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YOUR FAMILY
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*How to Begin Tracing
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Who Am I?

What do you already know about your family history? Every genealogy "How To" will tell you to start with yourself and work your way back. Use a Pedigree chart and Family Group sheet to fill in what you know. List your parents, your grandparents and so on.

Prepare

Talk to relatives and family friends to gather more information. Ask about their lives and all members of the family. Take notes and use a tape recorder. Please ask permission first. Collect old pictures and records (birth, death, marriage) and anything that will have locations and dates.

Now that you have determined what you know, make a list of what you need to know. The records most frequently used by researchers are the Census and Vital Records.

The Internet is also a great resource for research material and helps connect you to libraries, archives, Family History Centers and other research facilities. It is the best source to prepare for offline visits to many of these research facilities.

Research

Fill in missing information on your pedigree chart. Learn about the area where your family resided. Decide which individuals you want to focus on. Send for vital records. Research the census. Federal Census records from 1790-1930 are available locally at the National Archives at 9th and Market Street, Philadelphia, PA.

Find out about the "How To" by attending AAGG meetings.

Join

The African-American Genealogy Group (AAGG), a 501(C3) not-for-profit organization was founded in January 1989 in response to the ever-increasing number of people who express a desire to research their family "roots".

AAGG is dedicated to the encouragement of and support for genealogy research and serves the African-American community of Philadelphia and the Tri State area. Our membership has steadily grown with the addition of both novice and advanced researchers.

AAGG encourages members to become actively involved with the programs and committees of our organization.

We Invite You To Join Us

September through June,
the second Tuesday of the month
7:00 – 9:00 PM.

The General Meeting is
OPEN TO THE PUBLIC
held at the
Community College of Philadelphia
West Philadelphia Regional Center
4725 Chestnut Street
Philadelphia, PA 19139

Membership Includes:

Membership & Surname Directories,
Subscription to our Quarterly Newsletter,
Guest Speakers, Workshops, Field Trips,
Access to AAGG Archives,
State Research Groups,
Technology Committee

Membership Form

Complete form below and return with payment to:

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Attn: Membership Committee

Name _____

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Regular Member	\$30.00
Senior (55 and up)	\$25.00
College Student	\$25.00
Youth (through grade 12)	\$15.00
Family	\$45.00
Organizational	\$50.00

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Surname	County	State

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