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Know Who Wears the Genes in Your Family

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SUMMARY

Diane Henriks, the “Descendant Detective” and founder of Know Who Wears the Genes in Your Family, is a professional genealogist, investigator, speaker, and author, specializing in finding descendants in family trees, brick wall research, living people search, 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, the International Society of Genetic Genealogy, the Southern California Genealogical Society, and various genealogical interest groups. 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, while stressing the importance of preserving family history for future generations and trying to get all involved in their own family history. Family history isn't just genealogy; it's about connecting your past, present and future, to give you a sense of who you are, while carrying on the memory of those that came before.

CURRENT PRESENTATIONS/LECTURES OFFERED

- **Finding Descendants in your Family Tree**- Break down those pesky brick walls with this process of fanning out to find descendants and living people in your family tree!
- **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. Learn how to organize and disseminate your family's stories to family members and the public, to preserve your family history for future generations!
- **Finding Descendants in your Family Tree: A Deeper Look into Finding Living People Now**- Take a Deeper Look into unexpected ways to find living people in your family tree now for DNA testing, information, stories, photos, answers, and more!
- **Who Is That Mystery DNA Match**- I know all my close relatives! Who is this person? Yes, you can figure out who that DNA mystery match is!

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- **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 trails, paper and DNA!
- **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, with case studies
- **A Closer Look at the 1850-1950 U.S. Census Records in Genealogy-** Take a closer look at the 1850 to 1950 U.S. Census records as vital genealogy resources, while looking into details you may have missed, along with the benefits to and tips in using these records!
- **1850 U.S. Census Deep Dive-** Take a deep dive into the 1850 U.S. Census record as a valuable genealogy resource, while diving into details you may have missed, may not even know about, or may not be quite understanding what each detail really entails, along with tips on how to make the most of this census record!
- **1860 U.S. Census Deep Dive-** Take a deep dive into the 1860 U.S. Census record as a valuable genealogy resource, while diving into details you may have missed, may not even know about, or may not be quite understanding what each detail really entails, along with tips on how to make the most of this census record!
- **1870 U.S. Census Deep Dive-** Take a deep dive into the 1870 U.S. Census record as a valuable genealogy resource, while diving into details you may have missed, may not even know about, or may not be quite understanding what each detail really entails, along with tips on how to make the most of this census record!
- **1880 U.S. Census Deep Dive-** Take a deep dive into the 1880 U.S. Census record as a valuable genealogy resource, while diving into details you may have missed, may not even know about, or may not be quite understanding what each detail really entails, along with tips on how to make the most of this census record!
- **1900 U.S. Census Deep Dive-** Take a deep dive into the 1900 U.S. Census record as a valuable genealogy resource, while diving into details you may have missed, may not even know about, or may not be quite understanding what each detail really entails, along with tips on how to make the most of this census record!
- **1910 U.S. Census Deep Dive-** Take a deep dive into the 1910 U.S. Census record as a valuable genealogy resource, while diving into details you may have missed, may not even know about, or may not be quite understanding what each detail really entails, along with tips on how to make the most of this census record!
- **1920 U.S. Census Deep Dive-** Take a deep dive into the 1920 U.S. Census record as a valuable genealogy resource, while diving into details you may have missed, may not even know about, or may not be quite understanding what each detail really entails, along with tips on how to make the most of this census record!

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- **1930 U.S. Census Deep Dive-** Take a deep dive into the 1930 U.S. Census record as a valuable genealogy resource, while diving into details you may have missed, may not even know about, or may not be quite understanding what each detail really entails, along with tips on how to make the most of this census record!
- **1940 U.S. Census Deep Dive-** Take a deep dive into the 1940 U.S. Census record as a valuable genealogy resource, while diving into details you may have missed, may not even know about, or may not be quite understanding what each detail really entails, along with tips on how to make the most of this census record!
- **1950 U.S. Census Deep Dive-** Take a deep dive into the 1950 U.S. Census record as a valuable genealogy resource, while diving into details you may have missed, may not even know about, or may not be quite understanding what each detail really entails, along with tips on how to make the most of this census record!
- **Filipino Genealogy: Tracing Your Filipino Roots-** Do you have Filipino ancestry and don't know where to begin with your family history? Filipino genealogy is not easy, and with records and resources being scarce, it becomes even more difficult. Learn where to begin, along with the ins and outs of tracing your Filipino roots!

IN PROGRESS PRESENTATIONS/LECTURES TO BE OFFERED

(*At least 6 months advanced notice required)

- **Publishing your Family History Part II: A Walk Through-** This presentation/lecture is a step by step walk through of the process of publishing on a self-publishing site
- **The 6 W's in Genealogy-** Stay tuned for more information
- **Break Down Those Genealogy Brick Walls!**- Stay tuned for more information
- **Family Stories: Taking Them with a Grain of Salt-** Stay tuned for more information
- **Publishing Your Family History: The Easy Way!**- Stay tuned for more information

PRESENTATIONS/LECTURES THAT CAN ALSO BE OFFERED UPON REQUEST

(*At least 6 months advanced notice required)

- **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!
- **Beginning Genealogy-**This is a beginning genealogy course that shows you how to start your family tree

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How do we know who wears the genes in your family?

- **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!

Upcoming Speaking Events

- **TBA 2024**- Legacy Family Tree Webinars, MyHeritage Webinars
- **March 16, 2024**- Williamson County Genealogical Society- [Seminar 2024](#), Williamson County, TX

Past Speaking Events

2023:

- **November 11-12, 2023**- Texas State Genealogical Society 2023 Family History Conference
- **November 4, 2023**- Northland Genealogy Society, North Kansas City, MO
- **September 21, 2023**- Utah Genealogical Association Summit of Excellence 2023, Salt Lake City, UT
- **September 16, 2023**- Southern California Genealogical Society German Interest Group, Burbank, CA
- **July 15, 2023**- Moreno Valley Genealogical Society, Moreno Valley, CA
- **July 11, 2023**- Legacy Family Tree Webinars, MyHeritage Webinars
- **June 27**- Glendora Genealogical Group, Glendora, CA
- **May 18**- Larimer County Genealogical Society, Fort Collins, CO
- **May 13**- Southern California Genealogical Society Lunch 'n' Learn, Burbank, CA
- **February 27**- Placer County Genealogical Society, Auburn, CA

2022:

- **November 19**- Whittier Area Genealogical Society, Whittier, CA
- **November 12**- Clallam County Genealogical Society, Port Angeles, WA
- **September 14-15**- Utah Genealogical Association Summit of Excellence 2022, Salt Lake City, UT
- **August 26-27**- Southern California Genealogical Society Genealogy Jamboree 2022, Burbank, CA
- **August 6**- Palm Springs Genealogical Society, Palm Springs, CA

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2021:

- **September 16-** Utah Genealogical Association Summit of Excellence, Salt Lake City, UT
- **June 12-** Southern California Genealogical Society Genealogy Jamboree 2021, Burbank, CA

2019:

- **July 16-** Aerospace Corporation, El Segundo, CA
- **April 13-** Southern California Genealogical Society Lunch 'n' Learn, Burbank, CA

2018:

- **October 20-** Whittier Area Genealogical Society, Whittier, CA
- **September 15-** Southern California Genealogical Society German Interest Group, Burbank, CA
- **August 4-** Pasadena Area African American Genealogical Society, Pasadena, CA
- **March 17-** Southern California Genealogical Society German Interest Group, Burbank, CA

2017:

- **July 15-** Southern California Genealogical Society German Interest Group, Burbank, CA

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