

## What is a 'One-Name Study'?

A One-Name Study involves research into the genealogy and family history of all persons with the same surname and its variants.

## What is the Guild of One-Name Studies?

The Guild is the world's leading genealogical organisation for one-name studies with over 2,500 members worldwide, studying over 8,000 surnames.

## What does Membership offer me?

- A Handbook to help get you started
- Our website - [www.one-name.org](http://www.one-name.org) whose member-only features include our:
  - Guild Marriage, Probate and Scottish Indexes
  - Guild Archive for storing digital data
  - Wiki-style knowledge baseand much more ...
- Member's own web page (a Profile)
- The award-winning *Journal of One-Name Studies* every quarter

- A Guild Forum - a global email discussion group where members can get questions answered by others. Plus early news of new data sources
- A DNA advice and support service available to members doing DNA testing within the wider context of a one-name study
- Our unique Marriage Challenges - some members volunteer to find marriages in specific parish registers
- Seminars & Conferences are held regularly in many parts of Britain with speakers on genealogy topics and computer techniques of relevance to one-name studies
- A Guild email address of the form: [yourfirstname.surname@one-name.org](mailto:yourfirstname.surname@one-name.org) (for each member) and [regsurname@one-name.org](mailto:regsurname@one-name.org) (for each registered study)
- Mentors to help and advise new and inexperienced members
- Discounts on *FindMyPast* vouchers, *TheGenealogist*, *Lost Cousins* and *MyHeritage*
- If you register a name, your one-name study will be included in our public Register: [www.one-name.org/register.html](http://www.one-name.org/register.html)
- The use of the Guild Logo to help publicise your project

## How do I join the Guild?

Go to:

[www.one-name.org/guildhowjoin.html](http://www.one-name.org/guildhowjoin.html)

The Guild welcomes as members all who have an interest in one-name studies. It is not necessary to register a study name in order to join. The joining subscription is on a sliding scale, depending on the month of application, and will cover up to 23 months until the renewal date of 1st November. Membership renewal is £14.00 each year or £15.00 if a printed register is required.

## What is involved in registering a Name with the Guild?

If you wish to register a surname with the Guild there is a one-off fee of £12.00 for each surname which includes a reasonable number of variants. If you register a surname as a one-name study, you need to agree to the formal obligation to respond to email and postal reply-paid queries relating to the study in a timely fashion.

The Guild places no obligation on those registering a name to follow any specific regime of research, nor to concentrate on any aspect of their study. In particular, there are no time constraints or deadlines on members, who are free to conduct their one-name projects as they see fit.

“ As a member of the Guild you have the opportunity to receive support and learn from others ”

## Study Principles

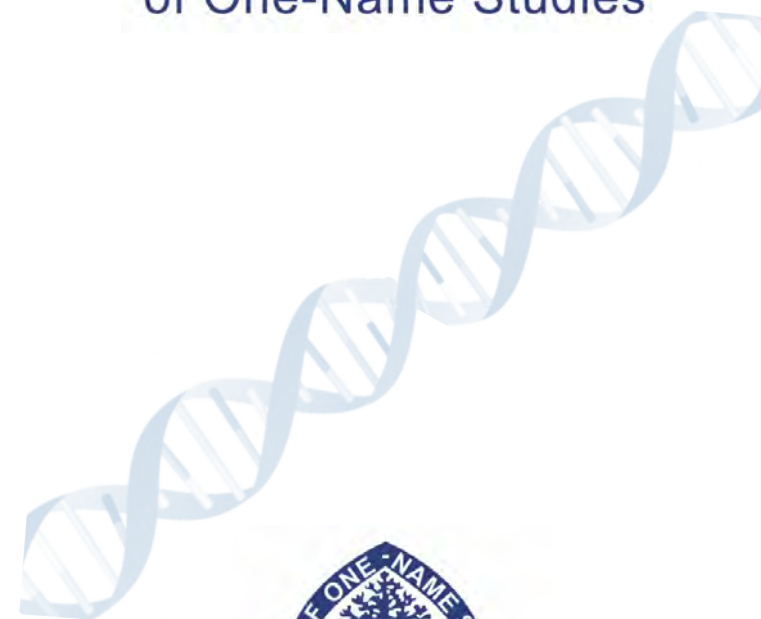
Members who register a surname with the Guild as a one-name study accept the following broad principles that the study:

- Will aim to be global in scope
- Will include research within countries where the name is relatively significant and where sources of genealogical data are readily available
- Stores and may research other data where the surname is mentioned

The Guild provides members who have registered studies a series of study codes which provide information about the scope and progress of individual studies. These codes should help enquirers to understand what a registered study may be able to offer them.



# Introducing the Guild of One-Name Studies



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“ I feel joining the Guild was the best move I ever made ”



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