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Thanks to the internet, you can track your family history back several generations. Often times this can be done without ever leaving your home.

Like anything, it is sometimes hard to get started. But we have The solution for you. Your very own Quick-Start Guide To



We have prepared just what you need to get started on the path to discovering your ancestors. Our donors love it. They say it is a terrific way to get started on your journey. Send for your Free Quick-Start Guide today.

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Dear Mr. Sample,

I have a friend, I'll call her Ann, who is into genealogy. "It's who I am," she says. "I started looking into my family history out of curiosity, then I realized that I was giving my children a

"The old wills I found were stories in themselves. I had ancestors who left money to help build churches and schools in their growing towns. They left footprints on their communities and set examples for their children and grandchildren.

Td like for people to remember me as someone like them, as a person who helped make life better and more fulfilling for the people in their communities.

"That's why I have put The Salvation Army in my will. I might not have enough to build a church or a school, but when I gave to the Army, my gift will build lives for people in need."

Then she smiled. "And maybe my kids will see what I have done, and do the same. I'd like that."

She has the right idea. The gifts you leave behind tell others about the person you are and give you an opportunity to continue helping future generations. And you can set a fine example for those who follow you.

estors used wills to tell their stories, but today, there are a number of ways to make icestors used whis to ten their stories, our today, there are a number of ways to make sion on the future. I will be happy to discuss them with you at any time. Just call me at McGOOD (364-6446) or email me at Michael. Freeman@use.salvationarmy.org. nail the enclosed card and I will send you information.

May your life be blessed,

Michael N. Freeman, CAP® Planned Giving Director

start on exploring your family history, I would like to send you "A Quick-Start Your Roots." In order to receive this free resource, simply complete the enclosed

THE SALVATION ARMY -**EASTERN TERRITORY**

Gabriel Group worked with The Salvation Army Eastern Territory on a test Wills Promotion of a newly developed concept. Twenty thousand individual donor prospects from the boomer generation across two divisions of the Eastern Territory, identified through Gabriel Group's proprietary data analysis as having the likelihood and propensity to make a planned gift, received a "Family Genealogy" themed promotion. Recipients were given the opportunity to complete an enclosed response form to request a free genealogy-focused booklet titled "A Quick Start Guide to Finding Your Roots."

Within 40 days of this promotion's mail date, the Eastern Territory had received 138 requests for more information regarding planned giving opportunities. Additionally, nine new bequests had been identified by planned giving representatives in the two divisions participating in the test promotion.

A QUICK-START GUIDE TO FINDING YOUR ROOTS

It's easier than ever to discover ancestors YOU NEVER HAD A CHANCE TO KNOW

Now, thanks to the internet, you can often track your family history back several generations without ever leaving your home. All it takes is a sity, and a fair tolerance for frustration. You will hit brick walls.

The place to start is with the Family Group Chart, which can be found on page three of this brochure. Chances are, you can complete it immediately, filling n your name and that of your spouse, along with the names of both your parents and your children. The essential

nformation for each entry? Place and date of birth; place and date of marriage(s); and where applicable, place and date of death with burial location if known. But other information, such as occupation, education, and military service begins to create a portrait of the people.

But before you complete it, make some copies, because you will need them as you go along. You must work backward, completing a family group

sheet for each couple in each generation of your lineage. Before long, you will be considering software that will make this work easier, and there are several options available, ncluding some that are free. (See CyndisList.com for several options.)

> records dates and places, but also provides proof in the form of certificates of birth, death and marriage. These are easy to find where records are kept by ernments — and by 1900 that was fairly standard. However, before that,

ome states did not require certifications of births or deaths, and even when they did, records were often oyed in courthouse fires. Another complication: Identity theft issues have caused some states to deny or limit access to these records, and you may have to establish your purpose and relationship to the person on the record before they will be released, especially if the record is

fairly recent.

A will is one of the most valuable documents to your quest for information. I establishes family relationships—spouses and children are usually mentioned by name and relationship, and it often paints a portrait of the person making the will by the pattern of bequests. While many wills only distribute assets to immediate families, others show gifts of money or land to churches or to schools, you'll see some that provide a bequest to pay the local dergyman Wills are windows to another time and place.



WHERE TO LOOK FOR FAMILY HISTORY INFORMATION

So where do you find this information? Here's a list of possible sources:

- · Your own family talk with cousins, uncles
- The churches where family members belonged many have excellent and detailed records
- · Local libraries many collect genealogies and/or old newspapers
- + Your local genealogy society.
- . State archives
- + Census records, which are public from 1940 back to 1790, which was the first federal census
- · County offices housing probate records and deeds, as well as birth, death and marriage records. (Note: These vary by state.)



FREE SOURCES ON THE INTERNET

(These are just some of the major sites. There are too many to list here.)

CyndisList.com — This is an index to thousands of sources, categorized by ocation, ethnicity, religion, etc.

DAR.org — The Daughters of the American Revolution posts genealogic linking members to people who fought or provided service during the war for American independence.

Familysearch.org — The database of the Church of Jesus Christ Latter-Day aints which maintains the largest library of genealogical data in the world. It is accessible and free to all and contains numerous primary records such as wills and deeds, as well as genealogies.

FindaGrave.com — Volunteers across the U.S. have photographed remeteries and recorded information about the people buried in them.

National Archives and Record Administration, NARA.gov — The repository for all Federal records including he census and military records, plus a good source of tutorials and educational information.

USGenweb.org — Organized by state and county and maintained by local voluntee

Your state's archives — Google will give you the web address

There are also excellent for-pay sites, many of which offer free trial periods, but we are listing only those that offer unlimited

FAMILY GROUP CHART

	FATHER		MOTHER
Name:		Name:	
Born:	Place:	Born:	Place:
Married:	Place:	Married:	Place:
Died:	Place:	Died:	Place:
Buried:		Buried:	
Notes:		Notes:	
		HILDREN	4
Name:		Name:	
Born:	Place:	Born:	Place:
Married:	Place:	Married:	Place:
Died:	Place:	Died:	Place:
Buried:		Buried:	
Notes:		Notes:	
	2		5
Name:		Name:	
Born:	Place:	Born:	Place:
Married:	Place:	Married:	Place:
Died:	Place:	Died:	Place:
Buried:		Buried:	
Notes:		Notes:	
	3		6
Name:		Name:	
Born:	Place:	Born:	Place:
Married:	Place:	Married:	Place:
Died:	Place:	Died:	Place:
Buried:		Buried:	
Notes:		Notes:	
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