Starting your tree on FamilySearch.

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1. Begin with what you know.
2. Gather all information you can in one place
3. Read the documents you find carefully to ensure you get all the information you can.
   a. If possible, summarize the information you find.
4. Concentrate on one family at a time. Add all you can to that family before moving on to the next family.
5. Allow FamilySearch some time to find information. (I usually do as much as I can on a person and then, a couple of days later, look to see what the algorithms come up with.
6. Look at your ancestor in a timeline. This helps you verify that the information you have found really does belong to your ancestor.
7. The only person who can see living individuals is the person who entered them.
8. Memories – even those with living people are publicly viewable and are potentially findable, unless you set it to private.
9. It's always a good Idea to preform research in person as well as online.
10. Keyword search are a valuable tool in finding information about your ancestor.

More Information

YouTube

- BYU Family History Library
- FamilySearch

[The Family History Guide](#) – Free thefhguide.com it links to the answers on FamilySearch.

[Legacy Family Tree Webinars](#) - $49 a year, but each webinar on Wednesday is free that day.

[FamilySearch Wiki](#)

[Guided Research](#)

[Chronicling America](#) by the Library of Congress

Records can be searched by putting in a name or a location. Historical records on FamilySearch are mainly government and church records.

Searching by name:

Most of us are familiar with putting in a name to get results. However, some tricks to getting the most out of a name search exist. Don't be afraid to use wildcard searches. The more information you put into your search, the more you limit the results you will get. Don't limit yourself, try:

An Asterisk (*) can specify any number of characters. This is useful if you are looking for variations on a name like Mary, Marlene, Marilynn, etc. Under the first name you would type Mar*

A Question Mark (?) can replace a single character anywhere in the world. This is very helpful when searching for all variants of a word.

To limit the results of your search, add information like birth, death, spouse, and parents. This will narrow down your results.

🏠 takes you to the home person on the tree.

⚙ Shows available options for working in your family tree.

✦ Allows you to follow someone in your tree and receive updates when changes are made,

xxxx-xxx each person receives a personal identification number, allowing you to easily find them when working in the tree.

You can change the order of things on a person page under tools- settings.