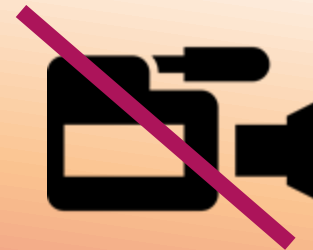


Getting Started Part 1: Research Goals, Logs, Research Plans, Organization, Being Effective

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Creating a Research Plan

Identify your goal/question

Take an inventory of what is known

Consider the records that may answer the research question/what records are available for the concerned time or place

Write down the steps to answer the question given the available records

Adjust plan as needed



What is my Research Goal?

What questions should I ask myself?



Example of a research plan: Identify Your Goal

- Identify the parents of James Woodland (d. 1900, Netherbury, Dorset, England)

BURIALS in the Parish of <u>Netherbury</u> in the County of <u>Dorset</u> in the Years <u>1800 & 1901</u>				
Name.	Abode.	When buried.	Age.	By whom the Ceremony was performed.
James Woodland	Netherbury	Nov. 5 th	73	S.P. Mear

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Example of a research plan: Gather Known Info

- Died in Netherbury, Dorset
- Born in abt. 1827

BURIALS in the Parish of <u>Netherbury</u> in the County of <u>Dorset</u> in the Year <u>1800-1901</u>				
Name.	Abode.	When buried.	Age.	By whom the Ceremony was performed.
<u>James Woodland</u>	<u>Netherbury</u>	<u>Nov. 5th</u>	<u>73</u>	<u>P. P. Dewar</u>

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Example of a research plan: Consider Available Records

- Check FamilySearch Wiki

- Best records to generally start with:

- Census
- Civil Registration (birth, marriage, and death certificates)
- Church Records (baptisms, marriages, and burials)

Search > Census & Voter Lists > 1891 England Census

1891 England Census

Search

☐ Match all terms exactly

First & Middle Name(s)

Last Name

James

Woodland

☐ Exact...

☐ Exact...

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No suggestions found

Year

Location

Birth

1827

Netherbury, Dorset, England

☐ Exact +/-...

☐ Exact to...

Lived In

—

City, County, State, Country

Any Event

City, County, State, Country

Results of Census Search

All 1891 England Census results for James Woodland



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Your search

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James

Woodland

Born: 1827

In: Netherbury, Dorset, Englan...

Broad

Exact

Apply

Filters

Clear all

- ✓

Census & voter lists
- ✓

1890s
- ✓

1891 England Census
- This database is an index to individuals enumerated in the 1891 Census for England. The census contains detailed information on each individual who spent the night in each household including.... [More](#)

Browse Images in this Collection

To get better results, add more information such as **Death Info**—even a guess will help. [Edit your search](#) or [learn more](#)

View Record	Name	Birth Year	Birthplace	Relationship	Residence	Relatives	View Image
View Record	Enes Woodland	1828	Netherbury, Dorset, England	Head	Netherbury, Dorset	Equilla, Alice	
View Record	James Woodland	1830	St Peters; St Albans, Hertfordshire, England	Head	Bengeo, Hertfordshire	Sarah, Thomas	

Results 1-2 of 2

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Results of Census Search

- What information do we learn from this record?
- What would the next step be?

James Woodland	Head	M	63	Sexton of Parish Church
Equilla d.	Wife	M	59	Dressmaker
Alice d.	Serv	F	19	d.

Example of a full research plan

- Write down steps to answer the question with available records
 - Search the 1891 England Census for a James Woodland born in about 1827 in Netherbury, Dorset. - This will give his birthplace and names of his wife/possible children.
 - Search other census records, going backwards until he's no longer found with his wife. Use the names of his wife and kids to know which one is him.
 - Search parish registers for a marriage record between him and his wife, this should give the name/occupation of his father.
 - Find any other available census records before his marriage to learn the name of his mother and potential siblings.
 - Search for a baptism in the year of his birth in Netherbury, Dorset to confirm or learn name of mother.
 - To learn his mother's maiden name, search parish registers for a marriage between James's parents.

The Research Log

Date

Purpose of Search
(research step and search terms)

Summary of what you found (place)

Notes on sources
(findings, citations)

Comments on strategy, questions,
discrepancies



Entry	Date	Database	Search Terms/Records	Source Description	Research Results	Time Spent
1	1/23/2022	FamilySearch	Index to the record of Maryland marriages, 1777-1804	x	Nil	20 minutes
2	2/5/2022	FamilySearch Ancestry Find A Grave	Looking for death certificate or gravestone for Christopher and Thekla https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/186243870/christopher-ruddy	Gravestone for Christopher and Thekla Ruddy, Most Holy Redeemer Cemetery, Baltimore, Maryland, digital image, <i>FindaGrave</i> (findagrave.com : accessed 19 February 2022), memorial ID 186243870.	Found the gravestone for Christopher and Thekla Ruddy. Located in the Most Holy Redeemer Cemetery in Baltimore. Catholic. Christopher: May 26 1939 Thekla: July 3 1941.	30 minutes
3	2/6/2022	Find My Past	Baltimore Roman Catholic Parish Congregational Records https://www.findmypast.com/transcript?id=US%2FBALT%2FCATH%2FP	"Baltimore Roman Catholic Congregational Records," St Michael Parish, Baltimore City, Maryland, entry for Anna Radulovich, Birth Record, June 13 1905, pg 312,	Birth Record for Anna Radulovich, St. Michael Parish, June 13 1905, lists address as 2209 Jefferson Street	20 minutes

Research Log for the Antonio Guilherme da Silva and Maria da Conceição Family								
Hours	Date	Objective	Repository	Collection	Search Parameters/Terms	Results	Further Research/Comments	Citation
9:52-10:53 1 hour	2 December 2023	Search for the marriage record between Antonio Guilherme and Francisca Maria.	FamilySearch	Matrimônios, (fev.) 1889 - (nov.) 1927: Matrimônios 1889, Fev-1899, Maio	starting on image 100	Nil	Nil	Nil
	2 December 2023	Search for the marriage record between Antonio Guilherme and Francisca Maria.	FamilySearch	Brazil, Paraíba, Catholic Church Records, 1731-201	Antonio Guilherme, Francisca Maria	I found another record! This gives the birth years of both parents.	This is the marriage record of what appears to be the oldest son. It gives the birth years of his parents.	Bananeiras, Paraíba, Brazil, "Brazil, Paraíba, Civil Registration, 1879-2007," DGS 4117233, page 26, certificate 854, entry for José Antonio de Oliveira and Maria do Livramento Oliveira, 2 Sept 1941, https://www.familysearch.org , accessed 4 Dec 2023, image 29 of 214.
	3 December 2023	Perform a broad search in the civil registration collection	FamilySearch	Brasil, Paraíba, Registro Civil, 1879-2007	Antonio Guilherme, Francisca Maria	Parentage of Antonio Guilherme confirmed	This confirms Antonio Guilherme's parents and it shows that Hilario's godparents were his grandparents.	Borborema, Paraíba, Brazil, "Brazil, Paraíba, Civil Registration, 1879-2007," DGS 4117236, page 70, certificate 1752, entry for Antonio Guilherme da Silva, 1 May 1957, https://www.familysearch.org , accessed 4 Dec 2023, image 71 of 211.



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Family Group Record

Family Group Record

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Husband Given name(s)		Last name		<input type="checkbox"/> See "Other marriages"	
	Born (day month year)	Place	LDS ordinance dates		Temple
	Christened	Place	Baptized		
	Died	Place	Endowed		
	Buried	Place	Sealed to parents		
	Married	Place	Sealed to spouse		
	Husband's father Given name(s)		Last name		<input type="checkbox"/> Deceased
Husband's mother Given name(s)		Maiden name		<input type="checkbox"/> Deceased	
Wife Given name(s)		Maiden name		<input type="checkbox"/> See "Other marriages"	
	Born (day month year)	Place	LDS ordinance dates		Temple
	Christened	Place	Baptized		
	Died	Place	Endowed		
	Buried	Place	Sealed to parents		
	Wife's father Given name(s)		Last name		<input type="checkbox"/> Deceased
	Wife's mother Given name(s)		Maiden name		<input type="checkbox"/> Deceased
Children List each child (whether living or dead) in order of birth.			LDS ordinance dates	Temple	
1	Sex	Given name(s)	Last name		<input type="checkbox"/> See "Other marriages"
	Born (day month year)	Place	Baptized		
	Christened	Place	Endowed		
	Died	Place	Sealed to parents		
	Spouse Given name(s)		Last name		
	Married	Place	Sealed to spouse		
2	Sex	Given name(s)	Last name		<input type="checkbox"/> See "Other marriages"
	Born (day month year)	Place	Baptized		
	Christened	Place	Endowed		
	Died	Place	Sealed to parents		
	Spouse Given name(s)		Last name		

Pedigree Chart

Pedigree Chart

No. 1 on this chart is the same as no. _____ on chart no. _____.

Mark boxes when ordinances are completed.

- ☐ B Baptized
- ☐ E Endowed
- ☐ SP Sealed to parents
- ☐ SS Sealed to spouse
- ☐ F Family Group Record exists for this couple
- ☐ C Children's ordinances completed

<p>2</p> <p>(Father)</p> <p>When born _____</p> <p>Where _____</p> <p>When married _____</p> <p>Where _____</p> <p>When died _____</p> <p>Where _____</p>	<p>When born _____</p> <p>When died _____</p> <p>Where _____</p> <p>When married _____</p> <p>Where _____</p> <p>When died _____</p> <p>Where _____</p>	<p>When born _____</p> <p>When died _____</p> <p>Where _____</p> <p>When married _____</p> <p>Where _____</p> <p>When died _____</p> <p>Where _____</p>
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<p>6</p> <p>(Father of no. 3)</p> <p>When born _____</p> <p>Where _____</p> <p>When married _____</p> <p>Where _____</p>	<p>12</p> <p>(Father of no. 6)</p> <p>When born _____</p> <p>Where _____</p> <p>When married _____</p> <p>When died _____</p> <p>Where _____</p> <p>13</p> <p>(Mother of no. 6)</p> <p>When born _____</p> <p>Where _____</p> <p>When married _____</p> <p>Where _____</p>	<p>12</p> <p>(Father of no. 6)</p> <p>When born _____</p> <p>Where _____</p> <p>When married _____</p> <p>When died _____</p> <p>Where _____</p> <p>13</p> <p>(Mother of no. 6)</p> <p>When born _____</p> <p>Where _____</p> <p>When married _____</p> <p>Where _____</p>

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Where

Wherein

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Can the citation get you back to the original record easily?

Is the style consistent throughout the research session?

Does it have all of the necessary elements (who, what, when, where, wherein)?

Bananeiras, Paraíba, Brazil, "Brazil, Paraíba, Civil Registration, 1879-2007," DGS 4117233, page 26, certificate 854, entry for José Antonio de Oliveira and Maria do Livramento Oliveira, 2 Sept 1941, <https://www.familysearch.org>, accessed 4 Dec 2023, image 29 of 214.

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