

The Genealogy Center's mission is to serve family researchers.

The Genealogy Center's collection and services help support that mission. The professional staff and volunteers stay abreast of the latest technology trends and continue to learn new research techniques by attending workshops and conferences. Because they are genealogists themselves and most have been researching for many years, they are able to assist all levels of researchers from beginners to the more advanced.

Visit the Genealogy Center and discover the vast collection of resources and services that are available to family genealogists.



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HOW TO BEGIN YOUR GENEALOGY RESEARCH



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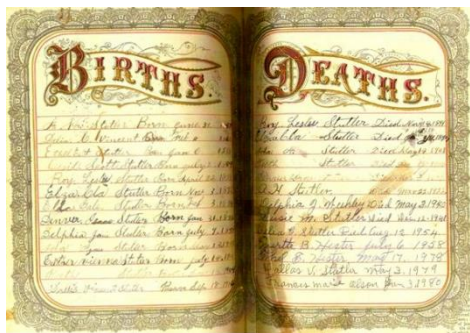


Where to Start

Beginning your family history search can be a fun and rewarding experience, but figuring out how to get started can be overwhelming.

The key is to start with what you know, and then work backwards.

- Ask older family members what they remember
- Go through old family photos or the family bible
- See what records you already have, such as birth or death certificates, marriage licenses, or obituaries



Family Tree Chart

Once you've gathered this information, fill out a **family tree chart**. You can either print one out online or pick up one at the Genealogy Center.

This will act as your road map for your research and will help you keep your information about each family member in order. Fill it out as completely as possible with

- Names
- Birth dates and places
- Marriage dates and places
- Death dates and places

Digging Deeper

The best way to begin your research is by starting with a relative born before 1940 and locating them on the 1940 **U.S. Federal Census**. Census records can be accessed through our **Ancestry Library Edition** database available at any Tulsa City-County Library. The censuses taken from 1850-1940 especially can help you fill in many gaps you may have in your family tree.

Keep in Mind 

Not everything you may find on the Internet is documented or reliable.

Even though many genealogy websites are available on the Internet, anyone can put anything on the Internet. Plan to conduct most of your research in libraries, archives, and courthouses. Attempt to prove every fact for yourself.