Cousins & Connections
(Some advice for family historians)

Sometimes we get confused or just don't understand the difference between the expressions "cousins", "connections" etcetera. Basically, a cousin is someone with even the minutest blood link.

In the past I have erred and ignored the female line of the family - a sad mistake on my part. Elsewhere in this journal you will see a letter written in 1831 by Isaac Ray, a convict assigned to the Hume family. This reminded me that I was supposed to be connected to the Humes somehow but I didn't think that the fact that gg granny's Aunt Elizabeth was Hamilton Hume's mother gave me any cause to stick my nose up in the air a few more inches.

It was only after receiving the copy of Isaac Ray's letter that I decided to study the female part of the "tree". As a result of this I learnt of my relationship to Hamilton Hume, the explorer.

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Rev. John Kennedy of Teston, Kent

James Raworth Kennedy  SIBLINGS  Elizbeth More Kennedy
m. unknown Pearce  m. Andrew Hamilton Hume

Jane Kennedy  1ST COUSINS  Hamilton Hume
m. John Howe  m. Elizbeth Dight

Catherine Broughton Howe  REMOVE

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m. Andrew Doyle

James Henry Doyle
m. Rebekah McDonald

Alec Broughton Doyle
m. Charlotte Madge Lillies

Alec Peter Doyle
m. June Morrice

A FIRST cousin 4 times removed - wow! I am now quite insufferable.

Removes can refer to succeeding generations as well as those proceeding e.g., young Taylor Doyle, an 8th generation child as opposed to my 5 gens. is my 2nd cousin 3 times removed and vice versa - I am her 2nd cousin, three times removed.

Cousins should be worked out from a common ancestor -

Common ancestor
m & had

Jack
m. & had

SIBLINGS

Jill
m. & had

Joe
Flo < 1ST COUSINS >
Pete Dick

Joe & Flo's kids are 2ND COUSINS to Pete & Dick's kids

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