

## 1. Beyond Kinship: Telling Your Ancestor's Story

Finding that next generation in your tree is always a great moment, but who were they exactly? Your ancestors are more than names, dates and places. Each one has a story. Knowing how to use the tools on Ancestry to reveal those stories will make your ancestors come to life.

## 2. Do You Have The Right People?

You've attached a lot of records with dates and places and people. Use the latest tools in Ancestry Member Trees to help you tidy up what you have by adding and editing the information that you have in your tree.

## 3. Telling the Story

Ancestry starts you off with a basic narrative based on what you have recorded for your ancestor. Expanding that narrative can bring your ancestor to life. Add a few pictures, documents and maps and will start to see your ancestor as a person and not just a collection of dates and places.

## 4. A Picture Is Worth a Thousand Words

Do you have a picture of your ancestor? Or maybe pictures of where they lived, gravestones or documents they created? A few organizational and editing tricks will help present them in the best light.

## 5. Making the Person Page Your Own

Now that you've collected information, written the narrative and arranged the media you've collected for your ancestor, it is time to add a few finishing touches to personalize the page. We walk through your options.

## 6. Communicating With Cousins

If you build it, they will come. Hopefully. And leave a comment or two. How do you find and manage comments? And what are the best practices to follow when you leave a comment and respond to one?

## 7. Putting Your Ancestor Into Historical Perspective

What was life like when your ancestor lived? Using Ancestry's Historical Insights and a few other tricks, you can better understand the time in which they lived.

## 8. Best Practices When Using Hints

When a shaky green leaf pops up for your ancestor you never know what you might find! We cover the basics of how to evaluate the information and merge it into your tree.

## 9. Searching Other People's Trees

Chances are high that someone has already been researching your ancestor. Knowing how to find what has been done, how to evaluate the information, and add what you want to your tree can help you develop your ancestor's story.

10. Case Study: When You Know A Lot

*Walk through a case study of someone who has a lot of information and how to get it organized. I'll write a better description, once I have the person.*

11. Case Study: I Don't Have A Lot – How Do I Make My Ancestor Interesting?

Not everyone in your tree is going to have lots of media and records – but you can still make them interesting. Let's look at how.

12. Share Your Ancestors Story

Our relatives sometimes get don't know what to make of a family tree. But sharing the story of those who went before can spark their interest. Now that you've written the story, it's time to get the word out.