

**Finding Unknown Parents**  
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**Handout**

**How to access adoption records:** <https://www.childwelfare.gov/pubPDFs/infoaccessap.pdf>

**Books:**

*Genetic Genealogy in Practice* by Blaine T. Bettinger and Debbie Parker Wayne

*Advanced Genetic Genealogy: Techniques and Case Studies* by Debbie Parker Wayne [editor]

*Professional Genealogy* by Elizabeth Shown Mills [editor] Chapter 16 “Genetics For Genealogy”

*The DNA Guide for adoptees: How to use genealogy and genetics to uncover your roots, connect with your biological family, and better understand your medical history* by Brianne Kirkpatrick and Shannon combs-Bennett

**Facebook Groups:**

DNA Detectives

Texas DNA and Adoptee Search Support

**Free Videos:**

First Steps For Using DNA to Find Adopted Family Members - Genetic Genealogy – Family History Fanatics - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aqD2q95Y4gY>

Next Steps For Using DNA to Find Unknown Ancestors or Parents of Adoptees – Family History Fanatics - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AvBqxENyYUc>

The Foundling - Resolving a Case of Unknown Identity Through the Use of Genetic Genealogy – ISHI News - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YMdEaLfGb1s>

Create a DNA Leeds Method Chart Quickly to Cluster Your DNA Matches - Genetic Genealogy Tutorial – Family History Fanatics - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-74LJyjqo9c>

**Websites:**

National Council For Adoption: <https://adoptioncouncil.org/>

The Genetic Genealogist [Blaine Bettinger] <https://thegeneticgenealogist.com/>

Ancestry.com: <https://support.ancestry.com/s/article/Finding-Adoption-and-Orphanage-Records>