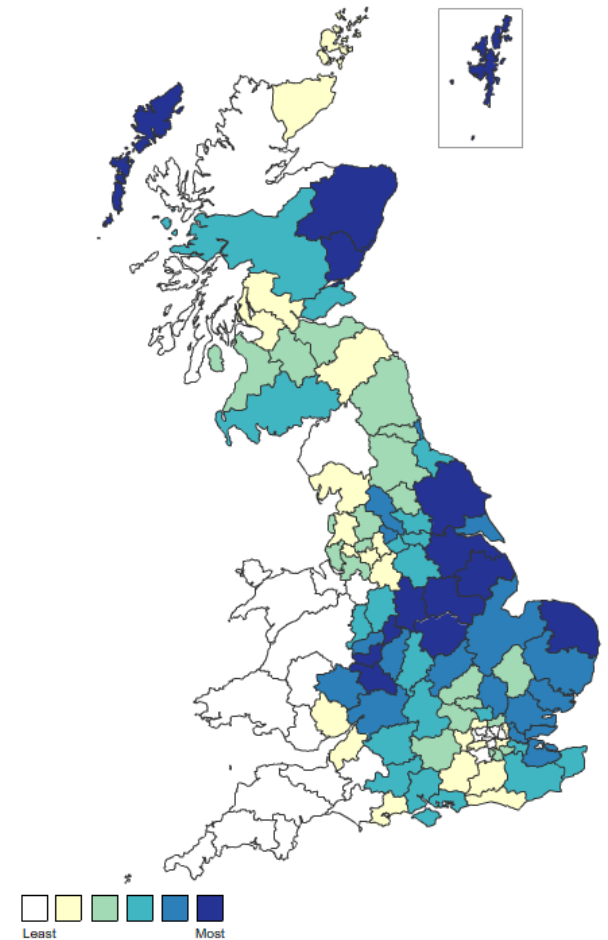


# RESEARCHING YOUR FAMILY HISTORY

Making a Start

# What's in a Name

- Public Surname Profiler
  - Smith
  - Jones
  - Bowditch
  - Crabb
  - Taubman



# My name is

- My name is Jane, but my Birth certificate says
  - ▣ Rosemary Jane
- My Grandmother was Mollie
  - ▣ Mary Margaret
- Her sister was Nellie
  - ▣ Helen Louise
- My other Grandmother was Nellie
  - ▣ Nellie
- <http://www.behindthename.com>

# Internet Genealogy - Google

- Google or Other General Search Engine
  - ▣ Searching for people . . .
    - Henry Charles Mullins, born Dorset 1853
      - “Henry Charles Mullins” Dorset
      - Henry C Mullins Dorset
      - Henry Mullins Dorset
      - Henry Mullins
      - Mullins Henry 1853
  - ▣ Searching for information . . .
    - Think like a computer not a person



# Exercises

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- Try out some of your Surnames on the Profiler
- Search for yourself or your parents, grandparents on Google
- Fill out a Family Group Sheet, or FH Tree for your generation and one generation back.

# Internet Genealogy

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- Free Sites
  - Family Search
  - FreeBMD
  - And Others
- Paid for Access
  - Ancestry
  - Find My Past
  - World Vital Records
  - And Others

# Using Family Search

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- Searching
  - And limiting the results
- Understanding the Results

# Using FreeBMD





# Exercises

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- Find your parents or Grandparents on FreeBMD
- Use Family Search to Check for any submitted trees or other data.

# Sherlock says



“There is nothing as deceptive as an obvious fact”

“It is a capital mistake to theorize before one has data.”

“Once you eliminate the impossible, whatever remains, no matter how improbable, must be the truth.”

*Sir Arthur Conan Doyle*