

Question Report

Session 02—Maurice Gleeson—19 September 2021, 15:00 EDT

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1	Q. With Ancestry's new ethnicity estimates now out, a couple of subregions have been added that I wasn't expecting. How many generations back might this reflect?
	A. Typically 50-300 years, according to Ancestry.
2	Q. What percentage of people in Ireland and Northern Ireland have had their DNA done? In my experience, it isn't that many.
	A. I don't know the actual percentage but it varies from place to place around the country. For example, the North of Ireland DNA Project has >6500 members thanks to the sterling efforts of the North of Ireland Family History Society. And there are some DNA Projects that encourage recruitment from specific counties - see here ... https://isogg.org/wiki/ISOGG_Ireland#Irish_Autosomal_DNA_Projects
3	Q. Do naming conventions hold (generally) across faith traditions? Do they hold for Protestants as well as Catholics? For Presbyterians as well as Church of Ireland, etc.?
	A. I believe it was mainly used by Catholics. There is a good account of it at https://irelandxo.com/ireland-xo/news/irelandxo-insight-irish-naming-and-baptism-traditions
4	Q. Is there a difference between Republic/Northern Ireland or Catholic/Protestant naming conventions?
	A. The convention was mainly followed by Catholics but varied throughout the country - see https://irelandxo.com/ireland-xo/news/irelandxo-insight-irish-naming-and-baptism-traditions
5	Q. Would you have a template of that wonderful chart? Thank you.
	A. Sure. Here is the link to the Descendancy Chart with Shared DNA Matrix ... https://www.dropbox.com/s/3o2u5pz4c34hd0y/Descendancy%20Chart%20%26%20DNA%20Matrix.xlsx?dl=0
6	Q. I have no aunts and uncles so have had to go back from the next generation. Complicating this is my parents were separated and I have had to find my dad's family by research. This does not help much with my DNA. Any suggestions.
	A. Clusters of Shared Matches are the way forward ... I'm talking about it now so it may help to listen to this particular section again. I have had the most success with these clusters.
7	Q. Thank you so much!! By the way, I have just broken my Farrell brick wall - John Farrel and Nancy Lantry, Gortnahughly!
	A. Excellent! Delighted for you. :-)
8	Q. I'm wondering if your 51 & 52 contact on the Spieron & Morgan research, who had the notes for Professor Wardell's notes, if he has had them digitized or otherwise deposited them or a copy at an archive in Ireland?
	A. I would have to ask him. But send me an email with your question and any relevant details, and I can pass it on to him ... mauricegleeson@doctors.org.uk
9	Q. I get MtDNA matches sent to me from FamilyTreeDNA but I have no idea how to explore these... is there a tutorial somewhere? I've looked but have found nothing.
	A. Here are a few helpful videos ... https://youtu.be/J568xnfNVNw https://youtu.be/1A9tDclVII8 https://youtu.be/xOW-mtnXeeE
10	Q. Is your "Strategic Approach to Irish Records" chart available for general use?
	A. It is available in a magazine supplement I authored a few years ago ... https://your-genealogy-history-store-usa.myshopify.com/collections/tracing-your-ancestors-series/products/irish-research-8-50-for-pdf-9-95-for-print-edition
11	Q. My gr-gf has almost no paper trail, and unknown parents, and only one known child. Y-DNA indicates he has the wrong surname. I have a 30cm autosomal match to 1 Y-DNA match. This tends to lead me to the idea of rebuilding my tree by building trees from those in the area of my Y-DNA match. Is this a losing proposition? (1849)
	A. Answered live.
12	Q. Any comments on LivingDNA for England & Ireland. They seem to be much more active than they have in the past.
	A. Answered live.

Comments
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Terrific presentation! Thank you for the information. Very informative and helpful.