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Re: Updated Time Schedules and Expectations

Dear Client,

First, I want to thank you with the warmest gratitude and sincere appreciation. At the time of envisioning such a company, I would have never imagined the complexities, depth and reward that would be invaluable to each and every family. I have been very busy dedicating my time and resources to bringing each of your family's stories to light. At times, it has been hectic, and I have been excited with every family project to explore and navigate through all of the challenges that may come.

Below you can find detail project timelines, what you can expect and also I want to venture back for those that just joined to understand what to also expect in the Full and Half Projects.

By now, with exception of those that have purchased the Global Project (We will break this down too!) everyone should have the link via SharePoint to view family data and documents.

I also want to express the structure and why we chose this route instead of paper copies mailed, etc.

We had a choice to make very early on, whether we would go with "traditional genealogy reports" how information should be viewed and what our finished product would be.

We realized that providing families with 2 to 3 lines were not enough even though this is basic company standards in terms of genealogist to limit generations and research to price we did not want to do this.

We opted to include ALL records and all information not just the sources we used to retrieve them FOR ALL LINES. If you view the genealogy report this is the only thing that most genealogist provide. Documents, Pictures, and other research is extra and not always included for EVERY GENERATION at a flat rate.

For most of us that are descendants of oppression, slavery and demarginalized because of our color having records, documentation and information to prove who we are is the very reason we wanted to



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include it to let our clients know that your family existed, and we were not given a complete picture of how, when and where.

This is a comparison and break down between what makes our services unique for our clients as it directly compares to other genealogy sites:

Company	Cost	Lines Included	Documents included
Change Our Narrative	Flat Rate WITH	Unlimited as the	Yes
	payment plans	records allow	
	\$500 -Half Family		
	\$900-Full Family		
	\$1200-Global Full		
	Family		
Legacy Tree	From \$2500 to 8800	Limited and tiered	Yes/Some not all
Ancestry	Pricing starts at \$2,500	Limited and tiered	Yes/Some not all
	for 20 hours of		
	research		
Heritage Research	From \$900 to \$3600	Limited and tiered	Yes/Some not all

These prices do not include Global Services which can cost near \$10,000.

Here is the Timeline for Each Family Project and What we can expect.

Half Project	Full Project	Global Project
14 business days for Initial	14 to 21 business days for Initial	21 to 42 business days for Initial
Search	Search	Search
After Initial Search a Online	After Initial Search a Online	After Initial Search a Online
encrypted Website it provided	encrypted Website it provided	encrypted Website it provided
with all documents to review	with all documents to review	with all documents to review
and correct.	and correct.	and correct.
Weeks 3-7 Requesting any	Weeks 3-10 Requesting any	Weeks 6-16 Requesting any
documentation that would	documentation that would	documentation that would
unlock key ancestors that	unlock key ancestors that	unlock key ancestors that
appear "stuck" and digging past	appear "stuck" and digging past	appear "stuck" and digging past
the 20 <sup>th</sup> century.	the 20th century.	the 20th century.



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Weeks 7 to 10 Research and	Weeks 10 to 12 Research and	Weeks 16 to 18 Research and
exploring narrative for each	exploring narrative for each	exploring narrative for each
ancestor by using Archives,	ancestor by using Archives,	ancestor by using Archives,
Newspaper, Slave owners and	Newspaper, Slave owners and	Newspaper, Slave owners and
other key data that will provide	other key data that will provide	other key data that will provide
more insight.	more insight.	more insight.
Week 10 (Possibly 11 if needed)	Week 12 (Possibly 13 if needed)	Week 18 (Possibly 19 if needed)
Uploading all data and final	Uploading all data and final	Uploading all data and final
project to the website.	project to the website.	project to the website.
Confirming finalization.	Confirming finalization.	Confirming finalization.

Aboriginal Search Timeline		
Week 1 through 4	Transferring names, date of births and locations to a streamlined report to prioritize and investigate any and all tribal affiliations by time period, location and colonial/precolonial records.	
Week 4 through 8	Retrieving and researching documents, surnames that would be affiliated with any known tribes given the data layout above. Identifying tribal connections and providing resources to what options each family has.	
Week 8 through 12	Data compile and upload, documents attached, proceedings and finalization of research through each ancestor.	
Week 12	Upload Final Meeting and Review	

I would like to explain what the aboriginal search entails and what to expect. The process of proving that one's family was already here does not solidify citizenship, automatic status. Depending on what one would like to accomplish upon discovering this connection is totally contingent upon the personal goals. As a person pursuing the law, I can state that these type of cases have been litigated often and failed with very few being able to substantiate lineage not because the records do not show it, not because you are not BUT because this is a type of law that is less than 1% "Black" and this is what I am seeking to change by pursuing a law degree in this specific field in an effort to practice law. During the time of the "final Indian Rolls." There was an unsurmountable amount of prejudice and denial, rejections, dispute of records and treaties that were broken then allowed to remain this way because it disenfranchised people of color and that was ok and still is ok today. We will work diligently through each ancestor to uncover tribal affiliation. In the instance we cannot because we do not make the records nor do we



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create a connection we cannot see, we will provide gateways and resources to understand why the status is inconclusive and what you can do next given more time to uncover more.

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I hope this helps a lot with the questions that some may have duri need anything else, please do not hesitate to ask.	ng this waiting period and it you all
I appreciate everyone.	
	Warmest Gratitude,
	Jessica Danzey