

Connecting Ancestry DNA Tests to Our Family History Research

**Parkersburg and Wood County Public Library
Summers Auditorium**

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Genetic genealogy has grown in popularity over the past several years. Specifically, the Ancestry DNA test has a database of more than 10,000,000 testers, making it a valuable tool for genealogy research. We will explore the difference between a genealogical family tree and a genetic family tree, and have a brief overview of the three main types of tests used in genetic genealogy (Y-DNA, mt-DNA and autosomal DNA). We will then take a deeper dive into how we can apply autosomal DNA information from Ancestry DNA tests to our family history research by focusing on the inheritance pattern going back five to seven generations. After going through the basic information available in the Ancestry DNA test, we will discuss how it can be applied to cases involving adoptions and misattributed parentage. Finally, we will go review how autosomal DNA analysis was used to identify the suspect in the Golden State Killer case, which has a number of interesting legal and ethical implications for genetic genealogy.



Ray Jones, Ph.D. is a management professor at the University of Pittsburgh's Katz School of Business. His research and teaching focuses on ethics and leadership in organizations, with a strong emphasis on corporate social responsibility. This fits with his deep personal interest in family history research and the privacy and stewardship issues associated with genetic genealogy.

Ray teaches a five week introductory genetic genealogy course through several genealogy organizations in the Pittsburgh area.

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