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Genealogy without Documentation is Mythology

Before you begin *any* genealogical research, take a few moments to consider the following questions:

What's your goal?

(Is there a story you'd like to explore? Are you trying to find more relatives?)

What do you already know?

(Names, locations, artifacts, stories, etc.)

The following website has been curated with materials and can be used as a general starting point for your research:

<http://spu.libguides.com/DOCL2016/genealogy>

Organizational Tools

Find the tool that helps you achieve your goal.

- Identify your goal – know where you are in the process and where you would like to take your research
- Identify the types of materials you will be using and want to organize

Just getting started or unsure of where to begin?

Begin with Cyndi's List – Over 20 years of collecting websites, materials, and useful guides. Easy categories to navigate and plenty of tool and software reviews to get you started.

<http://www.cyndislist.com/categories/>



Start mapping what you know and store information you find in one FREE tool:

<https://familysearch.org/>



Looking for specific historical information?

A collection of “one-step webpages” that describe how to translate, locate immigration records, search archives, and skillfully “fetch data” from historical sources.

<http://stevemorse.org/>

 **Step One-Step Webpages by [Stephen P. Morse](#)**

