

BIOGRAPHY of DR. DAVID K. FAUX

BACKGROUND:

I was born in Ontario, Canada, raised in the Province of Quebec, and moved back to my ancestral home of Haldimand County in the 1970s. Here, in an 1865 fieldstone farmhouse near Hagersville, my three children grew up residing only minutes away from their paternal grandparents in South Cayuga. Weekends were spent at the family cottage in the Muskoka Lakes region of Ontario.

My educational background is as follows: I have a B.A. (Hons. With Distinction) in Psychology from Concordia University in Montreal; an M.A. in Psychology from the University of Guelph; and was granted a Ph.D. in Medical Sciences from McMaster University in Hamilton, Ontario in 1985.

Professionally, in addition to being a Medical Scientist, I am also a Registered Psychologist. I began my career as a neuropsychologist in a psychiatric hospital and an institution for the criminally insane. Eventually I opened a private practice and specialized in forensic cases which required testifying in Court as an expert witness - largely in custody and access as well as child protection matters. In addition, I worked at Mohawk College in Hamilton as a teacher until the mid -1990s, when I retired and closed my private practice. I then emigrated to the United States, working first as a Learning Disabilities Specialist at Allan Hancock College in Santa Maria, California. Later I became a tenured faculty member at East Los Angeles College, teaching courses ranging from introductory psychology to psychopharmacology. Furthermore, I was the co-owner of an international DNA testing company. As of 2007, I retired from all of the above.

As to interests, in days gone by I was very involved in outdoor pursuits such as skiing (snow and water), boating, snowmobiling, hiking - as well as restoration of the home (a money, time, and energy pit) and cottage (pretty much the same situation).

Since 1974 I have been deeply immersed in climbing the family tree and in the 1980s I became a Certified Genealogist. I also joined the Ontario Genealogical Society and the United Empire Loyalist's Association of Canada (being, a descendant, among other Loyalists, of Lt. John Young of the Six Nations Indian Department and his Mohawk Six Nations wife Catharine Hill). My present interests have largely been in connection with DNA (population genetics), and grandchildren (four born in 2006 alone).

My wife Margaret and I split our time between homes owned near Seal Beach, California, and Caledonia, Ontario - with travel to Hawaii, Italy, Vegas and wherever circumstances permit.

PROJECTS:

1) Publications: Research and publications in the fields of psychology, biography, genealogy, history, archaeology, anthropology, and Native studies. Present efforts are focused on DNA.

2) Genealogy: In addition to researching family history (e.g., FAUX, WILLIAMSON, AND UEL Ontario YOUNG, WINDECKER, and New Brunswick STAIRS and DUNHAM families), I have specialized in Native North American genealogy - particularly the Six Nations people of Upstate New York, and Ontario, Canada. A related project involved a 35 - year effort to research the site, then work to restore the abandoned (and ploughed) YOUNG TRACT BURYING GROUND.

3) DNA: At present am conducting studies of Y chromosome DNA of anyone with the surname FAUX; and exploring both Y and mt DNA of those whose family originated in the SHETLAND ISLANDS. Other interests include an autosomal study of the YOUNG family; and ethnicity testing to see how well the genealogy and genetic evidence match up in terms of minority Native American and African ancestry among members of the extended family.

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