



Genealogy Merit Badge Workbook

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Scouts participating in a Scoutmaster Bucky merit badge opportunity, whether online or in person, should consider using the Genealogy merit badge pamphlet for discovery and knowledge, along with the class preparation pages for clarifications, insights, and expectations.

<https://scoutmasterbucky.com/merit-badges/genealogy/genealogy-pamphlet.pdf>

<https://scoutmasterbucky.com/merit-badges/genealogy/genealogy-cpp.pdf>

REQUIREMENT 3 REQUIRES PARENT / GUARDIAN ASSISTANCE.

REQUIREMENT 1a: Explain to your counselor what the words genealogy, ancestor, and descendant mean.

Genealogy:

Ancestor:

Descendant:

REQUIREMENT 1b: Explain what a family tree is and what information would be kept there.

Notes:

REQUIREMENT 1c: Explain what a family group record is and what information would be kept there.

Notes:



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DO ONE OF THE FOLLOWING (2A or 2B) FOR REQUIREMENT 2

REQUIREMENT 2a: Create a time line for yourself or for a relative. Then write a short biography based on that time line.

Person's Name:

Date

Event



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Short Biography:

REQUIREMENT 2b: Keep a journal for six weeks. You must write in it at least once a week.

Consider using the [Genealogy Merit Badge Pamphlet](#) for preparation information

Be sure to bring your journal with you to share with your merit badge counselor

This requirement must be reviewed with your merit badge counselor.

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REQUIREMENT 3:

With your parent or guardian's help, choose a relative or a family acquaintance you can interview in person, by telephone, or by email or letter. Record the information you collect so you do not forget it. *(Use the Individual Data Sheet on the next page.)*

PARENT/GUARDIAN ASSISTANCE: IS REQUIRED.

Parent's / Guardian's Name

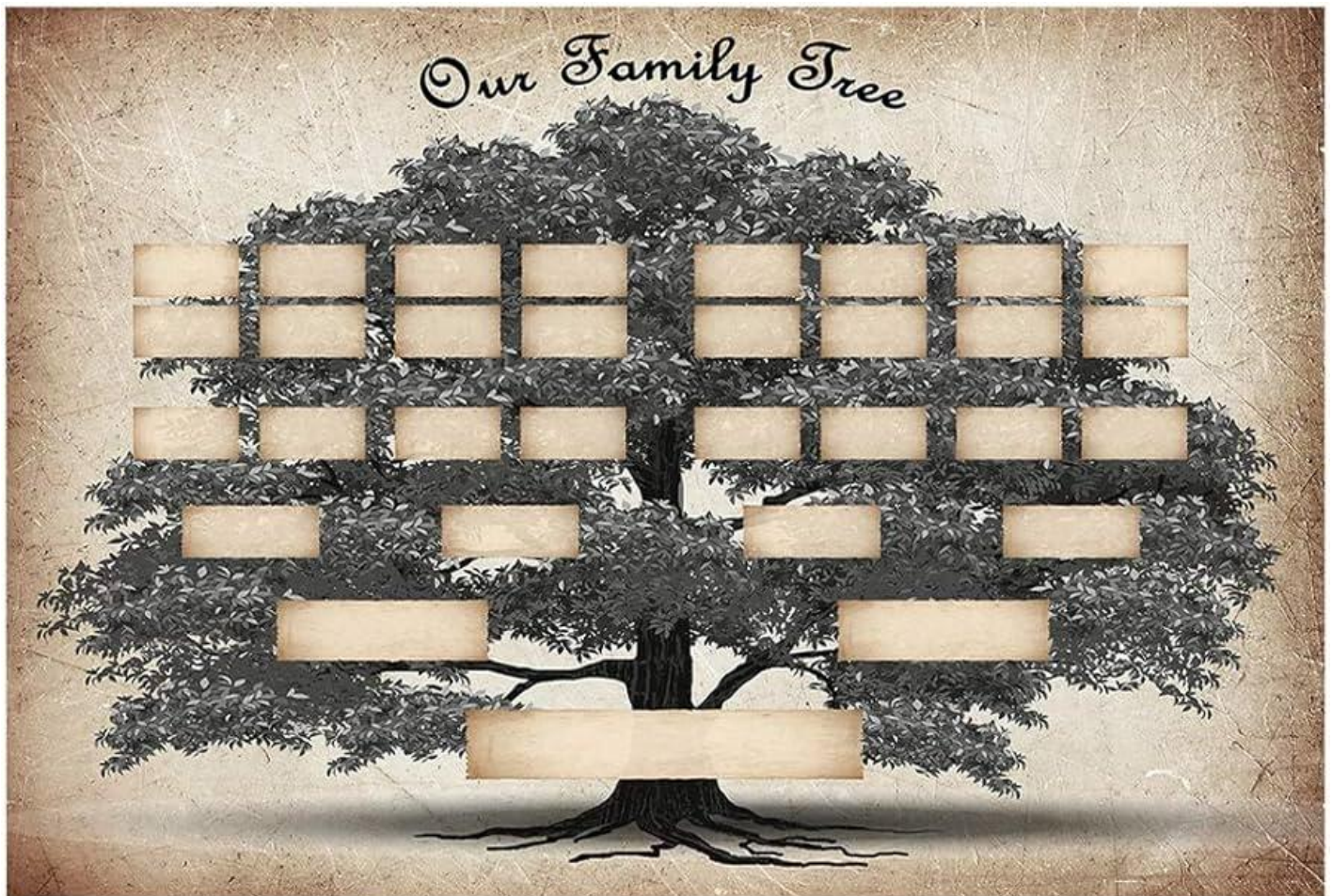
Phone or Email

Parent's / Guardian's Signature

Date

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Individual Data Sheet

Surname(s)	Given Name(s)	Year of Birth / Gender
Birth Date	Birth Place	
Marriage Date	Marriage Place	
Death Date	Death Place	
Father's Surname(s)	Father's Given Name(s)	
Mother's Surname(s)	Mother's Given Name(s)	
Spouse's Surname(s)	Spouse's Given Name(s)	
Your Relationship to This Individual		

Individual Chronology

Suggestions for entries in this area: military service, family movements, land purchases, church and organizational affiliations, marriage, civic activities, schools attended, medical history, occupations, travels, probate proceedings

Date	Event	Place	Source / Comments
This sheet compiled by:			Date:



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REQUIREMENT 4a: Name three types of physical genealogical resources and where you can find them, and explain how these resources can help you chart your family tree.

PHYSICAL GENEALOGICAL RESOURCE #1:

Resource #1:

Where can you find this resource:

How can this resource help:

PHYSICAL GENEALOGICAL RESOURCE #2:

Resource #2:

Where can you find this resource:

How can this resource help:

PHYSICAL GENEALOGICAL RESOURCE #3:

Resource #3:

Where can you find this resource:

How can this resource help:



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REQUIREMENT 4b: Name three types of digital genealogical resources and where you can find them, and explain how these resources can help you chart your family tree.

DIGITAL GENEALOGICAL RESOURCE #1:

Resource #1:

Where can you find this resource:

How can this resource help:

DIGITAL GENEALOGICAL RESOURCE #2:

Resource #2:

Where can you find this resource:

How can this resource help:

DIGITAL GENEALOGICAL RESOURCE #3:

Resource #3:

Where can you find this resource:

How can this resource help:



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REQUIREMENT 4c: Obtain at least one genealogical document that supports an event that is or can be recorded on your pedigree chart or family group record.

Consider using the [Genealogy Merit Badge Pamphlet](#) for preparation information

Be sure to bring your genealogical document (or a copy) to share with your merit badge counselor

This requirement must be reviewed with your merit badge counselor.

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REQUIREMENT 4d: Tell how you found it and how you would evaluate the genealogical information you found for requirement 4(c).

Notes:

REQUIREMENT 4e: Tell a likely place to find these type of genealogical records: marriage record, census record, birth record, and burial information.

Marriage Record:

Census Record:

Birth Record:

Burial Information:



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REQUIREMENT 5:

Contact ONE of the following individuals or institutions. Ask what genealogical services, records, or activities this individual or institution provides, and report the results:

- A genealogical or lineage society
- A professional genealogist (someone who gets paid for doing genealogical research)
- A surname organization, such as your family's organization
- A genealogical educational facility or institution.
- A genealogical record repository of any type (courthouse, genealogical library, state or national archive, state library, etc.).

Individual or Institution Contacted:

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REQUIREMENT 6: Begin your family tree by listing yourself and include at least two additional generations. You may complete this requirement by using the chart provided in the *Genealogy* merit badge pamphlet or the genealogy software program of your choice.

Pedigree chart

1. Me

When Born:

Where:

Married:

Where:

Died:

Where:

My Spouse

2. My Father

When Born:

Where:

Married:

Where:

Died:

Where:

4. His Father

When Born:

Where:

Married:

Where:

Died:

Where:

5. His Mother

When Born:

Where:

Married:

Where:

Died:

Where:

6. Her Father

When Born:

Where:

Married:

Where:

Died:

Where:

3. My Mother

When Born:

Where:

Married:

Where:

Died:

Where:

7. Her Mother

When Born:

Where:

Married:

Where:

Died:

Where:



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REQUIREMENT 7: Complete a family group record form, listing yourself and your brothers and sisters as the children. On another family group record form, show one of your parents and his or her brothers and sisters as the children. This requirement may be completed using the chart provided or the genealogy software program of your choice.

Family Group Record

Page ____ of ____

Husband's		Other marriages
Name		<input type="checkbox"/> See notes
Born	Place	
Other information		
Died	Place	
Married	Place	
Husband's father		
Name		
Husband's mother		
Name		
Wife's		Other marriages
Name		<input type="checkbox"/> See notes
Born	Place	
Other information		
Died	Place	
Wife's father		
Name		
Wife's mother		
Name		
Children (List them whether living or dead.)		
1	Name	
		Other marriages
		<input type="checkbox"/> See notes
Female	Born	Place
<input type="checkbox"/>	Other information	
Male	Died	Place
<input type="checkbox"/>	Spouse's name	
Male	Married	Place
<input type="checkbox"/>		
2	Name	
		Other marriages
		<input type="checkbox"/> See notes
Female	Born	Place
<input type="checkbox"/>	Other information	
Male	Died	Place
<input type="checkbox"/>	Spouse's name	
Male	Married	Place
<input type="checkbox"/>		



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3	Name		Other marriages <input type="checkbox"/> See notes
<input type="checkbox"/> Female	Born	Place	
	Other information		
<input type="checkbox"/> Male	Died	Place	
	Spouse's name		
<input type="checkbox"/>	Married	Place	
Notes, explanations, and sources of information			
Things to do			

Notes:



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REQUIREMENT 8a: Explain the effect computers and the internet are having on the world of genealogy.

Notes:

REQUIREMENT 8b: Explain how photography (including microfilming) has influenced genealogy.

Notes:



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REQUIREMENT 8c: Explain how record indexing works and how that has influenced genealogy.

Notes:

REQUIREMENT 9: Discuss what you have learned about your family and your family members through your genealogical research.

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