

A STEP BY STEP GUIDE

# *22 Steps in Researching Your Family Tree*



Know where to  
search for your  
ancestors

## CHECKLIST



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This is the ideal desktop checklist for new genealogists to use at their fingertips when researching their ancestors.

# *The 22 Steps*

New genealogist's will benefit from using these steps as they will guide you in your ancestral research.



1. Start with yourself
2. Gather what information you already have or know
3. Start the search with one family at a time by talking to family members and relatives
4. Become a member of an online ancestry website
5. Join an online Genealogy forum
6. Obtain or locate copies of birth certificates or baptism records, marriage records, death or burial records and obituary notices
7. Find ancestors in Census Records, Military documents and ship's passenger lists



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8. Find ancestors through city directories, land records, court & prison records; and in immigration & naturalization records
9. Contact other relatives and descendants through ancestry websites or Genealogy forums
10. Join a mailing list and search message boards through RootsWeb
11. Expand your family history resources and use social media (Facebook and Twitter) to make new connections
12. Read genealogy articles
13. Research online newspaper archives
14. Check websites that offer historical or genealogical societies in the area you're researching
15. Subscribe to a free newsletter or a blog



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16. Check out funeral home records

17. Check out online cemetery records and visit them, record and take photographs of your findings

18. Go to locations where your ancestors came from

19. Reevaluate your research and ensure everything is well documented with reference citations

20. Create your own Family Tree Record Sheets and Pedigree Charts

21. Backup your personal or online files onto a USB flash drive and properly label it

22. Share and publish your family tree

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May you find and seek what you are searching for with the resources at your fingertips.

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