



# The Surname Society

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## School of Surnames

Our School of Surnames (SOS) is where we can all come together for help, knowledge, advice and maybe a bit of TLC as we follow our wonderful hobby of Surname Studies.

The major strength within The Surname Society is our members who have a wealth of knowledge and experience that we can tap into to help us with our own studies.

Maybe you are new to Surname Studying and would like some help to get you on the way. When I started I wanted to find out what was considered the best way of undertaking a study - how do you go about collecting the data, what's the best way of recording it, and what do you do with it when you've recorded it! I didn't want to re-invent the wheel! Are you in the same boat? Why don't you come to the School and ask your question or maybe make contact with one of our experts who will guide you through your early days on a one to one basis.

Do you need help with making contact with others interested in the name you are studying and need help collaborating with them? We can help you!

Are you struggling with the technology - one problem I wrestled with is finding the best way to gather the data from the myriad of websites and enter it into my study. Maybe a question on our forum would bring the collective wisdom of our members together for you!

Talking websites - do you need advice on the which are Surname Study friendly - again tap into the vast wealth and knowledge of our members here in the School!

Don't forget we are a worldwide society - so if you have questions about records from other countries, or continents then maybe one of our members can help!

So how do you go about getting the help to find the answer to your question or problem?

Why don't you post a query on the Forum on the website and pick the collective brains of our members.

How about seeing if there is anyone available in the website chat room - maybe they can help.

Maybe contacting one of our experts directly for help and advice would help?

If you email [sos@surname-society.org](mailto:sos@surname-society.org) with details of your problem or query, our co-ordinator will then put you in touch with an expert who will try and help.

We have regular Google+ get togethers (hangouts) - join us and see if anyone there can help with your particular problem.

We have a growing You Tube channel which might have a video that could help you find an answer to your question.

As the Society grows we will be introducing more and more ways in which we will be able to help you. Our ideas include the ability to see other members' gedcoms containing details of the people in their study - maybe they married into your family name! We hope to have databases of source data, wiki's to help you with your study, and lot's lot's more. These are all items on our wish list - so please bear with us - we are all volunteers - so much to do and so little time!!

We hope the School will be a great benefit to our members - remember if you want to send out an SOS - come to the School of Surnames!!!!