

## More About Ancestry's New Pro Tools December 2023

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### [VIDEO LINK](#)

This is an update with Crista Cowan, Corporate Genealogist at Ancestry. In her interview (see the video) she gave some clarification and additional information about the new Pro Tools currently available to U.S. Ancestry members.

### This Just In...

Ancestry has some new **ProTools** tools rolling out across the U.S. as of 12 December 2023. Some things have changed since the previous episode about these tools (in early December). Previously the Ancestry team had told me that Fan Chart would be part of your regular subscription and some of that has *not* changed. What *has* changed is the ability to expand to the different generations, which is now part of the new **Pro Tools** subscription.

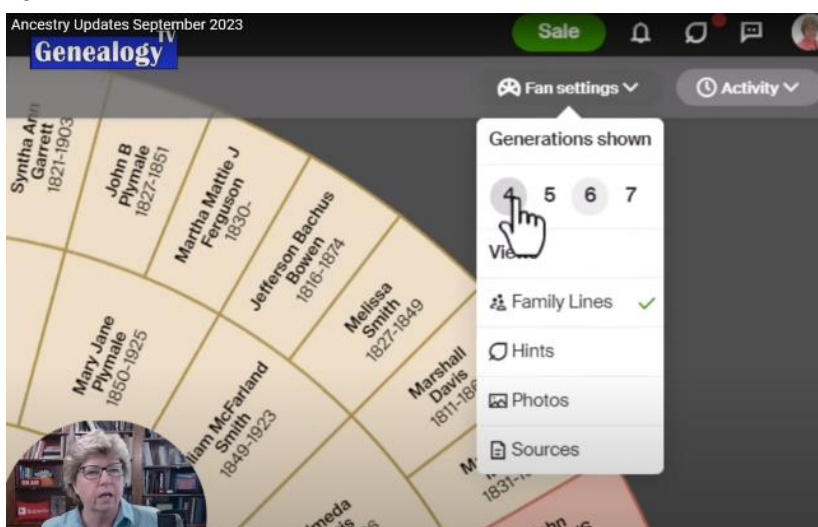
## New Pro Tools (Add-On Subscription)

As of this writing, the cost to add Pro Tools is \$9.99 per month (in the U.S.) in addition to your regular subscription. Please do not shoot the messenger. 😊

### FAN Chart (Tree View)

In a [previous episode for December on Genealogy TV](#), I demonstrated the new Fan Chart on Ancestry. Shortly after that episode aired, they took down the part of the tree where you could expand the generations and migrated the generational expansion under the Pro Tools add-on subscription.

Ancestry says the new tools include:



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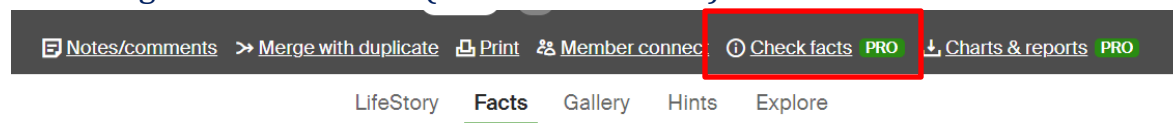
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- **“Tree Checker:** Enhance the accuracy of your family tree using the Tree Checker which identifies and suggests corrections for potential errors, refining and improving your family tree.
- **Map Views:** Gain deeper insights into your family’s heritage with maps that show where ancestors came from and the social and geographical forces that shaped their lives and community.
- **Insights:** Simplify family tree research with user-friendly tools, offering over twenty-five filters and search options, like Military, Occupation, Immigration, and more, to swiftly locate your ancestors and gain meaningful insights into your family's history.
- **Reports & Charts:** Deepen your understanding of your family's history with reports, facts, and visuals, including various tree views like Registry, Ahnentafel, Descendancy, and more.”

## Tree Checker (a.k.a. Fact Checker)

Check for errors in your tree! While you would think this would be available in the tree view, it is only available in the profile view. I suspect they are going to change the name from Tree Checker to Fact Checker permanently.

### Accessing the Tree Checker (a.k.a. Fact Checker)



You can find it two ways in the **Profile view** and also from the Tree View under Find, then List of All People.

### In the Profile View

- **Tools Icon** - Under the wrench icon in the upper right corner, then drop down to **Check Facts**.
- You can also access it from the **Research Tools** Menu. If you are not seeing the **Research Tools** Menu, you can turn it on by going to the **Tools** (wrench) icon, drop down to **Show Research Tools**. Here you will see the **Check Facts** link.

#### Possible errors for Samuel

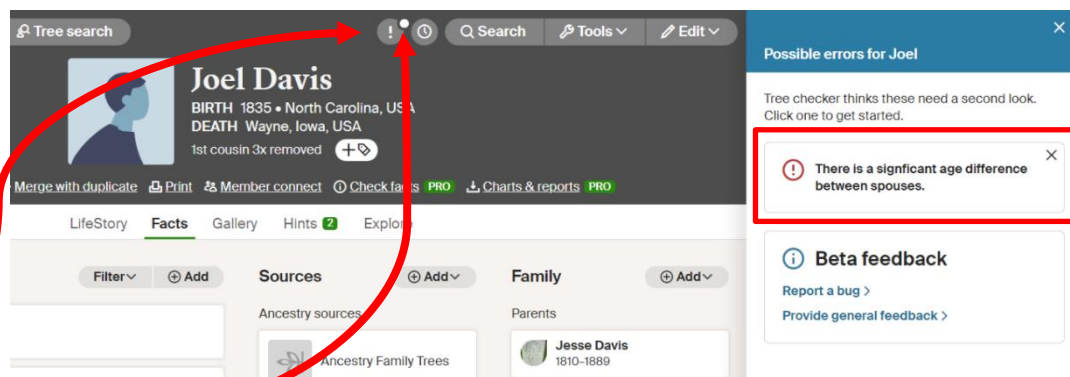
Tree checker thinks these need a second look.

! Samuel Clark was born after their mother passed away. X

The screenshot shows the profile view for Jameson Wesley Booth Sr. (1820-1896). The 'Check facts PRO' button is highlighted with a red arrow. The profile includes a photo, birth and death dates, and a verified status. The navigation bar at the top shows 'Home', 'Trees', 'Search', 'Memories', 'DNA', and 'Tools'. The main content area displays 'Sources' (1820 and 1830 United States Federal Census) and 'Family' (Charles Booth 1774-1821, Elizabeth Ferguson 1765-1862). A 'Possible errors for Jameson' panel is visible on the right, showing a 'Nice work!' message and a 'View all potential errors' button. A 'Beta feedback' section is also present at the bottom right.

Clicking the **Check Facts** link will open up a side menu showing a potential error. You can also access the errors tool with the ! icon.

As you can see there is an ! near the top of the profile. If it has a dot on it that means, there are potential errors. Clicking that icon will also open up the side panel. No dot = no errors.



## Seeing Potential Errors

### Ancestor View

You can see **All Possible Errors** with the previously noted access through the profile view by clicking on the **View All Possible Errors** button will open a list of ancestors with possible errors. Currently, this is only visible if there are no errors for that ancestor. You *can* see All Possible Errors from the Tree View.

### Nice work!

We didn't find any possible errors.

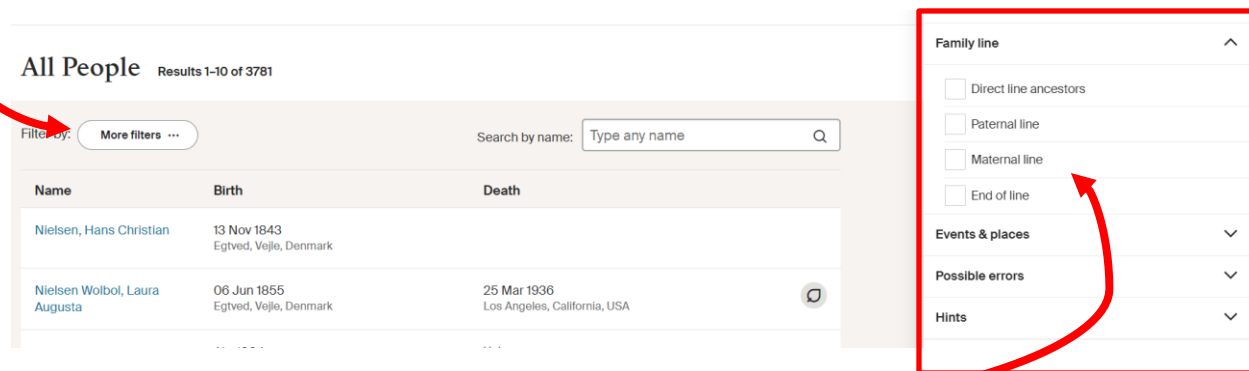
[View all possible errors](#)

### Tree View

You can also access the **"All Possible Errors"** from the **Tree view**.

Click **Find, List of All People**, then if you are subscribed to **Pro Tools**, you should have a **More Filters Button**. From there, use the drop-down menus to add one or more filters. You can stack filters to refine your search.

Remember, these are people in *your* tree, so you are filtering the list of only those in your tree, not other trees as well.



This will allow you to filter to your paternal or maternal sides.

You can then add more filters such as adding a location. For example, perhaps you wish to filter to all people in your tree on your **paternal side**, who were **born in Denmark**.

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## All People Results 1-10 of 44

Filter by: Paternal line Birth: Denmark More filters Search by name: Type any name

Name	Birth	Death
Nielsen, Hans Christian	13 Nov 1843 Egtved, Vejle, Denmark	
Nielsen Wolbol, Laura Augusta	06 Jun 1855 Egtved, Vejle, Denmark	25 Mar 1936 Los Angeles, California, USA
Andersen Stougaard, Rasmus	27 Jul 1721 Lindelse, Fyn, Denmark	27 Aug 1764 Illeboelle, Lindelse, Denmark
Augustesen, Lauritz	1795 Gauerslund, Vejle, Denmark	
Beck, Christiane F.	30 Oct 1843 Kolding, Vejle, Denmark	09 Jan 1888 Laramie, Albany, Wyoming, USA

**Filters**

Paternal line Birth: Denmark

Clear all filters

**Family line**

Direct line ancestors

Paternal line

Maternal line

End of line

**Events & places**

Birth Marriage Death Lived In Any Event

**Birth**

Year --- Exact year

Location Denmark

Denmark

## Reports and Charts

From the **Profile View** on Ancestry, you will see another new **Pro Tool**. It is called the **Charts & Reports** tool.

Charts & reports PRO

Clicking the **Charts & Reports** tool allows for four reports to be created in two different document styles and the option to go from two generations up to seven generations.

You can choose from the **Ahnentafel** (Ancestors) report, **Descendancy** (Descendants of Selected Persons), **Register** (Modified Narrative), or the **Family Group Sheet** (Husband, Wife, and Children with Birth, Marriage, and Death Details). You can also change the focus person from the side panel. The focus person will be automatically set from the Profile ancestors you started from when clicking into the Charts & Reports.

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Charts & Reports

**Descendancy**

- Nannie Watson Winslow b: 07 Aug 1874 in Asheboro, Randolph, North Carolina, USA. d: 16 Aug 1956 in Olathe, Johnson, Kansas, USA; age: 82.  
+ Henry Gustave Henley b: 28 Jan 1862 in Randolph Co, North Carolina, USA. m: 18 Jan 1894 in Asheboro, Randolph, North Carolina, USA. d: 05 Jun 1942 in Olathe, Johnson, Kansas, USA; age: 80.
- John Harlan HENLEY b: 11 May 1894 in North Carolina, USA. d: 21 Jun 1970 in Glens Ferry, Elmore, Idaho, USA; age: 76.  
+ Goldie Elsie ROBERTSON b: 4 Aug 1911/1912 in Owyhee, Idaho, USA. d: 09 Apr 1982 in Glens Ferry, Elmore, Idaho, USA; age: 70.
- Nan Marie HENLEY b: 01 Jun 1930 in Twin Falls, Idaho, USA.  
+ Harman Jasper THOMASON
- Elsie Mae HENLEY b: 15 Feb 1939 in Twin Falls, Idaho, USA. d: 19 June 2020 in Glens Ferry, Elmore, Idaho, USA; age: 81.  
+ Lynn Robert RIGGS
- Clifford L. HENLEY b: 05 Apr 1896 in Asheboro, Randolph, North Carolina, USA. d: 29 Sep 1918; age: 22.
- Crinie Ursula HENLEY b: 05 Jul 1899. d: 09 Nov 1977 in Lawrence, Douglas, Kansas, USA; age: 78.
- Mary Olive HENLEY b: 24 Jan 1902. d: 30 Aug 1902; age: 0.
- Kenneth Thomas HENLEY b: 07 Sep 1903 in Olathe, Johnson, Kansas, USA. d: 04 Apr 1994 in Olathe, Johnson, Kansas, USA; age: 90.  
+ Lora Beth Moore b: 1906. d: 2001; age: 95.  
+ Gussie May
- Frances Maurice HENLEY b: 21 Sep 1906 in Olathe, Johnson, Kansas, USA. d: 07 Jan 2001 in St. Louis, Missouri, USA; age: 94.  
+ Goldie Evelyn CLINKSCALE b: 29 Jun 1908 in Johnson, Kansas, USA. m: 01 Mar 1931 in Wichita, Kansas, USA. d: 13 Mar 1992; age: 83.
- Dannie Lee HENLEY b: 11 Aug 1932 in Johnson Co., Kansas, USA.  
+ Kay Marion King b: 1936. m: 16 Jun 1957 in Denver, Colorado, USA. d: 1970; age: 34.  
+ Barbara June HARRIS b: 1926. d: Aug 2015 in St. Louis, Missouri, USA; age: 89.
- Glenn Curry HENLEY b: 24 Jul 1910 in Olathe, Johnson, Kansas, USA. d: 08 Feb 1994 in Renton, King, Washington, USA; age: 83.  
+ Alma Marie Madsen b: 03 May 1908 in Laramie, Albany, Wyoming, USA. m: 1929 in San Joaquin, California, USA. d: 14 Oct 1992 in Auburn, King, Washington, USA; age: 84.

**Choose a report**

Document type

Descendancy

Ahnentafel

Register

Family Group Sheet


Document style

Pine  Birch

Total generations

2 3 4 5 6 7

Focus person Change

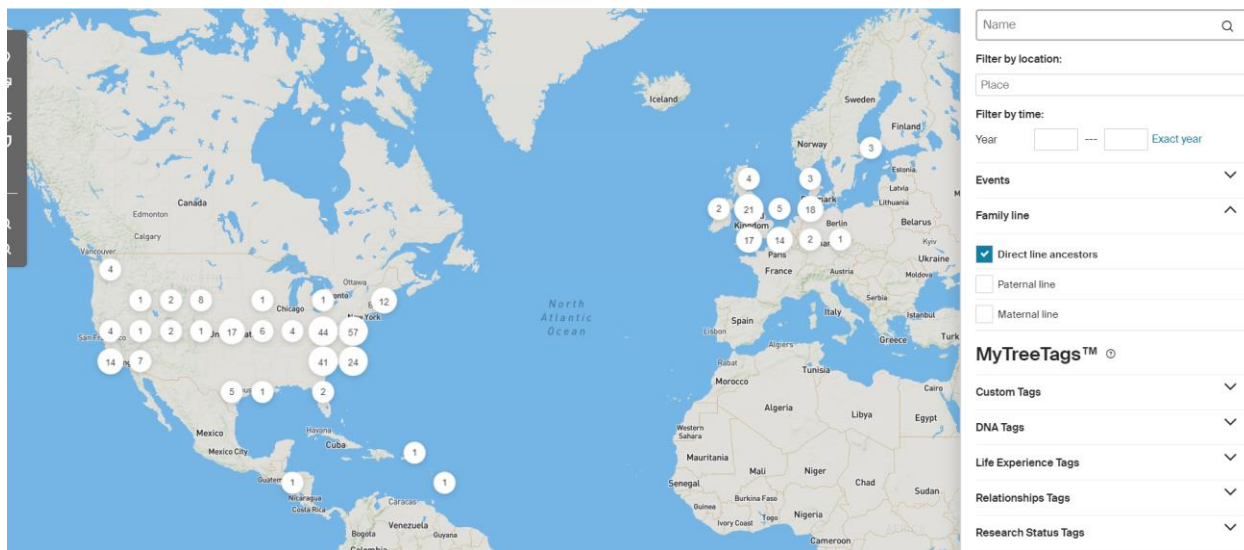
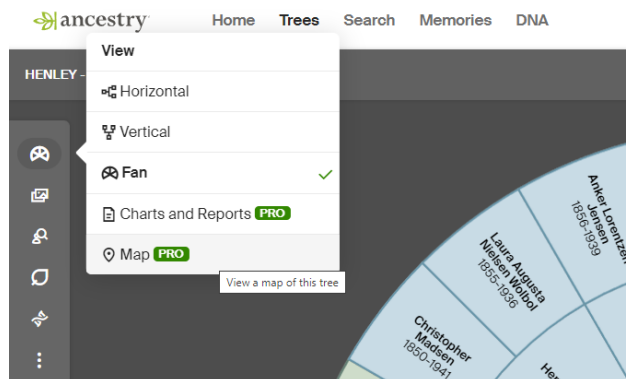
 **Nannie Watson Winslow**  
1874-1956  
great-grandmother

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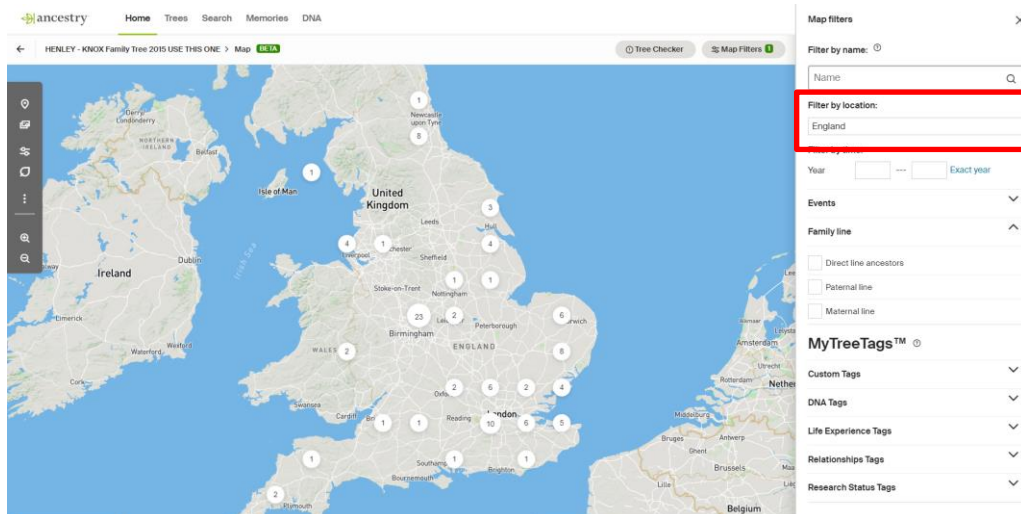
## Maps - Search Your Tree by Location

From the **tree view**, click on the **tree icon**, then again, if you have Pro Tools, you should be able to access the **Map** tool from here. This will show you clusters of your family lines.

Below, I have filtered my map to my **Direct Line Ancestors**.



Below I have unchecked the direct line ancestors from our previous search and filtered my entire family tree to those who have some reference to England.



## Insights

Returning to the **tree view**, then **Find**, then **All People**, you can filter the list by so many different ways to help you dice your list of All People in to segments to refine your search. Here I have filtered my list to all those in **North Carolina**, on my **Paternal** line, who have **Hints** to explore.

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All People Results 1-10 of 63

Filter by: Paternal line Lived In: North Carolina, USA Search by name: Type any name

More filters

Name	Birth	Death
Clark, William	1753 York, Pennsylvania, USA	21 Jul 1836 Back Creek, Randolph, North Carolina, USA
COLTRANE, Cornelia Alice	Abt. 1878 North Carolina, USA	
COLTRANE, David Franklin	Abt. 1873 North Carolina, USA	
COLTRANE, Ida May	Dec 1889 North Carolina, USA	
COLTRANE, James Addison	24 Oct 1847 Randolph Co, North Carolina, USA	09 Apr 1901 Randolph Co, North Carolina, USA
COLTRANE, John Angus	11 Mar 1876 Encampment, Carbon, Wyoming, USA	11 Oct 1944 High Point, Guilford County, North Carolina, USA
COLTRANE, John Reitzel	06 Oct 1911 High Point, Davidson, North Carolina, USA	18 Nov 1970 Prince George's, Maryland, USA
COLTRANE, Joseph Nathan	1870 Randolph County, North Carolina, USA	6 June 1937 Lumberport, Harrison County, West Virginia, USA

Filters

- Paternal line
- Lived In: North Carolina, USA
- Has hints

Clear all filters

Family line

- Direct line ancestors
- Paternal line
- Maternal line
- End of line

Events & places

Birth Marriage Death Lived In Any Event

Lived In

Year  --  End of year

Location North Carolina, USA

Possible errors

Hints

- Has hints

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Just pay attention to your filters. These are **AND** filters, not OR filters. So, in other words, these are people who **lived in North Carolina** AND are on my **Paternal Side** AND have **Hints**.

You could even refine this further to an era if you are looking for hints from this line for a specific time period. However, you could over filter yourself to the point you get no results.

## Conclusion

While I realize that this is an additional monthly charge to your regular Ancestry subscription, I find these tools fun to play with and helpful in some situations. Are they worth \$120 per year (\$9.99 per month)? That is for you to decide. You certainly can achieve quality research results without these tools. I am merely providing information to you for your education and evaluation.

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