



## Getting Started and Genealogy Research Resources

Getting started on your Family History research can seem intimidating but take it one step at a time and remember that we have a DIY consulting option that makes us available to help as needed so we are here if you run into trouble.

Important things to do as you start (**do not** overlook these – trust us – they are important). (You will find forms to help you with these in the **“Forms”** section:

1. Gather all the information you have on living relatives.
2. Get Birth, Marriage & Death records for at least the 1<sup>st</sup> 3 generations (you are Generation #1)
3. Make a list of all relatives now living to set up an interview time
4. Keep a research log and journal each place you research - even if you do not find anything – that is just as important!

Knowing where to look can save a lot of time in your research process. Here are some of our favorite online resources. This will give you a good starting point. If you have questions, hit a brick wall or need assistance, we are here to help.

Note: some of these are paid subscription sites and some can be accessed via a public library.

*Disclaimer: Please be aware that information found on the internet cannot be trusted as true. There is a lot of mis-information floating on the internet.*

[Ancestry.com](http://www.ancestry.com) (paid subscription)

[www.ancestry.com](http://www.ancestry.com)

[Family Search](http://www.familysearch.org) (Free)

[www.familysearch.org](http://www.familysearch.org)

[MyHeritage](http://www.MyHeritage.com) (paid subscription)

[www.MyHeritage.com](http://www.MyHeritage.com)

Find My Past	<a href="http://www.FindMyPast.com">www.FindMyPast.com</a>
Heritage Quest Online (only available via library)	<a href="http://www.HeritageQuestOnline.com">www.HeritageQuestOnline.com</a>
GenealogyBank.com	<a href="http://www.genealogybank.com/">www.genealogybank.com/</a>
RootsWeb (Free)	<a href="http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com">www.rootsweb.ancestry.com</a>
US Gen Web (Free)	<a href="http://www.usgenweb.org">www.usgenweb.org</a>
Archives.com (Paid subscription)	<a href="http://www.Archives.com">www.Archives.com</a>
Fold3.com (paid subscription)	<a href="http://www.Fold3.com">www.Fold3.com</a>
AmericanAncestors.org (NEHGS)	<a href="http://www.AmericanAncestors.org">www.AmericanAncestors.org</a>
Google (free)	<a href="http://www.google.com">www.google.com</a>
Find A Grave (free)	<a href="http://www.FindAGrave.com">www.FindAGrave.com</a>
Newspapers.com	<a href="http://www.newspapers.com">www.newspapers.com</a>

### **DNA Testing for Genealogy**

[FamilyTreeDNA](#) – Benefit: Largest Y-DNA and mtDNA Database in the world, used by most genealogists for numerous reasons, ability to join surname projects, discover ancestry composition.

AncestryDNA – Benefit: Easy find/connect with family on Ancestry.com, discover ancestry composition.

23andMe - Includes health profiles

GedMatch – upload results from any of the “big 3”. Great matching and results tools