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British Columbia Genealogical Society:
www.bcgs.ca/

Library and Archives Canada Genealogy:
bit.ly/2BHXX2c

CanGenealogy: www.cangenealogy.com

US Genealogy: www.usa.gov/genealogy

FamilySearch Wiki: bit.ly/2zJRxZ6

Teresa's Genealogy & Family History
Toolbox: [sechelt.bc.libraries.coop/
files/2013/05/Genealogy-Family-History-
Toolbox.pdf](http://sechelt.bc.libraries.coop/files/2013/05/Genealogy-Family-History-Toolbox.pdf)

MAJOR DATABASES

Ancestry Library Edition (in-library use only)

Ancestry.ca
(paid subscription,
limited free account available)

Findmypast.com
(paid subscription
limited free account available)

FamilySearch.org
(some free resources, free account
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MyHeritage.com
(paid subscription,
limited free account available)

Geneanet.org/
(paid subscription,
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TheGenealogist.com
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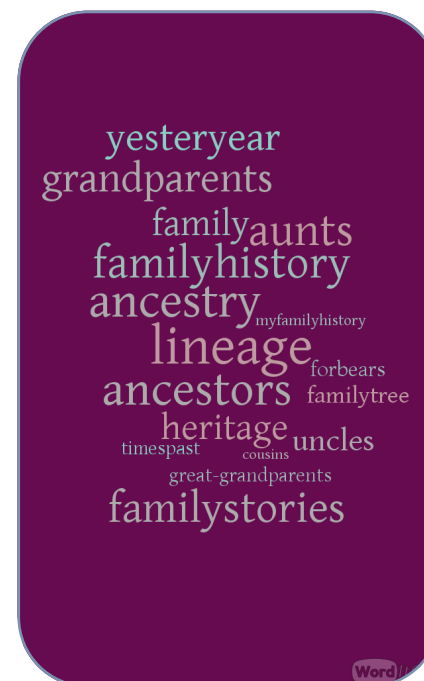
AmericanAncestors.com
(paid subscription,
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Scotland's People
(pay-per-view, limited free account
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Irishgenealogy.ie
(free church and civil records)

Emerald Ancestors
(paid subscription)

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Space to think

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Why Family History?

Tracing the lives of those who experienced the world in a completely different way is both addictive and close to all-consuming. It's like a puzzle, working back through time and increasing ancestors and families with every added branch. Census and marriage records with addresses and other details are like pots of gold at the end of the rainbow; finding them provides an indescribable sense of satisfaction.

Our ancestors come alive when we learn about their everyday life. That is the lure that hooks many a family historian. The feeling that through our research we can come to know our family members who lived more than 100 years ago serves to spur us on when faced with missing records and ancestors that seem to disappear without a trace.

Strictly speaking, of course, there is a difference between genealogy and family history – genealogy traces and records lines of descent while family history records the lives themselves, rather than just the names and dates. However, it's a rare genealogist who isn't also a family historian. We indulge in the first to achieve the second. After all, we can't write about our ancestors if we don't know who they are and the tools which allow genealogists to establish the family tree also help give us the details to tell our ancestors' tales.

How do I start?

The best place to start your family tree is with your own family. **First**, decide how you're going to record the information you receive. You can use a notebook, printable forms (available online), a spreadsheet, or family tree software.

Then, talk to your living relatives and ask them to tell you all the details they know - when/where they were born, who their parents were, when/where their parents were born and married. Keep going back as many generations as you can. Write down these details.

Once you have gathered that information, you will need to start looking for records to document the information you have gathered. Experienced researchers can tell you how important these sources are. While our relatives might be certain of names and dates, it's surprising how often they don't have quite the correct information. The reasons vary from faulty memories to long-buried family secrets.

Don't forget to create a filing system, either paper or electronic, and use it consistently. There are many resources both in print and online to help you with this. **Last of all...have fun!**

Popular Blogs

Family History and Genealogy blogs are one of the best sources for research, methodology, technology, and education resources as well as new record collection releases. Here's a list of some of the popular genealogy/family history blogs:

Accidental Genealogist

www.theaccidentalgenealogist.com/

Amy Johnson Crow

www.amyjohnsoncrow.com/

Canada's Anglo-Celtic Connections

anglo-celtic-connections.blogspot.ca/

Copper Leaf Genealogy

www.copperleafgenealogy.com/blog/

Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter

blog.eogn.com/

Empty Branches on the Family Tree

emptybranchesonthefamilytree.com/

Genealogy à la carte

genealogyalacarte.ca/

Genealogy Beyond the BMD

<http://genealogybeyondthebmd.blogspot.ca/>

Genealogy Gems

<https://lialouisecooke.com/blog/>

Genea-Musings

www.geneamusings.com/

The Genes Blog

britishgenes.blogspot.ca/

Olive Tree Genealogy

olivetreegenealogy.blogspot.ca/

UK to Canada Genealogy

ukcdngenealogy.blogspot.ca/