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FAMILY HISTORY - PRESERVING OUR PAST FOR THE FUTURE

# Getting started!

- Start with yourself!
- You may have access to FIVE generations
  - Grandparents
  - Parents
  - **YOU**
  - Children
  - Grandchildren





# How do I get information?



- First – contact your family.
- Collect all the documents you can from your family
  - Birth, marriage, and death certificates
  - Family bibles, diaries, photos, letters, newspaper cuttings
- Visit and gather those stories (while you can!)
- Note the sources of each piece of information

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# How do I get MORE information

- Visit repositories (libraries/museums/archives)
- Join genealogical/family history groups
- Read books about the place/ period in time
- Go on-line and search
  
- BUT most of all use other people with an interest in family history to help you in your journey.



# More about more information 😊

- Repositories

- Museums – National, regional and local,
- Libraries – National, special focused libraries such as the NZSG library.
- Archives – National and special archives such as Church archives, military archives.
- Special historical places – such as Pioneer buildings, churches,



# More about more information (2)

- Books/magazines
  - Quick aids to countries – how to....,
  - Gazetteers – help you find those little places not always on the map
  - Social histories – learn about the life and times relating to your family
  - Personal family stories – here you could find others who might have written about your wider family
  - Magazines focusing on a special area/ place.



# More about more information (3)

- On-line – a teaser!
- Free websites
  - NZ archives; NZ historical BDMs
  - Family search; Papers Past; NZSG; National archives of Ireland; and so much more.
- Pay to view websites
  - Ancestry.com; FindMyPast; British library newspapers; The genealogist; Scotland's people



# Use Genealogical/Family history groups

- Local branches throughout the country
- Interest groups,
- Family history societies



- Each of these groups offer personal help from their members – assisting point you in the right direction to further your research



# How can I record the information?

- Hard copy
  - A box/file for each family
  - A pedigree chart recording your direct ancestors
  - A family group sheet for the wider family
  - Census forms following the family over the years
  - Copies of certificates, photos, letters, newspapers,

A historical census form titled "CENSUS OF IRELAND, 1901". The form is a table with multiple columns and rows, containing handwritten entries. The title is at the top, and the form is labeled "FORM A".

CENSUS OF IRELAND, 1901									
FORM A.									
HOUSEHOLD									
Name of Head of Household									
Address									
Date of Birth									
Sex									
Marital Status									
Religion									
Occupation									
Education									
Other									
1	John	1845	M	Married	Protestant	Farmer	None		
2	Mary	1848	F	Married	Roman Catholic	Wife	None		
3	John	1870	M	Single	Protestant	Labourer	None		
4	Mary	1875	F	Single	Roman Catholic	Wife	None		
5	John	1880	M	Single	Protestant	Labourer	None		
6	Mary	1885	F	Single	Roman Catholic	Wife	None		
7	John	1890	M	Single	Protestant	Labourer	None		
8	Mary	1895	F	Single	Roman Catholic	Wife	None		
9	John	1900	M	Single	Protestant	Labourer	None		
10	Mary	1905	F	Single	Roman Catholic	Wife	None		



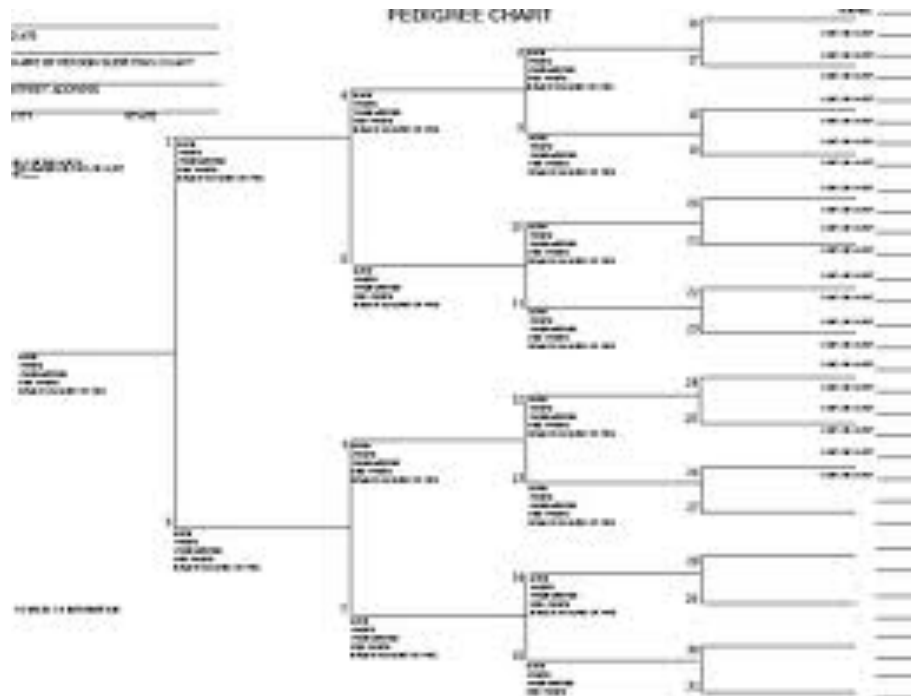
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# Pedigree chart & Family Group sheets



Generation	Individual	Sex	Birth Date	Death Date	Notes
I	1	M	1850	1920	
I	2	F	1855	1915	
II	1	M	1880	1950	
II	2	F	1885	1945	
II	3	M	1890	1960	
II	4	F	1895	1955	
II	5	M	1900	1970	
II	6	F	1905	1965	
II	7	M	1910	1980	
II	8	F	1915	1975	
II	9	M	1920	1990	
II	10	F	1925	1985	
II	11	M	1930	1995	
II	12	F	1935	1990	
II	13	M	1940	2000	
II	14	F	1945	1995	
II	15	M	1950	2005	
II	16	F	1955	2000	
II	17	M	1960	2010	
II	18	F	1965	2015	
II	19	M	1970	2020	
II	20	F	1975	2020	

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# Census records

- Check dates –eg. UK/ Scotland 1841 – 1911
  - Ireland – 1901 - 1911

NAME of each person whose place of abode on April 1, 1841, was in this family (See remarks that show the person not enumerated in 1841)	RELATION of this person to the head of the family	BIRTH DATA					PERSONAL IN	
		Year	Month	Day	Place	Age	Sex	Color of Hair
Eliza Miller	Spouse					26	F	Black
— Elizabeth	Son					20	M	Black
— Elizabeth	Daughter					15	F	Black
— Eliza	Daughter					12	F	Black
— George John	Son	1820				21	M	Black
— Mary	Daughter					18	F	Black
— Elizabeth	Son					15	M	Black
— Elizabeth	Daughter					12	F	Black
— Elizabeth	Daughter					10	F	Black
— John	Son					8	M	Black



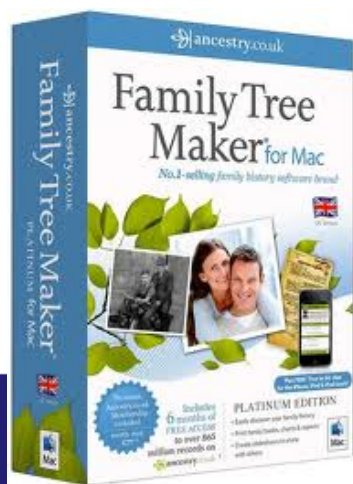


# How can I record information (2)

## Computer databases

- Genealogy computer programmes exist for PCs, Mac, laptops, tablets and smart phones:
  - ‘Legacy’ ‘family tree maker’ ‘Roots magic’
  - ‘iFamily’; ‘reunion’

You can enter your data into a digital programme, carry it with you, add information from a variety of repositories, alter it as you get new information, copy notes, wills, maps, photos etc. and share with others.



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# A Legacy page



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# A Family Tree Maker page

The screenshot displays the Family Tree Maker software interface. The main window shows a family tree diagram with several generations. The tree is centered on Alice Cleo Larsen (1899-1933), who is the daughter of Thomas Ross Wilson (1862-1929) and Susanna Murren Sheets (1858-1933). Alice Cleo Larsen is married to John Paley Larson (1885-1948). The tree also shows other family members, including James Thomas Wilson, Isabella Ross, Eliph Funk Sheets, Susanna Murren, Christian Gritt Larson, Annetta Johnson, William Lazarus H. DeLoren, and Samantha Jane McDonough.

On the left side, there is an index of 5831 people, sorted by Family, Given Name. The index lists names such as Langford, Thomas; Langton, Mary; Langton, Isabel; Larsson, Isaac; Larsson, Maria Kaja; Larsen, Alice Cleo; Larsen, Cecil Lisa; Larsen, Cecel Mose; Larsen, Cecelia Egeroline; Larsen, Christian Gritt; Larsen, Christian John; Larsen, Daniel Oscar; Larsen, George Albert; Larsen, Jonne Arnetto; Larsen, Johannes; Larsen, John Lyman; Larsen, John Paley; Larsen, Mary Annetta; Larsen, Mary Johansen; Larsen, Parley Edward; Larsen, Sarah Olive; Larsen, Sibba Cecelia Egeroline; Larsen, Soren; Larsen, Thomas; Larsen, Wardo Emerita; Larsen, Zola; Larsen, Zoe Anella; Larsson, Anders; Larsson, Eric; Larsoelle, Bertram; Larsoelle, Hilde Marcolle Lar...; Larsoe, Ralfha.

On the right side, there is a detailed profile for Alice Cleo Larsen. The profile includes a photo, name, sex (Female), age (43), birth date (24 Nov 1899), birth place (Paradox, Montrose, Colorado, USA), death date (23 Feb 1933), death place (Alta, Teton, Wyoming, USA), and residence (Alta, Teton, Wyoming, USA). The profile also shows marriage information: married on 28 Jun 1916 in Salt Lake City, Salt Lake, Utah, USA, to John Paley Larson.

At the bottom of the profile, there is a table for children:

Go	Children: 7	Sex	Birth	Death
<	Ralf Thomas Wilson	M	28 Jul 1917 in Alta, Teton, Wyo...	
<	John Mark Wilson	M	21 Oct 1919 in Alta, Teton, Wyo...	14 Jun 1997 in Alta, Teton, Wyo...
<	Ojide Larsen Wilson	M	03 Mar 1922 in Alta, Teton, Wyo...	24 Jun 1924

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# Don't forget!

- Record your findings (hard copy or on a computer programme)
- Note the sources
- Check for more than one source
- Join a group/ Branch/ Interest group
- Go to an education session or start one!
- Have fun!

