

# Genealogy Quickstart

A quick, simple and effective  
way to begin your family history journey



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# Take the right first step

A well-documented pedigree chart of the first three generations is the foundation for the rest of your family history journey.



# Start with the pedigree chart

Full name along with date/place of the three key life events - birth, marriage, death - for you, your parents and grandparents.

# Pedigree chart concepts

- **Names** as born (maiden name for women)
- **Dates** in DD MMM YYYY format
- Full **locality** - city, county, state, country
- A **guess** is better than a blank
- Use **pencil** until “proven”

# Gather evidence

“Prove” the names, events, dates and places using records you have immediately available to you.

# Gather evidence concepts

- Build **confidence** you have the right tree
- Use **primary sources** to prove facts
- Switch from pencil to **ink when proven**
- **Update the Pedigree Chart** with other hints

# Engage your family

Other family members know different information and have different perspectives that will provide more clues, insights, or evidence.

# Ideas to share your research

- **Share** your incomplete research with family
- **Capture information** without judgment and assess accuracy later
- Prioritize the most **senior family members**
- **Make it fun**

# Records research

Search online or at the source for birth, marriage and death records that prove or disprove the names, events, dates and places.

# Records research concepts

- Proof is about **confidence**, not certainty
- **Original, primary records** best
- **Exhaust free resources** first
  - FamilySearch
  - Ancestry library (Sno-Isle Libraries)
  - Washington Digital Archives

# Q & A

# Take the next step

The pedigree chart and these basic skills will lead you to more clues and records.

You'll be confident you're on the right path, your family's path.



# And when you're ready

- Coffee Klatch every Monday at 10a on Zoom
- Tool Shed every 3rd Wednesday of the month at 7p on Zoom
- Open library hours 11a-3p on Thursdays and Saturdays
- Check our website [www.snoislegenealogy.org](http://www.snoislegenealogy.org) for times, places, and Zoom links

# Genealogy Quickstart Cheat Sheet

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## Free Resources

- Sno-Isle Genealogical Society
  - Member portal - <https://snoislegenealogy.org/index.php>
  - Library Catalog - <https://www.librarycat.org/lib/SNOISLEGEN>
  - Edmonds Tribune-Review digital collection - <https://etr.stparchive.com/>
  - Presentation handouts - <https://snoislegenealogy.org/fileDownload.php?cid=9&sid=2>
  - Instagram - <https://www.instagram.com/snoislegen/>
  - Facebook - <https://www.facebook.com/SnoIsleGenealogicalSociety>
  - YouTube - <https://www.youtube.com/@Sno-IsleGen>
- Family Search
  - Website/records research (free account required) - <https://www.familysearch.org>
  - Wiki - [https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Main\\_Page](https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Main_Page)
  - Mountlake Terrace research Library - <https://locations.familysearch.org/en/us/wa/mountlake-terrace/22015-48th-ave-w?qp=Lynnwood%2C+Washington+98036%2C+United+States&lat=47.827439&lng=-122.307059&r=25>
- Washington Digital Archives - <https://digitalarchives.wa.gov/>
- Sno-Isle Library System Genealogy - [https://www.sno-isle.org/resources/genealogy/?\\_gl=1\\*1eyvgbe\\*\\_ga\\*MTgxNjQxODQ4OS4xNzI1NDc2NDM1\\*\\_ga\\_G99DMMNG39\\*MTcyNTQ3NjQzNS4xLjEuMTcyNTQ3NjQzNy4wLjAuMA..](https://www.sno-isle.org/resources/genealogy/?_gl=1*1eyvgbe*_ga*MTgxNjQxODQ4OS4xNzI1NDc2NDM1*_ga_G99DMMNG39*MTcyNTQ3NjQzNS4xLjEuMTcyNTQ3NjQzNy4wLjAuMA..)

SIGS Activities <https://snoislegenealogy.org/eventListings.php?nm=76>

- **Coffee Klatch** - Monday mornings at 10am on Zoom. An information gathering to share experiences and ask questions.
- **Tool Shed** - 3rd Wednesday of each month at 7pm on Zoom. An information study group focusing on tools and techniques for genealogical research.
- **General Meeting** - 1st Wednesday of the month at 6:30pm in-person and on Zoom. Social gathering and formal presentation.
- **Library Hours** - Every Thursday and Saturday from 11am to 3pm at the Humble House library in Heritage Park, Lynnwood. Volunteers are on hand to answer questions, show the collection of books and discuss your objectives.

# Pedigree Chart



You (or main person)

Parents

GrandParents

Great-Grandparents

<p>Name: _____          Birth _____          Place of Birth _____          Married _____          Place of Marriage _____          Death _____          Place of Death _____</p>	<p>Name: _____          Birth _____          Place of Birth _____          Married _____          Place of Marriage _____          Death _____          Place of Death _____</p>	<p>Name: _____          Birth _____          Place of Birth _____          Married _____          Place of Marriage _____          Death _____          Place of Death _____</p>	<p>Name _____          Birth _____</p> <p>Name _____          Birth _____</p> <p>Name _____          Birth _____</p> <p>Name _____          Birth _____</p>
<p>Name of Spouse _____</p>	<p>Name: _____          Birth _____          Place of Birth _____          Married _____          Place of Marriage _____          Death _____          Place of Death _____</p>	<p>Name: _____          Birth _____          Place of Birth _____          Married _____          Place of Marriage _____          Death _____          Place of Death _____</p>	<p>Name _____          Birth _____</p> <p>Name _____          Birth _____</p>

## Family Group Record

<b>Document Person</b>	
Birth Date _____	Place _____
Married _____	Place _____
Died _____	Place _____
Father's Name _____	Mother's Name _____
Other Info _____	

<b>Spouse's Name</b>	
Birth Date _____	Place _____
Married _____	Place _____
Died _____	Place _____
Father's Name _____	Mother's Name _____
Other Info _____	

<b>Children</b> <i>(listed whether living or dead, in order of Birth)</i>	
Name _____	Male/Female _____
Birth Date _____	Place _____
Married _____	Place _____
Died _____	Place _____
Spouse's Name _____	Male/Female _____
Name _____	Male/Female _____
Birth Date _____	Place _____
Married _____	Place _____
Died _____	Place _____
Spouse's Name _____	Male/Female _____
Name _____	Male/Female _____
Birth Date _____	Place _____
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Spouse's Name _____	Male/Female _____
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Spouse's Name _____	Male/Female _____
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Birth Date _____	Place _____
Married _____	Place _____
Died _____	Place _____
Spouse's Name _____	Male/Female _____

*Always document female's by their maiden name*

