Basic Genealogical Research Continued

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Ancestor’s Name ______________________ Kinship to You _________ Soundex Code _____

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__ Church Histories and Reunions

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__ Berkeley Democrat Newspaper
__ Orderly Books of Francis Marion
__ Soundex
__ S.C. Death Certificate Index
__ U.S. Census Mortality Schedules
__ U.S. Census, S.C. 1700 -1940

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__ Ancestry Library Edition^
__ HeritageQuest*

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RESOURCES

ANCESTRY RESEARCH

LOCAL HISTORY

Common Sense Genealogy

1. Watch for all misspellings or variations of names.

2. Keep your searches organized. You don’t want to have to redo your work.

3. On average, people move seven times during their lifetime.

4. Study styles of handwriting, certain legal terms, and abbreviations.

5. Read “How to” genealogy books.

6. Attend genealogy workshops.
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Birth Certificate __ Christening
Marriage License __ Death Certificate

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State Census __ Mortality Schedules
Interviews with _____________
Letters to _____________

AT HOME

Family Bible __ Photo Albums __ Scrapbooks
Family Letters __ Lodge and Club Records
Family Histories __ Family Genealogists
Insurance Papers __ Social Security Papers
Engraved Jewelry __ Newspaper Clippings
Friendship Quilts __ Employment Records

RECORDS

Divorce __ Wills __ Estate Inventories
Letters of Administration __ Abstracts
Appraisals __ Adoption Proceedings
Executor Administration Bonds
Mortgages __ Court Records __ Adoption
Guardianship Records __ Orphanage
Change of Name __ Prison Records
Voter Registration __ Doctor __ Dentist
Tax and Assessment Rolls __ Military
Home for Unwed Mothers __ Hospital
State Archives __ Acts, Journals
Pension Records __ Passenger Lists
Immigration Records __ Naturalization
Passport Records __ Social Security Records
Congressional Reports

LAND RECORDS

Deeds __ Mortgages __ Leases __ Maps
Plats __ Grants __ Foreclosures
Partitions of Property __ Power of Attorney
Homestead Application __ Recorded Wills

CEMETERIES

Tombstones __ Mortuary Records
Memorial Cards __ Funeral Programs

SCHOOLS

Records, Rosters, Rolls __ Yearbooks
College Records __ College Yearbooks
College Alumni Office

CHURCHES

Archives __ Parish Records __ Marriages
Church Histories __ Membership Rolls
Baptisms __ Burials __ Cemetery Records