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Genealogy and Your Family History

Class One:
Getting Started

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Welcome to the class

Tell us a
Little about
yourself and
your interest in
genealogy



What's Ahead: The Next Six Weeks

In this course, we will cover

Class 1: Getting Started

Class 2: Searching And Other Tips

Class 3: Beyond The Basics

Class 4: Your DNA

Class 5: Your Photos

Class 6: Generative AI and Genealogy

What's Ahead: Getting Started

In this class, we will cover:

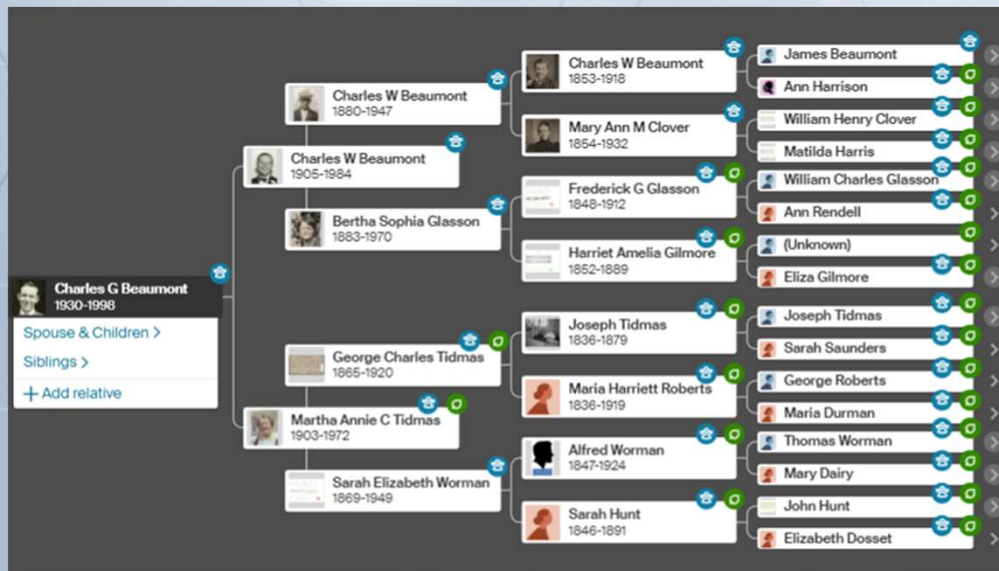
- **Genealogical Focus Areas**
- **Taking Stock of what you have**
- **Document, Catalog, and File**
- **Getting Started**
- **Sources of Information**
- **Tools and Software**

Genealogical Focus Areas



Genealogy Focus Areas

Ancestry and family trees



Built around lineage and lines
Research based on relatives and their descendants
Keyed on vital records (birth, marriage & death)
Not always a lot of context to the basic information
Some people sacrifice quality for quantity



Genealogy Focus Areas

Family History

Focus on how your descendants lived

Add context to your family tree

Add artifacts to your family tree

Wills, photos, censuses, land records, employment records.

Forensic genealogy (photographic analysis, mapping, etc.)

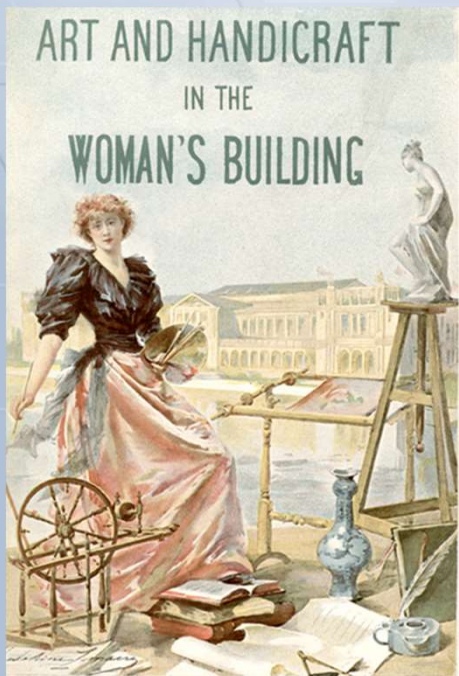


Gaisgill Row, Orton from 1897 Ordnance Survey Map. In an 1823 map of Westmorland, it is referred to as Gazegill. Kendal is 14 miles away to the southwest and Carlisle is 40 miles to the north.



Genealogy Focus Areas

Social History



- Focus on the social context of your descendants
- Research their jobs, where they lived, and their community
- Add special history notes to your tree
- History books, journals, historical societies, newspapers
- Friends, associates, and neighbors (FANs)

Taking Stock



Taking Stock

What does your family have that will help your research?



- Photos
- Documents
- Family Bibles
- Newspapers
- Letters
- Wills
- Personal items
- Family Stories
- Deeds
- Etc.



Don't forget the story behind your family's heirlooms or antiques

Taking Stock

Preserving Family History: Talking with Relatives

Start with the Eldest: Take the time to talk with your older relatives.

Take Notes or Record: Record the discussion for future reference if possible.

Respect Boundaries: Ensure they are comfortable and don't push on topics they may not want to discuss.

Memories Aren't Always Perfect: Remember that memories may not always be completely accurate.



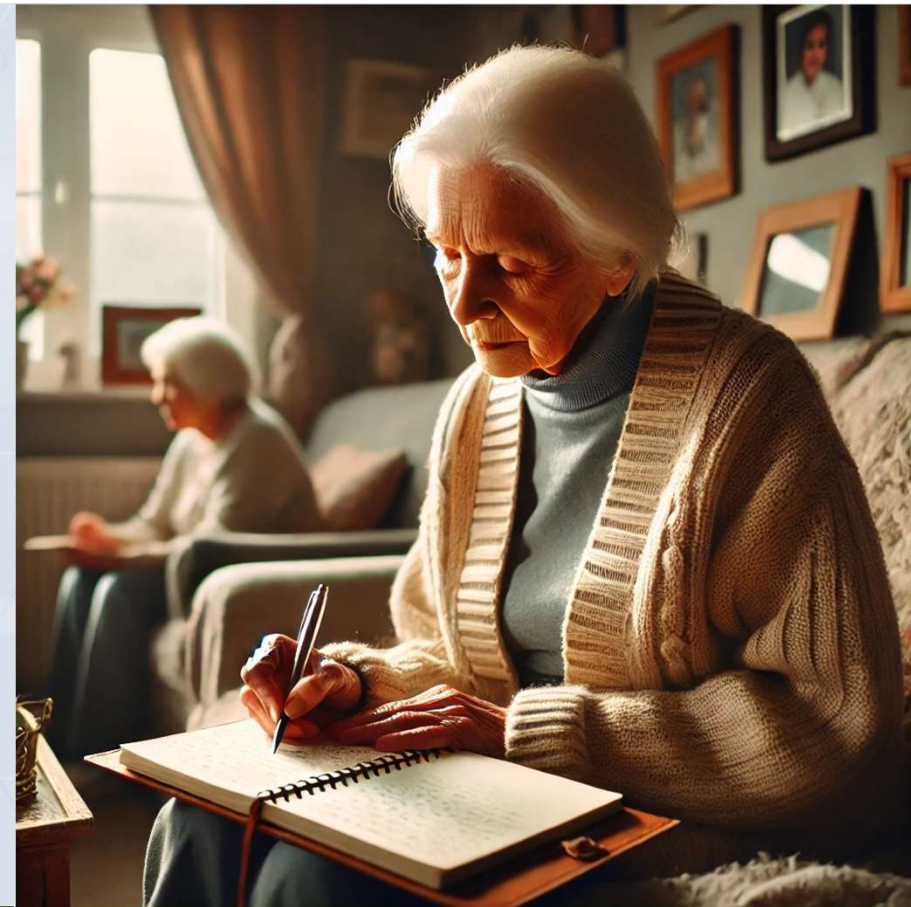
Taking Stock

Preserving Family History: Start a Journal

Key Topics to Ask About:

- Earliest memories
- Birthplace and childhood home
- Family background and relationships
- Occupations and education
- Immigration or relocation stories
- Significant life events
- Stories behind photos or heirlooms

There are several interview questionnaires available on the internet.



Taking Stock



Thinking about DNA

It may be too early to think about Genetic Genealogy, but while talking to relatives, it is worth asking if they would be willing to take a DNA test as part of your research.



We'll cover the basics of DNA testing and its role in genealogy in a future class.



Document, Catalog & File



Document, Catalog & File

It's time-consuming, but you will thank me later

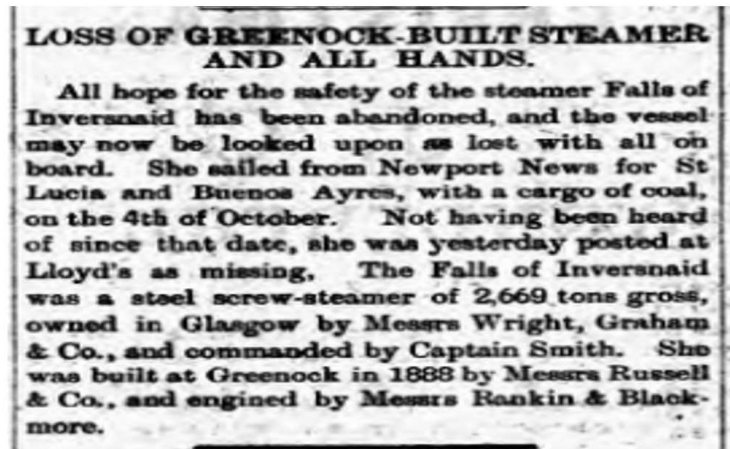
Decide on a filing/storage strategy.

Scan or photo all original content.

Create a copy with relevant information on it.

Transcribe Documents.

Greenock Telegraph and Clyde Shipping Gazette -
Thursday 20 December 1900



"LOSS OF GREENOCK-BUILT STEAMER AND ALL HANDS", Greenock Telegraph and Clyde Shipping Gazette, Pub, Thursday 20 December 1900, page 2, col 3, Imaged by British Newspaper Archives (www.britishnewspaperarchive.co.uk : accessed March 2021) – John Beaumont

Registration District <u>Sculcoates</u>										
Sub-District <u>Drypool</u>										
19 <u>02</u> . BIRTHS in the Sub-District of <u>Drypool</u> in the County of <u>Kingston upon Hull</u>										
Columns:—	1.	2.	3.	4.	5.	6.	7.	8.	9.	10.
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GRO Reference Information										
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Document, Catalog & File

Basic Documentation – File/folder names

Registration District Sculcoates

Sub-District Drifpool

19 05. BIRTHS in the Sub-District of Drifpool in the County of Kingston upon Hull

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44	^{Twenty eighth} November 1905 Walter's Avenue Danson Lane R. S.	Beatrice	Girl	Stephen Bousfield	Amelia Bousfield late Clark formerly Kerley	Smith Striker	Ch. Bousfield mother Walter's Avenue Danson Lane Hull	Birth January 1905	Geo. Hatchell Registrar	

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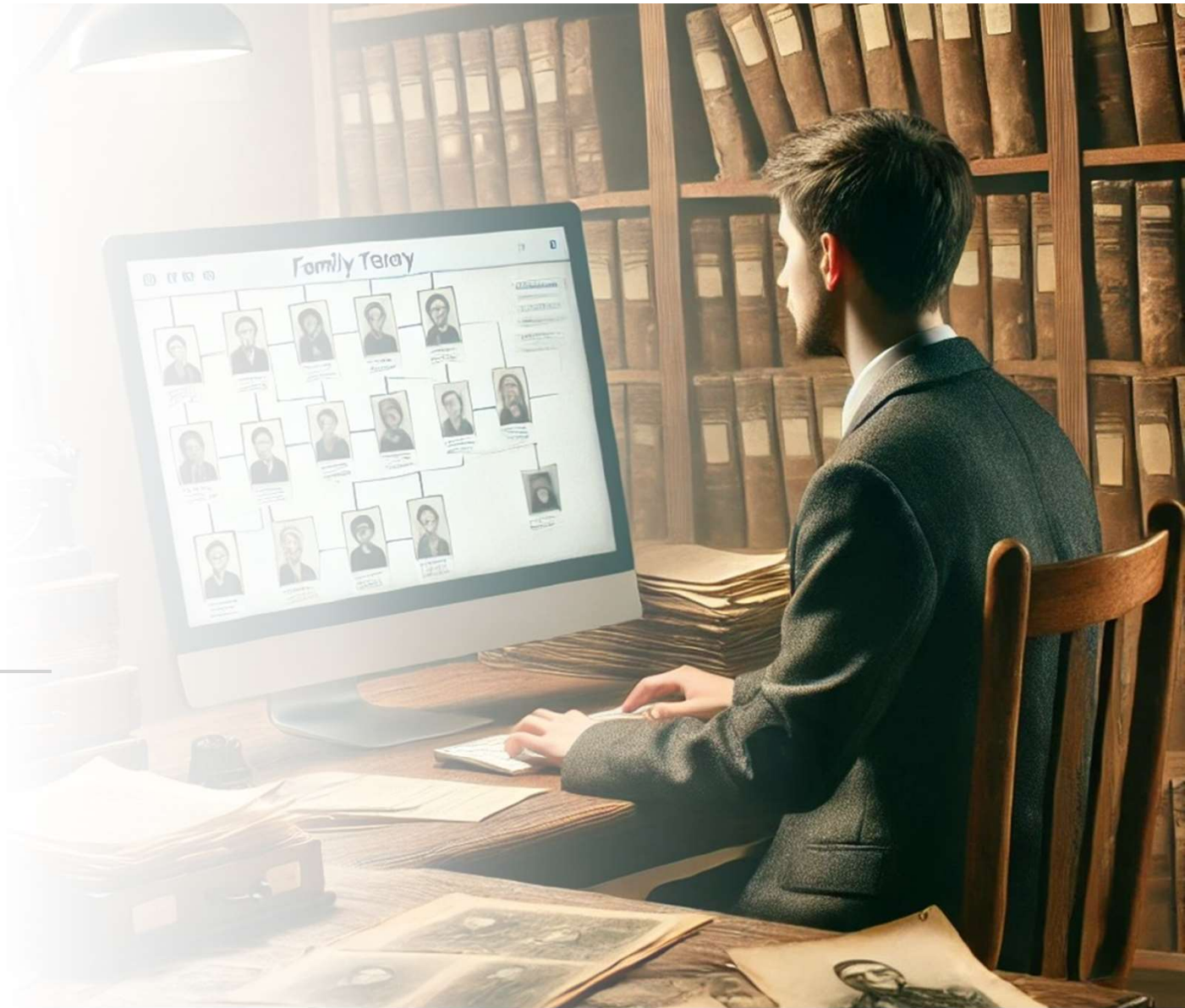
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Think about the file name (and folder structure):

Bousfield_Beatrice_BC_28Nov1905

Genealogists always use
this day, month, year format

Getting Started



Getting Started: Immediate Family

You Are The First Twig On Your Tree



Start with you*: Your Story Is Important.

Document your parents, brothers, and sisters
Their birthplace, occupations, and other facts.

Then, start your focus on either your immediate **paternal**
or **maternal** line.



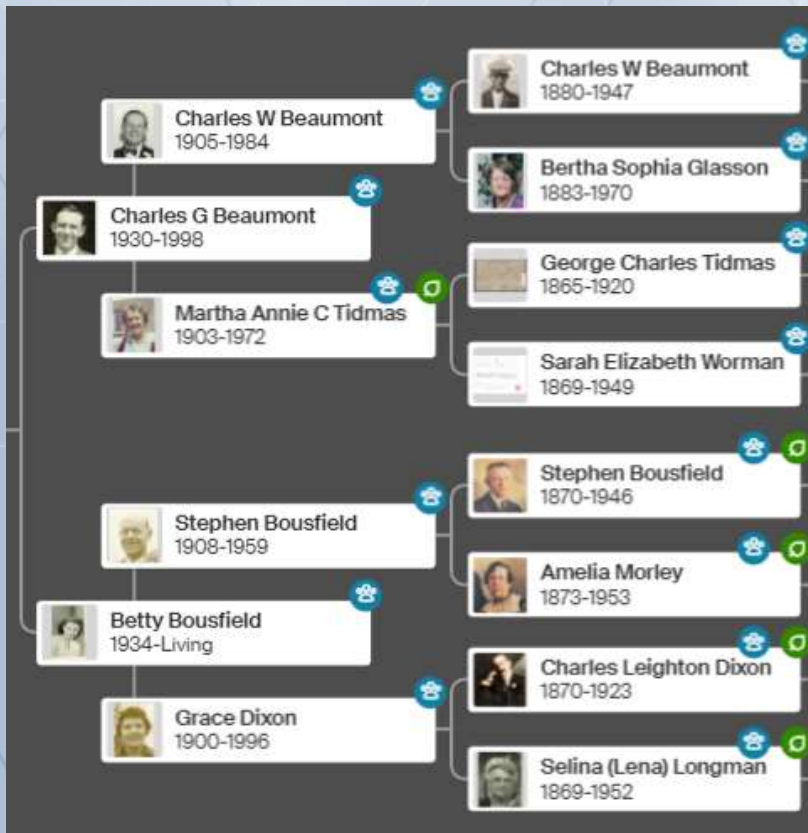
Charles George Beaumont
1930-1998

father

*If you are adopted or do not know your biological parents then
it will be a more complex starting point.

Getting Started: Working Back in Time

Your Grandparents



Then choose one of your four grandparent's lines.

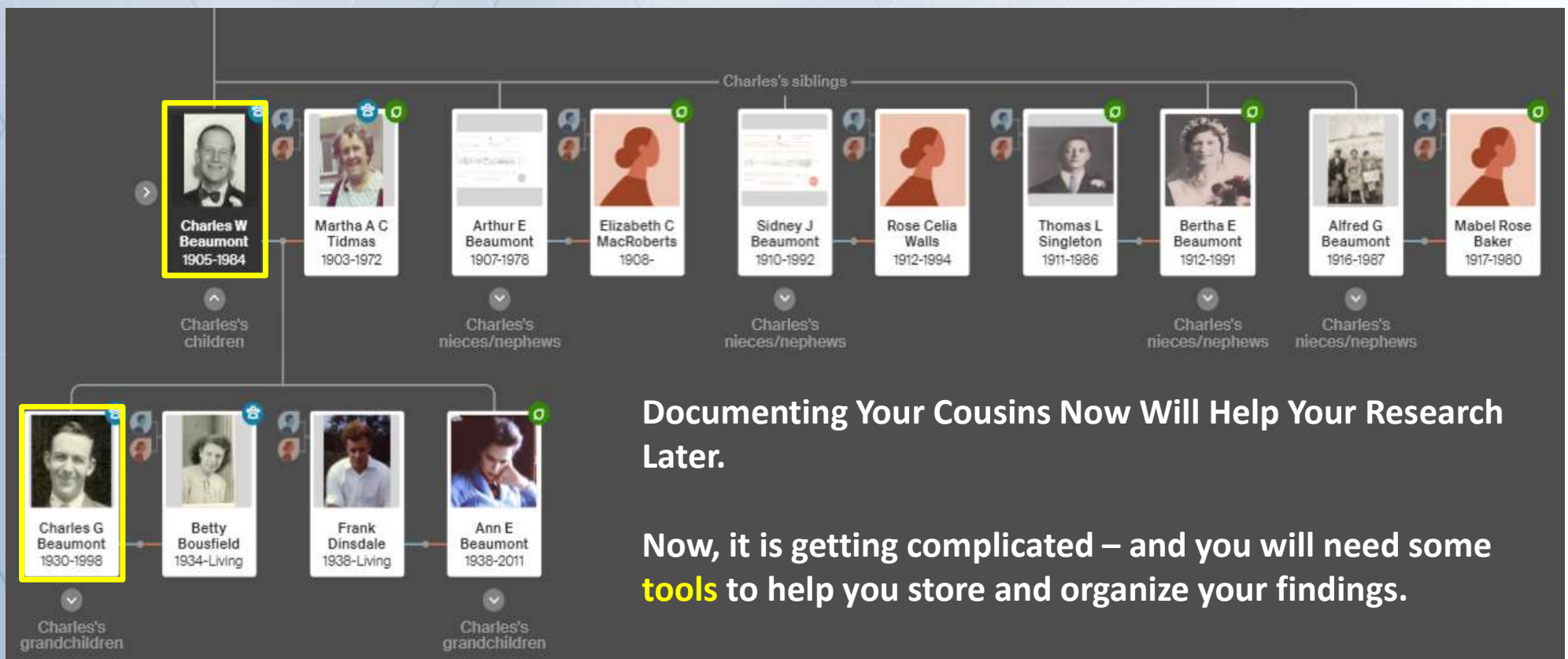
You may have some of the information, but now you may need to start seriously researching.

You will quickly learn that some of the information you have been told is incorrect, and some of the family stories simply don't pan out.

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Getting Started: Extended Family

Grandparents line: their brothers and sisters



Stepping Back In Time



Step 1 – Immediate & Extended Family

Step 2 – Near Ancestors (up to 200 years ago)

Step 3 – Far Ancestors (between 200 & 400 years ago)

Step 4 – Distant Ancestors (over 400 years ago)

Each Step Needs Different Sources and Techniques

We will cover Steps 2, 3 & 4 in more detail in class #3

Common Sources of Information



There are many sources – these are the main ones

Vital Records: Birth, marriage, and death certificates.

Census Records: Most countries and many states carried out regular censuses.

Church Records: Pre-civil registration, BMD, banns, baptisms, volunteers, and wardens.

Cemetery and gravestones. (findagrave.com is an excellent place to start.)

Immigration, Naturalization, and Citizenship. Family groups often traveled together.

Newspapers & Obituaries. There are several sites, so research the newspaper availability first.

Military Records. Generally, records for officers are easier to find than for enlisted men.

Land & Property Records. The Wiki at FamilySearch is an excellent place to start for the next steps by state.

Wills & Probate. Availability varies by location.

Courts, Prisons and Crime. Public records if you can find them.

Maps. Understanding where your family lived helps in other research (friends, associates & neighbors)

Your family. Often, family 'lore' is incorrect but a good starting point for names and relationships.



Examples of Tools & Software

The Internet offers countless tools and websites for genealogists. I've highlighted a few worth exploring, but always research before subscribing.

Be **cautious** of unsupported or fraudulent sites lurking outside the mainstream.

Tools and Software

Storing your tree and work: Personal Software



MyHeritage

Powerful free genealogy software with tree syncing

Family Tree Builder
Used by millions of people worldwide, Family Tree Builder helps you research your family history, build your family tree and add photos, historical records and more.

Free Download

Family Tree Builder (www.myheritage.com)
Links with MyHeritage, FamilySearch



Millennia Legacy Family Tree

Home Legacy Download Add-ons Training Help Center News Webinars Online Store

Explore your unique heritage

Legacy 9.0 Family Tree
Setting a New Standard in Genealogy Software

Standard Edition
FREE! Download Now

- Syncing - Legacy 9 searches through billions of records from the websites - FamilyTree, FamilySearch, GenealogyBank, and MyHeritage.
- Syncing - Protects the privacy of your records on your own. The new Syncing tool lets you sync, organize and save multiple devices for any of your projects.
- Findings - Click on a finding to see the original record. This search for a genealogy record also shows the finding.
- FamilySearch.com Searching - One-click access to your ancestor's First A Grave record. Check a list of people in your tree with or without First A Grave IDs.
- Find Photos, find more!
- Click here to learn more!

The award-winning Legacy Family Tree comes in two editions: [View the Legacy Software Videos](#)
[Legacy's Features & System Requirements](#)

Legacy (<https://legacyfamilytree.com/>)
Links to FindMyPast, FamilySearch, GenealogyBank, MyHeritage



RootsMagic

Home: Personal History Family Album Support Learn

Software to Unite Families

RootsMagic

At RootsMagic, we create easy-to-use software to help you unite past, present, and future generations.

RootsMagic (<https://www.rootsmagic.com/>)
Links to FamilySearch, Ancestry free trial

I use RootsMagic
to backup Ancestry

Tools and Software

Research and Genealogy: Cloud Software



Ancestry.com

Historical records: 27+ billion
DNA testing: Yes

Lots of records and users
Great DNA tools
Easy to use and collaborate
Expensive

My main working site



MyHeritage.com

Historical records: 12+ billion
DNA testing: Yes

Some neat tools
Sister to Family Tree Maker
Easy to use and collaborate



FindMyPast.com

Historical records: 2+ billion
DNA testing: Yes

Focus on the United Kingdom
Images that cannot be found elsewhere
England 1921 census

Subscribed for English Sources

Tools and Software

Research and Genealogy: FamilySearch



**Create an Account
for next week's class**

FamilySearch.Org

Historical records: 14+ billion

DNA testing: No

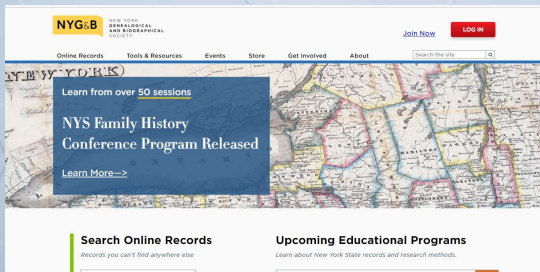
Pricing from: FREE

**The World
Family Tree
contains
errors**

Provided by The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, this is a wonderful and free research site based in Salt Lake City. In my experience, the records for the USA are the most comprehensive. Not all records are indexed. It is invaluable to beginners and experienced genealogists. The research Wiki will point you in the right direction for deeper research. But the "World Family Tree" may not be correct.

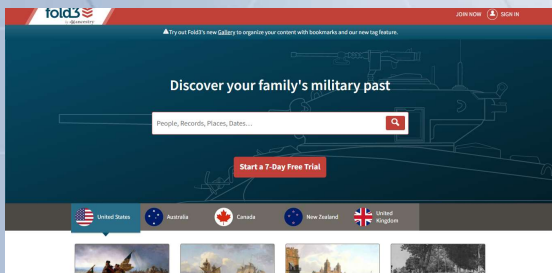
Tools and Software

Research and Genealogy: Specialty Sites



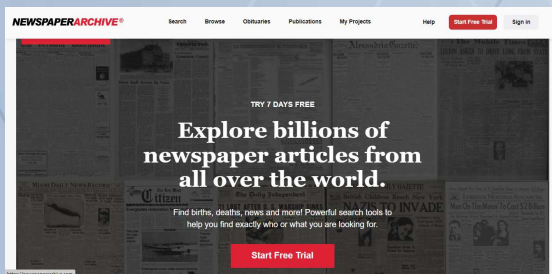
Regional Sites

Almost every state has its own site. Often free to join



Military Sites

There are general sites and sites for specific wars, regiments etc.



Newspaper Archives

Several sites – check that they have your newspaper transcribed before subscribing



Genealogical Societies

Deep focus, educational and other resources



Trades & Occupations
An understanding of what your ancestor's work was like.



Country Sites

And ethnic groups focused on a specific country or group of people

Tools and Software

Research and Genealogy: Composite Sites



Cyndi's List
Lists Genealogy sites
(much like craigslist)



US GENWEB
Archives, advice, and shared
projects



National Archives
Preserved records from the
United States federal
government (most
countries have one)



LIBRARY of CONGRESS
Digital Collections and some
newspapers.

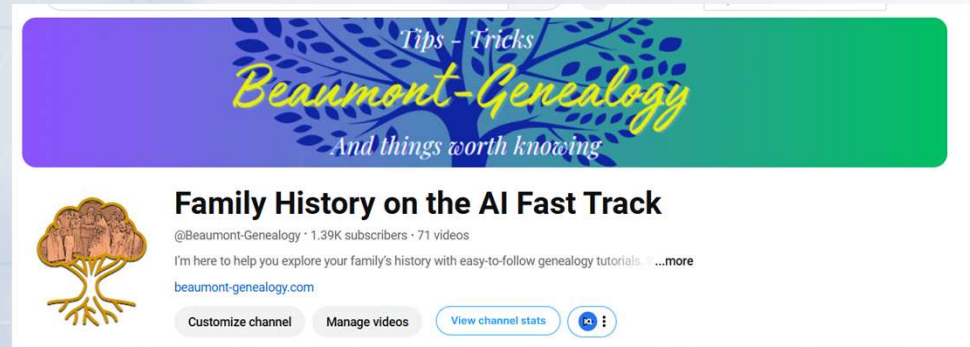
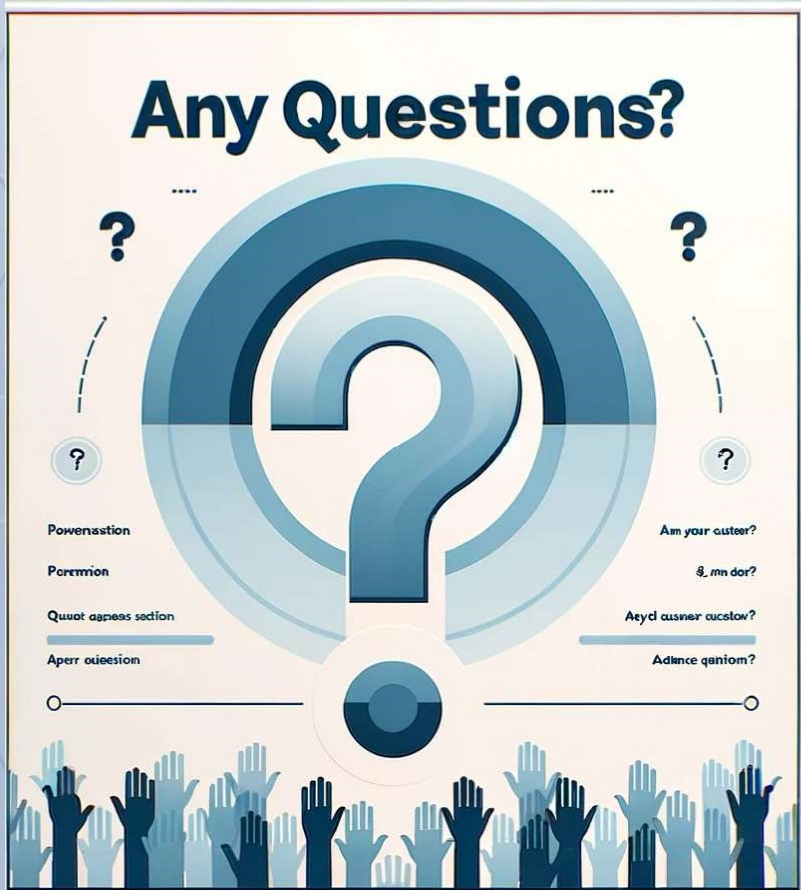
One-Step Webpages by Stephen
P. Morse
(<http://www.stevemorse.org/>)

Stephen Morse
Immigration and other links



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