



Genealogy Newsletter – June/July 2019

And the DNA controversy keeps rolling on...

The Ancestry DNA Team have now posted new information regarding understanding your 'New' Ethnicity Estimate, stating that, "they are always looking for new ways to help support our customers on their journey of personal discovery. Often that means updating our products and services to take advantage of the most advanced science and technology".

"All **AncestryDNA** customers who have not already transitioned to their new, more precise ethnicity estimate will be transitioned starting May 30, 2019. If you received your AncestryDNA results prior to **September 2018** and wish to keep a record of your prior results, you may download them by **July 20, 2019**".

Also, if you took a genetic ancestry test through a company like **23andMe**, you may want to go back and give your results a second look. They have been updating their Ancestry results without telling users! If you had your DNA tested by **ANY** company, it is suggested you go back to the testing company's website every few months to see if there are any updates to your earlier test results. If so, you might want to trade in your German lederhosen for a Scottish kilt.

The Genographic Project was launched in 2005 as a research project in collaboration with scientists and universities around the world with a goal of revealing patterns of human migration. Since then, 997,222 participants in over 140 countries have participated in the project through National Geographic's "Geno" DNA Ancestry kits. The public participation phase of this research project is ending and, as a result, effective from May 31, 2019, Geno 2.0 DNA Ancestry kits are no longer available for purchase. If you have already purchased a kit, you may still send it in for processing in accordance with the terms and conditions of sale.

National Geographic currently plans to maintain the site, through which customers may access their results, until the end of 2020. This is a major research project with information that is used by most DNA testing companies for ethnicity results...

<https://genographic.nationalgeographic.com>

Now recent new, and additions to available records online...

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- **Northamptonshire, Non-conformist Records 1840-1894** - 3,020 additional records.
- **Scotland Census 1901** – 4,437,987 new indexed records collection.
- **Great Britain, War Office Registers 1772-1935** – 309,802 additional records.

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- **Scotland, People of Banffshire & Moray 1150-1857** – over 23,000 additional records, each record will tell you the original source and a description of the text
- **Scotland, Burgess & Guild Brethren Index** – over 64,000 records spanning nearly 650 years of occupational records.
- **Scotland, Wigtownshire & Minnigaff Parish Lists 1684** – over 53,000 names, first published in 1916 by the Scottish Record Society.
- **Scotland, Dumfriesshire Death & Burial Index** – over 39,000 records with their last address, parents' names and birth date.
- **Scotland, Shetland Newspaper Birth Index 1872-1990** over 29,000 birth announcements from Shetland newspapers.
- **Scotland, Occupations & Professions** – more than 10,000 occupational and trade records from across Scotland.
- **Cardiganshire Baptisms** – over 74,000 additional records from 45 parishes.
- **Cardiganshire Marriages & Banns** – over 63,000 records from these parishes
- **Cardiganshire Burials** – over 81,000 records added from these 45 parishes.
- **Lincolnshire Parish Records** – over 266,000 records held at the Lincolnshire Archives dating back to the early 1500s, excellent resource for tracing your roots beyond the start of Civil Registration in 1837.
- **British Armed Forces, WW1 Soldiers' Medical Records** – over 85,000 additional records added from TNA series, MH106, War Office collection.
- **Prisoners of War 1715-1945** – over 876,000 additional records created by the International Committee of the Red Cross during WW1 provided by TNA. Not only military personnel but civilians, diplomats, missionaries and merchant seamen with some index cards for each prisoner and detainee.
- **England & Wales, Merchant Navy Crew Lists 1861-1913** – over 135,000 new Portsmouth records added to the Merchant Navy Crew Lists.
- **Greater London Burial Index** – over 28,000 added records covering between 1399 and 1992. This collection covers Anglian and non-conformist parishes and includes City of London Burials, Middlesex Memorial Inscriptions, Middlesex & City of London Burials Index and the South London Burials Index.

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- **UK Electoral Registers 2002-1919** – there are more than 115 million records available from England, Wales, Scotland, Northern Ireland, Isle of Man and the Channel Islands available to search within this collection from 2002.

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- **Records of Masters and Apprentices in the Merchant Navy 1824-1910** – over 300,000 records from TNA series, BT150 records compiled by the Registrar General of Shipping and Seaman and its predecessor with apprentices indentured in the Merchant Navy between 1824-1910. Compulsory apprenticeship was abolished in 1849, though the system of registration maintained by the authorities and the index continued to be kept.

New IRISH historical birth, marriage and death registers available online for the public to access – the records which were prepared by the Irish Civil Registration Service and uploaded by the Department of Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht, and are **free** to access on the website **www.irishgenealogy.ie**

The full range of records now available online are:

- Birth records from 1864 to 1918
- Marriage records from 1864 to 1943
- Death records from 1878 to 1968

The Irish General Register Office is currently working on updating further records of marriages dating back to 1845 and deaths back to 1864, these will be available “in due course” stated the Irish Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht - **Josepha Madigan, TD.**

Finally, my genealogy group recently had a talk on the **Commonwealth War Graves Commission** by Sarah Moody, Public Engagement Coordinator (West), she is one of a number of CWGC coordinators in the UK and she gave an excellent and informative, illustrated presentation on the history, the work of the CWGC and about researching your ancestors on their website **www.cwgc.org**

If any genealogy/family history group leaders are interested, Sarah Moody can be contacted at **sarah.moody@cwgc.org** – she didn't charge for the talk but we made a donation to the 'Commonwealth War Graves Foundation'