

Creating a Blog for Family History

STEP ONE: Create a google email account at accounts.google.com. (You have to have a google account in order to set up a blogger account)

STEP TWO: Verification of your google account. If you don't verify your address, you may not be able to access certain Google products or features. If you're not sure whether your account is verified, sign in to the google accounts homepage and you'll see a message asking you to verify your account if it has not yet been verified. Go to back to accounts.google.com and follow prompts. If your account needs verification, a code will be sent to your phone.

STEP THREE: Go to www.blogger.com and enter your google account password.

STEP FOUR: You can now create your new blog by clicking on the rectangle box on the left upper side of the page that says New Blog.

STEP FIVE: You will have to give your blog a title. This can be changed at any time, so don't over think it! But – you will have to create a url. **This cannot be changed!** This will be the web address to your blog. You may have to try several variations, since Blogger will tell you if the blog address is available. You are more likely to have quick success if you use a surname in the url. There is always a [.blogspot.com](https://www.blogspot.com) at the end of your url.

STEP SIX: Before clicking the tab, Create blog! – choose the template which says Picture Window. Then click on Create blog! This particular template interfaces well with the background you can choose from the [HotBliggityBlog.com](https://www.HotBliggityBlog.com) website.

Here are a few blogs for your viewing:

www.myfamilyfiles.blogspot.com

www.theancestorfiles.blogspot.com

www.archibaldgardnerfamily.blogspot.com

www.thedearies.com

www.genealogysstar.blogspot.com

STEP EIGHT: Choosing Gadgets by going to LAYOUT in the DASHBOARD.

These are my gadgets on the left side of my blog. www.myfamilyfiles.blogspot.com

Follow by email – *blog readers can submit their email address and receive an email notification when you write a new post.*

Configure blog list – *this created my links to my other family history blogs*

Configure Label List – *this created my Ancestor Index*

Configure Archive – *list of your blog posts, like a monthly directory*

Configure Profile – *About Me*

Configure Link List – *my links to other genealogy related sites*

Configure Link List – *my links to other blogs that I read.*

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How to add a Hot Bliggity Blog background to your blog.

Go to hotbliggityblog.com and choose a favorite background for your blog! I chose one from the WIDENED category, as I wanted a wider space for writing. You can change this around anytime to some other design, so don't fret!

Choose a design and click on INSTALL. This puts an HTML code in the memory, so go directly back to your blog dashboard. Click on LAYOUT and add a gadget that says: Configure HTML/JavaScript. Put your cursor in the large box, right click and paste that code into the box. SAVE. Your blog will now have the new background. You can click on View Blog at the top of your dashboard to see the new result.

STEP NINE: Logging back in to your blog. Easiest way is to bookmark your blog or go directly to your blog address. After logging in from the upper right hand corner, you should now see NEW POST, DESIGN and SIGN OUT. Either write a NEW POST or go to DESIGN to get to your DASHBOARD.

Feel free to call me with any questions you may have. I'm always happy to help you have success!

HAPPY BLOGGING!