



## **STARTING YOUR FAMILY HISTORY**

1. Start with yourself
2. Work backwards from you
3. Obtain blank ancestral charts
4. Summarise known names, dates and relationships
5. Record known family traditions
6. Gather oral family history
7. Gather records in family possession
8. Correspond with cousins and other 'distant' relatives
9. Organise a family reunion
10. Check if it's been done before
11. Order civil registration certificates
12. Widen your area of research
13. Advertise your research interests
14. Study local history and visit ancestral areas
15. Employ professional record searchers
16. Get and stay organised
17. Store your research findings safely
18. Publish or share your research