



Getting started on Ancestry.ca

GET STARTED IN THREE EASY STEPS

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Begin with the people you know best.

Visit Ancestry.ca and click on the “Start Your Tree” button within the “Create Your Family Tree” section on the home page. Enter your own name and details and do the same for your parents. Then move on to your grandparents. Don’t worry if you can’t fill in all the blanks.



TWO

Take a hint.

Once you’ve entered all the facts you can into your tree, we’ll automatically start searching our databases for records featuring your family. Click on a hint (a fluttering leaf in your tree) to see if our discoveries are a match.



THREE

Get to know your family.

Know even more family names? Type them into your family tree too. We’ll also try to introduce you to other ancestors through hints. When you accept a hint, you can choose to update all or some information for the person in your tree. Or you can decline the hint altogether.



What else?

"I had no idea what I was doing when I started my online family tree. I just entered what little I could from memory. Lo and behold, Ancestry quickly gave me a stack of hints that linked me to all sorts of new details about my story."

—Michele Moseley

Sign In

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You'll find Sign In name and password boxes in the top right corner of the homepage. [Sign In](#) to access personalized benefits like saved searches, record access and family tree editing. Don't know your login information? Click on "[Forgot Username/Password](#)" under the Member Sign In box and follow the instructions from there.



Let the facts do the talking.

Find someone in a 1911 Census of Canada record, for example, and simply scroll to the right to find a birth year, birthplace, immigration dates and occupation. Scroll up and down to find family and neighbours.



Take it easy on yourself.

When you're faced with tracing four grandparents through history, you can quickly become overwhelmed. Try focusing on one family line at a time.



Go get'em.

Put on your detective hat and start searching the Billions of records on Ancestry.ca.

Gather the seeds for your family tree at your very own family get-togethers!

Just print this sheet and ask your family to fill in the blanks. These little tidbits of information are the key to starting your family tree!

Example			
Full name	John Frank Smith		
Birth date	03/01/1957	Place	Toronto, Ontario
Spouse's name	Jane Mary Doe		
Marriage date	12/30/1981	Place	Calgary, Alberta

You			
Full name			
Birth date		Place	
Spouse's name			
Marriage date		Place	

Your Father			
Full name			
Birth date		Place	
Death date		Place	
Marriage date		Place	
Places lived (with dates)			

Your Mother			
Full maiden name			
Birth date		Place	
Death date		Place	
Places lived (with dates)			

Your Father's Father (Paternal Grandfather)

Full name			
Birth date		Place	
Death date		Place	
Marriage date		Place	
Places lived (with dates)			
Siblings' names and birth dates			

Your Father's Mother (Paternal Grandmother)

Full maiden name			
Birth date		Place	
Death date		Place	
Places lived (with dates)			
Children's names and birth dates			
Siblings' names and birth dates			

Your Mother's Father (Maternal Grandfather)

Full name			
Birth date		Place	
Death date		Place	
Marriage date		Place	
Places lived (with dates)			
Siblings' names and birth dates			

Your Mother's Mother (Maternal Grandmother)

Full maiden name			
Birth date		Place	
Death date		Place	
Places lived (with dates)			
Children's names and birth dates			
Siblings' names and birth dates			

Great-Grandparents

Please provide names, birth dates and places, death dates and places, and marriage dates and places for your great-grandparents, if known.

Your Paternal Grandfather's Parents

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Your Paternal Grandmother's Parents

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Your Maternal Grandfather's Parents

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Your Maternal Grandmother's Parents

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