

## REGISTRATION

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# North Hills Genealogists



## Virtual Family History Conference

*The Spirit of Your Ancestors is in Your DNA!*

Saturday, October 31, 2020

*Featuring*  
**Blaine Bettinger, PhD, JD**

## North Hills Genealogists' Conference is going VIRTUAL!

Join us on **Saturday, October 31, 2020** from the comfort of your own home while you attend a **LIVE** (not recorded) day-long conference featuring **Blaine Bettinger, PhD, JD**.

Our virtual conference will be presented via **Zoom**. There will be **DOOR PRIZES** awarded throughout the day. Register by Wednesday, October 21st to be entered into a **special door prize drawing**.

Attendees will receive an email about a week before the conference with a link to the Zoom meeting as well as an electronic copy of the syllabus. If you have any questions, please email [conference@northhillsgenealogists.org](mailto:conference@northhillsgenealogists.org).

Stay tuned for details on our **Spring virtual conference** coming **Saturday, March 20, 2021** featuring **Michael Lacopo**. Registration to open on November 1, 2020.



**Blaine Bettinger, PhD, JD**, is a professional genealogist specializing in DNA evidence. In 2007 he started *The Genetic Genealogist*, one of the earliest blogs on the topic. Blaine is the author of *The Family Tree Guide to DNA Testing and Genetic Genealogy*, and co-author with Debbie Parker Wayne of the award-winning

*Genetic Genealogy in Practice*, the world's first genetic genealogy workbook. He also co-authored "Genetics for Genealogy" with Judy Russell in 2018's *Professional Genealogy: Preparation, Practice & Standards* (ProGen PPS) (Elizabeth Shown Mills, editor).

Blaine is or has been an instructor for genetic genealogy courses at the Institute of Genealogy and Historical Research (IGHR), Salt Lake Institute of Genealogy (SLIG), Genealogical Research Institute of Pittsburgh (GRIP), and Virtual Institute of Genealogical Research. Blaine is a graduate of ProGen Study Group 21, a trustee for the New York Genealogical and Biographical Society's Board of Trustees, and a board member for the Association of Professional Genealogists.

## Saturday, October 31, 2020

**8:00am EDT - Zoom meeting will be available for networking**

**8:45am EDT - Opening remarks**

### **Working with Testing Company Results**

Do you understand what you're looking at when you get your test results back? This presentation provides a guided tour through test results and interpretive tools at each of the major testing companies (23andMe, AncestryDNA, Family Tree DNA, MyHeritage, and Living DNA), including the most powerful tool the companies offer, Shared Matches and In Common With matching.

### **Formulating a DNA Testing Plan**

DNA testing can be expensive, but DNA evidence is a component of exhaustive research when it is available. Identify some of the ways you can minimize costs while maximizing results by formulating a DNA testing plan early in your research.

### **Identifying and Examining DNA Outliers**

The amount of DNA shared by two people with a specific genealogical connection can vary considerably. The Shared cM Project attempts to identify these ranges by collecting information from thousands of example relationships. However, sometimes we find shared DNA amounts that don't fit the expected relationship. Does this mean the expected relationship is incorrect, or that it is truly an outlier? Together we will examine the methodologies used to examine possible outlier situations, as well as review some real-life outlier examples.

~~~~ **45-Minute Break for Lunch** ~~~~

### **Are You Doing Everything to Identify Your DNA Matches?**

In this presentation, we will examine numerous ways you can use a match's profile to identify who they might be. We will also examine ways to use the In Common With tool and the Shared Matches tool to estimate how that elusive match is related to you.

### **Using DNA Painter to Map and Analyze Your Autosomal DNA**

DNA Painter is an easy-to-use third-party tool that enables you to assign segments of DNA shared with cousins to a map of your chromosomes. Together we'll look at this powerful tool, and how you can use it in your research.

### **Question & Answer Session until 4pm EDT**

The conference will conclude with a Q & A from questions submitted by attendees.