

SKILLS & TOOLS TO BUST BRICK WALLS

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PURPOSE: REVIEW OF TOOLS AVAILABLE TO BUST THROUGH THE WALLS AND BUILD YOUR SKILLS

REVIEW WHAT YOU HAVE

1. PRINT OUT WHAT YOU HAVE ON YOUR ANCESTOR.
2. THIS INCLUDES THEIR CHILDREN, THEIR SIBLINGS, AND HUSBAND/S.
3. THIS IS AN EXTREMELY IMPORTANT STEP. REVIEW YOUR WORK.
4. LOOK FOR ERRORS (DID YOU TRY TO MAKE IT WORK?).
5. DEVELOP A FOCUSED RESEARCH QUESTION.
6. WHAT ARE YOU MISSING?

MAKE A LIST OF DOCUMENTS YOU NEED TO SOLVE EACH PROBLEM.

WHERE HAVE YOU RESEARCH BEFORE? DO YOU HAVE THE DATE OF THAT RESEARCH?

1. HAS THE RECORD BEEN UPDATED SINCE YOU LAST LOOKED?
2. MAKE A LIST OF OTHER PLACES TO SEARCH.
3. MAKE A LIST OF LIBRARIES/COURT HOUSES TO CALL OR VISIT.
4. MAKE A LIST OF LOCATIONS OR CEMETERIES TO VISIT.
5. HAVE YOU USED BOTH INDIRECT & NEGATIVE EVIDENCE?
6. BUILD OUT EACH IDENTITIES INVOLVED WITH THE BRICK WALL.

TOOLS

1. USE RESEARCH LOGS
2. USE CONTACT LOGS
3. LEARN WHAT IS IN EACH LIBRARY THAT COULD HELP YOU
4. USE GOOGLE
5. USE FAMILY SEARCH WIKI
6. USE ONLINE TREES
7. USE NEWSPAPERS
8. USE DNA
9. ARE YOU GETTING THE MOST OUT OF YOUR SEARCH?

BUILD YOUR SKILLS

- LEARN NEW SKILLS BY PARTICIPATING IN WEBINARS & JOINING FACEBOOK PAGES.
- VISIT YOUR LOCAL LIBRARIES/GENEALOGICAL SOCIETIES.
- LEARN BY WATCHING YouTube VIDEOS
- FOLLOW EXPERTS ON THEIR BLOGS
- DEVELOP A FAN NETWORK