



Episode 17: Get Help in Person

5 Minute Challenge—Get one-on-one assistance with a genealogy question!

Steps:

1. **Define your question:**
Clearly define the genealogy question that you want help answering. Try to focus on just one or two questions, such as “When was my great-grandfather born?” or “Where was my ancestor living in 1890?”

2. **Get assistance at a FamilySearch center:**
Go to FamilySearch.org, click on the **FamilySearch Centers** tab at the top, enter your information and contact your center!



3. **Get assistance from a Genealogical or Historical Society:**
Do an Internet search. Include a topic or the area where your ancestor lived, such as **Dayton Ohio genealogical historical society** or **Jewish genealogical historical society**. You can also visit <http://www.fgs.org>. In the left panel, click on the **Society Hall** link.

4. **Get assistance from a professional genealogist:**
Professional genealogists are excellent at one-on-one assistance. They have specialized skills and contacts that help them find information quickly. Professionals can trace ancestry, research descendants, and search records among other services. Visit <http://www.bcgcertification.org>.

Vocabulary

Professional Genealogist:
A person with specialized skills and contacts who performs intensive research tasks for a fee.

FamilySearch Centers:
Facilities offering help and public access to genealogical records from all over the world.

Genealogical or Historical Society:
Local societies that keep and provide genealogical and historical information.

