



Hello there DiNAs,

On Monday 27th September, our DNA Support group meeting was broadcast using Zoom, starting at 1pm. This session was recorded and the link is available by email from [Diane Gillespie](#). It will be available until midnight 4th October 2021. Below is an outline of the topics we covered.

Last Meeting's Topics

-  Our Facebook Page;
-  LivingDNA ethnicity maps;
-  What's new on FTDNA;
-  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 August 23rd

-  In her new DNA Beginnings series, Roberta writes about matches. [DNA Beginnings: What is a Match?](#) ;

- At a recent zoom meeting I attended, Ancestry released a new database called [The U.S. Freedmen's Bureau](#). I have included their press release here for your information. The database is mainly for USA consumption as it may not contain information from Australia or Europe.

'... Ancestry is unveiling the world's largest digitized and searchable collection of Freedmen's Bureau and Freedman's Bank records to date, with more than 3.5 million records available for everyone to search for free at www.Ancestry.com/Freedmens. The addition of these significant records can be instrumental in helping descendants of previously enslaved people in the U.S. make additional discoveries about their families by offering a path to trace ancestors prior to 1870. This collection can enable meaningful family history breakthroughs because it is likely the first time newly freed African Americans would appear in records after Emancipation.'

- A heart-warming story from the Indy Star on why we should never give up trying to find those long lost relatives: [He found his birth family 35 years later. Then he helped them find a 'vanished' sister](#);
- Ancestry recently announced that it reached an agreement to acquire the French company Geneanet. This announcement marks a new chapter in the history of Geneanet. This [blog post aims](#) to explain the ins and outs of this important news. In case you haven't yet uploaded your DNA to Geneanet, [here is the link](#);
- Another in the DNA Beginnings series from Roberta Estes: [DNA Beginnings: How Many DNA Matches Do I Have?](#);
- GEDmatch sent out its [August Member Newsletter](#);
- ...as did [MyHeritage](#);
- FamilyTreeDNA released a chromosome painter according to this [article from Roberta Estes](#). But before you get too excited this is for ethnicity results, not for painting match segments;
- What I did find exciting though, was this Guardian article: [Graves in 19,000 English churchyards to be mapped online](#). It seems the Church of England is to launch a free website next year that will eventually list every grave memorial in every (Anglican) churchyard in the country. The project is estimated to take 7 years, so expect it to be finished near the end of this decade;
- MyHeritage released a number of online events during September. [Here is the link](#);
- Connie Knox has released a tonne of videos on her [Genealogy TV channel](#) on YouTube;
- Dr. Leah Larkin has apparently put to bed the idea that small segments are worthwhile. In this [paper from Judy Russell](#), she writes that small segments are likely to be "false positives";
- Legacy Family Tree Webinars is sponsoring a free Webtember genealogy conference for everyone. Presentations include a wonderful session from Roberta Estes titled ["Paint Your Way Up Your Tree with MyHeritage and DNAPainter."](#);

-  I thought this piece might be of interest to some: [Genome of a middle Holocene hunter-gatherer from Wallacea](#);
-  Another enjoyable video was [What are the Odds? Finding Answers Using DNA Painter's WATO Tool](#) – Debra Renard invites us to “Come learn how to use DNA Painter's WATO probability prediction tool to solve unknown birth family cases.”;
-  [1870s Marriage Certificate Found in Thrift Shop: The Whole Story](#). On her Genealogy TV site (see above), Connie Knox writes: “*National media picked up this family history story about the 1870's marriage certificate that was found in the back of a painting in a thrift shop. I'm the one who solved the mystery of this old marriage certificate. In this episode, I'm going to share with you the whole story, how I did the genealogy research, and all the behind-the-scenes happenings that made this story become national news.*”
-  Latest [DNA & Genetic Genealogy eNews](#) from Louise Coakley;
-  This is the list of presentations from [FamilyTree Webinars for Webtember](#). They tell us to “take your genealogy skills to the next level with this FREE online genealogy conference, held each Friday in September. 30 live and pre-recorded webinars in all. They'll be free to view through the end of the month.”;
-  Can't get enough of ancient DNA? Me neither. This article from the Greek Reporter announces that: [DNA Analysis Sheds Light on Minoan and Mycenaean Genetic Origins](#);
-  Andy Lee from Family History Fanatics presents a video: [GEDMatch Shared Matches Tool \(People Who Match Both Kits\) – IMPROVED](#);
-  Jason Lee is a new presenter to me. In this video he speaks on using "[sibling summation](#)" to determine how much DNA our matches would share with our UNTESTED parents and grandparents!
-  And finally: another DNA Beginnings article: [DNA Beginnings: Matching at Ancestry and What It Means](#);

LivingDNA Maps – an overview – see video of this session for more discussion about this topic.

Bear in mind that this video was uploaded in January 2020, but in my opinion not a lot has changed in LivingDNA despite the new ethnicity groups. From Andy Lee: [Living DNA Pros & Cons - Genetic Test Review](#)

What's New at FTDNA re Admixture Mapping – see video of this session for more discussion about this topic.

We showed a video clip from Dr. Paul Maier of FamilyTreeDNA – [Family Finder's MyOrigins 3.0 Explained – Part 1](#). The links for parts 2 & 3 can be found on the [Roberta Estes Blog](#) mentioned above:

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 kits. The site is administered by the well-known Australian genetic genealogist Louise Coakley. Clicking on the banner of *Announcements* at

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