



# Glenn York

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## **Credentials:**

- BA Social Science
- Masters Telecommunications
- Salt Lake Institute of Genealogy 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025
- Genealogical Institute of Pittsburgh 2018, 2020, 2021, 2022
- Gen-Fed Institute 2024
- Institute of Genealogical and Historic Research 2025
- British Institute 2024, 2025
- Texas Institute of Genealogical Research 2025
- Institute 4 Genetic Genealogy conference 2017, 2018, 2019, 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025
- 40 years Family Genealogy research
- 35 years college adjunct instructor
- Manage DNA tests for over 35 family members
- Co-Administrator BATES and RALEY Y-DNA surname projects and Colonial Swedish Project
- Facilitator for Larimer County Genealogical Society and Longmont Genealogical Society DNA Study Groups and Colorado Advanced DNA Study Group
- Past President Larimer County Genealogical Society

**AV / Equipment:** Will provide laptop and cables to connect to society or venue projector and screen. Presentation in current version of Power Point.

**Fee:** negotiable

**Travel Restrictions:** None, but travel expenses may apply

## **Webinars:**

Can provide remote presentation upon request. Society must provide high-speed internet and platform such as Zoom or GoToMeeting.

## **DNA PRESENTATIONS**

- **“Ten Steps to get the Most from your DNA Test”** - You have decided to take an autosomal DNA test. What do you do now to make sure you get the most out of the test. We will explore ten steps that can help you analyze your results. We will explore features on the major Autosomal testing sites to see what features may be most useful to reach your goals.
- **“Genetic Genealogy – Beyond the Hype”** - In this introductory DNA presentation, I cover the basics of available tests and an overview of testing companies. I discuss DNA inheritance, how these tests can be used in your genealogy research and how to contact matches and collaborate in order to advance your research.
- **“DNA Testing Revealed”** - This presentation covers issues with DNA testing related to privacy, legalities, ethics, industry standards, as well as law enforcement use of genetic genealogy.
- **“Finding a Birth Mother – A DNA Case Study”** - This is a case study of a woman that was adopted at birth in the early 1950s. I discuss the steps used to analyze her DNA matches, then how those matches and family tree information were used to identify her birth mother and her birth father’s family.
- **“Y-DNA, In Depth and Big-Y”** - Y-DNA is passed down through the direct paternal line from fathers to their sons and can be used to explore many generations. This presentation looks at the Y-DNA testing available through Family Tree DNA and the information these tests provide on direct male ancestral lines. We will also look at how Y-DNA matches can be interpreted, as well as Y-DNA surname projects and how they can advance your research. Finally, I will suggest how the Big-Y tests can provide additional information on the paternal line.
- **“Introduction to Gedmatch”** - Gedmatch is a third-party site that enables the comparison of DNA test results for people who tested at different companies. In this presentation, we will explore Gedmatch tools available to analyze your autosomal DNA test results.
- **“Ancestry DNA Tests and Tools, In Depth”** - Ancestry is the largest company providing DNA testing for genealogy research. This presentation focuses on Ancestry DNA tests, exploring the results provided by each. Also highlighted will be the tools provided to understand and analyze your autosomal DNA results.

- **“23andMe DNA Tests and Tools, In Depth”** - In this presentation, I will focus on the 23andMe DNA test, exploring the results and the tools provided by 23andMe to understand and analyze your autosomal DNA results.
- **“Family Finder Tests and Tools, In Depth”** - Family Tree DNA is the oldest direct to consumer DNA testing company and provides several testing options. Family Finder is their autosomal test option and the focus of this presentation. We will explore the results and the tools provided by Family Tree DNA to understand and analyze your autosomal DNA results.
- **“MyHeritage Tests and Tools, In Depth”** - MyHeritage is one of the newest companies offering autosomal DNA tests. This presentation focuses on those tests, exploring the results and tools provided by MyHeritage in order to understand and analyze your autosomal DNA results.
- **“Living DNA Tests and Tools, In Depth”** - Living DNA is a new DNA company based in London which focuses on providing detailed information about specific regions in the UK, Germany, and other European countries. This presentation focuses on Living DNA tests and explores the results and tools provided by Living DNA to understand and analyze your autosomal DNA results.
- **“Using Tree Information Provided by DNA Testing Companies”** - In this presentation, we will look at the three different approaches DNA testing companies use to find family relationships, exploring Ancestry “Thru-lines”, MyHeritage “Theories of Family Relativity”, and 23andMe “Your Family Tree.” We will briefly look at some third-party tools that help build tree information from DNA test results and discuss how each can be useful to advance your research.
- **“Get More Out of Your DNA Matches with Autoclusters”** - This presentation will highlight several methods to cluster your DNA matches as well as how to use Autocluster reports (available from GeneticAffairs.com or MyHeritage) to analyze unknown DNA matches. Discover how Autoclusters can you help understand relationships with matches. Other clustering tools will also be briefly introduced.
- **“Getting the Most From Ancestry DNA Test Results” (Two-hour Class)** - This is a two-hour presentation exploring Ancestry DNA results and how we can learn more. We look at the ethnicity report and genetic communities. We then focus on DNA matches and discuss how to read the match list information and how to find more about our matches. Finally, we look at ThruLines and how this tool can help you learn more about matches and descendants of your common ancestors.

## NON-DNA PRESENTATIONS

- **“Genealogical Educational Opportunities”** - This presentation explores the variety of opportunities available to expand your genealogy knowledge and skills to the next level. We will explore some of the popular blogs and websites that are available at no cost. We then consider low-cost periodicals, books, seminars, and conferences to further your knowledge base. For those interested in entering the field of professional genealogy, we will introduce preparatory college courses and Genealogical Institute courses.
- **“Researching the American Quakers”** - The religious group known as Quakers (Friends) came to the Pennsylvania region in the late 17<sup>th</sup> Century and spread rapidly along the East coast. By the early 19<sup>th</sup> Century many Quakers migrated to the Northwest territory and by 1900 they had settled across the entire country. Quakers were known to keep detailed family records providing a wealth of information to those with Quaker ancestors. This presentation will cover some of the basic beliefs and organization of the Quaker communities. We will discuss migrations and records left behind that can advance your research.
- **“19<sup>th</sup> Century Quakers (Friends) in Kansas”** - Quakers (Friends) started moving into Kansas before its statehood, establishing over 80 meetings for worship before 1900. Today only 41 active meetings remain in the state. Where did these people come from? Why did they come to Kansas? Where did these people go? We'll explore the answers to these questions in this presentation. Other related topics may be available or can be developed.
- **“Settling the Great Plains”** - The Great Plains region includes part of ten different states. As settlers moved into this region, they were forced to adapt to a significantly different environment than in the eastern states. This presentation will discuss the challenges and solutions these settlers encountered. Great Plains settlers often obtained land from the Federal Government through a variety of homestead laws and methods. We will explore processes that were common as well as some unique processes used in specific areas and/or periods of time. We will also look at the genealogical value of the records created, and how to find and access those records.
- **“Cowboy Up: The Life of a Real Cowboy”** - Building a life narrative to explore the life of an interesting ancestor. Glenn Hollingsworth was born to an Iowa Quaker family and grew up on a Kansas homestead. As a young man he went to Deadwood, SD to work as a teamster. In 1893, he went to eastern Montana where he worked on the open range and cattle ranches over the next 70 years. Times were tough but experiences were epic.
- **“Locating your Ancestral Records in the National Archives”** - Numerous interactions between your ancestors and the federal government generated records that have been preserved by the National Archives. The National Archives operates fifteen research centers and seventeen Presidential Libraries/Museums. This presentation provides information on the preservation of these records by the federal government. We will explore the types of information in these records along with how you can locate and access them.

## **Proposed New Presentations in development for 2026 (contact speaker for availability)**

- **“Census Records – Digging Deeper”** - Census records are one of the most fundamental tools for genealogical research—but are you taking full advantage of them? This session will highlight lesser-known fields that can yield valuable insights, introduce non-population schedules and special census records, and demonstrate how state and local census records can provide unique details unavailable elsewhere.
- **“Advanced Land Records”** - Land records can reveal a wealth of information about our ancestors. This presentation will cover how property was acquired and transferred, the methods used to establish boundaries, and how to use modern mapping tools to pinpoint ancestral land and compare it with its present-day appearance.
- **“Practical Artificial Intelligence (AI) Applications for Genealogists”** - Artificial intelligence can be a powerful assistant in genealogical research and writing. In this session, we will explore practical applications of AI, including locating records, transcribing historical documents, suggesting research avenues, and drafting ancestor sketches.
- **“Research in the Library of Congress”** - The Library of Congress is the largest library in the United States, with vast collections beyond books—including photographs, maps, and other materials. While not everyone can visit in person, many of its treasures are accessible online. This session will guide you through finding and using these digital resources effectively.
- **“Benjamin Hollingsworth – Quaker Civil War Soldier”** - Benjamin was born into an Indiana Quaker family. Following the loss of his parents and older sisters, and after his brothers married, he enlisted in the 19th Indiana Light Artillery Battery, serving in several major battles. After the war, he addressed his local Quaker meeting to acknowledge his failure to maintain Quaker standards and requested continued membership. In 1867, he relocated to Iowa to join his brothers, and in the 1870s, the siblings moved to Kansas. Due to post-war disabilities, Benjamin spent his later years in the Kansas State Soldier’s Home at Fort Dodge and the National Home for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers at Leavenworth. In 1916, he passed away and was buried in the National Cemetery at Leavenworth.

### **Speaker Bio**

Glenn York is a professional genealogist with decades of research experience across the United States. He began genealogical research in the 1980s at the National Archives and the Library of Congress.

Glenn specializes in genetic genealogy, has been working with all major DNA testing companies since 2005 and is currently managing tests for over 35 family members.

With deep Quaker ancestry and roots in Colonial America, Glenn has extensively researched Quaker history and records in North America and the British Isles.

He holds a bachelor’s degree in social science and a master’s degree in telecommunications and has completed more than a dozen genealogical institute courses.

Glenn is a past President of the Larimer County Genealogical Society and serves as delegate to the National Genealogical Society for the Colorado Council of Genealogical Societies. Glenn York is a member of the Association of Professional Genealogists, National Genealogical Society, Genealogical Speakers Guild, and other historical organizations.

Glenn facilitates monthly DNA study groups, teaches genealogy classes, and volunteers at a local library. He also administers the BATES and RALEY Y-DNA surname projects and co-administers the Colonial Swedish DNA Project at Family Tree DNA.