

GENEALOGY 101

BUILDING THE FOUNDATION



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Genealogy, the study of one's family from generation to generation, can be very rewarding. This guide will help lay the groundwork for solid results.

WHERE TO BEGIN?

What do you want to learn?

- How many generations do you want to trace?
- Which side of the family are you wanting to research, paternal (father's side), maternal (mother's side), or both?
- Who will you include in your research: biological only, siblings, and/or step/foster/adopted relatives?

Information to gather:

- Begin with yourself: full name, birth date, marriage, divorce, locations, etc.
- Following this same basic process to learn more about your parents, grandparents, and continue to work backwards from generation to generation.
- Document findings using a family group sheet. A sample is listed below:

Name and/or Date		Place
Husband:		
Born:		
Married:		
Died:		
Buried:		
Other Marriages:		
Husband's Father:		Husband's Mother:
Wife:		
Born:		
Died:		
Buried:		
Other Marriages:		
Wife's Father:		Wife's Mother:
1 st Child:		Male ☐ Female ☐
Born:		
Died:		
Buried:		
Spouse:		Date of Marriage:
2 nd Child:		Male ☐ Female ☐
Born:		
Died:		
Buried:		
Spouse:		Date of Marriage:
3 rd Child:		Male ☐ Female ☐
Born:		
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Buried:		
Spouse:		Date of Marriage:
Sources:		
Prepared by / Date:		

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- Talk to relatives: birthplace, names of parents and siblings, where they lived, churches attended, burial locations, marriages, occupations, military service, public service, schools attended, etc.
- Collect family documents: birth/marriage/death certificates, photos, letters, family Bibles, etc.

BUILDING A FAMILY TREE

Decide the format to build a family tree:

- Paper tree: Fill out a pedigree chart to begin to organize what is known about your ancestors.

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Four Generation Pedigree Chart

YOU		YOUR FATHER		YOUR MOTHER		PATERNAL GRANDFATHER		PATERNAL GREAT-GRANDFATHER		PATERNAL GREAT-GRANDMOTHER		MATERNAL GRANDFATHER		MATERNAL GREAT-GRANDFATHER		MATERNAL GREAT-GRANDMOTHER	
Name		Name		Name		Name		Name		Name		Name		Name		Name	
Birth Date		Birth Date		Birth Date		Birth Date		Birth Date / Place		Birth Date / Place		Birth Date / Place		Birth Date / Place		Birth Date / Place	
Birth Place		Birth Place		Birth Place		Birth Place		Death Date / Place		Death Date / Place		Death Date / Place		Death Date / Place		Death Date / Place	
Marriage Date		Death Date		Death Date		Death Date		Name		Name		Name		Name		Name	
Marriage Place		Death Place		Death Place		Death Place		Birth Date / Place		Birth Date / Place		Birth Date / Place		Birth Date / Place		Birth Date / Place	
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								Death Date / Place		Death Date / Place		Death Date / Place		Death Date / Place		Death Date / Place	
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- Computer Software: RootsMagic (\$ - cost) or Family Tree Maker (\$) are excellent computer software programs to use.
- Online websites: Use Ancestry(\$), FamilySearch (free), or MyHeritage (\$), to build a family tree. Each of these websites will provide hints for further research.

Helpful Tips

- When building a family tree, store your data in multiple locations. If a traumatic event were to occur, you have other ways to access your research.
- Use a pencil when researching.
- Do not abbreviate names and places.
- Enter surnames in CAPS; enter the last name first. Example: DOE, John William
- Document women's birth/maiden surname not her married name.
- Log all surname spelling variations. Example: here are a few variations of Smith, Smyth, Smythe, Schmidt, Schmid, Smitty, Smits, Smithson, and Smithman.

CREATING A RESEARCH LOG

Creating a Research Log is one of the best ways to stay organized and avoid duplicating research. Even if you have an hour to research or an entire afternoon, a log will help determine your next steps.

A basic Research Log documents:

- What you're looking for
- Where you searched
- When you searched
- What you found (including negative results)

Basic template for a Research Log:

Date	Person/Family	Research Goal/Question	Source/Repository	Search Terms/Details	Results/Findings	Notes/Next Steps
2025-05-27	John Smith	Find birth record	Ancestry.com (vital records)	"John Smith", b. ~1850, NY	Found 1852 NY birth index	Check the 1850 census next
2025-05-26	Sarah Carter	Confirm the immigration date	Ellis Island Passenger List	"Sarah Carter", 1890-1900	No match found	Try FamilySearch immigration

From the example above, the main columns of a Research Log include:

1. Date – When was the research done?
2. Person/Family – Who was researched?
3. Research Goal/Question – What specific question was researched?
Examples: What was the birthdate of John Smith?
When did Sarah Carter immigrate to the United States?
4. Source/Repository – Where was the research done?
Examples: website, library, archive
5. Search Terms/Details – What details were entered for the search?
6. Results/Findings – What information, positive or negative, was found?
7. Notes/Next Steps – What are the next steps to consider for future research?

INTRODUCTION TO VITAL RECORDS

Vital records are essential in documenting ancestors.

Basic vital records can provide additional information on an ancestor:

- Birth records – can confirm birth date, place, and parents
- Marriage records – can confirm spouse, date, place, and often parents
- Divorce records – can confirm spouse, date, and place
- Death records – can confirm birth date, death date, place, cause, and informant, funeral home, and cemetery

When researching vital records, two questions need to be considered:

Where did the event (birth, marriage, death, etc.) happen?

When did the event happen?

Determine the city, county, and state for which you are looking for information. Based on the period, determine who holds which collections.

In the state of Kentucky, the Kentucky Department of Library and Archives, the Kentucky Office of Vital Statistics, the County Court Clerk office, and the County Circuit Clerk office primarily house vital records.

Records available through the Kentucky Department of Libraries and Archives (KDLA):

- Henderson County, Kentucky Birth Records – 1852-1859, 1874-1876, 1878, 1903-1904, 1907
Order Birth Record (\$).
- Henderson County, Kentucky Marriage Records – 1810-2003
Order Marriage Record (\$).
- Henderson County, Kentucky Civil/Divorce Records – 1799-1899
Order Divorce Record (\$).
- Henderson County, Kentucky Death Records – 1852-1859, 1874-1878, 1903-1904, 1911-1966
Order Death Record (\$).

Records available through the Kentucky Office of Vital Statistics:

- Kentucky Birth Records – beginning January 1911
Application for a Certified Copy of a Kentucky Birth Certificate (\$).
- Kentucky Marriage Records – since June 1958
Application for a Certified Copy of a Kentucky Marriage/Divorce Certificate (\$).
- Kentucky Death Records – since 1911
Application for a Certified Copy of a Kentucky Death Certificate (\$).
Applicant must describe their relationship to the individual whose certificate is being requested.

Records available through Henderson County Clerk (\$):

- Marriage Records

Records available through Henderson County Circuit Clerk (\$):

- Divorce Records

Records available at the Henderson County Public Library:

- Henderson County, Kentucky Birth Records – to 1969
- Henderson County, Kentucky Death Certificates – to 1967
- Henderson County, Kentucky Death Records – to 1969
- Microfilm Collection:
 - Henderson County, Kentucky Marriage Books – 1808-1995
 - Henderson County, Kentucky Licenses and Returns and Marriage Bonds – 1864-1900

CENSUS RECORDS

Information gleaned from the US Federal census records provides a perfect snapshot of where an ancestor lived and their connection to family members. From one census to the next, one would notice migration patterns of their ancestors.

Federal census records are accessible from 1790 to 1950. Due to a 72-year privacy rule, the 1960 census will be available in 2032.

Please remember that:

- The 1890 census was mostly destroyed in a fire in 1921.
- Due to a 72-year privacy rule, the 1960 census data will be released in 2032.
- The questions on each census will vary slightly.

Examples:

- In the 1900 census, there were questions about birth month/year, years married, and number of children.
- In the 1910 census, there were questions about military service, and what language was spoken.
- In the 1930 census, questions included did the household own a radio and the age at the first marriage.

Common information that is located in census records include:

- Names
- Ages and birthplaces
- Occupation
- Residence
- Marital status
- Immigration and naturalization info
- Relationships within a household

Websites where census records are accessible include:

- Free websites:
 - [FamilySearch.org](https://www.familysearch.org)
 - [National Archives](https://www.archives.gov)
 - [Library of Congress](https://www.loc.gov)

- Ancestry.com Henderson County Public Library (In House)
- Heritage Quest (access from home through your HCPL library card)

• Subscription-based websites (\$):

- [Ancestry.com](https://www.ancestry.com)
- [MyHeritage](https://www.myheritage.com)

Examples of what types of questions were asked during each census:

U.S. Census Headings 1790-1860

1790		U.S. CENSUS HEADINGS 1790-1860															FamilySearch				
1790 Census - United States																					
State	Call number																				
Page	Head of family	Free white males 16 and up including head		Free white females Under 16	Including head		All other persons		Slaves		County				City						
1800/1810 Census - United States																					
State	County				City				Call number												
Page	Head of family	Free white males				Free white females				All others				Slaves				Other Information			
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1820 Census - United States																					
State	County				City				Call number												
Page	Head of family	Free white males				Free white females				All others				Slaves				Other Information			
		Under 10	10-16	16-18	18-26	26-45	45 and over	Under 10	10-16	16-26	26-45	45 and over	Foreigners not naturalized	Agri-culture	Com-merce	Manu-factures	Free colored	Slaves			
1830/1840 Census - United States																					
State	County				City				Call number												
Page	Head of family	Free white males				Free white females				All others				Slaves				Foreigners not naturalized			
		Under 10	10-16	16-18	18-26	26-45	45 and over	Under 10	10-16	16-26	26-45	45 and over	Foreigners not naturalized	Agri-culture	Com-merce	Manu-factures	Free colored	Slaves			
1850 Census - United States																					
State	County				Town/Township				Call number												
Page	Dwelling number	Family number	Names				Age	Sex	Color	Occupation, etc.	Value - real estate	Birthplace	Married within year	School within year	Can't read or write	Enumeration date	Other Information				
1860 Census - United States																					
State	County				Town/Township				Post office				Call number								
Page	Dwelling number	Family number	Names				Age	Sex	Color	Occupation, etc.	Value - real estate	Value - personal property	Birthplace	Married in year	School in year	Can't read or write	Enumeration date	Other Information			

U.S. Census Headings 1870-1930

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1870 Census - United States

State			County	Town/Township				Post Office			Cenl number							
Page	Dwelling number	Family number	Names	Age	Sex	Color	Occupation, etc.	Value - Real estate	Value - Per- sonal property	Birthplace	Foreign born item	Male born item	Month born in census year	Month married in census year	School attended in census year	Can't read or write	Eligible to vote	Date of enumeration

1880 Census - United States

State				County										Town/Township						
Microfilm roll number				Date			Enumeration district number				Sheet number		Page number							
Page	Dwelling number	Family number	Names	Color	Sex	Age prior to July 1	Birth of birth in calendar year	Relationship to head of house	Single	Married	Widowed	Divorced	Married in calendar year	Occupation	Other information	Can't read or write	Place of birth	Place of birth of father	Place of birth of mother	Enumeration date

1900 Census - United States

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1910 Census - United States

[illegible]

1920 Census - United States

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1930 Census - United States Side a

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U.S. Census Headings 1940

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U.S. Census Headings 1940 (continued)

PERSONS 14 YEARS OLD AND OVER – EMPLOYMENT STATUS																		
Line No.	Was this person AT WORK for pay or profit in private or nonemergency Govt. work during week of March 24-30? (Y or N)	If not, was he at work on, or assigned to, public EMERGENCY WORK (WPA, NYA, CCC, etc.) during week of March 24-30? (Y or N)	If neither at work nor assigned to public emergency work. ("No" in col. 21 & 22)		For persons answering "No" to questions 21-24.		If at private or nonemergency Govt. work. "Yes" in col. 21	If seeking work or assigned to public emergency work. "Yes" in col. 22 or 23	OCCUPATION, INDUSTRY, AND CLASS OF WORKER For a person at work, assigned to public emergency work, or with a job ("Yes" in col. 21, 22, or 24), enter present occupation, industry, and class of worker. For a person seeking work ("Yes" in col. 23): (a) if he has previous work experience, enter last occupation, industry, and class of worker; or (b) if he does not have previous work experience, enter "New worker" in Col. 28, and leave Col. 29-30 blank.				Number of weeks worked in 1939 (Equivalent full-time weeks)	INCOME IN 1939 (12 months ending Dec. 31, 1939.)				
			Was this person SEEKING WORK? (Y or N)	If not seeking work, did he HAVE A JOB, business, etc.? (Y or N)	Indicate whether engaged in home business (H), in school (S), unable to work (U), or other (O).	CODE			Number of hours worked during week of March 24-30, 1940.	Duration of unemployment up to March 30, 1940 – in weeks.	OCCUPATION Trade, profession, or particular kind of work, as – Frame spinner Salesman Laborer River boatman Music teacher	INDUSTRY Industry or business, as— Cotton mill Retail grocery Farm Shipyards Public school		Class of Worker	CODE (leave blank)	Amount of money, wages or salary received (including commissions)	Did this person receive income of \$50 or more from sources other than money wages or salary (Y or N)	Number of Farm Schedule
	21	22	23	24	25	E	26	27	28	29	30	F	31	32	33	34		

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U.S. Census Headings 1950

a. State		e. Hotel, Large Rooming House, Institution, Military Installation, etc.		 1950 U.S. Federal Census		f. Date Sheet Started _____, 1950		Sheet Number
b. County		Name				g. Enumerator's Signature		
c. Incorporated Place or Township		Type				h. Checked by _____ on _____, 1950 (Crew Leader)		
d. E.D. Number		Line Nos. ____ to ____ inclusive		Line Nos. ____ to ____ inclusive				

FOR HEAD OF HOUSEHOLD						FOR ALL PERSONS									
Line Number	Name of street, avenue, or road	House (and apartment) number	Serial number of dwelling unit	Is this house on a farm (or ranch)? (Yes or No)	If No in item 4 - Is this house on a place of three or more acres? (Yes or No)	NAME What is the name of the head of this household? What are the names of all other persons who live here? List in this order: The head His wife Unmarried sons & daughters (order of age) Married sons & daughters and their families Other relatives Other persons, such as lodgers, roomers, maids or hired hands who live in, and their relatives (Last name first)	RELATIONSHIP Enter relationship of person to head of the household, as: Head Wife Daughter Grandson Mother-in-law Lodger Lodger's wife Maid Hired hand Patient, etc.	RACE White (W) Negro (Neg) American Indian (Ind) Japanese (Jap) Chinese (Chi) Filipino (Fil) Other race - spell out	SEX Male (M) Female (F)	How old was he on his last birthday? (If under one year of age, enter month of birth as: April, May, Dec., etc.)	Is he now married, widowed, divorced, separated, or never married? (Mar, Wd, D, Sep, Nev)	What State (or foreign country) was he born in? If born outside Continental United States, enter name of Territory, possession, or foreign country Distinguish Canada-French from Canada-other	If foreign born - Is he naturalized? (Yes, No, or AP for born abroad of American parents)		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	A	9	10	11	12	13	B	14

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FOR PERSONS 14 YEARS OF AGE AND OVER										
What was this person doing most of last week - working, keeping house, or something else? (Wk, H, Ot, or U for unable to work)	If H or Ot in item 15 - Did this person do any work at all last week, not counting work around the house? (Include work for pay, in own business, profession, on farm, or unpaid family work) (Yes or No)	If No in item 16 - Was this person looking for work? (See Special Cases below) (Yes or No)	If No in item 17 - Even though he didn't work last week, does he have a job or business? (Yes or No)	If Wk in item 15 or Yes in item 16 - How many hours did he work last week? (Include unpaid work on family farm or business) (Number of hours)	1. If employed (Wk in item 15, or Yes in item 16 or item 18), describe job or business held last week 2. If looking for work (Yes in item 17), describe last job or business 3. For all other persons, leave blank					Line Number
					What kind of work was he doing? For example: Nails heels on shoes----- Chemistry professor----- Farmer----- Farm helper----- Armed forces----- Never worked----- (Occupation)	What kind of business or industry was he working in? For example: Shoe factory----- State university----- Farm----- Farm----- (Industry)	Class of worker For PRIVATE employer (P) For GOVERNMENT (G) In OWN business (O) WITHOUT PAY on family farm or business (NP) (P, G, O, or NP)	LEAVE BLANK		
15	16	17	18	19	20a	20b	20c	C		

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U.S. Census Headings 1950 (continued)

THE QUESTIONS BELOW ARE FOR PERSONS LISTED ON SAMPLE LINES											
FOR ALL AGES											
Sample Line	If No in item 21 -		If No in item 23- What county and State was he living in a year ago?			What country were his father and mother born in?		What is the highest grade of school that he has attended? (Enter one grade - see codes below)	Did he finish this grade?	Has he attended school at any time since February 1st? (For those under 30 years of age check Yes or No. For those 30 years old or over, check 30 or over.)	
	Was he living in this same house a year ago?	Was he living on a farm a year ago?	Was he living in this same county a year ago?	County (If county unknown, enter name of place or nearest place)	State or foreign country	LEAVE BLANK	(Enter US or name of Territory, possession, or foreign country)				LEAVE BLANK
	21	22	23	24a	24b	D	25				E
	☐ Yes ☐ No	☐ Yes ☐ No	☐ Yes ☐ No	County: or nearest place:			Father: Mother:		☐ Yes ☐ No	1 ☐ Yes 2 ☐ No 3 ☐ 30 or over	
	☐ Yes ☐ No	☐ Yes ☐ No	☐ Yes ☐ No	County: or nearest place:			Father: Mother:		☐ Yes ☐ No	1 ☐ Yes 2 ☐ No 3 ☐ 30 or over	

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FOR PERSONS 14 YEARS OF AGE AND OVER															
Sample Line	If looking for work (Yes in item 17) - How many weeks has he been looking for work? (Number of weeks)	Last year, in how many weeks did this person do any work at all, not counting work around the house? (Number of weeks in 1949)	Income received by this person in 1949				If this person is a family head (see definition below) - Income received by his relatives in this household				If male - (Ask each question) Did he ever serve in the U.S. Armed Forces during-				
			Last year (1949), how much money did he earn working as an employee for wages or salary? (Enter amount before deductions for taxes, etc.)	Last year, how much money did he earn working in his own business, professional practice, or farm? (Enter net income)	Last year, how much money did he receive from interest, dividends, veteran's allowances, pensions, rents, or other income (aside from earnings)? LEAVE BLANK	Last year (1949), how much money did his relatives in this household earn working for wages or salary? (Amount before deductions for taxes, etc.)	Last year, how much money did his relatives in this household earn in own business, professional practices, or farm? (Net income)	Last year, how much money did his relatives in this household receive from interest, dividends, veteran's allowance, pensions, rents, or other income. (aside from earnings)	LEAVE BLANK	World War II	World War I	Any other time, including present service	LEAVE BLANK		
			29	30	31a	31b	31c	F	32a	32b	32c	G	33a	33b	33c
	☐ None (Weeks)	☐ None (Weeks)	☐ None \$	☐ None \$	☐ None \$	☐ None \$	☐ None \$	☐ None \$	☐ None \$	☐ None \$	☐ None \$	☐ Yes ☐ No	☐ Yes ☐ No	☐ Yes ☐ No	
	☐ None (Weeks)	☐ None (Weeks)	☐ None \$	☐ None \$	☐ None \$	☐ None \$	☐ None \$	☐ None \$	☐ None \$	☐ None \$	☐ None \$	☐ Yes ☐ No	☐ Yes ☐ No	☐ Yes ☐ No	
	34. To enumerator: If worked last year (1 or more weeks in item 30): Is there any entry in items 20a, 20b, and 20c? ☐ Yes - Skip to item 36 ☐ No - Make entries in items 35a, 35b, and 35c		35a. What kind of work did this person do in his last job?				35b. What kind of business or industry did he work in?				35c. Class of worker (P, G, O, or NP, as in item 20c)				
	36. If ever married (Mar, Wd, D, or Sep in item 12) - Have this person been married more than once? ☐ Yes ☐ No		37. If Mar - How many years since this person was (last) married? If Wd - How many years since this person was widowed? If D - How many years since this person was divorced? If Sep - How many years since this person was separated? _____ years, or ☐ Less than 1 year				38. If female and ever married (Mar, Wd, D, or Sep in item 12) - How many children has she ever borne, not counting stillbirths? _____ children, or ☐ None				(last sample only)				

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Cemetery Websites

[Billion Graves](#)

[City of Henderson Cemeteries](#) (includes Fairmont, Fernwood, Mount Zion Missionary Historic, and Spring Garden Historic Cemeteries)

[Find A Grave](#)

[Henderson Obit Index \(1952-present\)](#)

[Interment.net](#) [includes Roselawn Memorial, Saint Louis (up to 2016), Gibson Family (Corydon, Kentucky), and Sandefur (Geneva, Kentucky) Cemeteries]

[St. Louis Cemetery](#) (up to 2020)

[Veteran Nationwide Gravesite Locator](#)

Charts and Forms

[Ancestry](#)

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[Family Search](#)

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Pedigree and Family Group Sheets can be completed on the computer and saved digitally.

Kentucky Department of Library and Archives Research Guides

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County Records Inventory

Kentucky Birth and Death Records

Kentucky Census Records

Kentucky Divorce Records

Kentucky Marriage Records

Kentucky Probate Records

Research Websites

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