



Get Going with Genealogy!

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Introduction—Building Your Tree and More

Genealogy is much more than building your “Pedigree Tree”. It is connecting people to their family and history. Through careful research, you will develop a fuller picture of your ancestors’ lives and the times in which they lived. Most important, this research provides both the facts and context needed to develop—and share—their stories.

Build Your Family Tree Online

Build your tree online at FamilySearch.org or Ancestry.com (\$) or WikiTree.com.

Tip: Create a free account at FamilySearch.org. This is a unified tree; you will benefit from the work of others, and they will benefit from yours.

Tip: For more advanced research, join Ancestry.com. [check membership options here.](#)

Build and/or Save Your Family Tree on Your Computer

Build/save your tree on your computer at [Family Tree Maker](#) (\$) or [Roots Magic](#) (\$)

More Tips as You Begin Your Research

- Check FamilySearch and WikiTree to see if your family is already recorded.
- Start with YOU and work back generations, include siblings, spouses, etc.
- Verify and document every step. [Evaluate the evidence](#) and [cite your sources](#).
- Use the [FamilySearch Wiki](#), and LDSgenealogy.com, and CyndisList.com.
- Seek out special interest websites and [FaceBook Groups](#) for a particular area.
- Make use of [Google Search features](#) and [maps](#) and [street view](#) and [translate](#).
- Consider a DNA test, especially for older generations.

Record Types to Explore

[Vital Records](#) (birth, marriage, death)

[U.S. Court Records](#)

[U.S. Census Records](#) | [Enumerator Instructions](#)

[U.S. Church Records](#)

[Immigration](#) | [Naturalization](#)

[U.S. Military Records \(Fold3.com\)](#) (\$)

[Cemetery Records](#)

[Newspapers](#)

[U.S. Land & Property Records](#)

[U.S. City Directories](#)

[U.S. Probate Records](#)

[Newspapers at the Library of Congress](#)

More Help from The Falmouth Genealogical Society

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