These **quick and easy search tips** are here to help you start your *Findmypast* family history research...

**Getting started...**

Write down everything you know about your ancestors - this will form the basis of your research.

Ask your family what they know.

Check old photographs, letters, documents and heirlooms for clues to the past.

**Search FMP's record collections...**

When searching records, begin with broad search terms, such as a name and year of birth. Then narrow it down from there!

**Building...**

Use the FMP tree builder to store the information you discover.

When adding ancestors to your tree, include all the information you have sourced from your FMP record searches.

Upload photographs or scans of documents to create a more vivid account of your family history.

Use FMP hints to instantly find your family.

Use the kinship calculator to calculate family connections to distant relations.