

# **Lessons Learned from One-on-One Genealogy Research**

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- Free Downloadable, Rewritable pdf genealogy charts, <https://www.misbach.org/>

## **Databases**

Ancestry.com (\$)

Archives.com (\$)

FamilySearch.org (FREE)

FindMyPast.com (\$)

Fold3.com (\$)

GenealogyBank.com (\$)

MyHeritage.com (\$)

Newspapers.com (\$)

Brooklyn Daily Eagle (FREE),

<https://bklyn.newspapers.com/paper/brooklyn-eagle/13893/>

Chronicling America (FREE), <https://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/>

FindAGrave.com (FREE)

Fulton History (FREE), <https://fultonhistory.com/Fulton.html>

Google Books (FREE), <https://books.google.com/>

Google News (FREE), <https://news.google.com/>

New York City Historical Vital Records (FREE),

<https://a860-historicalvitalrecords.nyc.gov/>

New York Historic Newspapers (FREE), <https://nyshistoricnewspapers.org/>

Newspaper Archive (\$), <https://newspaperarchive.com>

## **FamilySearch History Centers**

Terryville: 372 Terryville Road, Port Jefferson Station, NY 11776, (631) 642-2096

Lynbrook: 10 Peninsula Boulevard, Lynbrook, NY 11563, (516) 599-8079

Plainview: 160 Washington Avenue, Plainview, NY 11803, (516) 433-0122

Queens: 40-24 62nd Street, Woodside, NY 11377, (718) 478-5337

## **Other Genealogy Research Institutions**

New York Public Library - Milstein Division of U.S. History, Local History, & Genealogy,

<https://www.nypl.org/locations/schwarzman/milstein>

New York City Municipal Archives,

<https://www.nyc.gov/site/records/about/municipal-archives.page>

New York State Library, <https://www.nysl.nysed.gov/research.htm>

New York State Archives, <https://www.archives.nysed.gov/>

New York Genealogical & Biographical Society, <https://www.newyorkfamilyhistory.org/>

Brooklyn Historical Society/Center for Brooklyn History,

<https://www.bklynlibrary.org/cbh/about/visit>

Ackman and Ziff Family Genealogy Institute at the Center for Jewish History,

<https://genealogy.cjh.org/>

## **Books**

### Essential General Reference Books:

Eichholz, Alice, and Ancestry Publishing. 2004. *Red Book : American State, County & Town Sources*. 3rd ed. Provo, Utah: Ancestry.

Szucs, Loretto Dennis, and Sandra Hargreaves Luebking. 2006. *The Source : A Guidebook to American Genealogy*. 3rd ed. Provo, UT: Ancestry.

### New York Research Specific:

Biddle, Stanton F., and New York Genealogical and Biographical Society. 2017. *New York Family History Research Guide and Gazetteer*. Edited by Naomi Joshi, Michael J. Leclerc, Cathy Michelsen, Catherine Ziegler, Susan R. Miller, and H. McKelden Smith. Revised edition. New York, NY: New York Genealogical and Biographical Society.

DeGrazia, Laura Murphy, Barbara Vines Little, and National Genealogical Society. 2013. *Research in New York City, Long Island, and Westchester County*. Arlington, Virginia: National Genealogical Society.

### Resource Specific:

Colletta, John Philip. 2008. *They came in ships: A guide to finding your immigrant ancestor's arrival record*. Provo, Utah: Ancestry.

Dunlap, David W. 2004. *From Abyssinian to Zion : A Guide to Manhattan's Houses of Worship*. New York: Columbia University Press.  
<https://doi.org/10.7312/dunl12542>.

Hone, E. Wade. 2008. *Land & property research in the United States*. Provo, Utah: Ancestry.

Neighbors, Joy. 2017. *The Family Tree cemetery field guide: How to find, record, & preserve your ancestors' graves*. Cincinnati, Ohio: Family Tree Books.

Szucs, Loretto Dennis. 1998. *They became Americans: Finding naturalization records and ethnic origins*. Salt Lake City, Utah: Ancestry.

### Ethnic Group Specific:

Beidler, James M. 2014. *The family tree: German genealogy guide*. Blue Ash, Ohio: Family Tree Books. (NOTE: Same company produces similar book on Irish; Italian; Polish, Czech & Slovak)

#### How-to Books:

Hendrickson, Nancy. 2018. *Unofficial guide to Ancestry.com: How to find your family history on the #1 genealogy website*. Cincinnati, Ohio: Family Tree Books.

Smith, Drew. 2016. *Organize your genealogy: Strategies and solutions for every researcher*. Cincinnati, Ohio: Family Tree Books.

#### DNA as a Genealogical Research Tool:

Bettinger, Blaine T. 2016. *The family tree guide to DNA testing and genetic genealogy*. Cincinnati, Ohio: Family Tree Books.

Southard, Diahan. 2020. *Your DNA Guide, the Book : Step-by-Step Plans to Connect You with Your Family Using Your DNA*. [United States]: Your DNA Guide.

### **The Lessons We've Learned: Summary & Advice**

1. Inform your patron in advance of the appointment that they will need a research goal.
2. It will help if the patron has names, dates, and locations of family members.
3. Give them a blank pedigree chart. (misbach.org)
4. There is more than just Ancestry.
5. Patrons don't know what they are looking at or what is available.
6. Know what you have in your library.
7. As always, build a collection that supports your users' needs.
8. Know your local history and what information sources you have in your community.
9. It is okay to direct them to a book or another research institution.

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**“So you’re looking for a \_\_\_\_\_. Then here is where you go.”**

<b>Information Needed</b>	<b>Search These Records First</b>	<b>These Records Might Possibly Help</b>
Age	Census, Vital Records	Cemeteries, Military Records
Birth date and place	Vital Records, Census, Naturalization	Cemeteries, Family Bibles, Newspapers
Country of foreign birth	Naturalization, Vital Records, Ship Manifests, Census	Military Records, Newspapers, Published Genealogies
Death date and place	Vital Records, Cemeteries, Probate Records, Newspapers, Census MORTALITY SCHEDULES ONLY	Family Bible, Military Records
Immigration date	Census, Naturalization, Ship Manifests	Newspapers, Published Genealogies
Maiden name	Vital Records, Newspapers, some ethnic groups in Ship Manifests	Naturalization, Cemeteries, Probate Records
Marriage date and place	Vital Records, Census, Newspapers	Military Records, Probate Records, Naturalization
Parents' names	Vital Records, Census, Ship Manifests, Probate Records	Newspapers, Published Genealogies, Land Deeds
Places family has lived	Census, Vital Records, Newspapers, Directories, Land Deeds	Military Records