

You're the descendant of whom?

Genealogy

helps you find the answers to that question.

It's engaging and interesting.

How to get started?



5 Steps to Get Started:

1. Identify what you know about your family.
 - Use a pedigree or family chart.
 - Fill-in the names, relationships, dates and places.
 - Use what you know and ask other family members.
2. Decide what you want to learn.
 - Use the filled-out chart to determine what you need to find out.
 - Remember to move backwards in time.
3. Select the records to search.
 - There are two types of records: original and compiled.
 - Original records are created at or near the time of an event, i.e., birth, marriage, death, court or census records.
 - Compiled records are records that have been researched and assembled by others, i.e., biographies, histories and lists of original records.
4. Find and search the records.
 - Libraries often have resources that can help.
 - For example, libraries may have copies of the census or compiled records.
 - Libraries have staff and resources to help you locate records.
 - Remember: Keep good records!
 - Document the sources checked and used.
 - Check broad periods of time.
 - Check for spelling variations.
 - Make copies or write down results, even if they aren't a perfect match.
5. Analyze the information.
 - Evaluate the findings.
 - Establish the connections.
 - Look for inconsistencies.
 - Go back to Step 1.



Start Here. Go Anywhere.