

Getting the most out of MyHeritage.com

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Myheritage.com is a website to connect to others who are working in trees that share ancestors. It is extremely valuable in the opportunity to connect, collaborate, and share information.

Strengths of Myheritage.com

International usage

Technology

Time-saving emphasis

Translations in searches

SuperSearch

How to start in MyHeritage.com

Create a tree by answering the beginning questions.

“Instant Discoveries” will make beginning easy – these are based on Record matches and Smart matches – allows you to add the entire branch to tree. Be careful that you trust the source.

OR start by syncing FamilySearch tree to MyHeritage.

MyHeritage Maneuvering – Family Tree and Discoveries

“Smart Matches” – Tree to Tree matches

Can be viewed in Discoveries from the top menu or on the person card in the tree. After identifying a match all of the new information if any can be added to your tree. A side by side comparison is given as well as a tree to tree comparison.

“Record Matches” – Tree to Record Matches

This works automatically when you add new data to your tree and whenever new records are added to their collection.

“Record Detective” – New leads from a record found in the Supersearch feature that MyHeritage thinks is related to the record you are viewing.

“SuperSearch” - the database search engine. Tree matches are considered a record source. I disregard these when looking for Records by using the Summary tab.

Newspaper Matches – most sites require an additional search or fees to view newspaper collections. The MyHeritage search feature includes newspapers

from their collections as well as the major free newspaper collection from Chronicling America.

“SearchConnect” – the process of finding other users who searched for the people you are searching. It continues to grow as more users conduct new searches.

This is included in the Search engine or can be searched as its own category.

Valuable tools

Add a record source to FamilySearch in one click!

Global Name Translation – understands 42 languages, searches for your information with translations and brings back relevant results and translates it back to your language for you. Also keeps a dictionary of names and all variants and nicknames in all supported languages. This is the default for searches but can be turned off by unclicking the button.

Pedigree Map – Myheritage.com converts places named in ancestor’s life events to a world map. You can standardize a place for spelling or consistency once in pedigree map and it will be applied to all events with that location back to your tree. Suggestions for standardizing place names are offered as well.

Consistency Checker – This option can be run from the Family Tree top tab. Items can also be fixed from the correction screen. Checks for ages and life events as well as place issues are listed.

Mobile App – changes can be made on the mobile version of MyHeritage. Smart matches and record matches can be applied on the mobile app allowing work on your family tree even when you can’t research very well. These changes sync automatically to your family site across platforms.

DNA Tools for Matches

New in the past year

FamilySearch Sync available –Beta testing finished

Theory of Relativity DNA tool

Autoclusters showing groups of DNA matches

FamilyTree List View with ability to sort a myriad of ways

MyHeritage Education - <https://education.myheritage.com>

MyHeritage Blog updates - <https://blog.myheritage.com>

MyHeritage DNA & HEALTH test introduced