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?)

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**What do you already know?**
(Names, locations, artifacts, stories, etc.)

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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/

One-Step Webpages by Stephen P. Morse