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What is Genealogy?

Genealogy is the history of your family or the study or investigation of ancestry and family history.

Completing a family history is a process of arranging your family members in order by generations.

Genealogy is not an expensive hobby to start. You need a pad of paper, some folders, and a couple of pencils.

How do I start?

The best way to begin your investigation is to interview members of your family.

You should use the individual report to find out all the information you can from your parents, grandparent, great-grandparents, and even aunts and uncles.

Take the time to explore family documents, bibles, scrapbooks, and photo albums.

Look at your family history as a treasure hunt or a mystery.

Five Steps

Make a family tree- this is like a map showing you what you know and what you still need to find out.

Do your homework- see how much of the chart you can fill out by using sources that you find at home. (interviews, journals, letters, scrapbooks, school records, medical records, photo albums, church records, family traditions, baby books, family bibles, etc.)

Oral history- Interview relatives and using the Individual report, record all of the information that you can.

Newspaper and Census Records- Search newspapers for birth, marriage and death announcements from towns that your family lived in and explore the census records.

Search for vital records- Birth, death, and marriage records can usually be found at your local courthouse or library. They can be helpful in you research as well.



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Mother

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Father

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My Name