

SYLLABUS FOR: FORENSIC GENEALOGY – A CASE STUDY

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- 1) Definition
 - Relating to or used in a court of law
 - Establishment of facts or evidence used in a court of law

- 2) Types of cases where a forensic genealogist can be hired
 - Probate/unknown heirs
 - Unclaimed persons
 - Real estate
 - Military Repatriation
 - Citizenship/Immigration
 - Prove Ethnic Heritage
 - Mortgage Foreclosure
 - Guardianships
 - Mineral Rights
 - Dual Citizenship
 - Adoptions/DNA
 - Social Services Agencies
 - Land Defects

- 3) Case Study - example: WWII military medal return; i.e. purple heart that was lost
 - Identify deceased via public record
 - Record all information on this record – determine significance of each item
 - Research records
 - Compare the record you retrieved against the information in all records found to ensure they are for the same person
 - Build a chart of the deceased's family
 - Look for living family members
 - Write report