

# Forensic Genealogy Handout



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## Professional Genealogist



### Affiliations

- Owner of Forensic & Family Genealogy, LLC. Since 2021
- Owner of Our Provenance, Ltd. 2016-2021
- Colorado Genealogical Society
  - Vice-President - 2016 to 2020
  - Researcher - 2016 to 2020
- Association of Professional Genealogist
  - Member since 2016
  - Colorado Chapter (CAPG) - president 2020
- Colorado Council of Genealogical Societies Delegate
  - Mountain Genealogical Society
  - Colorado Genealogical Society
- NSDAR Mountain Rendezvous Chapter
  - Member since 2018
  - Registrar 2020 to 2022

### Education

- APG SIG Forensic Genealogy - Mentor Program 2021
- Genealogical Research Institute of Pittsburgh (GRIP)
  - 2021 Certificate - Hands-on Forensic Genealogy
  - 2020 Certificate - Practical Genetic Genealogy
  - 2019 Certificate - Advanced DNA
  - 2018 Certificate - Fundamentals of Forensic Genealogy
- ProGen Study Group - graduate 2018
- National Genealogy Society - certificate 2016
- Colorado School of Mines: BS Geological Engineering
- Regis University: MS - Computer Information Systems

# Forensic & Family Genealogy, LLC (F & F Genealogy, LLC)

Genealogical research and consulting within the United States.

Specializing in:

- Probate cases (determination of heirs)
- NSDAR Applications and Supplementals
- Residential Genealogy
- Family Genealogy Coaching





The application of genealogical methods to legal issues.

# What is Forensic Genealogy?

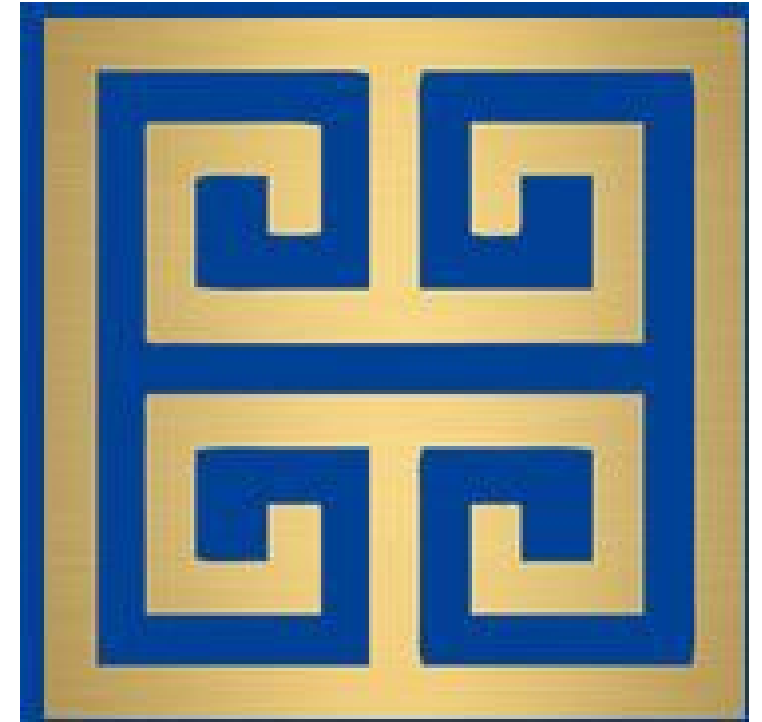
# Applications of Forensic Genealogy

- Land transactions
- Natural Resources and Mineral rights
- Probate
- Dual Citizenship
- Repatriation of military remains
- Unclaimed bodies
- Criminal investigation
- Adoptions
- Guardianships
- Expert witness



# Who Needs a Forensic Genealogist?

- Military Services
- Local, State and Federal Courts
- Criminal Justice Systems
- Immigration & Naturalization Services





Genealogist

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Forensic Genealogist

Differences include:

Reporting requirements.

- “Just the facts, Ma’m.”

Qualifications

- Military requires Certified Genealogist (CG).
- Need liability insurance.

Knowledge of Professional Boundaries

- Practicing Law – license required in every state.
- Private Investigator – license required in some states.
- Genealogist

Or you could ...

- Interfere with the execution of the law.
- Cost people a lot of money. \$\$\$\$
- Get in serious legal trouble.





# Be Aware of Local, Federal, and State Regulations



**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE**

**(Federal)**

Interim Policy for judicial cases

Forensic Genetic Genealogy

Approved: 02 Sep 2019

Effective: 01 Nov 2019

**State of Maryland**

Maryland SB187

Criminal Procedure – Use Forensic Genetic DNA Analysis, Searching, Regulation, and Oversight

- Introduced 13 Jan 2022
- Passed 30 May 2021
- Enacted under Article II, Section 17(c) of the Maryland Constitution - Chapter 682





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