

Genealogy

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Where To Start?

- With what you already know
 - Names of relatives and ancestors
 - Relationships
 - Dates of births, marriages, deaths
 - Where they lived
 - Other key information, life events

Where to Access Information

Free Sites

- [FreeBMD](#)
- [Freereg Parish registers](#)
- [Freecen Census records](#)
- [Family Search](#)
- [Commonwealth War Graves Commission](#)
- [The Genealogist](#)
- [Genuki](#)
- [War Records](#)
- [Wikitree](#)
- [Imperial War Museum](#)
- [Local History Sites](#)

Paid Sites

- [Ancestry.com \(or free in some libraries\)](#)
- [Find My Past](#)

Archives

- [Suffolk Archive, The Hold](#)
- [Norfolk Records Office](#)
- [National Archives](#)

What Information is Available

- Birth, marriage & death records, including Parish Records, Poor Records
- UK Census & electoral rolls
- The 1939 Register
- Immigration & travel
- Military Records
- Schools, directories & church histories
- Tax, criminal, land & wills
- Reference, dictionaries & almanacs
- Family Bibles
- Public Family Trees
- Newspapers
- Photos & Maps

What To Do With The Information

- Work on a generation at a time and work backwards
- Cross reference all links
- Keep a record of all data sources used to verify information
- Keep notes of all searches and data sources, even the dead ends
- Start building a family tree

Creating a Family Tree

- Start plotting it out on paper
- Create an online family tree
 - Ancestry.co.uk
- Use family tree software
 - MacFamilyTree (specifically for Apple Mac users)
 - [Gramps](#)
 - [Ancestris](#)

Be Warned!!

- It is addictive
- It is fascinating
- It can be surprising and shocking in equal measure!