# FAMILY HISTORY STARTER KIT

Everything you need to take your first steps in discovering your family story

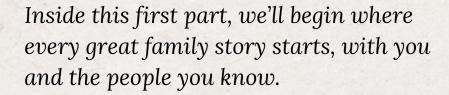




### WELCOME TO YOUR FAMILY HISTORY JOURNEY

Hi there,

Phillip & Trisha here, from Journey Through the Generations. Whether you're just starting your family history journey or getting back into it after a break, this kit was designed to help you begin with confidence.



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# BEGIN WITH WHAT YOU KNOW

#### START WITH YOURSELF

Before you trace a single ancestor, take time to record your own story. This is the first and most important record in your family history.

#### Write down:

- · Your full name, birth date, and birthplace
- · Where you've lived
- · Your school years, jobs, and hobbies
- · Milestones: marriage, children, faith, traditions

story you're preserving.

NOTES:

Save this as your first "family record." You are part of the

## INTERVIEW YOUR RELATIVES

#### START WITH YOURSELF

Once you've written your story, reach out to parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, and anyone who can fill in more details. These conversations will become the heartbeat of your research.

Use these questions to spark meaningful conversations with your relatives and uncover the stories, memories, and traditions that bring your family history to life.

#### **Conversation Starters:**

- What do you remember about your grandparents?
- Where did you grow up, and what was it like?
- What family traditions were important to you?
- Do you remember any family recipes or special meals?
- What did your parents do for work?
- Who was the funniest person in the family?
- How did your parents meet?
- What was your first job?
- What's one story you hope future generations remember?
- Ask about old photos and what they remember about them.
   Ask for names, places, and dates.

"Every time an old person dies, a library burns." ~African Proverb

### LOOKING AHEAD TO PART II

You've captured priceless memories and stories, the foundation of your family tree.

In Part Two, we'll organize that information and show you how to begin your first research steps online.

**Upcoming Topics:** 

- \* Top 5 FREE Genealogy Websites
- **\*** Family Group Sheet Template
- **\*** Research Log Template

Watch your Inbox for Part 2 coming soon.

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