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.

Rev. John Kennedy of Teston, Kent

James Raworth Kennedy
m. unknown Pearce
Siblings

Jane Kennedy
m. John Howe
1st Cousins

Elizbeth More Kennedy
m. Andrew Hamilton Hume

Hamilton Hume
m. Elizabeth Dight

Catherine Broughton Howe  REMOVE
m. Andrew Doyle
   James Henry Doyle REMOVE
   m. Rebekah McDonald
   Alec Broughton Doyle REMOVE
   m. Charlotte Madge Lillies
   Alec Peter Doyle REMOVE
   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 & had
   SIBLINGS
   Jill & had

Joe & had Flo <-> 1ST COUSINS -> Pete & Dick
Joe & Flo's kids are 2ND COUSINS to Pete & Dick's kids

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