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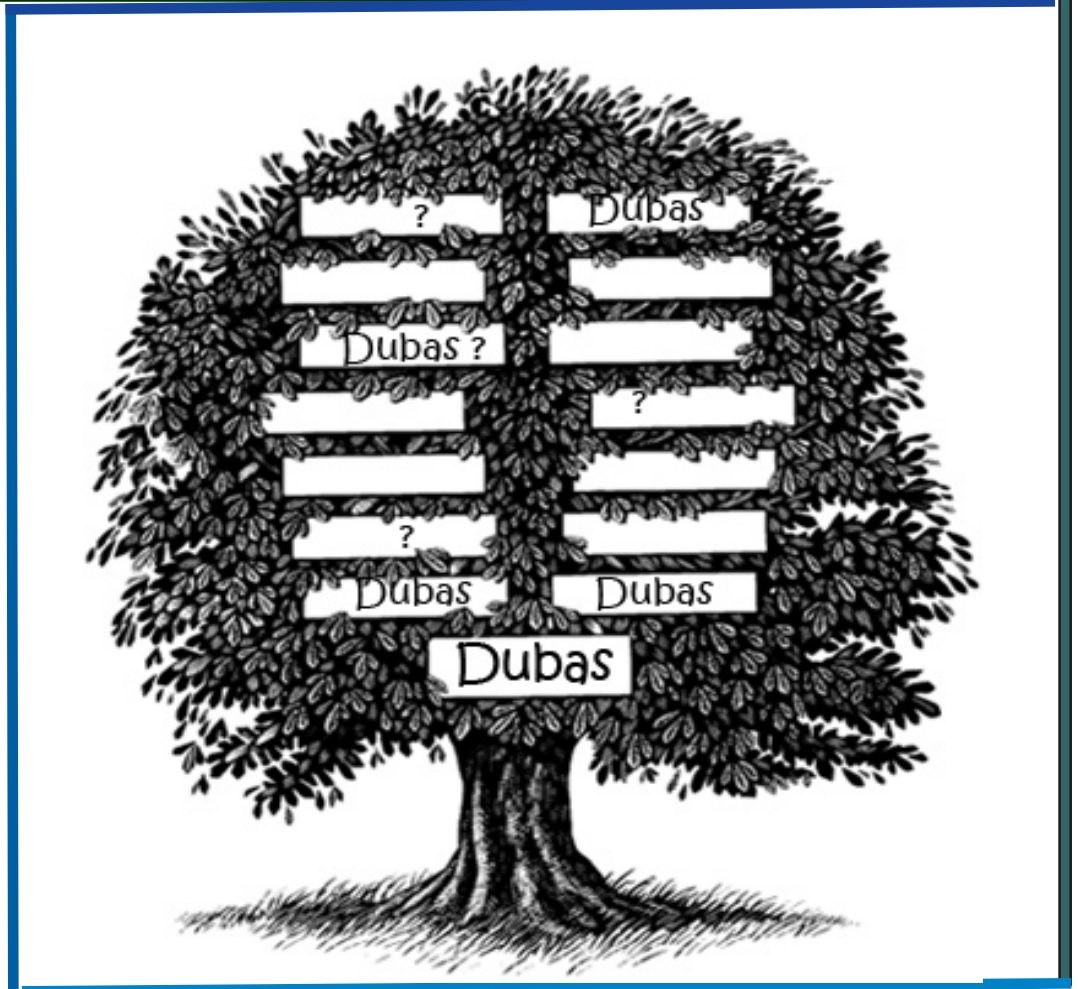
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Can DNA Testing Unravel Your Family Mystery?

You will want to be present on Monday February 4 at the Oklahoma History Center when Eileen Krause, a representative of Family Tree DNA, presents "Demystifying DNA Testing for the Genealogist."

Krause is Quality Assurance Manager for FamilyTree DNA of Houston, Texas, one of the foremost testing companies for genealogists who use this technology.

The biggest buzz in genealogy circles these days is all about these simple painless tests that might positively determine who is related to whom. DNA testing has been employed by genealogists around the globe for several years, and is best known in cases of disputed paternity. Hundreds of surname projects and thousands of individuals have used DNA testing to authenticate their lineages and to discover relatives who have not been firmly documented through a paper trail.

Because of advances in DNA identification techniques, in 1999 the Pentagon announced that the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier would never again contain a symbolic victim from the Vietnam War.

DNA can confirm lineage questions both recent and distant. However, it is not the answer to all genealogy questions. The more you know about what can and cannot be resolved, the more likely you are to find the answers you seek.

This lecture will highlight both the limitations and the benefits of DNA testing and translate the scientific jargon into plain English.

The presentation will cover:

1) When someone should consider DNA testing,

(Continued ... see DNA)



REAL HEADSTONE:

**Here lies an Atheist.
All dressed up
And no place to go.**

(Thurmont, MD)

NOTE: Parking may be limited due to another event scheduled for the History Center. Come early, get a parking space, and get in some research time in the library before the meeting.

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Searching the Census in Cyber-space



Jim Slade
March 3, 2008

Jim Slade will present "Searching the Census in Cyberspace," at the Oklahoma Genealogical Society meeting Monday evening March 3 in the Oklahoma History Center's Chesapeake room.

This presentation will discuss the importance of census records, where they are available and various ways to find the ancestors you are looking for. Methods for saving images of the census records to your computer will also be shown. Census records are readily available to most researchers at local libraries. The Oklahoma History Center Library has all census records for most of the United States on microfilm. Most libraries and LDS Family History Centers give

Heads up ...

We are now taking reservations for the Spring Seminar on **Military Research** by Craig R. Scott, CG, one of the nation's leading experts in researching military service by our ancestors. The all day event will be Saturday, April 5th, at the Oklahoma History Center. Space is limited so register today. For more info, go to: www.okgensoc.org.

Dues are Due

It is that time again. If you have not done so, please send your dues check to OGS, P. O. Box 12986, Oklahoma City, OK 73157-2986.

Your membership dues include a subscription to the OGS Quarterly, a \$10 discount to the Spring Seminar, free publication of queries in the Quarterly and online.

Individual memberships are only \$20 and family memberships (one Quarterly, one seminar discount, same address) are only \$25.

Best of all, you will be a part of the voice for genealogy in the state of Oklahoma! Be a part of something great! Join today!

free access to census records on the Internet through Ancestry and Heritage Quest. Metro Library patrons can access census on Heritage Quest from their homes and Ancestry from any Metro Library as well as OHS Library.

Slade is an avid genealogist and has been involved in genealogy research for more than 35 years. He is a graduate of the University of Oklahoma School of Civil Engineering, served as Technology Chairman for the National Genealogy Society and currently as Technology Chairman for the Oklahoma Genealogical Society. He has been a speaker at National Genealogical Conferences in several states.

Slade and his wife are both active in Oklahoma Genealogical Society. Genevieve "Jennie" Slade serves as Acquisitions chair on the OGS board.

DNA (from page 1)

- 2) What one can expect to gain from this testing,
- 3) Differences between results obtained from testing males versus females,
- 4) DNA databases that exist today, and
- 5) What's on the Horizon.

The meeting will begin at 6:00 p.m. Monday, February 4, 2008, in the Chesapeake Event Center, Oklahoma History Center, 2401 N. Laird Ave., Oklahoma City. Experienced researchers will be available at 5 pm to assist with your brick walls and questions about FTTT. OGS meetings are free and open to the public.



COMING ATTRACTIONS!

Feb 4: Eileen Krause - DNA

Mar 3: Jim Slade - Searching Census

Apr 5: Seminar with Craig R. Scott, CG; **FFTT Banquet** with William Welge, Archivist.

Apr 7: Billie Fogarty - Unlocking the Treasures in the National Archives

May 5: Marianne Long - Germans from Russia and their Records

Jun 2: Sandi Smith - Our Early Immigrants - From Whence they came

Jul 7: Jim Ike - Military Records in the National Archives.