



## Six Hats for Genealogy

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Decisions, decisions: a tricky step to navigate in our family history. Is the person named in the historical record we've just discovered *really* our ancestor, or simply a namesake poised to confuse and confound us? How can we make our mind up what to do next?

Facts, agreements and conflicts of evidence, creativity and even our own feelings about the research all have a part to play in how we make our decisions. Wouldn't it be great if we had a helpful scaffolding to step us through these? As it happens, we do: enter the Six Hats method for decision making in family history research!

In this session, we'll see **WHAT** the Six Hats method is, **WHY** we need it, and **HOW** to apply it. We'll examine each of the Hats through fun, practical exercises on a genealogical case study, and discuss how we can bring all of the Hats together to make a powerful framework for supporting our onward journey through our ancestry.

Practical, fun and accessible, this session is suitable from novices and seasoned genealogists alike. The methods presented can be applied to family history in any location or era.

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