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# Legacy Connections Films' Genealogist Preparation Checklist

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- 1.** The most important way to start your preparation is by considering your specific objectives for the research. Are you interested in tracking your family tree back a certain number of generations to obtain a broad understanding of your history? Or do you have specific questions in mind, like what town your ancestors emigrated from, or what jobs your grandfather held? The research objective should help drive the information you need to gather to begin.
- 2.** It is helpful if you provide a family tree (with the information that you have) for the branches of your family that will be researched. There are several free online sites that will help you create a family tree with the information that you have and you may also print it out: <http://www.myheritage.com/page/free-family-tree-chart>. You can also download free family tree software at <http://www.familysearch.org/eng/default.asp?page=home/welcome/simplePAFRegistration.asp>.
- 3.** In addition to the basic family tree with names, provide as many dates and locations of birth, marriage, immigration, and death for the family members that you want to find more information about. If you have any of these documents, please make copies or scan them to a file to send to the genealogist. Annotate your family tree or make a list of the known information for each family member as it is pertinent to your research objectives. When in doubt about the potential usefulness of information, please include it.
- 4.** Send all of the information you have gathered, including family trees, dates and locations information, and supporting documents, to the genealogist.