

Hancock County Genealogy Meeting

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The Hancock County Genealogical Society will hold their next monthly meeting on Saturday, April 11, 2015 at 10:00 in the Riverview Room of the Ellsworth Public Library. The meeting is free and open to the public. Guest Speaker will be Nancy Milliken Mason, a genetic genealogist who has been doing traditional genealogy research for over 30 years. Nancy was born in Portland, Maine and grew up in Cumberland. She has many stories to share about using DNA to assist with traditional research. Nancy travels when and wherever she can to attend workshops and conferences and to give presentations about genetic genealogy.

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Genetic Genealogy ~ How When Where and Why

New to the idea of DNA testing for genealogy research? Learn about the three major test types, Y-DNA, mtDNA, and atDNA. Find out what each test offers and which one might help you best with your research. This is a new field, but one that's growing rapidly.

Genetic DNA testing can help you discover the origins of your paternal and maternal lines. It can prove or disprove a genealogical problem. This testing can help find unknown family lines in cases of adoption or other separations from biological lines. It does this by comparing your results with other individuals' test results. It can help find relatives with whom you share a common ancestor. These new relatives might help you break through your genealogical 'brick wall' and they may have pictures and stories to share. It is a wonderful new tool to be used with traditional genealogical research.