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Title

Fascinating facts and figures from five centuries

Summary

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.

Abstract

The audience will be amazed by some of the facts and figures presented and will be asked to contribute any interesting facts, names or other information from their own families.

The statistics are mainly gathered from the 5 million name database of the Cornwall Family History Society. Other UK sources are also used to illustrate the points being made.

Some of the data under examination are:

- Surname totals
- Forename totals
- Occupation totals
- Birth, marriage & death spread by month & weekday

The more amusing statistics will include:

- Unusual surnames
- Unusual forenames
- Unusual occupations
- Examples from the census showing apparent changes in age

The talk is thought provoking and will interest any audience not necessarily just those with a specific interest in family history. It is constantly being updated to include wider datasets and further examples. It has been well received by audiences throughout the UK and across the world.

Audience

Keynote address