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Have you considered asking matches from other sites to upload their DNA to FTDNA? It is easy for them to do this and it's free. This gives them more matches and it gives you more people to compare with. Asking matches from Ancestry to upload is particularly beneficial since there is no chromosome browser at Ancestry.

You can find instructions on how to upload DNA to other sites here: https://www.nifhs.org/dna/uploading-your-dna/

People who match you probably have North of Ireland ancestry as well so send them a link to join the North of Ireland DNA Project (they should be logged into their FTDNA account when they follow this link). https://www.familytreedna.com/groups/nifhs/about/background.

Bucketing at FTDNA

When you link a confirmed match to your family tree, the Family Matching Tool automatically calculates which of your other matches belong in the same group ie Maternal, Paternal or Both and "buckets" them accordingly. It also adds a blue, red or purple icon to the match to show which bucket they have been assigned to.

You can see these groups at the top of your list of matches. So, if one of your matches is in the Maternal bucket, you already know you should be looking at the maternal side of your tree to find the connection.

If you have no matches allocated to either your Paternal or Maternal bucket, it probably means that you haven't linked a confirmed match from that side of the tree yet.

The more confirmed matches you can link on your tree, the more your buckets will be populated and the easier it becomes to identify further matches.

FTDNA will now let you know that new matches have been found by showing you a notification at the top right of your matches page, which states "Your updated match list is available". When you click on "Refresh" in the notification, it will instantly update your buckets to reflect the information from the new matches.

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