

# Get Going with Genealogy!

## Tips and links from the [Falmouth Genealogical Society](#) (MA)

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- ◆ Genealogy is much more than building out your “pedigree” tree!
  - ◆ It is connecting people to their family and history including the context and building the story.
- ◆ Create for yourself a free account to use and keep at [FamilySearch.org](#).
  - ◆ Any work you do at FamilySearch will be available for free to anyone with a free account.
  - ◆ Join Ancestry.com when you are ready for more research - [check membership options here](#).
- ◆ Build your tree online at [FamilySearch.org](#) or [Ancestry.com](#) (\$) or [WikiTree.com](#).
- ◆ Build and/or save your tree on your home computer using [Family Tree Maker](#) (\$) or [Roots Magic](#) (\$).
- ◆ In exploring individuals and relationships , check the unified trees at FamilySearch and WikiTree.
- ◆ Usually best to start with yourself and work back - verifying and documenting each step.
  - ◆ Generally very important to research siblings, other spouses, and often neighbors and associates.
- ◆ [Evaluate the evidence](#) and [cite your sources](#) - consider the context and reliability of the sources.
- ◆ Make use of the [FamilySearch Wiki](#), and [LDSgenealogy.com](#) and [CyndisList.com](#)

## Record Types to Explore:

- ◆ [Vital Records](#) - Birth, Marriage, Death (BMD)
  - ◆ Contacting a Town or County Clerk can be helpful.
- ◆ [U.S. Census Records](#) - [Enumerator Instructions](#)
- ◆ [Immigration](#) and [Naturalization](#) records
- ◆ [Cemetery Records](#)
- ◆ Search by title for digitized out-of-copyright books including County histories and much more.
- ◆ [U.S. Land & Property Records](#) - search by county
- ◆ [U.S. Probate Records](#) and other [U.S. Court Records](#)
- ◆ [U.S. Church Records](#)
- ◆ [U.S. Military Records](#) - e.g. [Fold3.com](#) (\$)
- ◆ [Newspapers](#) and [U.S. City Directories](#)
- ◆ [Newspapers at the Library of Congress](#)
- ◆ Harvest, digest and savor the more prevalent information about recent generations!
- ◆ Seek out special-interest websites and [FaceBook Groups](#) for a particular area of interest.
- ◆ Make use of [Google Search features](#) and [maps](#) and [street view](#) and [translate](#).
- ◆ Find many additional helpful links at our website here: <https://falgen.org/> (Go to Resources -> Links)
- ◆ Consider a DNA test, especially for older generations - seek advice from our Help Desk.
- ◆ Connect with our Falmouth Genealogical Society for help and more information. Visit our Help Desk any Tuesday from 2 to 4pm at the Falmouth Public Library main branch reference section.



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