## GENEALOGY For Kids

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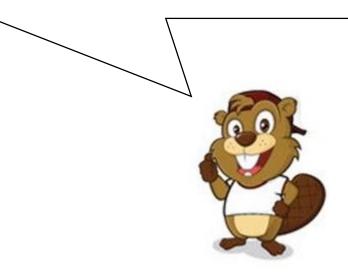
How do I make a Family Tree?



Answer these questions and more in this fun and fact-filled activity booklet presented by the Greene County Records Center & Archives.

Hi! I'm Buckles the Beaver and I am going to be your guide. Together we will learn all about family history and genealogy. Your family history tells the story of every person in your family-when they were born, where they lived, and lots of other interesting information. Do you know the names of your great-grandparents? What about where they were born? You might even be related to someone famous and not even know it! That's the fun of making your own family tree.

But first let's answer a couple questions...



## What is Genealogy?

Pronounced [jee-nee-ol-uh-jee]

Genealogy is a record or account of the ancestry and descent of a person, family or group. Genealogy can also be the study of family ancestries and histories. <sup>1</sup> In other words, genealogy can be two different things.

- 1. Genealogy is a family's history...everyone in that family, when and where they were born, and other important information about each person.
- 2. Genealogy is the research done to find everyone in that family and the information about them.

<sup>1</sup> Dictionary.com. October 2015. <Dictionary.com <a href="http://dictionary.reference.com/browse/genealogy?s=t">http://dictionary.reference.com/browse/genealogy?s=t</a>.

### What is the census?

The U.S. Census counts every resident in the United States, and is required by the Constitution to take place every 10 years.

"The actual enumeration shall be made within three years after the first meeting of the Congress of the United States, and within every subsequent term of 10 years, in such manner as they shall by Law direct" –Article I, Section 2 of the Constitution of the United States<sup>2</sup>

Genealogists use Census records to find family members from long ago.

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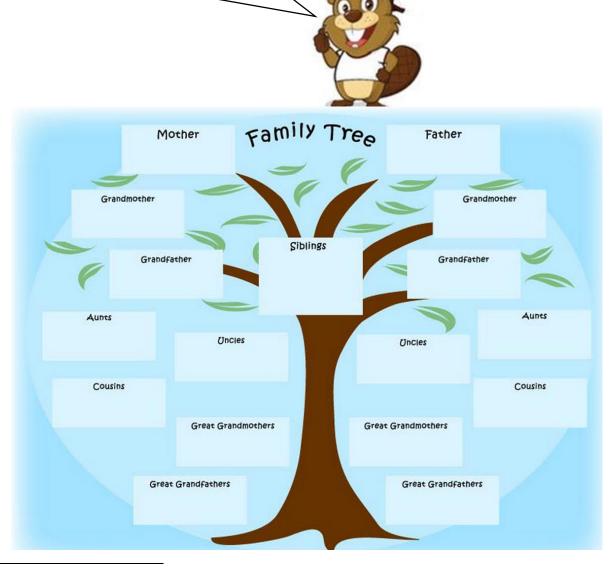
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## What is a Family Tree?

A Family Tree is a chart showing the ancestry, descent, and relationship of all members of a family or other genealogical group. <sup>3</sup>

In other words, a Family Tree is a chart or drawing that shows how every member of a family is related to each other.

Here is what a family tree might look like. All you have to do is fill in the names. The bigger your family, the more branches on the tree!



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Dictionary.com. October 2015. Dictionary.com <a href="http://dictionary.reference.com/browse/family-tree?s=t">http://dictionary.reference.com/browse/family-tree?s=t</a>

So where do we start? First, let's start with your house and who lives there. It is important to have a list of everyone so you can make an accurate family tree. Maybe we can make a card that you can use for your family census! Let's make a card with all the questions we want to ask. Then we can start collecting information!



Year Town			
Head of Family			
OTHER MEMBERS OF FAMILY:			
NAME	RELATIONSHIP	AGE	BIRTHPLACE

Start with everything about you. Then we need to list everyone you live with and how they are related to you. What other information do we need? How about the address where you live? What about each person's birthday and where they were born? I will fill out my card first, then you can do yours. Once we have all our information, we can make a family tree!



#### **My Census Information Card**

My Name: Buckles T. Beaver Today's Date: 10/16/2015

Address: 123 ABC Trail, Xenia, Ohio

My Birthday: February 2, 2009 I was Born in: Beavercreek, Ohio

#### Other Members of the Household:

<u>Name</u>	Relation	Birthday	Birthplace
Bradley Beaver	Father	12/24/1978	Beavercreek, Ohio
Beverly Beaver	Mother	6/21/1979	Beaverville, Illinois
Becky Beaver	Sister	9/23/2011	Beavercreek, Ohio
Bobby Beaver	Brother	10/12/2013	Beavercreek, Ohio

Now it's your turn! Here is a blank census information card. Use it for you and your family. Make sure to include everyone in your house, even if you have to add at the bottom.



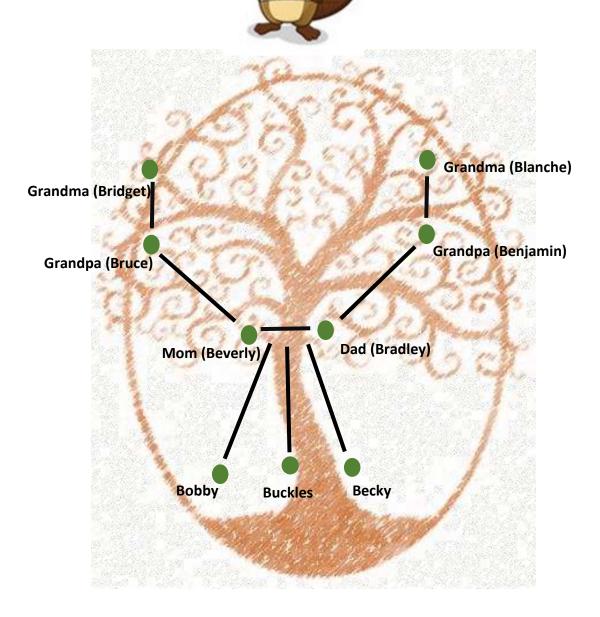
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Here's a hint...use this second card for your Grandparents or your aunts & Uncles or other relatives. You could even make copies of this card and use it for everyone in your family, no matter where they live!



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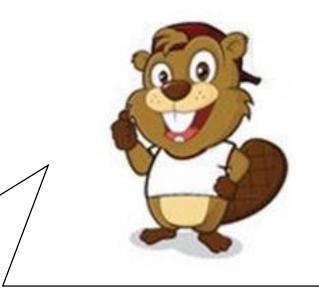
Now that we've collected all our family information, we can make a family tree! I'll make one for my family then you can make one for yours! I filled out some more census information cards so I could make my tree bigger. Maybe I'll get even more information so I can add all my cousins!



## My Family Tree



# Congratulations!



You are an official genealogist! You researched your family history, collected information and made a family tree. Did you find someone you didn't know you were related to? How about someone famous? Now that you have all the tools, you could find all kinds of information! Make sure to keep this booklet in a safe place. That way you can look back in 10 years and see if there are any updates. Good luck!

Your Genealogy Buddy,

Buckles T. Beaver

#### Glossary<sup>4</sup>

Ancestry-line of descent; one's ancestors.

Descent-one's line of ancestors.

Enumerate-to find out the number of; to count; to list one after another.

Genealogist-a person who studies family lines or ancestors.

Subsequent-following in time, order or place.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Merriam-Webster.com. October 2015. Merriam Webster.com < http://www.merriam-webster.com/>

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