

## DAVID HOLMAN

### About David



David is an experienced family historian from the UK's West Country. Currently living near St Austell in Cornwall, he is, at the time of writing, the Chairman of Federation of Family History Societies and a former Chairman of the Cornwall Family History Society. Over the last 30 years he has successfully researched his own family in Cornwall back to the 17<sup>th</sup> Century.

David has a BSc (Honours) from the Open University and is assisting the Institute of Cornish Studies in their work on migration. His published works include *'The Cornish Family'* with Bernard Deacon & Sharron Schwartz. He is currently working on his second book entitled *'Researching the Cornish Family'*, which will cover the main sources and methods used to trace Cornish ancestors.

David currently teaches Family History part-time at Cornwall College and tours Cornwall, the UK and Overseas giving talks on family history to family history groups and other organisations.

### His topics

#### Did your ancestor serve in the British Military during WWI?

All levels

A look at the various arms of the British Forces in World War One and how you can find out more information about people who served in them. The talk will explain the main branches of the British Forces and delve into the records that these branches created. It will look at what documents are available and how you can access them via the repositories or on-line and will illustrate the great depth of information available using examples found in the archives.

#### Source for Mr Goose and Mrs Gander

All levels

An overview of the various document repositories in the UK and an explanation of the types of records held including on-line information. This talk will look in detail at some of the primary sources found within the UK, including Parish Registers; Birth, Marriage & Death Indexes and Certificates. With a complete coverage of 19<sup>th</sup> and early 20<sup>th</sup> Century censuses, the census resources will be examined to see how they can be linked together and some problems and pitfalls to be avoided.

#### Using British Medals to help fill out your family tree

All levels

The talk will start by explaining the history of medals in the UK with emphasis on campaign and gallantry medals. It will also look at the specific medals awarded and how you can find out more about the recipients from the indexes held in the archives. It will also explain where you can find citations for gallantry medals.

### Breaking down brickwalls in your research

All levels

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.

### Fascinating facts and figures from five centuries

Keynote address

An amusing talk illustrating many of the interesting and humorous names, information and unusual items found during 25 years of research. Some interesting names such as Savage BEARE and Originalhouse SNELL are just two examples of the names found. The talk will also include information on the most popular names and occupations.