GENEALOGY

A Ten Step Program to Get You Started

- 1. A method to learn and write about your family history
- 2. Golden Rule Always start with yourself
- 3. Start by writing down what you know
- 4. Go through your family "stuff"
- 5. Talk to other family members; keep in mind "Grandma may have lied"!
- 6. Use the Internet at home or at a branch library as some sites are not free
 - a. Keep in mind variant spellings of name
- 7. Go the area where your family lived and visit:
 - a. Cemetery (talk to anyone who happens to be there)
 - b. Court House
 - c. Church
 - d. Local Library
 - e. Look for others in the area with the same name
 - f. Contact local or County Genealogical Groups
- 8. Share your work and information with other family members
- 9. Write your personal life story or snippets and recollections for future generations
- 10. If you find a "black sheep", don't be alarmed as you are not responsible for others with your family name, plus you have something special!

Relax, enjoy and be proud of what you find!

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b: birth date p: place m: marriage date d: death date sp: spouse

Pedigree Chart

