



Greetings!

Hello! I am Charlie Wilson, registrant of the Southgate one-name study and volunteer Publicity Manager for the Guild of One-Name Studies. Each month I hope to provide some interesting reading and temptations to dig deeper into your surname bearers.

Isn't it amazing how we genealogists never stop learning?

The chance discovery of a nonconformist ancestor, a suspicious death or an unusual occupation can lead you down whole new avenues of research. These in turn can end up spiralling into expansive investigations and sprawling tree canopies.



A family photo - so much to learn from this, but how?

This cascade of learning has made me realise that there is so much that I do not know, but that also means there is so much more to discover. It's exciting, yet can be rather intimidating.

What to do when faced with a rabbit hole or brickwall?

When you come across unforeseen information or a stubborn brick wall, you could spend time on your own trying to make sense of it. However, collaborative research can be a great way to expand your knowledge, solve problems, and build networks.

The Guild of One-Name Studies has a private Facebook group, new members chatroom, forum and mailing list, where you can find friendly members more than happy to help with those cans of worms that open when you least expect them to. It's one of my favourite membership benefits.

Education Newsletter

To help with those unexpected learning opportunities, we are pleased to announce the first edition of our new Education Newsletter, produced by Julie Goucher on behalf of the Guild of One-Name Studies.

The aim of the newsletter is to assist the wider genealogical community to see the value in focusing on surnames, and will form part of the Education section of our website, providing information and guidance for anyone interested in one-name studies.

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We would love to hear your feedback on this new initiative.

Guild News

During October we had twelve new one-name study registrations. They are listed below. Do any appear in your own research? If so, the registrants would love to hear from you and they can be contacted by searching for the surname here:

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VERO
DILKE
WHIPPS
DRAKEFORD
MOULTRIE
COGGAN

STOBBART
HEWET
POPE
CLENDON
CORBIN
MENELAWS

Our latest webinar series "Technology Tools for your Study 2" focuses on the use of Zotero and ORA. These webinars are open to non-members, either live, or recorded (until 11th December 2021).

Book or watch by clicking the button below.



Technology Tools for your Study 2

An unusual resource you may not have heard of

Do you have ancestors who worked in London? If so, they may have been a member of a Livery Company. These organisations originated as medieval trade guilds, and until the 19th century, membership of a Livery Company was the only way to gain the right to trade in the City of London.

Records of the London Livery Companies

Wishing you success in your research this month

Charlie.

