



## Bill Curtis

Bill Curtis is a member of the Manitoba Genealogical Society (MGS). His interest in the subject began 25+ years ago when his son turned to him for help with a high school family history project. Bill has continued his research since then, discovering relatives all over the world. He soon began helping family and friends with their research. He joined the Manitoba Genealogical Society in 1994 and is the present Education and Outreach Coordinator. Bill is a graduate of Red River College and the University of Manitoba.

## Beginning Genealogy

Bill Curtis of the Manitoba Genealogical Society introduces the basics of genealogical research in this first of a 3-part workshop.

In this session, you, along with the rest of the group, will become family history detectives. You will learn how to find, and evaluate clues in actual case studies; helping you develop the skills necessary to pursue your own family history. Please note that you register independently for each session.

## Finding Your Genealogy Information

Once you have a basic understanding of the process of researching your family history, you will want to know where to find more information. Some of that information is "hidden" on the internet. Google is one of the best tools available to find it, but getting millions of "hits" during a search is not helpful. This session will show you how to "dig out" the information that applies to your own specific family. Google can also help you find libraries and archives that contain information not on the internet. The key to using google successfully for genealogy, is really understanding how it works.

## DNA Testing in Genealogy Research

***Are you thinking of doing, or have you done a DNA test?*** Can DNA testing help solve a family mystery, and if so, how?

This session will give you a basic understanding of what DNA testing is, in simple and easy to understand language.

It will explain what kinds of DNA tests are available, and what they can and cannot tell you.

It will cover topics such as finding living relatives today, and how far back you might be able to trace your family.

We will discuss which family members should do a test, and why.

We will look at how ethnicity is determined, and discuss the different testing companies.

Are you puzzled by your test results? We will also discuss that.