



Unlocking Advanced Tools and Earliest Known Ancestors

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If you have uploaded your DNA to FTDNA from another site you may wish to unlock the advanced tools available.

Unlocking the advanced tools will give you access to “My Origins” which allows you to see a geographical breakdown of where your ancestors were from. It also allows you to compare your ancestry with that of any of your matches.

You will also get access to the Chromosome Browser, where you can view and compare the DNA segments that you share with your matches.

Adding Earliest Known Ancestors to your FTDNA profile

It is extremely useful for your matches to see your earliest known ancestors and it is very easy to add these. Once you are logged into your account click on your name in the top right and click on “Account Settings”. Under the genealogy tab you can enter the information under the “Earliest Known Ancestor” tab.

You will add the names, birth and death dates and locations of your most distant patrilineal ancestor, that is your father’s father’s father paternal line. Enter the same details for your matrilineal line, your mother’s mother’s mother maternal line.

Make sure you add a country of origin from the drop down menu. To add a location, click on “Update Location”, when you will be taken to a map. Here, you click on “Edit Location” for either your maternal or paternal ancestor and follow the prompts.

Viewing Earliest Known Ancestors of your matches

When available, this information will show up on your list of Y-DNA and Mt-DNA matches. There is also a Matches Map for these two tests, accessed from the corresponding test panel on your home page. This is a great visual representation of where your matches earliest known ancestors are from and it allows you to see if any clusters of people are from a similar location.

You can also see a match’s earliest known ancestors if you click on the match name in your family finder list of matches.

The more information you provide at FamilyTreeDNA, the easier it is for your matches to identify you. It won’t take you long you to add your Earliest Known Ancestors and might provide a vital clue to someone trying to figure out your relationship. And don’t forget to keep this updated as you get better information.

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