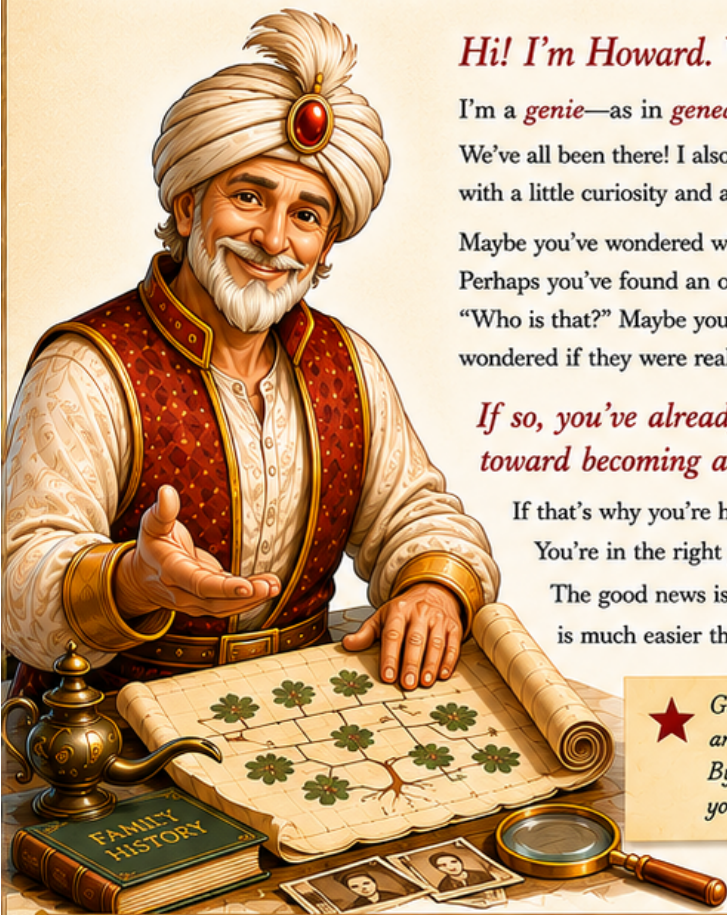


Welcome to Genealogy!



Hi! I'm Howard. Welcome to Genealogy!

I'm a *genie*—as in *genealogist*!

We've all been there! I also started where you are now—with a little curiosity and a lot of questions.

Maybe you've wondered where your family came from. Perhaps you've found an old photograph and asked, "Who is that?" Maybe you've heard family stories and wondered if they were really true.

If so, you've already taken the first step toward becoming a genealogist.

If that's why you're here today, welcome!

You're in the right place.

The good news is that getting started is much easier than you might think.

★ *Give me just ten minutes, and I think you'll be surprised. By the time you leave today, you'll already be a genealogist.*

Let's Begin With You

Write in the information you know about yourself today.
(We'll work on your parents next!)

YOU ★

Full Name _____

Birth Date _____

Birth Place _____

Other _____

FATHER

Full Name _____

Birth Date _____

Birth Place _____

Other _____

MOTHER

Full Name _____

Birth Date _____

Birth Place _____

Other _____

Let's get started!



Here's something I'd really like you to take with you today...

YOU ALREADY KNOW MORE THAN YOU THINK YOU DO.

Every genealogist starts in exactly the same place—with the person they know best.

Themselves.

That's why we begin with ourselves and work backward—one generation at a time.

Let's discover what you already know.



Your First Discovery

Before we meet again...

- ✓ Discover a little more about your parents.
- ✓ Write down what you already know.
- ✓ Ask questions.
- ✓ Talk with family.
- ✓ Don't worry if you don't know everything.

We'll discover the rest together.

I'll be looking forward to hearing what you discover!
—Howard



Bring this back next time and let's see what you've discovered!



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