



Starting Your Family History

AT YOUR LIBRARY

TIPS!

START ▶

1. Start with yourself
2. Work backwards from you
3. Obtain blank ancestral charts
4. Summarise known names, dates, relationships and family traditions
5. Conduct oral history interviews
6. Gather records in family possession
7. Identify heritage photos
8. Download free database software
9. Create a public online tree
10. Purchase civil registration certificates
11. Collaborate with other researchers
12. Widen your area of research
13. Study local history, visit ancestral areas
14. Employ professional genealogists
15. Get and stay organised
16. Store your research findings safely
17. Organise a family reunion
18. Consider DNA testing
19. Join a family history group at the library
20. Publish or share your research

RESEARCH ONLINE

Yarra Plenty Regional Library provides **free access** to these resources from a library branch.

Ancestry



An international resource for family history, with over 5 billion names in thousands of collections including birth, death and marriage records, census, church, and immigration records.

British Newspapers Archive



Largest collection of British and Irish historical newspapers with 55 million pages dating from the 1700s to the 2000s from the British Library.

Find My Past



Billions of historical records from around the world. Records in Victoria include electoral rolls, birth, death and marriage indexes, Victoria Police Gazette, Passenger lists and more.

Gale Primary Sources



Contains full runs of influential national and regional newspapers representing different political and cultural segments of British society. Includes *The Times*, *The Telegraph* and *Daily Mail*. At home access available.

FamilySearch



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