

GENEALOGY I

VERY IMPORTANT

- ALWAYS work backwards from the known (yourself) to the unknown (ancestors).
- NEVER believe everything on a Birth, Death or Marriage certificate.
- NEVER completely trust the spelling of surnames, place names, etc.
- ALWAYS check surname variants when researching.
- ALWAYS have at least two separate sources of proof for each event.
- REMEMBER that everything is only speculation until verified.
- ALWAYS photocopy certificates and important documents and leave the originals in a safe place.
- IF a document exists, read it!
- JOIN at least one Family History Group, Genealogical Society or Historical Society.
- SHARE your information and documentation (copies only) with other researchers.