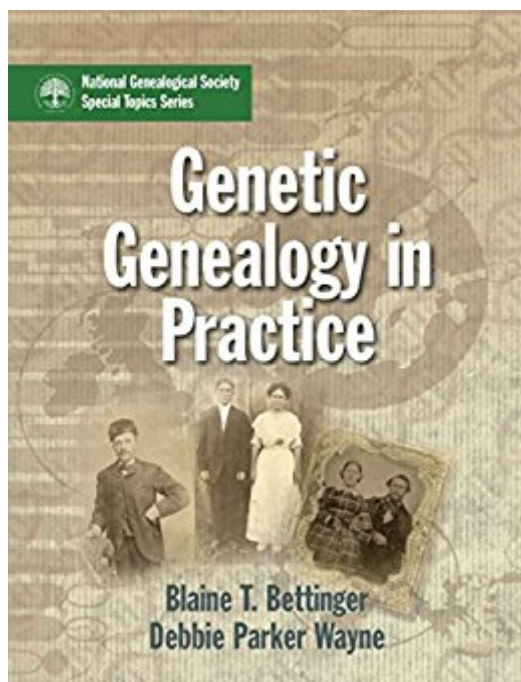


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# Genetic Genealogy In Practice



## Synopsis

The National Genealogical Society (NGS) announces the publication of "Genetic Genealogy in Practice," the first workbook on genetic genealogy. Written by Blaine T. Bettinger, PhD, JD, and Debbie Parker Wayne, CG, CGL, the book provides family historians and genealogists who have just begun to explore genetic genealogy practical, easy to understand information that they can apply to their research. As Wayne notes in her blog, *Delvings in Genealogy*, "DNA can seem complex to many of us, but this book will guide you and help build your knowledge level one step at a time. At their own pace, readers learn the basic concepts of genetic genealogy. They then build on that knowledge as they study the testing, analysis, and application of YDNA, X-DNA, mitochondrial DNA (mtDNA), and autosomal DNA (atDNA) to reach and support genealogical conclusions. Each chapter includes exercises with answer keys for hands-on practice. Blaine Bettinger is an intellectual property attorney in Syracuse, New York. The author of The Genetic Genealogist blog, he is a genealogy educator, a trustee of the New York Genealogical and Biographical Society, and organizer of the Shared cM Project, a crowdsourced project examining the associations between genetic data and genealogical relationships. Debbie Parker Wayne is a professional genealogist who has conducted research for individuals as well as for the PBS series *Finding Your Roots* with Henry Louis Gates Jr. and other television shows. She is an award-winning author, the coordinator for genetic genealogy institute courses, and the DNA Project Chair for the Texas State Genealogical Society.

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Genetic Genealogy is the latest methodology for serious genealogists. This book introduces the novice/layperson to key concepts, one chapter at a time. Then, at the end of each chapter, it has workbook questions to help you make sure you understood the key points. This book can be worked through individually, but it is also a great resource for groups learning how to do genetic genealogy. It covers applications for all the different kinds of DNA tests available, and helps the reader to analyze interpretative situations.

This excellent workbook by two industry experts covers genetic genealogy theory and current tests and tools. About one third of the book comprises exercises (with solutions) exploring how to apply the theory in practice to a wide range of genealogical problems. The book also covers how to present results professionally. I would recommend it to genealogists with an academic mindset but anyone with an interest in the subject can learn from it.

This is a superb work book for gaining a better understanding of Genetic Genealogy. The explanations are very understandable and the exercises complement and enhance understanding the various subjects they discuss. I recommend this book for anyone who is beginning to use genetics in their genealogical research. Also, I think moderate to experienced researchers could use this volume for a reference book.

I am still in the process of reading this book, but it is just jammed packed with interesting information. I'm a newbie to genetic genealogy and this has really helped me to understand the subject better.

Helpful for those trying to leverage the DNA test to support their family tree research. Enjoyable read for intermediate researchers also.

I purchased the Kindle version. Found the book to be well written and helpful. Found the Kindle reader app very unhelpful, slow and no print capability so that I could print out the exercises. Will think long and hard before buying another Kindle book.

Very informative.

An excellent resource for knowing who to test, which test to use and making sense of your DNA matches!

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