Getting Started

Welcome to our genealogy pages. This Help page will show you how to get started.

Q. How do I find someone?

Try the **'Search'** Box located in the header at the top right of every page. You can also **Browse Surnames** on the Home Page to get an alphabetical listing or by using the **Find** drop-down menu.

Married Name. To search for a woman when you only know her **married name**, try the **Advanced Search Option** at the top right. Select "Female" for Gender, then choose the **'Spouse's Last Name.' As another option, if you know her first name, click on the 'Search Families'** link in the **Advanced Search** and you will be able to enter both the husband/partner's name and her first name.

Once you locate an **Individual Page**, take a minute to orient yourself. The standard view gives you information about the **Individual**, his or her **Parents** and his or her **Spouse or Children** if any. Clicking on any of these individuals will bring you to their individual pages and those of their parents and spouses and children.

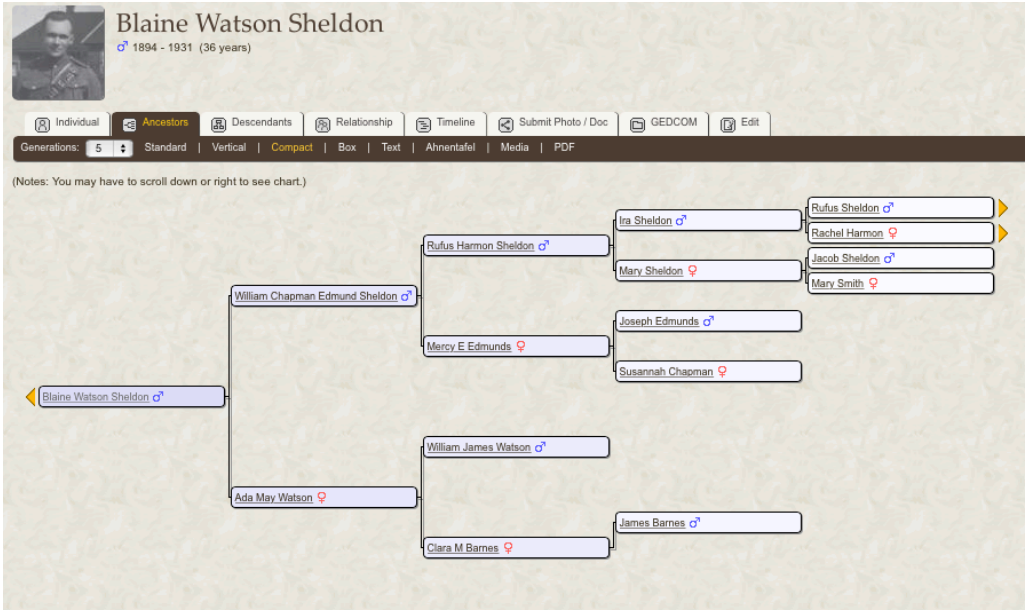
Note: if the person is living or has asked that their details stay private, you will not be able to find them unless you are logged in with the correct permissions.

Q. How do I find someone's ancestors?

Once you have found the person you are looking for, click on the **Ancestors** tab on that person's individual page.

After clicking on the Ancestor tab you can click on any yellow arrow to the right to see more generations of ancestors. Also, note that in the brown bar you can specify the **number of generations** you want to display.

In addition, you can also choose different displays (**Standard, Compact, Box, Text, Ahnentafel** or **Media**. The Ahnentafel chart lists all the generations in tabular form, complete with all children and birth, marriage death and burial details if known.

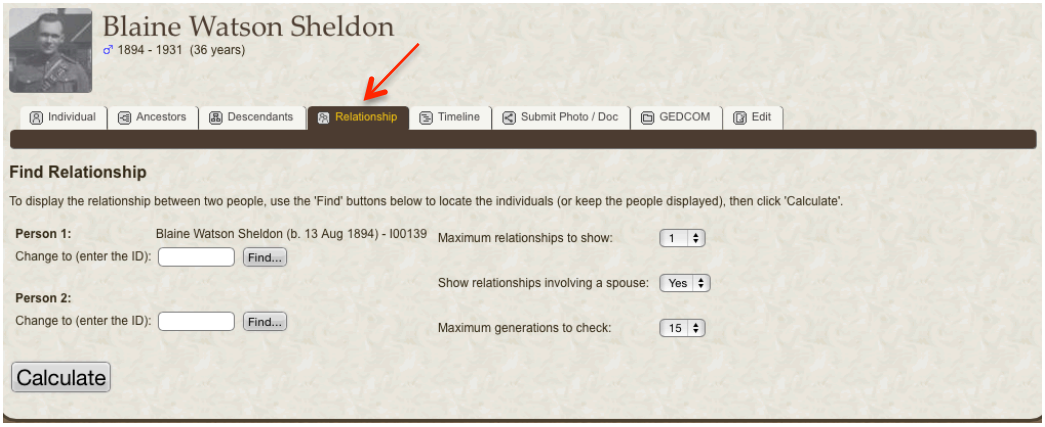


Q. How do I find a person's descendants?

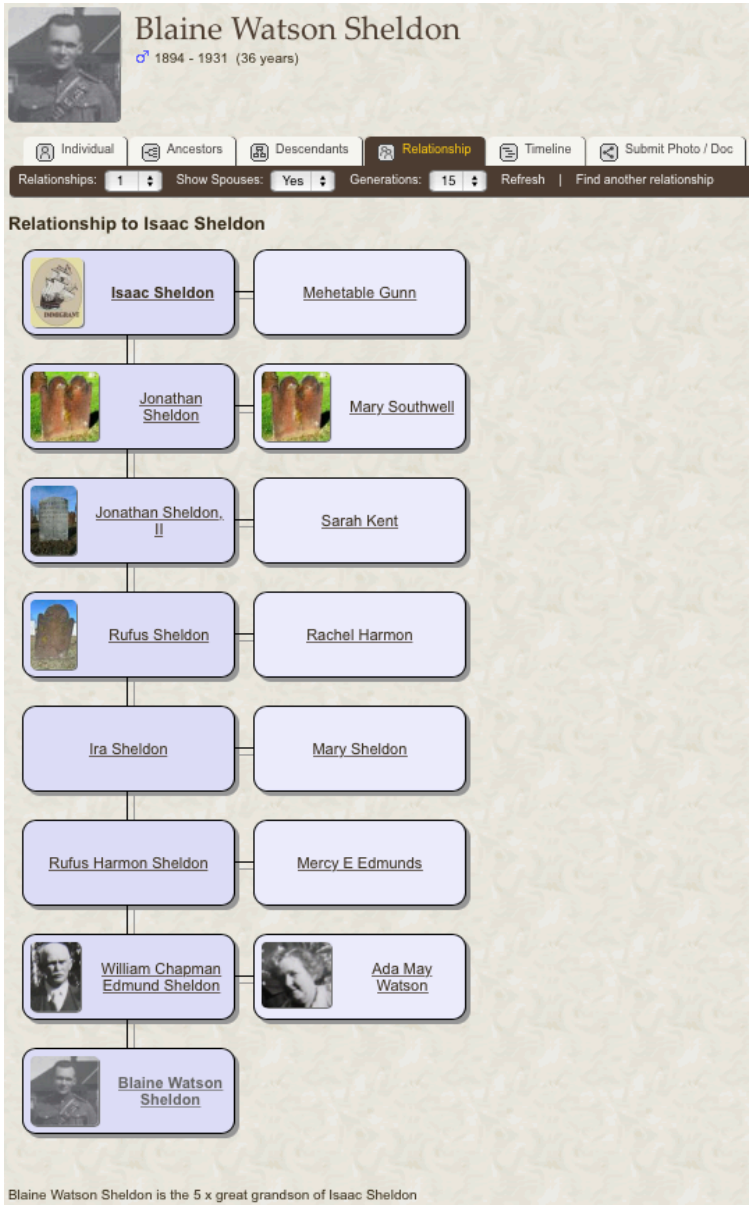
Click on the **Descendants** tab. You can select from 4 formats (**Standard, Compact, Text**). You can also select specific branches of descendants using the Text mode**.** Please note that you will not be able to see living people unless you have the permissions to do so.

Q. What if I want to know if two people are related?

Choose a specific person and go to that person's individual page. Then click on the **Relationship** tab.



Use the find button to find the second person. Once both people are selected, click *calculate* to display their relationship. In the example below, I calculated that my grandfather, Blaine Watson Sheldon was the 5th great grandson of Isaac Sheldon.

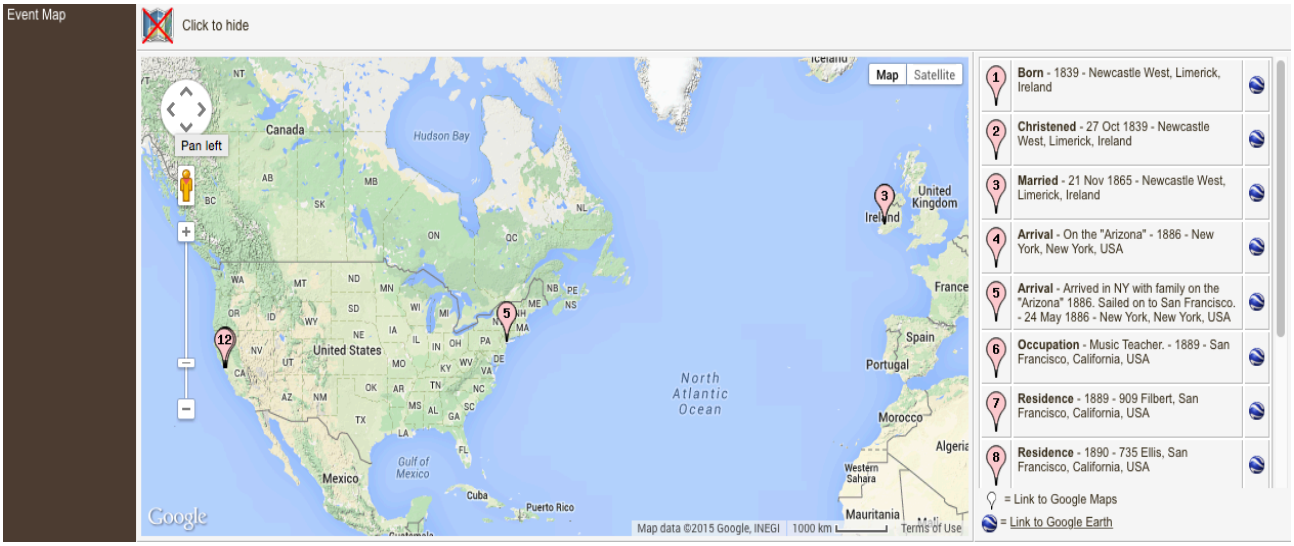


Q. What if I see a mistake in the tree or the data?

Please select the **Contact Us** option under the Info Menu at the top right of each page to send corrections or comments. You can also submit photos or documents using the **Submit Photo/ Doc Tab**.

How do I use the Google Event Map on a person's page?

Just click on the "**Display Map**" button. You can use the + and - (plus and minus) icons to zoom the map. You can also click the Hybrid button to get a satellite picture. If you then click on the pin number on the map, you will see the description, date and location of each of the events on the map.



Other Features

Check out the many other features of this website by exploring the **Find**, **Media**, and **Info** Menus.

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