

# Genealogy 101: Your Step-by-Step Research Companion— The Family History Guide

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If you've ever asked yourself, "How do I do that?" while working on your family history, you're not alone—and there's a tool built just for that. Whether you're brand new to genealogy or diving into deeper research across borders, The Family History Guide is an incredibly helpful—and completely free—resource that guides you through the process, one step at a time.

### A Roadmap for Beginners

The Family History Guide is built with learners in mind. It organizes the often-overwhelming world of genealogy into **clear**, **manageable paths**. Its "Family Tree" Project is a great place to start, walking you through essential skills like:

- Adding family tree information
- Finding and attaching records
- Evaluating sources
- Preserving family stories

Each step includes **simple instructions**, **short videos**, and **practice activities**. Best of all, the content aligns with popular platforms like **FamilySearch**, **Ancestry**, **MyHeritage**, and **Findmypast**—so no matter where you work, the Guide supports your process.

If you've ever wondered, "How do I merge duplicate people on FamilySearch?" or "What's the right way to cite a census record?", the Guide probably has the answer—often with screenshots and examples.

The site also offers **downloadable handouts**, **training resources**, and a "Youth and Family History" section filled with **activities** for all ages.

## **Not Just for Beginners**

Even experienced researchers run into new territory—like DNA analysis, probate records,

or international research. The Family History Guide's **in-depth country pages** make those leaps less intimidating.

Say you're researching German ancestry. The Germany Country Page lays out record types like civil registrations, parish records, and emigration lists, with direct links to databases and search tools. You'll find step-by-step guidance for navigating sources like FamilySearch and Archion.de, Germany's online church record archive. Tips for dealing with tricky name spellings and regional quirks help make sense of the details.

#### For Researchers of All Learning Styles

Whether you learn by watching, reading, or doing, The Family History Guide meets you where you are. Its structured format—with goals, checklists, and modular lessons—lets you work at your own pace.

Major skills like using search filters or citing sources are broken into **bite-sized tasks** with videos and external links. If you only have 15 minutes, you can still accomplish something—like learning how to tag people in photos on FamilySearch.

## **Worth Bookmarking**

The Family History Guide is ad-free, regularly updated, and backed by a nonprofit dedicated to making family history easier for everyone. Whether you're stuck or just unsure what comes next, this is a great place to begin—or begin again.

So next time you're wondering how to do something in genealogy, don't get stuck—get guided. Visit **thefhguide.com** and take the next step on your family history journey.