



**What level of detail do you require? Are you looking for simple pedigree information, focusing solely on direct ancestors (parents, grandparents, great-grandparents, etc.), or would you like details on extended family members such as siblings and cousins (and how many generations back)? Additionally, are you seeking document verification through certificates only, or would you like a family tree created for display purposes?**

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**What documentation or information can you share to help begin the process?**

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**Key Considerations for Family History Research**

To begin family history research, it is crucial to gather key details from a grandparent's generation, such as names (or those of another relative from their generation), along with birth and death dates, if known. Knowing where they lived or originated from is also highly useful.

If civil registration records are available, purchasing certificates (at an additional cost) may be necessary to verify names, dates, and relationships if this information is not already documented. These certificates will remain the client's property once the research project concludes.

For periods before the introduction of civil registration (which varies by location), local church records are often the primary source of information. The quality and level of detail in these records depend on the standards of record-keeping in particular locations at the time.”

“Birth certificates typically include the names of the mother and father and, depending on the location, may provide additional details such as the parents’ marriage date, the father’s occupation, and information about other children from the marriage. Marriage certificates usually list the names, addresses, and ages of the couple, along with the names of one or both parents. Death certificates record the person’s age at death, the date and time of death, and the cause of death. However, these are considered the least reliable civil registration documents, as they depend on the informant’s knowledge of the deceased.

Access to certificates and indexes varies by country to protect privacy. In Australia, restrictions apply to records less than 100 years old for births, 75 years for marriages, and 50 years for deaths, requiring in-person research at registries and proof of relationship to the individual. In the UK (excluding the Republic of Ireland and Northern Ireland), indexes are generally more accessible, though requirements differ between jurisdictions.”

I will do my utmost to find the information you’re seeking. However, Family history research results cannot be guaranteed due to various factors, including incomplete or inaccurate historical records, the loss or destruction of key documents, and the possibility of errors in interpreting or linking information. Additionally, gaps in available data, inconsistent naming conventions, and the challenge of verifying oral histories or conflicting sources can further complicate the research process, making it difficult to provide definitive conclusions. While every effort will be made to find the desired information, **payment is based on the time spent researching and not on the result.**

Our family history packages are designed to help you uncover your ancestral roots, offering tailored research and expert guidance to explore your unique family story. “Research is typically charged on an hourly basis, with a fixed project fee available for larger undertakings through a formal agreement. While research may seem costly, it’s important to understand that various factors contribute to the overall expense.” This blog post sums it up beautifully! <https://familytreesearch.com.au/what-does-it-cost-to-do-family-history-research> “The cost of certificates, printing, and presentations is not included in the agreed project fee and will be billed separately.”

#### Rates:

- Research: \$55/hour (min - 3 hours, discounts given for purchase of consecutive additional hours).
- Certificate costs: Vary by location
- Printing: \$0.10 per page
- Photo digitization: \$2 per photo (minimum of 50 photos), \$3 per photo if labeling is required
- USB drive: Charged at cost.