

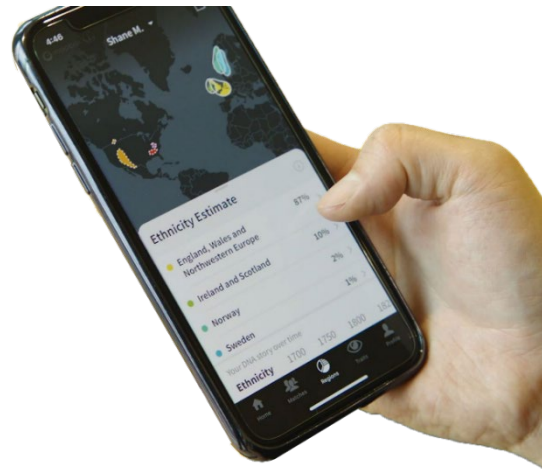
Ancestry's Mobile Apps & Widgets Updated July 2021

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Apps & Widgets

There are many new updates for the Ancestry **mobile apps and new widgets**. Some features have been released (at the time of this publishing), some are coming soon (with no date given by Ancestry). Some features availability will depend on your location around the world.

Ancestry has **two mobile apps** for your smart phone. One is the **Family History App**, and the other is **AncestryDNA**.... and then there are Widgets which are newer features for your cell phones. The two new widgets are **Events and Discovery**.



Updates for Ancestry's Mobile Apps and Widgets are for Android and iPhone (IOS) devices. [In this video](#) and below I will be demonstrating these features from my iPhone.

Tidbits



- Ancestry Apps support light and dark modes.
- The apps can be downloaded from iTunes, Google Play, Amazon App Stores.
- Ancestry DNA app has limited geographic areas.
- Ancestry Family History app is available worldwide.

Ancestry recommends using the mobile app as a complementary device to your desktop computer. However, they do realize that for some users the mobile app is their only computer.

The mobile app is great when out-and-about, such as at libraries, archives, family reunions, or anytime someone asks you "When was grandpa born?"

You can also share your family history via social media right from your mobile application, as well as add your family photos from your phone to your family tree.



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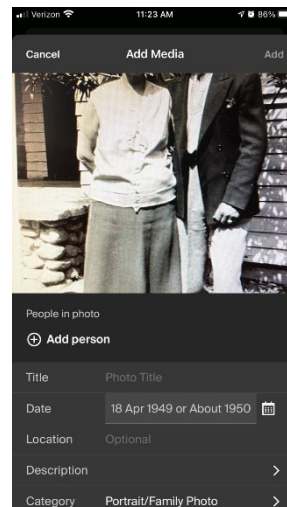


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Ancestry Family Tree App

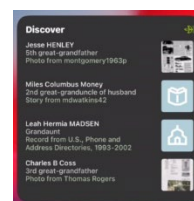
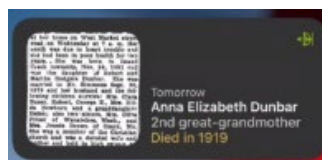
To Add Photos from Your Phone to Your Family Tree

- 1) Go to camera roll, tap on photos, select the image you want to upload.
- 2) Click the share icon (small box with an up arrow at the bottom).
- 3) Several applications will populate at the bottom of your screen, swipe left to find the Ancestry app and click the app.
- 4) Click the Add Person icon to select the person in your tree who you want to add this photo to their profile. Add more people the same way if you choose.
- 5) Fill in the title, date, and other fields about this photo.
- 6) Click the green Add font in the upper right corner.

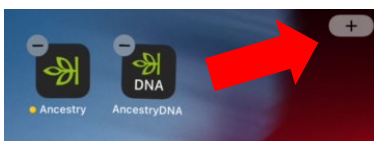


Ancestry Widgets

The two new widgets by Ancestry are **Events** and **Discover**. Adding Widgets to your phones home screen can bring featured events and hints you may want to review.

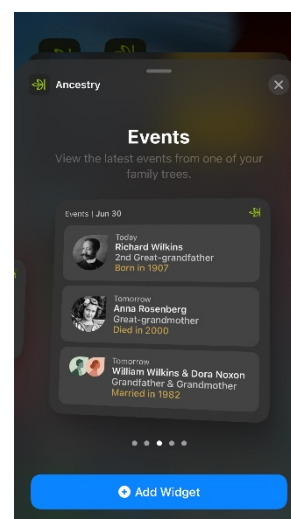


Adding the Events or Discover Widgets



The **Discover Widget** shows the newest hints that are popping up in your tree. The **Events Widget** is showing your ancestors profile events/facts in your family tree.

- 1) **Tap and hold** anywhere on your home screen to edit the screen.
- 2) Upper part of the screen, there is a + icon that pops up. This opens the widget application.
- 3) Scroll down to find the Ancestry icon and tap it.
- 4) Swipe left to find the Discover widget and choose the size that you want.
- 5) Click Add Widget and it will add it to your home screen. While all the apps will continue to wiggle (they are in edit mode), you can move the widget around to where you want it to go.
- 6) Tap anywhere and it will end the edit mode.
- 7) Click into the widget and choose the tree from which you want to pull Discoveries (Hints).

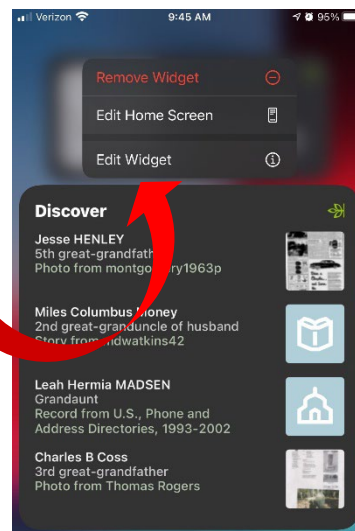


Hack: I was not able to see the Discover widget until I went into the Ancestry Family Tree app and clicked on the Discover leaf in the lower left corner. Once I did that, I returned to the home screen and repeated the step above when the Discover widget appeared.

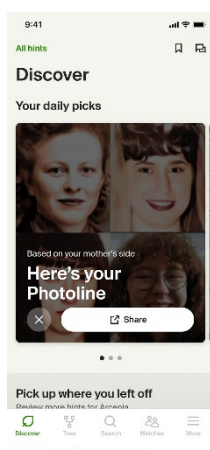
Edit or Remove Widgets

If you have multiple trees, you can choose the tree you want to use with each widget. You can also remove or edit Widgets with these steps.

- 1) Click the widget you wish to modify.
- 2) Tap and hold until it until you see the edit screen.
- 3) Here you can choose which tree by clicking the Edit Widget button.
- 4) From this menu you can also remove the widget from your phone.
- 5) Click Edit Home Screen to move widgets around by simply holding and dragging to a new location.



Photoline (in Discovery on Ancestry App and Discovery Widget) – Available worldwide.



Photoline compares four generation of photos starting with you. If you are male, then the four pictures will be you, your father, his father (your grandfather) and your great grandfather. If you are female, it will be the same situation, you, your mother, grandmother, and great grandmother (along the maternal line).

You will find this in the Discover leaf in the lower left part of your Ancestry app or on the Discovery Widget in the Daily Picks section.

Note: These four photos are pulling from your tree not other member trees.

If you do not have portrait images of the four men/women, you may not get a Photoline comparison.

Additional Features on the Discover Widget

- Pick Up Where You Left Off
- Extended Family (DNA Matches)
- What to Watch
- Family Photos
- School Yearbook Hints
- Explore Records
- Review Stories
- On This Day... (Stories from Newspapers.com) – Only available in English geographic regions. You do not need a Newspapers.com subscription to see the news article that is featured in the Widget.

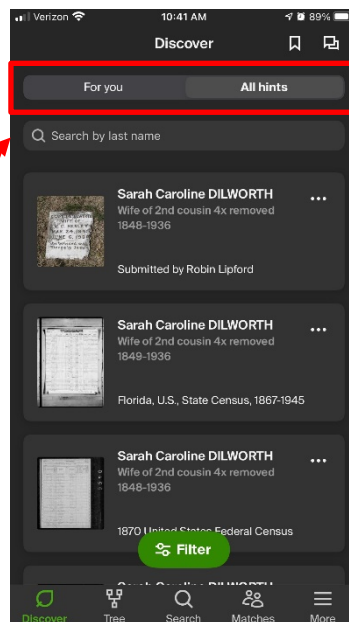
ALL HINTS Tab

At the top of the Discover Widget, is “For You” and “All Hints” tabs. Clicking on **All Hints** allows you to search not only by surname but populates everyone in your tree. This allows you to review hints specific to a person in your trees, whereas previously, it only allowed for surname searches.

Search by Name

- 1) Click into the Discover Widget.
- 2) Click the Discover tab on the bottom left.
- 3) Click on All Hints
- 4) Type the surname name of the person you are searching in your tree.
- 5) Tap the person for which you wish to see hints.

Hints can be then filtered to narrow the number of hints by clicking on the green filter button.



Ancestry Family Tree App

On the Family Tree App, tap the tree tab and it will download your entire tree to your mobile device for “on-the-go” or offline use. Large trees may take up space and time to download.

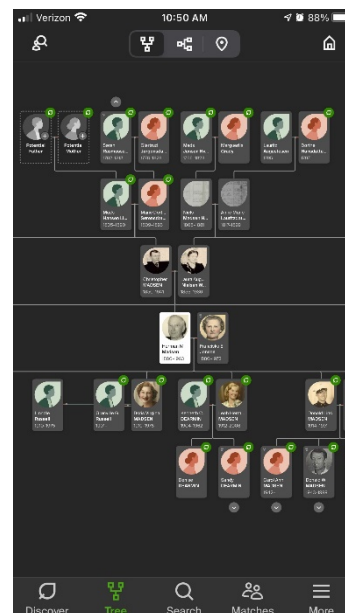
Android Users select the tree from the My Family Tree dropdown at the top of the screen.

For Apple devices, select the tree from the “More” hamburger icon in the lower right of the screen.

Allow more space in the tree...

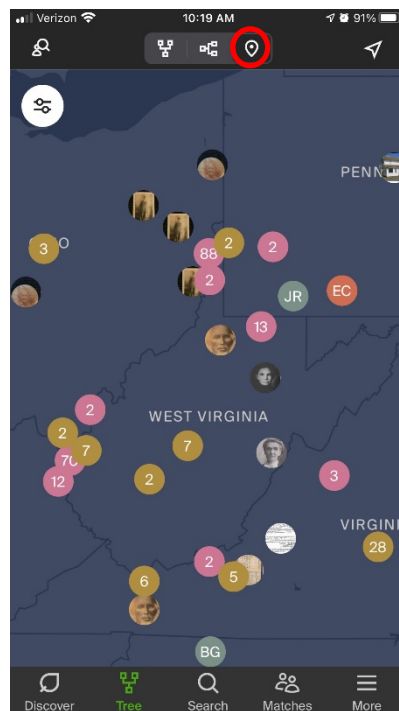
Tap anywhere in an open space on the tree and it will **remove the header and nav bars**. Tap again to regain those menus.

Rotate your phone to get a landscape view.



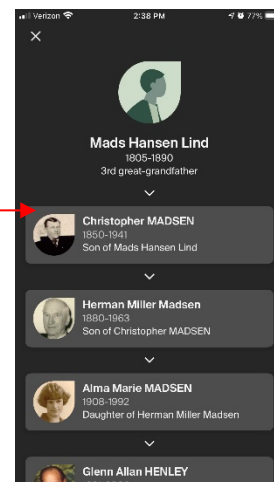
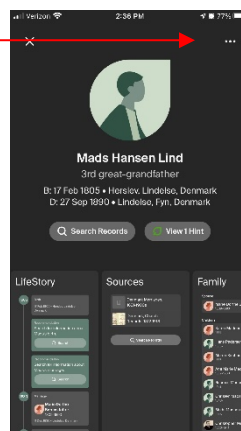
Map Feature

- Tap the location icon at the top of the screen to take you to the map feature. This highlights location events/facts from your family tree.
- Filter your events using the filter icon to add or remove which facts are shown on the map.
- Tap on an ancestor will bring up their facts with locations on the map.
- Tap the event to bring up details of that event, media, sources, and life story.
- To search all events in an ancestor's life and reveal those events on the map, go to the search icon at the top of the screen and search for your ancestors. Click on the ancestor you want to highlight.
- Pulling the drawer of events down, reveals the map again with pins at each location matching the facts in the ancestor's profile.



See Your Work for an Ancestor "On-The-Go"

- 1) Go to the tree and click on an ancestor.
- 2) Scroll down to see the life story (first tab).
- 3) Swipe for additional tabs.
 - a. Sources
 - b. Facts
 - c. Family
 - d. Gallery
 - e. Notes

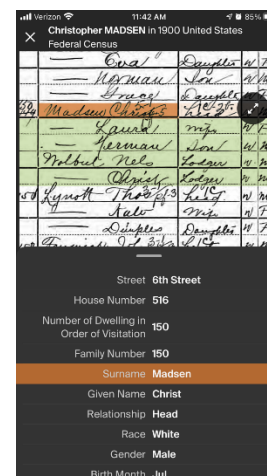


Show Your Relationship

The **Show Your Relationship** feature is under the **three dots menu** at the top of the screen.

New Records View on Mobile

- 1) From the profile view
- 2) Search for a record that has an image (like a census record)
- 3) Click on the image and expand it using the green circle with double headed arrows.
- 4) Knowing it is hard to read, even when zoomed in, Ancestry has added a new feature. If you click on any line it will pull up a transcription of that line.
- 5) Tab on the fact in the transcript or image and it will highlight the data from the census record in both the image and transcription.



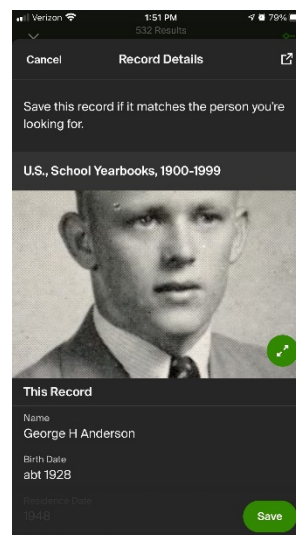
Search Tab on the Ancestry App

Quick Search shows five popular collections at the top.

Yearbooks are popular collections, so Ancestry has made it first on the list. Tap into Yearbooks and it will show you a suggested list of your ancestors with yearbook images that potentially match using estimated birth dates of your ancestors. Tap into one of the suggested persons and the Yearbook record will appear. If the yearbook has a picture, it will be shown.

You can search using the search fields and it will auto fill your ancestors in a list. Tap into one of those in the list and see the results.

If the results are too many to search, use the **filter icon** in the upper right corner to filter down even further. You can use the broad or narrow sliders to adjust the search and use the category filters to further refine your search.

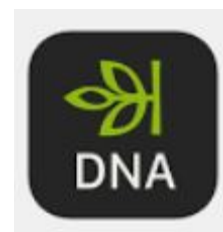


Ancestry DNA App

DNA Matches

Quick Tools

On IOS (Apple devices), looking at DNA Matches you can swipe to the left and see **Group, Message, and Favorite**. Swipe right can **Hide** the match.

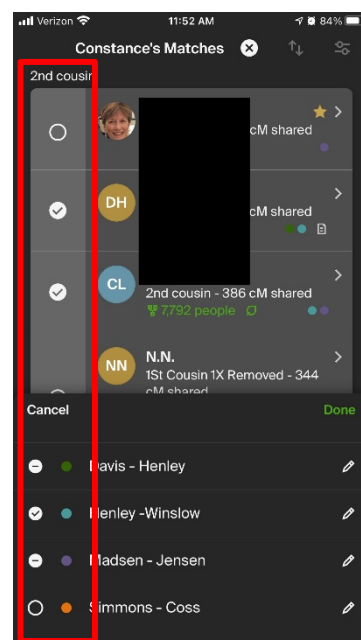


Press and Hold (while in the DNA Match list) will give you a quick view of the persons profile as well as Group, Message, Favorite, and Hide.

On Android, use the three dots next to each person in the list to get the same **Group, Message, and Favorite** or **Hide** the match.

Batch Add People to a DNA Group

- 1) Find a match and tap them to open that DNA match.
- 2) Tap the Shared Matches tab.
- 3) To batch add DNA matches to a group, tap the + sign next to the search box.
- 4) Check mark all those you wish to add to the group.
- 5) With your matches checked, click on the group you wish to add them to or create a new group.



Coming Soon

Soon Ancestry plans to release the new “Shared Matches” tool for AncestryDNA mobile users.

You will see this when you drill into one of your DNA matches. If you know what line in the family tree a DNA match is from, you can click on the Shared Matches tool and add everyone in the list to a group that represents that line of the family.

See the episode [AncestryDNA Grouping Cousins: Clarified](#) to learn why and how you would want to group your DNA matches.

