

Determine the Extent of Your Research

You will need to be the judge of the extent of your research, but your time restraints and the amount of information relatively readily available to you will be determining factors. By establishing *ahead of time* the limitations of your research, you will likely stay focused and effective. Here are some guidelines

Minimum Amount of Research. Strive to get the following information for *at least* 4 generations, with your friend being the first generation. Your friend or his/her family should be able to supply most, if not all, of this information.

1. Birth date and place of birth
2. Marriage date and place of marriage (if applicable)
3. Death date and place of death (if applicable)

Maximum Amount of Research. While there is no limit to how much you can do, you should remember that the purpose of The Gift of Family History is to introduce your friend(s) to the spirit and power of Elijah, *not to do extensive research for them!* They should be left with ample opportunity to do their own family history research based upon what you have done and what you have recommended they do with the research you have done for them. It is suggested that you do research for no more than 6 or 7 generations at the most.

Should I Gather Information About the Siblings of My Friend's Ancestors? Again, that is up to you. However, given the limited amount of time you will be spending in preparing this gift, it is usually better to gather information on direct ancestors only.