

## Get Started on Your Family's History using Ancestry Library Edition

The library would like for you to have the best experience you can in this class. Please fill out p. 2 of this handout and bring it with you to class.

Some key things to remember:

1. Gather and record, in an organized way, what you already know about your family. The Ancestral Chart (p. 2 of this handout) will help you get started. Put your name in the left most space. Then fill in the spaces for parents, grandparents, and great grandparents. Use your personal records and other family memorabilia to answer questions about your family members.
2. Contact other family members to help fill in the blanks. The more information you can get at the beginning, the more time you will save. Don't wait, just give them a call.
3. If you want to record the information for all the children of a family, use the Family Record Sheet (p. 3 of this handout) to record information.
4. Record where you found the information, in order to retrace your steps. For example:  
Conversation with Aunt Susan Rucker, 1/23/11.
5. Not everything you read or hear is accurate. A healthy dose of skepticism is valuable. You should always verify, confirm or corroborate facts found in one source with another source, if possible.
6. Name variants and spellings are very common and can be frustrating to research.
7. For the best initial success with Ancestry Library Edition, begin searching with a family member born before 1930.

# Ancestral Chart

No. 1 on this chart is  
the same person as No. \_\_\_\_\_

On Chart No. \_\_\_\_\_

BORN  
PLACE  
MARRIED  
PLACE  
DIED  
PLACE

NAME OF SPOUSE \_\_\_\_\_

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# Family Group Record

Prepared By \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship to Preparer \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ Ancestral Chart # \_\_\_\_\_ Family Unit # \_\_\_\_\_

Husband		Occupation(s)				Religion
Date—Day, Month, Year		City	County	State or Country		
Born						
Christened						Name of Church
Married						Name of Church
Died						Cause of Death
Buried		Cem/Place				Date Will Written/Proved
Father	Other Wives					
Mother						

Wife maiden name		Occupation(s)				Religion
Date—Day, Month, Year		City	County	State or Country		
Born						
Christened						Name of Church
Died						Cause of Death
Buried		Cem/Place				Date Will Written/Proved
Father	Other Husbands					
Mother						

•	Sex MF	Children Given Names	Birth			Birthplace			Date of first marriage/Place		Date of Death/Cause			Computer I.D. #
			Day	Month	Year	City	County	St./Ctry.	Name of Spouse	City	County	State/Country		
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