



# Czechoslovak Area Genealogy Club of Southern California Newsletter

Newsletter Jan 2023

The Czechoslovak Area Genealogy Club (CAGC) is a non-profit, volunteer organization, dedicated to genealogical research of peoples of the geographical area formerly known as Czechoslovakia. This includes Bohemia, Moravia, Silesia, Slovakia and Ruthenia. CAGC encourages cooperative research, but does not provide professional (for fee) research services. Website: [Cagc-ca.org/](http://Cagc-ca.org/)

Meetings are usually held monthly on the first Sunday of the month, Zoom meetings, during Covid pandemic. Going forward, we may have a couple of hybrid-type of meetings of both in-person & Zoom at a location to be determined. If you aren't doing any research but just want to meet some very nice people from the Czech and Slovak lands attend meetings anyway! We try to make the programs fun and interesting for everyone. We hope to see you all at future meetings.

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

Looking ahead to our 2023 meeting dates:

Feb 4<sup>th</sup>, April 1<sup>st</sup>, June 3<sup>rd</sup>, August 5<sup>th</sup>,  
October 7<sup>th</sup>; December 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual CAGC  
Christmas Face-to-Face Luncheon.



## FUTURE EVENTS:

- **RootsTech**-free-March 2-4, 2023, at Salt Lake or Virtual, see page 4 for details!
- **WAGS-Whittier Genealogy: The Basics of GEDMATCH** May 20, 2023, Julie Huffman. Sorenson Library, Whittier & Zoom
- [www.conferencekeeper.org/conferences/](http://www.conferencekeeper.org/conferences/)
- **So. Cal Genealogy Society Jamboree** March 31-Apr 2, 2023, Note looks like: **Genetic Genealogy Only** this year \$95-\$105 even if virtual.
- CGSI Conference Oct 17-21, 2023 in Pewaukee, Wisconsin

## GOT SUGGESTIONS?

Since we no longer are limited by geography we can consider speakers from other areas, parts of county and the world, so suggestions for topics and/or speakers outside the area would be most welcome.

## BOARD MEMBERS 2023

President: Annette Gathright  
Vice President/Secretary: Mary Shade  
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Board Member; JoAnn Jones  
Board Member: Emeritus: Frank Vogel

### **President's Message**

Happy New Year to all of our members and meeting guests! I hope that you had a great Holiday last month! That was the first almost normal one in a couple of years. Our holiday lunch at the Phoenix club brought out a number of members and a couple newbie's. Their food is so similar to the Jägerhaus that we were all able to find some 'comfort' food.

We are getting to a normal with CAGC that I hope will be a good one for us. After trying to establish a normal meeting with a hybrid configuration or our own, we established a normal this past year with the help of resources of the Family Search Center in Orange. They have been very helpful in supporting our meetings and always welcome us with open arms. I hope you are visiting their facility to do research. Wednesdays our member Janice DeNardo is there and can help you with Czech and Slovak researching. I am there before our meetings there, from the time they open, and will be happy to meet anyone wanting help during their regular hours with an advance request.

Mare has been a busy bee getting this year's meetings scheduled, both with virtual and in person speakers.... Virtual speakers are becoming the modern way organizations meet. This gives them the opportunity to arrange for specialty speakers from virtually any place in the world. It also allows organizations with an interest in the same speaker and topic to pool their resources and meet 'jointly' in their own places but at the same time. What doesn't get reduced is the need to remunerate the speakers. Having no travel costs benefits the organization but speaker's time is valuable and needs to be addressed. We have been providing modest stipends for many of our speakers, but find that their cost is rising. The last couple years we have been lax on collecting donations, and need all of you to help keep the speakers coming by sending donations to Nancy.

I know that Covid still has a presence in the world, but hope that you are able to get around it. I hope that CAGC can provide a bit of enjoyment and purpose to allow you to do that. With that in mind, if we can provide meetings, research assistance, resource finding, or strategy generation, please let us know! We value your membership and welcome your participation in our little group.

Annette Gathright  
President, CAGC

### **WELCOME NEW CAGC MEMBERS!**

**Farah  
Chris B  
Renata  
Ladislava**



## 2022 – REVIEW- PAST CAGC MEETINGS

**Feb 6, 2022**, Zoom 1950 U.S. Census demo and Czech Republic 1921 Census demo.

**Mar 6, 2022**, Zoom RootsTech and Slovakia Citizenship recap.

**Apr 3, 2022**, Zoom, Mary Shade presented topic of the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Service Record request process (USCIS). Changed meetings to Sat, 6/year due to closure of Jagerhaus.

**Jun 4, 2022**, Hybrid meeting, Speaker Vera Broyles gave an excellent presentation on “Immigrants-Why Did they Leave their Homeland? Newspapers for Clues”.

**Aug 6, 2022**, Janice DeNardo demonstrated how to work with the changes on FamilySearch.org, especially with images. Remember, if the screen shows “Images Not Available”, look again, they ARE available!

**Oct 1, 2022** Carl Kotlarchik gave a wonderful presentation on how to find Military records in both Slovakia and Czech Republics once you know the regiment number for your ancestor on FamilySearch.org.

**Dec 3, 2022** Our Annual Christmas Party was held at the Phoenix Club German Restaurant this year and some new members attended.



**Don't Miss Out on this Free Event!**



2-4 March 2023, Virtual and in person | [rootstech.org](https://rootstech.org)

### **Event Details:**

- 2-4 March 2023
- 100% Free Virtual Event
- Online at [www.rootstech.org](https://www.rootstech.org)
- Sponsored by FamilySearch

link> [Home](#) • [RootsTech](#) • [FamilySearch](#)

**March 2 – 4, 2023**

**Where:** Salt Lake City, Utah (Salt Palace Convention Center) **AND** virtually online (on your computer, tablet, or smartphone)

**SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH, AND ONLINE  
• MARCH 2-4 2023**

### **Choose How to Attend**

We're excited to be back in person for RootsTech 2023! If you're not able to join us in Salt Lake City, don't worry. We're still going to offer a full virtual conference experience.

### **In-Person**

- **Same as virtual option, plus:**
- 180+ in-person class sessions with Q&As
- In-person research help at the FamilySearch Library
- Connect with friends and cousins in person
- Meal options and refreshments

- Hands-on sponsor demonstrations in the expo hall
- Experience the beauty of Salt Lake City
- **US\$98**

### **Virtually**

- 200+ NEW on-demand class sessions and classes
- Main stage presentations and keynote speakers
- Chat support and online research consultations
- Connect with cousins using Relatives at RootsTech and messaging
- Virtual expo hall
- **FREE**

### **What to Expect from RootsTech?**

A family history conference. An on-demand learning library. A way to grow closer to the people, places, and stories that matter most. RootsTech is all that and so much more. Join us as we celebrate the joy of connection together. [View conference trailer video here.](#)

### **Show Dates & Times:**

- **Classes**
  - March 2, 2023 8:00am, 9:30am, 1:30pm, 3:00pm, 4:30pm MST
  - March 3, 2023 8:00am, 9:30am, 1:30pm, 3:00pm, 4:30pm MST
  - March 4, 2023 8:00am, 9:30am, 1:30pm, 3:00pm MST
- **General Sessions**
  - March 2, 2023 11:00am MST
  - March 3, 2023 11:00am MST
  - March 4, 2023 11:00am MST

## IN THE COMMUNITY:

Mark Your Calendar! 

**The 11<sup>th</sup> year Czech, Moravian, & Slovak Folklore Festival San Diego/La Mesa, **May 20, 2023**.**

If you would like to get involved in the Festival, please contact Anka at 619-992-9831



## SOCIAL ACTIVITIES:

There's a Czech/Slovak Los Angeles Meetup group:

**[www.meetup.com/So-Calif-American-Czech-Slovak-Genealogy-Social-Meet-Up](http://www.meetup.com/So-Calif-American-Czech-Slovak-Genealogy-Social-Meet-Up)**

**Czech/Slovak Events: St. John Paul II, Polish Center, 3999 Rose Drive, Yorba Linda, CA**

**[Upcoming Events – Saint John Paul II \(polishcenter.org\)](http://polishcenter.org)**

## DID YOU KNOW SCOTLAND ISN'T THE ONLY PLACE WITH BAGPIPES?

By Mary Shade

I was listening to a Christmas choir video sent by the House of Czech & Slovak Republics in Balboa Park and at the 3-minute mark, I saw the bagpipes, so I had to investigate further.

**<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qwIUW5VXcz8>**



Here is a site that has all of the Slovakia bagpipe details:

**<http://www.bagpipes.sk/>**

## **HISTORY: 30-Year Anniversary of the Dissolution of Czechoslovakia**

(Reference: Wikipedia)

On January 1, 1993, Czechoslovakia split into two independent states, the Czech Republic and Slovakia, in what is now known as the “**Velvet divorce**”. (a reference to the bloodless Velvet Revolution of 1989, which had led to the end of the rule of the Communist Party of Czechoslovakia.)

The **dissolution of Czechoslovakia** took effect on December 31, 1992, and was the self-

determined split of the federal republic of Czechoslovakia into the independent countries of the Czech Republic and Slovakia. Both mirrored the Czech Socialist Republic and the Slovak Socialist Republic, which had been created in 1969 as the constituent states of the Czechoslovak Socialist Republic until the end of 1989.

<https://www.bbc.com/news/world-europe-64076981>



See their website: [dcslovaks.org](http://dcslovaks.org)



Slovakia@30 is a collaborative project of the Slovak American Society of Washington, D.C. (SASW), Friends of Slovakia (FOS), and the Embassy of the Slovak Republic in Washington, D.C., to commemorate the **30th anniversary of Slovak independence**.

At the time of the peaceful split of Czechoslovakia on January 1, 1993, Slovakia was little more than three years into its post-communist transition. The young country faced challenges establishing an independent foreign policy, consolidating democratic institutions, and creating a market economy.

### **Future Lectures:**

**Feb 23:** Kevin Deegan-Krause, Professor of Political Science, (“30 Years of Slovak **Domestic Politics**”)

**Mar 16:** Ivan Mikloš, Chairman, Strategic Advisory Group for Supporting Ukrainian Reforms and former Deputy Prime Minister of the Slovak Republic (“30 Years of the **Slovak Economy**”)

**Apr 13:** Zuzana Wienk, Director of Bystriny, a civil-society organization that helps civic initiatives and active citizens work together to improve their communities (“30 Years of Slovak **Civil Society**”)



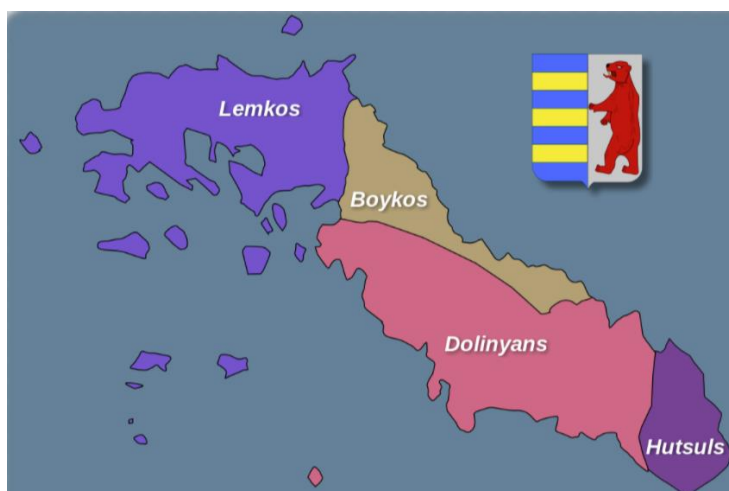
Many people create blogs or personal websites to connect with their ancestors, or create multiple family trees on Ancestry.com, FamilySearch.org, or MyHeritage, but have you put your tree on **WikiTree** yet?

WikiTree is for genealogy collaboration. This happens at two levels.

At the modern level, the collaboration can be private. Use WikiTree to collect and organize your personal family history and privately collaborate with family members. If you invite non-genealogist family members they might not move beyond this level.

Collaboration on deeper ancestry is between genealogists who are committed to accuracy and understand the importance of sources. To keep it enjoyable and productive, we trust each other to abide by a [Wiki Genealogy Honor Code](#).

## CARPATHIAN-RUSYN CULTURE:



The Carpatho-Rusyn settlements are in Slovakia, Poland and the Ukraine.

It is similar to FamilySearch.org, where the goal is to have only 1 tree. Here is an example of a friend's (distant DNA match) tree:

[Ludovit \(Lukacz\) Lukacs \(1890-1954\) | WikiTree Family Tree](#)

**Ludovit (Luis) "Ludwik, Lucas" Lukacs** formerly **Lukacz**

Born 25 Feb 1890 in Kapušianske Kľačany, Veľké Kapušany, Czechoslovakia ?

Son of [Michal \(Lukacz\) Lucas](#) and [mother unknown]

[sibling(s) unknown]

Here you can see when someone edits your tree:

[Change Details for Lukacz-2 \(wikitree.com\)](#)

[My WikiTree: Navigation Home Page](#)

One nice benefit is that you can enter your **DNA Kit#'s or Gedmatch#** on this website to help others investigate their relationship to you.

**WikiTree is 100% free for everyone, forever**

There are several websites where you can learn more about the culture

[Carpatho-Rusyn Research Center \(c-rrc.org\)](#)

[Carpatho-Rusyn Society - Home \(c-rs.org\)](#)

[www.rusinmn.org/about-carpatho-rusyns/](#)

C-rs.org has created YouTube 5 videos  
[Rusyns and Slovaks Similarities and Differences Part 1 of 5 - YouTube](#)

Paul Magocsi has written many books on the Carpatho-Rusyn culture. Here is one example: Magocsi, Paul Robert (1978). *The Shaping of a National Identity: Subcarpathian Rus', 1848-1948*. Cambridge, Mass.

## FIXING YOUR DOCUMENTS

By Mary Shade

I have seen different brands of photo software, but I never looked at them as a way to improve the original documents that may have vital information. I have not used this software, but saw on their website how it may help you read those hard to read documents. Unfortunately, it costs \$49.99, but it allows you to see if it can repair one of your documents for **free with a 30-day free trial**. [www.RestoreVivid-Pix](http://www.RestoreVivid-Pix) Their advertisement states: applying patented artificial intelligence, **RESTORE** provides 1-click improvement to scanned prints, slides, documents, and digital camera images.

LOCATION		HOUSEHOLD DATA				NAME	
Line No.	Street, avenue, road, etc.	House number (in cities and towns)	Number of household in order of valuation	House owned (Y) or rented (N)	Value of house, if owned, or monthly rental, if rented	Does this household live on a farm? (Yes or No)	Name of each person whose usual place of residence on April 1, 1940, was in this household. BE SURE TO INCLUDE: 1. Persons temporarily absent from household. Write "Ab". 2. Children under 1 year of age, even if child has not been given a first name. Enter other name of person furnishing information.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
1	10	11	12	13	14	15	



## BYLAWS of CAGC

### A Reflection of what our CAGC Mission is:

To learn about Czechoslovak heritage and support genealogical research by sharing:

- Our personal knowledge of villages, regions, ethnic groups, languages
- Our own network of genealogists/experts willing to assist others
- Our life experiences, travels, historical and cultural studies
- Our personal resource materials of books, maps, and other records
- Our knowledge of USA and Czechoslovak national resource centers
- Our knowledge of Southern California regional resource centers
- Our ancestral research successes and brick walls
- Our personal research methods and time-saving tips
- Our experience regarding the effectiveness of online sites and techniques.

## DO YOU HAVE A DEATH CERTIFICATE THAT YOU CAN'T READ?

By Mary Shade

I recently learned about an amazing link for Death Certificates. There may be a special “number” that can help you if you can’t read the doctor’s handwriting.

<http://www.wolfbane.com/icd/index.html>

<https://familyhistorydaily.com/free-genealogy-resources/icd-codes-death-certificates-genealogy/>

MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

16 DATE OF DEATH (month, day, and year) 2 - 9 1920

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I HEREBY CERTIFY, That I attended deceased from  
Jan....., 1919....., to..... Feb 9....., 1920.....  
that I last saw him alive on..... Feb 8....., 1920.....  
and that death occurred, on the date stated above, at..... 7 9.....m.  
The CAUSE OF DEATH\* was as follows:  
Endocarditis  
.....  
79..... (duration) 3 yrs..... mos..... ds.  
CONTRIBUTORY (Secondary) .....

On the Wolfbane website, you can see that 79 links to these 3 diagnoses:

**79**

- 79A Valvular disease
- 79B Fatty degeneration of the heart
- 79C Other organic disease of the heart

## MANUSCRIPTS...

By Mary Shade

There are many manuscripts in the US, but not sure about Slovakia or Czech Republics? I thought the Library of Congress had only United States documents, but I was wrong, there is a European Reading Room section. These may be useful for those interested in history, but I don't think I can find my farmer ancestor's records here.

### The Czech and Slovak Collections at the Library of Congress

[Czech and Slovak Collections: Overviews of the Collections \(European Reading Room, Library of Congress\) \(loc.gov\)](#)

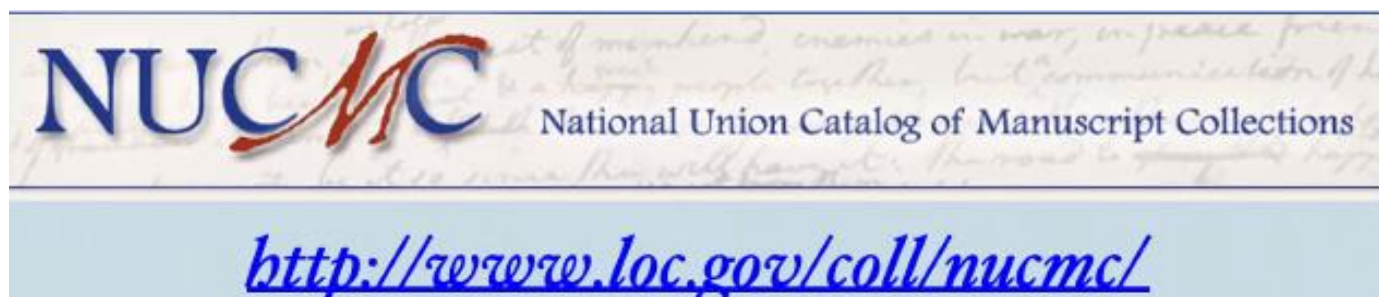
**George Kovtun**, Former Czech and Slovak Area Specialist

#### General Collections

*The Library of Congress is considered to be the best repository of Czech and Slovak books, periodicals, and other reading materials outside the Czech Republic and Slovakia. The monographs and bound periodicals relating to the culture of the Czechs and Slovaks amount to some 115,000 items, with the yearly acquisitions of monographs averaging about 1,500 over the last 10 years. The Library has about 2,000 Czech and Slovak periodicals, of which about 600 are currently received, and more than 170 Czech and Slovak newspapers, with 14 titles currently received. It is estimated that about 80 percent of all these materials are in Czech or Slovak, English being the predominant language of the rest.*

*While the Czech and Slovak collections in the Library are generally good, they are especially strong for books and periodicals published after 1945. This is due to the fact that after 1945 monographs and periodicals published in Czechoslovakia (now the Czech and Slovak republics) were purchased by the Library on the basis of a blanket order.*

*The period of the 1920s and 1930s (the era of the First Czechoslovak Republic) is also well represented. Some of the holdings of works from this period have been acquired retrospectively, with stress being laid on volumes showing the excellent Czechoslovak craftsmanship in book design and printing.*



[National Union Catalog of Manuscript Collections \(NUCMC\), Celebrating Fifty Years, 1959-2009, Library of Congress \(loc.gov\)](#)

## STILL THINKING ABOUT APPLYING FOR SLOVAK CITIZENSHIP BY DESCENT (CBD)?

### The Embassy of the Slovak Republic in Washington

The embedded application is for the birth/death records of Slovak ancestors which you need to apply for the Slovak Living Abroad card or Citizenship by Descent. The application is for the various state archives in Slovakia. If you scroll down to the bottom of the page on this website you'll see the applications: The Facebook group has lots of information, announcing the first oath of CBD applicant took place in the city of Nitra in December. [www.facebook.com/groups/Slovak\\_Citizenship](https://www.facebook.com/groups/Slovak_Citizenship) Parviz Malakouti explains the apostille process here: [www.malakoutilaw.com/how-to-get-an-apostille](http://www.malakoutilaw.com/how-to-get-an-apostille). This site has more info: [Slovak citizenship](http://Slovak_citizenship) | [Embassy of the Slovak Republic in Washington \(mzv.sk\)](http://Embassy_of_the_Slovak_Republic_in_Washington_(mzv.sk))



## WEBINARS:

Southern California Genealogy Society has Jamboree free & 10 yrs of recordings for members. Here's the link. Note: Aug 2023 has an Eastern European webinar with Amy Wachs:

<https://www.scgsgenealogy.com/webinar/jes-index.html>

Legacy Family Tree Webinars has a webinar list showing: [Familytreewebinars.com-Future](http://Familytreewebinars.com-Future)  
The Legacy webinars are free for a week after live presentation.

[www.Familytreewebinars.com](http://www.Familytreewebinars.com)

Rootstech had several talks about topics that are now online. To access them, go to:

[www.RootsTech Library](http://www.RootsTech Library)



Feb 24<sup>th</sup>, 2022 Ukraine

In our thoughts/prayers.



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**January 27th International Holocaust Remembrance Day** is a memorial day that commemorates the victims of the [Holocaust](#), which resulted in the murder of one third of the Jewish people, along with countless members of other minorities between 1933 and 1945 by Nazi Germany, this date was chosen to commemorate the date when the Auschwitz concentration camp was liberated by the Red Army in 1945. (source: Wikipedia)

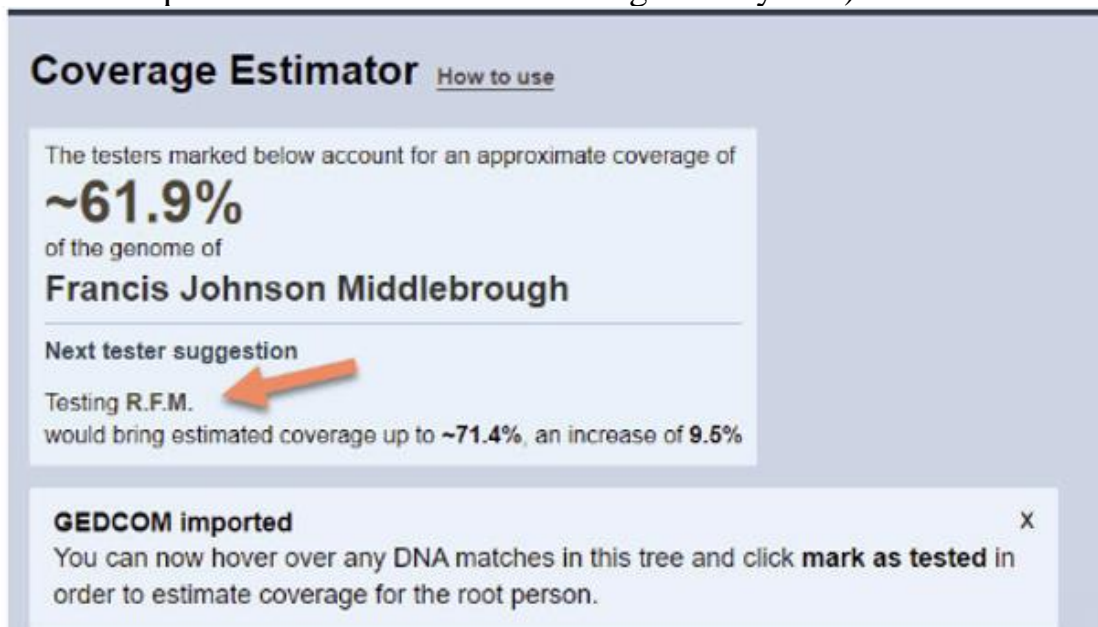
## RESOURCES:

### Online

FamilySearch.org offers free lookup for “locked” records: [www.Record Lookup Service • FamilySearch](#)  
Austrian research guide — [www.feefhs.org/sites/default/files/guide/austrian\\_research.pdf](#)  
FEEFHS Slovakian page — [www.feefhs.org/resource/slovakia](#)  
FEEFHS Czech Republic page — [www.Czech Republic Resources | FEEFHS](#)  
FEEFHS Carpatho-Rusyn page [www.Regions | FEEFHS](#)  
Archives: Austrian-focused genealogy database — [www.genteam.at](#)  
Czech Archives webinar: [Introduction to Czech Archives - YouTube](#) (Sokol Milwaukee)  
Austrian genealogical forum — [www.forum-ahnenforschung.eu](#)  
[www.Holocaust.cz](#)  
Passenger lists Bremen: [www.Bremen Emigrants \(passengerlists.de\)](#)  
**Czech newspapers** —  
[www.digitalniknihovna.cz/](#)  
[www.tschechien-online.org](#)  
[www.prag-aktuell.cz](#)  
[www.pragerzeitung.cz](#)  
Slovakia Newspaper — [www.spectator.sme.sk/](#)  
Slovak dictionary: [www.slovake.eu/en](#) or [www.Slovak dictionaries \(savba.sk\)](#)  
Slovak genealogy website Bill Tarkulich: [www.iabsi.com/gen/public/](#)  
Beginner’s Slovakia Research: [www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Slovakia\\_Beginning\\_Research](#)  
Google translator for websites: [www.itools.com/tool/google-translate-web-page-translator](#)  
German newspapers for South Tyrol — [http://www.stol.it](#) & [www.suedtirolnews.it](#)  
East German Gen. Assoc. (German) — [www.agoff.de](#)  
Austrian National Library — [www.www.onb.ac.at](#)  
Austrian Genealogy & History Society — [www.familia-austria.at/index.php/en/](#)  
Bohemian church registers Familia Austria — [www.tinyurl.com/gsp6ykr](#)  
Surname database [www.SlovakPride.org](#)  
PODCAST » Slovak Ancestry ([slovak-ancestry.com](#))  
[www.Arolsen Archives.org](#) for Holocaust  
[www.Mapy.cz](#) for both Czech and Slovakia locations  
[www.Arcanum Maps - The Historical Map Portal](#)  
[www.zanikleobce.cz](#) website for vanished towns  
[www.slovník.juls.savba.sk](#) Historical dictionary for Slovakia  
[www.kdejsme.cz](#) for places where Surname is common.  
[www.portafontium.eu/](#) for PILSEN records or German Bohemians (Bavarian)

## DNA COLUMN: NEW DNA TOOL – DNA PAINTER COVERAGE ESTIMATOR

(Source: DNA painter website screenshots/blog – Jonny Perl)



Jonny Perl created a new tool at [dnapainter.com/tools/coverage](https://dnapainter.com/tools/coverage) [Read his discussion below...](#)

The coverage estimator is a new tool at DNA Painter that lets you build a tree or import a GEDCOM and then mark the people in that tree who have tested. It then estimates the DNA coverage for the root person based on the testers

**What is it?** The coverage estimator is a new tool at DNA Painter that lets you build a tree or import a GEDCOM and then mark the people in that tree who have tested. It then estimates the DNA coverage for the root person based on the testers.

**Why would I use it?** Looking at coverage for ancestors based on their descendants is inherently interesting. More specifically: if you're working on the DNA of a particular ancestor, the tool can help you figure out the best person to test next.

**What do I need in order to do this?** You just need an ancestor with some tested descendants.

More than four years ago, a genealogist called Paul Woodbury contacted me (Jonny) to discuss an idea. Paul had written an [interesting blog post](#) about DNA coverage. He was keen for there to be an interactive tool to help genealogists identify the testers who could add the most DNA coverage for the ancestor of interest.

I've now finally built the [coverage estimator](#) tool in collaboration with Paul and Leah Larkin. Leah has written [a comprehensive blog post](#) explaining the mathematics alongside possible applications. Here I'll explain in practical terms how to use it. If you've seen the [What are the Odds \(WATO\)](#) tool, you may find the interface familiar. It's a slimmed down version of the same tree structure, but with a different color scheme.

## DNA PAINTER COVERAGE ESTIMATOR (cont.)

### Possible uses for DNA coverage estimates

Here are some potential applications for this tool:

- Helping to select the tester who will boost the DNA coverage of a specific ancestor as much as possible
- Providing a guideline for expectations when embarking on an ancestor reconstruction project (e.g., using Gedmatch's Lazarus tool or Borland Genetics)
- ... and my main activity with the tool so far: randomly choosing an ancestor in your tree, adding in known descendant testers, and viewing the approximate coverage out of pure curiosity!

There will be many others I haven't thought of; for more ideas, please see Paul and Leah's blog posts linked below.

### Marking testers

Once you have your tree, it's time to indicate which of your ancestor's descendants has tested. To do this:

- Hover over the relevant person and click **Mark as tested**
- If you hover over someone you've already marked, you will see the option **Mark as not tested**

Those in the tree who you've marked as tested will have a black background. If you mark the child of someone who has tested as a tester, they will still be marked, but this will not change the overall coverage estimate.

## DNA PAINTER COVERAGE ESTIMATOR (cont.)

### How to use the coverage tool

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**This tool helps estimate the proportion of an ancestor's DNA accounted for by their descendants.**

More detailed information:

- [The DNA Geek: A new coverage estimator at DNA Painter](#)
- [DNA Painter Blog: How to use the new DNA coverage tool](#)
- [Paul Woodbury at Legacy Tree Genealogists blog: Five ways to use the new Coverage Estimator tool at DNA Painter](#)

Before you start you'll need:

- A person in your tree you're interested in estimating coverage for
- An understanding of which of this person's descendants have tested and where they fit into the person's tree

How to use:

#### 1 Set up your tree

##### Import a GEDCOM ([what's this?](#))

- Click the 'Load' button on the right and then click 'Import GEDCOM'
- Drag your GEDCOM file onto the dashed 'Drop a GEDCOM file here' box, or click on that box to browse your computer for the file
- Then type the first few letters of the name of the person you want to import
- A list of matching names will appear with birth/death years; click on the name of the person you want to import

##### Or build manually

- Click on 'Enter coverage subject name here' and enter your ancestor's name. Then use 'add child' to add descendants
- To indicate that someone is deceased and unable to test, hover them in the tree, click **Add/Edit Details** and enter a death year

#### 2 Indicate which descendants have tested:

- Hover over anyone who has tested and click **Mark as tested**.
- Their node will then turn dark and will count towards the overall coverage calculation

#### 3 An estimated value for the amount of the root person's DNA that is covered by tested descendants will appear at the top left.

The percentages generated by this tool are **estimates** based on typical inheritance patterns.

<https://dnapainter.com/tools/coverage>

## DNA PAINTER COVERAGE ESTIMATOR (cont.)

**DNA PAINTER** [Dashboard](#) [Tools](#) [Help](#) [Subscribe](#)

Warning: This tree is

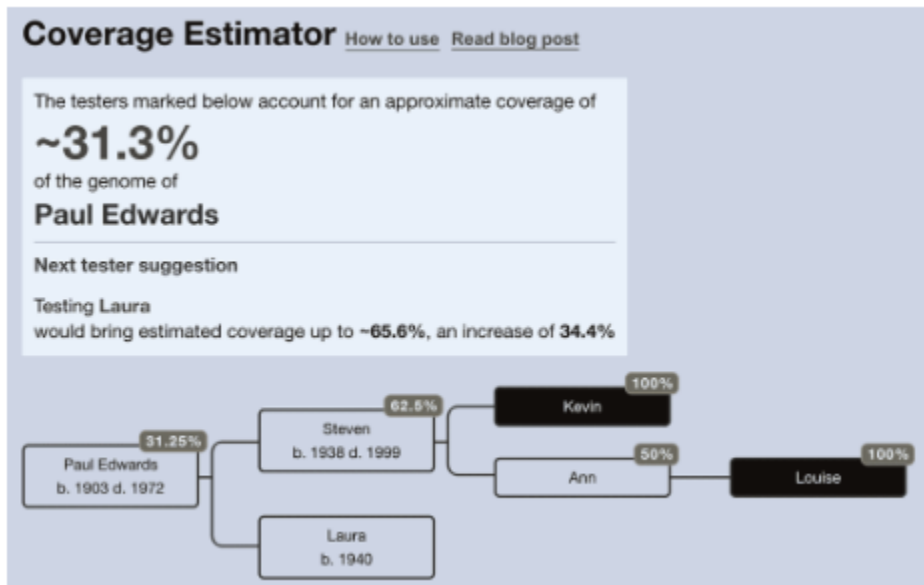
### Coverage Estimator [How to use](#)

This tool lets you estimate the proportion of an ancestor's DNA accounted for by their DNA-tested descendants as marked in a tree. Estimated coverage will appear here once you enter the **subject's name** below and mark people in the tree who have tested. You can also import a GEDCOM file or a file from WATO via the **Load** menu.

To indicate that someone is deceased and unable to test, hover over them in the tree, click **Add/Edit Details** and enter a death year.

[How to use](#) [See an example tree](#)

0%  
Enter coverage subject name here



<https://dnainter.com/tools/coverage>

### Complementary blog posts

- [Leah Larkin / The DNA Geek: A new coverage estimator at DNA Painter](#)
- [Paul Woodbury at Legacy Tree Genealogists blog: Five ways to use the new Coverage Estimator tool at DNA Painter](#)

## DNA PAINTER COVERAGE ESTIMATOR (cont.)

### Viewing the DNA coverage calculation

As soon as you have marked your first tester, you'll see calculations start to appear in the tree and in the coverage box at the top left.

The testers marked below account for an approximate coverage of

**~25%**

of the genome of

**Paul**

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#### Next tester suggestion

Testing **Dave**

would bring estimated coverage up to **~50%**, an increase of **25%**

The DNA Coverage calculation as displayed at the top left of the tool.

Once you've marked all known testers, the percentage displayed at the top left will represent an estimate of the total coverage of this ancestor that these DNA testers represent.

For more background on the calculations, please see [Leah's blog post](#).

To clarify, the coverage percentages you see in this tool are estimates! Beyond the 50% that a child inherits from his or her parent, all coverage percentages are estimates. For example, I have a niece who inherited 33% of her DNA from her maternal grandmother as opposed to the 25% that we might expect. However, these estimates remain interesting and are helpful when considering the possible impact of new testers.

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