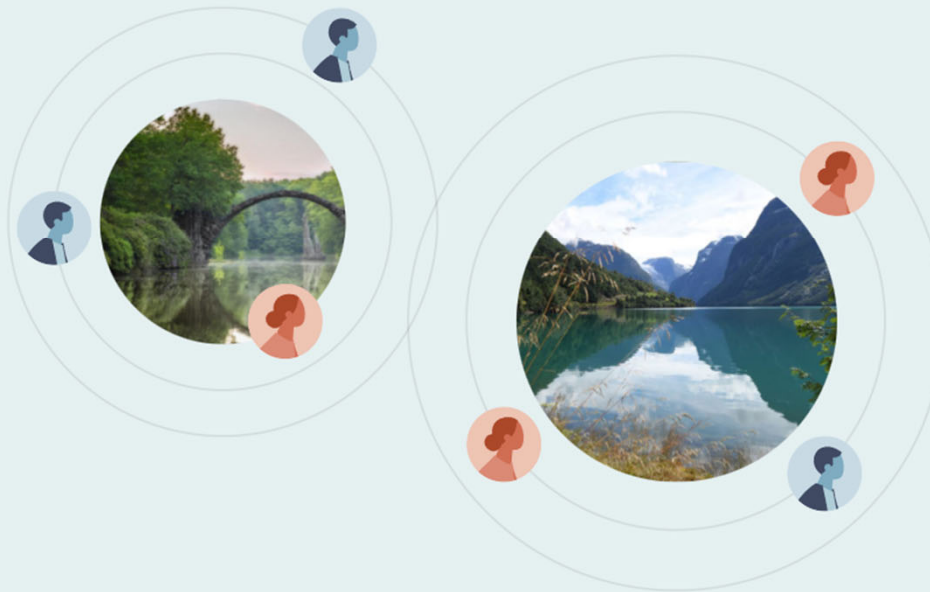
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Filter by Regions

New: Filter by regions

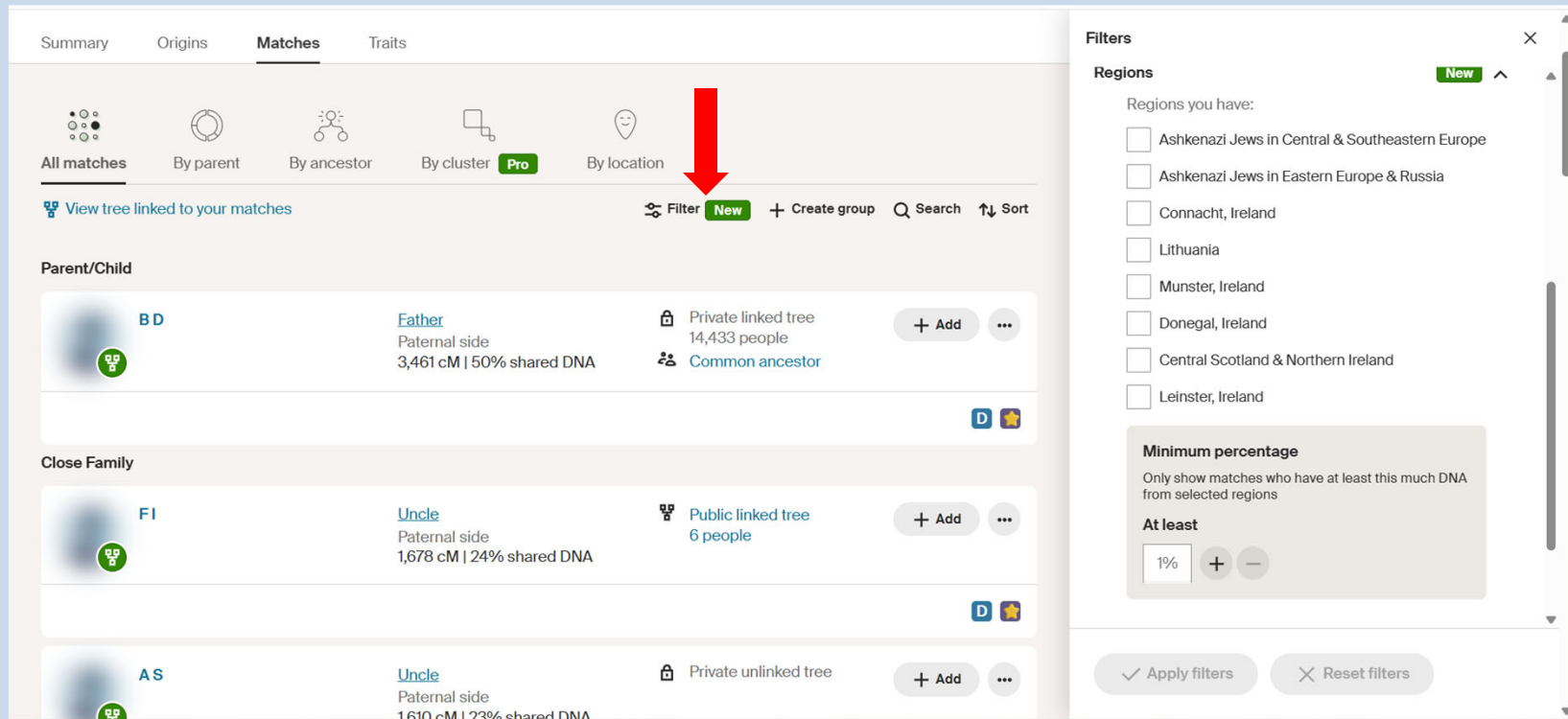


With your membership, you can now filter matches by your regions.



Got it

Filter by Regions



The screenshot shows the 'Matches' tab in the AncestryDNA interface. A red arrow points to the 'Filter' button, which is labeled 'New'. The interface includes a top navigation bar with 'Summary', 'Origins', 'Matches', and 'Traits'. Below this is a filter bar with icons for 'All matches', 'By parent', 'By ancestor', 'By cluster' (marked 'Pro'), and 'By location'. The main content area displays match details for three individuals: BD (Father, 3,461 cM | 50% shared DNA), FI (Uncle, 1,678 cM | 24% shared DNA), and AS (Uncle, 1,610 cM | 23% shared DNA). Each match entry includes a profile picture, name, relationship, shared DNA information, and tree link details. On the right, a 'Filters' sidebar is open, showing a list of regions with checkboxes: Ashkenazi Jews in Central & Southeastern Europe, Ashkenazi Jews in Eastern Europe & Russia, Connacht, Ireland, Lithuania, Munster, Ireland, Donegal, Ireland, Central Scotland & Northern Ireland, and Leinster, Ireland. Below the regions is a 'Minimum percentage' section with a slider set to 1%. At the bottom of the sidebar are 'Apply filters' and 'Reset filters' buttons.

Summary Origins **Matches** Traits

All matches By parent By ancestor By cluster **Pro** By location

Filter **New** + Create group Search Sort

View tree linked to your matches

Parent/Child

BD [Father](#) Private linked tree 14,433 people + Add ...
Paternal side 3,461 cM | 50% shared DNA
[Common ancestor](#)

Close Family

FI [Uncle](#) Public linked tree 6 people + Add ...
Paternal side 1,678 cM | 24% shared DNA

AS [Uncle](#) Private unlinked tree + Add ...
Paternal side 1,610 cM | 23% shared DNA

Filters

Regions **New**

Regions you have:

- ☐ Ashkenazi Jews in Central & Southeastern Europe
- ☐ Ashkenazi Jews in Eastern Europe & Russia
- ☐ Connacht, Ireland
- ☐ Lithuania
- ☐ Munster, Ireland
- ☐ Donegal, Ireland
- ☐ Central Scotland & Northern Ireland
- ☐ Leinster, Ireland

Minimum percentage
Only show matches who have at least this much DNA from selected regions

At least
1% + -

✓ Apply filters ✕ Reset filters

Filter by Regions

Filters

Regions

New

Regions you have:

☐

Ashkenazi Jews in Central & Southeastern Europe

☐

Ashkenazi Jews in Eastern Europe & Russia

☒

Connacht, Ireland

☐

Lithuania

☐

Munster, Ireland

☐

Donegal, Ireland

☐

Central Scotland & Northern Ireland

☐

Leinster, Ireland

Minimum percentage

Only show matches who have at least this much DNA from selected regions

At least

75

+

-

✓ Apply filters

✕ Reset filters

**Case Study #1:
Identify the parents
and Origins of Bridget
Sherry**

Bridget Sherry

- Born about 1819 in Ireland
- Settled in Prince Edward Island (PEI), Canada with husband John Connolly and children by 1841.
- GOAL: Confirm her parents and Irish origins

Children of Bridget Sherry and John Connolly

- John – 13 June 1841 PEI
- Ellen – 1 June 1843 PEI
- Mary – 14 Apr. 1845 PEI
- Bernard – 26 Oct. 1846 PEI
- Ann – 12 Dec. 1847 PEI
- Patrick – 4 Apr. 1851 PEI

Searching by Surname in DNA Matches

The screenshot displays the Ancestry DNA interface. At the top, the navigation bar includes 'Home', 'Trees', 'Search', 'Memories', and 'DNA'. The user's profile 'MM' is shown with 'Compare' and 'Invite' buttons. The 'Matches' tab is selected, showing filters: 'All matches', 'By parent', 'By ancestor', 'By cluster', and 'By location'. A red arrow points to the 'Search' button in the filter bar. Another red arrow points to the 'Surname in matches' trees search box in the right sidebar. The sidebar also includes 'Match name', 'Include similar surnames', and 'Birth location in matches' trees. The main content area shows match results under 'Parent/Child' and 'Close Family' sections.

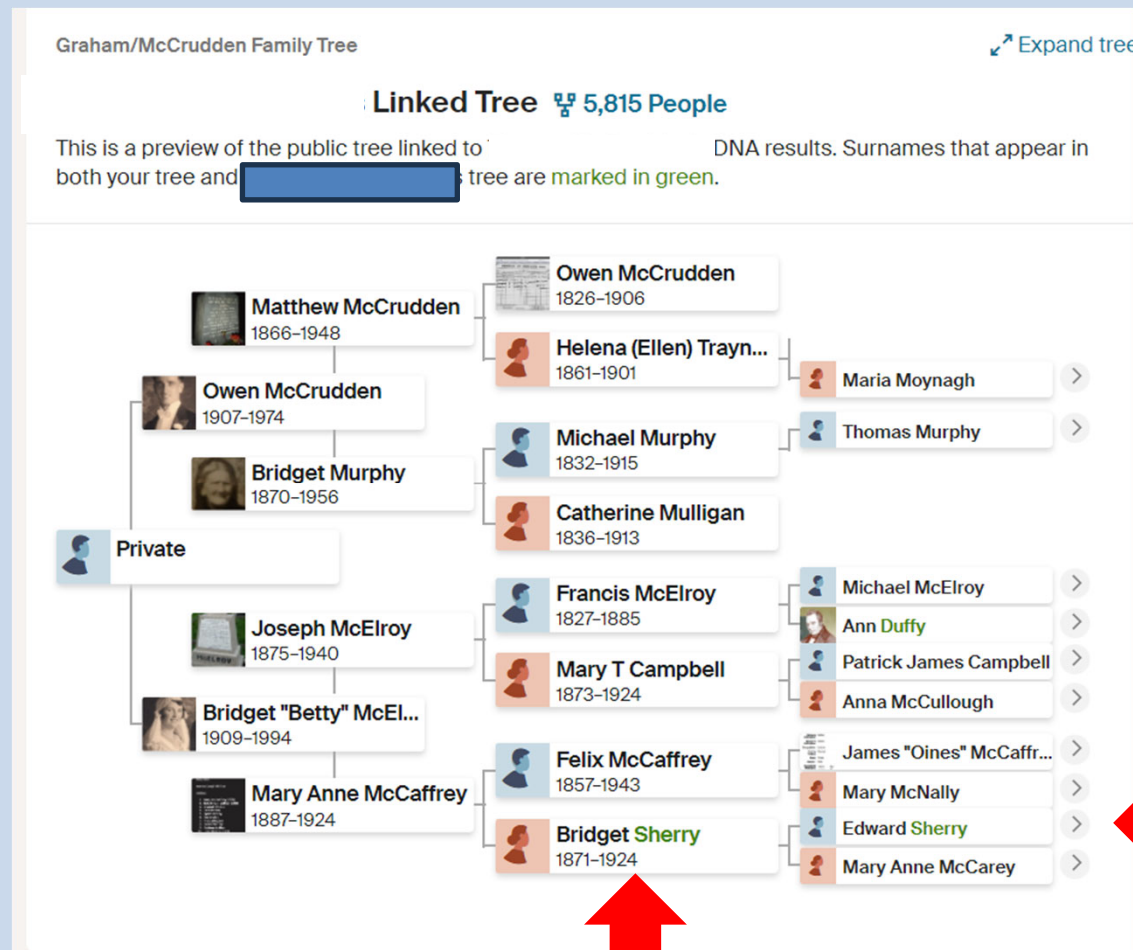
Parent/Child

Match	Relationship	Shared DNA	Tree Type	People
BD	Father	3,461 cM 50% shared DNA	Private linked tree	14,433 people

Close Family

Match	Relationship	Shared DNA	Tree Type	People
FI	Uncle	1,678 cM 24% shared DNA	Public linked tree	6 people

Looking for Clues in Trees



Review the Ancestors with Shared Surnames



**Edward Sherry**

Birth
1824 • Monaghan, Ireland

Death
24 Jan 1890 • Barratitoppy, Co Monaghan, Ireland

 2 timeline events

[View in tree](#)

Parents

 **John Sherry**
1800–1881

 **Ellen McCarvell**
1800–1862

Review the End Line Ancestors



**John Sherry**

Common Ancestor 

Birth
about 1800 • Scotstown Tydavnet County Monaghan, Ireland

Death
about 1881 • Prince Edward Island, Canada 

Parents
 _____ **Sherry**

 2 timeline events

[View in tree](#)

Common Ancestor Theories

How are you and **oreilly.teresa** related?

Common Ancestors

According to Ancestry member trees, these are the common ancestors that connect you and oreilly.teresa. View a common ancestor to see the relationship path that connects you.

oreilly.teresa could be your 4th cousin 1x removed through:



John Sherry
4th great-grandfather
1800-1881
[View Relationship](#)



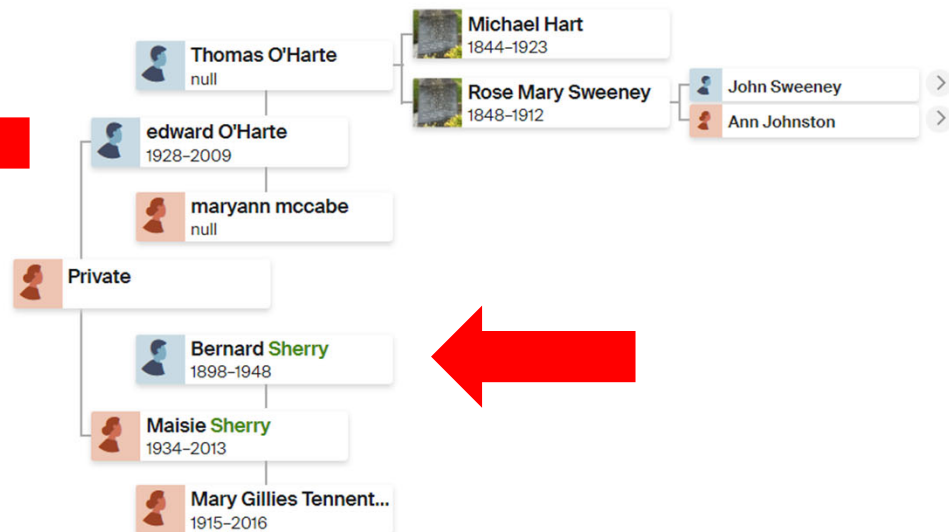
Ellen McCarville
4th great-grandmother
1790-1881
[View Relationship](#)

family tree

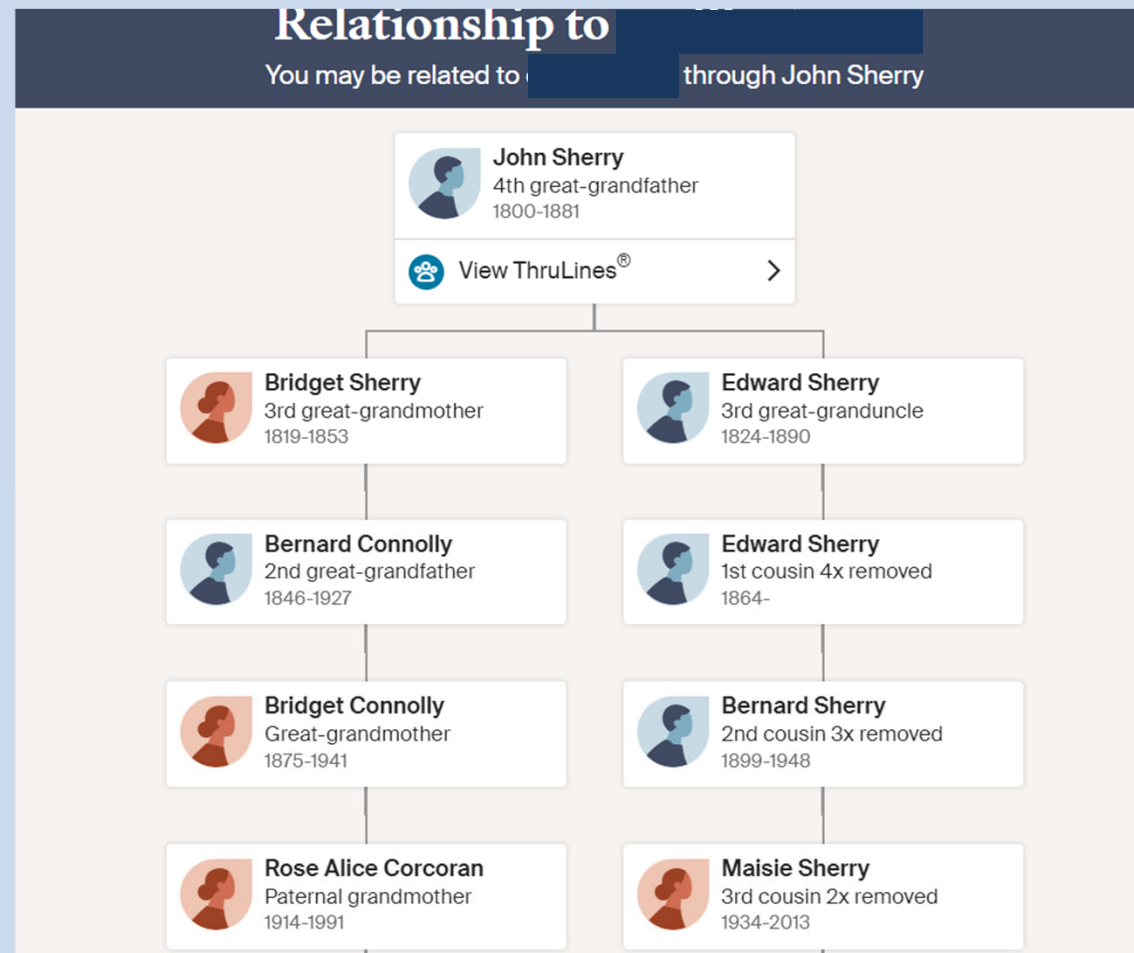
[Expand tree](#)

Linked Tree 46 People

This is a preview of the public tree linked to oreilly.teresa's DNA results. Surnames that appear in both your tree and oreilly.teresa's tree are marked in green.



Review Common Ancestor Theories



Reviewing End of Line Ancestors

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**Bernard Sherry**

Birth
abt 1898 • Co Monaghan 

Death
26 Apr 1948 • Northern Ireland

 2 timeline events

[View in tree](#)

Birth Register



Second Page.

U1777392

Superintendent Registrar's District Clones Registrar's District Clones

BIRTHS Registered in the District of Clones in the Union of Clones
in the County of Monaghan

No. (1.)	Date and Place of Birth. (2.)	Name (if any). (3.)	Sex. (4.)	Name and Surname and Dwelling place of Father. (5.)	Name and Surname and Maiden Surname of Mother. (6.)	Rank or Profession of Father. (7.)	Signature, Qualification, and Residence of Informant. (8.)	When Registered. (9.)	Signature of Registrar. (10.)	Baptismal Name if added after Registration of Birth, and Date. (11.)
	18 <u>99</u>									
	<u>Loelt</u>			<u>Gerene</u>	<u>Eller</u>		<u>Minnie Kelly</u>	<u>Eight</u>		
91.	<u>July</u>	<u>Margaret</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Keirans</u>	<u>Kearns</u>	<u>Labourer</u>	<u>Present at birth</u>	<u>September</u>		
	<u>Fermanagh</u>			<u>Fermanagh St.</u>	<u>Emmory</u>		<u>Fermanagh St.</u>	<u>18 99</u>	<u>M. Kelly</u>	
	<u>Clones</u>			<u>Clones</u>			<u>Clones</u>			
	18 <u>99</u>									
	<u>Twenty third</u>			<u>Edward</u>	<u>Anne</u>		<u>Minnie Kelly</u>	<u>Eight</u>		
92.	<u>July</u>	<u>Bernard</u>	<u>male</u>	<u>Sherry</u>	<u>Sherry</u>	<u>Cattle</u>	<u>Present at birth</u>	<u>September</u>		
	<u>Clonkeadueen</u>			<u>Clonkeadueen</u>	<u>Carroll</u>	<u>Labourer</u>	<u>Fermanagh St.</u>	<u>18 99</u>	<u>M. Kelly</u>	
							<u>Clones</u>			
	18 <u>99</u>									



BINDING E

Marriage of Edward Sherry and Ann Carroll

Marriage No. 38
Registered by me, this 22
day of February
1884

1884 Marriage solemnized at the Roman Catholic Chapel of St. Mary's Ballinacorney in the Registrar's District St. Mary's
in the Union of Monaghan in the County of Monaghan

No. (1.)	When Married (2.)	Name and Surname (3.)	Age (4.)	Condition (5.)	Rank or Profession (6.)	Residence (7.)	Father's Name (8.)	Rank or Profession of Father (9.)
38	21 st January 1884	Edward Sherry	40	Bachelor	Farmer	Barratitoppy	Edward Sherry	farmer
		Ann Carroll	40	Spinster	Farmer	Glenaheny	Michael Carroll	farmer

Married in the Roman Catholic Chapel of St. Mary's Ballinacorney according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the Roman Catholic Church by me,
Thomas O'Dwyer C.C.

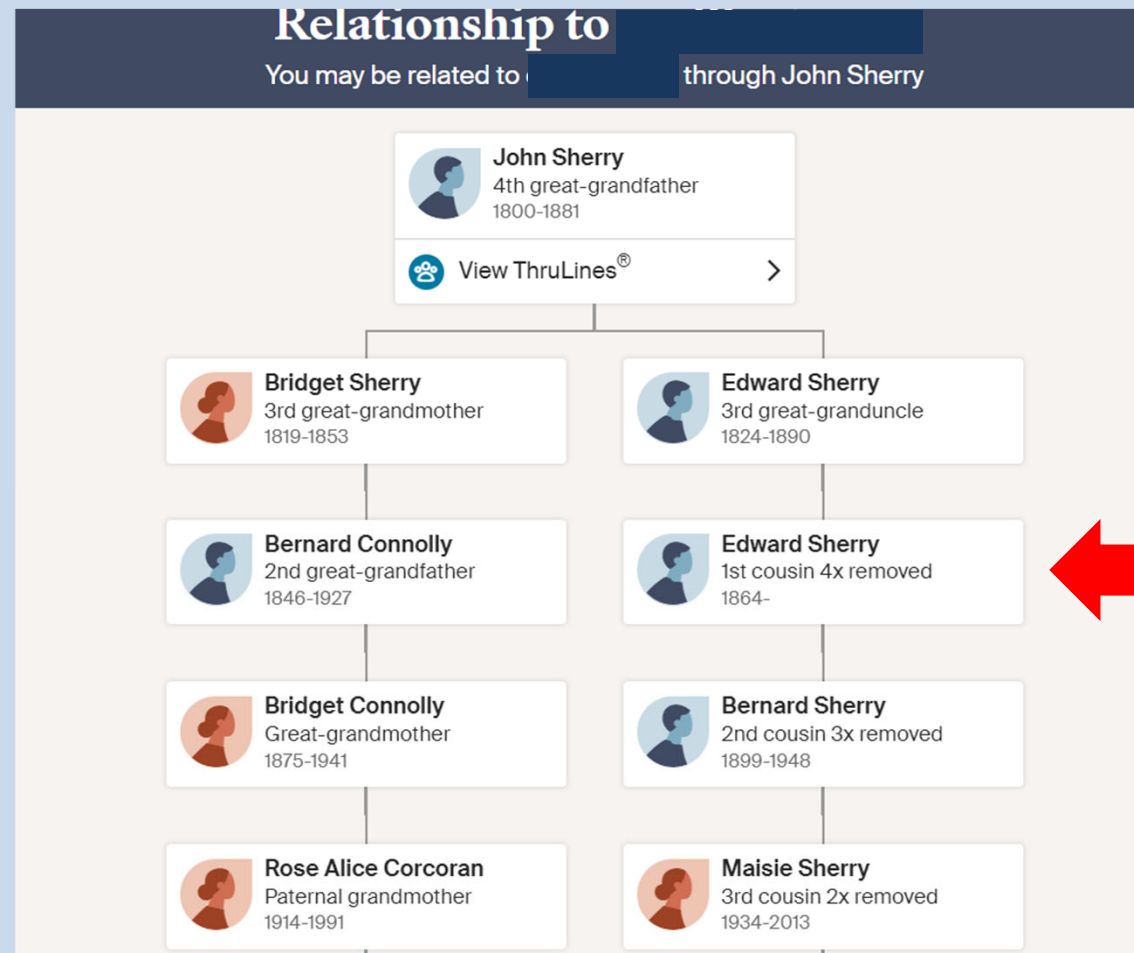
This Marriage was solemnized between us,
{ Edward Sherry
Ann Carroll }

in the Presence of us,
{ James Coker
Ann Ince }

Thomas O'Dwyer C.C.
Registrar.

Edward's residence is Barratitoppy

Review Common Ancestor Theories



Edward Sherry

89	County eight March Barratitoppy	Edward	In	Edward Sherry Barratitoppy	Mary Sherry formerly McCarey	Tennet	Mary Sherry Matthews Barratitoppy Witup S.D.	1884	Sherry
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Parents are Edward Sherry and
Mary Sherry formerly McCarey.
Edward was born in Barratitoppy.

Identifying Siblings

- In order to help identify the parents of an ancestor, you need to keep looking for siblings of your ancestor.
- Review your DNA matches for possible leads on siblings and trace their tree as far back on the lines you share surnames and locations with.

Ancestry ThruLines

ThruLines® for John Sherry

ThruLines® uses Ancestry® trees to suggest that you may be related to 23 DNA matches through John Sherry.

 Relationships  List

 **John Sherry**
4th great-grandfather
1800-1881

 **Ann Sherry**
3rd great-grandaunt
1811-1899

 2 DNA Matches

 **Owen Sherry**
3rd great-granduncle
1814-1900

3 ▾

SE


4th cousin 1x removed
15 cM | 3 segments

 **Bridget Sherry**
3rd great-grandmother
1819-1853

 13 DNA Matches

4 ▾



Melanie McComb

 **Edward Sherry**
3rd great-granduncle
1824-1890

 7 DNA Matches

Searching for Earlier Children in Ireland

- Using the townland of **Barritoppy** as a lead, baptism records in Tydavnet parish, Clogher diocese, were searched in Ireland for any other children born to Bridget Sherry and John Connolly.

Ireland, Catholic Parish Registers, 1655-1915

Search

☐ Match all terms exactly

First & Middle Name(s)

Last Name

Connolly

☐ Exact...

	Day	Month	Year	Location
Birth			1838 ☒ +/-10 yrs	Tydavnet, Monaghan, Ire ☐ Exact to...
Death				City, County, State, Coun
Lived In	—	—	—	City, County, State, Coun
Marriage				City, County, State, Coun
Any Event				City, County, State, Coun

Add family member: Father Mother Spouse

	First & Middle Name(s)	Last Name	
Father		Connolly	×
		☐ Exact	
Mother		Sherry	×
		☐ Exact	
Spouse			×

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results for Connolly

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Connolly

Born: 1838

In: monaghan, ireland

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Parents: Connolly, Sherry

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Name

Event Type

Event Date

Event Place

Relatives

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Maria Connolly

Baptism

11 Feb 1840

Tydavnet, Monaghan

Joannes, Brigida

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Anna Connolly

Baptism

14 Jan 1842

Tydavnet, Monaghan

Patritius, Maria

[View Images](#)

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Elizabeth Connolly

Baptism

27 May 1838

Monaghan, Monaghan

Joannis

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Henricus Connolly

Baptism

6 May 1838

Monaghan, Monaghan

Bernardi, Eleonora

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Patritius Connolly

Baptism

1 Mar 1838

Monaghan, Monaghan

Michaelis, Maria

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Maria Anna Connolly

Baptism

31 Oct 1838

Monaghan, Monaghan

Patritii, Maria

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Patritius Connolly

Baptism

18 Mar 1838

Monaghan, Monaghan

Francisci, Maria

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Marianna Connolly

Baptism

25 Mar 1838

Monaghan, Monaghan

Petrus, Catherina

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Gulielmus Connolly

Baptism

28 Nov 1838

Monaghan, Monaghan

Patritii, Catharina

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Petrus Connolly

Baptism

14 Jan 1838

Monaghan, Monaghan

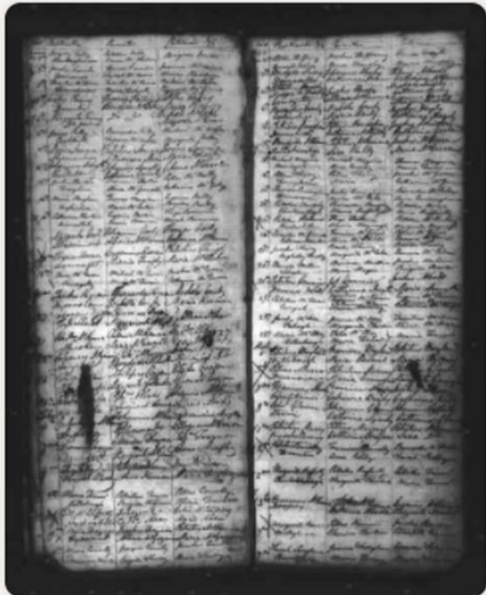
Petrus, Brigida

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Maria Connolly

in the Ireland, Catholic Parish Registers, 1655-1915



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Detail Source

Name: Maria Connolly
[Mary Connolly]

Baptism Age: 0

Event Type: Baptism

Birth Date: 1840

Baptism Date: 11 Feb 1840

Baptism Place: Monaghan, Tydavnet, Ireland

Other Event Place: Drumcoo Mountain

Diocese: Clogher

Father: Joannes Connolly

Mother: Brigida Sherry

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1840	Baptizati	Parentes	Patrim 35
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Maria Connolly	James Connolly	Jacobus Connolly
Drumcoo Mountain	Brigida Sherry	Maria Sherry

Drumcoo Mountain is a neighboring townland next to Barratitoppy

Godparents were James Connolly and Mary Sherry

Baptism of Mary Connolly – 11 Feb. 1840, Tydavnet Parish, Ireland, Catholic Parish Registers, 1655-1915, Ancestry.com

Another Baptism Found

- By browsing the Catholic parish registers for Tydavnet, another baptism was located.
- James Connolly – bapt. 15 Jul.
1838 Tydavnet, Monaghan, Ireland



Residence listed was Barratitoppy

Revised List of Children of Bridget Sherry and John Connolly

- James – about 15 July 1838 Monaghan, Ireland
- Mary – about 11 Feb. 1840 Monaghan, Ireland
- John – 13 June 1841 PEI
- Ellen – 1 June 1843 PEI
- Mary – 14 Apr. 1845 PEI
- Bernard – 26 Oct. 1846 PEI
- Ann – 12 Dec. 1847 PEI
- Patrick – 4 Apr. 1851 PEI

Conclusions

- Three other potential siblings to Bridget Sherry were identified using DNA matches. These matches have ties to Barratitoppy, County Monaghan.
- Two additional children of Bridget Sherry and John Connolly were baptized in County Monaghan in Tydavnet parish. Barratitoppy was listed as the residence.
- Based on traditional Irish naming patterns, the second son of Bridget should be named after her father. Based on the birth order of the children, it should be John.
- John Sherry and Ellen McCarvell are probable parents that need to be investigated in greater detail to help establish a paper trail.

Reviewing Y-DNA and mtDNA matches

Haplogroups

- Y-DNA and mitochondrial tests generate a haplogroup
 - Made up of letters and numbers
- Each haplogroup is associated with an approximate time and place where it arise from
 - Example: Haplogroup J arose 45,000 years ago in the Near East or Caucasus region

World Map of Y-DNA Haplogroups

Dominant Haplogroups in Native Populations with Possible Migration Routes



World Map of Y-DNA Haplogroups

Genetic Distance

- Ideal is to have a genetic distance of 0 or 1 for a DNA match
- 0 = Exact match, no mutations
- 1 = slight mutation
- The greater the distance, the higher the # of mutations and the further back a common ancestor.

Tip

If a Y-DNA match has distance of 0 or 1 but # markers is low (ex. Under 67), would encourage match to upgrade.

Y-DNA Matches

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All

111 Markers (5) 67 Markers (29) 37 Markers (10) 25 Markers (21) **12 Markers (372)** [Filter](#)[Sort by](#)

 Y-DNA12						  
Markers Tested 1 to 12	Genetic Distance Exact Match	Big Y STR Differences Not Available	Y Haplogroup R-M269	Paternal Country of Origin  Ireland	Paternal Earliest Known Ancestor Not Available	
	Link on Family Tree					Match date: January 04 2021
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	Link on Family Tree					

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12 Marker

EXACT MATCH

Country 	Match Total 	Country Total 	Percentage 	Comments 
England	1	47149	< 0.1 %	
Germany	1	25484	< 0.1 %	
Ireland	44	33076	0.1%	
New Zealand	1	92	1.1%	
Northern Ireland	3	3133	0.1%	
Scotland	16	23073	0.1%	
United Kingdom	2	16441	< 0.1 %	
United States	7	29976	< 0.1 %	

GENETIC DISTANCE -1

Country 	Match Total 	Country Total 	Percentage 	Comments 
Australia	2	333	0.6%	
Brazil	1	476	0.2%	
Canada	4	1774	0.2%	
England	16	47149	< 0.1 %	

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Tip

If a Y-DNA or mtDNA match
took the Family Finder test,
look for them in your
autosomal match list



FAMILY FINDER

MTFULL SEQUENCE

BIG Y-700

Y-DNA67

Markers Tested

1 to 700

Genetic Distance

9 steps

[Link on Family Tree](#)

Big Y STR Differences

Not Available

Y Haplogroup

R-Y32988

Paternal Country of Origin

?

Unknown Origin

Paternal Earliest Known Ancestor

Howell Dawdy, b. 1746 and d. 1830

Match date: December 08 2022



FAMILY FINDER

MTFULL SEQUENCE

BIG Y-700

Y-DNA111

Markers Tested

1 to 700

Genetic Distance

9 steps

[Link on Family Tree](#)

Big Y STR Differences

Not Available

Y Haplogroup

R-Y32988

Paternal Country of Origin

+

England

Paternal Earliest Known Ancestor

Francis Edwards c1742/1824

Match date: March 19 2021

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HVR1 MATCHES

Country 	Match Total 	Country Total 	Percentage 	Comments 
Austria	2	1575	0.1%	
Belarus	5	993	0.5%	Ashkenazi (2), Polesia (1)
Canada	1	2471	< 0.1 %	
Germany	3	19000	< 0.1 %	Ashkenazi (1)
Hungary	8	1790	0.4%	Ashkenazi (1)
Lithuania	13	1690	0.8%	Ashkenazi (5)
Poland	21	7266	0.3%	Ashkenazi (5), Galicia (1)
Romania	7	1089	0.6%	Ashkenazi (3)
Russian Federation	14	4446	0.3%	Ashkenazi (5)
Slovakia	1	942	0.1%	
Ukraine	13	3038	0.4%	Ashkenazi (8)
United Kingdom	1	8962	< 0.1 %	

Review

1. Use Ethnicity Estimates only as clues
2. Have a well-researched and deep family tree
3. Identify matches with common names and locations
4. Research thoroughly and be creative
5. Always confirm with genealogical records

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