

Ways to Have Your DNA Compared to Unidentified Remains in the 1921 Graves Investigation Project

DNA testing, uploading your file to GEDmatch and opting in are your personal choices and yours alone. Please read the Terms of Service at Ancestry, Family Tree DNA (FTDNA) and GEDmatch carefully to determine which path below is best for you.

| | PATH A DNA test at Ancestry ¹ with NO relative matching; NO upload to GEDmatch; DNA file is emailed to IMF | PATH B DNA test at Ancestry ¹ with relative matching; NO upload to GEDmatch; DNA file is emailed to IMF | PATH C DNA test at Ancestry ¹ with relative matching; upload to GEDmatch opting in to comparison to human remains | PATH D DNA test at Ancestry ¹ with relative matching; upload to GEDmatch opting in to comparison to human remains & crime scene DNA | PATH E DNA test at FTDNA ² with relative matching & opting in to comparison to human remains & crime scene DNA; NO upload to GEDmatch |
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| ancestryDNA | | | | | FamilyTreeDNA |
| DNA sample (saliva) sent to Ancestry ³ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | DNA sample (cheek swab) sent to FTDNA |
| DNA raw data file at Ancestry ⁴ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | DNA raw data file at FTDNA |
| Relative matching ⁵ at Ancestry | ✗ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | Opted in for relative matching ⁵ at |
| DNA matches see username | ✗ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | Email visible to DNA matches |
| [GEDmatch] | | | | | |
| DNA raw data file uploaded to GEDmatch ⁶ | ✗ | ✗ | ✓ | ✓ | Opted-in at FTDNA for comparison to both unidentified remains and crime scene DNA submitted by agencies (only choice at FTDNA) |
| GEDmatch relative matching ⁷ | ✗ | ✗ | ✓ | ✓ | |
| DNA matches see username (or alias) & email | ✗ | ✗ | ✓ | ✓ | |
| Used at GEDmatch by agencies identifying human remains ⁸ | ✗ | ✗ | ✓ | ✓ | |
| Used at GEDmatch by agencies identifying crime scene DNA ⁹ | ✗ | ✗ | ✗ | ✓ | |
| INTERMOUNTAIN FORENSICS | | | | | |
| DNA raw data file sent to IMF & compared 1:1 with remains ¹⁰ | ✓ | ✓ | No need to send | No need to send | No need to send |
| Thank you for submitting your DNA via one of the paths above. | | | | | |
| Your DNA will be compared to the remains in the 1921 Tulsa Identification Project | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Another valid option is to decide you do not feel comfortable with DNA testing at this time. If so, we are still interested in hearing about your family's ties to the Tulsa Race Massacre. You can share stories, images & more via our online form . | | | | | |

* For more information regarding Law Enforcement usage of authorized public genetic genealogy (DNA) databases, please refer to the "[Law Enforcement & Genetic Genealogy Databases](#)" document.

¹ If you tested at another Direct-to-Consumer (DTC) company such as 23 and Me or My Heritage, the same paths are available.

² See FTDNA [Terms of Service](#) & [Privacy Statement](#).

³ If you are a descendant of a Tulsa Race Massacre victim, please contact us at idteam@tulsa1921dna.org about qualifying for a free Ancestry DNA test.

⁴ See Ancestry [Terms & Conditions](#) & [Privacy Statement](#).

⁵ Relative matching may sometimes reveal unexpected family relationships. For more information read the "[Genetic Genealogy Standards](#)" document.

⁶ View instructional video regarding your upload to GEDmatch: www.tulsa1921dna.org

⁷ See GEDmatch [Terms of Service & Privacy Policy](#). An additional option with GEDmatch allows a user to select the Research Kit option and then send their kit number to Intermountain Forensics after upload.

⁸ Users selecting "Opt-Out" at the time of upload to GEDmatch will be automatically compared to the remains from Oaklawn Cemetery AND unidentified human remains found elsewhere by different agencies.

⁹ Users selecting "Opt-In" at the time of upload to GEDmatch are additionally giving their authorization to be compared to crime scene DNA.

¹⁰ The DNA raw data files sent to idteam@tulsa1921dna.org will be treated as confidential correspondence and used only to compare directly, one by one, against human remains from the Tulsa 1921 Graves Investigation commissioned by the City of Tulsa. Intermountain Forensics does not have a database to hold this information, nor will they willingly provide any consumer raw data files to the City of Tulsa or any other agency.