

# Midland Ancestors



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***"Darling Elizabeth"***

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*Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother, a familiar and well loved figure, scarcely needs an introduction; but this role occupied only the second half of her long life.*

*Here we look in detail at her earlier years through childhood to young aristocrat. How she became and fulfilled her life as a royal duchess, then unexpectedly, as Queen Consort to King George VI.*

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***Blood is thick than water***

*I am helping a friend who is in her 70's look for her father. He mother would not tell her and the rest of the family was sworn to secrecy and are now death. I am a member of the DNAAdoption group and have been*

watching ITV's Long Lost Families, and it appears we have a need to find blood relatives. Every adoptee I know has tried to find their birth parents. One has turned against the adoptor mother due to lack of support in the search for her.

In the past I feel it was not made clear to the adoptive parents that the child should know they are adopted at an early age and that they will want to know about their birth parents. When they do find out who their birth mother by paper documents they probably won't find out who their father is. If the person is a foundling the need is even greater.

So to my friends case. I AncestryDNA tested her and a maternal 2<sup>nd</sup> cousin, so if a match matches both it's maternal. She now has three maternal 2<sup>nd</sup> cousins, a maternal 3<sup>rd</sup> cousin and number of maternal 4<sup>th</sup> cousins. These all have paper trails to them in her family tree.

Now she has a match who is a half 1<sup>st</sup> cousin or 1<sup>st</sup> cousin once removed. This match does not match any of her known maternal matches and is almost certainly paternal. (in my family my paternal 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> cousins match each other) So we know that she shares one or both of one set of grandparents with this match. She also matches the three tested descendants of this person. So I built the matches family tree back and one side is in the local area.

She and this match have shared matches, people who match both people. I built a tree for the top joint match and found a paper trail between the two matches of 3<sup>rd</sup> cousin, share two times great grandparents, and also more matches through these to more distant ? Times great grandparent. As this is a more distant match and match my friend and her paternal match those common ancestor are ancestors in her paternal tree and I can build out their ancestral lines.

Now I am searching for all the descendants of those common ancestors and adding them to the tree. Just waiting with fingers crossed for another close in-common match to turn up.

Next months meeting on 9<sup>th</sup> October is me, hopefully, building a random persons family tree in an hour, it could be yours?

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