[Finding Hidden Original Records on Ancestry and FamilySearch](http://www.kuzmich4.com/Facebook/Hidden%20Magic.pdf): reads better at
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As you search online record collections in Ancestry and FamilySearch, you'll discover that some entries are index-only (no records). Because indexes are summaries, you may be missing valuable information from the original record. This article by Family History Daily at https://familyhistorydaily.com/genealogy-help-and-how-to/ancestry-research-technique-indexes-original-records/ has some great tips on using built-in tools and links on Ancestry and FamilySearch to track down these original records for your research. See also Goal B1 at https://www.thefhguide.com/project-9-united-statesb1.html#a in the United States page for tips on finding vital records. (See all tips at https://www.thefhguide.com/tip-of-the-day.html.

If you sign up for their <u>Free Checklist of Nearly Every Record Type You Can Use to Find Your Ancestors + Their Weekly Newsletter</u> in the above-mentioned article, you will receive an assortment of tips of what kinds of records you need to proceed even further to better meet your future research needs. Whenever we are stuck, it is great having more ideas of how to expand our research creatively.

With reference to the above free checklist, there are many essential headings included along with many pertinent subheadings much like a thesaurus. For example, here are the primary headings for 1) birth records, 2) marriage records, 3) death records, 4) religious records, 5) newspaper records, 6) home & family records, 7) probate records, 8) immigration & travel records, 9) naturalization records, 10) land records, 11) tax records, 12) societal records, 13) census & population records, 14) court records, 15) DNA records & methods, 16) general genealogical records, 17) work & community records, 18) military records, and 20) school records You really need to see this checklist to fully appreciate the importance of all of the subheadings which is an important road map for genealogists.

Closing Comments

My niece has discovered a lot of family trees for me on Ancestry based on my related DNA test results in which I can find lots of 3rd and 4th cousins and beyond. This process works well when you have already obtained geographical and time fixes for your ancestors to better link up with your family tree. Although these family trees are kind of hidden, their DNA scores can easily be found In Ancestry.com and those family trees can be updated to your account. You can also contact the holders of these family trees for further insight about any questions you might have pertaining to their family trees. Eventually, you can combine their family trees with yours. But note: some individuals with matching DNA scores may not have posted their family tree while others may list their family tree as solely private so you can't view it at all.

The best advice I can give everybody, never stop looking for your ancestors. Their <u>Free Checklist of Nearly Every Record Type You Can Use to Find Your Ancestors + Their Weekly Newsletter</u> is awesome and a great way to jump start whenever your research options become static. And better yet, there are daily and weekly updates that you'll be receiving as well in your emails to further enhance your research options.