

# Family Tree Research Guide

## Places to find information:

- Dufferin Genealogy Online - <http://geneology.dufferinmuseum.com/>
- Ancestry.ca (account required, free 14-day trial) [www.ancestry.ca](http://www.ancestry.ca)
- My Heritage – [www.myheritage.com](http://www.myheritage.com)
- Family Search – [www.familysearch.org](http://www.familysearch.org)
- Find A Grave - <https://www.findagrave.com/>
- Library and Archives Canada - <https://www.bac-lac.gc.ca/eng/discover/genealogy/Pages/introduction.aspx>
- Automated Genealogy - <http://automatedgenealogy.com/>

## Tips and Tricks:

- **Start with yourself and work backwards.** Record your details and the details of any siblings (name, date of birth, place of birth, where you live) then your parents, grandparents and so on.
- **Talk to everyone around you.** Gather names, places, dates and events. Ask or contact your family members to share stories. Treat every statement as a clue to your ancestral story.
- **Seek out historic records.** Use records to verify story details. Collect marriage records, old letters and photos, birth, naturalization, citizenship, death certificates, census records, etc. Save copies or take a digital picture.
- **Start at the end of an ancestor's life.** Often starting with a person's death certificate and obituary can provide helpful information and details about their life story.
- **Always check original documents.** Transcriptions are not always reliable. If you have trouble reading cursive handwriting, ask for help.

## Family Research Extension Activities:

- Create a timeline of important dates in an ancestor's life

- Research important events that happened during an ancestor's lifetime
- Research to learn about places your ancestors lived. Mark these places on a map. Consider using GoogleMyMaps
- Conduct an interview with an elder in your family (in person, over the phone, by video chat, or letter writing)
- Create a puzzle out of your family tree
- Investigate a family heirloom. What is its story?
- Create a scrapbook of favourite family memories
- Check out family tree activities at <https://www.familytreemagazine.com/kids-genealogy/#>