My Heritage Handout

* My Heritage, along with Ancestry, are the only companies that are big both in genealogy research and in DNA testing
* The best testing sequence will begin by paying for and taking Ancestry DNA’s test; then, for free, transfer the DNA data to the other companies such as My Heritage.
* My Heritage gives you a user-friendly and inclusive set of DNA data results. On the opening page, there will be options for how you want the data to be presented.
* Look in the “Sort By” section to see which option you prefer.
* My Heritage was a late entry in the DNA testing world, starting in 2016, so it has not yet acquired as large a database as we would like. In time, however, perhaps within the next two years, it will become immensely valuable.
* Within the “Sort By” option, there is a surname selection option that may be quite useful when working with sub-family groups.
* It will be most convenient for you to view 50 matches per page. You have the option to make this selection at the bottom of the page. The default position is only 10 per page.
* Be sure to take a good look at the posted trees for your individual matches.
* Selecting the “Review Data Match” option will lead to the most complete, useful data.
* For starters, you will see the match’s total cM score, the longest segment score, and the number of matching segments.
* Scrolling down on that page, you will see that My Heritage has identified the Ancestral Places for the match; you should check to see if some of these places match your own.
* Scrolling down further, we come to the Shared Match list for the individual match that we are analyzing. This list not only includes the names of the matches but the individual cM score for each in terms of both your cM score and the cM score for the match being analyzed; this is enormously useful data.
* Building on the shared match data, the next step is to analyze specific groups of matches using the chromosome browser – My Heritage lets you look at 7 at once.
* The browser data will add intricate detail to our shared matches, and will permit us to begin to “map” the chromosomes in terms of sub-family groups.
* The new Cluster Finder tool provides you with excellent data that will help you immensely in organizing your matches.
* This Cluster Finder data identifies your key clusters for your higher scoring matches (over cM = 30); building on those clusters, you can add numerous other useful lower scoring matches
* It is important to keep a summary record of your key matches; use your own system.

Conclusions:

1. My Heritage, like Ancestry, has both a DNA and research capability

2. My advice: take Ancestry test first, then transfer data to My Heritage for FREE

3. At present, My Heritage has a small database, but will grow in time and become more useful

4. My Heritage offers a number of options for presenting your match data

5. The surname selection option can be quite helpful

6. You can view up to 50 matches on one page

7. My Heritage gives each match both a total cM and longest segment score

8. Always look for posted trees in connection with each match

9. The basic data for each match is presented in a user-friendly way

10. Check out the “Ancestral Places” for each match to see if one of these places is familiar to you

11. My Heritage gives super detailed cM data for the shared matches throughout your database – this is an outstanding feature

12. The chromosome browser is easy to use, and is extremely helpful in mapping the individual chromosomes

13. The new CLUSTER FINDER tool will be great for you

14. Develop a method to track your key matches

15. Enjoy yourself with the My Heritage program