TIPS & TRICKS

Genetic Health Testing
Last week, Ancestry announced a new DNA service in the form of AncestryHealth. A release date was not given, only that it is expected to be available “soon.” AncestryHealth will likely provide genetic screening for health and wellness similar to the testing offered by several of their competitors. These tests look for genetic variants in your DNA and provide reports for genetic risks, traits, and wellness. **Keep in mind, these tests and reports are not definitive and you should always consult with your doctor about your health!**

FDA Approval
Test providers have two options in order to offer genetic health tests. Either they undergo the process of acquiring approval from the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), or they offer testing that must first be ordered by a physician.

Common Test Providers
23andMe
($199, **$149** until Oct 15th, Health+Ancestry kit)
**Gained FDA approval in 2017 for genetic health risk tests for 10 diseases or conditions.**

MyHeritage DNA
($199, Health+Ancestry kit)
**Requires physician order. Tests for genetic risk and carrier status.**

Color
($250, Extended Test kit)
**Requires physician order. Tests for cancer screening, heart disease, & medication response.**

UPCOMING EVENTS

November 9th
Beginner’s Genealogy, 1 PM

November 16th
Tracing Your Immigrant Ancestors, 1 PM

NEW RESOURCES

New Record Collections on Ancestry Library Edition
- Denmark, Church Records, 1812-1918 (in Danish)
- Newspapers.com Obituary Index, 1800s-current
- Wisconsin, Employment Records, 1903-1988
- New York, State Employment Cards and Peddlers’ Licenses, 1840-1966
- U.S., Panama Canal Zone, Employment Records and Sailing lists, 1884-1937
- Massachusetts, Boston, Crew Lists, 1811-1921
- Illinois, Roman Catholic Diocese of Springfield Sacramental Records, 1853-1975

New & Updated Collections on FamilySearch
- U.S. Church Record Collections by State for:
  - CT, IN, IA, KS, KY, ME, MS, MO, NJ, OR, TN, TX, UT
- Missouri, County Marriage, Naturalization, and Court Records, 1800-1991
- Mississippi, State Archives, Various Records 1820-1951
- Virginia, Slave Birth Index, 1853-1866
- United States Border Crossings from Mexico to United States, 1903-1957