

STUDY PROFILE

This is an additional paper, created to assist students of the Pharos One-Name Studies Surname Courses - <https://www.pharostutors.com/julie-goucher> and Guild members. You can also find more material regarding surname research on my own site, <http://anglersrest.net>

The Guild website provides the opportunity for a member with a registered study to create a static “launchpad” for their study. I say launchpad, because it is encouraged, that members develop a website as part of the **Members Website Project** to both preserve and advertise a study. (You can build your website up in stages and there is lots of help and guidance).

The profile is created by the study registrant and has provisions for the sections as outlined below, not all sections are required to be completed immediately, and can be developed overtime. It is hoped that the profile itself is a “living online facility” and updated on a regular basis, as research develops and takes shape.

I have provided some examples that you could include in your profile, and you can add images and maps to your profile, even embed a recording hosted on YouTube.

1. About the study

Explain why you are working on your study, how long you have been researching. Include anything else about the study as background information. You could share your study objectives in this section. You can add pictures, charts, and other materials to your profile.

2. Variants

There is no hard rule that says you need to register a variant. You might be working with a list of variants, but have not registered them, as you want to see how things are shaping up.

3. Origins of the Surname

Have a look at the surname dictionaries online and see if they report the origins and if they do, do you think they give a reasonable account? Share that in this section. What type of information do you know about the surname type – is it an occupational name, a patronymic name. What are the historical origins of the name – has it come from Continental Europe, or elsewhere?

4. Historical Occurrences

This section enables you to share instances of people across history who may have had your research surname. This might be people who entered politics, those who were recipients of Medals of Military valour, or those

excelled at sport and played a sport as a professional. You might have someone who was involved in the arts – an author, a painter, or the like.

5. Frequency of the Surname

What instances do you have of the surname? This element is about building up some statistics about the frequency of the surname across different years, perhaps the census years, or across the globe.

6. Distribution of the Surname

Distribution Maps are an interesting way to show a surname over the globe, or across a country based upon census data. You can produce maps for variants – you might even find that the distribution of the core surname declines, whilst the variant increases across time, or across a geographical area.

7. Data included in the study.

Here you can explain what data you are looking to include within the study. You can list Births, Marriages and Deaths, Census data, Distribution map findings, results of surname dictionaries, wills, and other databases. Some data will not be replicated across all Countries.

You can also include here what material you are looking to include, but you do not have yet, perhaps someone will see your profile and contact you and offer to assist you.

8. DNA Project

A DNA Project is an interesting element to have alongside a One-Name Study. Depending on the parameters of the study, you may find that DNA provides you with a clear indication of which Haplogroup strands of your surname belongs to, and if you have a scattering of surname groups, or DNA results that indicate that many strands of the family name originate in the same geographical area.

The Guild has a DNA Advisor who can set up projects or answer any DNA questions you may have. There is a substantial amount of DNA information on the Guild website, be sure to login to the website to see all available information. You can also purchase tests through the website.

9. Links

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10. Contact details

The Guild provides a study alias so you can receive email.