

Effective Use Of Ancestry.com

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This presentation will show you how to avoid incorporating other people's mistakes into your tree and to use the Ancestry.com service effectively. It will teach techniques for building a more reliable, evidence-based tree.

Ancestry.com Hints

- The green leaf
- Can save a lot of time
- However, be skeptical
- Hints come from other people's trees

Ancestry.com Size

- 15 million members, 3 million paying
- 27 billion records
- 1 billion searches per month
- newspapers.com and Fold3

Ancestry.com Cost

- Free (no records searching)
- Monthly:
 - \$24.99 (US only) to
 - \$49.99 (world, Fold3, newspapers.com)
- 6 months:
 - \$49 (US only) to
 - \$99 (world, Fold3, newspapers.com)

Recommendations

- Be skeptical of hints
- Save “Ancestry Member Trees” hints for last
 - never click the “Save” button
 - Only add sources when you are confident of a match
- Verify transcriptions with the document image
- Normalize dates and places

Recommendations

Sometimes it is useful to print several source documents on paper and spread them out on your desk to help see the big picture.

Recommended Order

1. Look at all of the hints except “Ancestry Member Trees”
2. Click the search button
3. Look at “Ancestry Member Trees” hint (but, don’t click “Save”)

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