

SCKLS Genealogy Basics: Getting Started



RESOURCES FOR EPISODE 1

Find recent how-to genealogy books:

- Search KLC (filter subject search for “genealogy” by Handbooks and Manuals)
- Check with your regular vendors
- <https://www.familytreemagazine.com/resources/books/best-genealogy-books-results/> - top ten list
- <https://www.nypl.org/blog/2019/03/25/genealogy-guide-books> - “How a little reading can save you a lot of time” with selected list of books

Local resources:

- List of historical societies by county (*may not include organizations without websites!*) - <http://www.linkpendium.com/insertcountyname-ks-genealogy/>; scroll down to **Societies**
- Search for nearby Family History Center - <https://www.familysearch.org/help/fhcenters/locations/centerlocator?c=Kansas>

Principles of genealogy research and organization:

- <https://www.genealogyexplained.com/basics/start-genealogy-research/> - search vs. research
- <https://www.genealogyexplained.com/research/how-to-structure-research/>
- <https://www.familytreemagazine.com/freebie/family-tree-tips-23-secrets-organize-genealogy/> - includes free downloadable ebook
- <https://www.prairierootsresearch.com/research-tips/documentation/> - evaluating & citing sources

Interview questions and helps:

- <https://www.thoughtco.com/fifty-questions-for-family-history-interviews-1420705>
- <https://sites.rootsweb.com/~flgso/intvwqus.htm> - lots of questions, arranged in categories; browse through to get an idea of HOW to ask
- <https://www.margotnote.com/blog/2019/04/08/how-to-save-your-life> - short list, good for getting stories started
- <https://www.oralhistory.org/principles-and-best-practices-revised-2018/> - help for oral history, including ‘before the interview’: <https://www.oralhistory.org/for-participants-in-oral-history-interviews/> and free 2-hour webinar on ‘Conducting a Remote Interview’ <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WsSTWkVTit0&feature=youtu.be>



Vital statistics:

- <https://vitalrec.com/index.html> - links for all US states; includes online sources and addresses/websites to order official copies
- [https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/U.S. Vital Records Class Handout](https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/U.S._Vital_Records_Class_Handout) - overview with links
- <https://www.kshs.org/p/genealogy-vital-records-in-kansas/11313> - where to look for Kansas records in different time periods
- <https://genrootsblog.blogspot.com/2008/06/online-death-certificates-updated.html> - links for each state
- [https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/United States Social Security Death Index - FamilySearch Historical Records](https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/United_States_Social_Security_Death_Index_-_FamilySearch_Historical_Records) - about Social Security Death Index (SSDI): 1935-2014
- <https://findagrave.com> is very useful!
- Search US census information through State Library - **episode 2**

Genealogy forms to download:

- <https://www.ancestry.com/download/charts#researchcal> - see both *Charts & Forms* and *Census Forms* tabs
- <https://www.archives.gov/research/genealogy/charts-forms>
- <https://www.ngsgenealogy.org/free-resources/charts/> - pdf “fillable” forms

Genealogy software:

- <https://www.americanancestors.org/education/learning-resources/read/genealogical-software-programs> - comparison of several applications
- <https://www.cyndislist.com/software/> - many links to software and related topics

[SCKLS Training Videos and Handouts](#)

