



# GENEALOGY

## Merit Badge Requirements

- 1) Explain the meaning of *genealogy* and *genealogical resources*.
- 2) Begin a pedigree chart with yourself and fill it in as far as you can at the beginning of your project. Add any additional names, dates, or places that you find.
- 3) Show yourself as a child on a family group record form, and show one of your parents as a child on another family group record form.
- 4) Interview an older relative to obtain information about your family. This interview may be in person, by telephone, or by letter. Add any information obtained to your pedigree chart and family group records.
- 5) Obtain at least one genealogical document showing proof of some information on your pedigree chart or family group records. This document may be located in your home, a courthouse, and archive or library, etc.
- 6) Tell how you would evaluate genealogical information.
- 7) Do ONE of the following:
  - A) Do a time line for yourself or for a close relative.
  - B) Keep a journal for 6 weeks, writing in it at least once weekly.
  - C) Write a short history of yourself or of a close relative.
- 8) Do ONE of the following:
  - A) Tell how the development of computers is affecting the world of genealogy.
  - B) Tell how the development of photography (including microfilming) has influenced genealogy.
  - C) Tell how personal and family history have begun to influence the way society looks at local, national, and international history.
- 9) Contact ONE of the following and ask a question relating to its genealogical services or activities; report the results:
  - A) A lineage society.
  - B) A surname organization.
  - C) A professional genealogist.
  - D) A genealogical education facility or institution.
  - E) A genealogical record repository of any type (courthouse, genealogical library, state archives, state history, national archives, etc.)
- 10) Tell where you would find current information about genealogical records and research methods.

**Requirement 1**

Explain the meaning of *genealogy*: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Explain the meaning of *genealogical resources*: \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Requirement 2**

You have been asked to begin a pedigree chart. Turn to the back of this worksheet and you will find a pedigree chart that you can use for this requirement. At this point fill it in the best you can. As you progress through the other requirements of this merit badge add any additional names, dates, etc that you find. More than likely you will have to add (tape) an additional piece of paper to the pedigree chart so that you can expand your chart.

*(See attached pedigree chart)*

**Requirement 3**

Show yourself as a child on a family group record form, and show one of your parents as a child on another family group record form. Turn to the back of this worksheet and you will find two family group record forms. You can use these, if you like, to complete this requirement.

*(See attached family group record form)*

**Requirement 4**

Interview an older relative to obtain information about your family. Add any information obtained to your pedigree chart and family group records.

What new information did you find out? \_\_\_\_\_  
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Can any of the newly gathered information be added to your pedigree chart or family group records? \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Requirement 5**

Obtain at least one genealogical document showing proof of some information on your pedigree chart or family group records. Give a description/summary of the document and show it to your counselor: \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Requirement 9**

You have been given a list of contacts for this requirement. Select one person or place that you wish to use for this requirement. Speak with the person or place that you selected and ask them a question relating to their genealogical services or activities.

Who did you contact? \_\_\_\_\_

What question did you ask? \_\_\_\_\_

What was their answer? \_\_\_\_\_

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Did you ask other questions? YES NO

If YES, give a short description of the questions you asked and the answers you were given. Tell what you have learned from the experience: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Requirement 10**

Tell where you would find current information about genealogical records and research methods: \_\_\_\_\_

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# Pedigree Chart

Male Direct Line   
 Female Direct Line

### Easy steps to start

- 1- Start with yourself.
- 2- Use birth names, not married names.
- 3- Be as complete as possible with information.
- 4- Enter LAST names in UPPER CASE.
- 5- Be consistent.
- 6- Have fun!

**1**

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Your Name (First, LAST)

Birthdate:  
 Place of birth:  
 Marriage Date:  
 Place of Marriage:  
 Death Date:  
 Place of Death:

**2**

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Father's Name (First, LAST)

Birthdate:  
 Place of birth:  
 Marriage Date:  
 Place of Marriage:  
 Death Date:  
 Place of Death:

**4**

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Grandfather's Name (First, LAST)

Birthdate:  
 Place of birth:  
 Marriage Date:  
 Place of Marriage:  
 Death Date:  
 Place of Death:

**5**

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Grandmother's Name (First, LAST)

Birthdate:  
 Place of birth:  
 Marriage Date:  
 Place of Marriage:  
 Death Date:  
 Place of Death:

**6**

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Grandfather's Name (First, LAST)

Birthdate:  
 Place of birth:  
 Marriage Date:  
 Place of Marriage:  
 Death Date:  
 Place of Death:

**3**

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Mother's Name (First, LAST)

Birthdate:  
 Place of birth:  
 Marriage Date:  
 Place of Marriage:  
 Death Date:  
 Place of Death:

**7**

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Grandmother's Name (First, LAST)

Birthdate:  
 Place of birth:  
 Marriage Date:  
 Place of Marriage:  
 Death Date:  
 Place of Death:

Family Group Sheet

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# Family Group Sheet

## Father's Full Name

	Day	Month	Year	City/Town/Place	County/Parish	State and/or Country
Father's Birthdate:						
Father's Marriage Date:						
Father's Death Date:						
Father's Burial Date:						
Places lived				Father belonged to which Church		
Occupation(s)				Military Records		
Name of Father's Father				Name of Father's Mother (Use birth name)		
Name's of other wives						

## Mother's Full Name

	Day	Month	Year	City/Town/Place	County/Parish	State and/or Country
Mother's Birthdate:						
Mother's Marriage Date:						
Mother's Death Date:						
Mother's Burial Date:						
Places lived				Mother belonged to which Church		
Occupation(s)				Military Records		
Name of Mother's Father				Name of Mother's Mother (Use birth name)		
Name's of other husbands						

### Child #1 Full Name (Male/Female)

### Spouse Full Name

	Day	Month	Year	City/Town/Place	County/Parish	State and/or Country
Birthdate						
Marriage Date						
Death Date						
Burial Date						

### Child #2 Full Name (Male/Female)

### Spouse Full Name

	Day	Month	Year	City/Town/Place	County/Parish	State and/or Country
Birthdate						
Marriage Date						
Death Date						
Burial Date						

### Child #3 Full Name (Male/Female)

### Spouse Full Name

	Day	Month	Year	City/Town/Place	County/Parish	State and/or Country
Birthdate						
Marriage Date						
Death Date						
Burial Date						

### Child #4 Full Name (Male/Female)

### Spouse Full Name

	Day	Month	Year	City/Town/Place	County/Parish	State and/or Country
Birthdate						
Marriage Date						
Death Date						
Burial Date						

## Notes

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# Family Group Sheet

## Father's Full Name

	Day	Month	Year	City/Town/Place	County/Parish	State and/or Country
Father's Birthdate:						
Father's Marriage Date:						
Father's Death Date:						
Father's Burial Date:						
Places lived				Father belonged to which Church		
Occupation(s)				Military Records		
Name of Father's Father				Name of Father's Mother (Use birth name)		
Name's of other wives						

## Mother's Full Name

	Day	Month	Year	City/Town/Place	County/Parish	State and/or Country
Mother's Birthdate:						
Mother's Marriage Date:						
Mother's Death Date:						
Mother's Burial Date:						
Places lived				Mother belonged to which Church		
Occupation(s)				Military Records		
Name of Mother's Father				Name of Mother's Mother (Use birth name)		
Name's of other husbands						

### Child #1 Full Name (Male/Female)

### Spouse Full Name

	Day	Month	Year	City/Town/Place	County/Parish	State and/or Country
Birthdate						
Marriage Date						
Death Date						
Burial Date						

### Child #2 Full Name (Male/Female)

### Spouse Full Name

	Day	Month	Year	City/Town/Place	County/Parish	State and/or Country
Birthdate						
Marriage Date						
Death Date						
Burial Date						

### Child #3 Full Name (Male/Female)

### Spouse Full Name

	Day	Month	Year	City/Town/Place	County/Parish	State and/or Country
Birthdate						
Marriage Date						
Death Date						
Burial Date						

### Child #4 Full Name (Male/Female)

### Spouse Full Name

	Day	Month	Year	City/Town/Place	County/Parish	State and/or Country
Birthdate						
Marriage Date						
Death Date						
Burial Date						

## Notes

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