



English Research Group
GUIDELINES for BRICK WALL & QUESTIONS
 Saturday 9th December 2023 3.00-5.00pm

Process:

Submit by email (diana.pec25@yahoo.com) outline of your brick wall by **Thursday 30th November** in one of the formats noted below.

The brick walls will be consolidated into one doc to be discussed at our Dec meeting. If we run out of time to show your brick wall during the meeting, we will be circulating all the submissions to attendees after the event in the hope that one of the members can pass on some advice or tips to help you with your research.

Format:

To prepare your Brick Wall or Question, please use PowerPoint (preferred so your slide can be easily added into a presentation for the meeting) or Word.

It must be no more than **ONE** page in length and use dot points rather than prose as it is easier for everyone to read quickly – any submission not sticking to this format may not be looked at.

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| Your Name | |
| Email address | |
| Ancestor's name | |
| My Brick Wall Question | e.g. <i>Some time between 1835 and 1841, Jo Blogs married Sue Smith in Skye (Lincolnshire) but I cannot find a marriage.</i> |
| What I know - Timeline | e.g. <i>I know that in the 1841 Census, they had 2 children aged 1 and 2</i> • |
| Where I've looked | • |

Note to all attendees: As SAG Research Groups are collaborative, we ask that all attendees please help their fellow SAG members by replying **directly** to that member if you can offer suggestions of how to progress a brick wall or any resource you may be aware of. You are NOT being asked to do the research!

Suggestions for tough brick walls:

The use of DNA matches is a tool for assisting in breaking down brick walls. It has been very effective for some of our group and is highly recommended.

We suggest that you undertake a DNA test (with Ancestry as they have the largest pool of testers) and then book into one of the SAG DNA Courses <https://sag.org.au/Activities> to learn more about how to 'read' the matches/results you have. Other sources of info:

Dana Leeds <https://www.danaleeds.com/the-leeds-method/>

Blaine Bettinger <https://thegeneticgenealogist.com/>

Any questions, please contact Diana at Diana.pec25@yahoo.com.

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