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Family History Research Forms



Five-Generation Ancestor Chart

Chart # _____
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1	2	3	4
birth date and place _____ marriage date and place _____ death date and place _____ spouse _____	birth date and place _____ marriage date and place _____ death date and place _____	birth date and place _____ marriage date and place _____ death date and place _____	birth date and place _____ marriage date and place _____ death date and place _____
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Family Group Sheet

The _____ Family

Husband Source # _____
 Full Name _____
 Birth Date _____ Place _____
 Marriage Date _____ Place _____
 Death Date _____ Place _____
 Burial _____
 His Father _____
 His Mother with Maiden Name _____

Wife
 Full Name _____
 Birth Date _____ Place _____
 Death Date _____ Place _____
 Burial _____
 Her Father _____
 Her Mother with Maiden Name _____

Other Spouses
 Full Name _____
 Marriage Date and Place _____
 Full Name _____
 Marriage Date and Place _____

Children of This Marriage	Birth Date and Place	Death and Burial Dates and Places	Spouse and Marriage Date and Place

Ancestor Research Worksheet

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Full Name (Maiden Name for Women): _____

Social Security Number: _____

Nicknames and Alternate Names: _____

Surname Spelling Variations: _____

Birth and Baptism

Birth Date: _____ Birth Place: _____

Baptism Date: _____ Baptism Place: _____

Marriage(s) and Divorce(s)

Name of Spouse(s)	Marriage Date(s)	Marriage Place(s)

Name of Spouse(s)	Divorce Date(s)	Divorce Place(s)

Death

Death Date: _____ Death Place: _____

Burial Date: _____ Burial Church/Place: _____

Obituary Date(s) and Newspaper(s): _____

Military Service

Conflict (if applicable)	Unit	Dates/Years

Ancestor Research Worksheet

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Migration

From	To	Departure/ Arrival Dates	Companion(s)	Ship (if applicable)

Personal Information

Schools Attended: _____

Religion/Church(es) Attended: _____

Hobbies/Club/Memberships: _____

Children

Child's Name	Birth Date	Birthplace	Other Parent

Friends, Witnesses, and Neighbors to Research

Name	Relationship

Records Checklist

BUSINESS AND EMPLOYMENT

- apprentice and indenture records
- company newsletters
- doctors' and midwives' journals
- insurance records
- merchants' account books
- patents
- professional licenses
- railroad, mining and factory records
- records of professional organizations
- Social Security applications (SS5)

CEMETERY AND FUNERAL HOME

- burial records
- grave-relocation records
- tombstone inscriptions

CENSUSES

- agriculture schedules (1850-1880)
- American Indian
- Civil War veterans schedules (1890)
- defective, dependent and delinquent (DDD) schedules (1880)
- federal censuses (1790-1950)
- manufacturing/industry schedules (1810-1820, 1850-1880)
- mortality schedules (1850-1880)
- school censuses
- slave schedules (1850, 1860)
- social statistics schedules (1850-1880)
- state/territorial and local censuses

CHURCH

- baptism and christening records
- confirmation records
- congregational histories
- marriage banns
- meeting minutes
- membership, admission and removal records
- ministers' journals

COURT

- adoption records
- bastardy cases
- coroners' files
- criminal records
- custody papers
- estate inventories
- guardianship papers
- insanity/commitment orders
- licenses and permits
- marriage bonds, licenses and certificates
- military discharges
- minute books
- name changes
- naturalizations
- property foreclosures
- voter registrations
- wills
- wolf-scalp bounties

DIRECTORIES

- biographical
- city
- occupational/professional
- telephone

HOME SOURCES

- baby books
- baptism and confirmation certificates
- birth certificates

checkbooks and bank statements

- death records
- diaries and journals
- family Bibles
- funeral/memorial cards
- heirlooms and artifacts
- letters and postcards
- medical records
- photographs
- prayer cards
- recipe books
- school report cards
- scrapbooks
- wedding albums
- wills
- yearbooks

IMMIGRATION

- alien registration cards
- citizenship papers
- passenger lists
- passports and passport applications

INSTITUTIONAL

- almshouses
- fraternal associations
- hospitals
- orphanages
- police registers
- prisons
- schools
- work-farms

LAND AND PROPERTY

- deeds
- grants and patents
- homestead records
- mortgages and leases
- plat maps
- surveys
- tax rolls
- warrants

MILITARY

- draft records
- pension applications
- records of relocation and internment camps
- service records

NEWSPAPERS

- birth announcements
- classified advertisements
- engagement, marriage and anniversary announcements
- ethnic newspapers
- family reunion announcements
- immigrant ship notices
- gossip and advice columns
- legal notices
- local news
- obituaries/death notices
- runaway notices (slaves, indentured servants, wives)
- unclaimed-mail notices

PUBLISHED SOURCES

- compiled genealogies
- genealogical periodicals
- local histories
- record abstracts and transcriptions

VITAL

- amended birth certificates
- birth certificates
- delayed birth certificates
- death certificates
- marriage licenses and certificates
- stillbirth certificates
- divorce/annulment decrees

Relationship Chart

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Identify the most recent common ancestor of the two individuals with the unknown relationship.
2. Determine the common ancestor's relationship to each person (for example, grandparent or great-grandparent).
3. In the topmost row of the chart, find the common ancestor's relationship to cousin number one. In the far-left column, find the common ancestor's relationship to cousin number two.
4. Trace the row and column from step 3. The square where they meet shows the two individuals' relationship.

The Most Recent Common Ancestor is Number One's...

	parent	grandparent	great-grandparent	great-great-grandparent	third-great-grandparent	fourth-great-grandparent
The Most Recent Common Ancestor is Number Two's...	parent	siblings	nephew or niece	grandnephew or -niece	great-grand-nephew or -niece	great-great-grandnephew or -niece
	grandparent	nephew or niece	first cousins	first cousins once removed	first cousins twice removed	first cousins three times removed
	great-grandparent	grandnephew or -niece	first cousins once removed	second cousins	second cousins once removed	second cousins twice removed
	great-great-grandparent	great-grand-nephew or -niece	first cousins twice removed	second cousins once removed	third cousins	third cousins once removed
	third-great-grandparent	great-great-grandnephew or -niece	first cousins three times removed	second cousins twice removed	third cousins once removed	fourth cousins
	fourth-great-grandparent	third-great-grandnephew or -niece	first cousins four times removed	second cousins three times removed	third cousins twice removed	fourth cousins once removed

Online Search Tracker

Collection Name: _____ Website: _____

Name

First and Middle Names	Last Name

Keywords

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Events

	Date	Location
Birth		
Arrival		
Lived In		
Marriage		
Death		

Relationships

Relationship	First Name	Last Name

Surname Variant Worksheet

Surname			
Place of Origin			
Phonetic Variants			
Possible Variations into English			
Surname Suffixes (-son, -datter, etc.)			
Other Spellings/Variants			

US Census Checklist

Track which censuses your ancestors would have appeared in—and if you've found them yet!

Ancestor Name	1790	1800	1810	1820	1830	1840	1850	1860	1870	1880	1900	1910	1920	1930	1940	1950
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Note: The vast majority of 1890 census returns were destroyed. As a result, this form omits that year's enumeration.



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Source	Title	Author	Publisher	Location/Repository	Call No.	Volume/Page No.
Bible record	Green-White-Crume Family Bible		New York: J. Emory and B. Waugh for the Methodist Episcopal Church, 1829	Rick Crume, Glyndon, Minnesota		
Book	A History of Old Togo Pass, 1764-1918, Pennsylvania	Louise (Widell) Murry	Athens, Pennsylvania: L.W. Murry, 1988	Library of Congress, Washington, DC	F159 A9M9	pp. 484-485
Cemetery marker	William Myers tombstone, Schenectus Cemetery, Maryland, Otsego County, New York		Photographed by Rick Crume, May 2005			
Census record	[Jonathan Hall household,* 1850 US Census, Cuba, Allegany County, New York		Ancestry.com		<www.ancestry.com>	pp. 250-251
Church record	Register of baptisms, marriages and interments, 1759-1865	St. Paul's Church, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania (Episcopal)		Family History Library, Salt Lake City, Utah	FHL microfilm 384,643	p. 217
International Genealogical Index	[Thomas Morgan and Joan Jones marriage entry]* International Genealogical Index (IGI)		FamilySearch		<www.familysearch.org>	citing microfilm 984,310 for batch 7401,710, sheet 20

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Land record	[Deed of sale, William Pennington to Jarvis A. Grant], Clay County, Minnesota deeds			Clay County Recorder, Moorhead, Minnesota		book B, p. 142
Military record	Martin B. Van Buren, New York, Revolutionary War pension file		HeritageQuest Online		<www.heritagequestonline.com>	
Obituary	Isabella Remington obituary		<i>The Aroostook Times</i> , Houlton, Maine, Friday, 16 December 1898		Fogler Library, University of Maine, Orono	p. 7
Oral history interview	Oral interview with Doris (Morgan) (Lee) Kuehn of Crookston, Minnesota, 4 July 1992	Rick Crume, interviewer	Notes by Rick Crume	Rick Crume, Glyndon, Minnesota		
Passenger list	Ellis Island		The Statue of Liberty-Ellis Island Foundation		<www.ellisland.org>	
Pedigree database	Howard C. Griffin Ancestors	Karen Hale	RootsWeb's WorldConnect Project		<worldconnect.rootsweb.com>	
Vital record	John Hall entry, Rice County Deaths			Clerk of the District Court, Rice County, Fairbault, Minnesota		

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