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**BASILDONE
HERITAGE**
A Future for our Past


A short presentation on the notes and pitfalls when researching British Ancestry by Norman Bambridge

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East Saxons - Essex
South Saxons - Sussex
Middle Saxons - Middlesex

Roman Lindum became Lincoln in the Kingdom of Lindsey.


The Kingdom of Deira (71AD to 407AD) evolved into Yorkshire.

Bernicia established in the 6th Century covered South Eastern Scotland and North Eastern England.

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BRITISH ISLES about 880 (at the time of Danish conquest)

The Danes - conquests of the Isles
 Anglo-saxon states
 Lands of the Britons
 The Five Danish fortified "borngates"


The Vikings had become a dominating military and naval force and in 793AD.

Norse town names also followed into Britain from Northern France.

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SAXON ENGLAND A.D. 900

Viking Longboats were burnt, they were not going home, so their lifestyle and culture also changed from the warrior to the farming life of the times.

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The Hundreds of Essex

Hundreds of Essex, 1830

The modern day counties of Britain and Ireland were divided into "Hundreds" after the time of the Conquest and Domesday survey in 1086AD.

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I have included this screen only because of county names, including profession and direction names also became people surnames as mentioned earlier.

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Key Pathways: Royals, Lordships and Landed Gentry.

- Norman Hierarchy.
- Lordships and Landed Gentry.
- Town names including 'Bec'
- Understanding the hierarchal structure.
- The Industrial Revolution.

Core name meanings.

- The Poll Tax
- Place and structure names.

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Key Pathways: After Henry VIII

- From Latin to English.
- The Central Criminal Court "Old Bailey"
- Transportation records.
- Demographic movement.
- Industrial Movement.
- The coming of the Railways.

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Key Pathways: Historical Advances

- The Parish Church.
- The Cromwellian Protectorate.
- Registers.
- Pen and Ink (Courtesy of Ray Roth's recent input)
- Paper (but not as we know it!)

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Key Pathways: National Records

- The Law.
- Census.
- National Registration.
- Micro-fiche to Digitalisation.
- The 100 years Rule.
- Social issues of reading and writing.

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Key Pathways: To believe, or not!

- Typewriters.
- American English.
- Marriage Records.
- Birth Certificates.
- Death Certificates.
- Military records.
- The Guillotine.


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Key Pathways: Nuances in the nineteenth and twentieth centuries.

- The age of women!
- Sharing of children.
- Marshland Marriages.
- Birth Certificates.
- Plagues and Burial grounds.
- Parental consent in Marriages.
- Monastery's.
- The Mormon Church.

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Thank you for Listening
– Any questions?

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