# Research plan

Use this worksheet to think through and plan your research.

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| Aim  *What exactly do you want to know?*   * Be specific. * Use questions – who, what, when, where, why? |  |
| What do you already know?  *This is the starting point. Everything else you do on your research journey begins with this step.*   * Information about your or your family * Records you already have (birth, death, marriage, letters, Bibles, photographs) * Research you have already done (family interviews, searching on the Web) |  |

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| **Sources**  *Where will you find out what you want to know?*   * List the different types of records and where they are located – where you are going to look for your family history * Use this worksheet for your notes as you work your way through Research step by step |  |

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| **Plan how you are going to do your research**  *You’ve made a list of the sources, now put them in a ‘To Do’ list*   * List the sources that are most likely to give you the best answers * List the sources that are easy to access (they are online) * List the sources you have to apply for (birth, death, marriage) * List the sources you have to travel to (interview relatives, visit a community, local library) * List the things you have to do before you can do something else |  |

You can use this worksheet as you begin your research and you can use it to make mini-plans for parts of research.

Plan date: