

WHAT AM I LOOKING FOR?

We begin by gathering such materials as birth certificates; certificates of blessing, baptism, ordination, and graduation; diplomas; awards; photographs; and so on. Gather any written, registered, or recorded data pertaining to your family.

Essential information:

- Full name, You want to know the whole name, *first, middle, and last* names (surnames) for each of your ancestors. You will want to know the *maiden* name of your female ancestors.
- Gender (male or female)
- Birth date and place (or christening / infant baptism)
- Marriage date and place
- Death date and place (or burial)

LDS information:

- LDS baptism (and confirmation)
- Endowment
- Sealing of husband and wife
- Sealing of children to parents
- Priesthood ordinations
- Baby Blessing

Other information:

- Biographical information (any information that helps you know your ancestor)
- Migrations
- Religious information
- Social and economic status
- Education
- Occupation
- Military service
- Ethnic background
- Participation in community, organization, social and historical events
- Naming practices
- Cause of death
- Nicknames