



Genealogist's Checklist for Reviewing a New Family Finder™ Match

Match Name:

Kit Number:

Step 1: Note Shared DNA Details

Total shared cM:

Longest block:

Number of shared segments:

Match date:

Step 2: Estimate Relationship Range

Estimated relationship:

Source used for estimate:

Step 3: Check for Match's Family Tree

Does this match have a tree?

Yes

No

Common surnames:

Is it public?

Yes

No

Shared locations:

Ancestors of interest:

Step 4: Investigate Shared Matches / ICW

Number of shared matches:

Notable shared matches names or kit numbers:

Likely ancestral line:

Step 5: Note Other Clues From Match's Profile

Surnames listed:

Notes (languages, ethnicities, photos, etc.):

Locations listed:

Step 6: Check for X-Match (if applicable)

X-Match:

Yes

No

Notes on possible inheritance:

Step 7: Initial Hypothesis (optional)

Hypothesized relationship or line:

Reasoning: