

**FHDU 2022**

# Guide

In-person conference at Castle Hill, NSW 8–11 November 2022

Virtual conference continuing to 28 February 2023

Interim Guide 22 November 2022

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Learn to become a master family history detective



“The Facebook groups [discussion groups] were awesome”

*Thistle Anderson, FHDU 2021*

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Speakers will love to know how you found their presentation — as will others. This is the place to give this.

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#### WHAT PRESENTATIONS ARE INCLUDED?

All presentations given at the event as well as sponsored and other presentations supplied as recordings only. All sponsored recordings will be included in every track package. Workshop and dinner presentations are not recorded.

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# Welcome to Family History Down Under 2022

This event has been over three years coming.

It was planned as a sequel to the highly successful DNA Under in August 2019, a six-city roadshow around Australia, culminating in a three-day event in the same venue we are in this week.

We opened for bookings in January 2020 for the then announced date of March 2021 and were well on track to get 800 attendees. Until Covid. Despite the covid-ravaged route to get here it promises to be a great event. Unparalleled in Australia!

We have 38 speakers, 24 from overseas and 14 of them with us at Castle Hill. We had an amazing program of 90 presentations and workshops at Castle Hill. Almost all (except workshops and dinners) are recorded and available to view at your convenience until 28 February 2023.

Enjoy all that is on offer. If you use Facebook, join and participate in the ongoing FHDU 2022 Community forum and program. Give your feedback for the benefit of speakers and other attendees participating virtually. Support our exhibitors and make the most of some very generous special offers. Who knows you might even win one of the many prizes they have contributed.

## **This Guide (interim)**

This interim Guide includes the program section of what will be a much larger Guide — a handy ongoing reference for the duration of the ongoing virtual conference. With the in-person conference now behind us it has been restructured with the **program** reorganised by tracks rather than days.

The final version of this Guide will add **exhibition** and **bookshop** sections, with some great special offers. It will be available as PDF download to all who have booked — in-person, Virtual or FHDU 2022 Discovery. A printed version of the final Guide, will be posted out to all in-person and Virtual Plus attendees in early December when we have all our exhibitor offers to hand.

## **Thank you**

Since 2003 we have run over 150 unique history / genealogy events. These have included regional and national conferences and expos, roadshows, online webinars, 17 genealogy cruises and even Australia's first ever battlefield tour — to the Northern Territory in 2012.

Many of you have done some of these. Some have done many. For some FHDU 2022 is your first event with us. Regardless, we would like to thank you for your interest and support. I hope you learn heaps, have many research breakthroughs and make new genie friends along the way.

This is the final event from us. In many ways sadly. In other ways it is just time.

Alan Phillips and the FHDU team



# DNA: Genetic Research track

21 DNA: Genetic Research presentations

6 sponsored presentations

A step-by-step approach to your autosomal DNA (handout) - 60min	<i>Maurice Gleeson</i>
Advanced DNA tools to analyze MyHeritage DNA matches - 47min	<i>Daniel Horowitz</i>
Chromosome mapping - 45min	<i>Jonny Perl</i>
Correlating genetic and historical evidence in written conclusions (handout) - 43min	<i>Angie Bush</i>
DNA FAQ: real frequently asked questions - 53min	<i>Janine Cloud</i>
DNA is digital: understanding blocks and segments - 48min	<i>Kevin Borland</i>
Exploring ThruLines™ and Theories of Relativity™ (handout) - 42min	<i>Michelle Patient</i>
Finding Grace: establishing the Y-DNA signature of male forbears of Grace O'Malley, the Pirate Queen 1530-1603 (handout) - 57min	<i>Maurice Gleeson</i>
Four Ways DNA Painter can help with your family historyresearch - 53min	<i>Jonny Perl</i>
Identifying and leveraging DNA matches to break down brick walls (handout) - 40min	<i>Angie Bush</i>
Introduction to Borland Genetics web tools - 53min	<i>Kevin Borland</i>
Investigative genetic genealogy: what is it and how your DNA can help (handout) - 71min	<i>Louise Coakley</i>
Marrying DNA & Irish research (handout) - 76min	<i>Maurice Gleeson</i>
Organising and managing your autosomal DNA matches (handout) - 58min	<i>Maurice Gleeson</i>
Pick a soldier, plant a tree: Commemorating the Missing of World War 1 - 32min	<i>Maurice Gleeson</i>
Planning for success with DNA testing (handout) - 55min	<i>Angie Bush</i>
Solving genealogy brickwalls case study: finding a great grandfather (handout) - 56min	<i>Mia Bennett</i>
The power of siblings: DNA (handout) - 56min	<i>Donna Rutherford</i>
Tips for working with speculative trees on Ancestry - 46min	<i>Louise Coakley</i>
Upskilling your genetic genealogy knowledge - recording to come soon	<i>Louise Coakley</i>
Using DNA to find long lost family (for adoptees, foundlings (handout) - 65min	<i>Maurice Gleeson</i>

## **Sponsored presentations** (from other tracks)

A step back in time with Auntie Kate: Sticklepath one-place study (handout) - 48min	<i>Helen Shields</i>
British Army detective 1850-1920 - 67min	<i>Paul Nixon</i>
Introduction to Wikitree: the free family website (handout) - 71min	<i>Veronica Williams</i>
MyHeritage unique technologies for researching your family - 44min	<i>Daniel Horowitz</i>
Taking your genealogical studies further (handout) - 28min	<i>Tahitia McCabe</i>
Tell me about one-place studies (handout) - 33min	<i>Helen Shields</i>



# Researching Abroad Track

22 Researching Abroad presentations

8 sponsored presentations

Australian resources for researching families of German origin (handout) - 36min	<i>Eric Kopittke</i>
British Army detective 1850-1920 - 67min	<i>Paul Nixon</i>
Case study: revisiting sources to blast a brick wall! (handout) - 47min	<i>James Beidler</i>
Chasing the poor and landless: FamilySearch historical records—tips and tricks (handout) - 50min	<i>David Rencher</i>
Deconstructing the UK censuses 1801 to present (handout) - 42min	<i>Penny Walters</i>
Effective use of England's National Archives website (handout) - 56min	<i>Paul Milner</i>
Finding Irish records on FamilySearch, Ancestry, and Findmypast (handout) - 40min	<i>David Rencher</i>
Finding your Scottish ancestors: the big five (handout) - 55min	<i>Paul Milner</i>
German research online (handout) - 48min	<i>James Beidler</i>
Hidden in the newsprint (mainly British papers) (handout) - 48min	<i>Mia Bennett</i>
Hiding in the Chancery Cupboard: the trials & tribulations of an 18th century wife (handout) - 47min	<i>Sue Swalwell</i>
Introduction to Irish land records: estate, land and property records in Ireland (handout) - 51min	<i>David Rencher</i>
Ireland civil registration: births, marriages, and deaths (handout) - 51min	<i>David Rencher</i>
Marrying DNA & Irish research (handout) - 77min	<i>Maurice Gleeson</i>
New resources for British Isles research (handout) - 57min	<i>Paul Milner</i>
Occupations: the why, what, when, where and how (handout) - 55min	<i>Mia Bennett</i>
Overlooked sources for 17th and 18th century English research (handout) - 86min	<i>Paul Milner</i>
Overlooked sources for 19th and 20th century English research (handout) - 54min	<i>Paul Milner</i>
Pick a soldier, plant a tree: Commemorating the Missing of World War 1 - 32min	<i>Maurice Gleeson</i>
Probate: where there is a will - recording to come soon	<i>Mia Bennett</i>
Scottish Kirk Session records - 58min	<i>Chris Paton</i>
Using the internet and PRONI for Northern Irish research - 56min	<i>Chris Paton</i>

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Advanced DNA tools to analyze MyHeritage DNA matches - 47min	<i>Daniel Horowitz</i>
Chromosome mapping - 45min	<i>Jonny Perl</i>
DNA FAQ: real frequently asked questions - 53min	<i>Janine Cloud</i>
Four Ways DNA Painter can help with your family historyresearch - 53min	<i>Jonny Perl</i>
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Tell me about one-place studies (handout) - 33min	<i>Helen Shields</i>



# Australia & New Zealand track

13 Australian & New Zealand presentations

10 sponsored presentations

Arrivals in Australia from 1788 (handout) - 49min	<i>Kerry Farmer</i>
Australian genealogy online (handout) - 47min	<i>Shauna Hicks</i>
Australian resources for researching families of German origin (handout) - 36min	<i>Eric Kopittke</i>
Beyond just indexes: why we should examine the original records (handout) - 54min	<i>Rosemary Kopittke</i>
Did convicts lie? Truth testing information provided on arrival in Australia - 41min	<i>Hamish Maxwell-Stewart</i>
Friendly societies and family history (handout) - 49min	<i>Helen Smith</i>
In business: tracing your ancestors working lives (handout) - 53min	<i>Fiona Brooker</i>
Protest and punishment: understanding convict conduct records - 38min	<i>Hamish Maxwell-Stewart</i>
Putting death in its place: possibilities for linking birth & deaths to property records - 30min	<i>Hamish Maxwell-Stewart</i>
The search for Samuel (handout) 42min	<i>Kerry Farmer</i>
To have but not to hold: divorce in Australia (handout) - 53 min	<i>Helen Smith</i>
We remember... (handout) - recording to come soon	<i>Michelle Patient</i>
Why can't I find it: where else can I look? (handout) - 54min	<i>Shauna Hicks</i>

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A step back in time with Auntie Kate: Sticklepath one-place study (handout) - 48min	<i>Helen Shields</i>
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# Methodology & General track

26 Methodology & General presentations

5 sponsored presentations

A step back in time with Auntie Kate: Sticklepath one-place study (handout) - 48min	<i>Helen Shields</i>
Basic photo restoration & preserving photographs (handout) - 47min	<i>Mel Hulbert</i>
Beyond just indexes: why we should examine the original records (handout) - 54min	<i>Rosemary Kopittke</i>
Comparing Ancestry, Findmypast, MyHeritage and FamilySearch (handout) - 56min	<i>Michelle Patient</i>
Copyrights and copywrongs: the law for genealogists (handout) - 51min	<i>Judy Russell</i>
"Don't forget the ladies": a genealogist's guide to women and the law (handout) - 56min	<i>Judy Russell</i>
Epidemics: not just the flu (handout) - 35min	<i>Helen Smith</i>
Ethical dilemmas in genealogy: ... what possible problems could there be? - 44min	<i>Penny Walters</i>
Finding historical photos online (handout) - 23min	<i>Kerry Farmer</i>
Getting organized using technology and a research report (handout) - 62min	<i>Kelli Bergheimer</i>
Guild of ONS: who ... how we can help ... why join, what is a ONS study - recording to come soon	<i>Alan Moorhouse</i>
Introduction to Wikitree: the free family website (handout) - 70min	<i>Veronica Williams</i>
MyHeritage unique technologies for researching your family - 43min	<i>Daniel Horowitz</i>
Natural phenomena and their effects on our Ancestors (handout) - 40min	<i>Wayne Shephard</i>
No, no, Nanette! What negative evidence is ... and isn't (handout) - 50min	<i>Judy Russell</i>
Once upon a time: it's all about the story (handout) - 76min	<i>Carol Baxter</i>
Online tools to organize and collaborate with your cousins (handout) - 48min	<i>Kelli Bergheimer</i>
Palaeography: deciphering old handwriting - recording to come soon	<i>Jenny Joyce</i>
Reviewing your research: how to get past that roadblock in your tree (handout) - 37min	<i>Michelle Patient</i>
Slow down: planning your research (handout) - 41min	<i>Fiona Brooker</i>
Taking your genealogical studies further (handout) - 27min	<i>Tahitia McCabe</i>
Tell me about one-place studies (handout) - 33min	<i>Helen Shields</i>
The discriminating genealogist: telling good evidence from bad (handout) - 50min	<i>Judy Russell</i>
The rest of the story (handout) - 59min	<i>Judy Russell</i>
Using all the features of FamilySearch (handout) - 49	<i>David Rencher</i>
Using parish & other records . . . how certain natural events affected people & communities in the past (handout) - 39min	<i>Wayne Shephard</i>

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# Presenters and topics

**Carol Baxter** (NSW) — Internationally-acclaimed author and speaker. Carol Baxter has turned her passion for researching and writing into eight different career pathways. She is a dynamic and inspirational genealogy presenter, an internationally-acclaimed author, with two of her popular histories being turned into TV series, and an enrichment speaker on international cruise ships.



**Once upon a time: it's all about the story** – ‘Facts’ send people to sleep; ‘stories’ keep them awake and alert and eager to learn what happens next. In this seminar, Carol Baxter shows you how to tell a gripping story within a family history, and by extension, how to write a gripping a family history.

**Carol Becker** (USA) — Carol Becker has been an author and successful public speaker for over 30 years. She has written 2 non-fiction books and hundreds of magazine articles and is currently at work on a third book. Her speech to FHDU is a retrospective about her 30 years married to genealogist Paul Milner. Watch out! You may find something about yourself in this presentation, for Ms Becker's view about genealogists is that we all share some unique characteristics as people.



**So you are married to a genealogist? – Conference dinner presentation**  
Non-genealogist Carol is married to Paul Milner. If you bring your non-genealogy spouse/partner along, they will cheer Carol all the way. And at the same time, you will be embarrassed by the insights Carol brings. Not available as a recording.

**James Beidler** (USA) — James is interim executive director for Genealogical Society of Pennsylvania. He's authored four commercially published books—including three on German genealogy— writes “Roots & Branches,” a weekly newspaper column/blog, is a German Life magazine columnist, and editor emeritus of Der Kurier, the quarterly journal of the Mid-Atlantic Germanic Society..



**German research online** – Searching for German-speaking ancestors is undergoing a paradigm shift in which the resources of Ancestry, FamilySearch and European-based Genealogy.net are all major players and German church records are being digitized. Learn about the many websites that can help you break down brick walls and find the villages of origin for your ancestors!

**Case study: Revisiting sources to blast a brick wall!** – 1751 German immigrant Friedrich Winter's village of origin was a mystery—until a descendant returned to sources he'd previously checked as a greenhorn genealogist and found this was a self-inflicted brick wall that only needed a proper reading of evidence todismantle!

**Mia Bennett** (England) — Mia has researched her family history for over 25 years and is a professional genealogist specialising in solving family history mysteries using DNA. She is an Associate of AGRA and is studying at the IHGS. She gives talks and runs workshops internationally. She has a strong connection with the Society of Genealogists in London having been a trustee. She has done two Unlock the Past cruises and several trips to events around the world, she loves to meet others who share her passion. Her website [www.miagenealogy.com](http://www.miagenealogy.com) features blogs about her family as well as a gradually expanding ‘Information’ page. Dutch genealogy professional.



**Brickwalls** (workshop) – This is a facilitated session where a small number of brickwalls are reviewed by the group with everyone providing ideas and sources to help solve the brickwall. The brickwalls can be provided by members of the group or by myself to aid learning of tips and techniques for breaking down brickwalls. Not available as a recording.

**Hidden in the newsprint (mainly British papers)** – An insight into the wealth of information that is available within newspapers including the British Newspaper Archive and The Gazette as well as hints and tips for getting more out of searching and finding useful articles within the newspapers.

**Occupations: the why, what, when, where and how** – This talk looks at key concepts to consider when looking at our ancestors' working lives. Why do occupation records help our research? What is included in the records? When were the records created through their career? Where can we find the sources for occupations, professions and trades? How can we use the information from occupational records to understand our ancestors? This talk will give you inspiration to research your ancestors' occupations in more depth and understand more about their lives.

**Solving genealogy brickwalls case study: finding a great grandfather**  
This talk uses an example from my own family history where I have progressed a brickwall using DNA alongside traditional genealogy research. The path to solving this brickwall had a number of surprises along the way with forgeries, quick marriages, criminal ancestors and often more questions than answers. In telling the story, methods and tools for using DNA to break down brickwalls are provided.

**Kelli Bergheimer** (USA) — Kelli is a writer, teacher, editor, and national genealogical speaker. Kelli holds a Bachelor's in Biology, a Master's in Education: Curriculum and Instruction, and a Master's in Business Management. Kelli is the Director of Curriculum and Assessment for Blue Kayak, a K-12 textbook company. She also works as a DNA report editor for Legacy Tree Genealogists. Kelli runs two small businesses—Geo-Centric Learning and Mess on the Desk, a genealogical organization company with a YouTube channel and online store. Kelli is the Genetics, Genealogy, and You facilitator. Kelli is a member of the Association of Professional Genealogists, International Society of Genetic Genealogists, and the Genealogical Speaker's Guild.



**Getting organized using technology and a research report** – Use a research report to formulate a question, organize your information, and track your progress in answering your question or brick wall. A research report will allow you to set something aside and jump back in as new information is found. Learn to use research reports and digital or paper folder structures to organize and help you make progress in your research.

**Online tools to organize and collaborate with your cousins** – Learn tips and techniques of online wikis, blogs, and collaborating tools to share your family history with your cousins, friends, and family. Lecture outline/summary: The hows and whys of collaboration; Blogs for communication: Google Docs™; Shared Calendar (Google Calendar™, Outlook™) to keep on task; Photo sharing; Wikis for collaboration; Dropbox™ and other options for backup and sharing. Learn tips and techniques of online wikis, blogs, and collaborating tools to share your family history with your cousins, friends, and family.

**Kevin Borland** (USA) — Founder and Chief Scientist at Borland Genetics, Director of MitoYDNA, Project Manager at Law Counsel. Kevin holds a BS in Physics from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) and has been writing scripts for processing raw DNA since 2013. He founded Borland Genetics in 2018, which incorporated in Florida in 2020. He is also an attorney in the state of Virginia and the District of Columbia, and holds degrees from Rutgers University School of Law (JD) and Vermont Law School (LLM). He appeared in episodes of Relative Race television series (US); Borland Genetics discussed in Genealogy Guys podcast (US), Family Tree Magazine (UK), Slakt Historia magazine (Sweden), Kitty Cooper's Blog (US).



**DNA is digital: understanding blocks and segments** – Explains how DNA is inherited and why we use centi-Morgans and segments as when evaluating DNA matches. Covers in-depth explanations to common genetic genealogy questions such as why we don't necessarily match our third cousins and why we may not have inherited any DNA from some ancestors.

**Introduction to Borland Genetics web tools** – Attendees receive an orientation with respect to the tools offered by Borland Genetics with which they can mathematically reconstruct DNA kits for their ancestors. The course includes a review of prerequisite core DNA inheritance concepts, and then provides an overview of the most important tools at Borland Genetics. Intermediate-Advanced

**Fiona Brooker** (New Zealand) — Fiona's family history addiction started over 35 years ago with two marriage certificates from the late 19th century. Now she is breaking through brick walls with DNA and making connections with new family members. Fiona is a member of PHANZA and the Association of Professional Genealogists. She has served as both President and Treasurer of the New Zealand Society of Genealogists (NZSG) and worked with local branches, including convening the 2008 and 2018 national conferences. While living in England, Fiona studied with the Institute of Heraldic and Genealogical Studies and obtained a Higher Certificate in Genealogy. *Memories in Time* ([www.memoriesintime.co.nz](http://www.memoriesintime.co.nz)) grew from her desire to help others trace their family history. As a professional genealogist she has helped others get started; get through road blocks; understand their DNA, get organised and find cousins and heirs to estates.



#### In business: tracing your ancestors working lives

**Recording memories** (workshop) – A hands-on workshop where you get to be part of your family history. Follow the prompts that Fiona will provide to tell your family's story as well as your own. Preserving today is just as important as preserving the past. Not available as a recording.

#### Slow down: planning your research

**Angie Bush** (USA) — Angie works as a Research Team Manager with AncestryProGenealogists® in Salt Lake City, where she specializes in combining genetic and genealogical evidence to answer questions of kinship and identity. As one of the most sought-after genetic genealogists and internationally recognized educators in the field, Angie Bush combines years of experience in biotech with a passion for genealogical research and a unique ability to solve seemingly impossible cases. Her primary research interests include cases of unknown parentage, such as recent adoption and donor conception; triangulating answers to tough genealogical questions using traditional documentary evidence and the analysis of genetic evidence; and non-traditional families and the LGBTQ community. Previously Region 1 Director of the National Genealogical Society (NGS), and chair of its Genetic Genealogy Committee, Angie is an active player on the national and international stage. Angie is the author and instructor for "Understanding and Using DNA Test Results," an online course offered through NGS. Angie is a native Utahn and currently lives in Salt Lake City.



**Correlating genetic and historical evidence in written conclusions** – The last step in the Genealogical Proof Standard is a soundly written conclusion based on the evidence found. It can be a challenge to correlate the analysis of complex indirect evidence like DNA with information from historical records. This session will focus on the interdependence between genetic and historical evidence and how to include this information in genealogical proof arguments. Advanced level.

**Planning for success with DNA testing** – The records most valuable to the genealogist are those records that provide evidence of inheritance. DNA testing shows the inheritance of biological material. By understanding basic patterns of genetic inheritance, genealogists can effectively use DNA testing to answer questions of kinship and identity and, in some cases, reconstruct kinships for which no records exist. All levels.

**What are the odds? (WATO)** (workshop) – What are the odds, or WATO, is a powerful statistical analysis tool that can be used to help you determine how you might fit into the family trees of your DNA matches. Learn my tips and tricks for using the tool effectively and the pitfalls to avoid when interpreting the results of the WATO output. A hands-on, live workshop where you will gain practical experience using WATO. Advanced level.

**Janine Cloud** (USA) — Janine Cloud's interest in genealogy began in grade school and having genealogists on both sides of her family helped encourage her own research. She began working at FamilyTreeDNA in 2011 as an information specialist, and now manages the Group Projects – Events team she founded in 2013. Her degree in Theatre Arts from the University of Houston - Clear Lake has proven valuable both in customer service and in giving presentations about genetic genealogy at national, regional, and local events.



**DNA FAQ: real frequently asked questions** – In this talk, go beyond the basics of DNA testing and which test does what. We'll look at pre-testing questions such as the differences between testing companies, privacy concerns, and what happens to your sample once your test is complete. We'll also look at post-testing questions such as why you may not match someone you think you should, why you don't recognize the name of people you do match, and the truth about "ethnicity" estimates.

**Louise Coakley** (QLD) — Louise's specialty is helping people use and interpret their DNA results, with a focus on and expertise in unknown parentage and investigative genetic genealogy cases. Louise consults and educates on genetic genealogy, and she created and leads the popular Facebook group Using DNA for Genealogy: Australia & NZ. Her website contains DNA resources to guide beginners, she regularly presents on genetic genealogy, and manages or co-administers several other DNA groups and projects. Louise was a DNA speaker at the DNA Down Under roadshow in 2019. Louise offers online DNA consultations at [genie1.au](http://genie1.au) to guide and coach clients to explore, interpret and apply their DNA results to their unique family situations. She specialises in the identification of close biological relatives for private clients, and investigative genetic genealogy for law enforcement. As well as being a member of several local family history groups and online genealogy associations, Louise is also a member of the Society of Australian Genealogists (she holds a SAG Certificate in Genealogical Research), the International Society of Genetic Genealogists, and the Association of Professional Genealogists.



**Investigative genetic genealogy: How your DNA can help identify human remains and solve cold cases** – Learn what Investigative Genetic Genealogy (IGG/FIGG) is, how law enforcement matching (LEM) works, how you can choose to participate, and how IGG has already been used to identify the biological family of a John Doe found in Queensland. Experience: All levels

**Tips for working with speculative trees on Ancestry** – Speculative family trees are an invaluable and convenient tool for recording DNA matches, helping identify common ancestors, and managing descendency research in unknown parentage cases. Learn practical tips to simplify the process and improve your chance of success. Experience: All levels

**Upskilling your genetic genealogy knowledge** – Keep up with the latest changes, features, tools and trends in DNA testing and genetic genealogy, while also improving your understanding and success with your own research. Experience: All levels.

**Kerry Farmer** (NSW) — Kerry has researched her own family history for over 30 years, researching ancestors predominantly from Australia, New Zealand, England, Scotland, Ireland, Canada, United States, South Africa, India, Germany, Poland, Norway and Russia. She a Director on the Board of the Society of Australian Genealogists and convenes their Education Committee. She presents seminars and classes there as well as at other conferences. Kerry began teaching family history classes in Sydney in 1997, and is now the Director Australian Studies, developing the Australian Records certificate for the internationally recognised National Institute for Genealogical Studies. Kerry is the author of *DNA for genealogists* and *Arrivals in Australia from 1788* and several handy guides, all published by Unlock the Past.



**Arrivals in Australia from 1788** — Australian immigration records are not all found in one place – when, where and how they arrived determines where (and whether) records of their arrival can be found. This talk tells you where to look for records of arrival in Australia and also describes some of the many immigration schemes. Experience: all levels

**Finding historical photos online** – A picture not only paints a thousand words and but also adds interest and context to your family history research. This talk will help you illustrate your research with historical photos of where your ancestors lived, probably attracting more attention from living family members. Experience: all levels.

**The search for Samuel** – Solving the puzzle of a mysterious ancestor led Kerry to a wide range of records and fascinating details about his life. You may be surprised about some of the places where extra information can be found! Experience: all levels.

**Maurice Gleeson** (England) — Maurice Gleeson is an international speaker on genetic genealogy & Irish family history. He runs several Surname DNA Projects, works with adoptees, and authors a number of blogs. He has organised the DNA Lectures for "Genetic Genealogy Ireland" in Dublin & Belfast since 2013 and has received several awards for his contributions to the genealogical community.



**A step-by-step approach to your autosomal DNA** - This beginner's talk takes you through a step-by-step approach to analysing your DNA matches one by one. This logical method will help keep you focused on what you are trying to achieve and will help you attack each match from a variety of different angles that will ultimately allow you to figure out where they sit in your wider family tree. Beginner level.

**Finding Grace: establishing the Y-DNA signature of the immediate male forbears of Grace O'Malley, the Pirate Queen (1530-1603)** - Grace O'Malley (1530-1603) is a national hero and feminist icon in Ireland. The Finding Grace project aims to identify the DNA signature of her great great Grandfather, Dermot O'Malley (c.1400-c.1460) using the Y-DNA of 13 living descendants. This talk shows how life throws several spanners in the works and illustrates the challenges faced when trying to confirm ancestral connections in the distant past. All levels.

**How to run and analyse a surname DNA project** (workshop) - This workshop will take you through the practical steps you need to take to set up a surname project, get the ball rolling, and keep it rolling. There are lots of shortcuts and "quick wins" that will help you get people into your project. Two major topics will be explored in depth: 1) the criteria for grouping people into specific subgroups within the project; and 2) analysing the resultant subgroups ... what can we say about any particular subgroup in terms of their origins, how long they have carried the surname, and their link to surname distribution maps, surname dictionaries, and ancient texts? Not available as a recording.

**Organising and managing your autosomal DNA matches** - Working through a list of things you should do to help organise your DNA matches and focus your research. Beginner.

**Pick a soldier, plant a tree: commemorating the missing of World War 1** - Identifying WWI soldiers. Creating a genealogical memorial, and a genetic memorial, for the missing soldiers of World War One.

**Using DNA to find long lost family: for adoptees, foundlings, etc.** - Explains the technique for using DNA to 1) triangulate back, 2) trace forward, and 3) target test ... ultimately identifying the birth family of a person with unknown parentage. Maurice will also discuss how to help find surname candidates for the birth father. Intermediate/advanced.

**Shauna Hicks** (Qld) — Archivist, speaker, author. Shauna Hicks has been tracing her family history since 1977 and is a well-known speaker at conferences, seminars, and genealogy cruises. She is the author of numerous family history guides and the blog, *Diary of an Australian Genealogist*. Shauna manages her genealogy research business at [www.shaunahicks.com.au](http://www.shaunahicks.com.au). Shauna has tertiary qualifications from Queensland universities including a Master of Arts in Australian Studies, a Graduate Diploma in Library Science, and a Diploma in Family Historical Studies from the Society of Australian Genealogists. She is a Fellow of the Queensland Family History Society; a recipient of the Australian Society of Archivists Distinguished Achievement Award and the Australasian Federation of Family History Organisations' Services to Family History Award. Shauna has written 12 family history guides including the popular *Trove*, *Australian Genealogy Online* and *Where Do I Start?* and is the author of the blog, *Diary of an Australian Genealogist*.



#### Australian genealogy online

**Why can't I find it: where else can I look?** - This presentation looks at why researchers may not find people in indexes, the census or other online resources. Tips and tricks to find those records you know are there but simply can't locate.

**Daniel Horowitz** (Israel) — Genealogy expert at MyHeritage. Daniel works for MyHeritage, liaising with genealogy societies, bloggers, and media, as well as lecturing, and attending conferences around the world..



**Advanced DNA tools to analyze MyHeritage DNA matches** - MyHeritage

offers numerous advanced features to help you make the most of your DNA results and integrate them into your family tree. In this session, Daniel will provide an overview of these features and show you how they can help you break through brick walls in your research. Learn how Theory of Family Relativity™, AutoClusters, and the One-to-many Chromosome Browser can help you gather useful clues — such as suggested relationship paths, groups of matches likely descended from the same ancestor, and triangulated DNA segments — to help you understand how you and your DNA Matches may be related.

**MyHeritage unique technologies for researching your family** - Learn more about the key technologies that make finding family members on MyHeritage quick and simple. Take an in-depth look at Smart Matches™, Record Matches, DNA Matches, and Instant Discoveries™, and receive helpful tips to leverage these technologies in your genealogy research.

**Mel Hulbert** (NSW) — Melissa is the current and first female President of the Society of Australian Genealogists (SAG). She is a regular presenter on various astronomy and family history topics including DNA. Melissa's background is in astronomy and physics and her day job is in this field.



**Basic photo restoration & preserving photographs** - This talk introduces the basics of photo restoration using the program Photoshop Elements. Learn how to repair scratches and tears, and how to bring out details in older photos, using some simple techniques. Colourisation of black and white images brings the subject of the image to life and adds an extra layer of interest to our family history, and we will look at how to do this using the colourisation tool in Photoshop Elements. We will also discuss good handling and preservation practices of photographs.

**Jenny Joyce** (NSW) — Jenny is a professional genealogical researcher, lecturer, teacher and writer based in Sydney, NSW. She has lectured at various societies, conferences and congresses. She is passionate about Irish and medieval English history, palaeography, immigration, DNA and historical photography. Jenny writes a blog (<https://jennyalogy.blogspot.com>) She was also the convener of the 2019 Conference for the NSW & ACT Association of Family History Societies which took place in Wahroonga in Sydney.



**Palaeography: deciphering old handwriting** - Handwriting style is constantly changing, making it hard for the inexperienced to read old documents. But with practice and guidance, you can learn to read old documents and gain valuable information from them.

**Eric Kopittke** (Qld) — German research expert. A family historian, presenter and author with a strong interest in Germany and the former German Empire, Eric has been actively researching his family since 1985 - in Australia, England, and present and former parts of Germany. For many years he has convened the Central European Interest Group of the Queensland Family History Society. Probably best known for the series *Emigrants from Hamburg to Australasia: 1850-1879* which was completed with his wife Rosemary, Eric received the Queensland FHS Award for Services to Family History (1990); was made a Fellow of the Queensland FHS (2000); and in 2006 was awarded the AFFHO Award for Meritorious Services to Family History.



**Australian resources for researching families of German origin** - Knowing where our ancestors came from is important especially for those with family origins in Germanic areas. This presentation discusses a wide variety of resources from Australia and New Zealand that can help you identify your immigrant ancestor's place of origin and provide details of their life. Beginner/intermediate level

**Reading German handwriting and understanding the records** (workshop) - Reading the old German writing is initially daunting. Hints to help decipher the letters are given along with the opportunity to practice. As well there is an introduction to the German language. Not available as a recording.

**Rosemary Kopittke** (Qld) — Speaker, editor, author. Rosemary has been tracing her family history since 1985. She has presented at many seminars, workshops and genealogy cruises, written several guides and edited over 80 others. Her primary interests are in



Australian, English and Scottish genealogy and in techniques for researching on the major subscription sites. In recognition of her contributions to family history, she was appointed a Fellow of the Queensland FHS in 2000 and in 2006 received the AFFHO Award for Meritorious Service to Family History. In 2022 she was awarded the MSc Genealogical, Palaeographic, & Heraldic Studies.

#### **Beyond just indexes: why we should examine the original records -**

Indexes to records are a great boon to our research but we need to be aware of their limitations, recognise their failings and go beyond just indexes when producing our family tree. Too often we can miss vital clues or fail to find errors in the indexes - disastrous family trees are the evidence that many people research using only indexes!

**Professor Hamish Maxwell-Stewart** (Tas) — Social historian. Hamish is a professor of heritage studies and digital humanities at the University of New England with a particular interest in convict and criminal records. He is internationally recognised for his work with complex life course and intergenerational datasets.



#### **Did convicts lie? Truth testing information provided on arrival in Australia**

Before disembarkation in Australia convicts were asked to list their trades as well as coughing up details of prior convictions and levels of literacy. Intuitively one might not expect convicted criminals to always tell the truth. It is therefore not surprising that some have treated the answers convicts provided to their interrogators with a degree of scepticism. The digitisation of convict records has enabled convict claims to be put to the test. This presentation will use digital mapping and other techniques to visualise convict responses to determine the extent to which they provided truthful answers to their colonial masters.

**Protest and punishment: understanding convict conduct records** - There is a temptation to read the length of a convict's charge sheet as a reflection of their criminality. This presentation shows how digital data can be used to provide a wider context against which to read a record of prosecution. In particular, it examines the distribution of punishments over time and across convict skills in order to explore the ways in which the organisation of work impacted upon punishment rates. It ends by highlighting ways in which court records can be used to piece together convict actions designed to improve working conditions.

**Putting death in its place: possibilities for linking birth & deaths to property records** - This presentation examines recent attempts to digitise property valuation rolls in Tasmania and link these to birth and death records. While the primary aim of this work is to explore links between the value and location of the house of birth and life expectancy, the data produced by this project will be of interest to family historians. These records provide the means to identify tenants and their associated landlords as well as the ability to reconstruct entire neighbourhoods. The presentation will include a tour a virtual tour of Hobart Town in 1847.

**Tahitia McCabe** (Scotland) — Tahitia McCabe is Head of Strathclyde Institute of Genealogical Studies and course leader on the highly regarded MSc in Genealogical Studies. Tahitia is also supervisor on the PhD in History with Genealogical Studies and a lead educator on the free online course 'Genealogy: Researching Your Family Tree'.



**Taking your genealogical studies further** - Find out more about the educational pathways at the Strathclyde Institute of Genealogical Studies, from our online 8-weekclasses to the Postgraduate Masters degree. Hear about online courses from other providers and the hugely popular MOOCs delivered by FutureLearn.

**Dr Perry McIntyre** AM (NSW) — Perry came to history through her own genealogy in the late 1970s. She has served on the committees of many organisations such as the Community Advisory Group at State Records NSW, SAG for almost 20 years, RAHS, History Council of NSW, Australian Catholic Historical Society, Great Irish Famine Commemoration Committee, Irish Studies Association of Australia and New Zealand and the Biographical Database of Australia. Publications include her PhD published by Irish Academic Press as *Free Passage: Convict Family Reunion in Australia 1788-1852* and *Irish*



*Workhouse Orphan Emigration to Australia 1848-1850* with Richard Reid for Unlock the Past. She is a Director of Anchor Books Australia. In 2021 she was awarded the Order of Australia for significant service to history preservation and genealogical organisations. Not available as a recording.

**Irish workhouse orphan emigration to Australia 1848-1850** - This presentation will outline the background to the so-called 'Earl Grey Scheme', illustrated with some examples of the outcomes of the personal lives of these 'girls' once they arrived in New South Wales, Port Phillip and Adelaide. Experience: All levels

**Paul Milner** FUGA, M.Div (USA) — A professional genealogist and lecturer, specialising in British Isles and US research for over 35 years, Paul was born and raised in northern England and settled in the US in 1975. He is an internationally recognised speaker for British Isles research and migration and author of a number of publications. He has taught weeklong English and Scottish research tracks at the Institute of Genealogical and Historical Research (IGHR), Salt Lake Institute of Genealogy (SLIG), and the British Institute. Paul is the 2018 Utah Genealogical Association Fellow Award recipient for living individuals whose distinguished contributions and on-going commitment to the field of genealogy are of national or international scope. He is the 2019 Federation of Genealogical Societies recipient of the David S. Vogels, Jr award for 25 years of service and writing book reviews for the FGS Forum. He is the author of six publications and co-author of more. Paul is currently the book review editor for the BIGWILL newsletter and retired review editor of the FGS FORUM. He is the past-president of the British Interest Group of Wisconsin and Illinois (BIGWILL), and a past board member of the Association of Professional Genealogists, Federation of Genealogical Societies, and Genealogical Speakers Guild. Paul focuses on British Isles resources and methodology on his blog at [www.milnergenealogy.com](http://www.milnergenealogy.com).



**Effective use of England's National Archives website** - How to effectively use the research tools, indexes and catalogs on this large website to find your ancestors and to put them into their correct historical context.

**Finding your Scottish ancestors: the big five** - We will examine available indexes, how to access and interpret the five primary records groups for Scottish research: civil registration, census, church records, probate and land records. These are the primary records you need when searching for anyone from the fifteenth to the twentieth century.

**New resources for British Isles research** - Learn what new primary and secondary sources have become available and how to access them. Keep up to date on the constantly changing face of British Isles research by learning about recently released original records, new indexes, book, CD-ROM and web sites.

**Overlooked sources for 17th and 18th century English research** - Going beyond the basics learn what records, published and originals are available for 17th and 18th century English research.

**Overlooked sources for 19th and 20th century English research** - Going beyond the basics learn what records, published and originals are available for 19th and 20th century English research.

**The messages our ancestors leave behind - Conference dinner presentation.** A humorous and thought-provoking look at the messages our ancestors left behind and why? Plus raising the question about what we will leave behind. Not available as a recording.

**Alan Moorhouse** (England) — I started researching my family history back in 1976 whilst still at school after seeing the old Moorhouse family bible for the first time. In time I really focused on my maternal great grandmother's name of Farmery and this developed into a worldwide one-name study, with worldwide contacts, an annual family gathering held since 2000 and an associated Y-DNA project. I joined the Guild of One-Name Studies in 1994 and have been an active member for more than 15 years. I am a member of the Society of Genealogists (London), the family history societies of Lincolnshire, Gloucestershire and Wiltshire, and am membership secretary of the Cave FHS.



**Guild of One Name Studies: who and how we can help, why join, what is a ONS study** – Find out what a one-name study is, why you might want to do one and what is involved, what the benefits are of joining the Guild of One-Name Studies and how the Guild can help non-members with their research. Experience: all levels.

**Paul Nixon** (England) — Paul was born, bred and still lives in Chelmsford, Essex, England. He is the proud grandson of a First World War veteran, and the proud great great grandson of a Crimean War colour sergeant. Paul's interest in the Great War inevitably led him back in time to examine more closely the Edwardian and late Victorian army and has led him down various military ephemera collecting rabbit holes. Paul has carried out extensive research into British Army regimental numbers and published much of this on his Army Service Numbers blog - <https://armyservicenumbers.blogspot.com> - which he launched in 2008. More recently, in 2017, he launched the British Army Ancestors website - <http://britisharmyancestors.co.uk/> - which is a free resource and arguably the single largest online photographic archive of named British Army soldiers who served between 1850 to 1945.



**British Army detective 1850-1920** – Locating, piecing together and interpreting information in disparate collections in order to construct a fuller picture of service of our British Army ancestors. The presentation is suitable for beginner, intermediate and advanced-level family historians.

**Betty O'Neill** (NSW) — Dr Betty O'Neill is a Sydney-based author and educator with a lively curiosity and passion for family history. She is a lecturer in Creative Intelligence at the University of Technology, Sydney and a past Director on the Board of the Society of Australian Genealogists. She has appeared on Who Do You Think You Are? and been interviewed by many, including Sarah Kanowski, ABC Conversations about her debut memoir, *The Other Side of Absence: Discovering my father's secrets*, published in 2020. See Betty's website for interviews and other information [www.bettyoneill.com](http://www.bettyoneill.com)



**Better than fiction: writing and sharing our family stories** (workshop) – We'll explore a range of different ways you can work with your research to build an engaging story for others to read or view. Come along and crank up your imagination, get to the heart of your ancestors' stories and leave with a writing plan. Experience: all levels. Not available as a recording.

**Michelle Patient** (New Zealand) — Michelle Patient is a genealogist, computer geek, and DNA enthusiast, with qualifications in Chemistry, Geology and Family History. In 1987 Michelle began searching for her English half-sister, and in 2005 she reconnected her mother with her birth family. With ancestry ranging from Deep English on her paternal side, with early Australian military and convicts, Australian & New Zealand early colonists on her maternal side, through to post-WWII British Royal Naval Support, her personal research covers a wide range of British Isles Diasporas and early Down Under research. She has separated facts from fiction, uncovering stories of will disputes, adoptions, children being given away, bankruptcies, and murder-suicides. Adding DNA research to her genealogy tool kit has increased the range of Michelle's methods, revealing skeletons, and breaking down many brick walls. Michelle volunteers for several genealogical societies, is a member of APG and is one of the DNA consultants behind the Australian SBS TV series "Every Family has a Secret" and co-hosts Talking Family History with Fiona Brooker.



**Comparing Ancestry, Findmypast, MyHeritage and FamilySearch** – Ever thought about using one or more of these database and tree storage websites but not too sure if they could be of any help to you? Michelle will not only compare the key features each site offers, she will also share some tips to help you get the most out of them.

**Exploring ThruLines™ and Theories of Relativity™** – Join Michelle as she explores these two similar DNA tools available at Ancestry and MyHeritage. Overviewing their pros and cons in how they can help us add more evidence and clues to confirm and extend our family trees. Bring your questions along, as there will be plenty of time for Q&A.

**Reviewing your research: how to get past that roadblock in your tree** – Brick walls and roadblocks can be found in most family trees. Many of us leave these branches to one side for "later" or decide to just stop looking at them altogether. Returning to these roadblocks and reviewing the previously gathered evidence with fresh eyes, often helps us to move past or around these barriers. Over time we have learnt more about genealogy research, hence it is well worth revisiting our early work to see if any resources have been missed or if new records have become available. Maybe you are not sure what sort of evidence to gather or where it might be available? Michelle will provide a checklist to help.

**We remember...: researching, remembering and commemorating those in our families who served** – In honour of Remembrance Day, Michelle will explore ways family historians can research, remember and commemorate those in our families who served. The presentation will include tips about where to find Down Under service records and the gems of information that can be found within. Lest We Forget.

**Chris Paton** (Scotland) — Originally from Northern Ireland, Chris is a Scottish based professional genealogist, running the Scotland's Greatest Story ancestral research service ([www.ScotlandsGreatestStory.co.uk](http://www.ScotlandsGreatestStory.co.uk)). A regular contributor to several UK and Ireland based family history publications, and author of many books and guides, he also writes the daily Scottish GENES (Genealogy News and Events) blog at [www.scottishgenes.blogspot.com](http://www.scottishgenes.blogspot.com). A holder of a Postgraduate Diploma in Genealogical Studies, Chris has tutored for the University of Strathclyde's postgraduate genealogical studies program ([www.strath.ac.uk/genealogy](http://www.strath.ac.uk/genealogy)), and teaches online Scottish genealogy courses through Pharos Teaching and Tutoring Ltd ([www.pharostutors.com](http://www.pharostutors.com)). He has lectured across Britain, Ireland, the US, Canada, Australia and New Zealand, and currently serves as a member of the Public Record Office of Northern Ireland user forum.



**Scottish Kirk Session records**

**Using the internet and PRONI for Northern Irish research**

**Jonny Perl** (England) — Jonny is a genealogist, DNA enthusiast and web developer based in London, UK. He is the creator and founder of [dnainter.com](http://dnainter.com), an award-winning website offering chromosome mapping, inheritance charts and more. Jonny has also collaborated with leading genetic genealogists to create additional tools that help people around the world interpret the results of their autosomal DNA tests. After many years exploring his family history, Jonny took a DNA test in 2016 and was fascinated to investigate how the results could help his research. His focus is now on exploring new ways of visualising DNA and family tree information to help make it more inviting and user-friendly.



**Chromosome mapping: how to do it, why do it, and what you can and can't accomplish with it** – Chromosome mapping is a technique that allows you to map segments of your DNA to the specific ancestors you inherited them from. This webinar introduces what it is and how you can do it, along with a summary of what it can and cannot help you achieve. Some examples using the DNA Painter website are included alongside suggestions for other tools and software that might help you with your DNA research goals.

**Four ways DNA Painter can help with your family history research: 2021 update** – There are now many different tools available at the DNA Painter website. In this presentation, the site's creator will demonstrate how these tools can be applied practically to several different aspects of genealogy. You will then be in a better position to determine which approaches will assist most effectively when tackling your own research questions.

**Jason Reeve** (NSW) — Jason is the Content Manager for Ancestry Australia and New Zealand. Besides working with state archives & registries to acquire new record collections for the Ancestry community. You will also often find him on the road visiting local societies and events to speak on Ancestry & AncestryDNA.



**Ancestry content, community & digitisation insights**  
Not available as a recording.

**David Rencher** (USA) — David is the Chief Genealogical Officer at FamilySearch and Director of the Family History Library in Salt Lake City. He's also a leading international expert specialising in Ireland and England. He was Accredited in Ireland genealogical research in 1981, Certified Genealogist in 2006. BA, Family and Local History, Brigham Young University, 1980. Fellow, Utah Genealogical Association; Fellow, Irish Genealogical Research Society – London; Lecturer, Course Coordinator (Ireland), Samford University's IGHR; Past-President, FGS, 1997-2001. Author of a series of articles in The Septs on Irish Genealogical Collections; currently Chief Genealogical Officer for FamilySearch at the Family History Department of the LDS Church.



**Chasing the poor and landless (Irish)** – Defining the landless and alternate record sources is crucial for identifying the poorest of the poor. The records of the Irish poor are voluminous but scattered throughout the country. This session helps you understand where and how to approach this problem.

**Finding Irish records on FamilySearch, Ancestry and Findmypast** – This session focuses on the largest Internet providers for Irish genealogical materials and illustrates search techniques and strategies for getting the best search results. Sites included are FamilySearch, Ancestry and Findmypast.

**Introduction to Irish land records** – This session outlines the Irish land law pre-12th century to the separation of the Irish Free State in 1921. The timeline covers the plantation schemes, the relevant Irish land statutes, the Irish Land Commission, and the records of the Quit Rent Office. It will also lay out the difference of the Land Registry versus the Registry of Deeds and the Landed Estates Court.

**Ireland civil registration** – Registration of births, marriages, and deaths in Ireland were the latest in the British Isles but connecting them to the church records can identify complete family groups. With later emigration problems, the records may also be used to identify origins.

**Using all the features of FamilySearch** – Learn the breadth and depth of the programs and features of the FamilySearch organization and website. The genealogical landscape has changed dramatically in the last decade – learn what FamilySearch has done to adapt.

**Judy Russell** (USA) — The Legal Genealogist, Judy G. Russell is a genealogist with a law degree. She writes, teaches and lectures on a wide variety of genealogical topics, ranging from using court records in family history to understanding DNA testing. A native of the American west with roots deep in the American south on her mother's side and entirely in Germany on her father's side, she is a member of the Association of Professional Genealogists, the National Genealogical Society (U.S.) and numerous state and regional genealogical societies. On the faculty of the Institute of Genealogy and Historical Research, the Salt Lake Institute of Genealogy, the Genealogical Research Institute of Pittsburgh, the Midwest African American Genealogy Institute, and the Genealogical Institute on Federal Records at the U.S. National Archives, she lectures internationally providing expert guidance through the murky territory where law, history, and genealogy come together. Recipient of the 2015 Utah Genealogical Association Silver Tray Award and the 2016 Director's Award from the Federation of Genealogical Societies (FGS), she is a member of the Board of Trustees of the Board for Certification of Genealogists® (BCG), from which she holds credentials as a Certified Genealogist® and Certified Genealogical Lecturer. She has written for the National Genealogical Society Quarterly (from which she received the 2017 Award of Excellence), the National Genealogical Society Magazine, the FGS Forum, BCG's OnBoard, and Family Tree Magazine, among other publications. Her award-winning blog appears at The LegalGenealogist website [www.legalgenealogist.com](http://www.legalgenealogist.com).



**Copyrights and copywrongs: the law for genealogists** – With many aspects in common through international agreements yet key aspects of differences by national laws, copyright law crosses national borders and impacts all genealogical researchers. Understanding the basics-what we have in common, where the laws differ and where we all go wrong-can keep us all on the straight and narrow path of copyright and help us avoid copywrongs.

**Don't forget the ladies: a genealogist's guide to women and the law** – In early days, women were all too often the people who just weren't there: not in the records, not in the censuses, not on juries, not in the voting only. The common law relegated women to "protected" – second-class – status, and understanding how they were treated under the law provides clues to finding their identities today.

**No, no, Nanette! What negative evidence is ... and isn't** – Negative evidence is the hardest type of evidence to understand or use in genealogical research. Negative evidence arises "from an absence of a situation or information in extant records where that information might be expected," and so it is, as the fictional detective Sherlock Holmes told us in the short story "Silver Blaze," the "curious incident. . . in the night-time"—the thing we would expect to see or hear but that just isn't there. Learn more about what negative evidence is—and what it isn't—and how to use it.

**The discriminating genealogist: telling good evidence from bad** – The "best evidence" rule in law requires the presentation in court of an original rather than a copy, and a copy won't even be admitted if the original is available. In genealogy, our rules require us to do the same: to discriminate, choose in favor of, prefer certain types of evidence to others, certain bits of information to others, certain sources to others.

**The rest of the story** – Going beyond the record to tell the rest of the story: how to find it, when to tell it, and when to keep it to ourselves.

**When worlds collide: resolving conflicts in genealogical research** (workshop) – The Genealogical Proof Standard says to resolve conflicts in data... but like so many things that sound good, it's easier said than done. What exactly are we supposed to do when we encounter conflicting evidence? What are the basic types of evidence conflicts and the methods – and tips and tricks – we can use to resolve them? Not available as a recording.

**Donna Rutherford** (England) — Donna specialises in complex DNA cases such as foundlings, surprise DNA results, and other unknown parentage cases. In 2019 she was one of the co-authors of a paper investigating ". the effectiveness of genetic genealogy to identify individuals in the UK" used to inform the UK on the potential use of Investigative Genetic Genealogy in the future. As well as being a regular speaker at UK & Ireland genealogy conferences, Donna has a well-known blog with hints & tips for DNA research, including a YouTube channel with helpful videos. One of Donna's better-known talks was a hit at Belfast "Back To Our Past" and uncovered the DNA secrets of "The Game Of Thrones". Her first blog about DNA research was published by Ancestry in 2016. Donna's Facebook group DNA Help for Genealogy (UK) is now listed as a recommended resource for Strathclyde University students.



**The power of siblings: DNA** – This talk covers what you might expect from testing your sibling(s) and how they can enhance your DNA research. I use my own family of 5 paternal uncles who are all full siblings and have done DNA tests. It shows the comparisons between all 5 brothers and goes on to explain how testing siblings can really improve your success with DNA.

**Wayne Shephard** (Canada) — Wayne Shephard graduated in Geology from the University of Calgary and spent over 40 years applying his knowledge and expertise in the exploration for oil and gas, primarily in Western Canada. Following retirement, he has spent much of his time involved with family history research, exploring families in North America, continental Europe and the United Kingdom. Wayne is active in expanding his interest in and writing about natural phenomena and their impacts on people and communities. His view is that humankind has always had to adapt to the ever-changing physical environments in which they lived. In his genealogical work, Wayne has been particularly mindful of stories concerning families that were both negatively and positively impacted by changes to their habitat and to disasters which sometimes overwhelmed them. Wayne published a book (*Surviving Mother Nature's Tests*) that relates many of the situations observed in nature to the lives of families who experienced or endured them, primarily over the past several centuries. He volunteers as an Online Parish Clerk, handling four parishes in Devon, England. Wayne is the author of over 30 articles published in family history journals and



magazines and has made presentations to many groups related to a variety of subjects. Information about these articles and talks can be found on his two regular genealogical blogs, Discover Genealogy and Mother Nature's Tests.

**Natural phenomena and their effects on our Ancestors** – The presentation will offer a perspective on how natural events and conditions of the physical environment controlled the lives and livelihoods of people in the past.

**Using Parish & Other Records . . . to determine what and how certain natural events affected people and communities in the past** – The presentation will involve a discussion of what types of information are available that show how natural phenomena impacted lives and livelihoods using specific examples of record and areas

**Helen Shields** (Qld) — Auntie Kate, alter ego of One-Placer Helen Shields. Helen has a One-Place Study of a village in Devon, South West England and sometimes presents as her alter ego 'Auntie Kate' (Kezia Ching 1860-1933). A committee member of the international "Society for One-Place Studies" she is an enthusiast for this way of developing family history.



**A step back in time with Auntie Kate: Sticklepath one-place study** – A photographic journey through the history of Sticklepath, the tiny Chantry Chapel, the Quakers, John Wesley and the Methodists in the village. Auntie Kate introduces us to her family and tells stories of the changes that took place during her lifetime. (1860-1933). Appropriate for all levels.

**Tell me about one-place studies** – What is a One-Place Study (OPS), how does it differ from family or local history? How this approach helps family historians understand their ancestors' lives? Tips on how to investigate your ancestors' place in the UK, information about OPSs around the world and The Society for One-Place Studies.

**Helen Smith** (Qld) — Helen is a speaker, researcher, author with a strong interest in medical and social history. She is a DNA specialist with experience in autosomal, YDNA and mtDNA and is convener of the Genealogical Society of Queensland's DNA SIG. She has been researching family history since 1986 in Australia, England, Ireland and Wales with forays into other areas of the world chasing after mobile family members. She has spoken in every state and territory in Australia, and internationally in New Zealand, Canada, USA, England and aboard 13 Unlock the Past cruises. She is the author of *Death Certificates and Archaic Medical Terms*, *Google the Genealogists Friend*, many articles for family history journals and contributing author to Brisbane Disease. She is a member of the Association of Professional Genealogists and Genealogical Speakers Guild. She is researching the surname Querstedt anywhere, anytime and has registered the name with the Guild of One-Name Studies. She is also a Molecular Epidemiologist specialising in Public Health Microbiology and has a strong interest in infectious diseases and Public Health through the ages with a Graduate Diploma in Public Health, Bachelor Applied Science: Medical Laboratory Science and Associate Diploma in Clinical Laboratory Techniques..



**Epidemics: not just the flu** – DNA testing costs money and needs living people (currently). These two factors mean that working with a plan is necessary to do effective testing, even on lines on which you are currently not working. It also increases organisation of DNA information.

**Friendly societies and family history** – Before 1914 about 25% of Australians were members. Around 90% men in some occupations were members. Why? What did they do? What did membership mean for your ancestor? Experience: all levels

**To have but not to hold: divorce in Australia** – What did our ancestors in the Australian colonies do when marriage became untenable before that time? What were the grounds for a grant of divorce: for the man or for the woman? Come along for a delve into untying the knot of marriage in Australia. Experience: all levels

**Sue Swalwell** (England) — Sue grew up in North Yorkshire before going to University in London where she still lives and worked as a researcher in marketing and advertising. As someone who became the caretaker of the family archive, she has now been studying her

ancestors and their communities for forty years. Sue established a Swalwell One-Name Study, so now also studies the family name and its place within history. Sue has spoken on her discoveries and experiences at the Society of Genealogists, Secret Lives Conference 2018, Family Tree Live 2019, Unlock the Past Cruise Conference 2019 & Queensland Family History Society. Sue loves re-discovering and re-building the forgotten stories of bearers of the Swalwell surname.



**Hiding in the chancery cupboard: the trials & tribulations of an 18th century wife** – The Chancery records of England are an underused resource even though they can reveal much about the stories of people and communities in the past. This is a case study based on Sue's investigation of Richard & Elizabeth Swalwell of Whitby, Yorkshire, in the first half of the 18th Century and more particularly the presence of Elizabeth in the Chancery records for approximately sixty years even beyond her death.

**Penny Walters** (England) — Dr Penny Walters has been a University lecturer for 30 years teaching Masters Business studies at Bristol University. Penny's interest in genealogy started after having her first child and then wondering about her biological parents, as she was adopted. Penny has 6 mixed race children, who have all enjoyed discovering their roots through DNA ethnicity results. Penny lectures internationally in-person, writes articles, and is sought after for a wide range of webinar topics. Penny has authored the books: *Ethical Dilemmas in Genealogy* (2019) and *The Psychology of Searching* (2020). available on Amazon in paperback on kindle [www.searchmypast.co.uk](http://www.searchmypast.co.uk)



**Are you an ethical genealogist?** (workshop) – Many genealogists and family historians work on their own and it feels like there is nobody to discuss things with. Very few of us have had any training in ethics before, we may feel confused as to what to do if a difficult or awkward situation arises. *See website for full description.* Not available as a recording.

**Deconstructing the UK censuses 1801 to present** – This session will look at censuses that have been held every 10 years in the United Kingdom since 1801. We will look at the importance of utilising maps, enumerator routes, census reports, population statistics, industry, social structure, old photographs and travel writing in combination with census analysis. Compulsory official requirements for registration of births, marriages and deaths will be detailed, which, combined with census information, can reveal a lot about social history ... *See website for full description.*

**Ethical dilemmas in genealogy ... what possible problems could there be?** This session will discuss what ethics and morality mean, and what these have to do with genealogy and family history. We're just compiling our family tree, what possible problems could there be? Have any of you asked any family members if it's ok to include them on your tree? Researching and devising a family tree traditionally involved asking relatives about their lives and undertaking a paper trail. *See website for full description.*

**Veronica Williams** (NSW) — Veronica describes herself as an enthusiastic and obsessed researcher with a special interest in genetic genealogy. She holds a Bachelor of Management and Human Resources degree and worked as an Executive Director in public administration for many years, focussed on human resource and change management. Researching her own family history started in earnest in 2006 and she completed the Certificate in Genealogical Research at the Society of Australian Genealogists (SAG). To help increase her own knowledge, Veronica was instrumental in establishing the SAG DNA Research Group in 2015. Veronica remained the convener of the group for nearly 6 years and continues to be an active volunteer for the society presenting sessions on both general genealogy and DNA research,



**Introduction to WikiTree, the free family website** – An introduction to [Wikitree.com](http://Wikitree.com), a free site you can use to publish your family history. WikiTree is a community and brings together genealogists from around the world to collaborate and grow the one world family tree. Veronica will explain how to use the site, explore some of its great DNA features plus highlight tech tools, projects and more. Experience: beginner/Intermediate.

# Exhibitors

Ancestry

AncestryProGenealogists

Archive Digital Books Australasia

Borland Genetics

Cite-Builder

DNA Painter - virtual only

Family History ACT - virtual only

Family Tree DNA - virtual only

Family Tree Maker

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Guild of One Name Studies

MyHeritage - virtual only

Queensland Family History Society - virtual only

Society of Australian Genealogists

Teapot Genealogy

The Society for One-Place Studies - virtual only

University of Strathclyde - virtual only

WikiTree

## Prizes and special offers

Prizes will be drawn at the end of November when we have all prizes in hand.

A number of exhibitors have special promotions, some of them offering big discounts.

Some are listed on the virtual online booths now,  
but more will be added until the end of November.

A password will be given soon to access the offers.

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