

Who we are

The Genealogy Research Group meets monthly on the 1st Wednesday at the Franklin County Library in Rocky Mount, Virginia in the large meeting room on the second floor. We will discuss different search tactics and suggestions for the roadblocks that you have encountered while tracing your family history. The Genealogy Research Group is a non-profit group and is open to anyone doing research on their family trees. There is no charge to join this group and the email for the group is:

genealogyresearchgroupfcpl@gmail.com

How to join:

No registration. No fees. Just show up with questions. We are currently meeting from 9-11 a.m. at the Franklin County Library on the 1st Wednesday of each month.

For more information about Franklin County, Virginia just follow this link:

franklinovagenealogyfriends.com



Take these steps to help research your family tree:

1. Gather what you already know about your family. Remember to start with yourself and go backwards in time.
2. Talk to your relatives. Learn your family history from older members of your family.
3. Put it on paper. Download and fill out some genealogy charts
(<https://www.familytreemagazine.com/cheatsheet/>)
4. Focus your search on the missing blanks in your tree. Start with a current generation and go backwards.
5. Search the Internet. Come to the library to use our free database
(www.ancestrylibrary.com). Go online from your home computer to use
(<https://www.ancestryheritagequest.com/HQA>) and (www.fold3.com). **THESE TWO LINKS NOT CURRENTLY WORKING. HOPE TO BE BACK ONLINE SOON.**
6. Explore specific Web sites. Look for information about your relatives and the communities in which they lived.
7. Organize your new information. Use a software program such as legacy, family tree maker, etc. to organize your information.
8. Plan your next step. If you need additional information about your family then plan a trip to learn more about that area.

**Remember to verify
all information
from any books or
from the Internet.**



FAMOUS FRANKLIN COUNTY PEOPLE

Jubal Anderson Early (Confederate General)

Booker T. Washington (slave & educator)

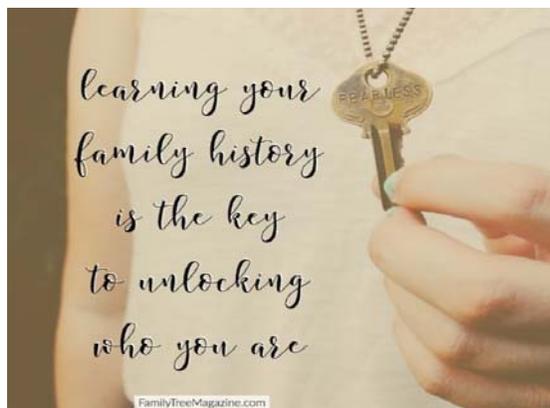
Adam Clayton Powell, Sr. (Baptist minister)

Howard, Forrest & Jack Bondurant (bootleggers)

Ron Hodges (baseball catcher)

Dwayne Board (football player & coach)

Jesse L. Martin (actor)



COMMON CAUSES OF RESEARCH PROBLEMS AND THEIR SOLUTIONS

Causes of Problems

Solutions

1. Unproductive attitude
Develop a relentless "track 'em down" attitude.
2. Poor research logs
Partially fill out logs BEFORE looking at each source. This includes each search's goal (person and event you seek to document).
3. Inadequate research documentation
Document and organize AS YOU GO.
4. Stagnant thinking on the problem
Correlate what you have found. Use new forms to pull out new patterns and force your brain to try something different.
5. Failure to put an ancestor in community context.^[5]
Trap the answer to the question in a web of associates and neighbors on both sides of the county boundary line.
6. Arbitrary research strategies
Thoughtfully plan how, who, what, when, and where you will do the research to solve the problem. Be flexible if a new find takes you in a new direction.
7. Researcher knowledge deficit
Keep asking why the records show what they show (or do not show) and what that implies. Continue your genealogical education the rest of your life.

https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/Solving_Tough_Research_Problems%E2%80%94Overcoming_Brick_Walls

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