

# Your Engaging Genealogy Speaker



## Who I Am

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I'm **Diane Henriks**, also known as the “Descendant Detective” and founder of Know Who Wears the Genes in Your Family. I am a passionate and seasoned Los Angeles County-based professional genealogist, investigator, speaker, and author, who specializes in descendency and brick wall research, along with living people search and unknown parentage cases. I have worked closely with other private investigators to find living people, while also assisting in background investigations, in both civil and criminal cases. With close to two decades of experience in genealogy and investigations, I help others discover and preserve who they are and where they come from!

## What I Do

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As a professional genealogy speaker, I deliver topical, engaging, and highly informative presentations on subjects like genealogy research, AI, genetic genealogy, and overcoming brick walls in family history. I present at conferences, webinars, and workshops, providing actionable strategies and tools that help genealogists enhance their research skills. My presentations are designed to equip both beginners and advanced researchers with practical insights to drive their genealogical work forward.

## Current Topics

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### Methodology

- Finding Descendants in your Family Tree
- Finding Descendants in your Family Tree: A Deeper Look into Finding Living People Now
- Who Is That Mystery DNA Match?: Solving a Genetic Genealogy Brick Wall

- It's All in the Clues!
- Break Down Those Genealogy Brick Walls!
- Finding Biological Family: A Beginner's Guide
- Descendant Research for Beginners: Tracing Your Family Lines
- Breaking Genealogy Brick Walls: Simple Strategies for Beginners
- Breaking Through Genealogy Brick Walls: Top 5 Proven Strategies
- Cold Case: An Investigative Protocol for Genealogical Brick Walls
- The Elusive Ancestor: A Genealogical Cold Case Investigation
- The Case of the Man Named Smith: Cracking a Hidden Identity Brick Wall
- Top 5 Brick Wall Busters: Five Proven Investigative Techniques to Crack Tough Genealogy Cases
- The 201 cM Match: Solving a Genealogy Brick Wall with Forensic Genealogy
- Cracking the Code: An Investigator's Framework for Surname Variants
- Finding Their Journey: A Troubleshooting Guide for Immigration Research
- Migration Troubleshooter: Turning Genealogy Mysteries into Maps
- Whispers from the Past: Uncovering Family Secrets in Genealogical Research
- Using the 6 W's in Genealogy: A Framework for Success
- Using the 6W's in Family History Interviewing: A Framework for Genealogy Success
- Using the 6W's in Genealogy Speaking: A Framework for Genealogy Success
- Using the 6W's in Teaching Genealogy: A Framework for Genealogy Success
- Genealogy and Oral Histories: Capturing Family Stories

### AI

- Unraveling Family History with AI: Leveraging AI to Trace an Ancestor's Journey, with ChatGPT (Free Version)
- Top 10 Tips for Using AI Effectively in Genealogy: Unlocking New Possibilities



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## Current Topics (Continued)

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- AI in Genealogy 101: An Introduction for Beginners
- Honoring Family History Through AI-Generated Music: Using AI to Tell the Story of an Ancestor
- From Raw Data to Living Story: Reimagining the Genealogist's Workflow with Google NotebookLM
- From Complex Research to Compelling Story: A Genealogist's Look at Google NotebookLM's Visual AI
- Transforming Genealogical Notes into Structured Data: A Look at the Data Table Feature in NotebookLM

### DNA

- Who Is That Mystery DNA Match: Solving a Genetic Genealogy Brick Wall
- The 201 cM Match: Solving a DNA Brick Wall with Forensic Genealogy
- Same Parents, Different Stories: Why Sibling DNA Results Don't Match
- DNA and the Paper Trail: Solving Genealogy's Toughest Cases
- One Person, One DNA Test. Four Different "Ethnicities"
- The Case of the Unknown Cousin: A DNA Detective Story: Unraveling a Mystery Match with a Step-by-step Investigative Process
- Finding Your Story: A Practical Guide to Unknown Parentage Research: Combining Genealogy and DNA to Uncover Your Roots

### Records

- A Closer Look at the 1850-1950 U.S. Census Records in Genealogy
- 1850 U.S. Census Deep Dive
- 1860 U.S. Census Deep Dive
- 1870 U.S. Census Deep Dive
- 1880 U.S. Census Deep Dive
- 1900 U.S. Census Deep Dive
- 1910 U.S. Census Deep Dive
- 1920 U.S. Census Deep Dive
- 1930 U.S. Census Deep Dive
- 1940 U.S. Census Deep Dive
- 1950 U.S. Census Deep Dive
- Beyond the Names: An Expert's Guide to Analyzing Post-1850 U.S. Census Records

- The Unlocked Story: How Marriage and Divorce Records Reveal the Lives of Our Ancestors

### Writing and Publishing

- Publishing your Family History
- Writing and Publishing Your Family History: A Beginner's Guide

### Ethnic

- Filipino Genealogy: Tracing Your Filipino Roots
- Tracing Your Scottish Roots: An Expert's Guide to the 5 Essential Digital Archives
- Unlocking Your Irish Heritage: A Strategic Guide to the Top 5 Digital Archives
- Forged by the Sea: The 1831 Journey from Odenwald to Ohio
- Celebrating Your German Ancestry during German-American Heritage Month

### Beginner

- Genealogy 101: Beginning Your Family History Journey
- Finding Biological Family: A Beginner's Guide
- Using Genealogy to Unlock Dual Citizenship: Beginner Strategies
- Breaking Genealogy Brick Walls: Simple Strategies for Beginners
- Genealogy and Oral History: Capturing Family Stories
- AI in Genealogy 101: An Introduction for Beginners
- Top 5 Essential Genealogy Websites for Beginners

### Other

- How to Do Genealogy for Free! Discovering Your Ancestry Without Breaking the Bank
- Using Genealogy to Unlock Dual Citizenship: Beginner Strategies
- A Genealogist's Starter Kit: A Guide to the 5 Best Free Resources
- The Family Legacy Project: A Practical Guide to Preserving Your Story
- Unlocking Your Family's Story: A Guide to a Meaningful Family History Interview
- If Not You, Who Will Save Their Stories?
- The Legacy Keeper's Guide: Capturing Your Family's Story Before It Fades
- Your Family's Story Is a Journey. These are the Landmarks.: A Guide to the Preeminent Genealogical Libraries for the Dedicated Researcher

## As Seen At:

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Legacy Family Tree Webinars



Nationwide Conferences,  
Seminars, and Events



Nationwide Genealogical &  
Historical Societies and  
Libraries

