

Introduction to Genealogy

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STEP 1: What To You Already Know? **PEDIGREE CHART**

STEP 2: Locate family bible, pictures, and record stories

STEP 3: **CENSUS RECORDS**

Start with 1940 and go backwards Available @ Ancestry.com, HeritageQuest.com

INFORMATION FOUND:

Age of Each Person

Age at First Marriage

Address

Number of Children, Number of Children Still Living (1900, 1910)

Year of Immigration, Citizenship Status (1900-1930)

Al= Alien, Pa=Declaration of Intention Filed, NA= Naturalized

Country of Birth, Country of Birth of Mother, Father

Whether Owner or Renter of Property (1900-1930) M=Mortgage

STATE CENSUS Available @ **FAMILYSEARCH.ORG AND ANCESTRY.COM**

Year of citizenship, sometimes lists court

STEP 4: **NATURALIZATION RECORDS** available @ Ancestry.com, Fold3.com, NARA

(National Archives), State libraries, Fold3.com, County and city courthouses

After 1922, women had to file their own papers for citizenship

1790-1922 women and children under 21 received derivative citizenship

Prior to 1906 little information on petition

www.germanroots.com/naturalization.html

List of state and county

Not recommended: USCIS (US Citizenship & Immigration Services)

Redacts personal information

INFORMATION FOUND ON PETITION FOR NATURALIZATION:

Original name on manifest, (sometimes card of arrival)

Date and port of arrival, date and port of departure

Name of ship

Date and place of birth, marital status

Occupation at time of Petition (declaration)

Name of wife, date and place of birth (prior to 1922)

Date of marriage, place of marriage (prior to 1922)

Names of children, date and place of their birth

Where children are living on date of Petition

Names of witnesses for applicant (Sometimes relative)

** **NAME CHANGE** Sometimes picture of Applicant

STEP 5: SHIPS MANIFEST - ANCESTRY.COM, NARA INFORMATION FOUND (AFTER 1906 2 PAGES)
Name of immigrant, marital status, occupation
**Age, Last permanent residence, "name and address of nearest relative or friend in country whence alien came"
Final destination (permanent residence)
Whether ever been in US before, when and where
Name of relative/friend receiving them and relationship to same
Physical description
Place of birth (city and country) ***

STEP 6: SOCIAL SECURITY DEATH INDEX Ancestry.com, SteveMorse.ORG,
Death place is often the place last check was sent. Clue to probable relative

STEP 7: VITAL RECORDS
NYC - Stevemorse.ORG, <http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/w2w/w2w.pdf>
Generally cheaper at town or city Department of Vital Records, GOOGLE
FamilySearch.org free, www.vitalrec.com/

Birth: Names of Parents, maiden name of mother, date of birth
Marriage: Names of Parents, maiden name of mothers, date of birth, place
Death: Secondary source, names of parents of deceased, date of death
Place of burial, city, state, sometimes additional information

STEP 9: TOMBSTONE AND CEMETERY RESEARCH
JewishData.com, JewishGen.org/JOWBR, FindaGrave.com, Interment.net,
BillionGraves.com, GOOGLE cemetery to see if they have an internet
internment search
INFORMATION FOUND
Date of death, possible Landsmanshafn organization (town of birth, residence),
names of other family members with dates of death
Name of father of deceased in Hebrew.
Inscription gives clues to who is still alive at time of unveiling.
Contact cemetery for name of person in charge of plot or photo of tombstone

STEP 9: INTERVIEW RELATIVES
SteveMorse.ORG to find living relatives
Record the stories then use Google and RECORDS to document. Gather pictures

STEP 10: NEWSPAPERS
Check Obituaries, Death Notices, Birth And Marriage Announcements
Gives married names of daughters.

GOOD LUCK WITH YOUR RESEARCH! ! ! ! !

Websites Used In Talk

JGS Palm Beach County

www.JGSPalmBeachCounty.org Handouts available for downloading

Ancestry.com (available at LDS Library and public libraries)

HeritageQuest (available at LDS Library and public libraries at home internet research sites) limited

Familysearch.**org** (available free) similar to Ancestry but free. Some vital records images.

JewishGen.**org** (available free)

JRI-Poland.**org** (available free) Polish records

SteveMorse.**org** (available free)

Google search images (available free)

Ancestor cloud <http://blog.ancestorcloud.com/category/research/jewish-genealogy/>

YouTube (available free) [YouTube.com/results?search_query=Jewish+genealogy](https://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=Jewish+genealogy)

JGS- Long Island www.jgsli.org NOTE: great tutorials

Facebook.com (available free)

Geni.com (available free or upgrade subscription)

MyHeritage.com (available at LDS Library or subscription)

Louis Kessler's Jewish Genealogy Links www.lkessler.com/jglinks.shtml

Links to almost every Jewish genealogy website

NARA-National Archives and Records Administration - www.archives.gov/

Email to order Federal Documents not available on Ancestry, Heritage Quest

Reclaim the records

NYC Marriage Index 1950-1995 www.nycmarriageindex.com/

NJ Birth, Marriage, Death Indices 1901-1903, 1901-1914 Brides
(Soon to be available on FamilySearch.org)

New Jersey Archives <http://nj.gov/state/archives/search.html>

IAJGS.**org** list of JGS's worldwide