D-OGS Newsletter – October 2023

News & Articles of Interest to Durham-Orange genealogists

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D-OGS MEETING FOR 4 OCTOBER 2023

Modern technology such as aerial drones can be used along with traditional research methods to discover not only lost cemeteries, but also the location of home sites and other items of archaeological and historical interest.

Please join us on Wednesday, October 4 at 7:00 PM at the OWASA Community Center, 400 Jones Ferry Rd, Carrboro, OR ONLINE via Zoom, to hear Edwin D. Averette present "***Lost Cemeteries - Between Land Records & Genealogy***". Edwin will share his research and use of technology to delve into the interrelationship between cemetery layout, land records, and family genealogy to figure out the probability of where lost people are buried across our landscape. Although his focus is on Eastern North Carolina, his methods can apply to any cemetery anywhere.

NOTE: For in-person attendees, please be aware that the speaker will be presenting remotely, but you can still come and chat with your fellow members. Our in-person meetings are always free and open to the public.

Speaker Biography
Edwin D. Averette, III, a native of Craven County, is an individual with a passion for the arts and historical research. In 2021, he earned his Bachelor's degree in Fine Arts from ECU, concentrating in Design, Photography, and Anthropology with a certificate in Archaeology. Throughout his academic journey, he developed a deep fascination for exploring the intricate connections between people, history, and landscapes. He has deep family roots in Craven County and Eastern North Carolina going back hundreds of years. Through research in Eastern North Carolina, he has mapped out elements of the region's history, such as land grants, deeds, and cemeteries. He is dedicated to unearthing the stories and significance hidden within these often-overlooked spaces. You may view Edwin's Senior Thesis which highlights some of the Eastern North Carolina cemeteries he has researched and photographed via the following link:

https://art.ecu.edu/ug20/edwin-d-averette-iii/

Directions:
The OWASA Community Center is on the right side of Jones Ferry Road heading west out of town. Park in the lower lot on the west side of the facility - the center is the door closest to the street on the lower level.
Recording

This lecture will be recorded and made available on the member-only section of the D-OGS website.
Online Access

We will be using the popular Zoom software which runs on PCs and Macs, as well as mobile devices like phones and tablets. It will be free for you to use. You do not need a microphone or video camera - just

speakers and a screen, but it will be easier to ask questions if you have a microphone. There is an option to call in via telephone but note in most cases the presentation assumes you can see the slides or demo. Online information will be emailed to D-OGS members on the day of the program.

Non-members may attend this meeting for free but must register prior to noon on the day of the presentation.

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UPDATE YOU D-OGS SURNAME LIST & CONTACT INFO

Make sure that the info you put on your surname list, lo those many years ago, is still valid. If not, update each entry, add new entries or delete ones that are no longer viable.

Also check your contact info for accuracy as well as your member profile.

MONTHLY BACKUP REMINDER

It is the first of a new month. Don't forget to backup your data files.

2023 NCGS FALL CONFERENCE, ANNUAL MEETING AND AWARDS

October 28, 2023 - 9:00 am – 4:00 pm (Eastern Time)
McKimmon Conference and Training Center, 1101 Gorman Street, Raleigh NC

In-person and live-streamed - $69 – ($10 discount for NCGS members)

Experienced in traditional research, and lacking confidence in the use of DNA? Been struggling to create an effective plan that combines paper records with DNA testing to expand that family tree? Shannon Combs-Bennett has just the presentations for you. She is a published author and holds a Master of Science in Genealogical, Heraldic, and Paleogeograhic Studies from the University of Strathclyde. In her busy 2023 schedule, she presented at the National Genealogical Conference in Richmond. Shannon has a deep interest in the history of lineage societies. She will share how they can assist in discovering genealogical information for researchers.

As a final inspiration, she will present a case study from Surry County, North Carolina. She will track the Brassfield Family, indicate methodology used, and reveal errors in a popular television show that discussed the family! Come and enjoy the awards ceremony honoring North Carolina publications and outstanding service. Vendors will provide those tempting resources and most current applications. North Carolina provides an inspiring atmosphere to share stories with fellow family historians.

As an extra bonus, all attendees registered for either the in-person or live-streamed sessions will have access to recordings of all six lectures (four live-streamed and two pre-recorded lectures), for 30 days following the conference.

2023 NCGS Fall Conference event flyer

2023 NCGS Fall Conference Schedule
(all times are Eastern Time)

8:30 am	Registration Opens Exhibitor Room Opens	Lobby Room 4
9:00 am – 9:15 am (ET)	Welcome and Announcements	Room 1A
9:15 am – 10:15 am	***Lineage Societies Are More Than Hats and Gloves: The Evolution of Lineage Societies and Their Contribution to the Field of Genealogy***	Room 1A
10:15 am – 10:45 am	Break and Exhibitors	Room 4
10:45 am – 11:45 am	***DNA Testing For Genealogy: It Really is More Than Just Spitting in a Test Tube***	Room 1A
11:45 am – 12:15 pm	**Annual Meeting**	Room 1A
12:15 pm – 1:30 pm	Lunch and Awards	
1:30 pm – 2:30 pm	***Roadmaps Tell You More Than How to Get From A to B: Creating a Research Plan With DNA Testing***	Room 1A
2:30 pm – 2:45 pm	Break and Exhibitors	Room 4
2:45 pm – 3:45 pm	***Macclesfield to North Carolina: A Case Study Concerning the Brassfield Lines Who Helped Settle North Carolina***	Room 1A
3:45 pm – 4:00 pm	Door Prizes	Room 1A

About the Presentations:

Lineage Societies Are More Than Hats and Gloves: The Evolution of Lineage Societies and Their Contribution to the Field of Genealogy

Lineage societies are a uniquely American phenomenon. Why the first ones were created has been debated by historians for decades. What is not debated is that due to their popularity, lineage societies are tightly entwined with the field of genealogy. This presentation will discuss a brief history of lineage organizations in the US, how these organizations can assist your research, and where to access genealogical information for different organizations.

DNA Testing For Genealogy: It Really is More Than Just Spitting in a Test Tube

Everyone has taken a DNA test for genealogy, right? Have you? Have you squeezed every drop of information out of it yet? While there will be a brief overview of the types of DNA tests available on the market and what each can tell you, this presentation will help take you to that next level. It will cover how to use testing site analysis tools, 3rd party research tools, and how to use them to solve genealogical problems in your family tree.

Roadmaps Tell You More Than How to Get From A to B: Creating a Research Plan With DNA Testing

We are taught in Genealogy 101 to create research plans as part of a genealogist's toolbox. Research plans are a way to guide our research thoughtfully and methodologically to solve our genealogical questions. Most people consider that with books, websites, and paper research. Well, in the 21st Century, that now includes DNA testing. This presentation will demonstrate how to include genetic genealogy results, testing strategies, analysis, and proof arguments in your research plans.

Macclesfield to North Carolina: A Case Study Concerning the Brassfield Lines Who Helped Settle North Carolina

The best way to wrap everything up is to put everything we have learned into practice. This case study will highlight my ongoing research into my Brassfield line from Surry County, North Carolina. The presentation will trace the Brassfield's to Wake County and onto Virginia before crossing the pond to England. While doing so, you will see the records I consulted, theories I worked through, strategies, DNA results, negative evidence I chose not to use, and errors in a popular television show discussing this ancestral lineage. As genealogy is a continual work in progress and never truly finished, I am excited to share what I currently have and where I want to go with this research.

Meet the Speaker:

Shannon Combs-Bennett, QG

Shannon Combs-Bennett, a Qualified Genealogist (QG) through the Register of Qualified Genealogists of the United Kingdom, is an award-winning author and genealogist who lives in Northern Virginia. She writes and presents on various genealogical topics, from genetic genealogy to methodology. Shannon earned a Bachelor of Science in Biology with an emphasis in genetics from Indiana University and a Master of Science in Genealogical, Heraldic, and Paleogeographic Studies from the University of Strathclyde in Glasgow, Scotland. Currently, Shannon is a Ph.D. candidate in History with Genealogical Studies at the University of Strathclyde.

Bonus Recorded Lectures:

Strengthening Roots and Revealing History: Empowering African Americans Through Genealogical Lineage Societies with Andre Kearns

Lineage societies provide a unique opportunity to explore, safeguard, and highlight the impactful roles our ancestors played in history, and offer us a platform to give back to society through service and charity. Andre Kearns will share his personal journey to membership in the Sons of the American Revolution and other lineage societies and share why African Americans should consider joining these societies.

Andre Kearns is a genealogist, speaker, and writer. He serves on the National Genealogical Society board and is chair of the NGS Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion committee. He is a founding member of the Society of the First African Families of English America, and a member of the Sons and Daughters of the US Middle Passage, as well as The District of Columbia Society of the Sons of the American Revolution.

Ultimate DNA Brick Walls: Genetic Genealogy for Adoptees, Foundlings, and Unknown Parentage Cases with Shannon Combs-Bennett, QG

DNA testing is often undertaken to help a person solve a genealogy issue where there is little to no documentation. It is often because there is a gap or break in the lineage. It could be due to an adoption, abandonment, estrangement, misattributed parentage, or because no one wrote down the information. These situations can all be tackled with the same research plan and DNA analysis. In this presentation, you will learn how to break down genealogical issues like these into ways that you can (hopefully) solve your questions.

Pricing

$69 – NCGS Members will receive a $10 discount
In-person (includes lunch) or live-streamed
Optional printed syllabus for in-person attendees: $10

All registrants will receive an email with a link for the syllabus download after registration closes. A printed syllabus will be available ONLY to IN-PERSON attendees and must be purchased in advance.
Members, please log in before purchasing tickets to take advantage of NCGS member pricing.

Not a member? Take advantage of NCGS member pricing by first joining NCGS. Newly joining members must first purchase a membership and then log in with their member credentials to receive the member discount. Visit the Membership section of the website to see available plans.

Registration & Hotel Information

Seating is limited. We cannot accept walk-ins.

Pre-registration will close at midnight on 21 October 2023. All checks submitted as payment must be received no later than 21 October 2023. After registration closes, all virtual attendees will be sent an email with a link to join the session.

Refund policy: A full refund will be given if the request is received on or before 21 October 2023. There will be no refunds for requests received 22 October 2023 or later.

Hotel information
DoubleTree by Hilton Raleigh/Cary has a limited number of rooms reserved for conference attendees. Their special rate is $135/night per night for 1 King or 2 Queen rooms over Thursday-Saturday nights (Oct 26-Oct 29). The last date to make a reservation at the special rate is September 26, 2023.

Click here to reserve your room or call the hotel directly at (919) 239-4777 and mention North Carolina Genealogical Society to receive the discounted rate.

HOW TO USE ANCESTRYDNA SHARED MATCHES

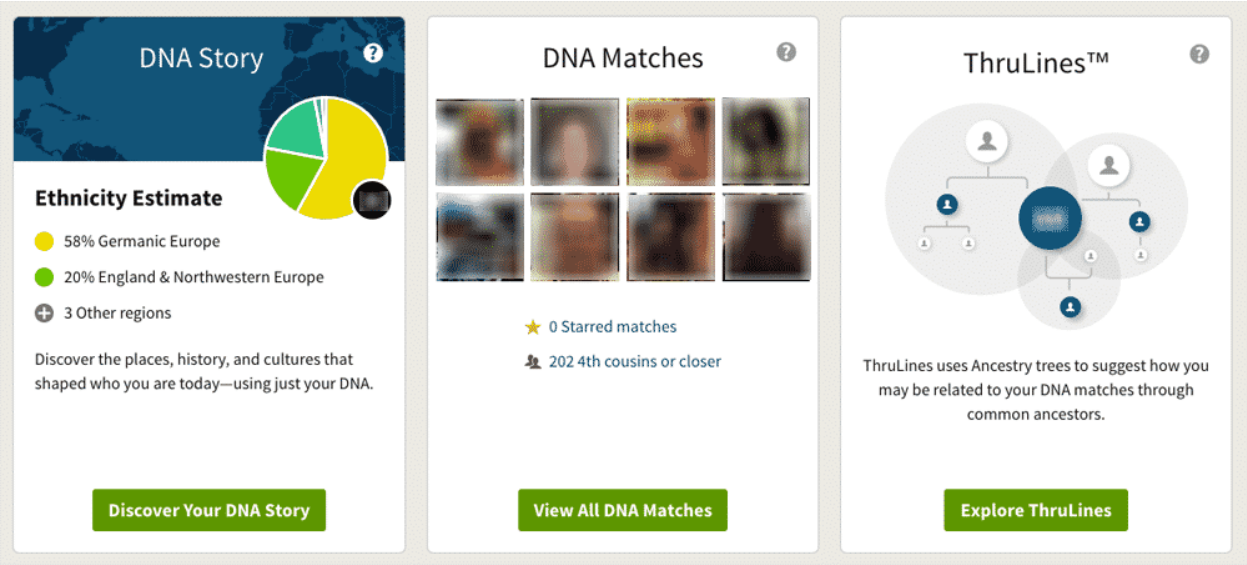
By Shannon Combs-Bennett

Genealogists love finding cousins and more than ever, we seek them out through DNA testing. At times, knowing how you're related—who gave you the common DNA segments—can be frustrating. If you've taken an AncestryDNA test, the site's Shared Matches tool can help you home in on who made you cousins.

Shared Matches was unveiled in August 2015 to show you other matches you share with a specific match. For example, say your dad's brother's son—your first cousin—is among your DNA matches. Click his name on your match list, then the Shared Matches tab. You can see everyone else who matches the two of you. Because you know your cousin is from your paternal side of the family, you can start looking there for a relationship with those Shared Matches.

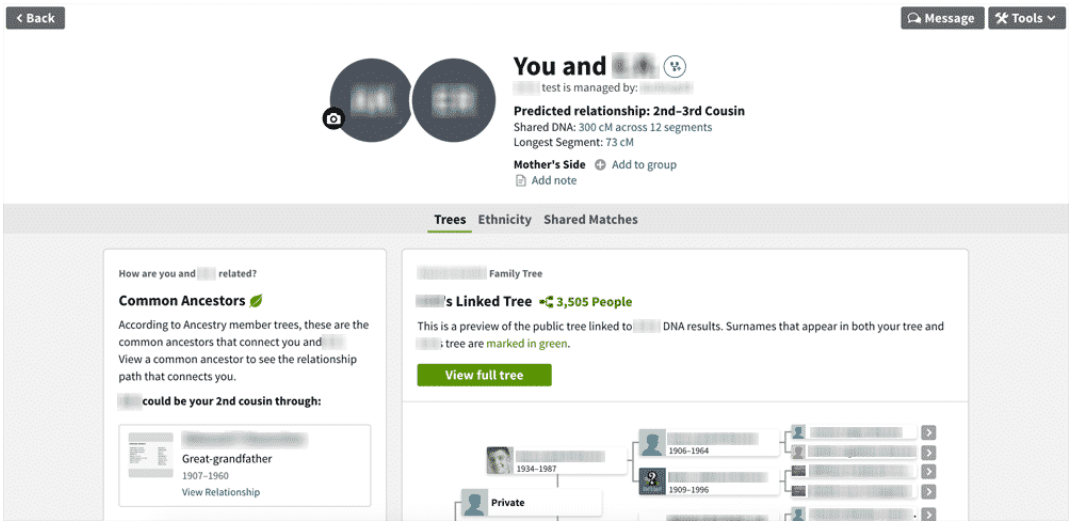
Here's how to view your AncestryDNA Shared Matches, and what you can do with them.

1. **Log into your AncestryDNA account, click the DNA tab and then select Shared Matches**



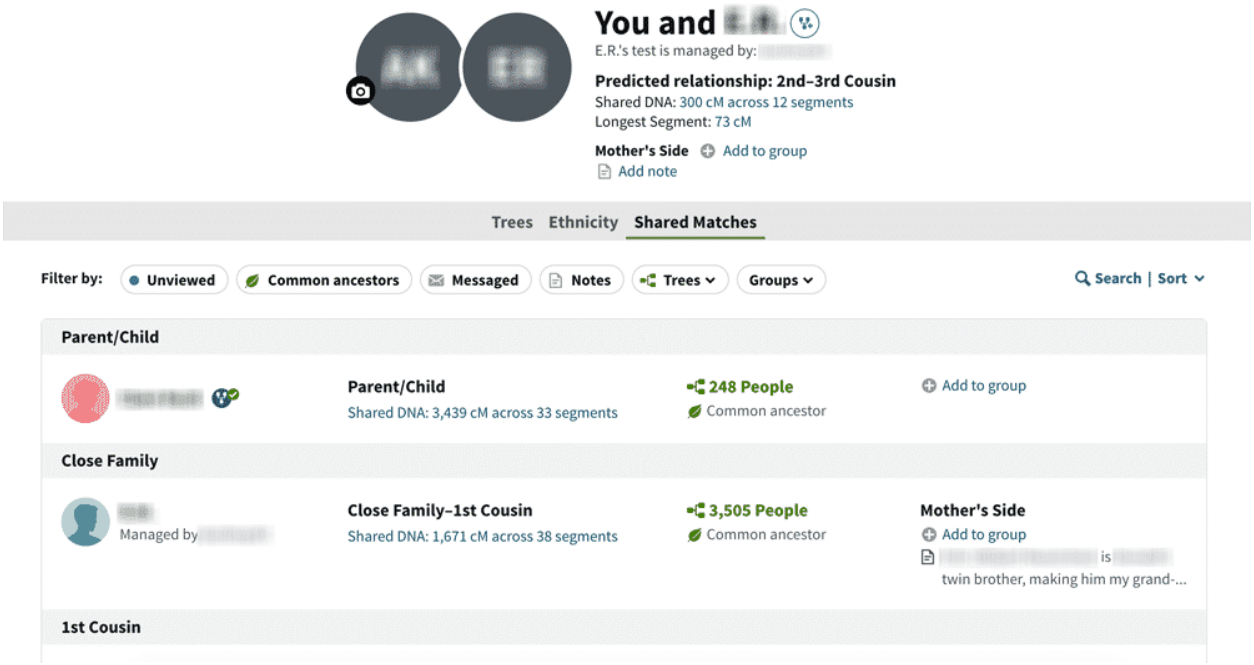
Note: In these screenshots, we've obscured members' identifying details.

2. Click <u>All Matches</u>, select a person on your results list and click their username.



Here, you can use tabs to switch among three different views: the family tree this match has linked to his DNA profile (if any; you also might see a link to select a public tree the person has posted or a prompt to ask the person to view your tree) along with a list of surnames; a comparison of your ethnicity estimates; and Shared Matches.

3. Click the Shared Matches tab.



This will show you the matches you and the other person have in common. View each shared match's family tree, if there's one attached one to his or her profile, looking for common ancestors, surnames and places.

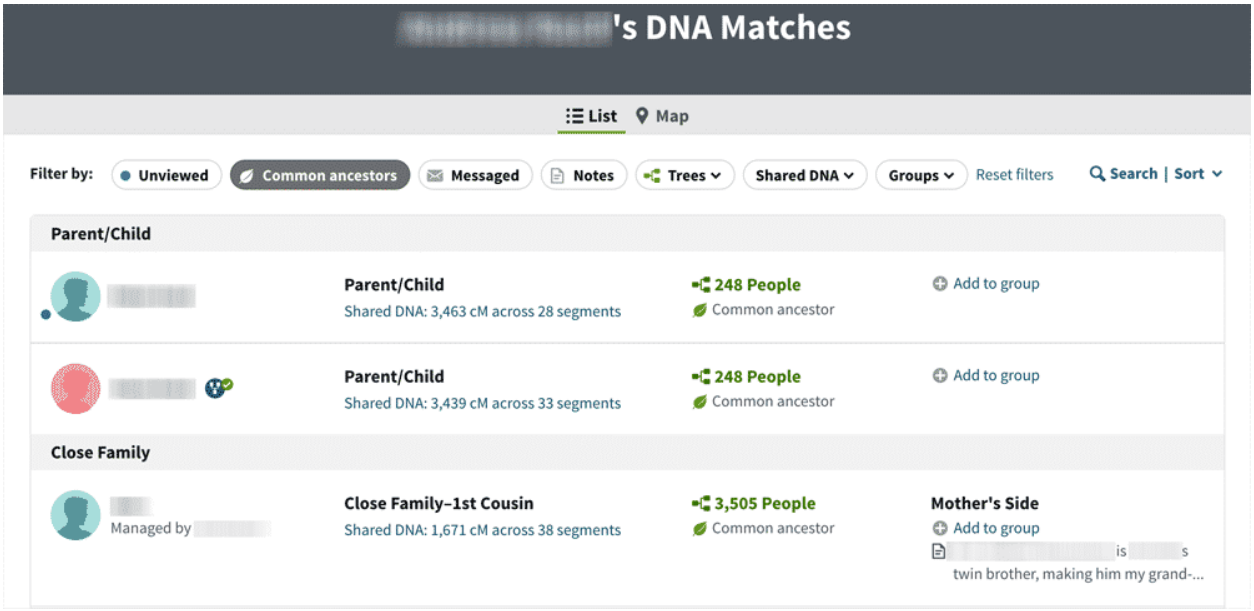
It's possible that when you click a person's Shared Matches tab, you'll see a message that you two have no shared matches. It simply means that no other cousins who share DNA with both you and this match have tested—yet. Check back frequently for new matches.

Note that, just because you and another person have a Shared Match, doesn't mean that all three of you have the same segment of DNA—that is to say, you all don't necessarily have the same ancestor.

Say you're person A, and you match person B. You and B have a Shared Match, person C. You match person B because your dad is first cousins with B's mom, and you match person C because your mom is second cousins with C's dad. But person B might match person C because B's dad is cousin to C's mom. In this case, you share a DNA segment with B and a different DNA segment with C, and B and C share yet a third DNA segment.

Look at your best matches and compare the lists of Shared Matches with each one. If you share a match with person B who isn't on person A's list, A and B are probably on different sides of your family.

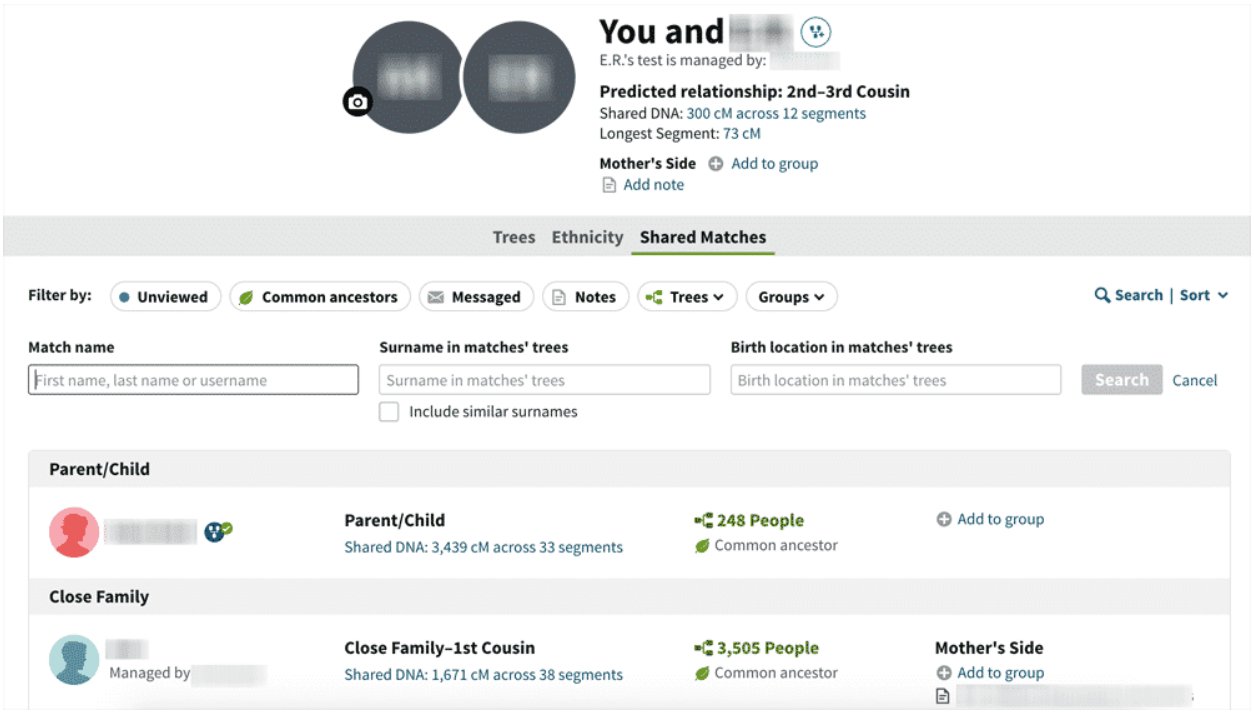
4. Determine how you're related to the match.



Return to your main matches list and click the Common Ancestors filter at the top, bringing up only matches whose linked trees include an ancestor who's the same as an ancestor in your tree. Then view each match's results page, which shows who the shared ancestor is, and click the Shared Matches tab to view other people you have in common.

This strategy makes determining which side of your family, and which potential ancestor you descend from, much easier. In 2022 Ancestry released a tool called SideView which sorts matches into groups based on which parent they are related to (Parent A or Parent B). In 2023, SideView became a Premium tier option.

5. Filter and search Shared Matches further, if necessary.



If you have a lot of Shared Matches with someone, you can use other filters at the top of a person's Shared Matches list to view just those with matching ancestors, new Shared Matches, and/or those you've starred. Click the Search button to search the Shared Matches' trees for specific surnames or birth locations. This helps you find surname and location patterns even if a common ancestor isn't immediately available.

HOW TO USE THE NEW WEB-BASED EDITING TOOLS IN GOOGLE PHOTOS

Google Photos isn't just a place for storing and sorting your photos and videos — both the web interface and the mobile apps come with a slew of image editing tools so you can spruce up and enhance your pictures before sharing them with the wider world.

Google regularly updates these editing tools, and a significant upgrade just arrived on the web. There are new features here (some of which were previously available only on the Android app), including preset color profiles and more granular control over existing features such as brightness and contrast adjustment.

You can read more in an article by David Nield published in *TheVerge* web site at: https://www.theverge.com/23864917/google-photos-tools-edit-tutorial .

ARREST MADE IN DECADES-OLD FAYETTEVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA RAPE CASE

A Fayetteville man was arrested Wednesday after police say advancements in DNA technology connected him to a decades-old sexual assault case in the city, the Fayetteville Police Department announced.

Linford Deamoris Moore, 55, is charged with first-degree rape, first-degree kidnapping and felony breaking and entering. He stands accused of sexually assaulting a woman in October 1997 after breaking into her Fayetteville home, waking her from her sleep and placing a bag over her face, a news release said.

Moore was arrested in Hope Mills by members of the Fayetteville Police Department's Violent Criminal Apprehension Team and Hope Mills Police Department.

"Due to the ongoing advancements in DNA technology, and collaboration from Parabon Nanolabs, Inc., the NC State Crime Laboratory, analysts with the FBI's Violent Criminal Apprehension Program, and other members of Fayetteville Police Department's Sexual Assault Cold Case Multidisciplinary Team, Moore was identified as a suspect," the news release said.

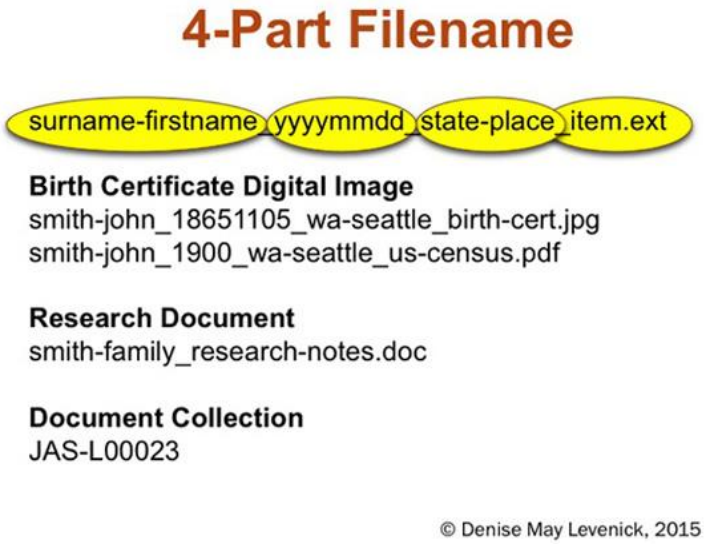
You can read more in an article by F.T. Norton published in the *Fayetteville Observer* web site at: https://tinyurl.com/2zt2d9rm.

A SIMPLE FILE-NAMING SYSTEM FOR DIGITAL IMAGES

By Denise May Levenick

The key to organizing your image collection is a simple and logical naming system. Start with simple file names that don't require a key to abbreviations. And make it a habit to import and rename images soon after a photo shoot or scanning session.

Long, complicated file naming schemes are difficult to maintain and cumbersome to use. The end of the name may be cut off in your computer folder view or printout. More words give more opportunity for misspellings or inconsistency.



As you develop your file-naming scheme, create a File-naming Cheat Sheet and post it next to your computer to help you maintain consistency. Here's a cheat sheet for my four-part file-naming scheme:

The four parts of my digital photo file names are

1. **Name:** Surname-firstname
2. **Date:** YYYYMMDD
3. **Location:** from largest to smallest with two letter abbreviation used for states

4. **Event:** obit, birth-cert, etc.

I separate the parts with an underscore and use a dash to separate words in each part. The names are short and consistent, with all lowercase characters. Here's an example:

smith-john_19240315_co-pueblo_theater-edit.jpg

Whatever file-naming scheme you adopt, your files will be easier to organize and access if it's simple and consistent for all your digital images.

HOW TO START YOUR GENEALOGY – 10 STEPS FOR BEGINNERS

This article/video may be redundant for many but it is full of helpful tips that you may want to "bone up" on.

How to Start Your Genealogy – 10 Steps for Beginners - YouTube

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THE AUGUSTA GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY ANNOUNCES A VIRTUAL GENEALOGICAL PROGRAM: SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2023 - "RESEARCHING PRISON RECORDS"

When: October 28, 2023

Time: 11:00 am - 12:00 pm EST

Where: Online

Price: **FREE** to AGS members and $10.00 for nonmembers

Click here to register: https://www.augustagensociety.org/

The registration deadline is October 26, 2023

Limited seating to view the virtual presentation will be offered at the Adamson Library. To reserve a seat, please call (706) 722-4073.

Presenting

Judy G. Russell

"***The Legal Genealogist***"

The brick walls of a family tree are no match for prison walls. From intake photos to receipts for cash and clothes when they were released, prisoners in jails and prisons were recorded and documented, often in stunning detail. Learn what records may exist - and where - about your family's black sheep.

Judy G. Russell, The Legal Genealogist®, is a genealogist with a law degree. She writes, teaches, and lectures on a wide variety of genealogical topics, providing expert guidance through the murky territory where law and family history intersect. She holds a bachelor's degree from George Washington University in Washington, D.C., and a law degree from Rutgers School of Law-Newark. Before she retired, she worked as a newspaper reporter, trade association writer, legal investigator, defense attorney, federal prosecutor, law editor, and, for more than 20 years, as an adjunct member of the faculty at Rutgers Law School.

She is a member of the Association of Professional Genealogists, the National Genealogical Society and numerous state and regional genealogical societies. A recipient of the Silver Tray Award from the Utah Genealogical Association and the 2017 Award of Excellence from the National Genealogical Society Quarterly, she now serves as a member of the NGSQ editorial board

An internationally known lecturer and course coordinator, and faculty member at numerous genealogical institutes, she holds credentials as a Certified Genealogist® and Certified Genealogical Lecturer℠ from the Board for Certification of Genealogists®. Her award-winning blog appears on The Legal Genealogist® website (https://www.legalgenealogist.com).

Click here to view the program brochure.

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

BENTONVILLE FALL FESTIVAL - Sat, Oct 28, 2023, 10am - 4pm
Bentonville Battlefield State Historic Site5466 Harper House Rd.Four OaksNC 27524

Bring the family and celebrate fall at Bentonville Battlefield! Planned activities include wagon rides, old timey kids games, music, and historic trades demonstrations including blacksmithing, pickling and preserving, rope making, brewing, spinning and weaving, and more! Bring a blanket or chair and listen to live music. Food trucks will be onsite!

Admission is $5 for adults and FREE for children ages 8 and under.

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OUR MARITIME HERITAGE - Sat, Oct 7 2023, 9am - 5pm
Historic Bath SHS100 S. Harding StBathNC 27808

Eastern North Carolina is steeped in a rich and deep-rooted story – that of the waterways that make this place a celebrated and unique part of the eastern seaboard. Join us at Historic Bath SHS to travel back in time to the days when water was the lifeblood of our state.

October 7, 9am-5pm. Free. Visit our Facebook page for more information and updates.

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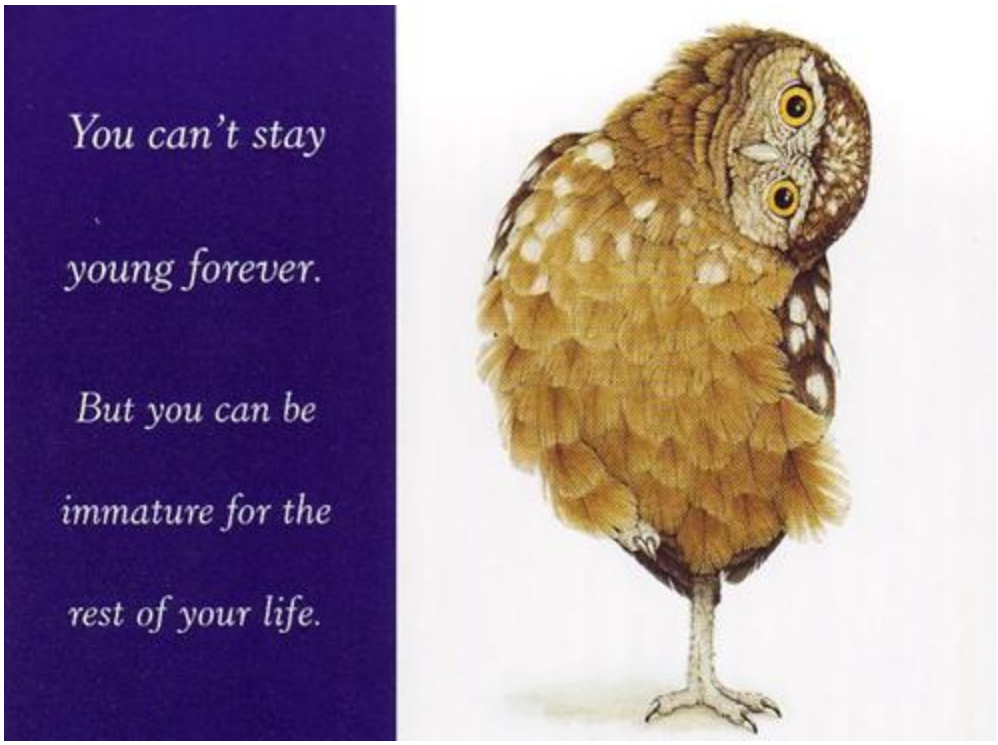

PARTING THOUGHT

Man knows more than he understands. – Chinese fortune cookie

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