



Following the DNA Trail: Using Ancestry.com DNA Results to Solve Genealogical Mysteries

Wednesday, November 8, 2023; 7:00 pm
Presented by Joseph Klett

*Attend in person at the Hopewell Presbyterian Church,
80 West Broad St., Hopewell, NJ*

*Or join online virtual presentation via Zoom –
register online at HopewellValleyHistory.org*

About the Speaker – Joe has worked at New Jersey State Archives since 1983, and served as a trustee of the Genealogical Society of New Jersey from 1987 to 2023. A genealogist since age 12, he is descended from many early Hopewell and central New Jersey families.



Joseph Klett, Executive Director of the New Jersey State Archives and President of The Hopewell Museum, will discuss the use of autosomal DNA matches to help trace challenging lineages and identify hitherto unknown ancestors.

He will draw from case studies to show how DNA results have guided and redirected his own research into 18th- and 19th-century New Jersey families, leading to the discovery of documentary sources. In one case study, DNA matches suggesting a common lineage through a shared surname led to the discovery of hitherto unknown ancestry in an altogether different family. In another case study, the lack of cousin matches in one branch of the family tree led to the realization that a presumed biological ancestor was in fact a step-ancestor.

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