New Resources

New & Updated Collections on Ancestry
- Essex, England, Church of England Baptisms, Marriages and Burials, 1538-1812
- UK, D-Day War Diaries and Photographs, 1944
- Wales, Wills and Probate, 1513-1858
- Kansas Historical Society, Knights and Ladies of Security, Index to Death Claims, 1902-1930
- Pennsylvania, Death Certificates, 1906-1967

New & Updated Collections on FamilySearch
- Canadian Headstones
- Great Britain, War Office Registers, 1772-1935
- Ohio Tax Records, 1800-1850
- Italy, Trento, Diocesi di Trento, Catholic Church Records, 1548-1937

New Resource at the Genealogy Branch
- We’ve updated and expanded our detailed guide to DNA Testing for Genealogists to include new information!
- If you are interested in receiving a digital PDF copy, you can ask for one simply by contacting the branch.

Tips & Tricks

Privacy Concerns with DNA Testing: The Basics

It cannot be stressed enough how important it is to read the legal statements in their entirety (preferably before you activate your kit). Check their Terms and Conditions (sometimes called the Terms of Service), Privacy Policy, and Informed Consent statements.

Specific Questions to Ask:
- Who owns my genetic information?
- Who can see my genetic information?
- Who can use and how?
- How much control do I have?

Things to Consider:
(As outlined by the provider’s legal statements)
- Privacy Risks
- Sample Retention Policy
- Informed Consent

Standard risks to you include potential security breaches, lost samples, and learning information that may make you uncomfortable.

For most providers, you can contact customer service to request that your sample to be destroyed, but they are vague on whether or not they still keep your genetic information (i.e. 23andMe).

And most importantly, you do not have to consent to research projects in order to get your results!

Upcoming Events

June 29th

July 13th
- Researching Your Civil War Ancestors, 1 PM