LEMONS TO LEMONADE: RESEARCHING DURING THE PANDEMIC TIPS AND TRICKS

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Upcoming Events
UPCOMING EVENTS

The 1950 US Federal Census
Are You Ready?

Coming April 2022
WAYS TO TAKE THE LEMONS AND MAKE GENEALOGY LEMONADE

• Prep Work

• Learn Lay of the Land

• Learn Something New
FIRST THINGS FIRST

Select the following:

1 Research State / County
1 Surname
1 Family Group
1 Focal Ancestor
PREP WORK - DOCUMENTS

Know What You Have

Review existing documents
Cite Your Sources
Thoroughly Read Documents
Analyze Documents
Prep Work - Documents

Compile the Information

Pedigree Charts

Family Group Sheets

Timelines

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**LIST SOURCES OF INFORMATION ON THIS FAMILY:**

Names of family members interviewed. Bible records and other family records used and in whose possession. Birth, Marriage, Death, Church, Cemetery records. Wills and probate records. Land records, military records, etc.

For books, list title, author, place and date of publication.

Census used: Year State County ED / page / family number
PREP WORK - DOCUMENTS

*Midwest Genealogy Center Forms*

Fillable PDFs of
Generation Chart (Pedigree Chart) and
Family Unit (Group) Sheets
Family History Forms

Note on fillable PDFs: Many of our forms have been designed as fillable PDFs. To use the fillable functionality, right click on the title and choose 'Save link as' or 'Save target as.' Once you’ve saved the file, you can open it with Adobe Reader and fill in the form.

- **Six-Generation Chart (PDF, 418K)** - simple six-generation family history chart
- **Four-Generation Chart (PDF, 317K)** - simple four-generation family history chart
- **Family Unit Chart (PDF, 262K)** - two-page chart to detail two spouses and their children
- **Individual Worksheet (PDF, 195K)** - worksheet to serve as a guide for biographical information about an individual
- **Extended Family Chart (PDF, 518K)** - track your distant family relations including those who are "removed"
Henry C. “Hoppie” Maddox (1920 – 1988)

1920 – Birth
1930
1940
1941 – 1945
1950
1966 – Married
1988 – Death

Married twice
Divorced
At least 6 children
Military Service
Business Owner
Home Owner
Entrepreneur
HOMEWORK!!

- Create, Update, and/or add citations to your Pedigree Charts.

- Create a Family Group Sheet for each couple represented on your main Pedigree Chart. If they exist, go back and review the information and update it as needed. Add citations to document the information included on the form.

- Create a Timeline for focal or “troublesome” ancestors. Add citations to document where the information was found.

- Create a Master List of records you have for the individual / family group.
Two Important Factors in Finding Information

Time and Location
Why?

Availability of records

- Beginning dates for municipalities to collect records
- Record loss events
- Missing records
Research Location Specifics

- Creation dates
- Boundary Changes
- Dates for Vital Records
- Laws
- Record Loss Events (Courthouse Fires)
Why?

Location and Format of the records

- Physical VS Digital
- Federal, State or Local
- State Archives, State Agency or County Agency
- Academic Library, Special Collections, Archives
- Public Libraries, Local Archives, Historical Societies, Genealogical Societies
- In the last place you think to look
Tools to Help “Capture” Time and Location

- Pencil and Paper
- Individual or Family Unit Timelines
- Midwest Genealogy Center Forms (Fillable PDFs)
- CDC Where to Write for Vital Records
- Red Book: American State, County, and Town Sources
- FamilySearch Research Wiki
Timeline and Location Profile Example

Okie Collins
(1914 – 1979)

Born in Warren County, Georgia
Lived and died in Atlanta, Fulton County, Georgia
Timeline and Location Profile Example

Okie Collins

1914 – Born in Warren County, Georgia
1920 – Census in Norwood, Warren, Georgia
1930 – Census in Norwood, Warren, Georgia
1940 – Census in Norwood, Warren, Georgia
1941 – WWII Draft Card - Norwood, Warren, Georgia
1950 – ??
1979 – Died in Atlanta, Fulton County, Georgia
Timeline and Location Profile Example

Okie Collins
(1914 – 1979)

Warren County, GA: 1914 – ?

Atlanta, Fulton County, GA: ? – 1979
LEARN LAY OF THE LAND

Repositories / Institutions

State Archives
County Archives
County Courthouses
Public Libraries
Academic Libraries
Other Research Repositories
Genealogical / Historical Societies
Museums
Welcome

The Georgia Archives identifies, collects, provides access and preserves Georgia's historical documents. Whether you love history, or simply want to know how we serve the citizens of Georgia, we invite you to explore our website or visit us in the City of Morrow, located just south of Atlanta. We look forward to serving you!

*Beginning May 18th, the Georgia Archives is open Tuesdays through Saturdays: Morning: 9:00 to 12:00; Afternoon: 1:00 to 4:00. The facility is closed from 12:00 noon to 1:00. We strongly encourage you to wear a mask and socially distance at our facility.*

*Please use our Ask an Archivist email reference service or call us at 678-364-3710 to inquire about resources.*
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How to Find the Repositories
FamilySearch Research Wiki

FamilySearch Research Wiki
A Genealogy Resource Guide
97,188 articles

Find the birth, death, marriage, census records, and other genealogy resources for your ancestor by selecting the region and country below.

Search by place or topic
Find Search Tips

List of all Localities

Jump-start your research
Guided Research will help you find the best databases for select locations.
Guided Research
Public Library Directory

Search below by public library system, by county, by zip code or by PINES code for your public library.

Library System Search

Select a Library System...  Search

County Search

Select a County...  Search
Red Book: American State, County, and Town Sources (Rootsweb Wiki)
Surname: Collins

Location:
Warren County & Fulton County, Georgia

State Archives: Georgia Archives

County Courthouses:
Walton County Probate & Superior Courts
Fulton County Probate & Superior Courts
Surname: Collins

Location:
Warren County & Fulton County, Georgia

Public Libraries:
Greater Clarks Hill Regional Library
Warren County Library

Fulton County Library System:
Central Branch
Auburn Avenue Research Library
Surname: Collins

Location:

Warren County & Fulton County, Georgia

Academic Libraries:

Emory University’s Rose Library
Georgia State University

Other Research Repositories

Atlanta Hist. Center: Kenan Research Center
Surname: Collins

Location:
Warren County & Fulton County, Georgia

Genealogical / Historical Societies:
Afro-American Historical and Genealogical Society – Metro Atlanta Chapter
Georgia Genealogical Society
LEARN LAY OF THE LAND

Activities

1. Using the Pedigree Charts, Family Group Sheets, Census Records, etc., create a list of your research locations and the surnames in each location.

2. Based on the information from the census and other records, create a time range for your family in each research area.
LEARN LAY OF THE LAND

Activities

3. Create a list of the various repositories in your research area that may have records you may need.

4. Spend time on each repositories’ website to learn about what records they have available. If possible, make a list of records you would like to see before visiting the repository.
LEARN SOMETHING NEW

Repository Websites
YouTube
   Ancestry Channel
   FamilySearch Channel
   Repository Channels, i.e. Georgia Archives
Genealogy Societies / Libraries – Free Webinars
Family Tree Webinars
Learn Something New

FamilySearch Research Wiki
 Record Types, Research Methodology
 Digital Collections Exploration
  Digital Library of Georgia
  Digital Public Library of America
  HathiTrust
  Internet Archive
Why Do All This?

- Refamiliarize yourself with your documents
- May discover new record sets or find new information online
- Helps create a “plan of attack” when researching onsite
- Able to be more focused and efficient with your research
- Increase knowledge about repositories and resources for your research locations.
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