

Services & Pricing Guide





Welcome!



This guide provides information about the services offered at Living Roots Genealogy and what clients can expect throughout their research journey.

Whether you're seeking answers about your biological family, need help navigating complex archives, or want to preserve your family's story for future generations, this guide outlines how we work together to meet your goals.

Inside, you'll find details on the different services offered with Living Roots Genealogy. You'll also learn about estimated timelines, pricing structure, and policies on communication, confidentiality, and collaboration. Every case is unique, so this guide is meant to serve as a flexible framework - we're always happy to discuss custom projects!

Sarah Kelly

Founder, Living Roots Genealogy.

My Genealogy Journey

My own family history journey started with a yellowing packet of ancestor charts and reports from a distant family member in 4th grade. The research suggested my father's family was a distant relative of Abraham Lincoln. So, my sister and I gathered around the family computer and watched as my dad plugged in relationships into Ancestry.com for the first time.

For years, I pursued genealogy on and off, even structuring my college degree around the field even though there were no family history courses at my university. A year into my teaching career, however, I found the University of Strathclyde's MSc in Genealogical, Palaeographic, and Heraldic Studies, and my journey to becoming a professional genealogist officially started.

Now, I'm a graduate of Strathclyde's program, a full time mom and teacher. and I am ready to help others take their first steps on their genealogy journey.



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Why Work with Me

With an MSc in Genealogical Studies, I bring both academic training and real-world experience to every research project. I began as a passionate hobbyist, so I understand the thrill of uncovering family history—but I also know how easy it is to hit a wall without the right tools or expertise. As a professional, I use proven research methods, access specialized records, and deliver detailed, evidence-based reports that ensure your family tree is built on a solid foundation.

I'm also skilled in DNA analysis, helping clients interpret test results to confirm relationships, uncover biological connections, or identify unknown relatives. My work often includes navigating complex archives, producing professional-grade reports, and assisting with legal or inheritance-related cases. Whether you're searching for roots or answers, I'm here to guide you with clarity, compassion, and precision.



How It Works

01 GATHER WHAT YOU KNOW...

Collect any information you already have—names, dates, documents, or family stories. The more I know, the better I can tailor the research to your needs.

02 SCHEDULE A CONSULTATION

Schedule a free consultation to discuss your goals, questions, and what type of research may be most helpful. This is your chance to ask questions and for us to make a plan together.

03 SIGN A CLIENT AGREEMENT

Review and sign a client agreement outlining the scope of work, fees, and timeline. This ensures we're both clear on expectations before research begins.

04 WAIT FOR UPDATES ON YOUR RESULTS!

As I conduct the research, I'll keep you updated on progress and findings. When your project is complete, we'll schedule a final meeting to go over the findings, and you'll receive all deliverables for the project!



COMMUNICATION

CONTACT DETAILS

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OFFICE HOURS

Office hours are on a seasonal basis - as a full time mom and teacher, availability will vary, but I will always get back to you!

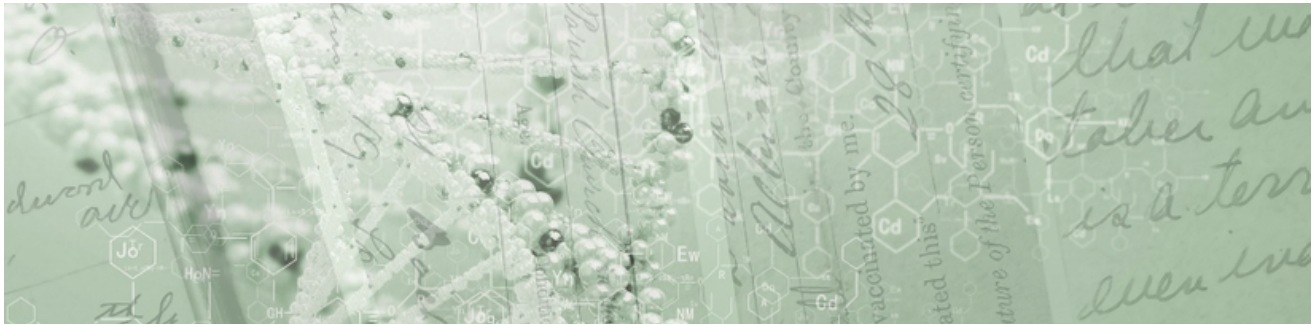
WEBSITE

www.livingrootsgenealogy.com

SOCIAL MEDIA

(Be on the lookout for our new social media platforms!)

Services Offered



Traditional Genealogy Research

Discover your ancestors through traditional documentary research. Contact us with your research question to start a consultation and determine a time estimate for your objective.

Fees:

- \$35/hr., minimum 5-hour research project.
- \$175 for a 5-hour research project.

DNA Analysis & Research

Leverage DNA analysis alongside traditional genealogical research to uncover family connections, resolve adoption mysteries, and navigate complex family histories. Please reach out if interested in cold cases or investigative genetic genealogy research.

Fees:

- \$50/hr., minimum 5-hour research project.
- \$250 for a 5-hour research project.

DFW Archival Research

Need access to archival records in the Dallas/Fort Worth area, but can't visit in person? Contact us to schedule a research trip. Small fees may apply for hours researched and travel, depending on proximity of the archives. Additional fees may apply if archives charge for digital/physical copies of records.

Fees:

- Determined by location of records. Most archives provide their own online services, so please first contact your archives for more information!

Inheritance/ Next-of-Kin Research

Trace family trees, verify heirship, and document next-of-kin relationships for any legal or personal purposes (Note: We provide research services only and do not offer legal advice.) Contact for a quote related to your research objective.

Fees:

- \$35/hr., no minimum required. Contact for a free consultation to determine the extent of your research needs.

Adoption / Unknown Parentage

Contact us about our offers for adoption and unknown parentage cases. Genealogy can help you combine DNA and ancestry research to uncover your biological relations. (It is highly recommended that you take a DNA test before pursuing this service.)

Fees:

- \$40 one time fee for continuous services, communication, and constant updates. This helps pay for the use of online subscriptions that aid in discovering living individuals.
- Full refund provided if your research question can't be answered.

Professional Collaboration

Already have a family tree, but would like an additional eye to review your work? Whether you're a hobbyist or a fellow professional, collaboration provides a chance to refine and enhance your research. Contact us for a consultation to determine your collaboration needs.

Fees:

- \$25/hr., includes a report of results and recommendations for future research. See report examples for more information, as well as a free research checklist to review your own work.

Family Research Reports

Enhance your family history journey with detailed research reports and curated memorabilia. Whether you've conducted your own research or commissioned ours, discover unique options to showcase your heritage.

Options available soon.