

Organising the data

I did it my way (though not necessarily your way)

Howard Benbrook MCG (3112)

I knew, even before I got into family history, that I had an unusual surname. I'd never met anyone, apart from family, called Benbrook. And because my dad never knew his Grandad and it was all a bit of a mystery it seemed a lot more interesting than my mum's ANDREWS background! But once I started looking through the BMD Registers at The Family History Centre all those years ago it quickly became obvious that almost all of the Benbrooks were from the same place as my dad – the East End of London. So, inevitably, I recorded them all and my one-name study began...

Howard was elected President of the Guild in 2022

Purpose and methods in the T*B(T(S) ONS

Dr Ian E Tebbett (1860)

Underway since 1986, and starting with the TEBBETT name in the UK, the T*B*T(S) ONS was first registered in 1991 and has since grown continuously in scope and scale. With 49 variants in modern-day usage and branches on most continents, it covers 100,000+ individuals and custodianship of 300,000+ digital records from multiple countries.

The presentation outlines how records are stored, organised and displayed using standard office tools (spreadsheets, databases) for building family trees and shows how early planning can help when an ONS seems likely to become global in scope.

Ian graduated as a Structural Engineer in 1973 and was involved in the research and design of onshore and offshore structures worldwide. With the increasing use of computers in engineering design, Ian migrated towards managing the computer tools and the businesses that were using them, including roles as Chief Information Officer in public and private sectors. In 2005 he moved to Hampshire, taking a senior management role in the University of Southampton, then Monash University in Melbourne, Australia and finally King's College London. He retired in 2019 to spend less time travelling and more time on his genealogy!

Manipulating the data

My approach to data and what it reveals

Peter Hagger MCG (4177)

If you undertake a One Name Study, whether it is a small study or a very large one, you will need to collect some data. Peter will look at examples about what raw data can tell you. However, he is more interested in the people below the data and he will show examples of what he is found in a study dominated by agricultural labourers.

Peter started his study back in 2003 when he joined the Guild, in the days where data was generally collected by visiting Middleton Street in London and other Records Offices. Of course, now he makes use of on-line data sets. By 2005 he was on the Guild Committee serving in a number of roles, including a short spell as Chairman when the incumbent had to step down. Since serving on the Committee he has led the last two reviews of the Constitution, which included a complete rewrite ready for the Guild to become a CIO. Peter now tries to avoid saying yes to requests to take on a job so he can concentrate on his two hobbies: his study and photography.

Starting a Study, Collecting Data

The basics of a study, where to collect data

Lesley Dove (4499)

Recording your data

Programs available to record your findings

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Lesley Dove has been a member of the Guild since 2006. She is the Hampshire Regional Rep, was a co-organiser of the 2023 Northampton conference and is part of the committee organising the 2025 conference to be held in Liverpool. Lesley researches the names Stairmand and Dove.

Getting your study known

Melody McKay Burton (7997)

Melody will look at different ways that you can get your study publicised to the outside world, from simple things anyone can do to building a full study website.

Melody is a retired IT professional who spent many years of her working life with a government organisation advising businesses and community organisations on the use of the internet and online marketing. She has used her skills and experience to help several members get websites and has spoken at Guild conferences. She was also a prime driver for the first Guild Facebook Blog Challenge in 2021.

Her study is on the name Tickle/Tickell, her maiden name. The main UK areas for her study are Lancashire and Cornwall but she also works with people of that name in the US and Australia. Her study website is <https://tickle.one-name.net>

Telling your story

Writing and publishing a book

Steve Annandale (2845)

Steve's talk is about how he went about self-publishing his book 'Annandale Family History Discovered'. It includes planning its structure and chapters, the use of charts and images, marketing and promotional considerations, tips on editing and the publication process.

Stephen Annandale was an international management consultant and is now a non-fiction and history writer with more than thirty publications in the last three years. He began his one-name study in 1992. It now has a Guild website and a Facebook identity.

From not knowing any other person called Annandale, apart from his immediate family, he has built a global network of more than five hundred family members.

Have you thought about having a blog?

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Preserving and perpetuating your ONS

Family History – Forever

Bob Cumberbatch MCG (4039)

"**Carved in stone**" - meaning forever, permanent, never changing. It wasn't until I started genealogy and family history that I discovered that this idiom so often proves to be so far from the truth. Have you ever pored over a gravestone that has become unreadable due to the ravages of time and weather?

"**You can't take it with you**" - meaning you cannot take anything with you once you pass away. Oh yes you can! Years of fun, enjoyment and satisfaction can instantly go with you to your grave. All of your research, deductions and insights about your surname, such as your surname's meaning, distribution, genealogy and family history can instantly be lost unless you take steps to preserve them. It is never too late, until it is too late of course.

In this talk Bob will explain a few methods for preserving and perpetuating your study so that others can benefit and enjoy your discoveries and so that your work can be built upon. These include the **Guild Members' Websites Project** and the **Study Associate** scheme.

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