

Beginning Genealogy

1. Visit familysearch.org, and start your very own free account.
2. Develop and start your family tree to get new hints.
3. When searching for someone on familysearch.org, the more information you enter the better.
4. Search your attic, basement and storage spaces for family treasures such as birth records, photos, and family journals.
5. Interview your senior family members and close long-time friends, and ask specific question about places of birth, dates of death, etc.
6. Google your ancestors names; you will be surprised what you find. Google name, city, and date.
7. Search your local library's family history library catalog.
8. Search online census records, national archives, and other free genealogy websites such as the county archives.
9. Record every finding, and make an individual family tree for each parent, and develop the tree on-line to get more hints.
10. Search and document the brothers and sisters of each ancestor and their dates of birth, location of birth , and their parents' names.
11. Search for marriage records as some of your ancestors may have married several times.
12. Submit a sample for DNA analysis. [Ancestry.com](https://ancestry.com) is the most affordable.