

THINGS I WISH I KNEW IN THE BEGINNING or THINGS I'M GLAD I UNDERSTAND NOW!

METHODOLOGY - MUST DO: Read an article on Family History Research every week.-

Names - Locations - Dates
Size of Papers - Use of Pronouns
Handwriting - Spelling

1. **REVIEW OFTEN** your past research and documents.
2. **MAKE A TIME LINE.** – for each person you are researching –
year / age - one line summary of event - abbreviated source list
3. **Write a COMPLETE REFERENCE FOR EVERY SOURCE.**
4. **WHAT do you do with Original Documents?**

**YOU WILL GAIN
CONFIDENCE!
EXPERIENCE
GIVES AN
INCREASE OF
ABILITY TO
ANALYZE
RECORDS.**

Do you UNDERSTAND these TERMS ?

Abstraction -
Transcription -
Extraction -

CENSUSES - Maps - Books and Guides - Goals - Handwriting - Spellings
Find your family on *every* census they were alive; child and adult
Other Census Schedules – what are they?

ORGANIZATION -

Analysis Form, Research Log, Census Log, Time Line, Abstracting Information from a Document

What is difference of -

RESOURCE - SOURCE - CITATION -

RESOURCES -

Libraries - Court Houses - Archives - Printed County Histories - Cemeteries
Historical Societies - Community Town Hall - Maps -
County Atlas - Locations: parks, rivers, beaches, mountains, etc.

SOURCES -

Vital Records - Birth, Marriage, Death (even Coroners inquests) - Will / Probate -
Land - Church Records - Schools - Yearbooks – Community / Social events
Newspapers - Obituaries - Headlines - People & Family - Personal Stories & Histories
Homes - Businesses - Farms - Government Records - Military - Law Enforcement

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Use the numbers on your Pedigree Chart

Folders? Binders? Make a binder for each couple on your pedigree