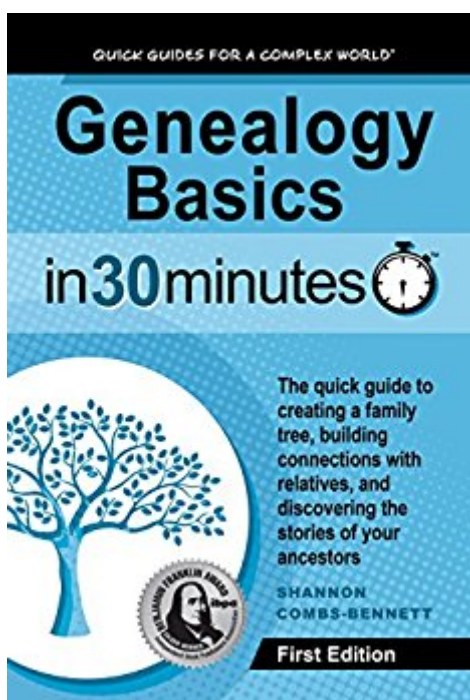


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# Genealogy Basics In 30 Minutes: The Quick Guide To Creating A Family Tree, Building Connections With Relatives, And Discovering The Stories Of Your Ancestors



## Synopsis

New Genealogy Guide Genealogists are like detectives. Working out puzzles is the name of their game! If you have ever wanted to research and document your family history the right way, then the award-winning Genealogy Basics In 30 Minutes is for you! Authored by professional genealogist Shannon Combs-Bennett, this genealogy book explains the joys, challenges, and triumphs of researching your family's origins. While many people assume genealogy research starts online, Combs-Bennett shows the importance of starting a family tree using documents that can be found in your own home! Genealogy Basics In 30 Minutes is written in a friendly, easy-to-understand style that avoids complex jargon. While not a comprehensive guide, there are lots of examples, case studies, and advice that can help would-be family historians quickly get up to speed. In addition to listing best practices for conducting genealogical research, Genealogy Basics In 30 Minutes also warns readers about the many pitfalls of family research, from "brick wall" mysteries to time-wasting online searches. What you will learn in this guide: Why are people so interested in family history? Evaluating clues, facts, and myths in family stories The importance of linking generations Vital records, from birth certificates to death records Non-vital records, from census forms to wills Religious records Five things that can trip up newbies researching family history Best practices for genealogy road trips Interviewing relatives, and dealing with skeptics Pros and cons of online genealogy research Genetic genealogy basics Understanding the Genetic Information Nondiscrimination Act (GINA) Non-paternal events and other skeletons in the genetic closet Visualizing family history with charts Research logs and genealogy journals Preserving records and planning for disasters Genealogy software and GEDCOM files As its name suggests, Genealogy Basics In 30 Minutes concentrates on basic skills. Nevertheless, in a single reading you will be able to understand some important research basics. Creating a strong family tree will not only satisfy your own curiosity, but will also serve as a record to share with relatives and future generations!

**Professional genealogist & storyteller** Author Shannon Combs-Bennett is an author, researcher, and lecturer based in the Washington, D.C. metro area. She regularly speaks and writes about genetic genealogy and various research methods. Shannon is a contributor to Family Tree Magazine and Legacy Family Tree Webinars, and is the founder of T2 Family History. Shannon is also a staff genealogist at the National Society Colonial Dames 17th Century in Washington, DC. The Independent Book Publishers Association awarded Shannon a Benjamin Franklin silver award for Genealogy Basics In 30 Minutes. The book also received a silver award from Mom's Choice Awards, which serves as a "benchmark of excellence in family-friendly media, products and services." What real readers are saying "The biggest thing was it was written in a way it felt like the

author was speaking directly to me, rather than other books I have read on this subject that felt like I was in an auditorium and I was one of a hundred." "It is small enough to put in a pocket or purse, but the print is big enough to read easily. I like all the case studies because I can apply many of them to myself and find clues where to look for elusive records." Note: Genealogy Basics In 30 Minutes is not affiliated with "For Dummies" books, Ancestry.com, FamilySearch.org, or other services referenced in the guide. In 30 Minutes is a registered trademark of i30 Media Corp. All rights reserved.

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This book is just what the title indicates-- a BASIC introduction to genealogy. The author covers all the major topics of genealogy in a quick overview of the subject. She even includes information on genetic genealogy. However, this is not an in-depth "how to" book, but rather an introduction for either the beginner or somewhat experienced researcher wanting a review. At 93 pages, it may take longer than 30 minutes to read but any genealogist knows that once you start on the topic, it's difficult to quit! Highly recommended.

A very basic - start here book. If you have another beginner book then skip this one - if you don't consider this book. I am considering this book for small group beginner lessons at my public library. A quick read and covers what a beginner needs to think about.

I was wanting to start researching my family history. I used this book as my "genealogy 101". It takes more than 30 minutes to read, but it is a good "quick start". It's not a complete reference book, but it was enough to give me the confidence to tackle my family history project and get started. Great for a beginner!

If everything is put into practice, the novice genealogist is off to a good start. The book is an easy read.

Well written, sensibly laid out and easy to follow. I downloaded my copy and dived in. Next thing I knew I was past page 500. I'll be putting these ideas into practice as I keep researching my family.

love it great hints

Great book

The "Genealogy Basics In 30 Minutes" was amazing since I have researching our family tree and wanted to see if I was on the right track.

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