

The Basic Steps to Methodology

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Where does one start in the research process of finding information about their ancestors? Listed below are the first steps to get started to find the basic information of your ancestor. Before you begin with the steps, have a family in mind of who you want to learn more about.

1. What is your Scope/Focus?

2. Pre-liminary Survey

- Start with what you already know.
- Gather information:
 - from family
 - around the house
 - other trees (take lightly with these sources)
- Organize the information:
 - Create a tree with citation of the sources
 - Have a research log

3. U.S Census Records

- Start with the knowledge you already have (like a birth date, death date or marriage date) then work backwards and then forwards.
- Create a census Survey for the entire family

	1830 Census	1840 Census	1850 Census	1860 Census	1870 Census	1880 Census	1900 Census	1910 Census	1920 Census	1930 Census	1940 Census
James Welker	Bloomfield, Jackson, Ohio, under the age 5, Father's name is James Wellier	Bloomfield, Jackson, Ohio,	NIL	Jas W. Walker, age 36, Farmer, Box Elder, Utah Territory	James W Welker, age 43, Blacksmith, Rich, Utah Territory	James W. Welker, age 53, Farmer, Bear Lake, ID	James W. Welker, 75, Farmer, Bear Lake, ID	James W. Welker, age 85, Bear Lake, Idaho.	Deceased	Deceased	Deceased
Anna Pugh			NIL	Anna Walker, age 40, Box Elder, Utah Territory	Ann Welker, age 49, Keeping House, Rich, Utah	Annie Welker, age 59, Keep House, Bear Lake ID	Deceased	Deceased	Deceased	Deceased	Deceased
Alfred Welker	X	X	NIL	Alfred Walker, age 13, Box Elder, Utah Territory	Alfred Welker, age 23, Farmer, Rich, Utah Territory	Alfred Welker, age 33, Farmer, Bear Lake ID	Deceased	Deceased	Deceased	Deceased	Deceased
Hettie Welker	X	X	NIL	Hetta Walker, age 11, Box Elder, Utah Territory	Hettie E Dunn, age 21, Keeping House, Rich, Utah	Hettie Dunn, age 31, Keeping House, Bear Lake, ID	Hettie Dunn, age 51, Bear Lake, ID	Deceased	Deceased	Deceased	Deceased
Orlena Welker	X	X	NIL	Anlina Walker, age 10, Box Elder, Utah Territory	Arlena Palmer, age 20, Keeping House, Rich, Utah	Orleana Palmer, age 30, Keeping House, Bear Lake, ID	Orlena Palmer, age 50, Farmer, Bear Lake	Deceased	Deceased	Deceased	Deceased
James Albert Welker	X	X	NIL	Jas A. Walker, age 9, Box Elder, Utah Territory	James A Welker, age 19, Rich, Utah Territory	James A Welker, age 29, Farmer, Bear Lake, ID	James Welker, age 49, Farmer, Bear Lake, Adam	James A. Welker, age 58, Farmer, Bear Lake, Adam P.	James A. Welker, age 68, Bear Lake, ID	James Welker, age 78, Bear Lake, ID	NIL
Adam Welker	X	X	NIL	Adam Walker, age 7	Welker, age 17, Rich, Utah Territory	Welker. Age 24, Laborer, Bear Lake, ID	Welker, age 47, Farmer, Bear Lake, ID	Welker, age 57, Farmer, Bear Lake, ID	Welker, age 66, Farmer, Bear Lake, ID	Deceased	Deceased
Gilbert Welker	X	X	NIL	Gilbert Walker, age 9	Gilbert Welker, age 15, Rich, Utah Territory	Gilbert Welker, age 24, Laborer, Bear Lake, ID	Gilbert Welker, 44, Farmer, Bear Lake, ID	Gilbert Welker, age 54, Farmer, Beark ID	Gilbert Welker, age 64, Farmer, Bear Lake, ID	Gilbert Wilker, age 74, Canyon, ID	Deceased
Wilburn Welker	X	X	X	William Walker, age 3	Wilber Welker, age 13, Rich, Utah Territory	Wilberen Welker, age 23, Laborer, Bear Lake, ID	Wilbrun Welker, age 52, Freemont, ID	Wilburn Welker, age 63, Farmer, Freemont, Idaho	Wilburn Wilker, age 72, Freemont, ID	Deceased	Deceased
Ephraim Welker	X	X	X	Ephraim Walker, 6 months	Ephraim Welker, age 10, Rich, Utah	Ephraim Welker, age 20, Laborer, Bear Lake,	Deceased	Deceased	Deceased	Deceased	Deceased
Rebecca Ann Welker	X	X	X	X	Rebecca, age 6, Rich, Utah Territory	Rebecca Ann Welker, age 16, Bear Lake, ID	Rebecca Greenhalgh, age 36, Housekeeper, Freemont, ID	Rebecca Greenhalgh, age 47, Freemont, ID	Rebecca A Greenhlagh, age 55, Freemonth, ID	Rebecca Greenhalgh, 65, Freemont, ID	Deceased
Susan Carorline							Susan Caroline Welker, 68, Bear Lake				

- The information added to the survey:
 - Name
 - Age
 - Location,
 - Occupation

4. Vital Records

- Birth:
 - Location and year will vary on records. If you cannot find a birth record, there are other records that will help supplement the birth record.
- Marriage:
 - U.S Research
 - State Level
 - County
- Death:
 - Death Certificates (Depending on Location and Year)
 - Grave Markers
 - Obituaries/ Death Notices

If you have any more questions, please contact me at Untangleyourroots@gamil.com.

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