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Building Your Genealogical Skills

Part 1: The Basics, Module-1 – Principles of Genealogical Research Instructions

Select the best answer to each question. When finished, click the link at the end to view the answers.

1. Which is the most important rule of good genealogical research practice?

- Write it down
- Use original sources
- Work from the known back to the unknown
- Cite your sources
- Visit your local library

2. Genealogical research is:

- Logical and a straight line from question to answer, if done properly.
- Logical but rarely linear.
- A matter of knowing where to search for answers.
- Best accomplished by using an online tree as a finding aid.

3. Which of the following is NOT an essential tool in the genealogist's toolkit?

- A pencil
- Multi-generational chart
- Family Group sheet
- PC or Mac based genealogical software
- A notebook or journal
- A Research Log

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4. Which of the following is NOT a standard type of genealogical record?

- Census
- Textbook
- Vital records
- Land
- Military

5. If you are looking for a maiden name, the first type of record you should look for is:

- Probate record
- Town records
- Newspaper
- Land
- Marriage record

6. Assign a number to each of the steps in genealogical research process, beginning with 1 for the first and ending with 5 for the last.

- Determine what you want to learn
- Analysis
- Identify what you already know
- Research
- Identify potential sources of information

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