



# Using DNA to Research Your German Heritage

The Ohio Chapter of Palatines to America  
German Genealogy Society 2024 Spring Seminar  
Available on Zoom

Saturday, April 6, 2024  
9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. EDST



**Guest Speaker: Mary Eberle, JD** DNA Expert, Author, Educator

Mary Eberle, JD, founded DNA Hunters in 2015 after careers as a biotech patent attorney and scientist. She is passionate about empowering people to harness DNA's power to solve family mysteries. Mary has used DNA to break through brick walls in her family tree. Her clients include adoptees and others with unknown parents or grandparents. [DNAHunters.com](https://DNAHunters.com)

**Description:** This workshop offers useful information to both those just starting out with DNA testing to those who are experienced genetic genealogists—and everyone in between. With four talks, you're bound to learn several tips and tricks to using DNA evidence to advance your German ancestor research.

- 1. You've Got Your DNA Results—Now What?** Learn the steps to analyze your DNA results. Steps include (1) having a family tree of your known ancestors and attaching your DNA to it, (2) identifying known DNA matches, (3) finding common DNA matches to your knowns, and (4) deciphering your unknown DNA matches—possibly some of whom might help break down a brick wall in your genealogy.
- 2. Understanding Ethnicity Estimates** Learn what you can glean from your ethnicity estimates. We'll focus on Ancestry's ethnicity estimates. We'll also cover ethnicity estimates at FamilyTreeDNA, 23andMe, and MyHeritage. Learn why each company's results differ and why sibling results can differ. A better understanding of your ethnicity estimates might help with your German research.
- 3. Finding Relatives and Ancestors in Germany** Learn how to find DNA matches currently living in Germany at each DNA testing company. Those German matches, matches sharing German ethnicities, and unknown matches with links to Germany can lead to unknown German ancestors.
- 4. Case Study** This case study will cover how I found my unknown 2<sup>nd</sup> great grandfather, who was a German immigrant to Toronto. you'll learn the steps of combining DNA evidence with paper evidence that led to him. The most important steps were (1) target testing family members, (2) deciphering our common unknown DNA matches to find their common ancestor, (3) determining how we might fit into the unknown's family tree, and (4) finding clues about his German hometown in the paper evidence.

This seminar includes our annual Ohio Chapter PalAm business meeting. Recordings of these presentations will be available to all registrants for a two week period on the Ohio Chapter of Palatines to America private YouTube channel. This gives you the availability to watch again, or if you can't be with us on the 6<sup>th</sup> you can watch at your leisure. A Zoom link and handouts will be emailed to all paid registrants a few days prior to the seminar. The link is for the registrant only. It can not be used by others. Seminar questions? Please email Tom Fishbaugh at [tfish@fishbaugh.com](mailto:tfish@fishbaugh.com)

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