

## Places to Look for Records

- Fresno County Genealogical Society or a local society, where the event took place.
- CA History & Genealogy Room, Fresno County Public Library – Books, Newspapers and Directories & Online Paid Resources that may not be available at home.
- Family—ask who, when, where questions.
- Local Government offices (Recorder or Clerk for vital records)
- Census records available online or on microfilm.
- Genealogy Websites

## Websites

### Fresno County Genealogical Society

<http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~cafegs/>



### CA History & Genealogy Room –Lots of Links

[www.fresnolibrary.org/calif/index.html](http://www.fresnolibrary.org/calif/index.html)

[www.cyndislist.com](http://www.cyndislist.com) – Tons of Genealogy websites

[www.pilot.familysearch.org](http://www.pilot.familysearch.org) – Online Records FREE

[www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/](http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/) - Look at their

Message Boards and Family Trees plus lots of other stuff

<http://www.usgenweb.org> -Search by state and county for information

### Visit us Downtown at the main library

California History and Genealogy Room

Cosponsored by the Fresno County Genealogical Society

2420 Mariposa Street, 2nd Floor 488-6720

*Genealogy Volunteers on duty to help you get started.*

## Start Your Genealogy in 5 Easy Steps

### Step 1: Find Out What You Know— Start With Yourself and Work Backwards

- Ask relatives for information  
Remember the W's (Who, Where & When )  
Find out maiden names for women
- Look around the house for old documents and family Bibles with information either written in or maybe slipped in.

### Step 2: Write Down What You Know-Use the form inside

- Write in Pencil
- #1 is You! #2 is your father, #3 is your mother and so on.
- Write dates out for example, 12 Dec 1953.  
Use approximates if you don't know for sure.
- Use maiden names for female ancestors.

### Step 3: Pick One Person to Find Something About.

When and where was Grandfather born?

- Look at your written information, what do you know that can lead you to this missing information.?
- Where did they live? When were they there?
- Have they passed on? Do you have an obituary for them?

### Step 4: Locating the Information/Finding the Source.

- Visit the CA History & Genealogy Room to find genealogy books or online resources.
- Look for local information at the library. This includes: newspapers, city directories, and obituaries, indexes.
- Look online at genealogy web sites and message boards
- Look for Birth, Marriage, Death Records, Obituaries, Land, Census, Military, Immigration Records

### Step 5: Record the Information You Have Found

*And start working on another question!*

# PEDIGREE CHART

Chart No. \_\_\_\_\_

Number 1 on this chart is  
 the same individual as  
 No. \_\_\_\_\_ on Chart \_\_\_\_\_

Even numbers = male / Uneven = Female  
 Use full names when know  
 Write name as: James Henry Jones  
 Write date as: 30 Mar 1932  
 Write place as: Fresno, Fresno, California

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| FATHER (of no. 1)<br>Born _____<br>Place _____<br><br>Married _____<br>Place _____<br><br>Died _____<br>Place _____ |  |
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| MOTHER (of no. 1)<br>Born _____<br>Place _____<br><br>Died _____<br>Place _____ |  |
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 Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 City/State \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date \_\_\_\_\_

