

## Researching the Wrong Person?: *It can indeed be a blessing in disguise!*

One of the most unsettling feelings in genealogy might be when you realize you have probably been researching the wrong ancestor. What do you do, and how do you avoid this problem in the first place? [In this Family Locket blog article](https://familyloket.com/am-i-researching-the-wrong-person-research-objectives-can-help/) at <https://familyloket.com/am-i-researching-the-wrong-person-research-objectives-can-help/>, Nicole Dyer shares a personal research dilemma and how she solved it by focusing on three essential research objectives, in the correct order. You can learn more about creating research objectives and plans in [Goal 3](https://www.thefhguide.com/project-4-discover03.html#b) at <https://www.thefhguide.com/project-4-discover03.html#b> of Project 4: Discover. (See all tips at <https://www.thefhguide.com/tip-of-the-day.html>).



### **Closing Comments**

As with all difficulties in doing family history research over 50+ years, sometimes it was invigorating and helpful in using Ancestry.com to find other family trees of common descendants when I need to expand my research beyond missing distant common ancestors. To my surprise even with Eastern European surnames, it was possible to locate new family trees with identical common missing relatives within those newly found Ancestry.com family trees. It was amazing to learn about those potential ancestors as all of them had immigrated to America from Poland with identical names. On these family trees were vital documents available for me to examine and download as well for further study. What I learned was that many people literally use the same sources from other websites. So be careful to study these readily and thoroughly that are thoroughly available in Ancestry.com family trees.

The next opportunity open to me was to locate those villages to the proximity from those Ancestry documents and to compare them to that of my Eastern European ancestors. Fortunately or unfortunately, it was not possible to automatically extend my research further but an interesting experience was created to come close to linking others to my ancestors who originated from locations very similar and near to my direct ancestors. On Ancestry, you can actually contact these people on the common family trees with a purpose of further exploring if you common ancestors are actually connected to you. At best, it is a great journey whenever your original research is in a rut. Not everybody responds to your inquiries, but it can be a fun experience of avoiding frustration because everybody has a story about their ancestors worth sharing. Whenever more people are willing to share their story, the more you will learn about what to pursue next in your family history pursuits. Giving to others is what temple & family history experiences are all about!

My family is now in the middle of a huge project trying to tie into some distant relatives from Krolik Polski, Poland. The ancestor's Church records are missing for those specific years of when my great-grandparents were born and married in Poland. Without those books, I definitely have a dead-end on that family line. Fortunately through DNA results, I have previously found two people related to me on those

family lines. My niece who is an expert in Ancestry.com, recently found different family trees on Ancestry with those same family lines from the very same birth villages. When she perused those trees, there were many original vital documents also posted there. The difficulty is that these documents were not labeled correctly and they all need to be translated. When I contacted my DNA colleagues from Krolik Polski, I discovered that one of them had a relative to the individual who actually did all the postings for the Ancestry family tree in question. Now, we are trying to reorganize all of these mislabeled documents together to better understand all of the original information posted that are priceless for brain-storming whenever new original documents are found and can easily be downloaded as well. Resulting in much enthusiasm for these "lost" ancestors which keeps me alert that there's still much more work to be accomplished with options of contacting these newly found individuals to further expand my networking capabilities for long-term progress as well.

If ever there is a magical ingredient in doing challenging family history research, ENTHUSIAM is that keystone. Even if you don't hit pay dirt the first or second time around, never give up because for without dreams, life can be boring as we all need ambitions and goals to aspire to for personal progress! It is nice at my tender age of 78 to still have more goals to achieve and places to visit! Can you guess where my next international trip will be? See posted photos below. Hint: it's South of the Border where Jesus Christ visited the Mayan people after his crucifixion.



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for the worship of the God of peace?



Yet, relatively little has been done to solve definitively the mystery of the Maya.



by a variety of terrified, warring people.



which allowed them to build cities of immense size and population!



the great pyramids.



indeed they were personal witnesses that this God had descended into death and hell and conquered it.

