

GETTING STARTED PART 6

ORGANIZING, RECORDING, AND SHARING YOUR FINDINGS

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RESEARCH LOGS	<p>Why use a research log?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Record and Plan Research• Avoid Duplication• Document Sources• Organize Evidence• Evaluate Evidence	<p>What to include?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Date• Purpose of Search• Summary of Findings• Personal Notes• Comments on Discrepancies
FAMILY GROUP RECORD	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Allows you to see a whole family view• Breaks down the specifics by individual• Includes every record and citation for sources found	
PEDIGREE CHART	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Gives you a broad view of your descendency• Brief overview of your direct line	
GOLDIE MAY	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Research Log Generator• Citations• Abstracts• Locality Research	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Cloud Access• More Genealogical Tools!
CITATIONS	<p>Things to Include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Who is the record about• What is the record of• When did the event/record take place• Where did it happen• Wherein the record collection/book/file is the document kept <p>Questions to Ask Yourself:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Can the citation get you back to the original record easily?• Is the style consistent throughout the research session?• Does it have all the necessary elements? (Who, What, When, Where, Wherein)	

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TRANSCRIPTIONS

- Extract: words and genealogical information pulled from a document
- Abstract: summary of the contents of a document
- Transcription: faithful word for word version of a document

TIPS FOR SHARING YOUR RESEARCH ONLINE

- Keep a copy of your research and written conclusions
- Always cite your sources
- Review and update your shared information periodically
- Embrace technology

FAMILYSEARCH SOURCE BOX

- Easy access for editing and updating source information
- Organize sources into folders
- Attach sources to multiple FamilySearch profiles

FAMILYSEARCH NOTES

Ask yourself the following questions when leaving notes on FamilySearch

- How do I know this information is correct?
- What questions might somebody else have?
- Are there any contradictions that I should explain?
- Is my reason statement clear and concise?
- Is my tone professional and calm?

ONLINE TREES

- FamilySearch Family Tree
- Ancestry Public Member Trees
- MyHeritage Public Tree

FAMILYSEARCH FAMILY TREE

- Free Access
- Collaborative Public Tree
- Record Hints
- Any Deceased Person in the database can be viewed
- Anyone is able to edit or make changes

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ANCESTRY PUBLIC MEMBER TREES

- Create Private or Public Trees
- Editing is limited to tree owners
- Record Hints
- Subscription Service

MYHERITAGE

- Heavy Focus on DNA
- Record Hints
- Supports GEDCOM files
- Subscription Service

GENEALOGICAL SOFTWARE

Use genealogical software for:

- Document and Report Generation
- Data Organization
- You Prefer something non-web based
- Privacy and Security
- Products: RootsMagic, Ancestral Quest, Family Tree Maker

EXCEL

- Create numbered lists
- Use the sorting feature to organize information
- Create advanced tables and charts

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