

# Building Your Genealogical Skills

## *Helpful Resources*

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### **Genealogy Forms**

#### *New England Historical Genealogy Society*

Pedigree chart, Family Group sheet, Research Log, Family Interview Question, Census Comparison charts: <https://www.americanancestors.org/education/learning-resources/download>

#### *National Archives*

Census and other useful forms: <https://www.archives.gov/research/genealogy/charts-forms>

#### *Midwest Genealogy Center*

The usual forms, plus two unique research check lists; print multiples and file with each individual:

<http://www.mymcpl.org/genealogy/family-history-forms>  
[https://www.mymcpl.org/uploaded\\_resources/MGC-researchchecklist.pdf](https://www.mymcpl.org/uploaded_resources/MGC-researchchecklist.pdf)

#### *Ancestry.com*

My go-to for blank census forms <http://www.ancestry.com/cs/census-forms>

### **Getting Organized**

#### *Mary Hill's Color System*

A very detailed, step-by-step system for organizing your files my color. Works for me!  
<http://www.genrootsorganizer.com>

#### *Jessica Reynolds's Binder System*

<https://doasimdoing.wordpress.com/2016/12/27/family-history-binder-part-1-intro/>



**American Ancestors**  
by NEW ENGLAND HISTORIC GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

### **Facebook Groups**

The Organized Genealogist

Genealogy Do-Over – run by Tom MacEntee

### **Blogs**

Melissa Barker

<http://agenealogistinthearchives.blogspot.com/2017/01/organizing-your-genealogy-tips-from.html>

Tom MacEntee

<http://www.geneabloggers.com/tag/genealogy-do-over/>  
<http://www.geneabloggers.com/genealogy-returns-2017/>

### **Portable Genealogist**

Rhonda R. McClure, “Organizing Your Research,” *The Portable Genealogist*, Boston, MA: NEHGS, August 2013.

Penny Stratton, “Genealogical Numbering,” *The Portable Genealogist*, Boston, MA: NEHGS, March 2013.

Kyle Hurst, “Reference Notes,” *The Portable Genealogist*, Boston, MA: NEHGS, 2015.

## **Resources for Specific Research Topics**

### **Portable Genealogist**

Rhonda R. McClure, “Immigration to the U.S. 2013,” *The Portable Genealogist*, Boston, MA: NEHGS, 2013.

Rhonda R. McClure, “U.S. Naturalization,” *The Portable Genealogist*, Boston, MA: NEHGS, 2013.

Lindsay Fulton, “Using the Federal Census: 1790-1840,” *The Portable Genealogist*, Boston, MA: NEHGS, 2015.

Lindsay Fulton, “Using the Federal Census: 1850-1940,” *The Portable Genealogist*, Boston, MA: NEHGS, 2015.



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## Reading Resource List

### *Skills*

Robert Charles Anderson *Elements of Genealogical Analysis* (Boston, Massachusetts: New England Historic Genealogical Society, 2014).

Thomas W. Jones, *Mastering Genealogical Proof* (Arlington, Va. : National Genealogical Society, 2013).

Penelope L. Stratton and Henry B. Hoff, *Guide to Genealogical Writing* (Boston, New England Historic Genealogical Society, 2014).

Drew Smith, *Organize Your Genealogy*, (Cincinnati: Family Tree Books, 2016).

Blaine T. Bettinger, *Guide to DNA Testing and Genetic Genealogy*, (Cincinnati: Family Tree Books, 2016).

### *Localities*

Eichholz, Alice, editor. *Ancestry's Red Book: American State, County and Town Sources*. Revised Edition. Salt Lake City: Ancestry, 1992.

Loretto Dennis Szucs & Sandra Hargreaves Luebking. *The source: a guidebook to American genealogy* (Provo, UT: Ancestry, 2006).

Rhonda R. McClure, *Genealogist's Handbook for New England Research* (Boston: New England Historic Genealogical Society, 2022).

Marie E. Daly and Judith Lucey, *Genealogist's Handbook for Irish Research*, (Boston: New England Historic Genealogical Society, 2016).

James M. Beidler, *Trace your German roots online* (Cincinnati, Ohio: Family Tree Books, 2016).

