# 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?
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| 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
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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: