

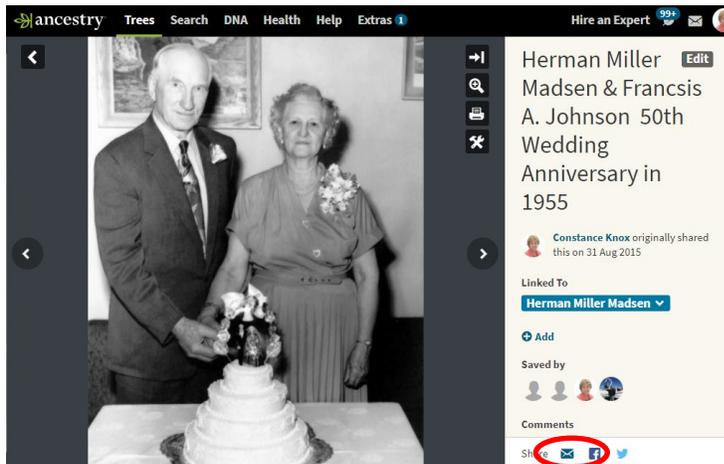
Ancestry's New Features April-May 2021

Rolling out in April and May 2021 there are several new features and improvements to the Ancestry platform. Below they are the Ancestry new features discussed in this episode on Genealogy TV.

Ancestry Messaging System

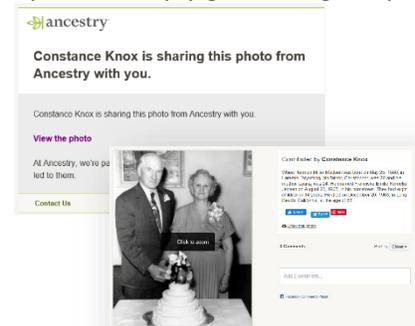
Ancestry has been aware for years that they have issues with their messaging system, primarily with speed. However, they did report recently that they are working on bug fixes, response rate, and the monthly update.

Sending Photos via Email



select a photo and at the bottom, click share to an email address. This does not work for documents, just photos.

Ancestry allows you to attach a photo to a message, but with two criteria. One is that it must be of a deceased person. Two, it must have been uploaded to the gallery on that ancestor's profile on Ancestry.com. Simply go to the gallery,



PhotoLine

Coming soon (possibly May 2021) for mobile app users only. You will be able to compare your own photo to that of your ancestors. Here you can compare yourself with your parent or grandparent of the same sex. Therefore, if you are female, you can compare your image to that of your mother or grandmother.



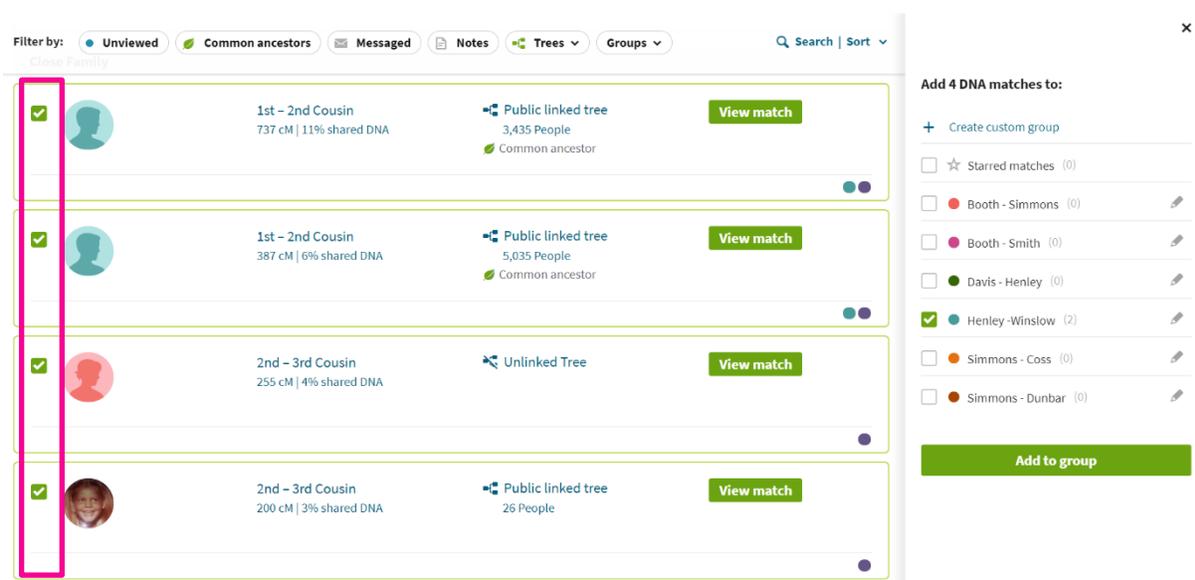
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DNA Matches

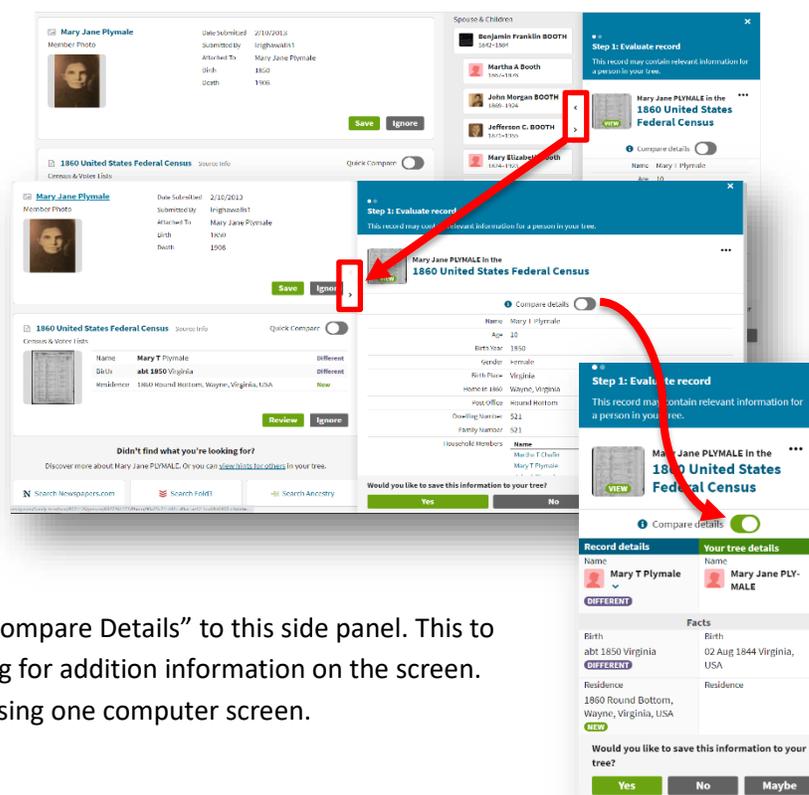
Ancestry has rolled out a new feature that allows for a faster workflow when grouping DNA Matches.



When Grouping your DNA matches, Ancestry has added the ability to bulk your groups without having to edit each individual match. Now you can click the pencil icon on the right side of any cousin match, click “Add to Group” and check multiple cousins at one time to add them to a specific group. See this video more on [Grouping your DNA Cousin Matches on Ancestry](#).

Hinting

Ancestry has been working hard to improve the hinting features. The side panel has been a huge improvement. The goal for Ancestry is to help us evaluate the evidence instead of just automatically importing it. As such, they have added a side panel recently and now have added a resizing function of that panel. Clicking the arrows (shown in the red box) allows for expansion of the side panel.



Additionally, Ancestry has added the “Compare Details” to this side panel. This to can be expanded on contracted allowing for addition information on the screen. This is especially helpful for members using one computer screen.

Ancestry has added an “Edit All” button in the side panel as well.

This allows you to edit all the details right in the side panel as you are importing the new record, without needing to open a new screen. This expands the view to see the details in your tree along side the data from the record.

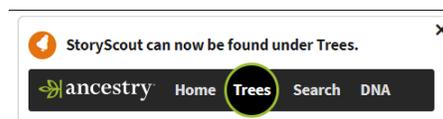
This too can expand this window wider, as previously mentioned.

As a side note, to see All Hints you have for your entire tree, scroll to the bottom of your hints page, and click on the link in this message where it says, “View Hints for Others.”

Didn't find what you're looking for? Discover more about Mary Jane PLYMALE. Or you can [view hints for others](#) in your tree.

StoryScout™

Now moved under the Trees tab. StoryScout™ is now available in the UK, Australia/New Zealand. It is due to launch in Canada in 2021. Ancestry plans to add more geographic areas in 2022.



George Edgar Simmons

Before you save
Before you save, review this content.

George Edgar Simmons
Great-Grandfather

Born: 1887-07-16 Steubenville, Jefferson, Ohio, United States
Death: 1963-09-26 Carrollton, Carroll, Ohio, United States

Here's the information you will be saving to your tree

STORYSCOUT™
On the Job in 1930
Is Employed: Yes
Number of Children: 1
Occupation: Plasterer

[Save this information](#)

How do I evaluate?

George Edgar Simmons, a worker in 1930, is your great-grandfather.

On The Job in 1930

Like Share Save to tree

For all who have current access to StoryScout™, a new feature has been added to allow you to add stories from StoryScout™ directly into your ancestor's profile.

StoryScout™ has a new feature where you can save a StoryScout™ story directly to the ancestor in your tree.

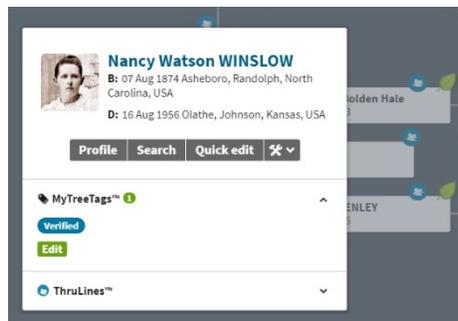


Clicking the “Save this information” button will send it directly into the

timeline of your ancestor's profile in both the Facts and Life Story area.

New MyTreeTags™

Ancestry has added a section of Tree Tags called Life Experience Tags to help note enslaved, slave owners, military service, royalty and more.

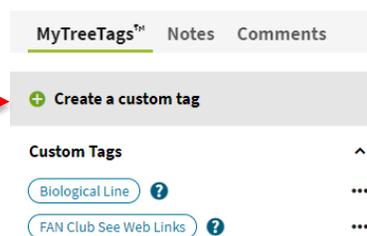


To open MyTreeTags, click on the pencil icon under the ancestors name (in the Profile View or from the Tree View) click on the person, then edit from the mini menu.

Life Experience Tags



As always you can customize Tree Tags if you don't see a tag that fits.



New Records from the Danish West Indies

New Records from Danish West Indies (U.S. Virgin Islands today) became available for free and enslaved individuals on April 12th, 2021. They include records Danish language records from Enslaved people, 1625-1904, Birth Marriage, and Death Records (1820-1909), and Records and Documents of General Governance, 1755-1916. These records are indexed in English, but images are beautiful handwritten in Danish. [Go here for a Danish to English word list, compliments of FamilySearch.org.](#)

Begravelser for det Trio af den danske og dansk-norske Menighed i Frederikstedes Jurisdiction for Januar-Quartalet, 1892.

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1.	25. Januar, 1892	Quadr. Kirkegaard	Larsen, Ole	27. Sept. 1837. i Nørre.	—	—	—	Om.
2.	29. Januar, 1892	Id.	Maria Carstensen	—	—	—	—	Uder.
3.	Id.	Id.	Niels Peteresen	—	—	—	—	Son (Niel. Peteresen) Carl.
4.	2.10. Jan., 1892	Id.	Thomas Davina	—	—	—	—	—
5.	2.22. Jan., 1892.	Id.	Mina, 1868	—	—	—	—	—
6.	Id.	Id.	S. M. A. de Sauter	20. Jan. 1819. i Ribe.	Stift med Højst. i Ribe.	—	—	—
7.	2.18. Februar, 1892	Id.	Louise, Høller	—	—	—	—	—
8.	2.19. Feb., 1892	Id.	Engelbrigt Gil. Høcker	—	—	—	—	—
9.	2.20. Feb., 1892	Id.	Carl Christian Andersen	21. Sept. 1819. i Sorens Oude.	—	—	—	—
10.	2.22. Feb., 1892	Id.	Joseph Davina	—	—	—	—	—

Black History

Ancestry has a great section of their website to help you get started with your African American genealogy. This page is designed for those who are looking for a place to get started. While this is not a new feature at Ancestry, it was mentioned in this episode. This page can be found at <https://www.ancestry.com/cs/african-american>.

Celebrate the Black history in you.

Whether you're interested in your ancestors' lives or curious about your African ethnicity, Ancestry® can help you uncover the names, places, and details that connect you to your family's unique story.

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👤 Grandfather

👤 Grandmother

Grandparent's First Name

Grandparent's Last Name

Any place where your grandparent lived

Explore now

A step-by-step guide to uncovering your family history.

Given the profound effects of slavery and the Civil War on the Black community, African American family history research can pose unique challenges as you follow your family into the 19th century. But that doesn't mean you won't find your ancestors.



Step 1: Family Tree

First things first, [create a free family tree](#) on Ancestry®. Start by asking your family members to share memories, details, and documents—then just follow the prompts and fill in the blanks.



Step 2: 1940 Census

The [1940 U.S. Federal Census](#) on Ancestry® is a wonderful, free resource that reveals names, occupations, birthplaces, and more for anyone who was living in America at that time.



Step 3: Work Backwards

Next you'll want to start working backward through time. Take what you've learned and apply it to some of our other record collections—[obituaries](#), [marriage records](#), [city directories](#)—from the '30s, '20s, and beyond.