

DIANE HENRIKS

Know Who Wears the Genes in Your Family

SUMMARY

Diane Henriks is a professional genealogist, investigator, speaker, and author, specializing in finding descendants in family trees, brick wall research, and unknown parentage. She has worked closely with private investigators to find living people, while also assisting in background investigations, in both civil and criminal cases. She is a proud member of the Association of Professional Genealogists, the Genealogical Speakers Guild, and the Southern California Genealogical Society. What started out as a small hobby over a decade ago, when a hand drawn family tree chart was given to her by her father, has since become a great obsession! She now helps others journey through their family histories and/or locate missing pieces through Know Who Wears the Genes in Your Family. Family history isn't just genealogy; it's about connecting your past, present and future, to give you a sense of who you are.

CURRENT PRESENTATIONS/LECTURES OFFERED

- **Finding Descendants in your Family Tree**-This presentation/lecture shows you the process of fanning out to find descendants and living people in your family tree, which can also help you break down some of those genealogy brick walls
- **Publishing your Family History**- History is a Social Science and every person is a part of it. As we learn about our family members and their experiences, we should be sharing their stories with others. Join me as we learn how to organize and disseminate our family's stories to family members and the public, to preserve for future generations!
- **Finding Descendants in your Family Tree: Finding Living People Now**- This presentation/lecture takes a deeper look into unexpected ways to find living people now
- **Who Is That Mystery DNA Match**-Join me as I show you how I solved my temporary genetic genealogy brick wall for yet another new DNA mystery match that had just showed up, when I already know all the descendants in that line!
- **It's All in the Clues!**- Scanty family history? Unknown parents or other relatives? Learn how to document and follow every single clue to build your family tree

IN PROGRESS PRESENTATIONS/LECTURES TO BE OFFERED

- **Publishing your Family History Part II: A Walk Through**- This presentation/lecture takes you through a step by step walk through of the process of publishing your family history on a self-publishing site, so that you can have it preserved for future generations!

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- **A Closer Look at Genealogical Documents: 1850-1940 U.S. Census Records-** This presentation/lecture focuses on the 1850 to 1940 U.S. Federal Census records as genealogy resources, and it takes a deeper look into details you may have missed!
- **Family Secrets-**Not all the family stories you hear are true! Sometimes they are there to cover up secrets! How to forget, or take with a grain of salt, all the family accounts you've heard and learn how to follow the paper trails
- **Uncovered Roots-**Have an unknown biological relative to find, whether a parent, grandparent, etc.? Discover how to build a tree from your unknown DNA matches step by step!
- **A Closer Look at Genealogical Documents-** This presentation/lecture will take a closer look at the information you can find in various genealogical documents to help you climb your family tree!

PRESENTATIONS/LECTURES THAT CAN ALSO BE OFFERED UPON REQUEST

- **Beginning Genealogy-**This is a beginning genealogy course that shows you how to start your family tree
- **Requested Topics-**Do you have a requested topic? Feel free to request a topic, and I'll see if I can make it happen!

Upcoming Speaking Events

- **January 21, 2023-** Southern California Genealogical Society German Interest Group, Burbank, CA-"Celebrating Your German Ancestry during German-American Heritage Month"
- **May 13, 2023-** Southern California Genealogical Society Lunch 'n' Learn, Burbank, CA-"Beginning Filipino Genealogy"
- **July 15, 2023-** Moreno Valley Genealogical Society, Moreno Valley, CA-"Publishing Your Family History"
- **June 27, 2023-** Glendora Genealogical Group, Glendora, CA-"Uncovered Roots" or "Family Secrets" TBD

Past Speaking Events

- **November 19, 2022-** Whittier Area Genealogical Society, Whittier, CA-"It's All in the Clues!"
- **November 12, 2022-** Clallam County Genealogical Society, Port Angeles, WA- "Finding Descendants in Your Family Tree"
- **September 14-17, 2022-** Utah Genealogical Association Summit of Excellence, Salt Lake City, UT- "Publishing Your Family History" and "Who Is That Mystery DNA Match?"
- **August 26-27, 2022-** Southern California Genealogical Society Genealogy Jamboree 2022, Burbank, CA- "Finding Descendants in Your Family Tree" and

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"Finding Descendants in Your Family Tree: A Deeper Look into Finding Living People Now"

- **August 6, 2022**- Palm Springs Genealogical Society, Palm Springs, CA- "Publishing Your Family History"
- **September 16, 2021**- Utah Genealogical Association Summit of Excellence, Salt Lake City, UT- "Finding Descendants in Your Family Tree"
- **June 12, 2021**- Southern California Genealogical Society Genealogy Jamboree 2021, Burbank, CA- "Publishing Your Family History"
- **July 16, 2019**- Aerospace Corporation, El Segundo, CA- "Finding Descendants in Your Family Tree"
- **April 13, 2019**- Southern California Genealogical Society Lunch 'n' Learn, Burbank, CA- "Publishing Your Family History"
- **October 20, 2018**- Whittier Area Genealogical Society, Whittier, CA- "Publishing Your Family History"
- **September 15, 2018**- Southern California Genealogical Society German Interest Group, Burbank, CA- "Finding Descendants in Your Family Tree"
- **August 4, 2018**- Pasadena Area African American Genealogical Society, Pasadena, CA- "Publishing Your Family History"
- **March 17, 2018**- Southern California Genealogical Society German Interest Group, Burbank, CA- "Publishing Your Family History"
- **July 15, 2017**- Southern California Genealogical Society German Interest Group, Burbank, CA- "The Steinman Family Presentation"

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How to find your ancestors and their families