

# Tracing Irish Ancestors and my “GENETIC cousins” using DNA

Inspired by an article delivered to my inbox by  
Ireland xo Reaching Out. The article cites Dr  
Maurice Gleeson’s blog.

<https://irelandxo.com/ireland-xo/news/how-dna-can-help-you-connect-ireland>



# Get as much information as possible

1925 MARRIAGES Solemnized in the District of **ROCKHAMPTON**, in the State of QUEENSLAND. Registered by *John William Coatings acting District Registrar.*

No.	When and where Married.	Names and Surnames of the Parties.	Condition of the Parties. (Bachelor or Spinster)	Birthplace.	Rank or Profession.	Age.	Usual Place of Residence.	PARENTS.	
								Father's Christian and Surname. Mother's Christian and Maiden Surname.	Father's Rank or Profession.
225	24 <sup>th</sup> July 1925 Rockhampton	Thomas Naughton	Bachelor	Craigmore Galway Ireland	Farmer.	70 Years	Mount Larcom	Dennis Naughton	Farmer (deceased)
		Mary Blackman	Widow	Warrumbidgee New South Wales Australia	Housekeeper	74 Years	Mount Larcom	Robert Nean Mary Corey	Contractor (deceased)

Married at *St. Andrew's Manse, Bolsover Street Rockhampton*

According to *the rites of the Presbyterian Church*

Date of Registration *25<sup>th</sup> July 1925*

The consent of \_\_\_\_\_ was given to the Marriage of \_\_\_\_\_ with \_\_\_\_\_ and the consent of \_\_\_\_\_ was given to the Marriage of \_\_\_\_\_ with \_\_\_\_\_ the said \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ being under the age of twenty-one years.

This Marriage was solemnized between us { *T. Naughton* } In the presence of us { *Millie Brimble* }  
 { *M. Blackman* } { *E. M. Hunter* }

By (or before) me *John Adam Hunter* Officiating Minister or Registrar.  
*J. W. Coatings* Signature of District Registrar.

2591

Found in the Queensland historical records

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[Mary Blackman](#)

Event date: 24/07/1925

Event type: Marriage registration

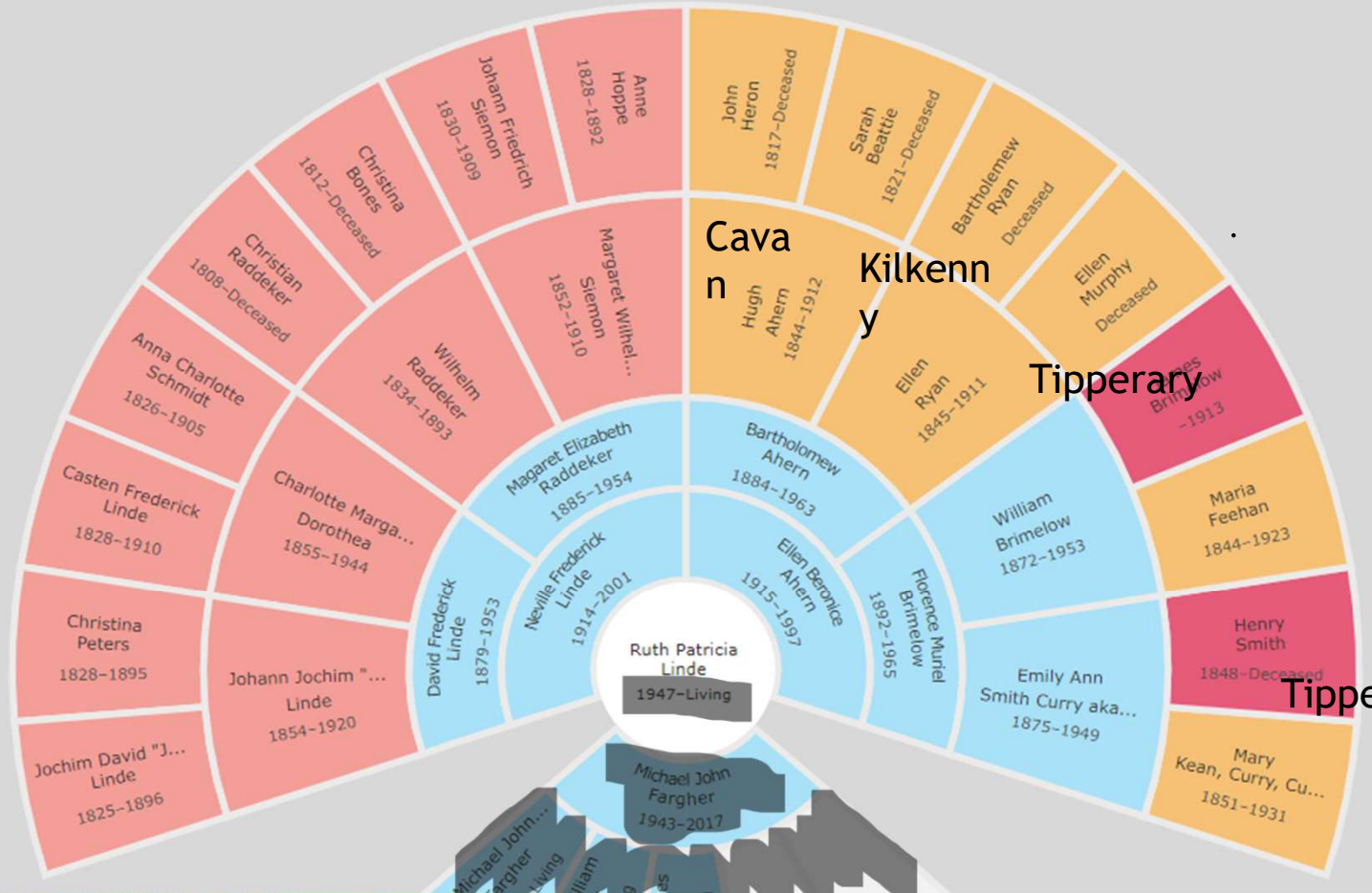
Registration details: 1925/C/2591

Spouse: Thomas Naughton

 Order products



- Germany
- Australia
- Ireland
- United Kingdom
- Unknown



Cavan  
Kilkenny  
Tipperary  
Tipperary



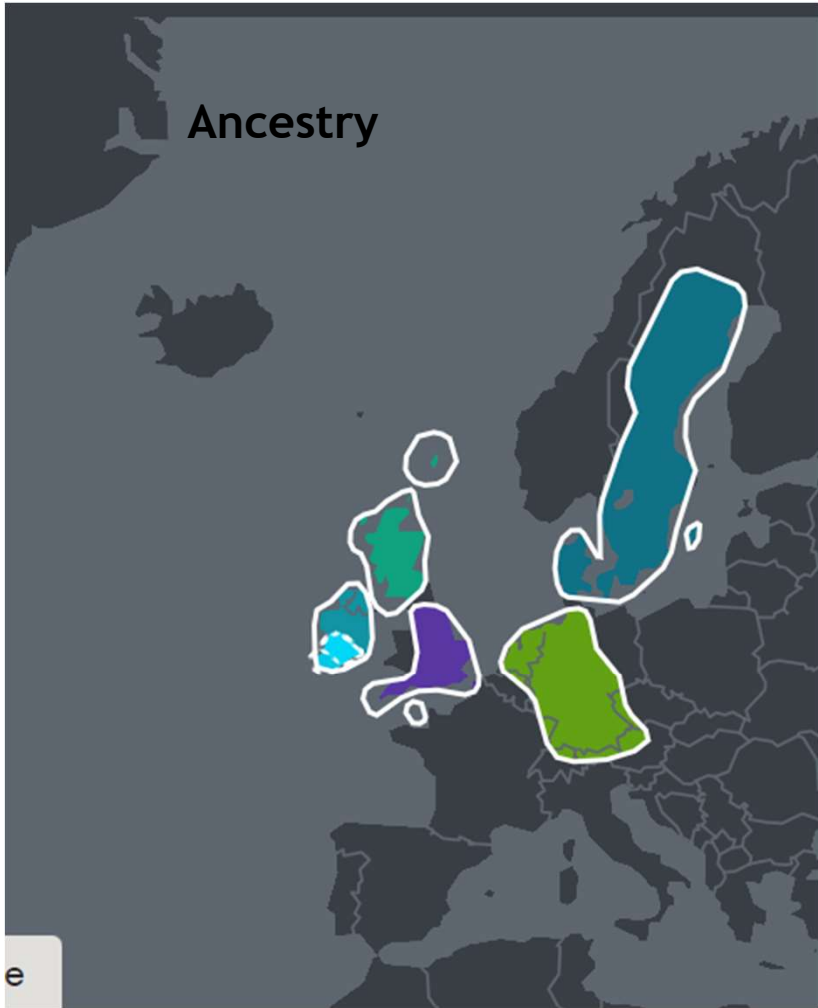
Clare

## Genetic Genealogist Dr Maurice Gleeson

- ▶ In 2018 I attended a seminar at which Dr Maurice Gleeson was the speaker. It was sponsored by Queensland Family History Society
- ▶ I was inspired by his talk and examples to delve further and began to think of having an Ancestry test
- ▶ With so many Irish ancestors the matches presented a puzzle
- ▶ I'd tested with My Heritage and uploaded to Gedmatch and Family Tree DNA. I decided to test with Ancestry as well.

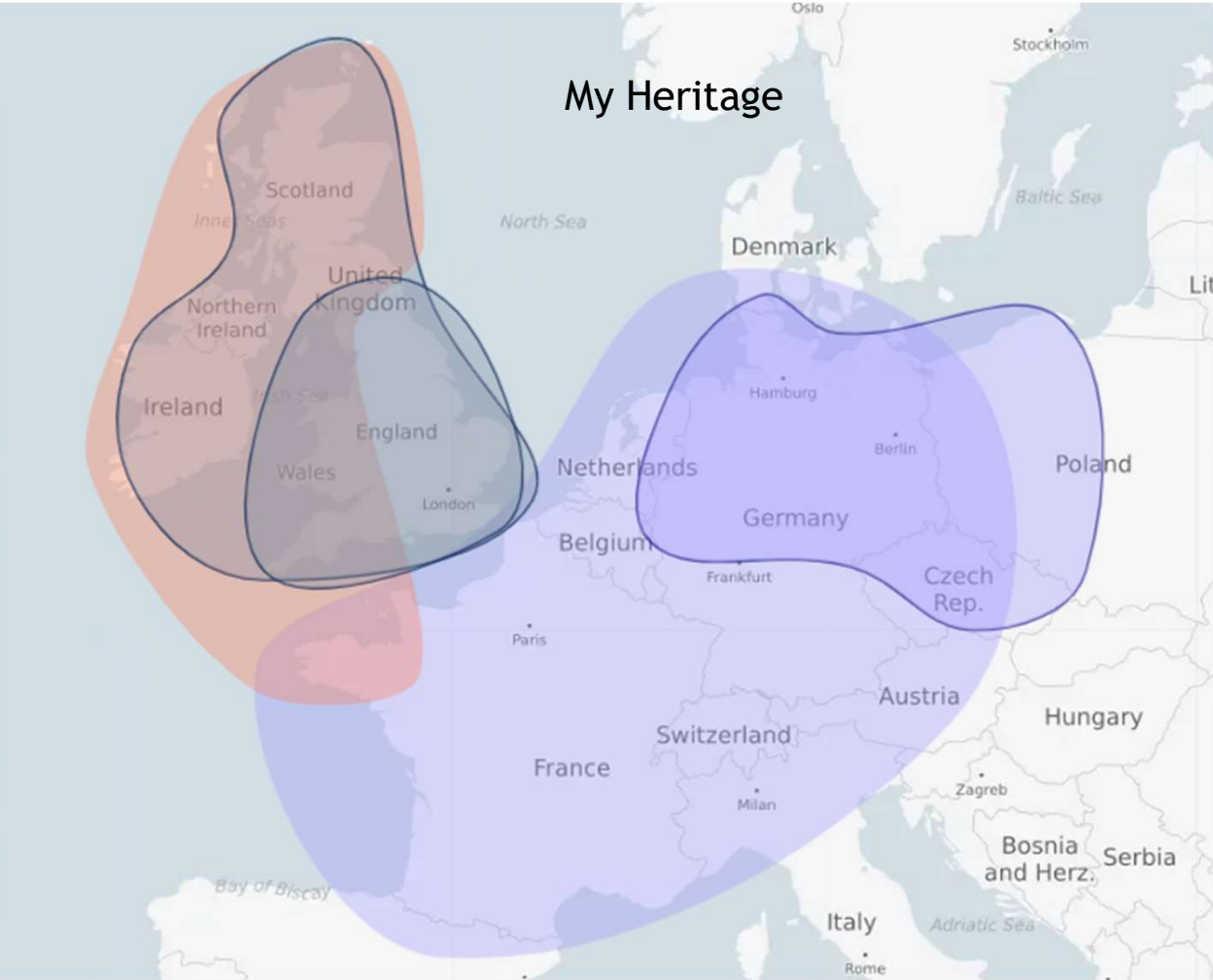
- ▶ Dr Gleeson spoke of “Genetic Cousins”
- ▶ The pool I’d entered with My Heritage, Gedmatch and FT DNA was about 6,000,000
- ▶ The Ancestry pool was around 16,000,000

# Ancestry



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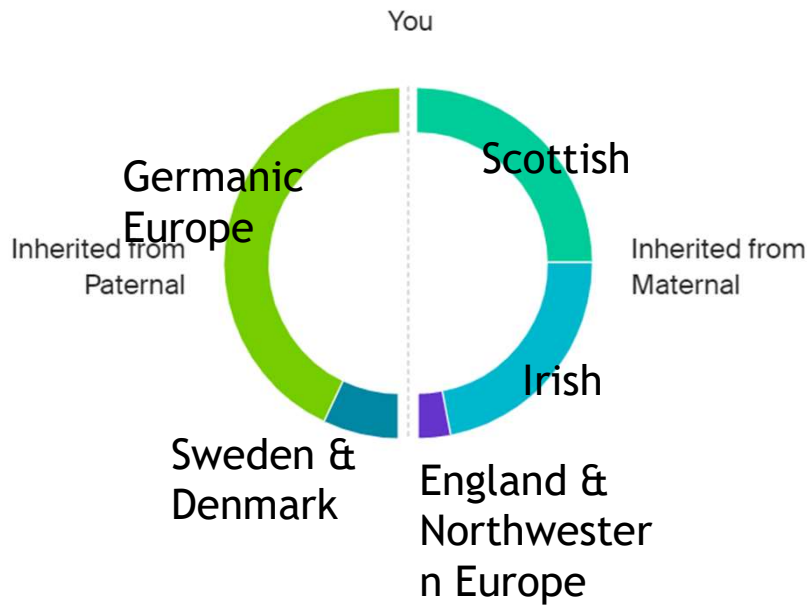
# My Heritage



## Ancestry

### Your regions inherited from each parent

Your parents each contributed half of your DNA. Now, you can see which ethnicities you inherited from each parent—even if they haven't taken tests.



## My Heritage



DNA Matches You currently have 11,560 matches

[View DNA Matches](#)

**Relationships**  
Review your DNA Matches by estimated relationship. Select any relationship to see the matches.

**0** Close family  
None of your DNA Matches appear to be a close family. Test your family members to get more matches.

[Order DNA kits](#)

**10** Extended family  
+5

**11,550** Distant relatives  
+11,545

**Locations**

## The question

- ▶ Do I have enough matches across the 4 sites to sort out my Irish mystery?



## Mary Curry Currie Carey Corey Kean Keane 1851-1931

Husband 1	De Facto	Husband 2	Another Partner ??	Husband 3
Charles Thomas Manins 1842-1913 m Dec 1870	Henry Smith Partner btw 1871-1880?	George Blackman m 1882		Thomas Naughton 1853- 1933
Children	Children	children		
William Henry Manins 1872- ?	Emily Ann Curry/Smith 1875-1949	Annie Blackman 1883-?		
Francis Manins 1874- 1874	Thomas Henry Manning/Smith 1878- 1921	Georgina Blackman 1884-1885	Ellen (Nellie) Keane/Blackman 1886- ?	Children's names on Mary's Death Certificate (given by Emily) Emily 55 Annie Nellie Michael 2 females deceased
	Jane Manins/Blackman 1881/1929		Michael 2 possible fathers' surnames with mother as Mary Kean	
		Robert George Blackman ?-?		

Relationships ☰ List


 **Emily Blackman**  
Great-grandmother  
1875-1949

 **Florence Brimelow**  
Maternal grandmother  
1892-1965

 **Ellen Beronice Ahern**  
Mother  
1915-1997




Ruth Linde

 **Mildred M M Brimelow**  
Grandaunt  
1902-1985

EVALUATE



 **Private**  
1st cousin 1x removed

EVALUATE




48 cM | 4 segments



 **Gertrude (M Fanning)**  
Grandaunt  
1904-1983

EVALUATE

 2 DNA Matches 

 **Hazel I M Fanning**  
1st cousin 1x removed  
1932-2011

EVALUATE

DG



 **Mary K C Carey**  
2nd great-grandmother  
1851-1931

 **Emily Blackman**  
Great-grandmother  
1875-1949

 **Florence Brimelow**  
Maternal grandmother  
1892-1965


 **Ellen Beronice Ahern**  
Mother  
1915-1997



Ruth Linde

 **Annie Blackman**  
Half great-grandaunt  
1883-1952

EVALUATE

 **William Mckeown**  
Half 1st cousin 2x removed  
1906-1965

EVALUATE



 **Maurice R Mckeown**  
Half 2nd cousin 1x removed  
1933-1990

EVALUATE


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# Family Tree DNA

 Mrs. Shirley June Hines-Rich 

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Ancestral Surnames   <a href="#">View Details</a> Blackman, Piza, Hanson, Nichols	Haplogroup mtDNA:  N/A	Relationship Range 2nd Cousin - 3rd Cousin <a href="#">Link on Family Tree</a>	Shared DNA 164 cM	Longest Block 46 cM	X Match No Match  Match date: July 03 2021
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Fred



## You and Priscilla

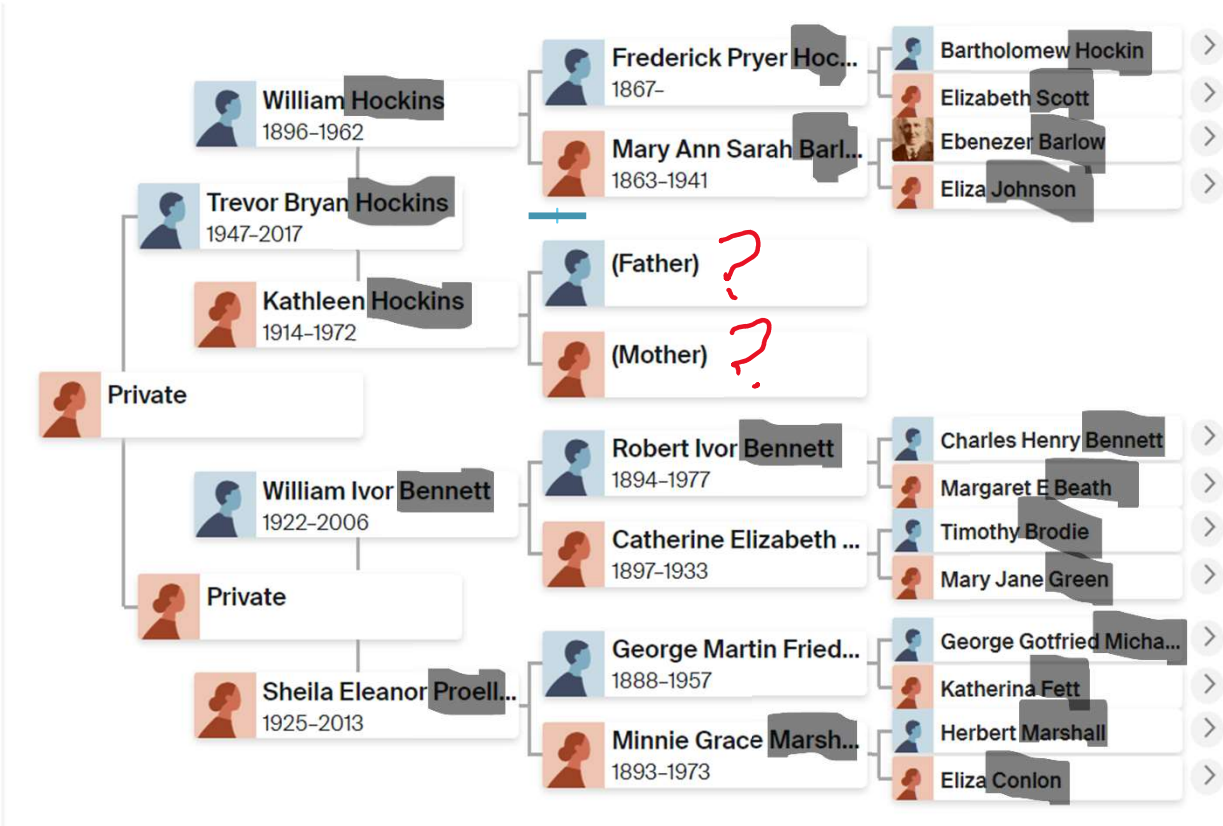
4th – 6th Cousin

< 1% shared DNA: 26 cM across 1 seg

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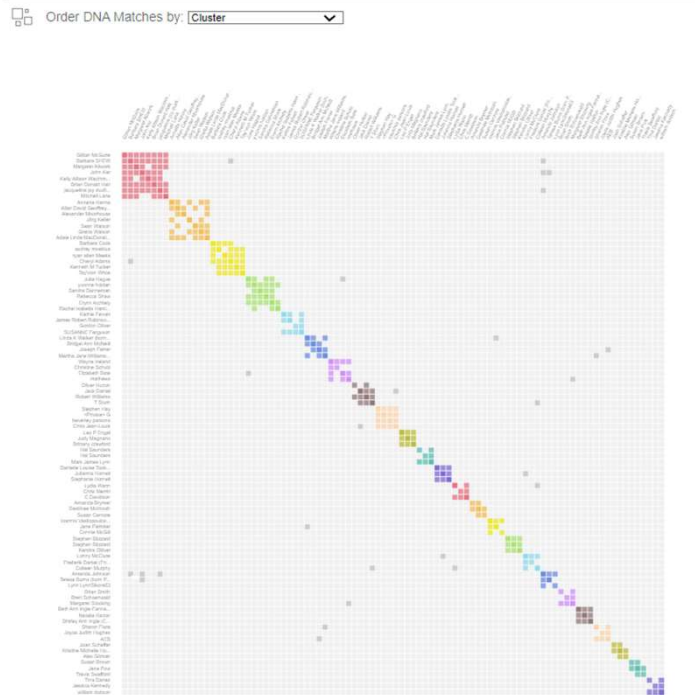
# Priscilla's Tree



No matches that I can (at present) trace back to

- ▶ William Henry Manins born 1872
- ▶ Jane Manins/Blackman born 1881
- ▶ Ellen “Nellie” Kean/Blackman born 1886
- ▶ Michael Surname? born ????

# My Heritage Auto Clusters



# My Heritage

## Possible DNA relationships

This table shows the percentage of the time people sharing 26 cM have the following relationships

Percent	Relationship
27%	3rd cousin 1x removed Half 3rd cousin Half 2nd cousin 2x removed 2nd cousin 3x removed
22%	3rd cousin 2nd cousin 2x removed Half 2nd cousin 1x removed Half 1st cousin 3x removed
20%	4th cousin 3rd cousin 2x removed Half 3rd cousin 1x removed Half 2nd cousin 3x removed

## Summary

- ▶ Had I not tested and downloaded to all four sites I would never have found Shirley, her cousin Fred or their niece Priscilla.
- ▶ They are all descendants of Robert George Blackman whose birth I cannot find.



# Resources and Links mentioned in the article

- ▶ <https://www.ancestry.com/dna>
- ▶ <https://thednageek.com.au/autosomal-dna-database-growth/>
- ▶ <https://dna-explained.com/2019/04/09/dna-testing-and-transfers-whats-your-strategy/>
- ▶ <https://www.swilson.info.sdist.php>
- ▶ Helpful for 1800s [www.IrishGenealogy.ie](http://www.IrishGenealogy.ie)
- ▶ [www.RootsIreland.ie](http://www.RootsIreland.ie)
- ▶ Educational videos available on the Gleeson Youtube channel
- ▶ ie Adding DNA to your Genealogical Toolkit <https://youtu.be/r9tClcXgeB8>
- ▶ Using autosomal DNA to find cousins <https://youtu.be/Y6-so1DiSlo>
- ▶ Marrying DNA & Irish Genealogy <https://youtu.be/mR01koQW3w>