

Turn Your MyHeritage Record Matches into a Research Roadmap

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Overview

Record Matches on MyHeritage can save you lots of work. Not only do they automatically find historical records for people in your family tree, but they can also serve as a kind of roadmap for your research. Lisa Alzo will show you how to use your Record Matches to get organized and approach your research in a systematic way.

Record Matches

- Record Matching intelligently compares the ca. 5 billion family tree profiles on MyHeritage to more than 21 billion historical records* on the MyHeritage historical records search engine and automatically finds matches for you.
- If you have Record Matches, you will see a notification appear on the sidebar of the homepage in your family site alerting you that you have matches.
- Click on the notification to enter the results page or click on the 'Discoveries' tab.
- The Record Matches feature runs for free for everyone who has one or more family trees on MyHeritage.
- Viewing the matches is free, but viewing full records and their scanned images or newspaper articles requires a Data Subscription.
- See <https://www.myheritage.com/help-center?s=Record%20Matches> for more information.

* as of November 2024

Source Types

- Family Trees
- Church books
- Newspapers
- U.S. Public Records Index
- Yearbooks
- **Many more!**

The screenshot shows the MyHeritage interface with the 'Discoveries' tab selected. The page title is 'Matches by source'. There are filters for 'All Matches', 'Record Matches', 'Smart Matches', and a 'New' dropdown. The results are sorted by 'Number of matches'. Four sources are listed:

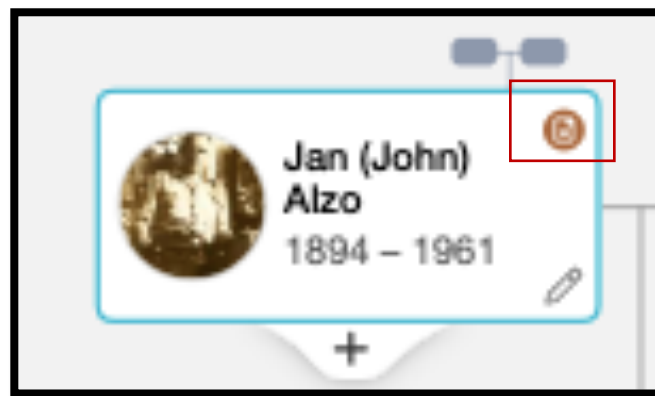
| Source | Category | Matches | Action |
|---|----------------|---------|------------------|
| Geni World Family Tree | Family Trees | 2 NEW | Review 2 matches |
| Slovakia, Church and Synagogue Books, 1592-1910 | Church Records | 1 NEW | Review one match |
| U.S. Public Records Index | Public Records | 1 NEW | Review one match |
| FamilySearch Family Tree | Family Trees | 1 NEW | Review one match |

The screenshot continues the list of sources from the previous page:

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|---|--------------------------------------|--|-------------------|
| U.S. Social Security Applications and Claims, 1936-2007 | Public Records | | Review 30 matches |
| U.S. Yearbooks Name Index, 1890-1979 | Yearbooks | | Review 28 matches |
| United States Obituary Index from OldNews.com™ | Death, Burial, Cemetery & Obituaries | | Review 28 matches |
| United States Newspapers from OldNews.com™ | Newspapers | | Review 26 matches |

Record Matches eliminate the need to actively search for records mentioning the individuals in a family tree (saves time).

View your tree and click the brown Record Match icon on a person's profile card and then view the records the algorithm has found automatically.



Use caution when looking at the matches. Historical records are not always 100% accurate. Keep in mind:

- The record itself may contain errors.
- Record Match is incorrect (may present a record of a person with the same name who was born or died in the same place).
- Always read and review these records just to make sure they point to the right person.

MyHeritage.com Quick Links

- DNA
<https://www.myheritage.com/dna>
- FamilyTree
<https://www.myheritage.com/family-tree>
- FamilyTree Builder
<https://www.myheritage.com/family-tree-builder>
- Historical Records
<https://www.myheritage.com/research>
- MyHeritage In Color
<https://www.myheritage.com/incolor>
- MyHeritage Blog
<https://blog.myheritage.com>
- MyHeritage Help Center
<https://www.myheritage.com/help-center/en>
- MyHeritage Knowledge Base
<https://education.myheritage.com>
- MyHeritage User Stories
https://blog.myheritage.com/category/user_story
- OldNews
<https://www.oldnews.com/en>

Additional Resources

Legacy Family Tree Webinars by Lisa A. Alzo

<https://familytreewebinars.com/lisaalzo>

MyHeritage Blog Article: Daniel's Favorites: 10 MyHeritage Features Our Genealogy Expert Can't Live Without

<https://blog.myheritage.com/2023/02/daniels-favorites-10-myheritage-features-our-genealogy-expert-cant-live-without>