

Migration, Internal, Immigration and Emigration -
Tracing that elusive ancestor
Colin Chapman



In this talk Dr Chapman will discuss internal migration within the British Isles, immigration into these islands from overseas and emigration to other countries. He will explain some reasons why an ancestor migrated, describe methods and modes of migration used in the past and will identify organisations and individuals who organised and sponsored migration. Dr Chapman will illustrate that by studying a variety of records created by migrants and migration, it may be possible to trace that elusive ancestor.

Dr Colin Chapman, inspired by his grandparents, has been tracing his ancestral roots since the age of seven. He is a retired engineer, chemist and lecturer in nuclear physics, Lord of Pattishall Manor and a Freeman of the City of London. He founded or co-founded six county-based family history societies and is currently President of three and Patron of a fourth. He is a Vice President of the Society of Genealogists and of the Family History Federation. He has written 14 genealogically-related books, lectured across the UK, Europe, North America and Australasia and followed Alex Haley's roots to The Gambia. He originated the three-letter code for names of British Isles counties, forming the basis for British and International Standards.

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Diane Brook



Talk by Dr Diane Brook, Ancient DNA and Genealogy

Are you descended from Vikings, chariot warriors, Neanderthals? Genetics, genealogy and archaeology are coming together to shed light on our deep ancestry and providing surprising evidence of multiple past migrations. You can now explore this type of ancestry in your own DNA through several of the testing companies. This talk will look at the advent of ancient DNA studies, and cover the historical and archaeological timelines now linked to human genetics. Although largely looking at the period before surnames, this research combined with recent Y-DNA surname studies begins to show links of individual lineages to the ancient past. The tests and information offered by the genealogical DNA companies will be reviewed and results from the speaker's own ancestry used as examples. A handout with links will be provided.

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Profile

Dr Diane Brook has been tracing her family, her husband's and many others for 50 years, as well as being qualified in archaeology. Genetics has also been a lifetime special interest. She has tested with all the available DNA testing companies as well as subscribing to Gedmatch. With the maiden surname of Smith, she includes surname origins and studies, combined with DNA, in her many genealogical interests.

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