

Ferretting Out Family Stories – Handout

1. Separate story into multiple parts and create **research questions** to be researched in parallel or in sequence.
2. Create a **research plan** – this is dynamic – add to it as you go and learn more about your story.
3. Record your results in a **research log**.
4. Create a **timeline** as you go – visual chronology that shows sequence and gaps.
5. Analyze your evidence; write up and share your conclusions with family.

Research Plan Template:

Item #	Research Goal	Source Notes
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Timeline Template:

Event	Year	Source

Revised Research Log Template

	A	B	C	D	E
1	RESEARCH LOG				
2	Ancestor name: First Last				
3	Activity and Notes	To-Do Date	Event Year	Search Results	Citation
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