

Goal #1 - Understanding "Descendancy Research"

What is Descendancy Research?

1. The process of finding all the **descendants** (children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and so on) of one of your ancestors.
2. Descendancy is looking at the descendants or posterity of one of your ancestors, like a 3rd great grandfather or someone that was born around 1830s.
3. Remember that you have EIGHT couple lines when you are looking at your great-great grandparent's generation. Be sure to look at each of these descendancy lines, not just one.

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Before you start doing descendancy research BE SURE THAT you are actually starting with YOUR ancestor. Just because a 3rd great grandfather is attached to your tree, does NOT mean it's YOUR ancestor. There are many mistakes in Family Tree, and so you will need to verify that the information going out to that individual is correct. For example, there were several Harrison Hudson's in 1818. My line was attached to the WRONG Harrison Hudson. Just because it is in Family Tree doesn't make it true! You would not want to do a whole line of research only to find out later that you started with an incorrectly attached ancestor!