

Self Help Aids

YouTube

- Family History Fanatics
- US National Archives
- Genealogy TV
- Genealogy with Amy Johnson Crow
- Your DNA Guide
- Lisa Lisson – Are You My Cousin
- BYU Library
- Just Genealogy
- American Ancestors
- Allen County Public Library - ACPL

Podcasts

- Extreme Genes
- From Paper to People
- Lisa Louise Cooke's – Genealogy Gems
- Family Locket – Research Like a Pro
- Genealogy Guys
- Genealogy Happy hour (paired with wine)
- Ancestral Finding

- There are online learning opportunities one class or a series of classes at:
 - Ancestry Academy
 - Family Search
 - Legacy Family Tree Webinars (free & Paid)
 - My Heritage
 - Family Tree University (\$99.99 each)
 - Some Colleges and universities offer classes or degree/ certificate programs \$\$\$-\$\$\$\$.
 - Genealogy Conferences (in person and virtual) offer a variety of lectures on a wide range of subjects and levels and are attended by vendors promoting their products

Standards: **Dates**

- Date format is dd MON YYYY
- As in 10 Jan 2025 Because 10/1/25 could be :
- October 1, 1925 or October 1, 1825
- Or January 10, 2025, or January 10, 1725, etc.
- Make an educated guess if you don't know. Abt 1840

Surnames

- Women are always recorded using the SURNAME they were **born** with.
- No matter how many times they were married.
- Note: you can use 5 underscores for unknown names (this will act as a place holder and not interfere with search engines)

Places

- Standard format for places in the US is:
 - City, County, State, Country
 - County, State, Country
 - State, Country or
 - Country

Sources

- Evaluate each source for validity.
- Why was the record created?
- Who provided the information?
- Is there a reason to lie?
- Was the record recorded at the time of the events listed on it?

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https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLC6xLbn7JeDmcrWA5_hpYUh3qqwvYm-Te