

How Do I Start Exploring My Family History?

A 10-Part Weekly Series on Genealogy Exploration
for Researchers of all levels

Join our FREE Webinar for this 10 week course
Learn more about your ancestors

September 1, 2021 through November 3, 2021
Wednesdays 7:00pm – 8:00 pm:

Register for the class here to receive a confirmation email with instructions on joining the Webinar: https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_k_qlneR_TuOXYHhwe9f50Q

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Handouts for each class can be found at greatfamilysearch.com >Forms

Individual Class Descriptions

1. September 1 - How Do I Start My Family History?

I would like to begin my family history, but I do not know where to start. Here are some hints how to start exploring your roots.

2. September 8 - Using FamilySearch Family Tree

FamilySearch is a free website built for the purpose of tying the whole human family together. The contributors help each other find family.

3. September 15 - Proven Research Strategies

Success in finding family depends upon understanding correct research principles. This class provides some basics in getting started correctly.

4. September 22 - Analysis & Evaluation

A record has been found, what does it say; what does it infer; is it really about my family; does it agree with other records; what other records does the information that was found suggest?

5. September – 29 - Exploring the FamilySearch Wiki

The Research Wiki contains over 96,400 articles to help learn about the area being explored, including links to information, and research helps.

6. October – 6 - 5+ Ways to Search on FamilySearch

There are several ways to search for family and their records. This is an introduction to some of the methods available.

7. October 13 - Finding Family in Census Records

Census records is one of the first sources used to find family. It has been indexed, so it is one of the easiest ways to find family. Understanding the census is necessary to successful searches.

8. October – 20 - Creeks, Rivers, Townships & Ranges – Land Records Connect Families

In early America 90% of white men owned land. Families may be identified through land records; show where they lived, when they left and when they arrived.

9. October 27 - Where There's a Will There's a Way

When, why and where's of probate are helpful in actually finding the will, or estate record which names the family. Sometimes it also reveals personalities of the family.

10. November 3 - FamilySearch Features/Helpful Treasures

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