

Timeline Research Tool

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Ancestor Name

Your Name

Date

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Timeline Research Tool Instruction Sheet

Use this tool to track the life of an ancestor over time, discover migration patterns, and identify holes in your research.

1. Enter ancestor name.
2. Enter your name and the timeline creation date.
3. In Abstracts/Comments box make note of family surnames, different courts of jurisdiction, military campaigns, and other important clues to consider during your research.
4. Record each record in chronological order based on when the event actually occurred. Example: If you pick up birth data that was recorded many years after the fact, enter it on the birth line and make note in the abstract/comments field.
5. Based on what you know for sure, enter data by calendar date and age (if you are not sure of the birth date, use age based on census or some other record).
6. Enter data one line per source. If you have more than one source or document in a year, insert a new line to accommodate each record.
7. Fill in the census years that would include the ancestor. For example: in the U.S. Census an individual born in 1835 would appear in the 1840 census as a five-year-old, 15 in the 1850 census, and so forth. Enter and search each census year over the lifetime of the ancestor.