

# Getting a Good Start

## Things I wish I'd Known about Genealogical Research Before I Began

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### Things to consider before and during research

- A. Ethics
- B. Locale
- C. Research objective
- D. Genealogical Proof Standard
- E. Be prepared

### The Three R's

- Research
  1. Organization
  2. Basic forms
  3. Objective
  4. Plan
- Records
  1. Categories
  2. Access
- Resources
  1. Groups
  2. Learning opportunities
  3. Your library

### How to Begin

- Pedigree chart
- Home record examples
- An example of a good start

## **Selected Online Resources:**

Ancestry.com	<a href="https://www.ancestry.com">https://www.ancestry.com</a>
Chronicling America	<a href="https://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/">https://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/</a>
FamilySearch	<a href="https://www.familysearch.org">https://www.familysearch.org</a>
Find A Grave	<a href="https://www.findagrave.com">https://www.findagrave.com</a>
Fold3	<a href="https://www.fold3.com">https://www.fold3.com</a>
GenealogyBank	<a href="https://www.genealogybank.com">https://www.genealogybank.com</a>
Genealogy on Facebook List	<a href="https://www.socialmediagenealogy.com">https://www.socialmediagenealogy.com</a>
HathiTrust	<a href="https://www.hathitrust.org">https://www.hathitrust.org</a>
Internet Archive	<a href="https://archive.org">https://archive.org</a>
Kentucky Genealogical Society	<a href="https://kygs.org/">https://kygs.org/</a>
Legacy Family Tree Webinars	<a href="https://familytreewebinars.com/">https://familytreewebinars.com/</a>
Library of Congress	<a href="https://www.loc.gov">https://www.loc.gov</a>
Mid-Continent Public Library	<a href="https://www.mymcpl.org">https://www.mymcpl.org</a>
Newspapers.com	<a href="https://newspapers.com">https://newspapers.com</a>
RootsTech Conference	<a href="https://www.rootstech.org/?lang=eng">https://www.rootstech.org/?lang=eng</a>
The National Archives and Records Administration	<a href="https://www.archives.gov">https://www.archives.gov</a>
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