

TALKS, PRESENTATIONS AND WORKSHOPS

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A little about Julie:



Julie Goucher is of mixed heritage, Sicilian on her paternal side, with her family coming from Sutura on the Mediterranean Island of Sicily, with migration to both the United Kingdom and the United States. Julie's maternal heritage is from England, primarily from what is defined as the "Home Counties" – Surrey, Sussex, and Hampshire, in the southeast of England where her ancestors did not really move more than 40 miles for 300 years, though some did migrate to Australia, New Zealand, Canada and the United States.

Julie began researching her ancestors in the late 1980s and is undertaking two One-Name Studies, for surnames representing her parents – BUTCHER and ORLANDO. Julie is a Trustee (currently Chairman) for the Guild of One-Name Studies (<https://one-name.org>), and a Tutor for Pharos Tutors (<https://pharostutors.com>), where she tutors three surname courses and a further course on Researching Ancestors from Continental Europe.

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About the Talks, Presentations and Workshops Offered:

The complete listing of talks, presentations, and workshops that Julie offers, and listed on the website was becoming very unruly. Julie has listed the titles available on the website, <https://anglersrest.net/presentations/> whereas this document provides all the details, including a synopsis, in a more portable form, should you wish to print and ponder!

This listing does not put the talks in a particular order, though some do slot together nicely, so please look through the list. The current version of the list is highlighted above **(V3)**

Whilst many of Julie's talks are centred around surnames, names, places and Europe, there are many others offered. Julie generally creates two or three new talks each year and occasionally retires others, though some years there are more than others!

Talks can be given in person, via Zoom or can be pre-recorded. Each presentation is written in MS Power Point and is updated prior to being given and typically lasts 45 minutes or so and questions are taken at the end. A syllabus or handout is provided.

Julie frequently gives live talks to international groups at either end of the UK business day, so please do add the time zone you are in when checking availability and if you wish to record the session.

If you have heard Julie, give a presentation that is not on the list, would like a bespoke talk or workshop, or have any questions, then please do email me.

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- ***Pursuing Surnames - An Introduction to One-Name Studies and Surname Research***

In this presentation we explore what a One-Name Study is and why we may focus on a surname in our genealogical pursuits. We also explore types of surnames and how surnames evolved in a variety of Countries.

We look at the impact of languages and dialects on surnames, the development of variants and deviants of those surnames; and explore the impact of migration on surnames.

For a more in-depth view I teach a five-week course for [Pharos Tutors](#)

- ***Practical Steps to Creating a One Name (or Surname) Study***

Having embarked on a One-Name Study or surname project there is potential to be overwhelmed with data and the question of what to do with the data. In this presentation we explore some practical steps to consider and perhaps undertake as you get your One-Name and Surname research underway.

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- ***Origins & Evolution of the Butcher and Orlando One-Name Studies, in Contrast*** (new 2023)

In this presentation we explore how and when these two studies came into existence and why. We look at the types of surnames found, and which group these two examples align to. We also look at the concept of variant and deviant surnames, and how they slot into the studies. We then turn and look at some of the practical elements of how these studies exist and hope for the future of the studies.

- ***Exploring a Surname DNA Project within a One-Name Study or Surname Research Project***

In this presentation we explore what a Surname DNA Project is and why it is a useful extension to a One-Name Study.

- ***Exploring Locational and Place Names***

In this presentation we explore the different types of locational and Place names. We explain the links between location names, descriptors, and surnames, and begs the question, what came first, the people or the place?

Illustrated with examples throughout. We further consider the situation of multiple places of the same name and explore if there is a connection, or if multiple places were established organically.

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- ***Developing a Specialist Study***

In this presentation we explore what a specialist study is, why we might undertake one and how it can benefit our research.

We also look at some examples of specialist studies and the types of material you could include within this type of research.

- **Researching Displaced People**

In this presentation we explore what the term displaced means and the reasons why people might be displaced. We then explore, through several case studies, examples of displacement, across the 18th, 19th, and 20th Century. We look at some key resources and a series of helpful tips for attendees to research their own displaced ancestors.

- **Names, Surnames & Places - Resources & Research (new for 2024)**

As we explore our family history, we might encounter names that might be repeated across the country, or indeed the globe. In this presentation we explore a selection Names and Surnames and how that might collide with place research.

Through a series of examples, we look at several places where you might question, which one was that? We explore how we can move research forward, without making assumptions as we increase our geographical awareness. We explore some key places which share the same name and how we can research those places and the key people throughout history.

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- **My Ancestor was an 'Alien'.**

In this presentation we broadly look at those who were recorded or classed as Aliens. We define what an "alien" is and who was considered one. What did it mean to be called an alien and especially so in a time of war and political unrest.

We look at Internment through the First and Second World Wars and the pitfalls for this research and how you might overcome obstacles.

We will be highlighting a mixture of genealogical and historical records and sources, in addition to other useful considerations.

- **Polish Communities – Migration and Resettlement**

In this session we will look at the earliest Polish Communities in Britain leading up to why and how these communities were developing.

We then explore the expansion of such communities in the period leading up to the Second World War, Poles in Russia and Persia and subsequently leading to the Resettlement Act of 1947 and then settlement in Britain and beyond.

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- **The Arctic Convoys and the Brave Journey East**

In this presentation we look at what the Arctic Convoys were and why they were so important in enabling the success of the Allies in the Second World War.

We look at the wider elements of the Convoys and the numerous challenges they faced under wartime conditions.

- ***Finding Your Writing Voice – Getting the Most from Writing a Blog***

In this presentation we explore through several key factors how you can develop your writing voice, style, and tone; effectively establishing your written portrait. We explore the options of the type of blog you might wish to create and the use of text, pictures, and other interactive material.

We explore what a blog can do in terms of helping with genealogical research or specific projects, or how a more inclusive blog might suit your individual style. In the last segment we explore engagement with social media platforms and other things to consider.

- ***Researching Italian Ancestors***

In this presentation we look at the country that we now know as Italy before 1861, and the events that led to a unified country, with some inclusion of the Italian islands.

We look at what happened next and the impact of unification. We consider migration, the various elements which led to migration, where people went, why and if they returned to Italy. Also, we consider Italy's involvement in the World Wars, firstly as an allied country in the First World War and as an axis power in the Second World War, and the impact and consequences of those involvements, including the events after 1943.

In the last segment of the presentation, we explore the resources available to those researching Italian ancestors and other key factors that need to be considered as we embark upon research.

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- ***Researching Italians – Resources, History and Context***

In this presentation, we look at some key sites for research, whether that enables us to locate our Italian ancestors in various datasets, or to add context to the facts, or to the broader history of Italy.

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- ***British Isles, British Empire and Migration***

In this presentation we examine migration across the British Isles, Europe, and further afield to the "Empire". We explore the unique position Britain was in, with the wide outreach of migration and what was driving the increased migration.

We examine some examples of migration from within Britain, those across Europe and further afield and what it meant to be a migrant, immigrant, and emigrant. We further explore the terms of migration, including those who had little or no choice.

- ***Tracing Your European Ancestors***

In this presentation we take a broad overview enabling research in Europe. A continent spanning more than thirty countries and which has been subjected to wars, political unrest, and border changes. Europe is a continent with different languages, cultures, and religions, all of which play a part in family history research.

We look at the obstacles and pitfalls a researcher may encounter, and the major historical events – those that have had a marked effect on family history – are identified, especially the impact of the world wars and regional conflicts, border changes and movements of populations. We also explore the concept of researching European surnames and how that might link into European DNA projects.

This can be offered with Resources for Researching your European Ancestors, making a two-hour session with additional time for Q & A, or for a more in-depth view I teach a five-week course for [Pharos Tutors](#)

- ***Resources for Researching your European Ancestors***

In this presentation, we will be featuring key resources, some well-known and others less so, for researching European ancestry.

Enabling researchers to not just explore ancestral and family history sites, but also great resources for embracing the cultural, social, economic, and political lives of our European ancestors. Researching them in the historical context of the time – your people in their place in their time. Understanding that is vital to successful European research and enables you to bring your ancestors to life so that they become more than just names.

This can be offered with Tracing your European Ancestors, making a two-hour session with additional time for Q & A, or for a more in-depth view of European research, I teach a five-week course for [Pharos Tutors](#)

- ***European Surnames & How They Help Genealogical Research***

We begin with an explanation of what a surname study is before covering what might be the catalyst for a study and why such a study might be a resourceful way to research. We then explore the key research methods for exploring European surnames and how they can help when researching in Europe and breaking down brick walls.

We explore how to collate and undertake analysis of the data and look at surname variants and deviants and if they are an important part of European Surname research. We then focus on surname distribution maps and the part they play in understanding surnames in Europe. In the last segments of the presentation, we explore promotion of our European surnames so connection can be made with others, the use of social media and DNA surname projects.

For a more in-depth view of surnames, or researching in Europe, I teach a suite of five-week course for [Pharos Tutors](#)

- ***Beyond the Death Certificate***

In this presentation we focus on looking beyond the Death Certificate. What happens when you register a death and the process through to the service/burial or cremation. There are quite a lot of moving parts and in this presentation, we explore how those parts slot together and why they might exist.

We explore the differences between registration of a death in England and Wales, to that of a death in Scotland. Furthermore, we consider the conditions on the death certificate which do not necessarily represent all the conditions that the person experienced, and how you might explore those, whilst being aware of the restrictions of accessing medical records.

We look at context and how that is useful to give us insight. We also look at tracking the genealogy of death conditions, effectively instead of having names, event dates and places, this is replaced by names, places, and causes of death and does this assist in. I also look at the names of conditions and classification of conditions and the various relevant legislation. Whilst there are references to England, Wales and Scotland, this overall presentation is suitable to all.

- ***Beyond the Marriage Certificate***

In this presentation we look at the **legal age** of marriage across the years, with considerations of why they underpinned society at that time, and the impact upon property and ownership. We explore the **Clandestine Marriages Act** what the legislation was and what it intended to do. We then explore marriages of non-conformists compared with those in the Church of England and Church of Scotland.

Illustrated throughout with examples of marriages that took place in a variety of different settings and timeframes. We further include some examples that have taken place in a variety of global locations. We also include marriage allegations, marriage licenses, and a look at the Marriage Locator website, explaining why it is useful. We also look at same sex marriages and civil partnerships. In the last segment of the presentation, we look at divorce records and its availability across the social classes.

- ***Beyond the Birth Certificate –***

In this presentation we explore Baptisms and Birth certificates. We explore the data contained within, and why some elements may not be included. We explore **Bastardy Legislation of 1733, Bastardy Bonds, Examinations and Warrants** and the differences between them, and the situation after the **1834 Poor Law Act**.

We look at Foundlings and facilities that provided for children, either on a temporary basis or more permanently, and the impact of illegitimacy upon inheritance – there are several examples throughout, including some global examples.

We move then to brief look at the Adoption of children, both before 1927 and after, and the legislative processes and what happens to the original birth certificate and the one issued post adoption.

- ***Liverpool: The Development of a City – Port, People and Places***

In this presentation we look at the City located in the northwest of England. We look at how it established itself as a port city, becoming an important location in the timeline of thousands of migrants, before developing further and morphing into the modern, metropolitan city we know in the 21st Century.

We look at resources that can help us on our genealogical and historical quest and provide a foundation and cross disciplinary approach to establishing context for our forebears.

- ***Considerations for Researching a European One-Place Study (revised for 2024)***

In this presentation we explore the considerations and awareness required for establishing or moving forward with a One-Place Study for a European place. We focus on ten key elements that can be seen as the foundations to such a genealogical and local history project.

- ***Threads of History***

Across the centuries, samplers, quilts, tapestries and similar have been created to capture the lives of individuals or historical events. In some examples they provide substance to the lives of the individuals that created them, perhaps as show or apprentice pieces or as a way of filling time, depending on social class.

Regardless of the reasoning for their creation, they provide us with an illustration and a snapshot of history, perhaps providing a genealogical clue along the way, and hopefully a little inspiration.

- ***The Power of a Rural Setting***

In this presentation we look at the positive and negative impacts of researching ancestors who lived in a rural setting. We look at the elements of family, extended family and how that was shaped by community.

We look at the impact of ruralness on employment and the geographical spread of individuals. We further explore some key elements which will hopefully assist locating missing people and navigating around the inevitable genealogical brick walls.

- ***Examining Migration and Researching Migrants in the British Isles***

In this presentation, told through some of the reasons for migration, we explore why migration might be the only perceived option.

We further explore some foundational elements that should be considered as we explore migrants and the legislation available that underpinned the status of migrants, including the reach of Empire and how that contributed to the story of migration.

Illustrated with a range of examples from 1300 to mid-1950s. We explore how we can use surnames, occupations, and DNA to perhaps provide clues to the origins of migrants.

- ***Illustrating your Genealogical Research***

Beyond certificates and photographs, illustrating a genealogical research project might be challenging, but there are many examples that you could use, and many different methods that you could use your examples in.

In this presentation, we are going to explore the types of things you could include, using examples from a variety of projects, such as those that focus on elements within a location, or a broad geographic location, those relevant to a name, either a broad specific surname or a specific individual with that surname. Another few examples could be focusing on a particular pottery maker across the time they existed, a particular hereditary condition, be that a medical condition or an interaction with a particular hobby or interest that carries across several generations.

Having explored those examples, we turn to how we might use them so we can have a lasting and tangible item, or perhaps to create a visual and personal exhibition, among others.

This presentation is delivered in the hope you feel inspired to create something with your research, without feeling that you need to be able to scrapbook or write. This can also be an enjoyable way to inspire future generations of your family.

- ***Treasures of the Archives***

In this presentation archives are divided into two groups.

- The first group includes is a “traditional” set of archive establishments, of which there are some examples. These have been chosen for various reasons, ultimately to show the breadth and depth of these traditional archives and the treasures they hold and include international examples.
- The second is a variety of “other” establishments which focus on specific archival material or record types. We explore a selection of these other establishments and the broad selection of the variety of the treasures they hold and include international examples.

In addition, we explore some of the informative catalogues available online and research guides provided. Also included are several significant collections which are held and operated in a combination of ways - solely online, or in a physical entity, but without a building, operated voluntarily, or with limited self-funding and/or heritage grants.

This can be delivered as one presentation equally divided, or as an extended, two-hour session.

- ***More than Just Men of the Cloth***

In this presentation we look at a selection of 19th Century (or earlier), individuals who were serving their church and communities. These individuals frequently left papers which provide interesting insight into those communities and the people of the communities.

This is often an under used resource, and during this presentation we will explore several examples and look at where you might find these historical gems which contribute to the resources that local historians and genealogists can use in pursuing their family history or research.

- ***Journaling Your Place – An Approach to Locational Research***

Focusing on ten key descriptors, in this presentation we explore creating a "living" archive of "your" place. The archive format may well vary, between a physical, electronic, or online, or perhaps a combination of all three. The research may be gathered from either physical undertaking a walk through "your" place or using research methods for those prohibited geographically. Some researchers may undertake the latter in advance of a research trip.

Irrespective of the method and format of the archive, each of the descriptors is explained with some presented using a selection of examples. It is hoped that this will be inspiring new and seasoned genealogists, local historians, and youngsters, using a multi-faceted approach recording Today is Tomorrow's History.

This is available as a one-hour presentation, or a two-hour workshop, with a syllabus and time for Q & A.

- ***Moving Forward with Social Media***

The internet has revolutionized the way genealogists can research and interact with one another in the 21st century.

In this presentation we explore why some online groups are so successful and how online connections can assist in our research, our connection with others and inspire us to share knowledge, resources, friendships, and motivation.

We look at ways in which individuals and family history groups/societies can benefit from a proactive social media presence. The presentation contains anonymised examples from several online groups and in the final section we explore some of the cautionary measures we should be aware of.

- ***Researching Gold Mining Ancestors (new for 2026)***

In this presentation we are going to expand our knowledge of what our gold mining ancestors did and where internationally gold mining took place and when as this might impact where you might find missing ancestors.

We will explore what records are available and how to access them and how we can navigate the problems of transient gold mining folk.

- **Using LibraryThing for Genealogy**

In this presentation we explore:

What LibraryThing is, what it offers and its purpose. We then move on to explore key components of the site and how to use them effectively.

We then explore how we can organise books and other material, such as books we have read and own, those that might be library books, or those that belong to others. Books we might wish to read in the future and finally books we might read and lend to others. We look at the use of reviews and sharing thoughts with others.

We then move to examine why it can enable us to be organised with our genealogical library and reading materials, including using the platform to organise & track syllabus, documents, papers and articles. Using the platform to organise other genealogical mediums such as Microfiche, Data and audio discs, audio recordings and podcast recordings, visual recordings, using LibraryThing to catalogue items that reflect specific genealogical projects, such as One-Place and Location Studies, and One-Name or surname Projects

We explore the additional opportunities of, connecting with individuals, societies and organisational libraries. We also look at the LibraryThing forum community, interactions and groups.

The presentation will be illustrated with examples and last about 45 minutes to one hour with time for questions.

- **Practical Steps to Research Names and Surnames**

Names and surnames are a fundamental key part of researching family history. In this presentation we look at some practicalities that are frequently overlooked, illustrated with examples.

We explore surname types with surnames of British origin, with some examples from global countries, before moving to look at surname meanings.

We look at the use of middle names, or inserted names with links to other family connections. The use of middle names and how they might provide a clue to illegitimacy and what documentary evidence might be available, and the use of middle names, or the adoption of names relating to inheritance.

In the last segment we look at the clues given names might provide to key elements of a family and some of the key resources available.

- **Creating a Robust Genealogical Framework (new for 2025)**

In this presentation we use seven key descriptors that enable us to build a robust genealogical framework.

The descriptors are **Foundation, Analysis, Field Work, Telling their Story, Building the Narrative, Publish and Preservation.**

Each descriptor is accompanied with ideas and guidance for what can be included and how this approach and focus can add value to our genealogical pursuits.

- **Researching Apothecaries, Chemists and Druggists (new for 2025)**

The elements that will be covered are identified as:

Exploration of the terminology of Apothecary, Chemists and Druggist.

The differences between Apothecary, and Chemists and Druggists, and how each of them conducted their trade, with their alignment to:

- The Worshipful Company of Grocers
- The Worshipful Company of Apothecaries

We look at the legislation that underpinned the Apothecaries, Chemists and Druggists, at key stages and the development of the Pharmacist.

The beginnings and formation of a professional structure, why it was necessary and how it developed further, both in terms of individuals and the early days of pharmacy chains.

In the final segment we looked at requirements of the modern profession, including those who are Pharmacists outside of Britain and Ireland, those who were chemist assistants and how that part of the profession developed and flourished into its own profession, including under the Pharmacy Act 2011.

We also include what resources that can be used to explore and research Apothecary, Chemist and Druggist, and Pharmacist ancestors.

- **Embracing Heritage in Pacific Nations**

In this presentation we look at researching the heritage of Pacific Nations, in a tasteful and respectful way.

We explore a variety of facilities enabling us to not just research the people, but also the context of their world. We look at the impact of colonial times and how we can accommodate and adopt a new and modern thinking, where we recognise the past, and prepare for the future.

- **Researching Isle of Man Ancestors**

In this presentation we begin with identifying where the Island is located, how the Island is classified and what does that mean, including understanding financial and legal elements.

We then move to explore population numbers, census records, civil registration, parish records and other key elements in the separation of religion and state. We look at the broad topic of migration, separating immigration, emigration, alien status and displacement across the 20th Century.

In the last segment we explore other elements of island life that will enable us to research our ancestors across other disciplines.

- **Building a Geographical Heritage Project**

This presentation looks at how genealogists and other historians can build and establish a geographical heritage project.

In this first segment we explore the foundations. What this project could mean, what it can and cannot do, we look at context, consider the aims of such a project, explore the topics of citations, repositories and copyright.

We then move onto to define what the aims are and, build into the core documentation reviews of the project. We next move onto gathering material for the project, alongside visual representation. We conclude the session on key resources, project plans and what should be done with this sort of project so that it adds value to the wider sphere of genealogy and has cross discipline focus.

- **Understanding Clans, Septs, Surnames and Tartans**

In this presentation we begin by setting the scene with a brief history of Scotland, how historical events impacted on migration - where, when, and why migration took place, along with the challenges they faced.

We subsequently delve into what a Clan is, the history of Clans, and how that impacts on location and family structure.

We then move into understanding what a Sept is, how that differs from a Clan and why Septs were created in the first place. We also explore surname types and how they may be impacted by Clans and Septs.

In the final segment we explore how to research Clan records, resources, DNA projects and to develop a strategy.

- **The Journey of Emigrant to Immigrant (new for 2025)**

In this presentation we explore several factors relating to migration. These are centred around four key elements:

- **Emigrant experience**
- **The Passage**
- **Arrival, Settling and Establishment**
- **Further, or onward migration**

By breaking it down into these elements we can explore the challenges, considerations, advantages and disadvantages in the journey of Emigrant to immigrant, and we can further explore what perhaps happened next.

- **The Importance of the Bibliography in the wider context of Genealogy (new for 2025)**

Our research is hopefully centred around **What, Where, When, Why, Who and How**.

In this presentation we expand further, to identify what the wider context of genealogy can include, why it is important, and how it can impact and strengthen our research.

We begin by having a look at **Footnotes, Endnotes, References, Indexes and Bibliographies**, what do they each mean, and is there any overlap? We look at several examples from, across a range of different genealogical and historical elements, embracing the cross disciplinary approach.

- **Bands, Banners, Pits and People (new for 2026)**

In this presentation we explore how locations came into existence due to the presence of coal and the subsequent establishment of the pits. In turn, they became the foundations of communities.

We focus on the community and how that lives on despite the pits being largely confined to the history books. We explore how the community was structured around unionism and how, decades on there are still bands and banners.

We will also explore some of the resources relevant to researching coal mining ancestors, or coal mining communities.

- **Researching Lighthouses and their Keepers (new for 2026)**

In this presentation we are going to explore how you can research your lighthouse ancestors, understanding what they did in the lighthouse and the local vicinity. What records are available for both the tracing the history of the individual lighthouses, and the keepers themselves and where you might find those records.

This presentation will include some information for researching lighthouses outside of the United Kingdom.

- **Researching Ancestors of, and from the Falkland Islands (new for 2026)**

We begin with laying the foundations for our understanding of the islands, where they are located and other key geographical information.

We next move on to understanding the history of the Islands, their connection to European nations before becoming a British Overseas Dependency, with limited focus on what that means for the islands, and islanders.

The final segment looks at key genealogical resources and how they can be accessed, and why it is vital to understand the context of geography and history before researching individuals of the Islands.

- **Researching European Communities in the British Isles (new for 2026)**

Given the proximity to Continental Europe there is no surprise why we might find European migrants in the British Isles. In this presentation, we are going to focus on some of these communities where they were, the cultural influence they both created and absorbed. We will also include a little about the types of migrants.

We will include institutions established for specific European communities, why they were created and how they have largely been absorbed into the wider community, in some cases their use has been diversified.

We are going to explore how you might find clues as to whereabouts your ancestors came from in their home country, and how you might move forward with research.

- **Researching Channel Island Ancestors (new for 2026)**

A group of five Islands off the French Normandy coast, but self-governing British Crown Dependencies. The Islands have a rich and fascinating history, and, in this presentation, we are going to explore some of that geographical and historical history.

We will also look at the impact of the Second World War on the islands and the people, the endurance and challenges they faced. This will include information on some of the records available to you for research during this time.

We will then move on to review what genealogical records are available, where they are and how you can access them. We explore some of the organisations that can help you expand your knowledge of these islands providing context for your Channel Island ancestors.