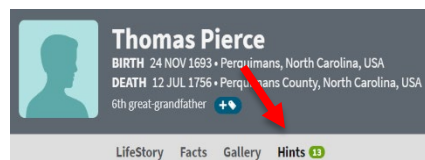


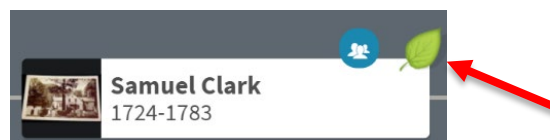
Hints & Clues on Ancestry

[VIDEO HERE](#) There are many different types of hints on Ancestry. Here are just a few of the ones I found that you should be watching for when researching your ancestors.

1. From the **Ancestor Profile – Hints tab**. This is likely the one you use the most. This provides hints specific to that ancestor and his/her immediate family.

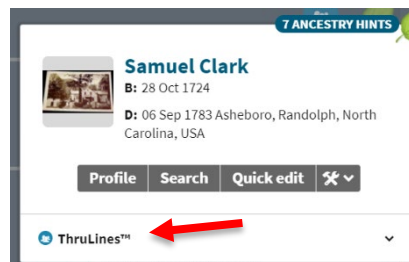


2. **Leafy Hint** from the **Ancestry Tree**. Again, a very common hint feature on Ancestry that provides hits specific to this ancestor.



Clicking this leaf takes you to the same list of hints as those shown in the profile from #1.

3. **ThruLines** from the mini profile in the tree view. Believe it or not, ThruLines is another form of a hint. Clicking this will take you to ThruLines for this ancestor (if you have taken a DNA test and there are potential matches).



4. **Search Records from the Profile of an Ancestor.**

While technically this brings up all records, they are hinting you with possible matches to your ancestor. There are many different hints within just the **Search Results page** listed next.

A screenshot of the Ancestry search results page for Samuel Clark. The page is titled "All results for Samuel Clark" and shows search filters on the left, a family tree snippet, and a list of records. The search filters include name (Samuel Clark), birth (1724), marriage (1747), and location (Burlington, Camden, Burlington, Asheboro, Randolph). The family tree snippet shows Samuel E. Clark with his spouse Elizabeth Ellen BENNETT, Clark, and lists his parents, children, and birth/death dates. The records list includes "6 records already in tree" such as New Jersey, U.S., Marriage Records, 1683-1802; North Carolina, U.S., Compiled Census and Census Substitutes Index, 1790-1890; and U.S., Quaker Meeting Records, 1681-1935. A red arrow points to the "ThruLines™" link in the previous image.



5. On the **Search Results Page** there are **family trees** listing possible matches to the search criteria.

6. **“Browse More Like This”** under the Family Trees... is another clue that there might be more family trees with your ancestors.

Found in Ancestry trees

Samuel E Clark
Hampton Family Tree

Spouse	Elizabeth Ellen BENNETT, Clark
Father	Thomas Clark
Mother	Hannah Ruth Norris
Children	Edward
Birth	28 Oct 1724 Burlington, New Jersey, USA
Death	6 Sep 1783 Asheboro, Randolph, North Carolina, USA
Residence	24 Jun 1755 Cumberland, Cumberland, New Jersey, USA

[Browse more like this >](#)

7. Results 1-20 of 71,074
more manageable list.

Results that are too large might be a clue that you need to filter your results to a

8. **Smart Filters On/Off** – Smart Filtering on the Search Results page

Results 1-20 of 71,074

Records **Categories**

6 records already in tree: **Smart filtering on** [Close](#)

New Jersey, U.S., Marriage Records, 1683-1802	Elizabeth Bennet
New Jersey, U.S., Marriage Records, 1683-1802	Samuel Clark
North Carolina, U.S., Compiled Census and Census Substitutes Index, 1790-1890	Samuel Sr. Clark
North Carolina, U.S., Compiled Census and Census Substitutes Index, 1790-1890	Samuel Sr. Clark
U.S., Quaker Meeting Records, 1681-1935	Samuel Clark
U.S., Sons of the American Revolution Membership Applications, 1889-1970	Samuel Clark

automatically are turned on. They show what you already have in your tree, but also show that Smart Filtering is turned on. This will prevent any more hints from being delivered from the same record set.

- For example, if the ancestor you are searching already has a record from the *U.S. Quaker Meeting Records, 1681-1935* in his/her profile, with Smart Filters turned on, it will not show any additional record hints from the *U.S. Quaker Meeting Records, 1681-1935* record set. It is common for Quaker ancestors to appear in these records multiple times throughout their life, so I would not want to miss one of these valuable records.
- Turning off Smart Filtering will allow *all* hints from relevant record sets to be delivered in Search.

9. Clicking **Categories** (in the Search Results Page) can help you focus on the part of the timeline you are missing for your ancestor. It is a clue to look at things differently.

All results for Samuel Clark

71,080 results


Records Categories

Census & Voter Lists	444
<input type="checkbox"/> UK, Poll Books and Electoral Registers, 1538-1893	106
<input type="checkbox"/> 1851 United Kingdom Census Sample	64
<input type="checkbox"/> Web: Washington, U.S., Various County Census Records, 1850-1914	39
<input type="checkbox"/> North Carolina, U.S., Compiled Census and Census Substitutes Index, 1790-1890	31
<input type="checkbox"/> New Jersey, U.S., Compiled Census and Census Substitutes Index, 1643-1890	29

[See all 444 results...](#)

10. Be sure to click on **See All xxx Results** too. This is another hint Ancestry is giving you that there is more to see here.
11. When viewing a record, look for the **“Make a Connection”** link. This will take you a list of member trees who may have the same ancestor. Who knows, they may be your cousin. Right-click and “open in a new tab” will help, so you don’t lose your place in your research process.

Samuel Clark
in the UK, Poll Books and Electoral Registers, 1538-1893



[View](#)

[Add or update information](#)

[Report a problem](#)

Name: Samuel Clark

Poll Year: 1722

Parish or Rectory: Bakers

[Save](#) [Cancel](#)

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Make a Connection

[Find others](#) who are researching Samuel Clark in Public Member Trees

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12. On the **Home Page** at Ancestry, you *may* have a box that looks like this. Here you have several hints about **Recent Activity** in related to your active tree. Clicking through to one of the activities, may provide a list of others who have downloaded the record you shared and maybe related.


HENLEY - KNOX Family Tree 2015 USE Go to tree >

THIS ONE

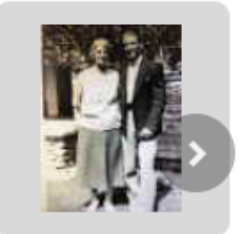
Recent family tree activity



Jesse's Property



Frances Madsen and Donald



Frances Madsen and Don Madsen

About this tree

- 👤 3471 people
- 🖼️ 979 photos
- 🌿 View people with hints
- 🏠 Home person: Constance Marie HENLEY
- 👤 Last viewed: Samuel Clark

Jesse's Property

This story is a PDF document.

To read this story, you will need to download it to your computer.

Download story

nz611 originally shared this to **Linrud-Nixon Family Tree** 12 years ago 📖 story

Property purchased and disseminated 1765-1795 📍 Rowan County, N.C.

ConstanceKnox added this to **HENLEY - KNOX Family Tree 2015 USE THIS ONE** Last month

Public Comments (from all member trees)

Write a comment.

✉ Email
📘 Facebook
🐦 Twitter

Tools

✎ Edit

🖨 Print

🗑 Delete ▾

In this tree

👤 Jesse HENLEY
1725-1801

👤 Attach to another person

In other family trees

Jones 1_2017-04-20_2017-05-05

👤 CarolJones5232

🇺🇸 **Burchfield Family Tree**

🇺🇸 diggerdaniel

🇺🇸 **Jones-Cope Family Tree**

👤 SeanForehand

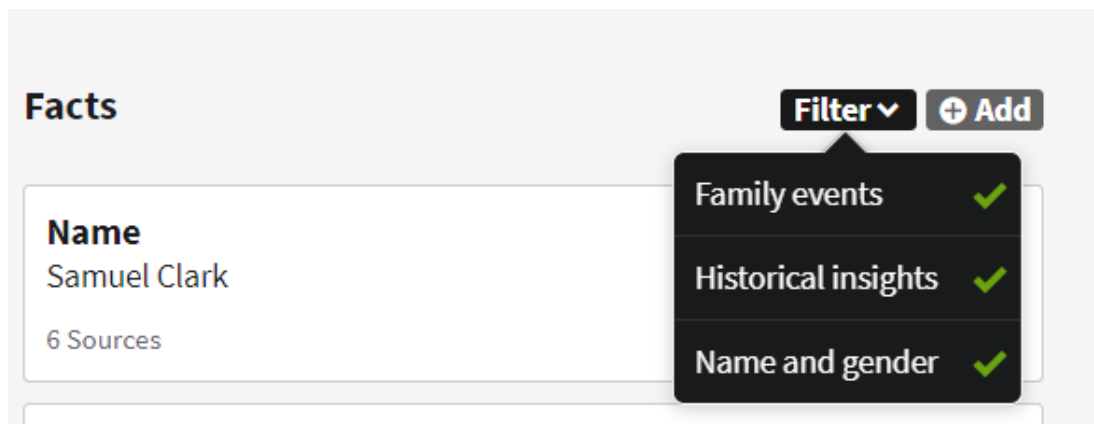
Show more

👤 Add to a person in another tree

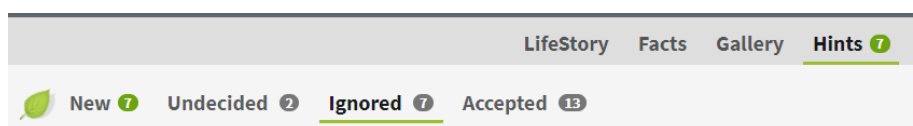
Reviewing those people, may provide additional clues for your ancestors.

Note: Everyone's home page may be slightly different depending on how long you have been a member of Ancestry and or where you live.

13. Turn on **Family Events** in the ancestor's profile will give you hints and clues as to what was happening in your ancestor's life during his/her lifetime.



14. Also turn on **Historical Insights** to help understand what was happening regionally where your ancestor lived. This may provide clues as to why someone moved to a new location.
15. Review **Ignored Hints** from time to time. What did not seem relevant in



past searches, may in fact be relevant today now that you have done more research.

16. See the **Source Information** for where to find the **original records**. This can be a game changer when you can review the actual record. You will see things you cannot see online, like faded handwriting, markings, notations on the envelope, etc.

Source Information

Ancestry.com. *Kentucky, U.S., Wills and Probate Records, 1774-1989* [database on-line]. Provo, UT, USA: Ancestry.com Operations, Inc., 2015.

Original data: Kentucky County, District and Probate Courts.

17. In the Card Catalog (from search tab, drop down to card catalog), Ancestry provides several hints to other related data collections.

Staffordshire, England, Church of England Births and Baptisms, 1813-1900

Search
 Match all terms exactly

First & Middle Name(s)

Last Name

	Day	Month	Year	Location
Birth	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text" value="City, County, State, Count"/>
Any Event	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text" value="City, County, State, Count"/>

Add family member: Father Mother Spouse Child

	First & Middle Name(s)	Last Name
Father	<input style="width: 95%;" type="text"/>	<input style="width: 95%;" type="text"/> ×
Mother	<input style="width: 95%;" type="text"/>	<input style="width: 95%;" type="text"/> ×
Spouse	<input style="width: 95%;" type="text"/>	<input style="width: 95%;" type="text"/> ×
Child	<input style="width: 95%;" type="text"/>	<input style="width: 95%;" type="text"/> ×

Keyword

e.g. pilot or "Flying Tigers" ▾

Page Number

Gender

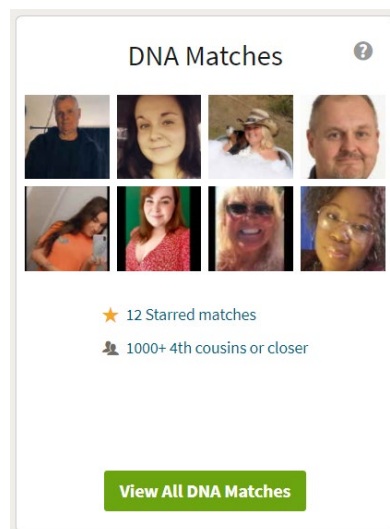
Related data collections

[Staffordshire, England, Church of England Baptisms, Marriages and Burials, 1538-1812](#)
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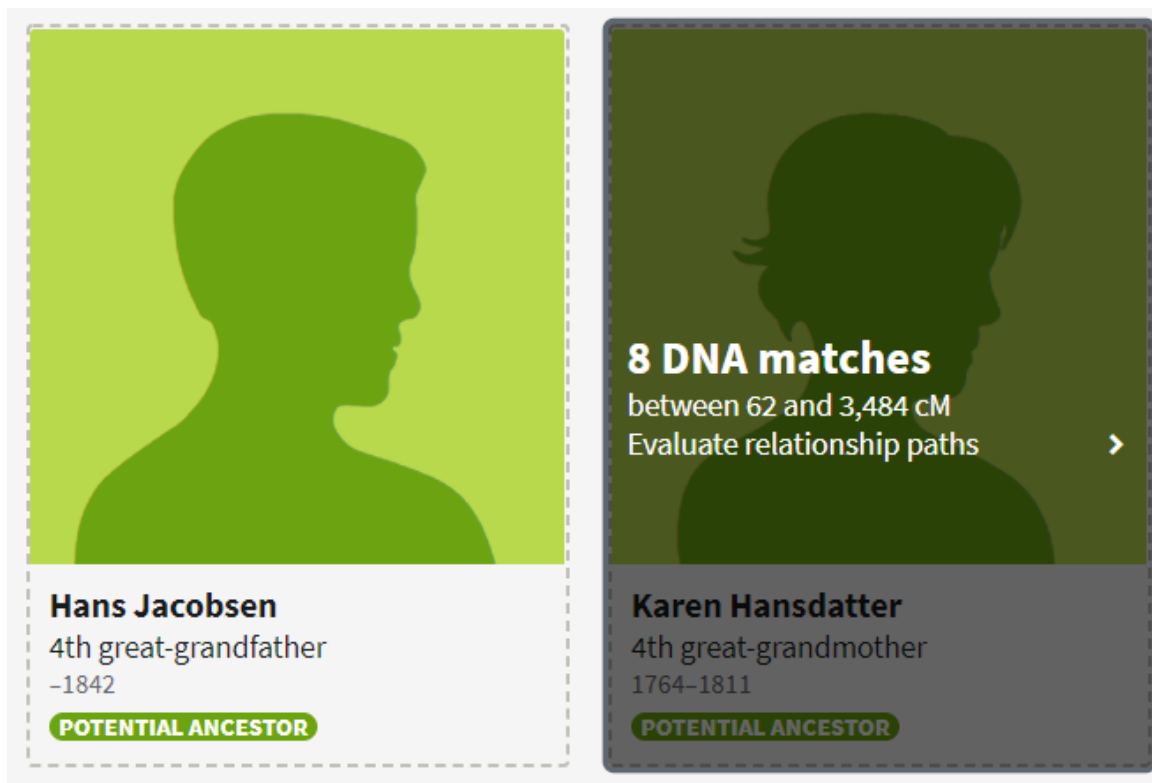
[Staffordshire, England, Church of England Marriages and Banns, 1754-1900](#)
 This collection includes Church of England parish indexes of registers of banns and marriages between 1754 and 1900 from the historical county of Staffordshire, England.

[Staffordshire, England, Church of England Deaths and Burials, 1813-1900](#)
 This collection includes Church of England parish indexes of registers of burials between 1813 and 1900 from the historical county of Staffordshire, England.

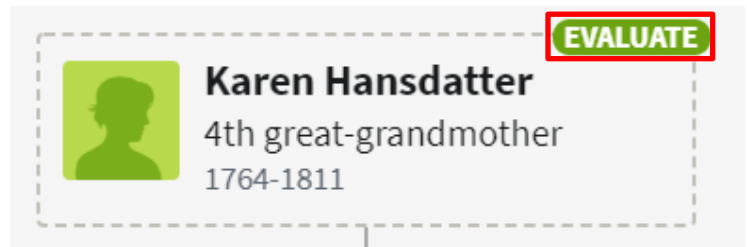
18. **DNA Match Images** – Instead of clicking on the green “View All DNA Matches” button, you can **click on the images** to see how you compare with the people shown in the images. When clicking on these images, all of them were at least 4th cousins to 6th cousins.



19. In ThruLines, when scrolling down, Ancestry provides Potential Ancestors for your review that are based on the trees of your DNA matches. They will have a dashed line around the outside of the box. Hovering over one will highlight the number of DNA matches you have that show this ancestor and the cM range (shown on the right).



20. Drilling into one of your **ThruLines** will show you the *potential path* to your potential ancestor. Ancestry provides an **Evaluate** hint that will open a side panel with additional hints and family trees that may provide the clues you need. Note the dashed line above means this person is not in your tree.



ThruLines™ for Karen Hansdatter
y^o trees to suggest that you may be related to 8 DNA matches through Karen Hansdatter.

Relationships List

EVALUATE

Karen Hansdatter
4th great-grandmother
1764-1811

Mads Hansen Lind
3rd great-grandfather
1805-1890

8 DNA Matches

4

Constance Knox

Karen Hansdatter
Karen Hansdatter may be the mother of Mads Hansen Lind. Below is some of the information used to suggest this relationship:

Trees Linked to DNA Matches 0

Ancestry Member Trees 5

- Jurgensen Family Tree** by jdcntrygirl
0 Records
- Jørgensen/Jorgensen** by karnj
0 Records
- Madsen Tree** by Karsten Madsen
0 Records
- Norgaard Family Tree** by norgaard1419
0 Records
- Raymond Henry Widener Family Tree** by Raymond Henry Widener
0 Records

This only scratches the surface of the hints and clues Ancestry provides throughout its platform. Be on the lookout for side panels, original sources, and other members who may be researching the same family lines.


Bonus Tips!

From the **ancestor's profile view**, click on **Tools**, drop down and choose **Member Connect**. This will provide you with clues as to what other members in your previously connected network are doing.

Plus! It will provide you with **Suggested Connections** of other members you did not know where researching the same people.

1. Click the **Connect** button to add them to your connections tab.
 - a. They will not know you have added them to your connections, but it makes it easier to track any new records they add, that you might not have, and it is easier to find them and message them for possible collaborations when they are in your connections list.
 - b. Once you click "Connect," that person will move from the Suggested tab to the Connections tab, where you can find them again.
2. Look for **New Records** (as shown below) that you do not have in your ancestor's profile.

3 possible connections researching Oliver B BOOTH.



Oliver B Booth Compare
Emerson_McFarland_McCoy_Olmsted_Kenish Tree Branches > Oliver B Booth

Connect or Ignore

Name	
Oliver B Booth	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1880 United States Federal Census 1900 United States Federal Census 1930 United States Federal Census 1910 United States Federal Census U.S., Find a Grave Index, 1600s-Current U.S., World War I Draft Registration Cards, 1917-1918 Ohio, U.S., County Marriage Records, 1774-1993 1920 United States Federal Census Ohio, U.S., Births and Christenings Index, 1774-1973 <li style="background-color: #e0f0e0; padding: 2px;">Ohio, U.S., County Marriage Records, 1774-1993 NEW West Virginia, U.S., Births Index, 1804-1938

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