

HOW

TO

START MY GENEALOGY

Curwensville
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Don't know where to begin your genealogy journey?

Here are three easy steps that will help you get started:

1. Start with what you know.

Start with yourself, your parents, and your grandparents and write them on:

Pedigree Chart, a visual representation of “bloodline” of an individual. This is true genetic ancestry for the individual.

Family Group Sheet, each group sheet will show represents one family unit. Father, Mother, and all Children are listed.

2. Look for Vital Records ✨

Birth, Marriage, and Death Records

- shows date of event, full names, addresses, and places
- spouse's name, mother's maiden name, parents name
- occupation and cause of death

3. Explore Census Records

Go to www.archives.gov/research/census to see what years are available and which sites you can view them from.