



# Who's in my tree?

*Ancestry – a brief beginners guide*

# Where do I begin

- Pen and paper or a notebook
- Start with yourself
- Add your children and partner
- Add your siblings with their children and partners
- Add your parents
- Add their siblings – aunts/uncles and their children and partners
- Add your grandparents on both sides – and their parents
- Do you know who their siblings are – your great aunts and uncles and their children?

# Now what?

- Speak to your family about what they know, who they remember
- Write down names, birthdays, places they lived, jobs, schools, hobbies, deaths, marriages, anything and everything else
- Write down any snippets of information, no matter how small – they are just a piece of the puzzle
- It is amazing how much information you and your family will know once you start talking about it
- Local history books, reference books, diaries, other written resources you come across are also useful

# Starting a tree

- Online trees are easy to use and usually have step by step instructions
- Only record information you want shared with others – remember you can keep it private even online, check the settings
- Family Tree Maker programs for your computer – there are a lot out there
- Old school – write it all up by hand



# Recording Information using free online resources

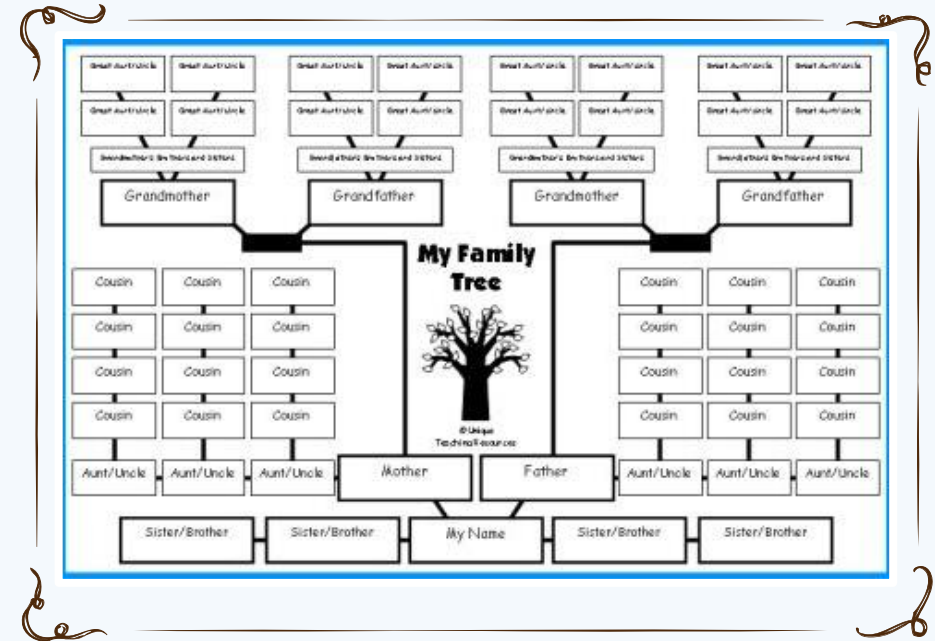
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### FAMILY GROUP SHEET

Husband's full name:			
Date	Location	Additional info.	
Birth			
Marriage			
Residence			
Occupation			
Death			
Burial			
Father's full name:			
Mother's full name:			
Additional notes:			
Wife's full name:			
Date	Location	Additional info.	
Birth			
Residence			
Occupation			
Death			
Burial			
Father's full name:			
Mother's full name:			
Additional notes:			
Children		Date	Location
1. Name:	Birth		
Spouse:	Marriage		
	Death		
2. Name:	Birth		
Spouse:	Marriage		
	Death		
3. Name:	Birth		
Spouse:	Marriage		
	Death		
4. Name:	Birth		
Spouse:	Marriage		
	Death		

Family group sheet – one of the ways to record a family group.



A snap shot of the beginning of your tree.

# Where do I go next?

## Photos and other memories

- Ask family if they have any photos and if they know who is on them
- Does anyone have any birth, marriage or death certificates?
- Keep a copy of them

## Local places

- Local libraries are a valuable source of information
- Local people – ask locals about memories of families living their local areas
- Connect with your local area

# Where do I go next - continued

## Online resources

- The following slide has a list of some websites. Beware of costs though
- Always double check online information
- Other people's trees – sometimes you hit lucky and someone else has information for you on their tree
- Watch out for spelling mistakes, handwritten records, incorrect transcriptions – always try to see original records if you can
- Look out for deals on websites that have a cost to them

## Below are some common websites for research

<https://www.ancestry.co.uk/> The best site. There is a cost to look at records.

<https://www.familysearch.org/en/> Great site but always check spellings of names and places. It is free.

<https://www.genuki.org.uk/> Loads of information on here so have a rummage about it. It is free.

<https://www.freebmd.org.uk/> From 1837 until 1920 for births, marriages and deaths only.

<https://www.forces-war-records.co.uk/> For any of your ancestors who served in any of the wars.

<https://www.findmypast.co.uk/> You know what this is but everything on here is also on Ancestry and Family Search.

<https://www.freeukgenealogy.org.uk/> Free census records, BMD and parish registers for pre 1837 records.





*Have fun and enjoy your new obsession*

*Watch out though – there may be a  
few skeletons in there you did not  
know about*

# Gateshead Carers Genealogy Group

We are a group of carers who meet every 2 weeks on a Thursday morning over Zoom to support each other with our research.

We look at different themes, help with barriers, have updates (of those who would like to share), chat about different information and support each other. It is very informal and fun.

Everyone is welcome.

The next meeting is Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2022, 11am-12pm.

Anyone who would like to join, please chat to your Carer Wellbeing Facilitator who will sign you up.