

DO YOUR GENEALOGY

START WITH WHAT YOU KNOW

- You are the beginning of your family tree. Start with yourself, the known, and work toward the unknown. Write down all that you know about your parents and grandparents/great-grandparents, ect.
- Talk to your family about what they know.
- Look at home for family bibles, newspaper clippings, military certificates, birth and death certificates, marriage licenses, naturalization certificates, diaries, letters, scrapbooks, photographs, baby books, and any other documents you can find for dates, names, places.
- Google your surname and see what country your last name began, who the famous people were with the same last name, what does your name mean, and when did your last name settle in the USA. <https://www.houseofnames.com/>
- Do a DNA test and get connected with relatives around the world.

ONLINE RESEARCH LINKS

- <https://www.myheritage.com>
- <https://www.familysearch.org/en/united-states>
- <https://www.ancestry.com/>
- Fold3 and Newspapers.com
- <https://www.findagrave.com>
- <https://www.classmates.com/>
- <https://geneteka.genealodzy.pl/> (for Polish Genealogy)
- <https://www.statueofliberty.org/discover/passenger-ship-search/>

CREATE

- <https://www.mycanvas.com/ancestry-book>
- <https://www.mixbook.com/family-photo-books>
- <https://www.istudiopublisher.com/>
- Microsoft Word, Google Drive Sheets, Pages, Pen and Paper

PLACES TO VISIT

- Visit the state, regional, and local institutions in your area like libraries, family history centers, historical societies and genealogical societies.
- Visit Cemeteries of your ancestors to get dates and who may be buried next to them.
- Visit the places that your ancestors came from. The [U.S. federal census](#) which was taken every ten years since 1790 is a very important source to find out where they lived.

ASK FOR HELP

You can always hire a genealogist to help you on your quest.

<https://www.progenealogists.com/>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6fZzn8zDGb0>

Connection on Facebook groups

