**The NEW Genealogy: DNA Research**

What is Genetic Genealogy? Genealogy is simply the study of one’s family tree or ancestry. *Genetic* genealogy uses DNA testing to determine the genetic relationship between individuals.

Why would someone want to use DNA for genealogy? There are many reasons but here are a few of the most common:

* To learn more about one’s ancestry
* To confirm that one’s family tree reflects one’s actual ancestry
* To confirm the relationship between two people
* To validate a theory of where people came from
* To break down a brick wall in one’s genealogy research
* To find relatives for those that were adopted, gave up a child for adoption, or otherwise do not know their ancestry
* To learn from which ancestor(s) certain traits were inherited

We will look at the results of genetic testing and the new contacts and leads these tests can provide us on Sunday, February 16 at 2:00 pm. “Cousin Charts” will also be provided. Also, be prepared to offer bring your own DNA results and a notebook. Laptops are fine as we have a Kolping-Guest connection. I have had three DNA tests.

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