

GENEALOGY CLASS JANUARY 31 2017
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I. Introduction

1. How I began doing genealogy research
 - a. Conversation with my father
 - b. Genealogy Class with San Diego Genealogy Society
2. The fun part of this hobby
 - a. eBay auction- pocket watch
 - b. Meeting my second cousin- cup/saucer
 - c. Memoir- Ralph Haskins
 - d. RWE book and letters at Harvard
 - e. books by Donoghue family

II. What is Genealogy?

1. Study of family history
2. Research, not copying
3. Direct line ancestors
 - a. Two parents, four grandparents, eight great grandparents, etc.
 - b. Lineage Societies

III. How do you start?

1. Begin with yourself and work backwards
 - a. House checklist
2. Write down what you know.
3. Find proof each step of the way
4. Genealogy is addictive
5. Don't trust everything you find on the internet
 - a. Online family trees
6. Don't be surprised by skeleton's in your closet.

IV Documents to prove lineage

- 1 Birth Certificates
2. Marriage Certificates
3. Death Certificates
 - a. Need proof of these dates for every ancestor

V. Where to look

1. House Chart
2. Interview family members
3. Different levels of government
 - a. County Clerk's Office
 - b. State Vital Records
 - c. Genealogy societies and Libraries
 - d. Historical Societies
 - e. State Libraries

- f. State Archives
- g. Fold3
- h. Familysearch.org
- i. Family Search wiki
- j. Ancestry.com
- k. City Directories
- l. Cyndi's List

Vi What to do with this information

- A. Paper
 - 1 Pedigree Chart
 - 2. Family Group Sheet
 - 3. Filing Systems
- B. Computer programs
 - a. Family Tree Maker
 - b. Legacy Family Tree
 - c. Reunion
- C. Cloud family trees
 - 1. Family Search Family Tree
 - 2. Ancestry.com family trees