

Getting Started in Genealogy

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Why are you interested? What are you expecting?

- To find where in the world am I from.
- To solve a family mystery.
- To join a lineage society like DAR/SAR/
Mayflower Society.
- To explore my health related history and DNA
- To know more of my family history.



Genealogy: may be the greatest crowd-sourced enterprise ever!

- Millions of people are collecting, organizing and interpreting information that connects to everyone else. What you add helps others!
- More than 25 million people have taken an at-home DNA test.
- Several attempts in-process to build “world” family trees
- Browse graveyards and relatives from home



How do I get started?

- It generally begins with YOU!
- Gather any family records you have.
- Talk with other family members.
- Find books your library has on genealogy.
- Find those old photo albums and family letters.
- Connect with your local genealogical society.

Getting Organized

- Basic forms: [pedigree chart](#), [family group sheet](#).
- Start building a family ancestral tree.
 - Find a tree: check it – OR - No tree: Your work is needed!
 - Include siblings and other spouses.
- Start your tree on the web or your home computer:
 - Ancestry.com syncs with Family Tree Maker (FTM)
 - \$\$, more records, more users, DNA support
 - Familysearch.org syncs with FTM2019 and RootsMagic
 - Free, world tree, great wiki, more books, raw images

Husband Parents



Leora Martin

1868 - 1940



Louisa Elizabeth

Brough

1871 - 1911

Wife Parents



John T Ridge

1852 - 1915



Cynthia S " Van

Buskirk

1855 - 1936

Husband



42 ANCESTRY HINTS



Clarence Howard Martin

BIRTH: 10 Mar 1892 in Monroe, Indiana

DEATH: 29 Apr 1960 in Bean Blossom, Monroe, Indiana, USA

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Wife



32 ANCESTRY HINTS



Mary Faye Ridge

BIRTH: 17 Jan 1893 in Gosport, Indiana, USA

DEATH: 26 May 1975 in Bloomington, Monroe, Indiana, USA

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Relationship Events

Marriage

21 Mar 1915 in Monroe, Indiana

Children

[+ Add a child](#)



John Howard Martin

Son

BIRTH 30 Jun 1916 in Bean Blossom, Monroe Co, Indiana, USA

DEATH 04 Oct 2005 in Hospitality House, Monroe County, Illinois, USA

4 Hints



Ralph Lowell Martin

Son

BIRTH 15 Mar 1919 in Bean Blossom, Monroe, Indiana, USA

DEATH 30 Dec 2005 in Corpus Christi, Nueces, Texas

7 Hints



Example records for genealogy:

- Vital Records – birth, marriage, death
- Census Records US 1790-1940
- Immigration, naturalization, passport, ship manifest...
- Cemetery Records
- Land and Property Records
- Probate Records other Court Records
- Church Records
- Military Records
- Newspapers
- Employment, Adoption, City Directory, School, Clubs. etc. etc.



Where are these records located?

- In a variety of formal repositories.
- In homes of family and relatives.
- Governmental offices, libraries, archives, cemeteries, etc.
- Websites.
- Close to home: Falmouth Public Library has Ancestry Library Edition free at the library and has access to many otherwise closed records from the Family History Library in Salt Lake City.

Every U.S. Federal Census has been different.

	Birthplace?	Citizenship?
1790	No	No
1800		
1810		
1820	No	Yes
1830		
1840	Yes, but free inhabitants only	No
1850		
1860	Yes	Yes, but asked only of men 21 or older
1870		
1880		No
1890		Yes
1900		
1910		
1920	Yes	Yes
1930		
1940		
1950		

	Birthplace?	Citizenship?
1960	Yes, but 25% sample only	No
1970	Yes, but 20% sample only	Yes, but 5% sample only
1980	Yes, but 1/6 sample only	Yes, but 1/6 sample only
1990		
2000	Yes, but 1/6 sample only; also asked in first annual ACS	Yes, but 1/6 sample only; also asked in first annual ACS
2010	No, but asked in annual ACS (~3% sample)	No, but asked in annual ACS (~3% sample)
2020	No, but to be asked in annual ACS (~3% sample)	Yes, also to be asked in annual ACS (~3% sample)

Source: Center for Immigration Studies (<http://cis.org>)

Samuel L Clemens & family 1850 U.S. Census Hannibal, Missouri

SCHEDULE I.—Free Inhabitants in The City of Hannibal **in the County of** Marion **State of** Missouri **enumerated by me, on the** 17th **day of** October **1850.** William Pearson **Ass't Marshal.**

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1	2	3	DESCRIPTION.			7	8	9	10	11	12	13
			4	5	6							
Dwelling-houses numbered in the order of visitation.	Families numbered in the order of visitation.	The Name of every Person whose usual place of abode on the first day of June, 1850, was in this family.	Age.	Sex.	White, black, or mulatto.	Profession, Occupation, or Trade of each Male Person over 15 years of age.	Value of Real Estate owned.	PLACE OF BIRTH. Naming the State, Territory, or Country.	Married within the year.	Attended School within the year.	Persons over 20 yrs of age who cannot read & write.	Whether deaf and dumb, blind, insane, idiotic, pauper, or convict.
31	679 709	Jane Clemens	46	F.				Ky.				
32		Orion "	25	Ch		Printer ✓		Ten.				
33		Parnoka A. "	23	F.				So.				
34		Samuel L. "	14	Ch				Mo.		1		This is master train
35		Henry "	12	Ch				So.		1		
36	680 710	John W. Stabler	40	Ch		Saddler ✓	1200	Mo.				
37		Catherine J. "	25	F.				So.				

Samuel Clemens & mother in 1860 U.S. Census St. Louis, MO

SCHEDULE 1.—Free Inhabitants in South Ward of City of St. Louis **in the County of** St. Louis **of** Missouri **enumerated by me, on the** 5th **day of** July **1860.** John H. Blaine **Asst M**
Post Office St. Louis Mo

Dwelling-houses— numbered in the order of visitation.	Families numbered in the order of visitation.	The name of every person whose usual place of abode on the first day of June, 1860, was in this family.	DESCRIPTION.			Profession, Occupation, or Trade of each person, male and female, over 15 years of age.	VALUE OF ESTATE OWNED.		Place of Birth, Naming the State, Territory, or Country.	Married within the year.	Attended School within the year.	Persons over 90 y ^{rs} of age who cannot read & write.	Whether dumb, blind, idiotic, paup convict.
			Age.	Sex	White, black, or mulatto		Value of Real Estate.	Value of Personal Estate.					
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
380	524	W A Moffat	45	m		Commerçant			ky				
		Wm	40	f					mo				
		Mrs Clemens	60	f					ky				
		Saml	26	m					"				
		Mary	23	f		Servant			Germany				
381	525	Geo Bentley	46	m		Post Keeper	5000	3000	Va				
381	515	Matilda	30	f					La				



Samuel L Clemens with wife Olivia in 1870 U.S. Census, Buffalo NY

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Inquiries numbered 7, 16, and 17 are not to be asked in respect to infants. Inquiries numbered 11, 12, 15, 16, 17, 19, and 20 are to be answered (if at all) merely by an affirmative mark, as /.

SCHEDULE 1.—Inhabitants in 10th Ward Buffalo, in the County of Errie, State of N York, enumerated by me on the 28th day of June, 1870.

Post Office: Buffalo N.Y. Chas. S. Felge, Ass't Marshal.

1	2	3	DESCRIPTION.			7	VALUE OF REAL ESTATE OWNED.		10	PARENTAGE.		13	14	15	EDUCATION.		18	CONSTITUTIONAL RELATIONS.	
			4	5	6		8	9		11	12				16	17		19	20
8	1132	1104	Clemens, S. L.	30	M	M	proprietor daily paper	10000		N York								/	
9			Olivia	24	F	M	Neat's home	14000	8000	N York									
0			McFay, Patrick	26	M	M	coachman			Ireland	/	/							
1			Brown, Margaret	23	F	M	dom servant			N York	/	/							
2			White, Ellen	27	F	M	dom servant			Ireland	/	/							
3	1133	1105	Loch, John	62	M	M	builder	35000	10000	England	/	/						/	
4			Bussard	62	F	M	Neat's home			England	/	/							



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Note A.—The Census year begins June 1, 1879, and ends May 31, 1880.

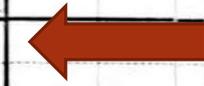
Note B.—All persons will be included in the Enumeration who were living on the 1st day of June, 1880. No others will. Children BORN SINCE June 1, 1880, will be OMITTED. Members of Families who have DIED SINCE June 1, 1880, will be INCLUDED. 117

Note C.—Questions Nos. 13, 14, 22 and 23 are not to be asked in respect to persons under 10 years of age.

SCHEDULE I.—Inhabitants in Hartford, in the County of Hartford, State of Conn enumerated by me on the 14th day of June, 1880.

Luther N. Burk
 Enumerator.

In Cities	Name of Street	House Number	Dwelling houses numbered in order of visitation	Families numbered in order of visitation	Personal Description			Civil Condition	Occupation	Health						Education			Nativity						
					Color—White, W.; Black, B.; Mulatto, Mu.; Chinese, C.; Indian, I.	Sex—Male, M.; Female, F.	Age at last birthday prior to June 1, 1880. If under 1 year, give months in fractions, thus: $\frac{1}{2}$.			Single, /; Married, /; Widowed, /; Divorced, D.	Profession, Occupation or Trade of each person, male or female.	Blind, /	Deaf and Dumb, /	Idiotic, /	Insane, /	Maimed, Crippled, Bedridden, or otherwise disabled, /	Attended school within the Census year, /	Cannot read, /	Cannot write, /	Place of Birth of this person, naming State or Territory of United States, or the Country, if of foreign birth.	Place of Birth of the FATHER of this person, naming the State or Territory of United States, or the Country, if of foreign birth.	Place of Birth of the MOTHER of this person, naming the State or Territory of United States, or the Country, if of foreign birth.			
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
	7-302-304	Washington			Gardner, Catharine	W	18	57	Wife	Widowed, /		Book and Shoe											Massachusetts	Mass	Mass
					Anna M	W	F	40	Wife	Widowed, /		keeping house											Connecticut	Conn	Conn
					Grace H.	W	F	16	Daughter	Widowed, /		attends school											Connecticut	Conn	Conn
					Archie M	W	F	11	Daughter	Widowed, /		attends school											Connecticut	Conn	Conn
					Corcoran, Catherine	W	F	45	Servant	Widowed, /		Domestic Servant											Ireland	Ireland	Ireland
					Gorman, Catherine	W	F	23	Servant	Widowed, /		Domestic Servant											Ireland	Ireland	Ireland
					Pendergraft, Dennis	W	M	24	Servant	Widowed, /		Domestic Servant											Ireland	Ireland	Ireland
	95-333-503	Washington			Clemens, Samuel L.	W	M	44	Author	Widowed, /		Author											Missouri	Virginia	Kentucky
					Olivia L	W	F	34	Wife	Widowed, /		keeping house											New York	New York	New York
					Susan O	W	F	8	Daughter	Widowed, /													New York	Missouri	New York
					Clara L	W	F	5	Daughter	Widowed, /													New York	Missouri	New York
					Hay Rosina	W	F	28	Servant	Widowed, /		Domestic Servant											Germany	Germany	Germany



WASHINGTON

Samuel Clemens in 1910 U.S. Census, alone in Hartford CT

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR—BUREAU OF THE CENSUS
THIRTEENTH CENSUS OF THE UNITED STATES: 1910—POPULATION

DIVISION OF COUNTY Reading Town NAME OF INCORPORATED PLACE _____

OF INSTITUTION _____ ENUMERATED BY ME ON THE 22 DAY OF April, 1910.

NAME of each person whose place of abode on April 15, 1910, was in this family. Enter surname first, then the given name and middle initial, if any. Include every person living on April 15, 1910. Omit children born since April 15, 1910.	RELATION. Relationship of this person to the head of the family.	PERSONAL DESCRIPTION.									NATIVITY.			CITIZENSHIP.		Whether able to speak English; or, if not, give language spoken.	Trade or profession of, or particular kind of work done by this person, as spinner, salesman, laborer, etc.	General nature of industry, business, or establishment in which this person works, as cotton mill, dry goods store, farm, etc.	Whether an employer, employee, or working on own account.
		Sex.	Color or race.	Age at last birthday.	Whether single, married, widowed, or divorced.	Number of years of present marriage.	Mother of how many children.		Place of birth of this Person.	Place of birth of Father of this person.	Place of birth of Mother of this person.	Year of immigration to the United States.	Whether naturalized or alien.						
							Number born.	Number living.											
3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20		
Samuel Clemens	Head	M	W	44	S				Connecticut	Connecticut	Connecticut			English	Writer	Magazine	On		
Martha Clemens	Wife	F	W	44	S				Missouri	Virginia	Kentucky			English	Author	Magazine	On		
Landman Kate	Wife	F	W	23	M	0	0		New York	Eng English	Eng English			English	none				
Wendell Elmer	Mother	F	W	72	M	2	1		Eng English	Eng English	Eng English			English	none				
Conrad John	Boarder	M	W	38	S				New York	New York	New York			English	Artist	Illustrator	On		
Roderic Robert	Board	M	W	14	S				New York	Eng English	Eng English			English	Farmer	working out	W		
Paunce Albert B.	Head	M	W	46	M	1	1		Massachusetts	Massachusetts	Massachusetts			English	Author	Biographer	On		
Son L.	Wife	F	W	41	M	1	1	3	Illinois	Illinois	Illinois			English	none				
Louise	Daughter	F	W	15	S				Massachusetts	Massachusetts	Illinois			English	none				
Spencer	Daughter	F	W	12	S				New York	Massachusetts	Illinois			English	none				
John	Daughter	F	W	7	S				New York	Massachusetts	Illinois			English	none				
Leah Wilbur	Wife	F	W	54	S				New York	Eng English	Eng English			English	Gardener	household	On		

City Directories and Gazetteers are wonderful resources:

for 1902:

GEER'S HARTFORD CITY DIRECTORY.

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CLARKE L. WALTER, asst. sec'y Conn. Fire Ins.
Co. 51 Prospect, h. 191 Far. *See p. 516.*
" Martin J. trimmer, 1, b. 51 Laurel.
" Moses K. clerk, 372 Asylum, h. 82 Madison.
" Philip S. student, Trinity, 28 Jarvis hall.
" Rienzi A. (*E. W. C. & Son,*) h. 521 Pros-
pect av.

Clemens Anita, operator, b. 33 Ward.
" John J. clerk 581 Capitol, h. 173 Zion.
" Samuel L. author. (Mark Twain) removed to
Tarrytown, New York. ←
" Thomas, b. 173 Zion.
" Wilbur F. machinist, h.u. 275 Park.
Clement Belle A. nurse, b. 54 Fairmount.

Samuel Clemens in example ship manifest

District of New York.—Port of New York.

I, *S. Cook* Master of the *U.S. Gallia* do solemnly, sincerely, and truly swear that the following List or Manifest subscribed by me, and now delivered by me to the Collector of the Customs of the Collection District of New York, is a full and perfect List of all the Passengers taken on board of the said *U.S. Gallia* at *Liverpool* from which Port said *U.S. Gallia* has now arrived; and that on the said List is truly designated the age, the sex, and the occupation of each of the said Passengers, the part of the vessel occupied by each during the passage, the country to which each belongs, and also the country of which it is intended by each to become an inhabitant; and that said List or Manifest truly sets forth the number of said Passengers who have died on said voyage, and the names and ages of those who have died.

Sworn to this *3rd Sept* 18 *79* before me *J. W. [Signature]* *S. Cook* So help me, God.

List or Manifest of all the Passengers taken on board the *U.S. Gallia* in Master, from *Liverpool via Southampton* burthen *3081* ^{*50*}/_{*100*} tons. whereof

NAME	AGE		SEX	OCCUPATION	The Country to which they severally belong	The Country of which they intend to become Inhabitants	Died on the Voyage	Part of the Vessel occupied by each Passenger during the Voyage
	Years	Months						
<i>James L. Morgan</i>	<i>57</i>		<i>male</i>	<i>Merchant</i>	<i>U.S. America</i>	<i>U.S. America</i>		<i>Cabin</i>
<i>Agnes W. [Signature]</i>	<i>53</i>		<i>female</i>	<i>Spinster</i>				
<i>Louise [Signature]</i>	<i>110</i>			<i>Servant</i>	<i>Switzerland</i>			
<i>Margaret Wright</i>	<i>26</i>			<i>Wife</i>	<i>U.S. America</i>			
<i>Elizabeth Wright</i>	<i>1</i>			<i>Child</i>				
<i>Margaret [Signature]</i>	<i>30</i>			<i>Servant</i>				
<i>Samuel L. Clemens</i>	<i>43</i>		<i>male</i>	<i>Author</i>		<i>31</i>	<i>20</i>	



No. 26660

Issued May 7/91

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

STATE OF CONNECTICUT, }
COUNTY OF HARTFORD. }^{88.}

wife 3 child + servant

I, Samuel L. Clemens, A NATIVE AND LOYAL CITIZEN

OF THE UNITED STATES, do hereby apply to the Department of State at Washington for a passport for myself and wife, and my minor children as follows:

born at Colura NY on the Nov day of 1845 and
Marie age 19. Clara age 17. Jean age 10.
Servant age 30.

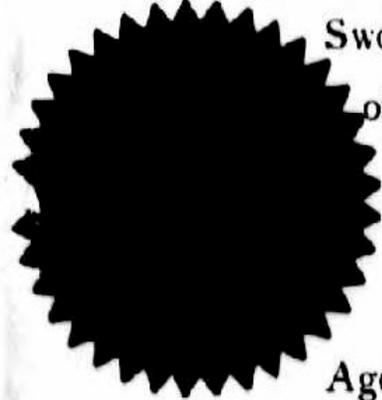
In support of the above application, I do solemnly swear that I was born at Florida, in the State of Missouri, on, or about the 30 day of Nov, 1835; that my father ~~is~~ ^{was} a Native citizen of the United States; that I am domiciled in the United States, my permanent residence being at Hartford, in the State of Conn., where I follow the occupation of Author; that I am about to go abroad temporarily; and that I intend to return to the United States within two years with the purpose of residing and performing the duties of citizenship therein.

Samuel Clemens: a later passport application

(top half)

Samuel
Clemens:
a later
passport
application

(bottom half)



OATH OF ALLEGIANCE.

Further, I do solemnly swear that I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; and that I take this obligation freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion: SO HELP ME GOD.

Sworn to before me this 5th day
of May, 1891

Sh Clemens

Olever F. King.
Notary Public.

DESCRIPTION OF APPLICANT.

Age: 55 years. Mouth: Medium
Stature: 5 feet, 8 1/2 inches, Eng. Chin: Round
Forehead: High Hair: Grey
Eyes: Grey Complexion: Light
Nose: Ordinary Face: Round

IDENTIFICATION.

Hartford, Conn., May 5, 1891

I hereby certify that I know the above-named Sam'l Clemens personally, and know him to be a native-born citizen of the United States, and that the facts stated in his affidavit are true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

W. C. Prescott
Hartford, Conn.

[ADDRESS OF WITNESS.]

Samuel Clemens' father John M & family in 1840 U.S. Census

(No. 4.)

SCHEDULE of the whole number of persons within the

Names of County, City, Ward, Town, Township, Parish, Precinct, Electoral, or District.	FREE WHITE PERSONS, INCLUDING HEADS OF FAMILIES.																			
	MALES													FEMALES						
	Under 5	5 under 10	10 under 15	15 under 20	20 under 30	30 under 40	40 under 50	50 under 60	60 under 70	70 under 80	80 under 90	90 under 100	100 and upwards.	Under 5	5 under 10	10 under 15	15 under 20	20 under 30	30 under 40	40 under 50
William Turner	2	1			2													2		
John M. Clemens	2	1	1				1									1			1	



Children

 [John Marshall Clemens](#)
1798-1847 (m. 1823)

 [Orion Clemens](#)
1825-1897

 [Pleasant Hannibal Clemens](#)
1828-1829

 [Benjamin Clemens](#)
1831-1842

Spouse

 [Jane Lampton Clemens](#)
1803-1890 (m. 1823)

 [Pamela Ann Clemens Moffett](#)
1827-1904

 [Margaret Lampton Clemens](#)
1830-1839

 [Mark Twain](#)
1835-1910

 [Henry Clemens](#)
1838-1858

What are some useful websites?

- FamilySearch.org : Free records and wikis.
- Ancestry.com : most extensive online collection. \$
- AmericanAncestors.org : best New England collection. \$
- FindMyPast.org : best for British Isles records. \$
- Cyndislist.com : lists thousands of websites, and sources.
- Findagrave.com : cemetery records.
- Fold3.com : Military records \$
- Google: search engine, maps, translation



I found some information. What do I do?

- Enter the information onto your charts, web accounts, or into your computer-based program.
- Always record the source of the information.
 - Some sources are better than others.
 - Analyze the information.
- Goal of the process is to prove relationships based on best evidence available.
- Mine the more prevalent gold from recent generations

Where did my ancestors come from?

- Always helpful to determine the hometown of the immigrant ancestor.
- Use familysearch.org wiki for your country of interest.
- Connect with an ethnic research group.
- Ancestry.com has basic immigration databases.
- Falmouth Public Library has books related to research in certain countries.



What can an DNA test do?

- Determine what general parts of the world your ancestors are from (deeper ancestry).
- Show cousin matches – but how do they relate?
- Interpretation using an accurate tree is needed
- Ask earlier generations and cousins with known relationship to take a test!
- Certain more detailed tests can provide a paternity, maternity “fingerprint”: Y-DNA, mtDNA

Conclusion

- Get HELP any Tuesday 2-4pm at the Falmouth Public Library.
- Our monthly talks are FREE! (2nd Saturday of month)
- Join the effort – it helps others!
- Thanks for coming.
- Have a blast!



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Resources -> Links