

COLLEEN FITZPATRICK

About Colleen



Colleen Fitzpatrick, Ph.D., is the author of three of the best-selling books in genealogy, *Forensic Genealogy*, *DNA & Genealogy*, and *The Dead Horse Investigation: Forensic Photo*

Analysis for Everyone, for which she has been recognized for her innovative forensic science approach to genealogical research. She has been featured in *Duke Magazine* (May 2013, in press), *More Magazine* (May 2010), *Publishers Weekly* (January 2009), RTE Ireland *Nationwide* television program (Jan 2009), *Scientific American 60 Second Blog* (March 2009), *The Wall Street Journal Online Edition* (October 2007), and National Public Radio's *Talk of the Nation* (July 2005). Her work as the forensic genealogist on the identification of the frozen human arm and hand found in the wreck of Northwest

Flight 4422 (The Hand in the Snow) was mentioned in hundreds of news articles around the world.

In addition to lecturing widely to genealogical and historical societies, Colleen has been a forensic consultant for some of the highest level historical projects that have required the location of distant family member for DNA testing. She is currently working with Dr. Zack Spigelman, Harvard Medical School on the Abraham Lincoln DNA project, and has been a forensic genealogist on the Identification of the Unknown Child on the Titanic, the Amelia Earhart Project, and the identification of the hand in the snow found at the crash site of Northwest Flight 4422. She has helped exposed two Holocaust literary frauds, one of which was a bestseller in Europe, and is now nearing the end of her third. She has written feature articles for *Scientific American* and cover articles for *GAMES Magazine* and all the top genealogical magazines.

Colleen earned a PhD in nuclear physics from Duke University, after which she worked in the field of high resolution optical measurement techniques for 25 years. She has many years' experience working for NASA, the US Department of Defense, and the National Science Foundation. But in *Forensic Genealogy*, *DNA & Genealogy*, and *The Dead Horse Investigation*, Colleen shows that you don't have to be a rocket scientist to get the most from your genealogical materials.

Her topics

Not just the facts Ma'am – give me the big picture

All levels

Individual facts only give bits of a story. But for best results, it is critical to knit those facts into what we call "information". Knowing *where* to look for facts is only the first step; knowing *how* to look at them is the key to success.

A different kind of DNA talk – the ABCs of DNA for everyone

All levels

Colleen Fitzpatrick is author of *Forensic Genealogy* and *DNA & Genealogy*, two best-sellers in genetic genealogy. Whether you are having trouble spelling DNA, or you are an old hand at genetic genealogy, this talk is for you!

Genealogy and the six degrees of separation – how to find anyone in the world

All levels

What if you could find anyone anywhere in the world? Wouldn't it make the "impossible" brick wall less daunting? If you are interested in exciting new ways of finding long lost cousins – or actually anyone, come hear this talk. The Six Degrees of Separation are History – we are closer than you think!