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Title

Breaking down brickwalls in your research
Note: This session will be presented during a working lunch and numbers will be limited.

Summary

A practical workshop demonstrating the use of various archives to help get past blocks in your tree. The presentation is an interactive workshop that involves members of the audience and their own areas of difficulty. The presentation will make full use of internet sites around the world and the presenter's experience in breaking down his own brick walls and those of many other family historians.

Abstract

The talk will start by looking at how databases can be manipulated to find ancestors. This will include the fields that can be searched for data and the extent and coverage of the data that are available. A series of short case studies will be shown to illustrate a methodology for finding missing ancestors.

These will include:

- A simple link forward and backward for a single person and their family.
- Finding the maiden name of a married female
- Finding the married name of a single female
- Finding missing people with mis-transcribed surnames
- Viewing all the baptised children of a marriage
- Selecting the correct individual from two possible contenders

The methodologies demonstrated will use samples from databases available within family history societies and from those found on-line. The principles demonstrated can be applied to any data found in personal, society or on-line databases.

Prior to the workshop participants will be asked to provide information on missing ancestors to see if their personal Brick Wall can be broken down. These live searches using on-line data will demonstrate in real time how missing ancestors can be found and will be of benefit to all participants even if their personal Brick Wall is not demonstrated.

David will continue to be available throughout Congress to assist individuals with their brickwalls.

Audience
All levels