



Ventura County Genealogical Society Camarillo Library Genealogy Workshops

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Genealogy: First Steps

Goal: To learn about starting your family tree

Genealogy Notes

Family Group Sheets: one per person

Pedigree/Ancestry charts: in branching chart, male names are across the top “branches”

Formatting Conventions:

Surname: ALL CAPS (JAMES, Henry)

Date entry: day/month/year (5 Sep 2012)

Spelling does not count...names can vary depending on who was doing the recording/transcription (I just found my CASEY family entered in the 1860 Kansas census as CALLY). Be flexible in your approach)

When researching, document date of search, book name, etc. so that you can reconstruct where you found an item.

Sites for beginning genealogy research

Forms:

Mid-Continent Public Library:

<http://www.mymcpl.org/genealogy/family-history-forms> (has them all)

The Bailey's Free Genealogy Forms:

<http://www.cs.williams.edu/~bailey/genealogy/> (ditto)

BYU Harold B. Lee Library

<http://lib.byu.edu/sites/familyhistory/print-forms-research-helps/> (ditto)

ProGenealogists:

<http://www.progenealogists.com/freeforms.htm>

Ancestry:

<http://www.ancestry.com/charts/ancchart.aspx>

Guidance for beginning your family history

Family Search:

https://www.familysearch.org/learn/wiki/en/How_to_Begin_a_Search_for_Your_Ancestor

Family Search Videos:

https://familysearch.org/learn/getting_started_step_1

Ancestry Learning:

http://www.ancestry.com/cs/Satellite?childpagename=USLearningCenter%2FLearning_C%2FPageDefault&pagename=LearningWrapper&cid=1265124577005

Rootsweb:

<http://rwguide.rootsweb.ancestry.com/lesson1.htm>

ComPortOne.com:

<http://www.comportone.com/cpo/genealogy/articles/26tips.htm>

BYU Free Courses:

<http://is.byu.edu/courses/pe/999015068001/public/start.htm>

Family Chronicle--First Steps:

http://www.familychronicle.com/FirstSteps_03.html

Genealogy Today:

<http://www.genealogytoday.com/genealogy/newbie.html>