

# FAMILY HISTORY RESOURCES

## RESOURCES FOR EVERYONE:

- ✓ Watch free webinars on genealogical research at [familytreewebinars.com](http://familytreewebinars.com).
- ✓ Get your free genealogical tip o' the day at [genealogytipoftheday.com](http://genealogytipoftheday.com).
- ✓ View dozens of helpful videos from Ancestry.com for free on Ancestry's YouTube channel at [youtube.com/user/AncestryCom](http://youtube.com/user/AncestryCom).
- ✓ Family Search has a wiki with nearly 80,000 articles for genealogists of all levels. Visit [familysearch.org/wiki](http://familysearch.org/wiki).

## RESOURCES FOR GETTING STARTED:

- ✓ Use the "My Family" booklet. Don't skip the stories! They are what bring your family to life.
- ✓ Go step-by-step with the help of the online Family History Guide. Seven projects lead you through the process. Visit [thefhguide.com](http://thefhguide.com) to get started.
- ✓ It's not prettily laid out, but there is a course available from Family Search with videos and readings at [bit.ly/fs-course](http://bit.ly/fs-course).
- ✓ A great starter book is *The Genealogist's Companion and Sourcebook* by Emily Croom.
- ✓ Ancestry.com offers an online "academy" of courses you can take, ranging from very short (how to add a spouse) to the more complex (how to use a particular census). Find it at [ancestry.com/academy](http://ancestry.com/academy).

## RESOURCES FOR THOSE WITH SOME EXPERIENCE

- ✓ You can watch the videos from RootsTech <http://rootstech.org>.
- ✓ If you're ready to deepen your Ancestry.com skills, read "Getting the Most from Ancestry" at [bit.ly/getting-most](http://bit.ly/getting-most).
- ✓ Learn to digitize your photos and movies with this handout from the RootsTech2016 class by Randy Wilson [bit.ly/digitize-photos](http://bit.ly/digitize-photos).
- ✓ Read through "Five 'Musts' to Digitize Your Photos the Right Way" to make sure you're doing it correctly at [bit.ly/digitize-right](http://bit.ly/digitize-right).
- ✓ If you'd like ideas for organizing your genealogy research process, Drew Smith's handout from RootsTech2016 will be a great help [bit.ly/organizing-research](http://bit.ly/organizing-research).
- ✓ [cyndislist.com](http://cyndislist.com) is a website that is a "card catalog" to the web's genealogical sites. Browse by Category to make it manageable.
- ✓ Ready to upgrade your citations? Read *Evidence! Citation and Analysis for the Family Historian* by Elizabeth Shown.
- ✓ Want to make sure your data is standard and consistent? Mary Slawson's book *Getting It Right: The Definitive Guide to Recording Family History Accurately* will help you standardize the way you enter data & make it easy to follow.

## RESOURCES FOR ADVANCED GENEALOGISTS

- ✓ Obtain these two books that focus on Genealogical Proof Standards:
  - *The BCG Genealogical Standards Manual* (The Board for Certification of Genealogists)
  - *Mastering Genealogical Proof* by Thomas Jones
- ✓ Learn how to search the internet like a genealogist [bit.ly/search-the-net](http://bit.ly/search-the-net).
- ✓ British ancestry? Find lots of resources in the handout from RootsTech2016, "My Ancestors Are from Britain – What Do I Do Next?" [bit.ly/british-ancestry](http://bit.ly/british-ancestry).
- ✓ If you're interested in truly deepening your skills, the site to visit is [genealogyeducation.blogspot.com](http://genealogyeducation.blogspot.com). With both formal and informal ideas, you can find a wealth of possibilities for going from advanced to pro!
- ✓ Explore the Periodical Source Index (PERSI). Available through Find My Past (a partner site to Family Search), PERSI is the largest subject matter index to genealogical and local history periodical articles in the world. Learn more at [bit.ly/PERSI](http://bit.ly/PERSI).
- ✓ You don't need to intend to become a certified genealogist to use this site to hone your skills [bcgcertification.org](http://bcgcertification.org).

## WEBSITES & BLOGS:

These are not research sites; rather, they are websites and blogs where you'll find ideas, tips and community.

[finding-forgotten-stories.com](http://finding-forgotten-stories.com) (readable and approachable, even for beginners)

[familylocket.com](http://familylocket.com) (great for families with kids and teens)

[familytreemagazine.com](http://familytreemagazine.com) (you don't need to subscribe to get great info from the site)

[climbingmyfamilytree.com](http://climbingmyfamilytree.com) (one amateur genealogist's blog about her journey)

[youngandsavvygenealogists.blogspot.com](http://youngandsavvygenealogists.blogspot.com) (great site for millennials!)

[theancestorhunt.com](http://theancestorhunt.com) (great site to poke around – check out the TOOLS tab)

[thearmchairgenealogist.com](http://thearmchairgenealogist.com)

[blog.dearmyrtle.com](http://blog.dearmyrtle.com)

Get a list of thousands of Facebook pages & groups at <http://bit.ly/fb-gen> & [facebook.com/SocialMediaGenealogy.org](http://facebook.com/SocialMediaGenealogy.org)

If you like to listen to podcasts, check out:

- [lisalouisecooke.com/podcasts](http://lisalouisecooke.com/podcasts) (Genealogy Gems)
- [extremegenes.com](http://extremegenes.com)
- [familytreemagazine.com/info/podcasts](http://familytreemagazine.com/info/podcasts)
- [genealogyguys.com](http://genealogyguys.com)

{Note: On the displays, you will see the "Take My Picture!" tag. These tags note displays that you may wish to capture an image of for use at home. They are resources or lists of ideas too long to hold in your memory.}