

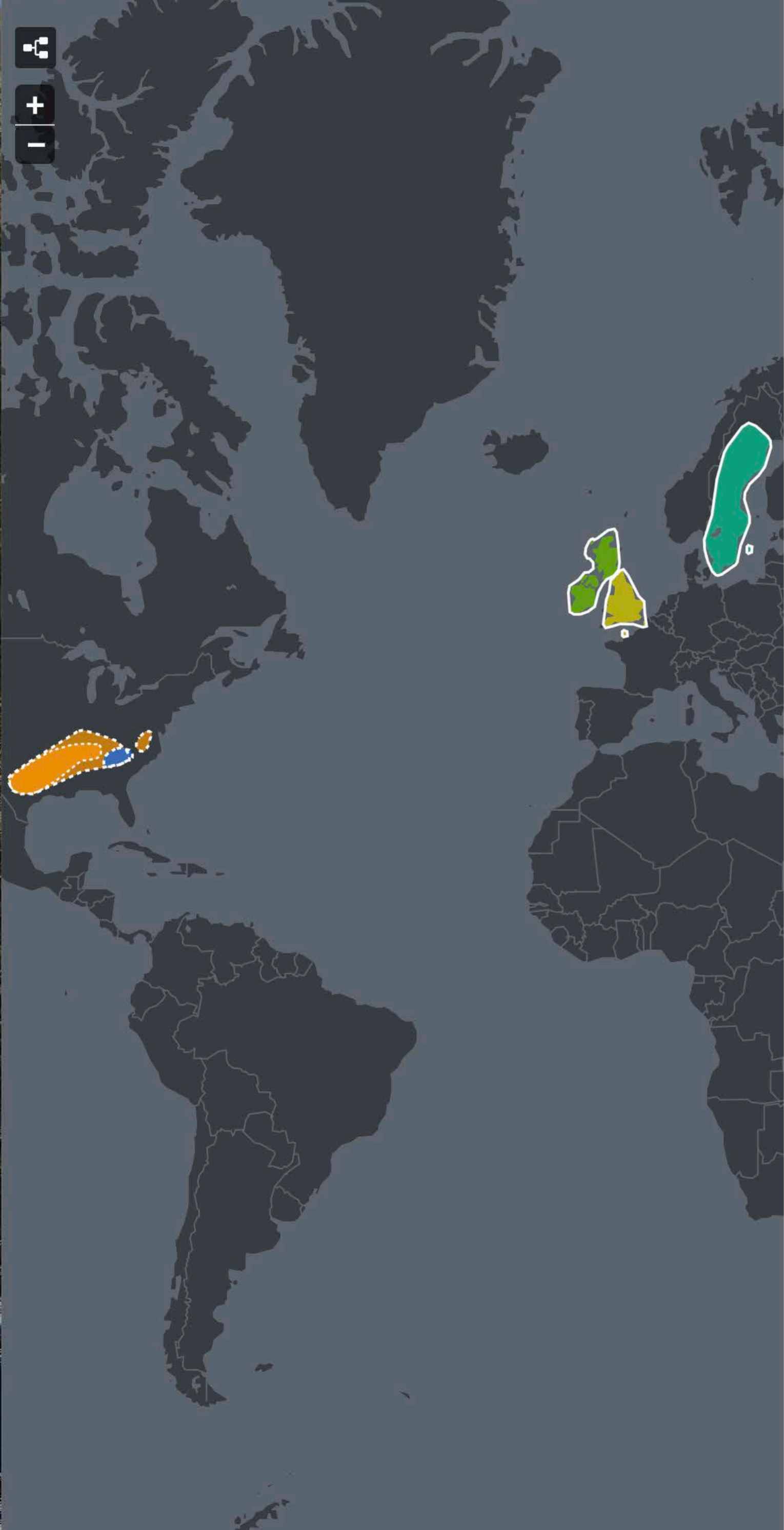
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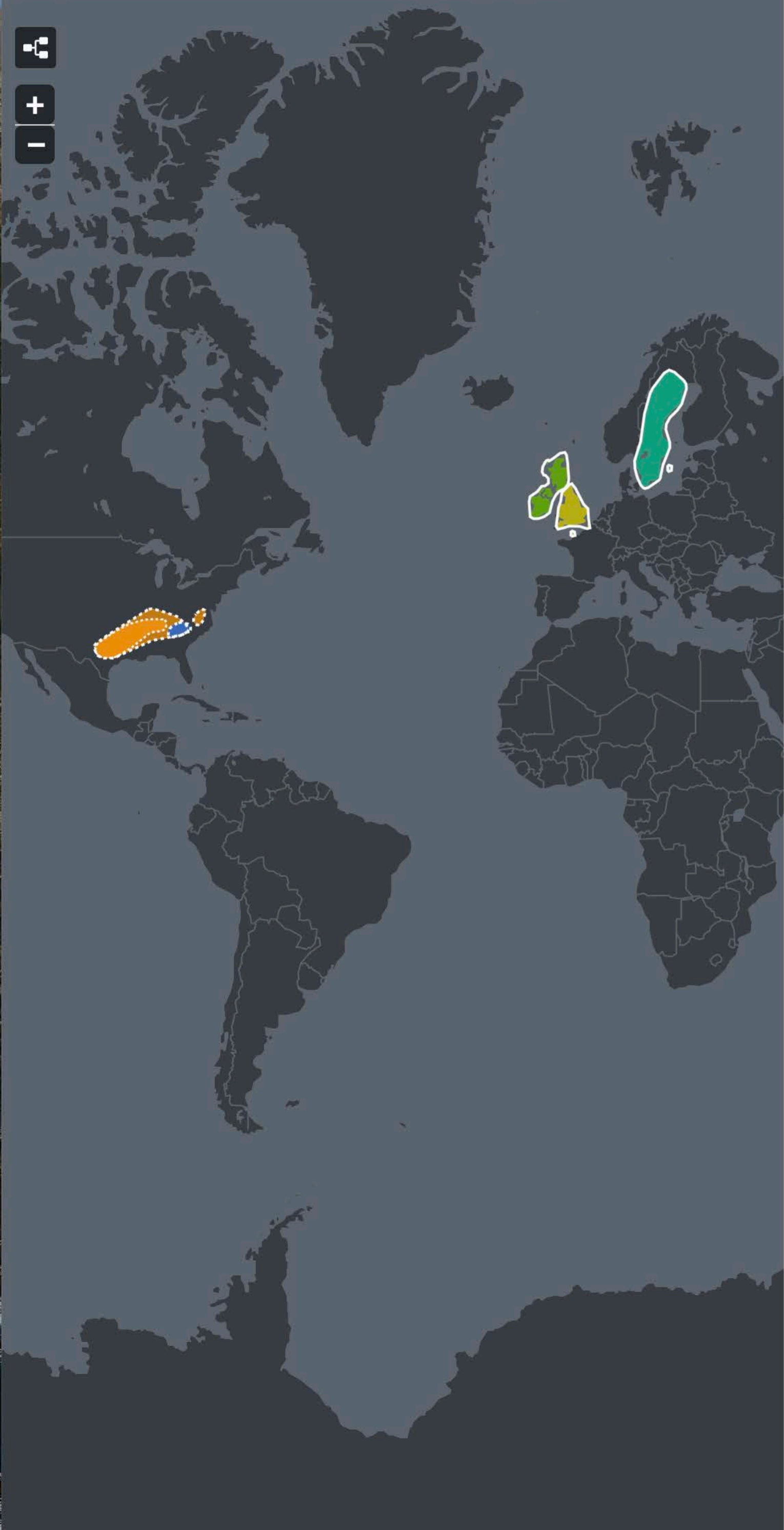
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- Ireland & Scotland 22% >
- Sweden 4% >

## Additional Communities

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- **West Tennessee, Arkansas & Northeast Texas Settlers**
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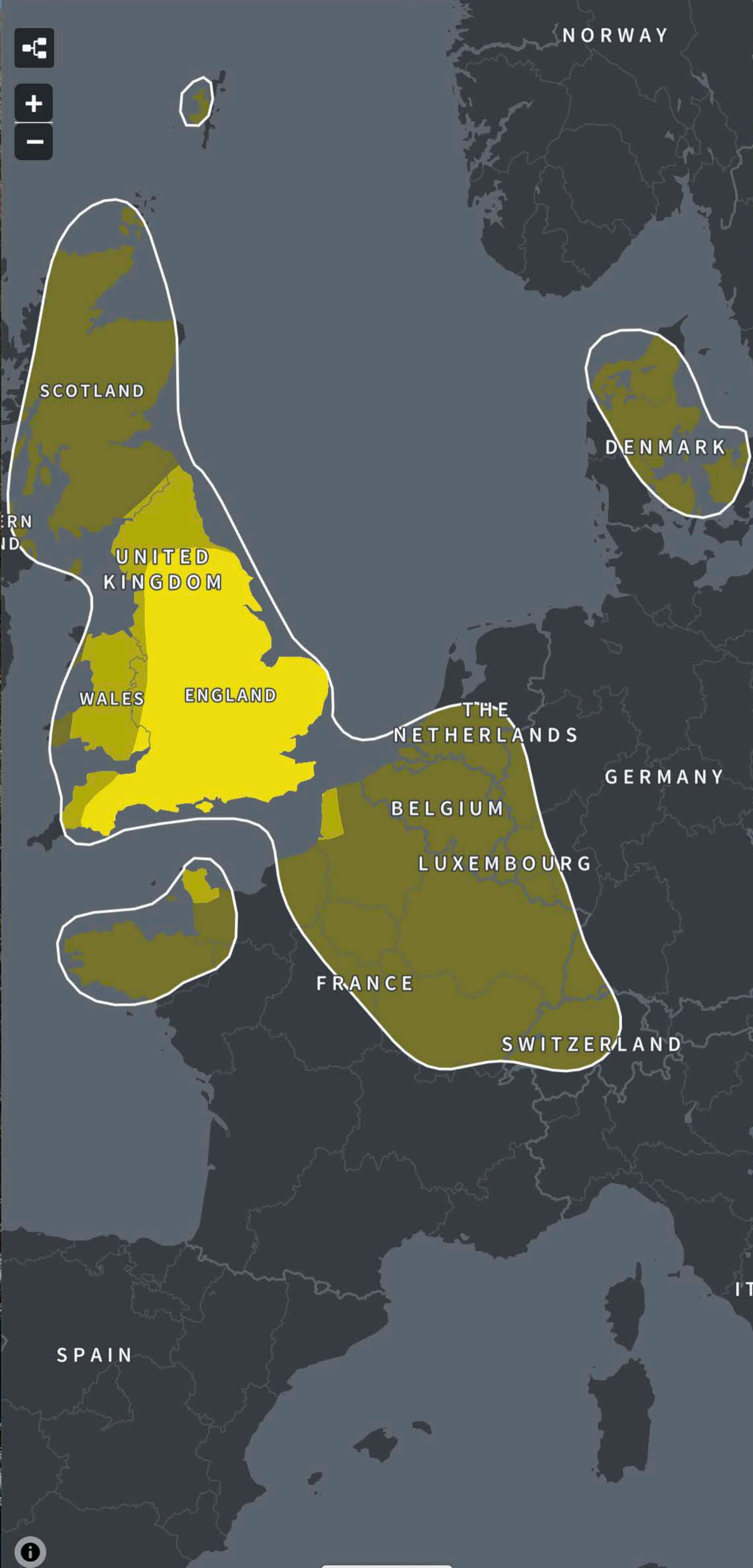
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## England, Wales & Northwestern Europe

Primarily located in: Belgium, Channel Islands, England, Wales



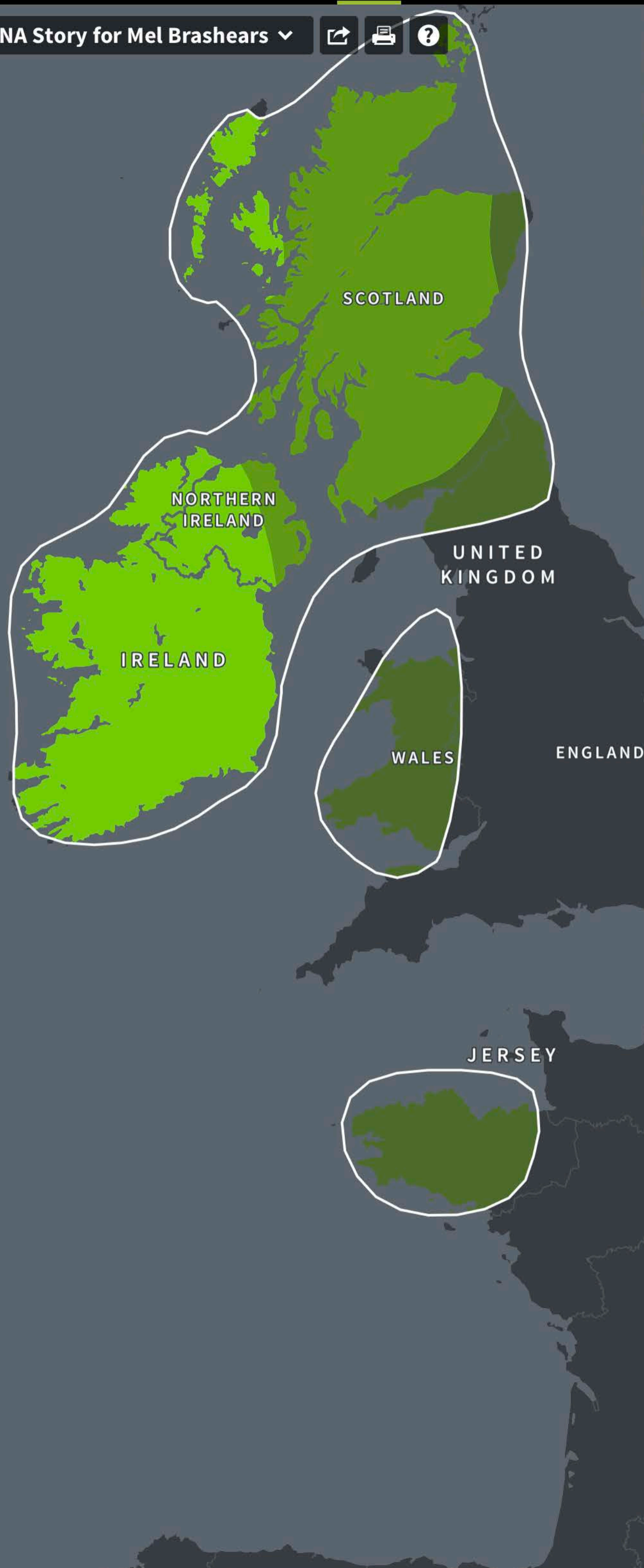
### About this Region

The history of Britain, the heart of our England, Wales & Northwestern Europe region, is often presented as one group of invaders after another displacing the native population. The Romans, Anglo-Saxons, Vikings, and Normans all left their mark on Britain both politically and culturally. However, the story of Britain is far more complex. In fact, modern studies suggest the earliest populations weren't wiped out, but adapted and absorbed the new arrivals.

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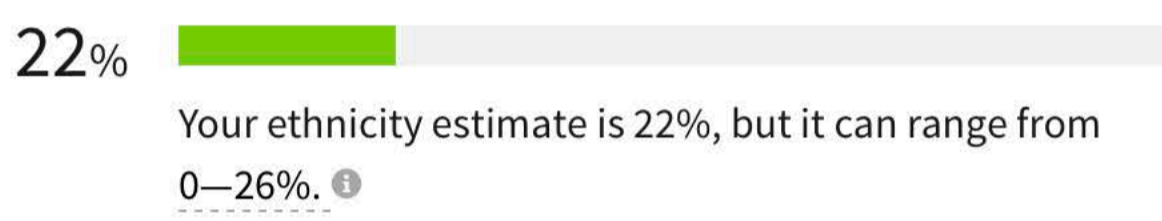
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### Ireland & Scotland

Primarily located in: Ireland, Isle of Man, Northern Ireland, Scotland



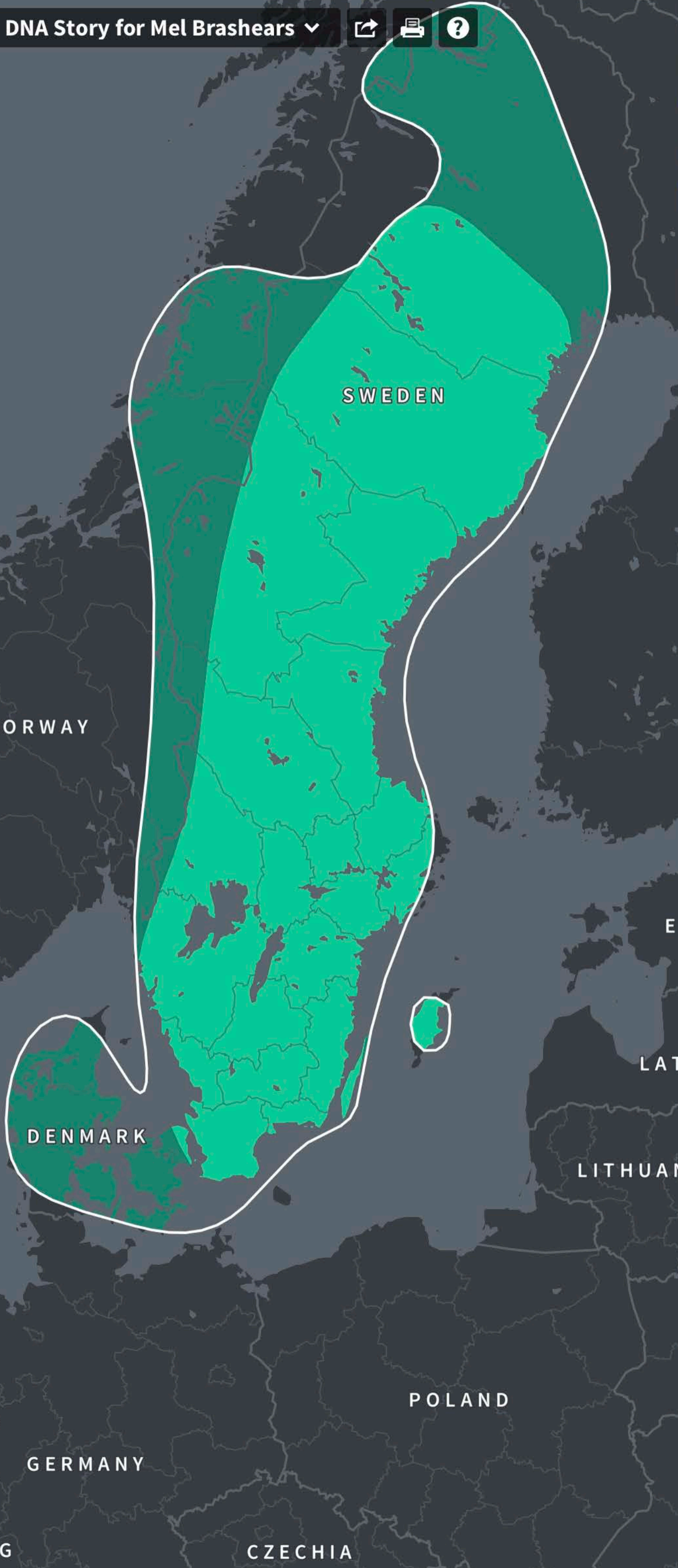
### About this Region

Located among the isles of the eastern North Atlantic Ocean, our Ireland and Scotland region remains linked to Celtic culture. Here, along with a handful of other isolated communities within the British Isles, you can find some of the last holdouts of the ancient Celtic languages that were once spoken throughout much of Western Europe. And though closely tied to Great Britain, both geographically and historically, people in this region have maintained their unique character through the centuries.

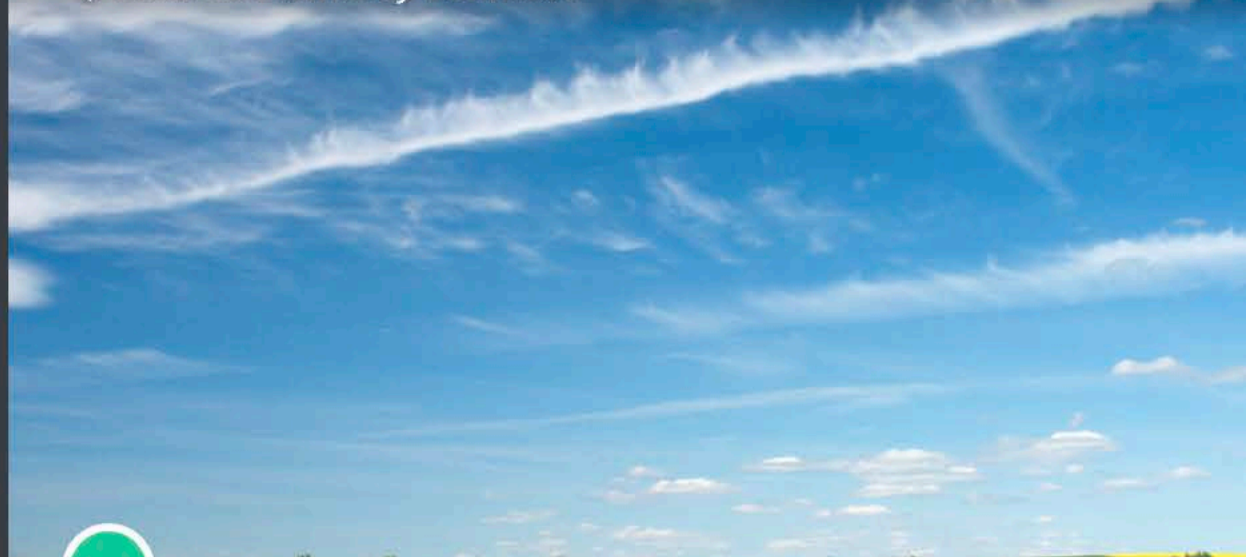
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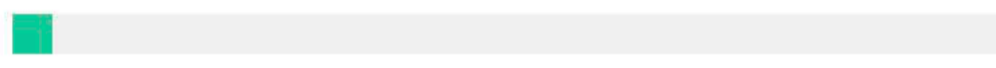


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# Sweden

Primarily located in: Sweden

4%



Your ethnicity estimate is 4%, but it can range from 0—4%. *i*

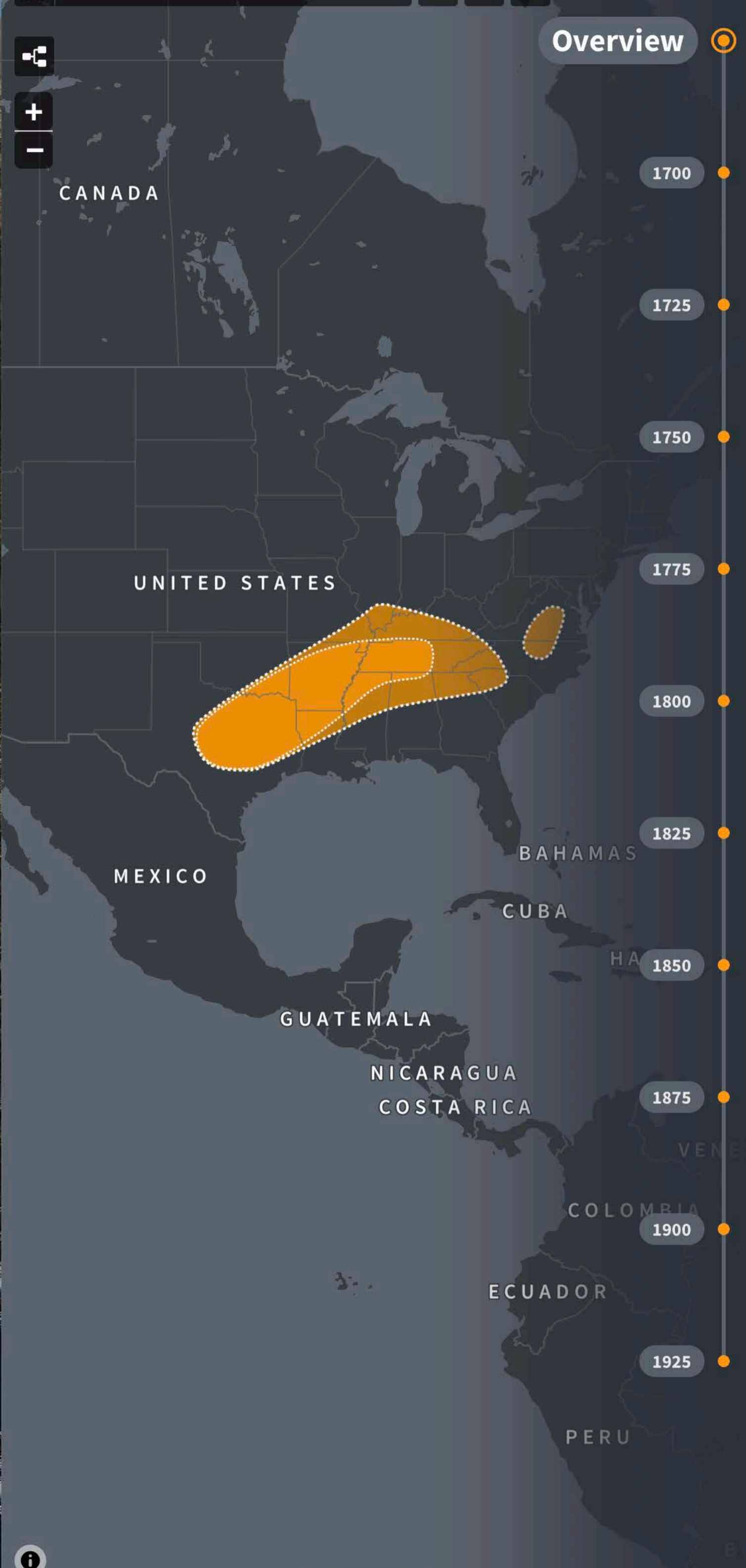
## About this Region

With its rocky coastline, wooded uplands, and subarctic, mountainous terrain, our Sweden region emerged from glacial ice as a rugged land of lakes and islands. The Swedish people share a common Norse heritage with Norway and, especially, Denmark that includes language, religion, and art, but they eventually developed a culture of their own. Situated north of the Baltic Sea, geographic isolation from conflicts raging on the European continent did not stop the Swedes from influencing the culture, trade, and politics of regions from the Volga River to Byzantium.

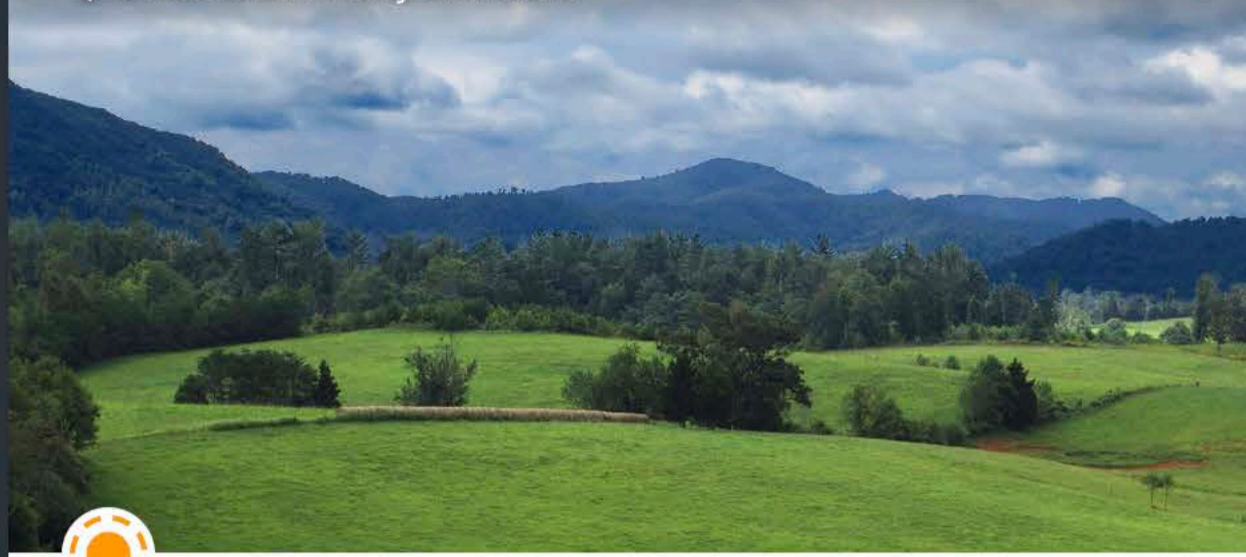
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COMMUNITY

Tennessee & Southern States Settlers



1,013,410 AncestryDNA members

You, and all the members of this community, are linked through shared ancestors. You probably have family who lived in this area for years—and maybe still do.


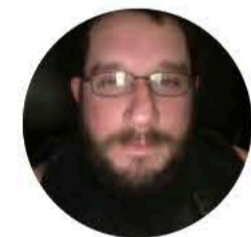
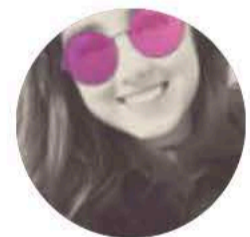
Use the timeline to explore what their life might have been like.

The more specific places within this region where your family was likely from.

West Tennessee, Arkansas & Northeast Texas Settlers

Featured Matches

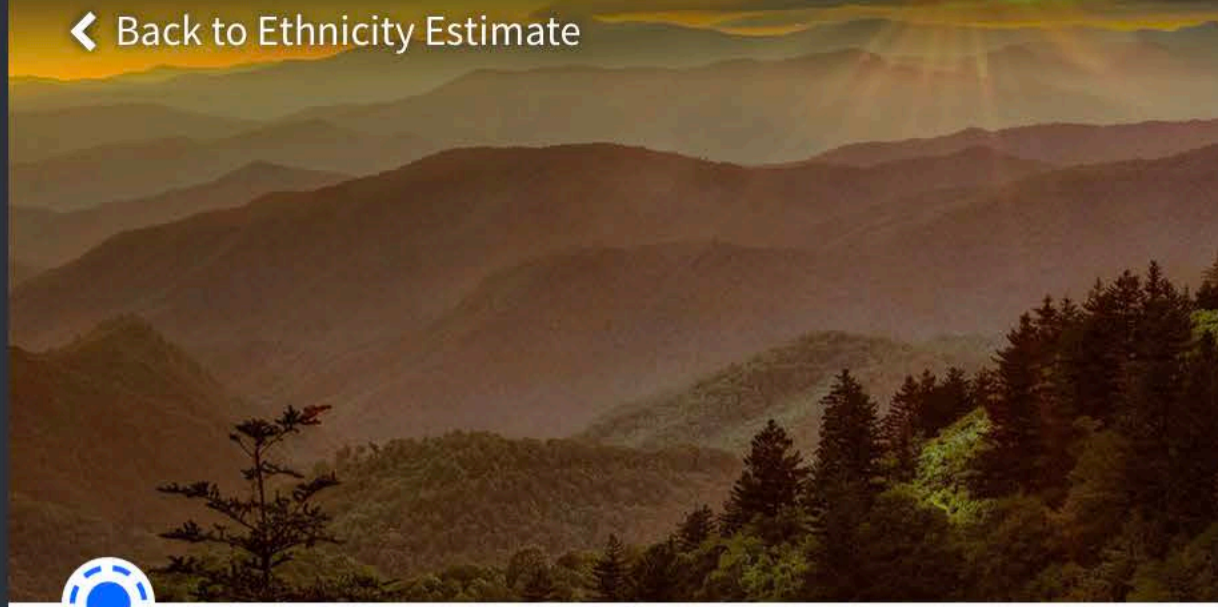
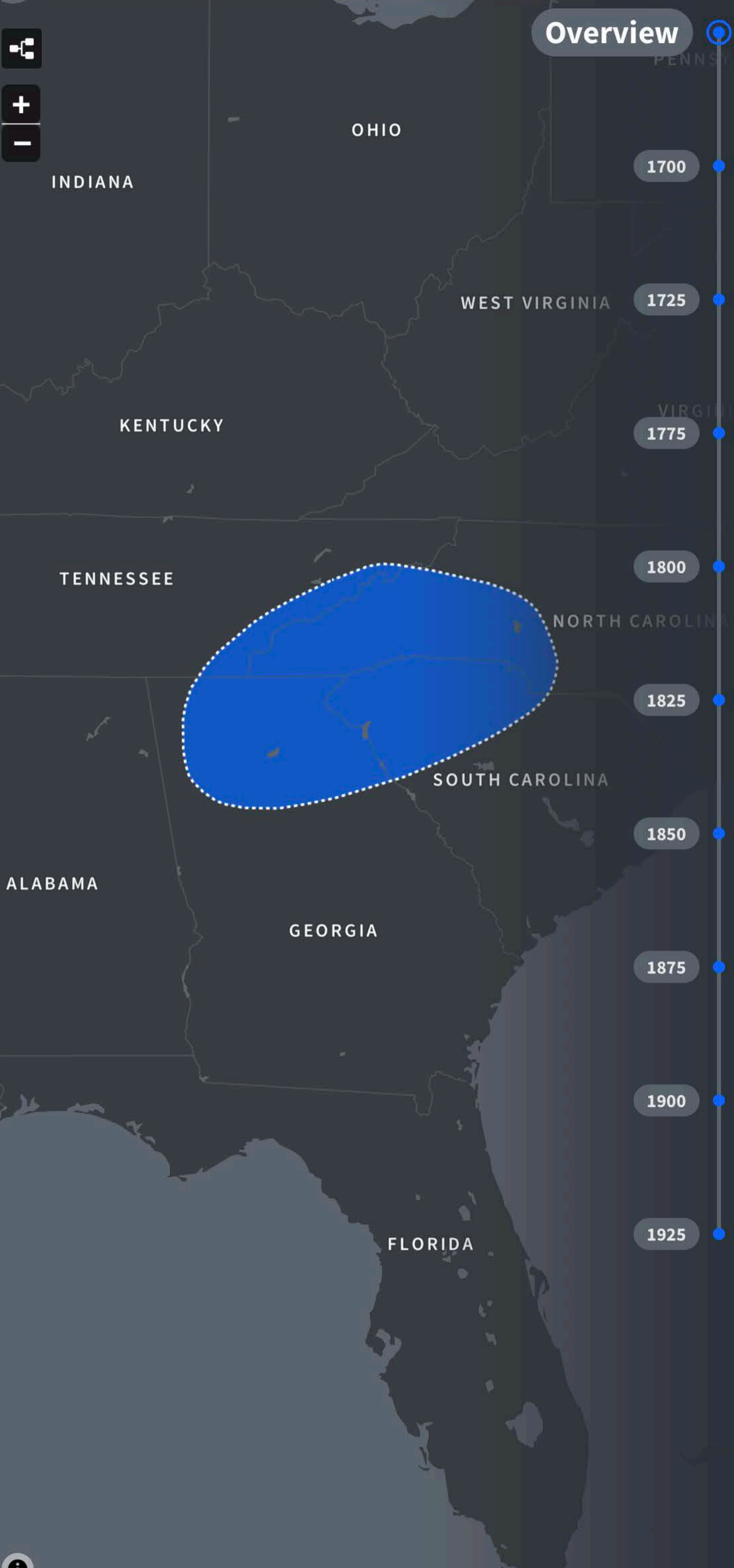
These are some of your matches who also belong to this community.

 <p><b>Gayle Oller</b> 2nd Cousin</p>	 <p><b>Darrell Weldy</b> 3rd Cousin</p>	 <p><b>Sarah Hale</b> 3rd Cousin</p>
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Community History

Tennessee's earliest European settlers were the descendants of former English convicts, indentured servants and Palatine Germans. After the Revolutionary War, veterans were awarded free land grants, bringing an influx of settlers to the state. During the Civil War, the state was divided over the issue of slavery, and provided soldiers to both the Union and the Confederacy. Decades later, when oil was discovered in Texas, Oklahoma, and Arkansas, many farmers left to work in the oil fields.





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**COMMUNITY**  
**Western North Carolina Settlers**




414,732 AncestryDNA members

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Use the timeline to explore what their life might have been like.

**Featured Matches**

These are some of your matches who also belong to this community.

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**W.D.**  
3rd Cousin
-   
**Irene Countey**  
3rd Cousin
-   
**W.W.**  
4th Cousin

**Community History**

North Carolina was first settled by the second and third sons of aristocratic English families and the indentured servants who worked on their tobacco and cotton plantations. Scottish, Irish, and German immigrants soon followed, spotting the mountains of western North Carolina with farms and settlements. Although the area didn't thrive until well after the Civil War, it eventually became a place of industry known for its textiles and furniture.

1700-1725

**Aristocratic Ambitions**

Many English immigrants who went to Virginia in the 17th and early 18th century were the second or third sons of landed gentry who chose to leave Britain to support themselves because of the