



DIG UP YOUR ANCESTORS

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Projects and Pricing

Clients typically choose one of two approaches to working with me:

1. Bespoke project

This is ideal when you have a particular question about your family history. I love helping clients with their unique mysteries, brick walls and other research puzzles.

Some examples of projects I have recently worked on are:

- Researching the identity of the wife of an 18th-century Austrian ambassador to London
- Locating the burial places of a mysterious grandfather who lived on a boat and a grandmother who retired to France
- Researching the university degrees of a client's parents
- Obtaining records and photographs from an ancestor's expedition to Africa
- Locating surviving gravestones so that a descendant could pay their respects on a trip from the United States
- Tracing the careers and notable activities of two 'gentlemen' to understand how they achieved their wealth and social status
- Searching for a Victorian theatre manager who deserted his wife and children
- Locating the marriage record of Italian emigrants to San Francisco

Bespoke projects are charged at my standard hourly rate of **£30/hour** for research and production of an electronic report, and clients often set a maximum budget for each phase of research.

Please note: Bespoke projects may also incur additional expenses such as visits to archives or copies of records that aren't available in major online databases, but these are always subject to my client's approval (see last page). As with all family history research, it is not always possible to find the answers to your questions but I provide a thorough report on the research I have carried out.

2. Family tree project

This is the best option when you would like a professional genealogist to help you build your family tree and learn about your family history, without a specific question in mind. Clients often have the final report professionally printed for themselves or as a gift.

Some examples of projects I have recently worked on are:

- Tracing all of my client's paternal and maternal lines back to her 16 2x great grandparents, and some lines further (based on the client's interests), which included research in many regions of England, Scotland and Canada and resulted in two beautiful hardbound books for the family
- Researching the family of the Baron de Ramsey back 12 generations to a Cotswolds yeoman farmer in the reign of Elizabeth I
- Researching the paternal ancestry of my client's great grandmother, which included a significant portion of Anglo-Indian genealogy

Some professional genealogists offer packages at set fees, but family history can be unpredictable. For example, we might find a birth certificate with no father's name, need to trace someone with a very common name in a large city, or discover that an ancestor emigrated or came from overseas. Equally, as research progresses, many clients find some aspects particularly interesting and choose to delve deeper.

Therefore, I believe I can offer my clients the best value and greatest flexibility by providing an estimate for each generation to be researched, but with no fixed fee. This way, I only ever charge you for the work I have done.

For family history research that is anticipated to be in the UK, I estimate **10 hours of research and reporting for each generation (£300)**. For each contract of 10 or more hours, I will also include birth, marriage and death certificates and, where available, Wills, up to a value of £30 at no cost to my client. For example, researching four generations of a paternal or maternal line would cost approximately £1200. Many clients set a maximum budget, and it is possible to work on one generation at a time if you wish. You will receive an electronic report (PDF format) on completion of the project (or each phase of the project). If you wish to have the report professionally printed, a hardback bound book starts at £55 per copy, depending on the number of pages. The next page has a list of the information that is included in your report.

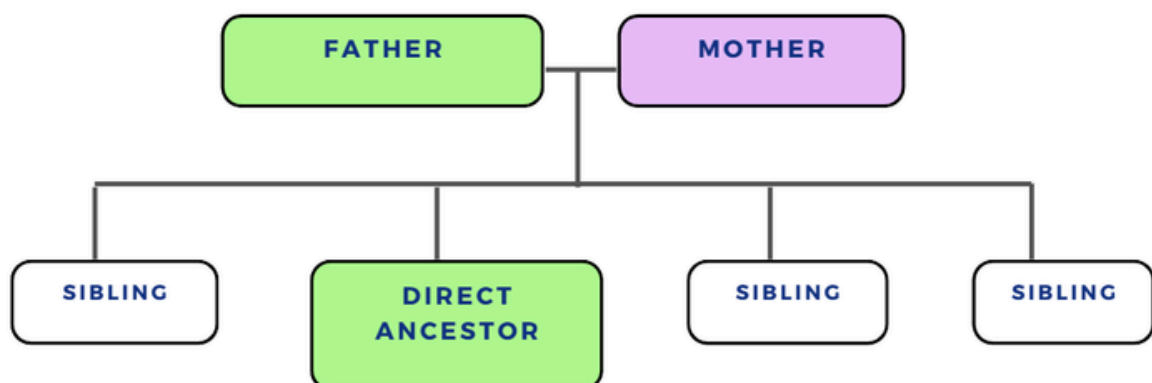
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What you get in your family tree report for each generation:

(at a minimum, providing the information can be found)

- Names, births, marriages and deaths of parents, with copies of certificates
- Names and approximate birth year of siblings (but not details on their marriages, occupations, or descendants beyond what I find through my primary research, unless requested by client)
- Census images and transcriptions (1841-1921 and 1939 register)
- Copies and extracts of key documents such as parish registers, military service records, wills
- Search of historic newspapers
- Historical context such as maps and descriptions of occupations
- Suggestions for further research (for example, if there are additional relevant records in an archive)
- Digital report that includes all of the above, plus a family tree
- Ancestry.com tree that can be shared with you or converted into a gedcom file if you wish

ONE GENERATION OF A FAMILY TREE (EXAMPLE)



Additional Expenses

Below are the most common additional expenses that may be incurred as part of my research. These will always be discussed with you beforehand and will only be incurred with your authorisation.

Travel

- Travel costs — 0.55p per mile or standard class rail or bus fare
- Travel time — charged at 50% of my standard hourly rate
- Parking fees
- Accommodation
- Subsistence (food and drink) — £5 for a trip of 5–9 hours (including travel) or £15 per day (>9 hours, including travel)

Other expenses

- Access to records on specialist websites where I do not already hold a subscription
- Public records — including Birth, Marriage and Death certificates, and Wills (however, these are included, up to the value of £30, with each 10-hour project contract)
- Books — such as a regiment history
- Photography permits (required at some repositories)
- Report printing
- Postage of printed reports

Research in Oxford

For research in the Oxfordshire History Centre or other Oxford archives, I offer a flat rate for travel of £25 (with minimum of one hour of work).

New clients

For all new clients, I require payment for the first assignment in advance. Thank you for understanding.