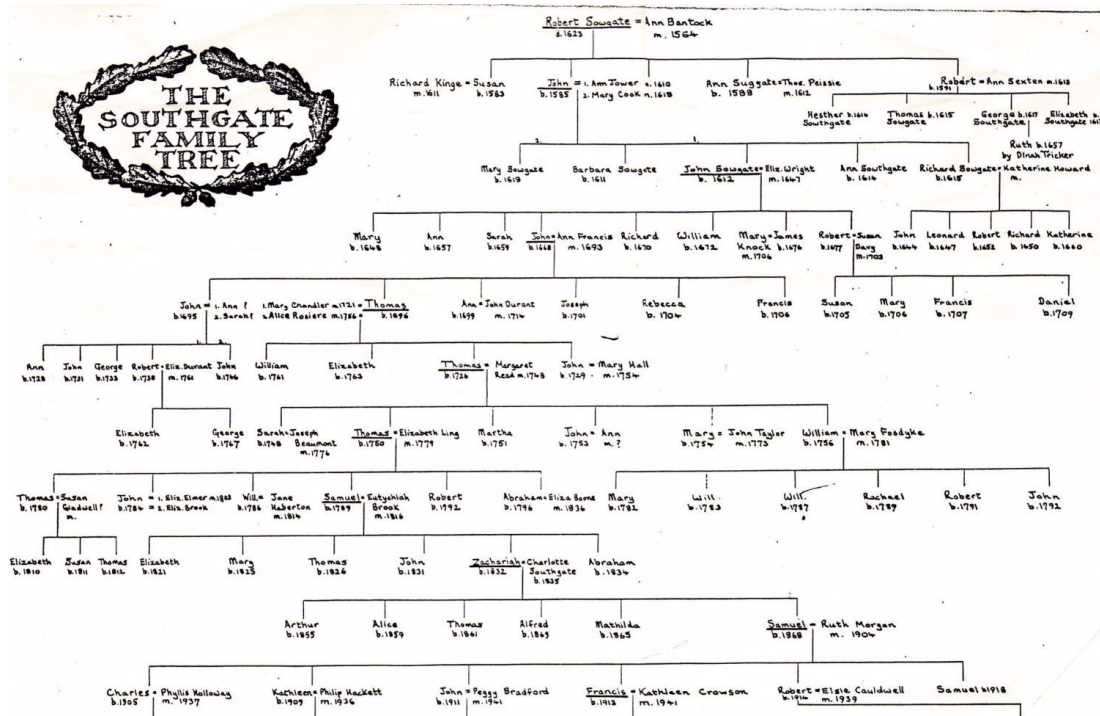


Greetings!

I'm Charlie, and I have recently taken on the role of publicity manager at the Guild of One-Name Studies. I will be writing to you with Guild news, genealogical tidbits and information I hope you find of use in your own research.

I thought I would begin by sharing a little about how I started my own study. I am a Southgate by birth, and my dad "did" the family tree during a long hot Suffolk summer in the 1970s. Hand-drawn by my uncle, it is a treasured family document.



Then along I came, with the dawn of the digital era. I thought I would see if new technology could add anything interesting to the tree. I was just trying to help, as I knew there were some loose ends ...

Oops. I broke my dad's masterpiece

Well, it wasn't exactly broken, but it was definitely rather creased. Extra siblings, suspiciously elderly parents ... I also found many Southgates seemingly not related to me at all. As mine is not a common surname this intrigued me. Not only that, but they were fascinating - one married the Mayor of New York! Others had MOUNTAINS named after them. How could I justify researching these fabulously interesting Southgates if I couldn't call them part of my own family history?

One-Name Studies were the answer

I realised that if Southgate as a surname was my research goal, then I could hone my skills while learning about a wide range of people and topics. So far, I have followed genealogical paths to the American Revolutionary War, The Wallace Collection, 18th century estate valuers, spies and Wellington boots.

All from one surname

Of course, Guild members have myriad reasons for starting their own studies, and I hope to share some of those tales with you in future newsletters.

... webs of intrigue ... long-lost cousins ... statistical analysis ...

Guild News

In the last month we had seventeen new 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 on our website:

<https://one-name.org>

Fonblanque
Malyn
Panchaud
Narsh
Bland
Winter
Mountford
Estacaille

Keil
Buckledee
Mitton
Durnford
Mcilwaine
Tather
Ingamells
Tompolski
Dubreuil

Our featured study this month is BLISS. Not only is this a study of lengthy duration and significant scope, it also boasts an associated family history society that, in normal times, meets regularly. Their website is [here](#).

Unusual research link you may not have heard of

The title of this project "[Intoxicants & Early Modernity, England, 1580-1740](#)" does not immediately suggest it would be of genealogical use.

However, this database has a huge number of records relating to innkeepers, tea and coffee merchants, importers of tobacco and similar. The material indexed is not limited to common sources, but includes objects, inventories, port books and court records, which can otherwise be difficult to access.

Did you find your names in the database? Let us know!

Wishing you success in your research this month

Charlie.

