

Demolishing Brick Walls: Tips & Tricks

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Introduction

- What are brick walls?
- Did you create the wall?
- Golden rules of genealogy
- Serendipity
- Online resources
- More resources
- Last thoughts



What Are Brick Walls?

- ▶ Where you simply cannot go back any further
- ▶ Information just not there – blank fields on certificates
- ▶ Missing information, missing records
- ▶ Someone disappears
- ▶ Someone just appears
- ▶ Too many suspects (common names)
- ▶ Anything that stops you progressing



First Questions

- ▶ Did you build the brick wall yourself?
- ▶ Are you following the golden rules of genealogy?
- ▶ Are you just using indexes & transcripts?
- ▶ Need to look at certificates & original documents
- ▶ People make mistakes!



Golden Rules No 1 & No 2

- ▶ Always work back from the known (yourself) to the unknown (ancestors)
- ▶ Never believe everything on a birth, death or marriage certificate
- ▶ Information only as good as informant's knowledge
- ▶ Birth & Marriage certificates perhaps more reliable than Death – but not always!



Grandparents as
parents – hiding an
illegitimate birth?

MARRIAGE

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MARRIAGE solemnised in the District of **BRISBANE** In the State of Queensland
19 06 Registered by Thornhill Weedon Registrar-General

Marginal Notes (if any)	Column 1 Number	4746	
	2 When and where married	11 July 1906 Brisbane	
	3 Name and surname ..	Bridegroom James CARNEGIE	Bride Mary FINN
	4 Condition	Bachelor	Spinster
	5 Birthplace	Brisbane Stanley Queensland	Nambour Canning Queensland
	6 Profession, trade or occupation	Seaman	
	7 Age	25 years	20 years
	8 Usual place of residence	Brisbane	Bowen Terrace Brisbane
	Parents— 9 Father's name and surname. Mother's name and maiden surname	John Carnegie Ellen Stratton	John Finn Sarah Fegan
	10 Father's rank or profession	Sailor	Laborer

Married at Dora, Gotha Street Brisbane This marriage
was solemnised
between us) J. Carnegie
Mary Finn

according to the rites of the Roman
Catholic Church

In the presence of us) Thos. N. Cronin
Rosie Finn

Date of registration 14 July 1906

By me James B. Breen
Officiating Minister or Registrar

Signature of Harold William Tesch

I, Harold William Tesch

Registrar-General, do hereby certify that the above is a true copy of an entry in
a Register of Marriages kept in the General Registry Office, Brisbane, and I
further certify that I am a person duly authorised by law to issue such certificate.

Extracted on 28 July 1977

Exd. by

Handwritten signature: H.W. Tesch



Golden Rules No 3 & No 4

- ▶ Never completely trust the spelling of surnames, place names etc
- ▶ Always check given name and surname variants when researching
- ▶ Possibly the most common reason why ancestors cannot be found



Name Variations

- ▶ Both given names and surnames
- ▶ Abbreviations – Wm, Thos, Margt, Hy
- ▶ Nicknames – my Pearl turned out to be Maria!
- ▶ Aliases and de facto relationships
- ▶ Maiden names for children's birth entries




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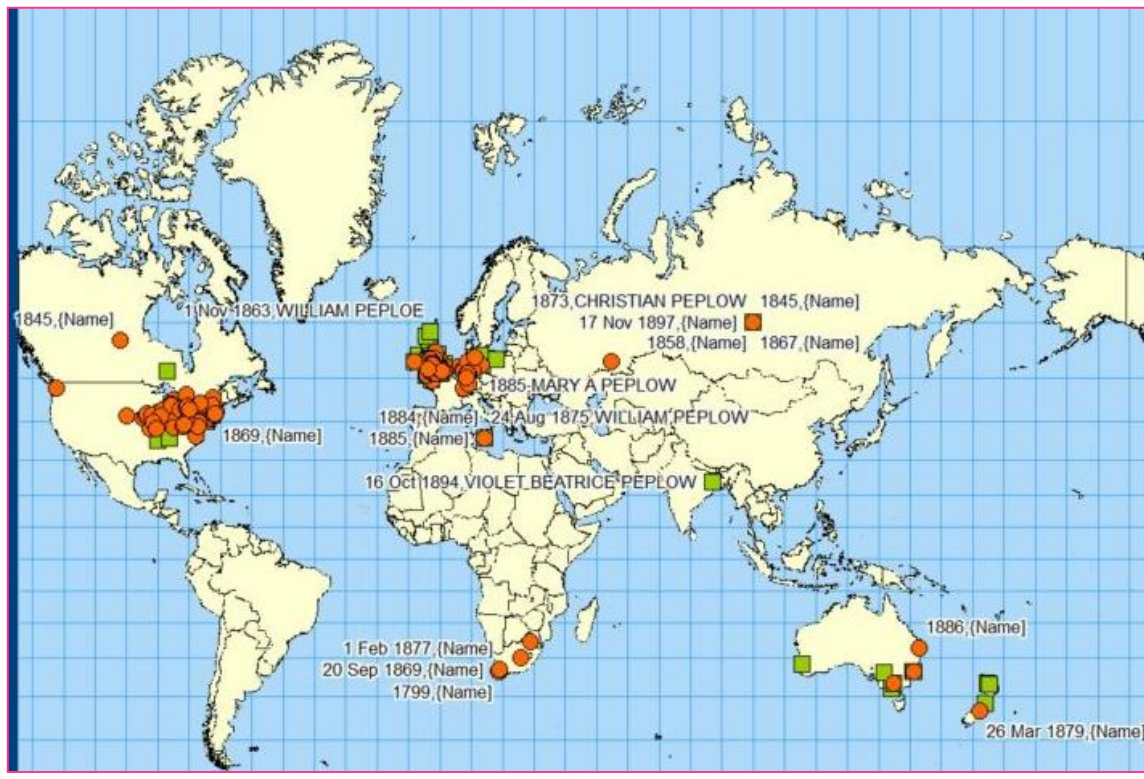
Family historians generally focus their efforts on researching their own family trees, collecting and analysing data in order to find as much detail as possible on every branch, twig or tiny leaf. Others compile surname studies, which seek all occurrences, past and present, of a single surname, anywhere in the world.

This study is registered for the variants Peplar, Peplow, Peplow, Peplow, and Peplow. I also consider Pepelowe, Peplow, Peplor, Peplow, and anything that has 2 P's separated by a vowel and followed by an L. I do rule out those names that end in 'ski' and Peplaus are on the fence. Bep(p)ler is also included because the Germans used P and B interchangeably.

Because there is such a variation even in the life events of a single individual, I have a tendency to refer to the name as Peplxx. I am always surprised by the suffix .

The chart shows the earliest occurrence of a form and highlights the most common variants

Surname	All	Male	Female	Earliest	Most recent
PEPPELOWE	7	6	1	1280	1369
PEPLOW	2741	1487	1252	1360	2013
PEPELOTE	1	1	0	1385	1385
POPELEWE	1	1	0	1410	1435
PEPELOR	1	1	0	1420	1420
PEPLER	2385	1275	1110	1420	2013
PEBELLEWE	1	1	0	1429	1429
PEPLOWE	115	59	56	1460	1989
BEPPLER	220	121	99	1530	1993
PEPLOE	1536	808	728	1560	2010
BEPPELER	17	9	8	1565	1748
PEPPLER	1446	801	645	1570	2011
PEPLAR	113	52	61	1584	2004
BEPLER	318	216	102	1587	1990
PEPELER	2	1	1	1588	1588
PEPLO	81	51	30	1592	1814
PEPELOW	43	23	20	1600	1847
PEPOLE	2	1	1	1600	1600
PEPPLOW	6	2	4	1613	1833
PAPLER	16	10	6	1672	1834
PEEPLAR	14	10	4	1685	1751
PEOPLAR	1	1	0	1695	1702
PEBLER	96	42	54	1701	1999
PEPLEO	2	1	1	1708	1708
PIPLER	3	2	1	1714	1748
PEPLOR	25	11	14	1716	1876



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Would you like to know at which church your ancestors married?

Do you only have the GRO reference from [FreeBMD](#), [Ancestry](#) or [FindMyPast](#) etc?

Using the form below, see if we have the details of the church where they married. Then go to [FamilySearch](#), local [Online Parish Clerks](#), [FreeREG](#) or other genealogical websites to see if the marriage register transcriptions or images are available. Saves the cost of purchasing a certificate from the GRO.

The database contains details of marriages between 1837 and 1911 and is not yet complete.

We currently have data from the following registration districts:

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St Saviour	Strood	West Ham
West London	Westminster	Westminster St Margaret
Witham		

<http://surname-society.org/marriage-finder>



Anglicised & Foreign Names

- ▶ Both given names and surnames
- ▶ Non English speaking cultures – Europe, Asia
- ▶ Chinese look under A for Ah – but also check under the other initial – not consistent
- ▶ My Norwegians Aose died as Mary and Andreas as Andrew



Spelling Variations

- ▶ People were illiterate, difficulties with accents (Union turned out to be Onion)
- ▶ May not have known how a place was spelt Bailieborough, Bailieboro, Ballyborough
- ▶ Indexing errors
 - Old styles of writing or poor handwriting
 - Poor OCR (optical character recognition)
 - Human error
 - Judy Webster – *Using and Compiling Indexes*





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Using and Compiling Indexes

"Judy Webster, a keen family historian, has compiled and published many indexes. She has also been employed by Qld State Archives to help with guidelines and data entry/checking for their indexing projects. On this page she shares practical tips based on her own experience."

- How to avoid the [traps involved in using indexes](#).
- How to [compile a good index](#) (advice for individuals, genealogical groups, family history societies, historical societies and local studies librarians who want to index various types of material).
- How to [publish and promote your index](#).

Traps involved in using indexes

These **rules for using indexes** have been selected from a list reported to be from the 'Genealogy Week' section of *Antique Week* and attributed to James L. Hansen of the State Hist. Soc. of WI, USA.

- An index is only an index. It is not a substitute for the record being indexed.
- It doesn't matter how you spell the name, it only matters how the indexer spelled it.
- In a given record, any vowel may at any point be substituted for any other vowel or consonant.
- If you haven't found it in the index, you can only conclude that you haven't found it in the index. You cannot conclude that it's not in the record.
- Sometimes it is best to ignore the index altogether.

To that list I would add:

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Indexed under middle given name!

Name – John James Carnegie

Married sister – Helen Dryden

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Searching with Wildcards in FamilySearch

April 10, 2014 By [Steve Anderson](#)



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Golden Rule Nos 5 & 6

- ▶ Always have at least two separate sources of proof for each event
- ▶ Don't blindly trust other people's research – always check it yourself
- ▶ Remember that everything is only speculation until verified



Golden Rule No 7 & No 8

- ▶ Always photocopy/digitise certificates and important documents – leave originals in a safe place. Backup, backup, backup!
- ▶ If a document exists, read it!
- ▶ People miss vital clues eg informants, witnesses, addresses, significance of dates
- ▶ Review as it may have more meaning later



Golden Rule No 9

- ▶ Join at least one family history group, genealogical society or historical society
- ▶ Either near where you live or where your ancestors lived
- ▶ Why – many benefits of membership
 - Specialist library, member expertise, seminars, journal, meetings



Golden Rule No10

- ▶ Share your information and documentation (copies only) with other researchers
- ▶ Write/blog your stories
- ▶ Ensure your research is not lost or forgotten
- ▶ Who inherits your family history research?



Letters Home – My Irish Families

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This week's blog is my contribution to the **Carnival of Irish Heritage & Culture, 18th edition**

With four gg grandparents born in Ireland it is no wonder that I am interested in Irish heritage and culture. Of the four it is only my gg grandmother Maria Jeffers who gives me any real insight into her life back in Ireland. However, I will also outline the other Irish gg grandparents just in case someone else is interested in those families.

Maria Jeffers arrived in Brisbane in 1864. Maria (daughter of Isaac Jeffers and Harriet Ballantyne) was born in Portadown, County Armagh in 1844. Maria came to Queensland, Australia on board the *Legion of Honour* in 1864. She married Adam Johnston (see below) in 1864 in Brisbane, Queensland. In later life she had a close friend Abraham Francis and she is seen with him in this photograph.

Of my four Irish ancestors, Maria Jeffers is the only one known to have kept contact with her family back in Ireland. A few surviving letters to and from one of her brothers who stayed in Portadown confirms this. The letters were in poor condition with pages and pieces missing and had been given to one of Maria's



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<https://rootsresearcher.wordpress.com/.../blog-chart-007-katharine-read-1745-1819-jeremiah-pollard-1741-1818/>



Women's History Month - My Four Great Grandmothers | Shauna

Mar 28, 2016 ... **Elizabeth Pollard** was born in 1857 in Croughton, Northamptonshire and after the death of her father, Elizabeth's mother remarried and the ...

www.shanahicks.com.au/womens-history-month-my-four-great-grandmothers/



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Western Kentucky Genealogy Blog: 7/1/15 - 8/1/15

Lucy A. (Baker) **Pollard**. b. 1840 d. 1868. Wm. B. **Pollard**. b. 1866 d. 1963. Harriott "Hattie" **Elizabeth** (Gore) **Pollard**. b. 1870 d. 1951. **Pollard** Triplets (children of ...
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At some point, every family historian encounters a barrier in their genealogy research. In genealogy, these barriers are known as brick walls and they can often ...

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https://familysearch.org/.../Solving_Tough_Research_Problems—Overcoming_Brick... ▾

Jun 9, 2016 - Most genealogists sooner or later face challenging research puzzles. Use this article as a source of ideas to help solve those challenges.

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Family history is a lifelong pursuit for many as there are always another set of ... to assist you with your research and can often work with you to tackle brickwalls.

✓ **Cyndi's List - Hit a Brick Wall? - Articles**

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About.com: Genealogy - Brick Wall Strategies for Dead-End Family Trees. Article by ... Genealogy Insider - Help for Busting Genealogy Brick Walls. Article by ...

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✓ **Australian Genealogy & History Blogs | Unlock the Past**

www.unlockthepast.com.au/australian-genealogy-history-blogs ▾

Below is a list of Blogs relating to Genealogy or History from Australians. in knocking down some of the brick walls or just add to their side of the family story.

✓ **Society of Australian Genealogists: Home**

www.sag.org.au/ ▾

The Society of Australian Genealogists (SAG) has been helping people trace family history for over 75 years. Located in the Sydney CBD, we have a world-class ...

✓ **Diary of an Australian Genealogist: Brickwalls, Old Dog, New Tricks ...**

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Jun 13, 2015 - Brickwalls, Old Dog, New Tricks - Genealogy Notes 8-14 Jun 2015. Two presentations last week - my own at the Deception Bay library which ...

✓ **Trace your Family Tree Online | Genealogy & Ancestry from ...**

www.findmypast.com.au/ ▾

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www.google.com.au



Common Search Mistakes

- ▶ Start with yourself & work back, step by step, certificate by certificate, census by census
- ▶ Otherwise you may end up tracing the wrong person

- ▶ My great grandmother was Elizabeth Judge, she married under that name but it was not the name she was born with!

www.shaunahicks.com.au/old-research-new-resources-fresh-eyes



Someone Disappears

- ▶ Skeletons in the family
- ▶ Everyone has them
- ▶ Places to look
 - Court of Petty Session records
 - Gaols and prisons
 - Asylums and hospitals
 - Insolvency and bankruptcy
 - Inquests (suicides, murders)



Someone Appears

- ▶ Probably skeletons again
- ▶ Hiding a convict background
- ▶ Hiding an illegitimate birth
- ▶ Fostering or adoption
- ▶ Deserted wife and family someplace else



Serendipity









- ▶ According to the Oxford Dictionary, the definition of serendipity is ‘the occurrence and development of events by chance in a happy and beneficial way’
- ▶ In other words, a fluke, luck
- ▶ Search every index/database – you just never know



What does 1 Jan mean each year?

- ▶ New release of BDM indexes
- ▶ New release of archives records
- ▶ BUT some archives & BDMs release throughout the year so check websites for updates
- ▶ New resources added all the time



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Australia, Tasmania, Correspondence of the Immigration Office Concerning the Nomination, Arrival and Settlement of Migrants, 1920-1943	36,514	12 May 2015
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Australia, Victoria, Assisted Immigrant Arrivals at Victorian Ports, 1839-1871	127,892	15 May 2015
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... of our dear father, **James Henry Trevaskis**, who died May 18, 1934. Always Remembered. (Inserted by his ... 252 words)

 Tagged as: **James Henry Trevaskis** Text last corrected on 14 October 2012 by **gaymat****The Townsville Daily Bulletin SATURDAY, MAY 19 1934.***Townsville Daily Bulletin (Qld. : 1907 - 1954) Saturday 19 May 1934 p 6 Article*

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Website: [Shauna Hicks History Enterprises](http://www.shaunahicks.com.au)
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Diary of an Australian Genealogist: My F... - diaryofanaustraliangenealogist...y-families.html - 10/1/2014
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TREVASKIS, DORCAS	FF	JONES, lorraine margaret
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TREVASKIS, JAMES HENRY	FF	JONES, lorraine margaret
TREVASKIS, Susan Anne	FF	SMITH, b. e.

FF First Family Name

D Name found in descendants

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First Family Member Details

Surname:	WHITE	Surname:	TREVASKIS
Given Name(s):	HERBERT WILLIAM	Given Name(s):	DORCAS
Occupation(s):	MINER		

Birth Details

Birth Town:	FARLEY
Birth County, Region, Province:	WILTSHIRE
Birth Country:	ENGLAND
Birth Date:	1864

Death Details

Death Town:	RICHMOND
Death State/Territory:	QUEENSLAND
Death Country:	AUSTRALIA
Death Date:	1924

Immigration Details

Year Arrived:	1886
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Descendants

Birth Details

Birth Town:	MOONTA
Birth County, Region, Province:	SOUTH AUSTRALIA
Birth Country:	AUSTRALIA
Birth Date:	1866

Death Details

Death Town:	BRISBANE
Death State/Territory:	QUEENSLAND
Death Country:	AUSTRALIA
Death Date:	1835

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This family information was last updated by [LORRAINE MARGARET JONES](#) on the .

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Brick Wall Demolition

- ▶ The whole story is in a number of blogs recording my search over 32 years
- ▶ Breakthrough was *Queensland Police Gazettes* on Findmypast
- ▶ Quicker way was a 5 minute search of World Connect
- ▶ But how many people use it?



RETURN OF PRISONERS TO BE DISCHARGED FROM HIS MAJESTY'S PRISON, ROCKHAMPTON, DURING THE MONTH OF AUGUST, 1904.

Name.	Where Tried.	Date of Discharge.	Offence.	Date of Sentence.	Sentence.	Native of	Age.	stature.	Make.	Complexion.	COLOUR OF		WEIGHT.		Previous Convictions.	Remarks.
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Charles Anderson ...	Rockhampton	1904. 1 Aug.	Breach of the Railway By-laws	1904. 2 July	1 month's imprisonment or £1 8s. 3d. fine and fare	America ...	35	5 6½	Slight ...	Black	Black	Black	9 6	10 5	...	Vaccination-mark right arm; Ame
Ellen Chick, alias Ferguson	Barcaldine...	6 ,, ...	Vagrancy ...	7 May	3 months' hard labour ...	Scotland ...	42	5 5	Stout ...	Fresh	Dark-brown	Brown	9 4	9 5½	...	Cataract on both eyes.
Catherine Kelly ...	Rockhampton	10 ,, ...	Drunkenness and obscene language	11 April	2 months' imprisonment or £2 fine on each charge (cumulative)	Ireland ...	37	5 0½	Medium	ditto	Auburn	Blue	9 0	8 8½	10	Scar left shin; tattooed ring on right hand.
Thomas Rees ...	Longreach ...	13 ,, ...	Indecent exposure ...	14 June	2 months' hard labour or £4 1s. 11d. fine and costs	Queensland	36	5 6½	ditto ...	ditto	Dark	Grey	10 2	10 5	15	Left arm broken and deformed—two fingers; two scars left at scar on top of left hip; aneb arm; slight blue scar right eye
Eugene Forrest ...	Rockhampton	25 ,, ...	Stealing from the person ...	26 Feb.	6 months' hard labour ...	ditto ...	22	5 5½	ditto ...	ditto	Sandy	Hazel	9 1	10 3	...	Scar under right knee.
John Barber, alias John Edward Barber	ditto ...	26 ,, ...	Unlawful destruction of property	27 June	2 months' hard labour ...	Victoria ...	39	5 11¼	ditto ...	ditto	Dark	Brown	10 12½	11 7½	15	Scar on back of head; scar over right mark on right temple.

QLD Police Gazette 1904

- Searched for death of Ellen/Helen Chick in QLD BDMs online - purchased death certificate
- Reference to second husband Charles Wademoire Chick



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	Date	Place	Date	Place			
CARNEGIE, Helen	1862		23 DEC 1946	Brisbane.Qld - Reg: - 1946/BOO9756	kenalice3		Census Newspapers Histories
 Father: John CARNEGIE Mother: Helen STRATTON Spouses: Charles Wadmore CHICK , Alexander Miller FERGUSON							

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Given Name	<input type="text" value="helen"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> omit living	Mother	<input type="text" value="Helen Stratton"/>
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Death Year	<input type="text"/>	Exact ▾	<input type="checkbox"/> Has Descendants	
Marriage Place	<input type="text"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> omit blanks	<input type="checkbox"/> Has Notes	
Marriage Year	<input type="text"/>	Exact ▾	<input type="checkbox"/> Has Sources	
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Last Tips

- ▶ Advertise your brick wall
- ▶ Explore collateral lines – trace siblings if you have a road block on direct line
- ▶ Try DNA testing
- ▶ Use social media
- ▶ Do a one name study!



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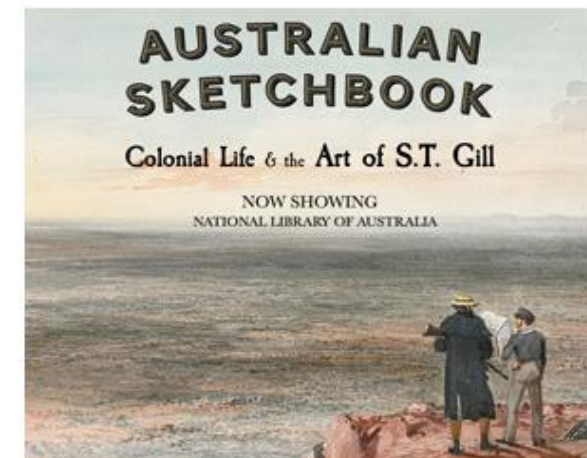
ANCESTRY DNA TESTING FOR FAMILY HISTORY: BREAKING DOWN BRICK WALLS

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Conclusion

- ▶ Brick walls can be demolished
- ▶ Think laterally
- ▶ Need time, perseverance, luck
- ▶ Keep rechecking new resources
- ▶ Share your story
- ▶ Don't give up!

