








Hello there DiNAs,

On Monday 23rd August, our DNA Support group meeting was broadcast using Zoom, starting at 1pm. Below is an outline of the topics we covered.

Last Meeting's Topics


-  Our Facebook Page;
-  Tip & Tricks – emojis on your Ancestry tree;
-  What's new on MyHeritage;
-  Using DNA Painter with GEDmatch;
-  Next Meeting.

Our group has a closed [Facebook](#) page which can only be accessed by invitation. We find it the easiest way of offering items from the DNA world to each other. One of the great benefits is that anyone in the group can post articles of interest or ask and answer questions.

If you are on Facebook and wish to join us, then simply make a request on the [home page](#). It is a private place to ask questions as well as to read about the latest happenings in DNA genealogy.

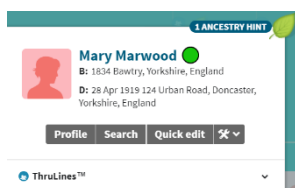
We started as usual by discussing items from our Facebook page. Here are some links you may find useful.

Our Facebook Page: From July 26th

-  This episode of [Family History Fridays](#) saw Michelle and Fiona share advice for getting the most out of your research with AncestryDNA®, including using new features for identifying relationships;

- 🧬 The supposed [remains of Leonardo Da Vinci](#) have been DNA tested and 14 documented descendants found. It is assumed that at least some of these will provide DNA samples to see if (1) the remains are indeed Leonardo's and (2) whether they are truly related.
- 🧬 Here's something to look forward to in September - free [Legacy Family Tree](#) webinars:
- 🧬 I recently received my [GEDmatch newsletter](#);
- 🧬 An article by Roberta Estes telling of the strange tale of [The Origins of Zana of Abkhazia](#);
- 🧬 The latest [Newsletter from MyHeritage](#);
- 🧬 Roberta Estes gives her views on the [Changes to Ancestry](#);
- 🧬 She also has started a [beginners series](#) of blogs about genealogical DNA;
- 🧬 I received the latest [DNA & Genetic Genealogy eNews](#) from Genie1 written by Louise Coakley;
- 🧬 If you have French ancestry, you may be interested in the news that MyHeritage has acquired a major percentage of the French genealogy service Filae;
- 🧬 And finally: [MyHeritage DNA helped me find my real grandfather](#) – a MyHeritage Blog.

Tips & Tricks Using Emojis



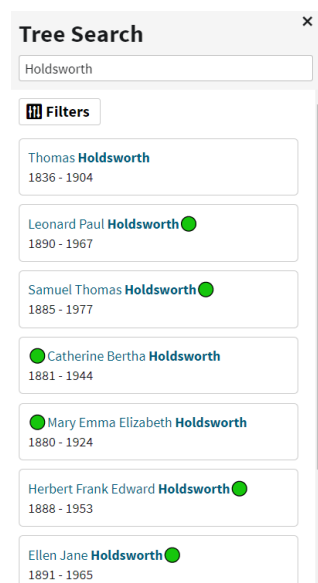
Recently Sue Brindley told us about a way of inserting an emoji such as a smiley 😊 face , a shape ■● or a DNA strand 🧬 into the edit box of Ancestry.

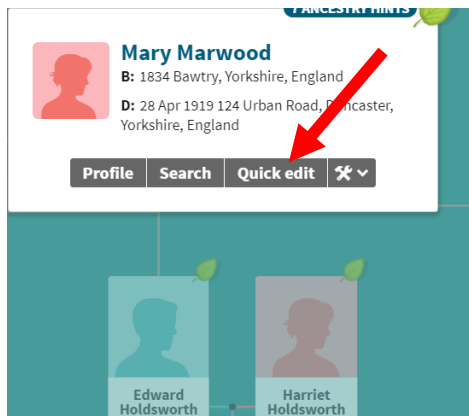
At the last meeting, Sue gave us a presentation of how to insert these emojis next to our relatives' names on Ancestry's family tree.

Why would we want to do this? I find it is a great way of identifying a particular line of my tree. When I do a Tree Search for surnames, I can immediately see those who are from that particular line.

NB. In this example (right) you will notice that I experimented by putting the green dot in front of some of the *First and middle names* and some after the Last name. I even put a dot in the Suffix field for *Samuel Thomas Holdsworth*. Just a warning, putting the emoji in front of the *First names* makes it impossible to search on given names – if I'm looking for CATHERINE Holdsworth that name will not show on the list.

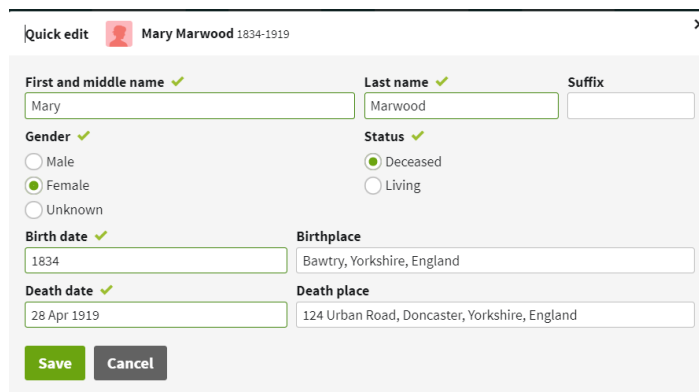
So how do we insert these emojis?





First of all go to your ancestor in your Ancestry tree and click on *Quick edit* – you can do this directly from your tree or through that person's *Profile*. This will open the quick edit box shown below:

Using the key strokes (PC only) "Windows" + "." will bring up a box full of emojis – N.B. for a Mac, press the Control + Command + Spacebar keys on your keyboard at the same time. We can then add an emoji into any



of the boxes with the exception of the two date boxes. Emojis can be added to the two place boxes but I prefer to use one of the top boxes – *Last name or Suffix*.

A problem that I have noticed though, is that the emoji disappears when you go back to re-edit the profile. Interestingly, this only appears to happen with a coloured emoji eg a coloured DNA icon or even a coloured shape. Should I insert a black and white icon such as a skull and crossbones - or any other b&w emoji - it stays put. Try it yourself by searching for "DNA" for the first attempt and "death" for the second.

On a happier note, it seems that we don't need to use the key strokes at all, because I can right mouse button click and the option for emoji is at the top of the list. Interestingly, in Family Tree Maker, when you sync your tree the coloured emojis appear black & white. If you want to look for more emojis, try <https://emojipedia.org/> and copy/paste into your edit box.

Why not give it a try and let us know how you use emojis in your Ancestry family tree.

What's New at MyHeritage

We showed a Legacy Family Tree video clip from Ran Snir who, as the Director of Product Management, is responsible for MyHeritage DNA products. The full video is called [New tools for DNA Matches research](#). In this case, the new tools are Ancestry-type labels which they hope will be available to us all by October 2021.

DNA Painter – Pauline Every

Pauline Every suggested this 9-minute DNA Painter Tutorial on YouTube by Vanessa Bland called: [How to use GEDmatch with DNA Painter](#). Vanessa has quite a lot of videos, each of which are not very long.

Looking for cheapest prices for Ancestry DNA kits?

As you are aware, the major DNA testing companies regularly reduce their prices for certain events such as Christmas, Easter, St. Patricks Day or simply because it's Tuesday. It is worth joining the Facebook group [Using DNA for Genealogy - Australia & NZ](#) not only for its interesting DNA information but also to find the cheapest prices for DNA

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kits. The site is administered by the well-known Australian genetic genealogist Louise Coakley. Clicking on the banner of *Announcements* at the top of their page, will open a graphic called "Discounts: DNA Tests & Subscriptions". Whenever a member in the group becomes aware of a discount link, it will be shared here.

The regular price for an AncestryDNA kit in Australia is A\$129 + \$30 shipping. When I logged into this site today (20/09/21) the discount price for an AncestryDNA kit was shown as A\$85 + \$30 shipping (shipping includes a return-paid satchel). Looking for a bargain? It is certainly worth visiting this site regularly.

And Finally:

Don't forget, if you find something of interest then let the rest of us know too, either by sending me an [email](#), bringing it up at the next meeting or posting it onto our [Facebook page](#). If you want us to discuss a particular DNA subject let [me](#) or [Pauline](#) know and we can chat about it at one of our future meetings.

Next Meeting:

Pauline, and Ken will be convening our DNA Support meetings on alternative months. Ken will be presenting on Monday 27th September between 1:00pm – 3:00pm via Zoom and Pauline our October meeting.

To get onto Zoom, you might want to try our link:

[Redacted Zoom link]

or if you have the Zoom app, our usual Zoom Meeting ID is [Redacted] and the Passcode is [Redacted]

See you then and stay safe.