

## Genealogy Merit Badge:

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Starting This Merit Badge: \_\_\_\_\_

Counselor's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

How to Contact Your Counselor: \_\_\_\_\_

### Note to the Scout and Merit Badge Counselor:

This set of worksheets is meant to facilitate earning this merit badge, but under no circumstances is it meant to be used in lieu of the appropriate BSA merit badge book.

1. Explain the meaning of genealogy and genealogical resources.

Explained? \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

2. Begin a pedigree chart with yourself and fill it in as far as you can at the beginning of your project. Add any additional names, dates, or places that you find.

(Attach chart)

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3. Show yourself as a child on a family group record form, and show one of your parents as a child on another family group record form.

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4. Interview an older relative to obtain information about your family. This interview may be in person, by telephone, or by letter. Add any information obtained to your pedigree chart and family group records.

Person interviewed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship of person interviewed: \_\_\_\_\_

Information added to pedigree chart/records? \_\_\_\_\_



8. Do ONE of the following:

a. Tell how the development of computers is affecting the world of genealogy.

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b. Tell how the development of photography (including microfilming) had influenced genealogy.

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c. Tell how personal and family history have begun to influence the way society looks at local, national, and international history.

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9. Contact ONE if the following and ask a question relating to its genealogical services or activities; report the results:
- a. A lineage society
  - b. A surname organization
  - c. A professional genealogist
  - d. A genealogical education facility or institution.
  - e. A genealogical record repository of any type (courthouse, genealogical library, state archives, state library, national archives, etc.)

Results: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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10. Tell where you would find current information about genealogical records and research methods.

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**In completing all requirements for this merit badge, I have completely read the appropriate BSA merit badge book, and discussed same with my counselor.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**signed**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**date**

