



## Suncoast Genealogy Society

**Saturday, June 24, 2023**

**at the Palm Harbor Library**

**1:00 pm SGS Meeting, 1:30 pm Program**



# A Case of Double Identity

Featuring: John Matthews



What to do when one person disappears from records and another appears from thin air? In this case study, genealogy and DNA are used to identify the parents of this mystery person, along the way uncovering many more relatives.

The case began when a good DNA match appeared both at Ancestry and 23AndMe who shared several known matches tracing back to a 3rd great grandfather. Both Ancestry and 23AndMe correctly predicted a 4th cousin relationship. While the line of the mother of the match was known, the father of the match had long since passed away leaving no documented relatives.

John Matthews is Vice President of the Suncoast Genealogy Society and has been researching his family history since the early 1990s. John moved to Palm Harbor in 2018 and is a member of several genealogy societies. He is a retired software engineer with over 45 years of experience developing software for embedded systems through to supercomputers.

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