

Family History Companion Worksheet Toolkit

Reusable printable + fillable research sheets

Capture -> Investigate -> Verify -> Organize -> Write -> Preserve

Use these sheets alongside the workbook. Print only the pages you need, as often as you need them, or type directly into the fillable fields.

Project / family:

Researcher:

1. Interview Record

Document who was interviewed, when, and how the information was captured.

Interviewee:

Relationship:

Date and location:

Interviewer:

Recording / file location:

Permission / usage notes:

People, places or topics to follow up:

2. Story-to-Clue Sheet

Preserve the memory first. Then identify the details that can become research leads.

Story as remembered or told:

People / names:

Dates / ages:

Places:

Event / occupation / organization:

What part could be checked against records?

Family memory only

Partly supported

Supported

Contradicted

Unresolved

3. Research Question Planner

Turn a broad curiosity into one answerable question.

Person / family:

What specifically do I want to know?:

Known place(s):

Approximate date / range:

What do I already know - and where did it come from?:

Records or sources I should try first:

4. Research Log

Record successful and unsuccessful searches so you do not repeat work.

Date	Question / person	Source / repository	Search / result	Next step

5. Evidence Comparison Sheet

When sources disagree, keep the conflict visible until you can explain it.

Claim being tested:

Source	What it says	Supports/conflicts?	Reliability / notes

Current conclusion:

Supported

Probably supported

Inconclusive

Probably incorrect

Contradicted

What evidence would strengthen or change this conclusion?

6. Person Profile

Build a working profile before writing the person's story.

Full name / alternate names:	
Birth:	
Parents:	
Marriage / partner:	
Children:	
Death / burial:	
Primary places:	
Occupations / roles:	

What was this person like?:

Major events / turning points:

Best sources / photos / documents:

7. Family Group Sheet

Keep one household or couple together while you research relationships.

Person 1:

Person 2:

Marriage / partnership date and place:

Primary residence(s):

Name	Birth	Death	Relationship / notes

Household notes / unresolved relationships:

8. Pedigree Starter

Use this as a quick visual map. Keep detailed evidence on the other worksheets.

Starting person:

Father:

Mother:

Paternal grandfather:

Paternal grandmother:

Maternal grandfather:

Maternal grandmother:

Earlier generations / notes:

9. Family Timeline

A timeline can reveal gaps, impossible sequences, and changes of place.

Date/range	Person(s)	Event	Place	Source/confidence

10. Photograph Identification Sheet

Do not let the story of a photograph become separated from the image.

Photo number / filename:

Attach / insert photograph or copy here

Who is pictured? Identify left-to-right if possible.:

Approximate date and location:

Who identified the people / how was it determined?:

What story belongs with this photograph?:

Original owner / current location:

11. Document & Heirloom Inventory

Track where originals live and whether you have made a digital copy.

Item	Person/family	Date	Owner/location	Digital copy / filename

12. Source Tracker

Record enough information that another relative could find the source again.

Person / claim this source relates to:

Source type:

Title / collection / record description:

Repository / website / archive / owner:

Volume, page, image, URL, file number or locator:

Date accessed / obtained:

What does this source actually support?:

Digital filename / storage location:

13. Unresolved Family Mystery Sheet

Keep unresolved questions visible without turning guesses into facts.

Mystery / unresolved question:

What the family says:

What is supported by evidence:

Conflicting information / missing pieces:

Best next research steps:

14. Finished-History Chapter Planner

Use research to build a readable story rather than a list of dates.

Chapter / profile title:

Main person, family, place or event:

Central story:

Verified facts that must be included:

Memories / quotations that add personality:

Photos, maps or documents to include:

Historical context the reader needs:

What remains uncertain and must be worded carefully:

15. Research Session - Next Actions

End each session by deciding what happens next. This keeps the project moving.

What did I work on today?:

Most useful finding:

What is still unclear?:

Next action 1:

Next action 2:

Next action 3:

Files / records to back up before I stop: