

BRICKWALL BUSTING: SOURCES & STRATEGIES



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“When you are hitting a wall, focus on one brick” Tyler May.

Tasks that can help break through the brick wall:

1. Talk to every member of your family.
2. Identify the WHEN not just the who of the brick wall.
3. Identify WHERE not just the when of the brick wall.
4. Search for family trees on Ancestry.com, on Familysearch.org, and on My Heritage.
5. Look for documents, photos, and contact information to submitter.
6. Make a research plan.
7. Begin a working timeline.
8. Begin a digital family tree.
9. Look for original documents—digital, microfilmed, and in repository
10. Go local!!!
11. Continue learning

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Brickwall Busting Strategies

Writing all the types of documents listed in this presentation may help you break through your brickwall.

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