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Our Really Useful North American Information Leaflet 2018

Do you have British Isles ancestry? If so, this North American version of our leaflet is for you. It runs through how to get started and then take your tree further back.

With an ever-increasing amount of information available on the Internet, provided by commercial, as well as volunteer organisations, there has never been a better time to research your family history. Take a look at our list of useful websites on pages 4 to 6 to get an idea of just how much information is available to you.

Another great resource to tap into is family history societies – you might be surprised by how much you can benefit from joining one! Family history societies are full of friendly, knowledgeable experts who will be delighted to talk to you about your tree and help you when you face challenges. They have a great deal of experience in researching and will have lots of tips for when you get stuck. They often know about resources of particular interest to those researching in the society's area. For example, if you talk to a society from a particular part of the British Isles, they will know about many local resources that exist in local archives that you might never come across, certainly online. Often they have transcribed records of use to genealogists, or they might offer a look up or research service to members. They also keep lists of surnames that are of interest to their members, so may be able to put you in touch with someone who is also researching your family.

The Federation of Family History Societies has over 170 member societies throughout the world. In addition to our UK-based member societies we have other international, regional, specialist and one-name groups. The names and web addresses of all our members are included in this leaflet, on pages 7 and 10 to 14. They will be happy to share their knowledge and come up with ideas for you to pursue. They may also have produced transcriptions of the more unusual records that as yet are unavailable online. Why not consider joining a society today? It could be just what you need to kick-start your research!

A UK Edition of Our Really Useful Information Leaflet, an essential guide to researching family history in the British Isles, is available FREE online at www.ffhs.org.uk

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DISCOVERING YOUR FAMILY HISTORY

If you are just embarking on researching your family history you will probably be aware that an ever-increasing amount of information is available on the Internet, provided by commercial as well as volunteer organisations. In fact, there has never been a better time to start your research! You might be researching on your own or with other family members. Perhaps you have a friend who wants to trace their family history and you are going to help each other. Whatever your situation, it is true to say that in the early stages of research, quite a bit of progress can be made using online resources, however, there might be times when you need some guidance or you are not sure what to do next. The following questions and answers may help you to decide on your next step.

Q. Where do I start?

A. Always start with yourself and work backwards, from generation to generation. Begin by filling in the family tree chart on pages 8 and 9. As well as including yourself, your parents, grandparents and great grandparents you could also make a note of other relatives, such as cousins, uncles and aunts. Question older relatives, they might be able to fill in some of the gaps with their knowledge of ancestors you may not know or have forgotten. And don't forget to ask if they have any photographs, certificates or a family bible. Sometimes until you ask they won't think to tell you! As your tree grows you might want to use a family history software package. There are a number available and the advantage of using them from the start is that it gives you greater flexibility when you want to print out charts and share information. There are also a number of websites such as **familysearch.org**, **findmypast.com**, **ancestry.com** and **myheritage.com** which offer the facility to build your family tree online. However, do remember that you need to be sure your information is correct before you share it with others.

Q. I've recorded everything I can. Where do I go next?

A. From the information you've already gathered, hopefully you'll know which geographical area your family lived in. This will help you find 'vital records' – civil and church records that could give you details such as place of origin, date of birth, names, including maiden names, and names of parents and spouse. Church recorded baptisms, marriages and burials back to the early 1600s whereas civil registration only started in some areas in the 20th century. To find these records, it helps if you have an idea of the date and location of the event. Often it is more effective if you start trying to find out the latest event first, which is usually the death. You might be able to work this out from family stories, the family bible, newspaper obituaries, memorial inscriptions or census records, for example. See the FamilySearch Wiki page: **www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/United_States_Vital_Records** on Vital Records which gives links to the different state archives. Follow the links to find out which certificates are available. Some records are indexed at **familysearch.org** and you could also try searching for your relative there. Commercial websites such as **findmypast.com** also have databases that you can search for free, though you may be charged for looking at an image of the record. To find church records for the US or Canada, try **familysearch.org**, which has an extensive database of church baptism, marriage and burial records from around the world. In Canada, civil registration in some provinces started in the 1860s but was not undertaken countrywide until the 1920s. You can search an index of Canadian birth, marriages and deaths at **familysearch.org**. Some records are digitised online or you may have to contact the local Provincial office to obtain a copy. The FamilySearch wiki at **www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/Category:Canada_Vital_Records** gives links to the various province offices.

Q. What information can I expect to obtain from a certificate?

A. Information varies across states and provinces, but can be very useful, enabling you to get back a stage further. For example a death certificate indicating how old the person was, could lead to you finding their birth certificate. The death may be registered by a family member, giving you the name of another relative. A birth certificate could give the mother's maiden name, helping you to track down her marriage certificate, and so on.

Q. My family history is mainly names and dates; how do I find out more about my ancestors?

A. A resource not to overlook are census returns. A census has been taken every 10 years in the US since 1790. It is a treasure trove of information on ancestors and their families, with details such as place of birth, age, occupation, military service information and immigration date. Due to privacy laws, the most recent censuses taken in the USA and Canada are not yet available. FamilySearch.com provides free online indexes to all the censuses that are open and some images. Internet Archive (**https://archive.org/details/us_census**) has scans of all census images from 1790—1930, which are available for free. The 1940 census is at **https://1940census.archives.gov/**. In Canada, a national census was taken every 10 years from 1851. The most recent census that is available to view is the 1921 census. Note Newfoundland was not part of Canada until 1949. Most of the available census information is digitised at the Library and Archives Canada website: **www.bac-lac.gc.ca/eng/census/Pages/census.aspx**.

Q. How else can I find about my ancestors who lived in North America?

A. An excellent source of information on ancestors that you think were from the British Isles are passenger lists. Many of them are online at sites such as ellisland.org, ancestry.com at familysearch.org. The databases give birthplace, date of arrival, occupation, physical description and the name of the ship your relative sailed on. There are many other sources of information too, from newspapers, military records and naturalisation records, to memorial inscriptions, probate and occupation records. To find out more see the familysearch.org wiki or www.cyndislist.com/us/.

Q. What if my ancestor was an immigrant from the British Isles?

A. Use the record trail you have built up working backwards from yourself to identify whereabouts in the British Isles your ancestor came from. Your search will be much easier if you know the year he or she arrived and which area of their birth country they lived in. Once you have an idea of their place and time of birth there are a variety of records to look for, which are detailed below.

Q. How do I find civil registration documents from the British Isles?

A. Civil registration began in England and Wales in 1837 and you can search the index online at www.freebmd.org.uk and The General Register Office website: www.gro.gov.uk/gro/content/certificates/login.asp. Certificates can be ordered from the General Register Office. Go to familysearch.org and www.freereg.org.uk to search their collection of parish registers. While not all parishes and dates are included, it is a good place to start. Some images are available at ancestry.com and findmypast.com. Civil registration began in Scotland in 1855. You can search for and obtain a certificate from www.scotlandsppeople.gov.uk. Again, go to familysearch.org to search parish register information. The General Register Office of Ireland holds records of Irish births, deaths and marriages from 1864 and all non-Catholic marriages from 1845. An index can be viewed at <https://civilrecords.irishgenealogy.ie/churchrecords/civil-search.jsp>. This website also tells you how to obtain a certificate. Some are being made available free online in an ongoing initiative.

Q. How do I find census information from the British Isles?

A. Family history information is available from British censuses taken every 10 years from 1841 to 1911. They can be searched on familysearch.org, ancestry.com and findmypast.com. The 1921 census is expected to come online in 1922. It is presently closed.

Q. Who else can help me with my British Isles ancestors?

A. The Federation of Family History Societies has over 170 member organisations from around the world which are listed at www.ffhs.org.uk/members2/alpha.php. If you know that your ancestors came from a particular part of the British Isles, it will save you a great deal of time if you contact the relevant society. They will often have indexed all the relevant local records and will be able to provide a 'one-stop-shop' for your research. Other societies focus on, for example, Quaker, Jewish or Catholic ancestry, or are one-name studies. Again if these are relevant to your family, they will be very useful to you. Family history societies all have volunteers available to assist you with your research. They tend to be people who've already done a lot of research into their own family history, so they know what records you need to use and the pitfalls you might face. They can often show you more economical ways to find the information you need and can help you determine if someone has already done work on a line you are tracing. We all find brick walls in our family history, and as the saying goes, 'a problem shared is a problem solved'. Sometimes you can't find something because you don't know where to look or which record to consult next – a visit to a family history society will often help you break down that barrier.

Q. I've heard that wills can be useful; how do I go about using them?

A. If you want to find a will from England or Wales that was proved from 1858 to the present day you can search online at www.gov.uk/search-will-probate. Included are the records of some soldiers who died in active military service between 1860 and 1982. Before 1858 there was no national probate registry and research is more complicated as a result. Church Courts administered the system from the 14th century until 1858. A considerable number of indexes are online and available from commercial organisations enabling you to obtain copies of the documents from appropriate record offices. Wills proved at the Prerogative Court of Canterbury are available to download for a fee on discovery.nationalarchives.gov.uk and at www.ancestry.co.uk.

Q. How can I be sure this family hasn't already been traced?

A. It's important to check to see if others have already done research – they may have purchased certificates or obtained documentation that could be useful to your research. Before you reinvent the wheel, check online through the major websites and also with the relevant society. Remember that people have been tracing family history long before the Internet came along, so a local or family history society or the major genealogical organization in your state might hold a book published 50 years ago that contains the information you are looking for.

USEFUL WEBSITES

Most of these websites are free to access. The sites that charge to view some or all of their records are highlighted with a £ symbol.

- 192.com: People-finder site (pay-per-view), including a comprehensive database of current UK residents www.192.com/people £
- Adoption Search Reunion: First port of call for anyone searching for, or making contact with, birth and adopted relatives, or researching an adoption that took place in the UK www.adoptionsearchreunion.org.uk
- AIM25: Provides access to collection-level descriptions of the archives of over 100 UK higher-education institutions, learned societies, cultural organisations and livery companies within the Greater London area www.aim25.ac.uk
- Ancestry: Over 1 billion searchable worldwide records, including censuses; birth, marriage and death records; passenger lists; phone books, military and parish records plus AncestryDNA service www.ancestry.com £
- AncientFaces: Collaborative online tool for building online biographies of ancestors www.ancientfaces.com
- Archives: Large database of US records, some in partnership with The National Archives and Records Administration; free digital access to the 1940 US Federal Census www.archives.com £
- Archives Hub: Descriptions of archives in over 250 UK universities and colleges; name search facility www.archiveshub.ac.uk
- Archives Network Wales: Information about more than 7,000 collections of historical records in the holdings of 21 archives in Wales www.archivesnetworkwales.info
- Army Museums Ogilby Trust: Details of UK regimental museums www.armymuseums.org.uk
- Billion Graves: Growing collaborative resource for searchable GPS cemetery data; participants collect headstone images and transcribe the personal information billiongraves.com
- Borthwick Institute for Archives: UK repository of a large number of archives of regional, national and international importance www.york.ac.uk/borthwick
- British History Online: Digital library of primary and secondary sources for the history of Britain and Ireland, with a primary focus on the period between 1300 and 1800 www.british-history.ac.uk
- British Library: Catalogue of over 12 million books, serials, printed music and maps; newspaper catalogue of over 52,000 newspaper and periodical titles; India Office Select Materials www.bl.uk
- Children's Homes: The institutions that became home for Britain's children and young people www.childrenshomes.org.uk
- Clergy of the Church of England Database: References to the careers of Anglican clergy from 1540 to 1835; approximately 155,000 clergymen appear theclergydatabase.org.uk
- Commonwealth War Graves Commission: Debt of Honour Register and online index to CWGC archive www.cwgc.org
- Connected Histories: Currently includes 25 major British history digital resources for the period 1500–1900 and allows searching of names, places and dates www.connectedhistories.org
- Cyndi's List: Long-established genealogical research portal www.cyndislist.com
- Daughters of the American Revolution: The DAR Genealogical Research System includes free online databases containing information on Revolutionary patriot ancestors, their descendants, as well as the genealogical resources from the DAR Library www.dar.org
- Deceased Online: UK burial and cremation records www.deceasedonline.com £
- Ellis Island: Searchable database and copies of passenger manifests of ships arriving at Ellis Island from 1892–1924 www.ellislandrecords.org
- FamilySearch: The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints' baptism, marriage and burials index; census; Family History Centres and more www.familysearch.org
- Family Tree DNA: DNA service, including autosomal, Y-chromosome and mtDNA testing, provides a relative-matching service and information on ancestral origins www.familytreedna.com £
- FamilyTreeNow: Database of historical records including census, vital and military records; free family tree builder www.familytreenow.com
- Federation of Family History Societies: Long-established genealogy charity that supports ancestry research and family-history societies around the world; bimonthly newsletter www.ffhs.org.uk
- Find a Grave: Searchable database of graves www.findagrave.com
- Findmypast.com: Comprehensive collection of worldwide family-history and military records; including Mocavo collection www.findmypast.com £



- Fold3: Features collections of original military records. These records include the stories, photos and personal documents of the men and women who served in the military, drawn from the US National archives, the National Archives of the UK and other international records **www.fold3.com**
- Forces War Records: British military genealogy resources. Over 10 million individuals' researched plus supplementary military data **www.forces-war-records.co.uk** £
- FreeBMD: Search birth, marriage and death GRO index for England and Wales **www.freebmd.org.uk**
- FreeCEN: Search UK census data **www.freecen.org.uk**
- FreeREG: Indexes transcribed from millions of parish and non-conformist registers of England, Scotland and Wales **www.freereg.org.uk**
- Gazetteer of British Place Names: Place Name Index to Great Britain **www.gazetteer.co.uk**
- GEDmatch: Provides DNA and genealogical analysis tools for amateur and professional researchers and genealogists. Most tools are free with some premium paid-free tools for users **www.gedmatch.com**
- GenealogyBank: Database including an obituary collection, over 300 years of US newspaper coverage, 7000 newspaper titles from 50 US states, and birth, marriage and engagement notices **www.genealogybank.com** £
- Genealogy.com: A source for family historians to find genealogical research originally posted in GenForum or in articles **www.genealogy.com**
- Genealogy in Time: Online magazine and website with search facility, news and newsletter **www.genealogyintime.com**
- General Register Office (GRO): Order England and Wales birth, marriage and death certificates online for a fee; search birth and death indexes for free, which are newly updated with age at death and mothers' maiden name; official site **www.gro.gov.uk/gro/content/certificates/** £
- Genes Reunited: Online family-tree-linking website; census; birth, marriage and death entries from GRO indexes 1837–2004; military records; passenger lists; parish records **www.genesreunited.co.uk** £
- GENfair: Online retailer selling family history products including transcription and index CDs £ **www.genfair.co.uk**
- Geni: Users can add their relatives to join a 'definitive online worldwide family tree'; subscribe to find matching trees **www.geni.com** £
- GENUKI: Virtual reference library of genealogical information of particular relevance to the UK and Ireland; forthcoming genealogical events on GENEVA **www.genuki.org.uk**
- Guildhall Library: Holds a variety of genealogy resources relating to London and beyond **<https://www.cityoflondon.gov.uk/things-to-do/guildhall-library/Pages/default.aspx>**
- Guild of One-name Studies: Various online indexes, including marriage and probate one-name.org/the-guild-indexes/
- Historical Directories of England and Wales: A digital library of local and trade directories 1750–1919 **cdm16445.contentdm.oclc.org/cdm/landingpage/collection/p16445coll4**
- London Metropolitan Archives: Includes Middlesex wills **www.cityoflondon.gov.uk/things-to-do/london-metropolitan-archives/Pages/default.aspx**
- Lost Cousins: Matches you with others researching the same ancestor **www.lostcousins.com**
- Measuring Worth: Valuations of British money, from 1270 to present **www.measuringworth.com/ppoweruk/**
- MooseRoots: Website that draws on its extensive database of census, vital, immigration and military records to provide related information to family historians for free **www.mooseroots.com**
- MyHeritage.com: Build your family tree; search millions of international records **www.myheritage.com**
- National Archives of Ireland: Census 1901 and 1911; census survivals 1821–51; census search forms 1841–51; tithe applotment books 1823–1837; soldiers' wills 1914–1917; calendars of wills and administrations 1858–1922 **www.genealogy.nationalarchives.ie/**
- National Library of Ireland: Online searchable catalogue including books and periodicals, photographs, prints, drawings, manuscripts and newspapers; plus online images of Catholic parish registers **www.nli.ie**
- National Library of Scotland: Scotland's legal deposit library; catalogue, Scots Abroad, plus ONS digitised UK maps resource **www.nls.uk**
- National Maritime Museum: Over 1.5 million items relating to seafaring, navigation, astronomy and time measurement. Many available to view online **www.rmg.co.uk/discover/researchers**
- National Railway Museum: WWI resources and exhibition; free searchable database of over 20,000 railway employees **www.nrm.org.uk/RailwayStories/worldwarone.aspx**
- National Records of Scotland: Research guides plus relevant links; also see Scotland's People **www.nrscotland.gov.uk/research/family-history** **www.naval-history.net/#ww1**
- Naval Biographical Database: People, places, ships, organisations and events associated with the Royal Navy since 1660 **www.navylist.org**
- Newspaper Archive: Newspaper archives, obituaries and family history records **www.newspaperarchive.com/** £

- Newspapers.com: Over 340 million newspaper pages are available to browse on this site from across the United States and beyond www.newspapers.com £
- Old Bailey: Proceedings at the Old Bailey 1674–1913; nearly 200,000 London criminal trial records www.oldbaileyonline.org
- Old Maps: Historical map archive covering England, Wales and Scotland www.old-maps.co.uk
- Parish Chest: Online family history store with census records, maps, military records and parish registers www.parishchest.com £
- Probate: Access to post-1858 England and Wales wills; index of wills for soldiers who died on active service from 1860–1982 www.gov.uk/search-will-probate
- Public Record Office of Northern Ireland: Deposit for public records in Northern Ireland www.proni.gov.uk
- Railway, Work, Life & Death: Spreadsheet database with details of UK railway accidents, gathered during a project led by the University of Portsmouth and the National Railway Museum www.railwayaccidents.port.ac.uk/the-accidents/
- Register of One-Place Studies: Online studies of the history of particular places one-place-studies.org
- Roll of Honour: War memorials from counties across the UK www.roll-of-honour.com
- Rootsweb.ancestry.com: Largest and oldest free genealogy information website; host to mailing lists, news groups, message boards, volunteer projects, websites, etc www.rootsweb.ancestry.com
- S & N Genealogy: Broad range of family-history-research material, software and related products; online databases, including non-conformist registers www.genealogysupplies.com £
- ScotlandsPeople: Early BMD indexes; early parish registers; censuses 1841–1901; Scottish wills and testaments 1500–1901 www.scotlandspeople.gov.uk
- Society of Genealogists: a National UK Library and Education Centre for Family History; online search www.sog.org.uk/index.shtml
- The British Newspaper Archive: Vast treasure trove of historical newspapers www.britishnewspaperarchive.co.uk
- The British Postal Museum & Archive: Online resource of British postal heritage www.postalmuseum.org/research
- The Gazette: Official UK Government notices, including wills, probate, civilian and military awards, insolvency planning and transport notices www.thegazette.co.uk
- The Genealogist: Wide variety of online resources www.thegenealogist.co.uk £
- The National Archives: Searchable resources to help you find UK records; catalogue; digitised records; WWI records, including a vast collection of letters, diaries, maps and photographs discovery.nationalarchives.gov.uk/
- The National Library of Wales: Online catalogue containing over 4 million printed volumes books, periodicals, newspapers, maps, and music; WWI programme of remembrance www.llgc.org.uk
- The Scottish Archive Network: Single electronic catalogue of more than 20,000 collections of historical records held by 52 Scottish archives www.scan.org.uk
- The Scottish Association of Family History Societies: Find societies that have an interest in the same subject, surname or topic as you www.safhs.org.uk
- The Western Front Association (WFA): Aims to perpetuate the memory, courage and comradeship of all those on all sides who served their countries in France and Flanders and their own countries during The Great War www.westernfrontassociation.com
- The Workhouse: Dedicated to the workhouses of Britain; buildings, inmates, staff and administrators, even poets www.workhouses.org
- University Research Libraries (COPAC): Merged catalogues of 24 of the largest university research libraries in the UK and Ireland, plus the British Library, National Library of Scotland, and National Library of Wales www.copac.ac.uk
- UKBMD Project: Family-history-society initiative to publish local registrars' indexes online www.ukbmd.org.uk
- USGenWeb Archives: Since 1996, this digital library has been compiling a collection of online transcriptions of public domain records; including census records, marriage bonds, wills and many more usgwarchives.net
- War Memorial Archive (formerly UK National Inventory of War Memorials): Free searchable location database of war memorials www.ukniwm.org.uk
- War Memorials Online: Participate in creating the UK's most comprehensive understanding of the condition of war memorials; some images available www.warmemorialsonline.org.uk/about-us
- WikiTree: Free online community using DNA and traditional genealogical sources to grow a single family tree www.wikitree.com
- World Vital Records: Search worldwide datasets containing more than 4 billion names in historical records www.worldvitalrecords.com

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www.gsq.org.au

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www.familyhistoryact.org.au

MARYBOROUGH DISTRICT FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY INC

www.maryboroughfamilyhistory.org

QUEENSLAND FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY

www.qfhs.org.au/about-us/research-service

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www.sag.org.au

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TASMANIAN FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY INC

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BRITISH ISLES FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY OF GREATER OTTAWA

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www.jerseyfamilyhistory.org

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www.societe.org.gg/sections/familyhistory.php

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www.societies.cam.ac.uk/cuhags

CHESHIRE, THE FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY OF

www.fhsc.org.uk

CHESTERFIELD AND DISTRICT FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY

www.cadfhfs.org.uk

CITY OF YORK AND DISTRICT FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY

www.yorkfamilyhistory.org.uk

CLEVELAND, NORTH YORKSHIRE & SOUTH DURHAM FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY

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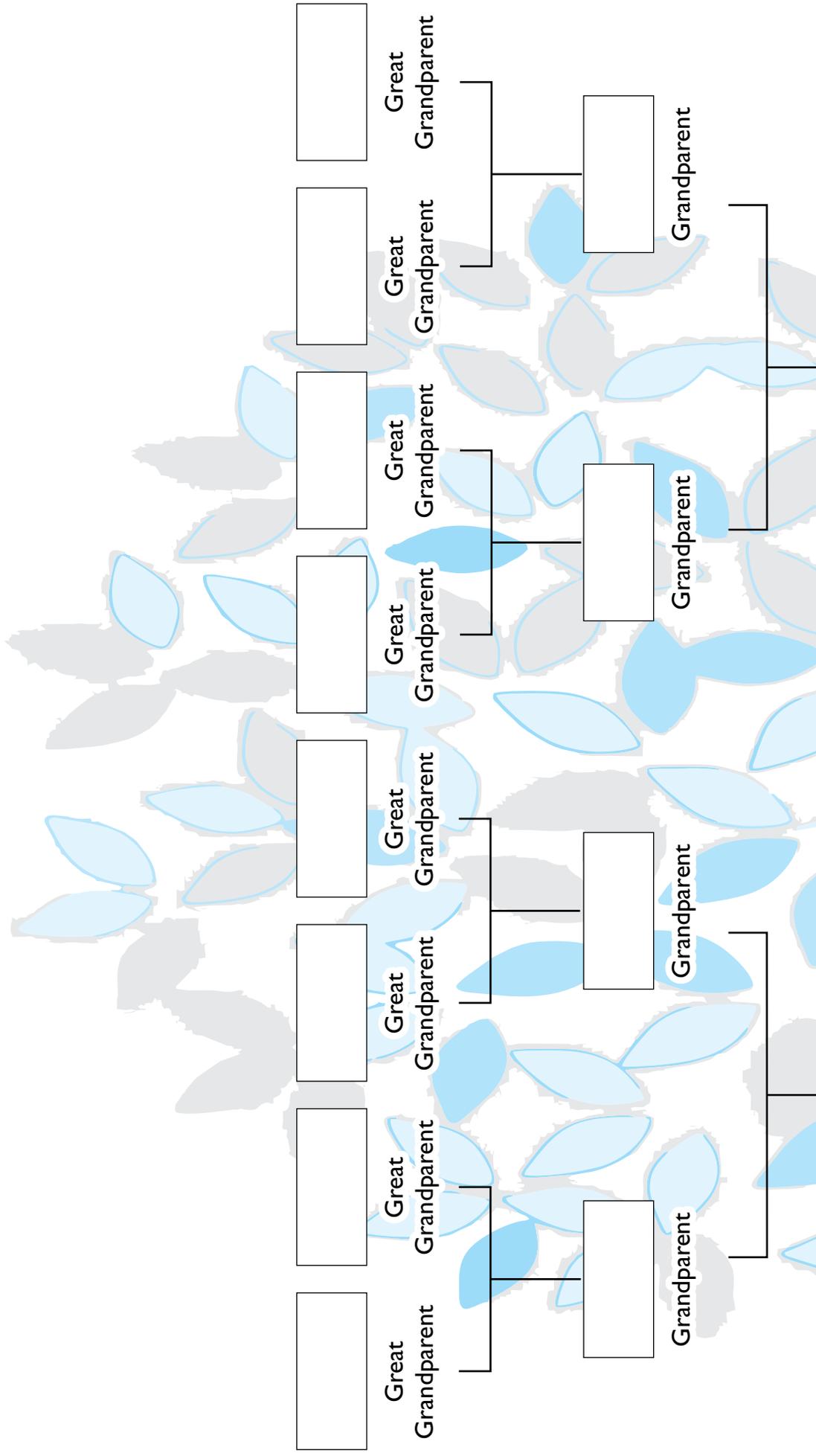
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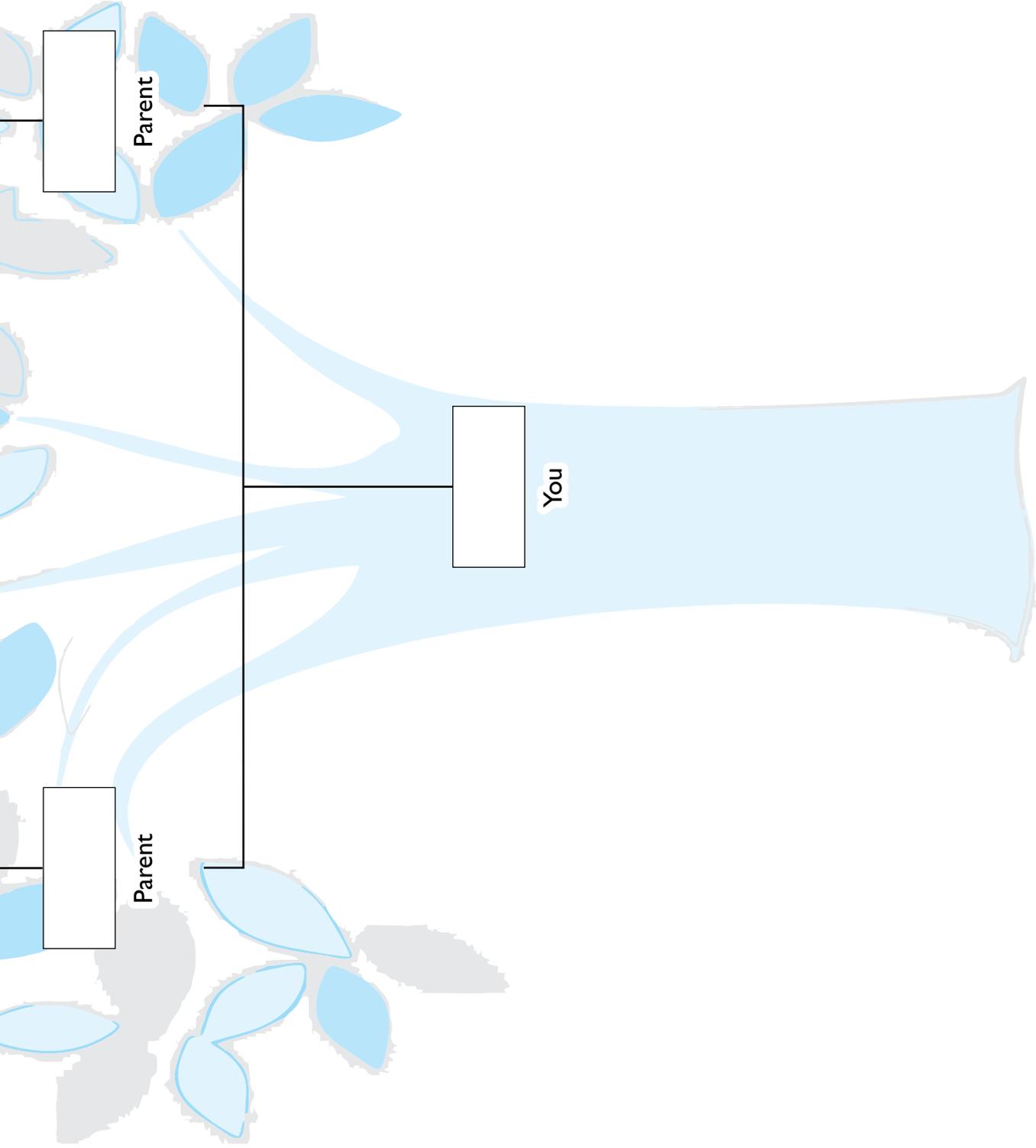
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www.felixstowefhs.onesuffolk.net

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MID-NORFOLK FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY

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WAKEFIELD AND DISTRICT FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY

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www.dagv.org

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GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY OF IRELAND

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www.gwentfhs.org.uk

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MONTGOMERYSHIRE GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

www.montgomeryshiregs.org.uk

POWYS FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY

www.powysfhs.org.uk

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FEDERATION OF GENEALOGICAL SOCIETIES

www.fgs.org

INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY FOR BRITISH GENEALOGY AND FAMILY HISTORY

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ALDERSON FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY

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www.bloor.org

BROOKING SOCIETY, THE

www.brookingsociety.org.uk

BUNTING SOCIETY, THE

www.buntingsociety.org.uk

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www.swinnerton.org

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PEDIGREE USERS GROUP

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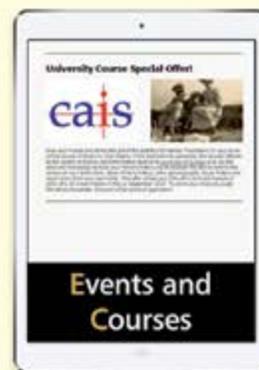
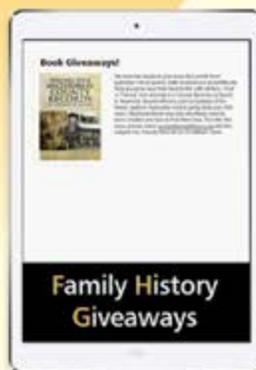
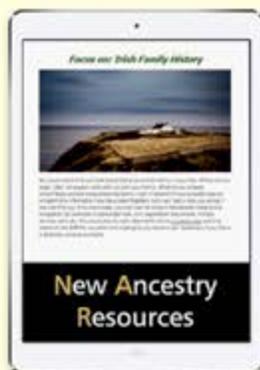
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