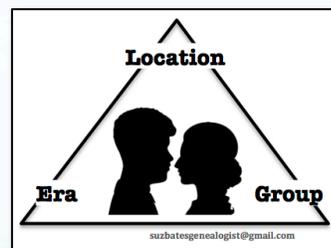


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DNA – Genetic Genealogy

DNA Series

1. Cut to the Chase! Which DNA Kit Do I Buy?

Q: I want to buy a DNA kit but I can't tell which one to buy?

R: So you want to know - What DNA test kit is best for me? How does DNA help with Family History research? Local genealogist Suz Bates will give a basic overview of the process of choosing and ordering a DNA kit with a few guidelines and first steps to follow. The major kits will be compared so you can make an educated choice.

Anyone interested in learning about DNA test kits for any reason, not just genealogy.

2. My DNA Results are In! What do they mean?

Q: I have my results and it's a list of people. What do I do with it? What do the results mean?

R: You have your DNA test results. How do you begin to use your results to rev-up your family history research? What is the difference between Paper Trail family history research and DNA Trail genealogy research and how do they come together to fill out your family tree? Suz Bates, a local genealogist, will present tools and techniques to begin your explorations today.

Beginner, Intermediate or Advanced Family History Researchers

Beginning Genetic Genealogy

This topic is suited for participants who have their DNA results back from any company but the examples will be mostly from Ancestry DNA or FTDNA tools.

3. My AncestryDNA Kit is Back! What do I do now?

Q: I have my AncestryDNA results and it's a list of people. What do I do with it?

R: You have your Ancestry DNA test results. How do you use your results to rev-up your family history research? Learn about the settings and tools to help your family history tree grow. We will walk through using your Ancestry DNA test results concentrating on shared matches, DNA Circles and sorting tools.

Beginner, Intermediate or Advanced Family History Researchers

Beginning Genetic Genealogy

This topic is suited for participants who have their AncestryDNA results back but can be useful for any kit.

4. Using Ancestry Trees Effectively

Online ancestry trees can be a mixed bag of tricks. But you can use the trees on ancestry.com effectively in your Paper Trail and DNA Trail genealogy research. Suz Bates, a local genealogist will focus on topics including security, sources, data fields, uploads, other's trees and more. Learn how to create and use Ancestry trees effectively and efficiently.

Beginner, Intermediate or Advanced Family History Researchers

5. DNA - No Tree! No Response! I need more! DNA Shared Matches One Step Further

Q: I know how to use the shared matches (in common tools). I have kits from more than one company and see the same matches showing up in both. How do I work with kits between different companies?

R: Glean more connections for your family tree by comparing matches among different DNA companies and using various tools and populations found in the various companies. Suz Bates, a local genealogist, will present specific methods to see a broader picture of DNA results. Spreadsheets, notes, labeling tools and browser extensions open up a whole new path of researching.

*Intermediate or Advanced Family History Researchers
Intermediate Genetic Genealogy*

This topic is suited for participants who know how to use shared matches.

GEDmatch Beginner's Tools

Q: I know how to use the shared matches (in common matches). I have kits from more than one company. I have contacted some of my matches but with few responses. What else can I do with my DNA results?

R: Autosomal DNA test results from Ancestry DNA, Family Tree DNA and other DNA kits can be uploaded to GEDmatch to glean more connections in your family tree. Let's start with the basics of one-to-many and one-to-one tools to give you a new way of connecting through DNA. Learn about the settings and tools to help your family history tree grow.

*Beginner, Intermediate or Advanced Family History Researchers
Intermediate Genetic Genealogy*

This topic is suited for participants who know how to use shared matches.

GEDmatch is an open access site and if you choose, you can voluntarily upload your DNA results to it. I am merely showing you how to upload to GEDmatch and/or how to use its beginner level tools. I am in no way affiliated with GEDmatch.com. I am merely a fellow genealogy researcher giving instruction.

My Family Tree Family Finder FTDNA Kit is Back! What do I do now?

Q: I have my Family Tree DNA Family Finder results and it's a list of people. What do I do with it?

R: You have your Family Finder FTDNA test results. How do you use your results to rev-up your family history research? Learn about the settings and tools to help your family history tree grow. We will walk through using your Family Finder FTDNA test results concentrating on Shared Matches using the In Common, Not in Common, Matrix and other tools unique to Family Tree DNA.

*Beginner, Intermediate or Advanced Family History Researchers
Beginning Genetic Genealogy*

This topic is suited for participants having their FTDNA Family Finder results back but can be useful for any kit.

My Family Tree FTDNA Y-DNA Kit is Back! What do I do now?

Q: I have my results and it's a list of people and genetic distance. What do I do with it?

R: You have your FTDNA Y-DNA test results. How do you use your results to rev-up your family history research? Learn about the reports and tools to help your family history tree grow. We will walk through using your Family Tree Y-DNA test results concentrating on TIPS reports, Genetic Distances, integrating the results with family finder and other tools unique to Family Tree Y-DNA. It is helpful if you have already learned about using the FTDNA Family Finder tools.

*Beginner, Intermediate or Advanced Family History Researchers
Beginning Genetic Genealogy*

This topic is suited for participants who have their FTDNA Y-DNA results back.

Genealogy Research Essentials

Going Vital! - Birth, Death and Marriage Records

Q: How do I get a copy of birth records, death records and marriage records in the US? Each state seems to have its own rules. I want to get vital records efficiently and cost effectively?

R: Learn how to find the information needed to obtain copies of your ancestors' US vital records: birth records, death records, and marriage records presented by Suz Bates, a local genealogist. Each state has its own research strategies but vital records are prized primary source documents to validate your research. Welcome to the world of genealogy mail!

Beginner or Intermediate Family History Researchers

Censuses and City Directories – The Backbone of US Research

Q: I'm missing some census records. How do I fill in the gaps? How do I move forward to new connections?

R: You have many facts and dates about your ancestor but it's hard to tell where the gaps are and to see some connections. Doing the censuses together with city directories create a guide for all further research. Learn how to efficiently and effectively find the censuses and directories and glean all the information from them.

Beginner or Intermediate Family History Researchers

Using Ancestry Tree Effectively

Q: Online ancestry trees can be a mixed bag of tricks. What can I trust?

R: You can use the trees on ancestry.com effectively in both your Paper Trail and DNA Trail of genealogy research. Suz Bates, a local genealogist will focus on topics including security, sources, data fields, uploads, other's trees and more. Learn how to create and use Ancestry trees effectively and efficiently.

Beginner or Intermediate Family History Researchers

Beginning Genetic Genealogy

Gleaning Clues by Doing a Double Take

Q: I've checked everywhere. What did I miss?

R: Birth, Marriage and Death as well as other vital records hold overlooked clues. Suz Bates, a local genealogist, will present some hints and techniques to rethink the clues found in resources you already have and lead you to artifacts not yet found. Propel your research into new places by doing a double take of the records you already hold. There is more to find!

Intermediate or Advanced Family History Researchers

It's Not Online – The other 90% of records

Q: I checked Ancestry.com and Familysearch.org but I need more!

R: Many useful records for genealogy research are not online. How do you find these records and then how do you access them? Suz Bates, a local genealogist, will present ways to find and use archives, repositories, depositories, historical societies, and more to expand your family history research.

Intermediate or Advanced Family History Researchers

Getting a Copy of Social Security and Naturalization Records

Q: It seems the records I found online are incomplete Are there more?

R: Social Security and Naturalization Records have layers of paperwork you can access. Suz Bates, a local genealogist, will discuss what you are looking for and how to find these records so you can build a more complete story around your ancestor and may solve some mysteries.

Intermediate or Advanced Family History Researchers

Genealogy Treasures in Cemetery Records

Q: I have found cemeteries I need to visit. How do I even start?

R: Cemetery, funeral home, and stonecutter records hold clues to your family history whether you are searching online, locally or out of state. Suz Bates, a local genealogist will teach some onsite and online hints for this unique research including often overlooked cemetery record treasures.

Intermediate or Advanced Family History Researchers

From Old Worlds to New Worlds: Genealogy in Passenger Lists

Q: Where did my ancestor come from?

R: Ship Manifests hold clues to finding the members of your family as they entered the US or left their country of heritage. Local genealogist, Suz Bates, will present tips for finding these records as well as how to read them?

Intermediate or Advanced Family History Researchers

Preparing to Visit Your Ancestor's Town

Q: How do I plan for a research trip to my Ancestor's town?

R: Genealogy Road Trip! Make the most of visiting your ancestor's town by being prepared. Do your pre-trip research and plan your visits with genealogy in mind. Suz Bates will present some tried and true hints to make the genealogy research part of your vacation enjoyable for all.

Beginner or Intermediate Family History Researchers

Optimize Online Genealogy Research

Tweaking The Big Two

Q: I think I've exhausted the records on ancestry.com and familysearch.org. But have I really? What are some new search techniques when using the big two online genealogy databases?

R: Learn uniquely different and uncommonly effective ways to search on the big two databases sites: ancestry.com and familysearch.org. Suz Bates, a local genealogist, brings an interesting array of tips and techniques to get the most of your research time.

Beginner or Intermediate Family History Researchers

Way More Than The Big Two

Q: I'm just not finding it on ancestry.com or familysearch.org. What are some other sites to search online for US genealogy records?

R: You would not believe what genealogy records are available online but not in the big two databases sites: ancestry.com and familysearch.org. Learn some tricks of the trade from Suz Bates, for effective online research including state, county and local databases, online government sites and more.

Beginner or Intermediate Family History Researchers

What's New and How to Find It!

Q: I can't keep up with all the genealogy research sites. How do I get the news right away?

R: Almost everyday new genealogy research sites, podcasts, databases and more come online. Suz Bates, a local genealogist, will present ways to safely and efficiently navigate what's new and save it so you have access to it again. We will discuss, social media, blogs, RSS and more.

Beginner, Intermediate or Advanced Family History Researchers

Organizing Your Genealogy

Owning and Caring for your Genealogy Research

Q: I have papers, digital files, books, and family trees UGH! How do I protect this all for the next generation?

R: Storing, protecting and carefully sharing are all part of genealogy. Suz Bates, a local genealogist will share her realistic, tried and true strategies for the family historian as the custodian of the family research.

Intermediate or Advanced Family History Researchers

Paper Overload: I know I have it but where did I put it?

Q: I have too many papers and I can't find what I need. How can I organize everything so I can find it again?

R: Too many papers and nothing seems to be organized? You can't find anything you need! We all began with piles of papers but organizing the disarray is possible. I will walk you through one tried and true way to keep organized; to be able to find what you need; and to be able to put it back so you can find it again.

Beginner or Intermediate Family History Researchers

Creating a Family Archive and Genealogy Library

Q: I have organized many of my papers but have books, photos and documents I need to protect.

R: Learn an easy but effective way to organize your books, photos, and documents? The goal is to have a place for every paper, book and artifact and to be able to find each item when you need it.

Beginner, Intermediate or Advanced Family History Researchers

The Library Series

Increase Your Patrons' Use of Your Genealogy Databases

Would you like to increase the usage of your genealogy databases? As a profession genealogist and experienced speaker, I have a series of programs specifically targeting the use of your library's databases by your patrons. The four programs work in either a presentation or a workshop format. Two workshops can be held in tandem on one day or each held separately.

1. Genealogy Research: What is it? How do I begin?

Would you like to begin researching your family history? Your public library is the place to start. Suz Bates, a local, genealogist will present the basics of genealogy research so you can begin today. You will learn how to keep track of what you find and discover hints for continuing your research at home and in the library. There will be plenty of time for questions.

- Novice Level - This program works well as a hands-on workshop of less than 25 patrons or can be presented to a larger audience. We will walk through trees to pedigrees narrowing down to family group sheets and finally

location timelines. I will also cover logging in to your ancestry.com library edition and finish with how to record information using the genealogy tools presented. There will be plenty of time for questions.

2. Use Your Public Library's Genealogy Databases for Online Research

Improve your family history research by learning how to login and use your library's online databases. Suz Bates, a local, genealogist will present step-by-step specific directions to guide you through logging in and using the database search engines. What can you find? How can you build your family tree? There will be plenty of time for questions.

- Novice Level - This program works well as a hands-on workshop of less than 25 patrons or can be presented to a larger audience. Every participant will be given colorfully written step-by-step login instructions for your specific library. I will work with your tech person to be sure the instructions are accurate. The sheets can then be made available at your computer desk for patrons. There will be plenty of time for questions.

3. Censuses – The Backbone of US Research

Keeping track of your research leads you to hints about your next steps. Using censuses to glean information to create a location timeline is key to moving forward and helping to fill in the gaps. Suz Bates, a local, genealogist will present step-by-step specific directions for “doing the censuses” for your family history research. There will be plenty of time for questions.

- Novice Level - This program works well as a hands-on workshop of less than 25 patrons or can be presented to a larger audience. Every participant will be given colorfully written step-by-step instructions for finding census records online. The sheets can then be made available at your computer desk for walk-in patrons. There will be plenty of time for questions.

4. Genealogy Research: Optimize Your Time and Effort

You indulge in a few minutes of family research in between a busy life so let's make the most of it. Suz Bates, a genealogist with over 40 years of experience, will share her tried and true tips for genealogy research using the big two databases – Ancestry.com and FamilySearch.org. There will be plenty of time for questions.

- Novice Level to Intermediate - This program works well as a hands-on workshop of less than 25 patrons or can be presented to a larger audience. We will focus on specific, useful ways to search on the big two databases more effectively and efficiently. For family historians who have done some research and have many questions, this is the right program to get responses to their specific questions and glean hints for moving forward with research.

Speaker's Fees

Fees start at \$100-\$200 per hour in total time including questions and responses. An extra mileage cost may be applicable. This price is a speaker's presentation fee for up to 50 adults or a workshop facilitator's fee for 25 adult participants. Please contact me with your specific needs.

