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Good Luck.

In The

Beginning . . .

# The 3 simple steps for successful, stress free Family History work

1. Organize and Record What You Know About Your Family
2. Find and Record what Others Know About Your Family
3. Search/confirm/validate/discover data&blanks

## 3 Simple Steps for Family History

### 1. Organize and Record What You Know About Your Family

Use a Pedigree Chart (start with just given name and surname)

Select Target Family and fill in the family group sheet data as best you can from what you know.

Add notes to individual family members. Include memories & hints

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to compute or not to compute, is that the question?

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## "The Paperwork"

### (3) 3-ring binders:

A skinny binder as a field book (You never go anywhere without this one)

A 2 inch binder or Book of Remembrance (You leave this one home)

A 5 inch binder for enclosures (You leave this home as well)

a sample FGS note

enc xxx	Enclosure reference
?	Research issue, uncertain data
??	Unconfirmed or unsourced Speculation
( )	Comments not included in enclosure

Sample format:

enc XXX rws Robert age 4? 1950 federal census

Example 1:

enc 001 rws Robert age 4 1950 federal census La Habra, Orange, California ED 4556 living at 12361 E Central Ave, La Habra with father Archie age 30 mother Betty age 26 sister Cindy age 2

Example 2:

enc 072 rws Robert age 14 1960 federal census Brea Orange Calif ED 4556 at 1349 W Central Brea with father Archie age 40, mother Betty age 35 sister Cindy age 12 brother sister Mary Lou age 7 brother Bill age 5 niece Nancy age 7 nephew Ricky age 5. (The family did not move, the property had been located in the county and was annexed by Brea)

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#### 2. Find and Record what Others Know About Your Family

Use pedigree linked data bases to find what others may know about your family and record that on the relevant pedigree – FGS

Best examples include FamilyTree & Ancestry etc.

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3. Search/confirm/validate/discover data&blanks

Use the 6 step Research Cycle



■ ■ ■ The End

Research Cycle, THE 6 Steps to Success

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- 1. Select a goal
- 2. Filter for possible sources
  - Biographical/Birth/Marriage/Death Reference Lists
- 3. Locate a selected source
- 4. Obtain a copy
- 5. Read and record data
- 6. Analyse the data for consistency

Do not skip a step! At the first stumble, fall back to previous step and think. If you need, return to step 2, or if necessary a better step 1.