



**Past, present, and future:
How Genealogy has
changed throughout the
years**



Estate Research
Genealogy Matters

About Estate Research

We offer a range of genealogy services to the public sector

Established in 2001

56 full time staff

Head office in Wigan and an office in London





Today's presentation will cover...

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Pre-conceptions of 'heir hunting'

2

How the genealogy industry combines traditional research methods with modern technology

3

Predictions for the future of genealogy



De-bunking pre-conceptions of 'heir hunting'

- Genealogy in pop culture – not always an accurate depiction
- Much bigger focus on partnership with the public sector
- The majority of the work we do is solely for the purpose of giving family the opportunity to attend a relatives funeral





How does genealogy combine traditional research methods with modern technology?





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Exciting developments

- The rise of genetic genealogy (DNA)
- DNA to find or prove family connections
- Genetic genealogy to assist the criminal justice system – ‘Golden State Killer’

Possible challenges

- Change in demographic – where and how people live
- Research implications
- Nothing we cannot face!



Had enough?

Columns:-	1	2	3	4	5
No.	When and where born	Name, if any	Sex	Name and surname of father	Name, surname and maiden surname of mother
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