

Syllabus for Welcome to Family History

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This 20-minute class is for total Newbies. If you have a clue about Family History, this is not the class for you.

Before we start:

1. You need to be able to join the Zoom class on whatever device you use.
2. Create an account with FamilySearch. You will need this to access some original records. For more details see my 5-minute video on YouTube [Why You Need to Sign Up for Family Search](#).
3. Download a genealogy program for your computer. There are several free ones available. I like both Legacy and RootsMagic. Two good articles about free software are [Free Genealogy Software You Can Use in 2023](#) and [6 Best Free Genealogy Software Downloads!](#)

Objectives:

1. Create a Family Group with yourself as a parent or child.
2. Create a Pedigree Chart with you and your parents.

What we'll cover:

1. The proper way to enter a name.
2. The proper way to enter a date. For more information than we'll cover during the class see my YouTube video [Dates in FamilySearch and Other Genealogy Programs](#).
3. Where to look for your parent's birth date and place. We'll talk about the Social Security Death Index on FamilySearch and Ancestry. **DO NOT** think you have to sign up for Ancestry at this point, it is available at FamilySearch Centers and most public libraries for free.
4. Where to look for your parent's marriage date and place.
5. How to write a simple source citation.
6. Privacy for living individuals.