Prioritizing Genealogical Tasks

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How Users Get Tasks

Ben, explore this week's Ancestry Hints about your direct relatives:

Amorette Grace Lawrence
2nd Great-grandmother

Member Photo



View photo hint

George Richard Bake
Father

Record Linking LAB

Good Beginnings

Ben Baker,

"Learn and acknowledge with gratitude and honesty your family heritage. Celebrate and become the positive and, where needed, humbly do everything possible not to pass on the negative. Let good things begin with you." -Gerritt W Gong

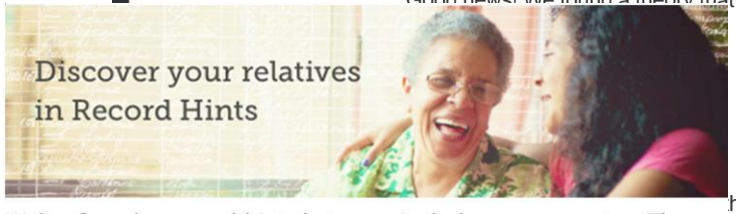
Thank you for your help with the 5-a-Day Project!

Hint 1 Hint 2 Hint 3 Hint 4 Hint 5 Done!

MyHeritage DNA

Hi Benjamin,

Good news! We found a theory that can explain how one of your DNA Matches is related



We've found a record hint that may include your ancestor. These hints can result in new discoveries and opportunities to find and gather your family.

Mary Alice O'Neill
GMYN-8J4
View Your Relationship

Review My Relative's Hints

he Theory of Family Relativity™

l Kempton is your

3rd cousin

ed to Randall and discover your common ancestors.

View theory

a significant innovation. It scans billions of family tree aft theories explaining how your DNA Matches on an also find ancestors who are missing in your family tree.

Read more about the Theory of Family Relativity™.
View your 256 DNA Matches that have theories.
Best regards,
The MyHeritage team

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Log in

We've found potential ancestors for you to discover...

All your hard work is paying off – you've got hints waiting for you on the Baker family tree. Here are a few records you might find interesting:

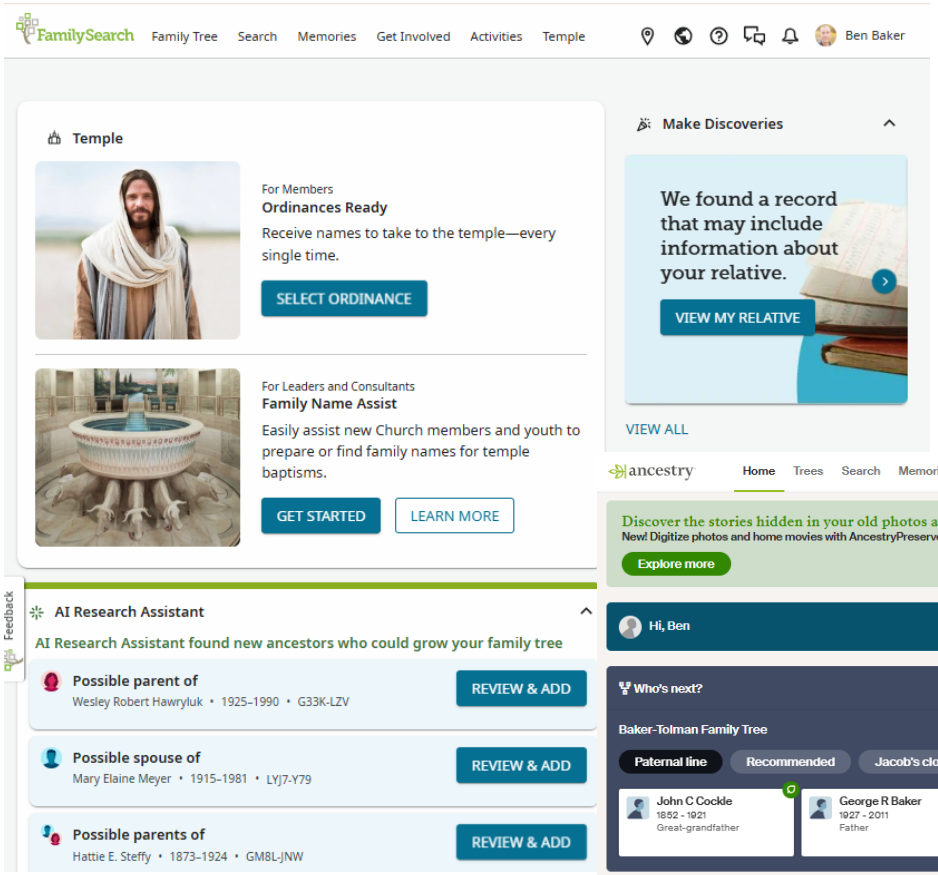


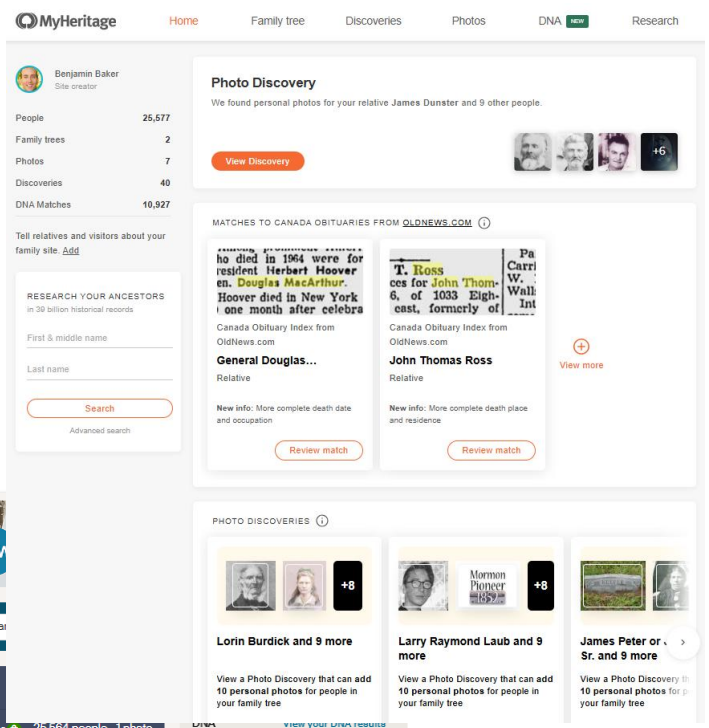
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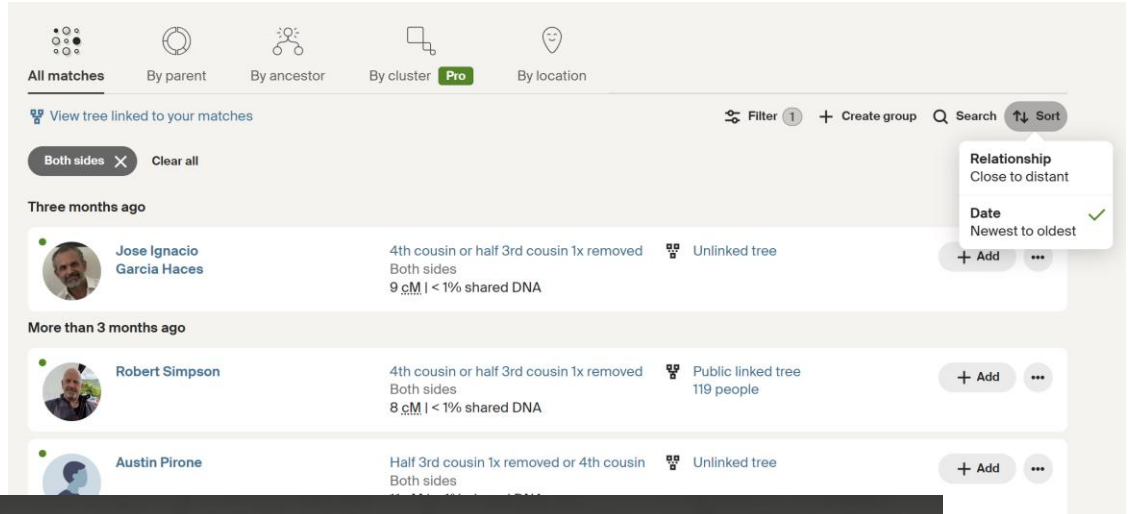
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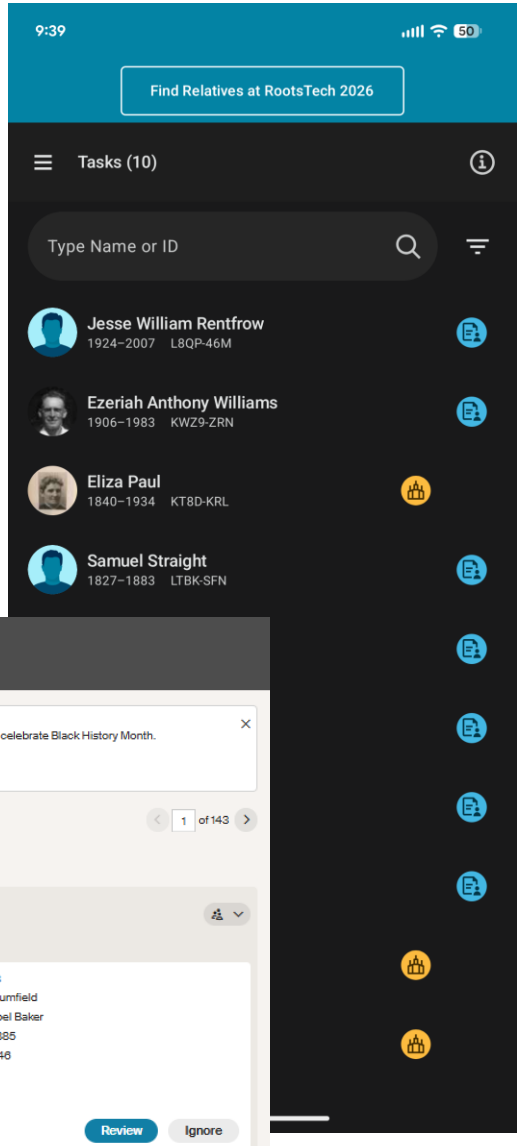


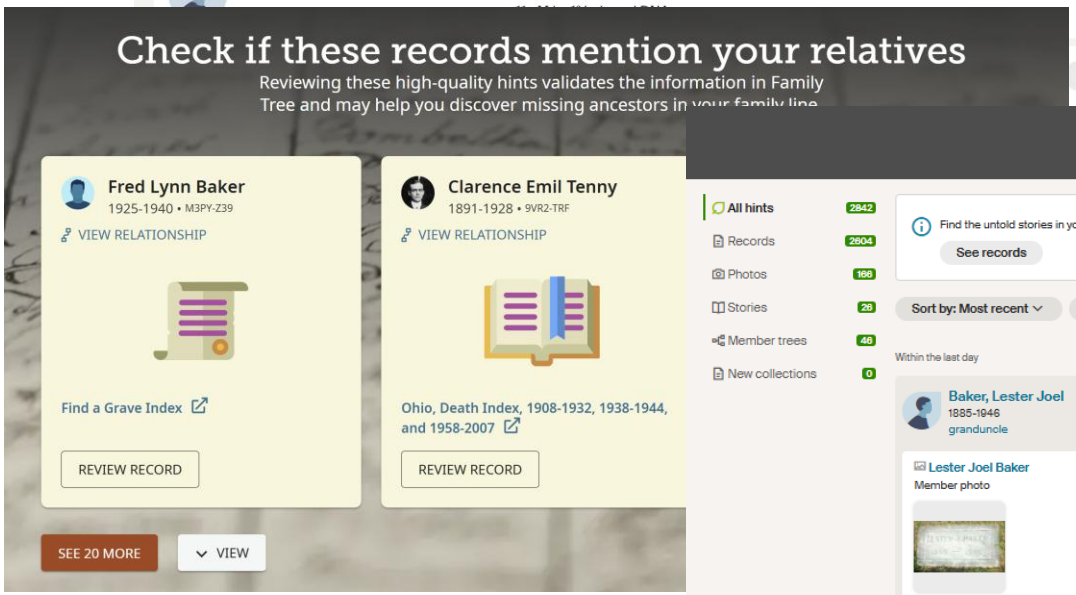


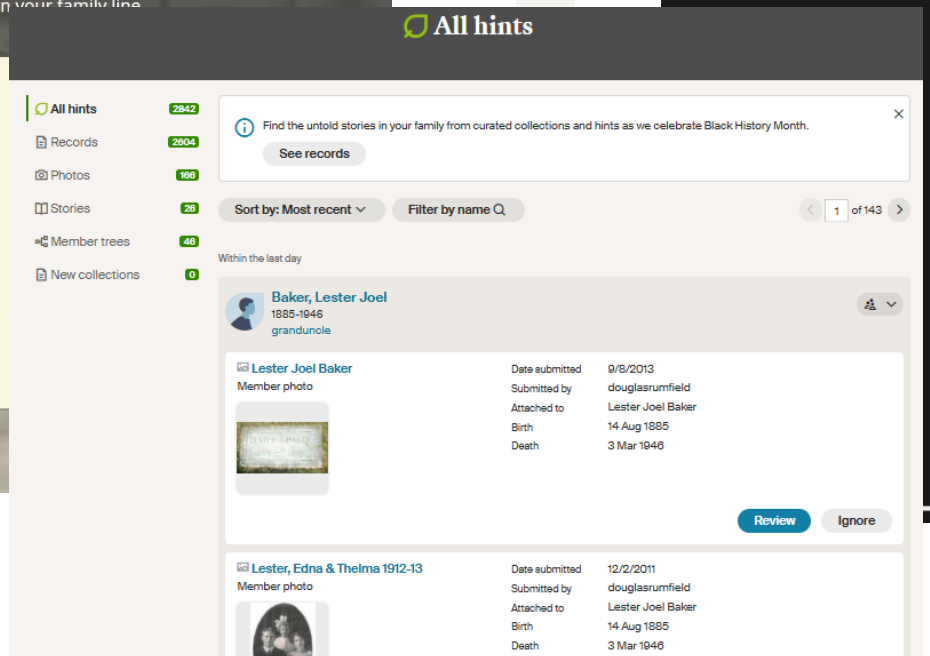
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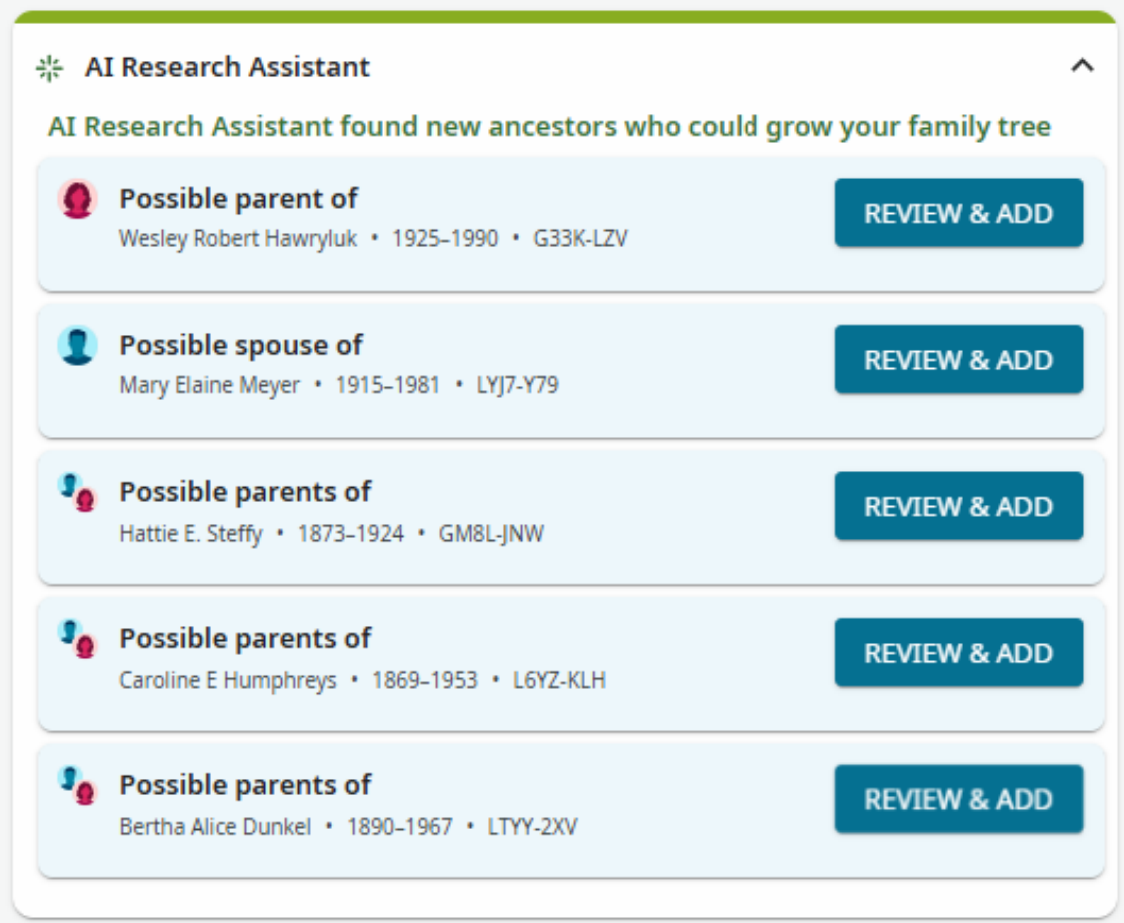
Most Common Task Prioritization

- Closeness to user
- Confidence
- Newness
- Recently visited
- Country or surname of interest

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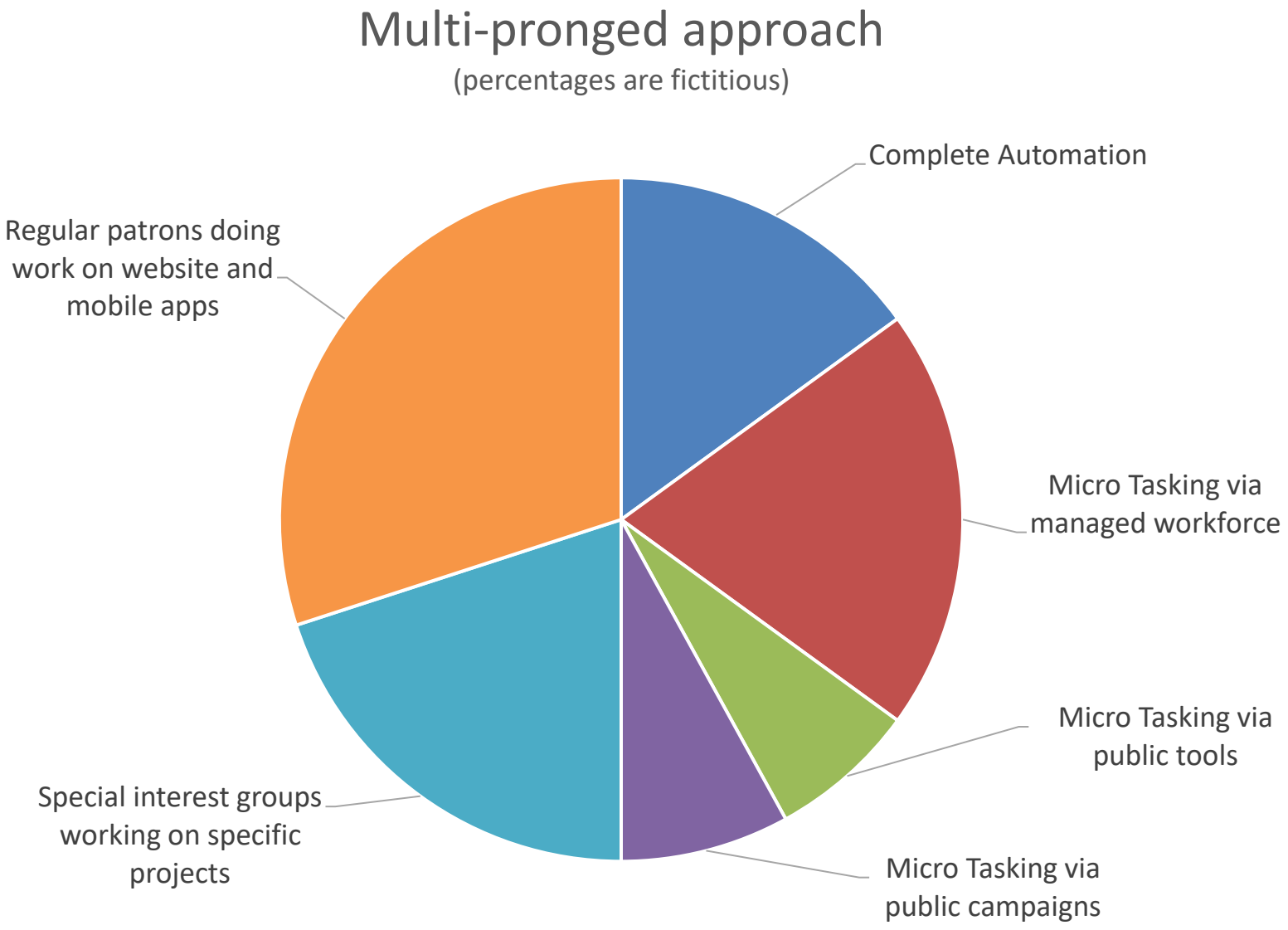
AI Research Assistant Hints

- Tree-extending hints
- Biggest factor in improving quality was filtering



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How Tasks Get Completed

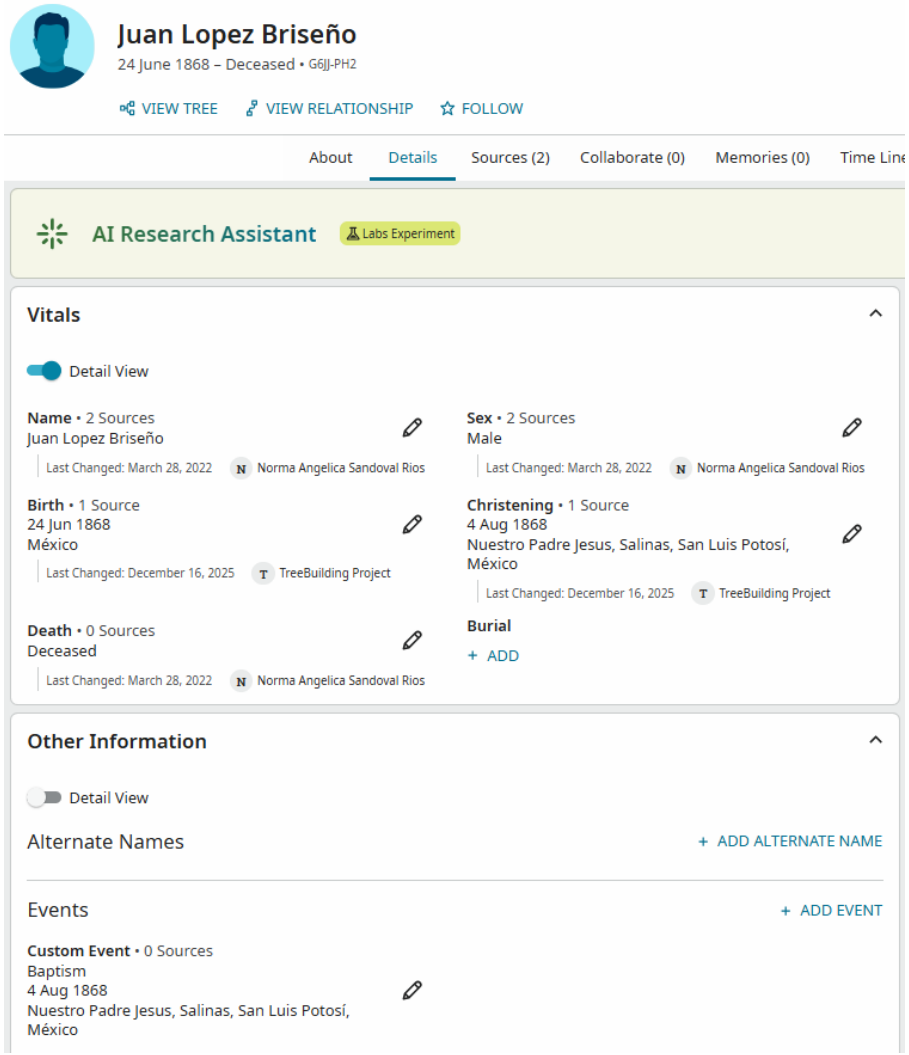


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Yellow to Green Temple Initiative

- Automation when no questionable areas
- Prioritization of record hints for a managed workforce that were most likely to result in Ordinance Ready Names
- Crowdsourcing of place standardization to the public





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Prioritization Dimensions Wishlist

- User ability/experience
- User affinity
- User interest
- User preference
- Organizational desire
- Quality of task
- Value added
- Tree location/line
- Novelty
- Recency
- Previously viewed
- Prominence/connection

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