

Building a Family Tree

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MyHeritage is designed to make building your family tree quick and easy. Whether you are importing a GEDCOM file or starting from scratch, we'll show you how MyHeritage's innovative matching technologies can help you to quickly access records and connect with family members.

Creating your family tree

Building your family tree with MyHeritage is easy. To get started, simply add the information for 7 key ancestors. You can then grow your tree by adding the information you know about them and other relatives.

Uploading a GEDCOM file

If you already have a family tree using another platform, you can easily import your GEDCOM file to MyHeritage.

You can add new relatives and new information to your family tree at any time and utilize cutting-edge MyHeritage genealogy features to grow your tree:

- I. Instant Discoveries™
An Instant Discovery™ is a “package” of family history information that you can apply to your family tree in just one click. This can either be a Person Discovery or a Photo Discovery.
- II. Smart Matches™
Smart Matching™ works by comparing names, facts, and connections intelligently to the millions of family trees contributed by other users, to find out if your family tree intersects with any other trees and indicates matches.
- III. Record Matches
Compares the profiles in your family tree to the 9.5 billion historical records in our database and automatically finds matches for you.
- IV. PedigreeMap™
PedigreeMap™ is an innovative way to visualize your family history by plotting your family history events on a map. This allows you to gain a clearer picture of your family's journey and historical insights into your family history.
- V. Consistency Checker
Our Consistency Checker scans your tree to identify 36 types of mistakes and inconsistencies, allowing you to improve the overall quality and accuracy of your tree.

Researching with SuperSearch™ and Record Matching

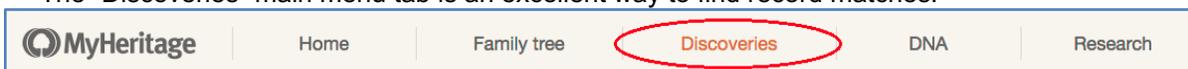
Mike Mansfield, MSLIS – Director of Content Operations, MyHeritage.com

Record Matching

- Intelligently compares the profiles in your family tree to the billions of historical records on MyHeritage and automatically finds matches for you
- Record matching works automatically on new data is added to your tree and whenever new records are added to online collections
- Saving and extracting matched records to your tree is streamlined
- These tree-to-record matches are also based multiple factors including names, dates, places, and relationships.

Finding your record matches

- The “Discoveries” main menu tab is an excellent way to find record matches:



- Find record matches “by people” and search and filter your matches to meet your research objectives.
- Find record matches “by source” which shows matches to your tree profiles by specific content collections.
- Record matches will also appear with a visual icon when looking at your tree in the pedigree view and the family view.



Pedigree View



Family View

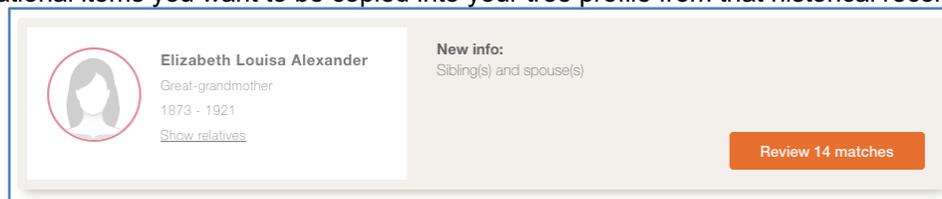
- And when examining individuals in your tree:



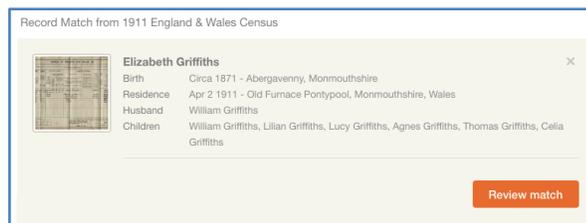
Profile View

Reviewing, Confirming, and Using Record Matches

- You work with your matches by first reviewing, second confirming, and third determining if and what informational items you want to be copied into your tree profile from that historical record.



- You are then presented with a list of record matches for this person which you can browse, select, or ignore.
- The “review match” button will show you the full content of the record and the option to “confirm match”.



- Confirming a match is only a signal to the MyHeritage system that you have evaluated the match and decided that it is accurate but does not, on its own, add, copy to, or attach anything to your tree.

Elizabeth Louisa Alexander from your family tree was found in a historical record. Confirm Match

<p>In your tree</p>  <p>Elizabeth Louisa Alexander Great-grandmother</p>	<p>In 1911 England & Wales Census ⓘ</p> <p>Elizabeth Griffiths</p> <p>Gender: Female</p> <p>Birth: Circa 1871</p> 
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- After the confirmation step you are taken to a page that allows you to now decide if and what data elements from the record you want to incorporate into your tree.

✓ This match was confirmed and saved to Elizabeth Louisa Alexander. ↓
[Undo confirm](#) You can [extract additional info](#) from this match to your tree.

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- The Extract information feature helps you easily decide what data from the record you want and don't want copied to your tree – and builds a citation and a link to the original record as well.

<p>Census</p> <hr/> <p>Source citation Show <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>←</p> <p>←</p>	<p>Residence</p> <p>Date: Apr 2 1911 NEW</p> <p>Place: Old Furnace Pontypool, Monmouthshire, Wales NEW</p> <p>Source citation</p>
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- Clicking the “Save to tree” button will add just these selected data elements to this profile in your tree.

- The extracted information from the confirmed and extracted Record Match will now appear like other events in the associated profile of your tree where you can edit and manipulate it as you desire.

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An Overview of MyHeritage DNA

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MyHeritage DNA is designed to make DNA testing quick, easy and relevant to your genetic genealogy research. This power session will give you an overview of how best to navigate your DNA Matches and take a closer look at MyHeritage DNA's unique ethnicity report.

I. Ethnicity Estimate

Ethnic groups historically come from the same geographic regions and draw from a local gene pool. We analyze your DNA to determine which portions are estimated to originate from each of our 42 supported ethnicities

A. Founder Populations Project

MyHeritage has identified unique founder populations, people who have lived in the same place for many generations. We sent DNA kits to these people from all over the globe from Uzbekistan to Fiji and from Greenland to South Africa, who were selected on the basis of their backgrounds as genetically representative of their geographic region.

B. How it works

1. Collect founder populations data
2. Build models of different ethnic groups
3. Compare a given user's DNA to each model
4. Aggregate the comparison results to get the percentage per ethnicity

II. DNA Matching

A. Overview

Our DNA Matching technology reveals the percentage of DNA you share with your matches, showing you how closely related you are. You can connect with your newly found relatives to learn more about your family and discover shared ancestors.

B. Advanced features

Further your genealogical research by utilizing our advanced DNA features. Advanced features include: Shared ancestral surnames and places, Shared DNA Matches, Pedigree Charts, and more.