### Introduction to Researching Your Family History February 22, 2025 Chiquita C. Sorrels

- Start with yourself
- Interview your relatives
- Check the census records
- Search for death record information
- Put the information on Family Group Sheet or in genealogy software
- Keep track of your sources
- Keep it organized

#### Recommended Internet Sites

Heritage Quest (access from local public library web page) Find a Grave (<a href="https://www.findagrave.com">https://www.findagrave.com</a>) Family Search.org (<a href="https://www.familysearch.org">www.familysearch.org</a>)

#### Recommended Genealogy Software

Family Tree Maker – <a href="www.familytreemaker.com">www.familytreemaker.com</a>
Roots Magic – <a href="www.rootsmagic.com">www.rootsmagic.com</a>
Family Tree Builder – <a href="www.myheritage.com/family-tree-builder">www.myheritage.com/family-tree-builder</a>

#### Recommended Books

Burroughs, Tony. <u>Black Roots: A Beginner's Guide to Tracing the African American Family Tree</u>. New York, NY: Fireside Division of Simon & Schuster, 2001.

Crandall, Ralph. <u>Shaking Your Family Tree: A Basic Guide to Tracing Your Family's Genealogy</u>. Emmaus, PA: Rodale Press, 1986.

# **FAMILY GROUP SHEET**

Father:			Other Spouses:□
Born:	Place:		
Died:	Place:		
Buried:	Place:		
Married:	Place:		
Father:		Mother:	
Mother:			Other Spouses:□
Born:	Place:		-
Died:	Place:		
Buried:	Place:		
Married:	Place:		
Father:	Mo	other:	
Children:			
1. Name			Sex:
Born:	Place:		
Died:	Place:		
Buried:	Place:		
Spouse:			
Married:	Place:		
2. Name			Sex:
Born:	Place:		
Died:	Place:		
Buried::	Place:		
Spouse:			
Married:	Place:		
3. Name			Sex:
Born:	Place:		
Died:	Place:		
Buried:	Place:		
Spouse:			
Married:	Place:		
4. Name			Sex:
Born:	Place:		
Died:	Place:		
Buried:	Place:		
Spouse:			
Married:	Place:		

# FAMILY GROUP SHEET (cont.)

5. Name		Sex:
Born:	Place:	
Died:	Place:	
Buried:	Place:	
Spouse:		
Married:	Place:	
6. Name		Sex:
Born:	Place:	
Died:	Place:	
Buried:	Place:	
Spouse:		
Married:	Place:	
7. Name		Sex:
Born:	Place:	
Died:	Place:	
Buried:	Place:	
Spouse:		
Married:	Place:	
8. Name		Sex:
Born:	Place:	
Died:	Place:	
Buried:	Place:	
Spouse:		
Married:	Place:	

# Notes:

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			Born / Where	
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		Paternal Grandfather	Died / Where	
		Born		
		Where	Great Grandmother	
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	Born	Where	Died / Where	
	Where	Died		
	Married	Where		
	Where		Great Grandfather	
	Died		Born / Where	
	Where		When Married / Where	
		Paternal Grandmother	Died / Where	
		Born		
You		Where	Great Grandmother	
Born		Died	Born / Where	
Where		Where	Died / Where	
Married				
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			Great Grandfather	
			Born / Where	
			When Married / Where	
		Maternal Grandfather	Died / Where	
		Born		
		Where	Great Grandmother	
	Mother	Married	Born / Where	
	Born	Where	Died / Where	
	Where	Died		
	Died	Where		
	Where		Great Grandfather	
			Born / Where	
			When Married / Where	
		Maternal Grandmother	Died / Where	
		Born		
		Where	Great Grandmother	
		Died	Born / Where	
		Where	Died / Where	