



CANADA  
4-H Saskatchewan

# Exploring 4-H at Home

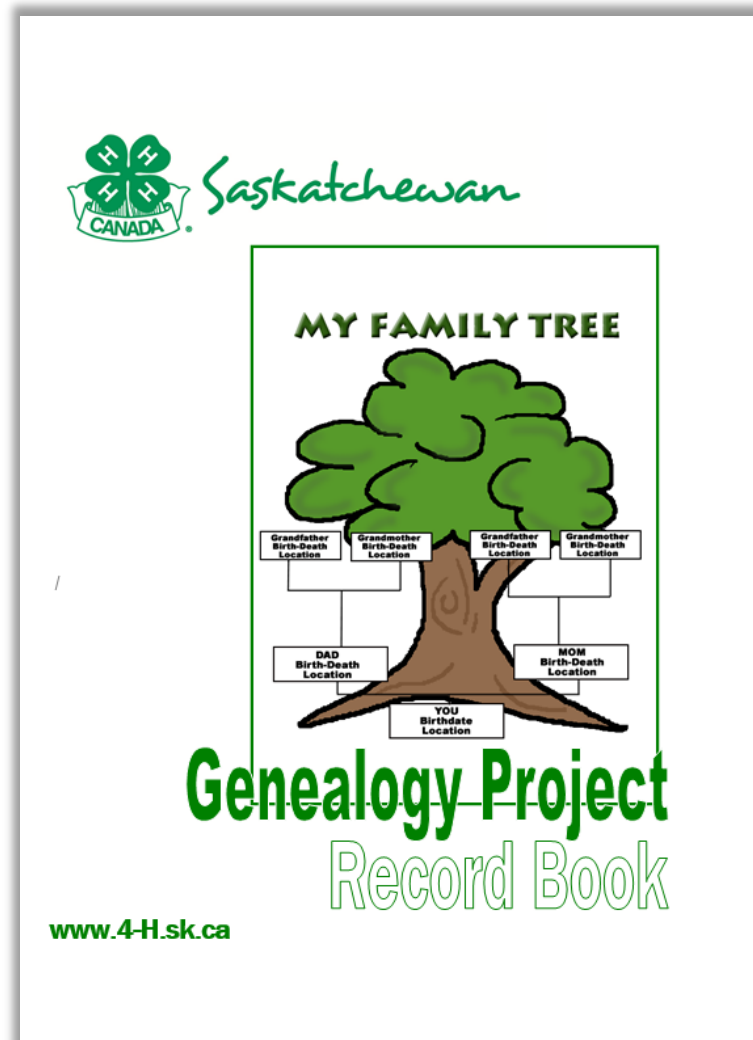


Community Engagement  
and Communications

**Pillar:** Community Engagement and Communications

**Project:** Genealogy

**Activity:** Create a Family Tree



## What is Genealogy?

Genealogy is about you and your ancestors. It is the genetic makeup of your ancestors that has contributed to your genetic makeup. It is the environment in which they have raised you that shapes your character. Knowing your ancestors is finding out how you got here, and how you became who you are today.

## So where do I start?

Well... you start with You! That's right, you are the best place to start, and you already have lots of information to get you started. The best way to do genealogy is to work backwards. From you and then into the past!

To start with you will need a notebook. On the first page put #1 at the top, on the next line put your full name, written with your surname (last name) first, all in capital letters.

Like this: **DOE, John Quincy**

You do this so that you can see the last name faster and clearer when looking. This is a standard format for names in genealogy.

On the next line, put your birthday with the date first then the month, and then the year (the month is abbreviated to three letters).

Example:

#1
DOE, John Quincy
Born: 12 Nov 1990
Anytown, Saskatchewan, Canada

*A complete genealogy includes:*

- Dates and places of births.
- Dates and places of religious ceremonies of their lives (ex. christening for Christians).
- Dates and places of marriages.
- The dates and places of deaths and burials.

**Write or Draw your Family Tree here:**

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