

MSE 2212 Genealogy: All in Your Family

UNCOVERING MY FAMILY

Prior to this class, I had no knowledge about my paternal grandfather or his side of the family. After receiving my Ancestry DNA results, I was matched with my half-aunt Jessica Rice. I was both excited about the connection but nervous to message her in fear of it not going well. After some contemplation, I decided to reach out. Based on the amount of DNA that we share, Ancestry placed her in my “first cousins” category. However, after some discussion she realized that she is actually my aunt! Her and my father have the same Dad but different Moms.



They also have another half-brother as well. I haven't been able to reach out to just yet though.

My aunt and I exchanged numbers through Ancestry and have been in contact ever since. ☺ We did a group Facetime with her, my Dad and I to virtually meet one another and tell our life stories. The experience was very memorable.

Prior to the COVID-19 pandemic, I was supposed to go to New York to visit Jessica and her family. The visit has been postponed for the foreseeable future, but I am definitely looking forward to it whenever it does happen.

Below is a collage of my Dad (top left), half-uncle Kareem (top right), grandfather (bottom left), and aunt Jessica (bottom right). The other picture is a side-by-side comparison of my aunt Jessica and I.



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After some talking with my aunt, she informed me that my grandfather, James Moreland, passed in July 2019. I am sad that I will never get to meet my grandfather, but I know that his legacy lives on through my Dad, aunt, uncle and I.

I am super excited to continue getting to know my aunt and that side of my family!!