

# BEGINNING GENEALOGY

## Find Personal Records and other stuff around the house

- Bible records
- Photographs
- Yearbooks
- School records
- Letters
- Wills
- Birth certificates
- Pension records
- Customs
- Stories

Interview your relatives. Document what you learn from them on family group charts, and pedigree charts, and the research log. Find family records match names to the pictures, get biographical information, ask about events mentioned in letters, ask questions about the origins of stories or anything else you think may some day be relevant.

### **1<sup>st</sup> Big Question: *Which record do I use?***

**Common sources of information for genealogists:**

- Obituaries
- Funeral Programs
- Census
- Vital records
- Property records
- Probate records
- Plat books/fire insurance maps
- Social Security Death Index
- Passenger lists
- Naturalization records
- Military records
- Marriage and cemetery indexes

## Computer Databases and Online Resources

- Local Library resources
- Ancestry Library Edition
- Heritage Quest
- Online Newspaper Indexes
- Family Search
- Fold3
- NARA– national archives
- State and County websites