

# ***Introducing the updated MyHeritage.com***

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## ***New Features on MyHeritage.com***

Instant Discoveries™ from MyHeritage.com is a new free, to registered users, experience that helps users build their online family tree by providing dozens of their near relatives without the user doing any searching. Then, the program will continue to suggest additional family members.

The MyHeritage.com has gone through some significant updates and changes during the past year. One of the most significant additions to the website is the Global Name Translation™ Technology. This new technology automatically translates names found in historical records and family trees from one language into another, in very high accuracy, generating all the plausible translations, to facilitate matches between names in different languages. In addition, a manual search in one language will also provide results in other languages, translated back to the user's language for convenience. The first version successfully translates names in between English, German, Dutch, French, Spanish, Catalan, Portuguese, Italian, Norwegian, Swedish, Danish, Greek, Hebrew, Polish, Czech, Russian and Ukrainian. The next version currently in development will add Chinese and Japanese, and additional languages will follow. See "[MyHeritage Launches Breakthrough Global Name Translation™ Technology to Power Family History Discoveries.](#)"

MyHeritage.com is now partnering with the online, DNA testing company, 23andMe.com. This commercial website for DNA testing claims to be the largest DNA testing service in the world. Members can collaborate their DNA findings through their MyHeritage.com family tree.

## **How does MyHeritage.com work?**

The MyHeritage.com program is based on a user submitted family tree. It uses its database of over 6 billion historical records and over 1.5 billion family tree profiles to automatically suggest pertinent source documents and connections to other users' family trees. The website's resources also include over 100 million tombstone inscriptions and photos, the world's largest historical newspaper archive, the complete US and UK censuses, military and immigration records, birth, marriage, and death records from over 32 countries.

Although it is possible to do research directly for the names of your ancestors, the program is designed to provide suggested sources and additional family members automatically. To take advantage of these extremely sophisticated

research tools, you must enter some basic information about your family. This includes vital information about yourself, your parents and your grandparents. Once the program has that minimal amount of information, and almost all cases, it will immediately begin to add additional record hints of sources from its vast database of historical records.

There are three main technologies that enable this remarkable record finding capability: RecordMatches™, RecordDetective™, and the Smart Matches™ technologies.

The Smart Matches™ technology connects you to your relatives by finding connections between the various users' family trees. Unlike other programs, the Smart Matches™ are not designed to share information between family trees but they are essentially invitations to connect with relatives. Smart Matches™ are provided automatically and you are notified of potential Smart Matches™ by email.

The RecordMatches™ are actual, suggested historical source records. These suggested records are provided with about 98% accuracy. If a suggested record match contains individuals who are not present in your family tree, then the program allows you to add new individuals with a few clicks. Most users, will find that the program adds generations of ancestors. It is possible, that your ancestors came from locations where few, if any, records are available. It is also possible that your ancestors date back to times before records were adequately kept. In either case, you may find few valuable records.

Once MyHeritage.com has found suggested records, it uses those same records to find additional records using its RecordDetective™ technology. The RecordDetective™ technology will find records about any of the individuals mentioned in the RecordMatches™.

## **Other Features**

MyHeritage.com also provides a free, downloadable, fully featured genealogy program called Family Tree Builder. This program automatically synchronizes the information in your online family tree with your desktop copy of Family Tree Builder.

The online MyHeritage.com program also allows you to upload photos and has a database of millions of user submitted photos. The program also let you print a variety of charts and books. MyHeritage.com also has a fully featured mobile app for both Android and iOS users