



1ST TEN Genealogy Research Starter TIPS

SPECIAL NOTE: *Are you ready to have the most fun possible with your clothes on! Well, let's get started!!!! Before you start **Organize & Track:** Get a 3 inch notebook with (10) dividers, a HOLLA™ flash drive (w/ no-lose tracking #) and a digital*

1. **Your History.** Write the story of your birth including name origination, birthplace and date.
2. **Parents' 1st Date:** Ask your parents' **separately** "how they met". You will get (2) different stories. If they are deceased, ask their best friends. You will never stop laughing!
3. **Pedigree Chart:** List name of your parents, grandparents and greats including name, date & place of birth, marriage and death.
4. **Funeral Programs.** There is always one family member who saves these.
5. **Family Photos:** Note places and dates in background & side of images
6. **Family Bible:** There may be several.
7. **Elder Interviews:** Try to interview on audio or videotape, as many as you can.
8. **Ancestral Cemetery:** Take images of every headstone in the cemetery.
9. **Gather Certificates:** All birth, death and marriage certificates of any and all family members' whether direct or indirect relatives.
10. **1790 - 1940 Census:** HeritageQuestOnline.com is free. Start with the 1940 census and go backwards.

Now you are ready to register for your classes on land deeds, wills, as well as military, court, church, college, fraternity/sorority, law suits, prison and slaveholder records, and much, much more.