

**NORTH COUNTRY WHO  
DO YOU THINK YOU  
ARE?**

**PART ONE YOUR PERSONAL HISTORY**



# TRACING YOUR ROOTS

## GETTING STARTED

- The process of finding information about your ancestors is called genealogy.
- In the following slides we will give you the tools to get you started on your own search.
- It will help you to find out who your ancestors were, what they did and where they lived.



# STEP #1

## PREPARE A CHART

- As you trace your ancestors, you will need to keep a record of what you find. Otherwise, it will be nearly impossible to keep them all straight.
- Start with a simple chart like the one on the following slide, which shows you, your parents, grand-parents and great grand-parents.
- If possible, use the maiden name of the females on your chart so you can trace their families.

# A SIMPLE GENEALOGY CHART

Gr, Grandfather	Gr. Grandmother	Gr. Grandfather	Gr. Grandmother	Gr, Grandfather	Gr. Grandmother	Gr. Grandfather	Gr. Grandmother
Birth:	Birth:	Birth:	Birth:	Birth:	Birth:	Birth:	Birth:
Death:	Death:	Death:	Death:	Death:	Death:	Death:	Death:
Lived in:	Lived in:	Lived in:	Lived in:	Lived in:	Lived in:	Lived in:	Lived in:

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Grandfather

Birth:  
Death:  
Lived in:

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Grandmother

Birth:  
Death:  
Lived in:

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Grandfather

Birth:  
Death:  
Lived in:

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Grandmother

Birth:  
Death:  
Lived in:

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Father

Birth:  
Death:  
Lived in:

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Mother

Birth:  
Death:  
Lived in:

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Me

Birth:  
Lived in:



## STEP #2

# TALK TO YOUR FAMILY

- In order to fill out your chart, you need information. You can start by filling out your own name and birthday.
- The next step is to talk with other family members to see what they know. Start with your parents and grandparents if they are alive. Write down what they tell you on your chart.
- Talk to other family members such as brothers, sisters, aunts, uncles, etc. to see what they know or can remember.

## STEP #3

### USE RESOURCES ON-LINE

- Once you have exhausted your family resources, it's time to see what other records are available.
- The internet has provided many resources for genealogy which were not available until recently. Some of these cost money to join such as [ancestry.com](http://ancestry.com). Others are free.
- An excellent free one to start with is [familysearch.org](http://familysearch.org).