

Choose an Ancestor to Learn About

This is probably the most important activity you will do. This activity will focus on searching for information on one person and one question at a time. When you have clearly defined the question you want answered, you will more clearly understand what the best possible source of information might be. Having one question points you in just one direction, while having several questions points you in several directions at once. You can only go in one direction at a time, so keep your focus clear and simple. In time, as you follow this process, you can seek the answers to all of your questions.



Do This . . .

1. Look at your pedigree chart and family group records for persons with missing or unverified information.

2. Choose one person you want to learn more about. It might be best to select a person who is closer to your generation. For example, learn about your mother's father before you try to learn more about your mother's grandfather.

3. Write questions about the missing or unverified information.

For example, write a list of questions such as the following that you would like answered about the person:

- Names
- Event dates and places
- Relationships
- Background information and stories

4. Choose one question at a time as your research objective.

For example, if you have questions about life events, it might be best to seek to learn information about a later life event (such as death), before seeking to learn about an earlier life event (such as marriage or birth).

