



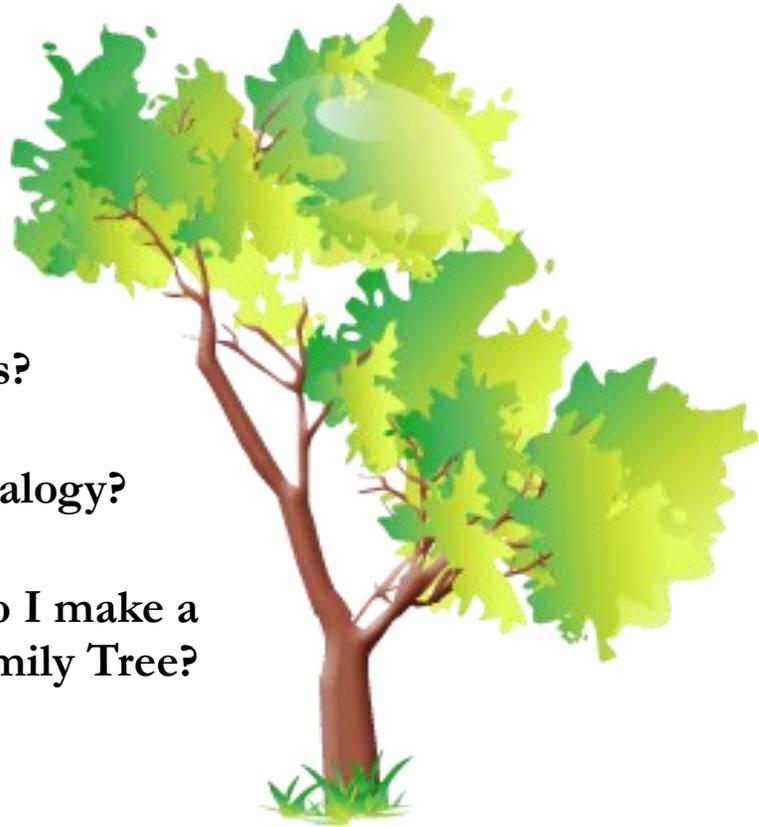
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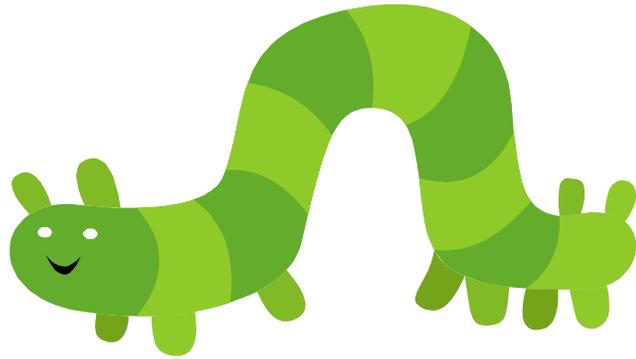
**How do I make a
Family Tree?**



Answer these questions and more in this fun and fact-filled activity booklet presented by the Ulster County Clerk's Records Management Program.

Hi! I'm Christopher Caterpillar and I am going to be your guide. Together we will learn all about family history and genealogy. Your family history tells the story of every person in your family—when they were born, where they lived, and lots of other interesting information. Do you know the names of your great-grandparents? What about where they were born? You might even be related to someone famous and not even know it! That's the fun of making your own family tree.

But first let's answer a couple questions...



What is Genealogy?

Pronounced [jee-nee-ol-uh-jee]

Genealogy is a record or account of the ancestry and descent of a person, family or group. Genealogy can also be the study of family ancestries and histories

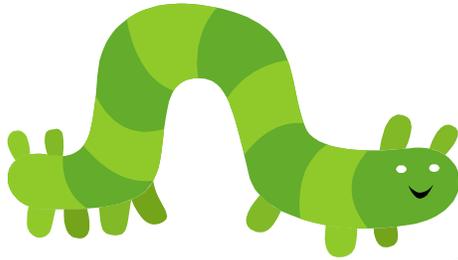
In other words, genealogy can be two different things.

1. Genealogy is a family's history...everyone in that family, when and where they were born, and other important information about each person.
2. Genealogy is the research done to find everyone in that family and the information about them.

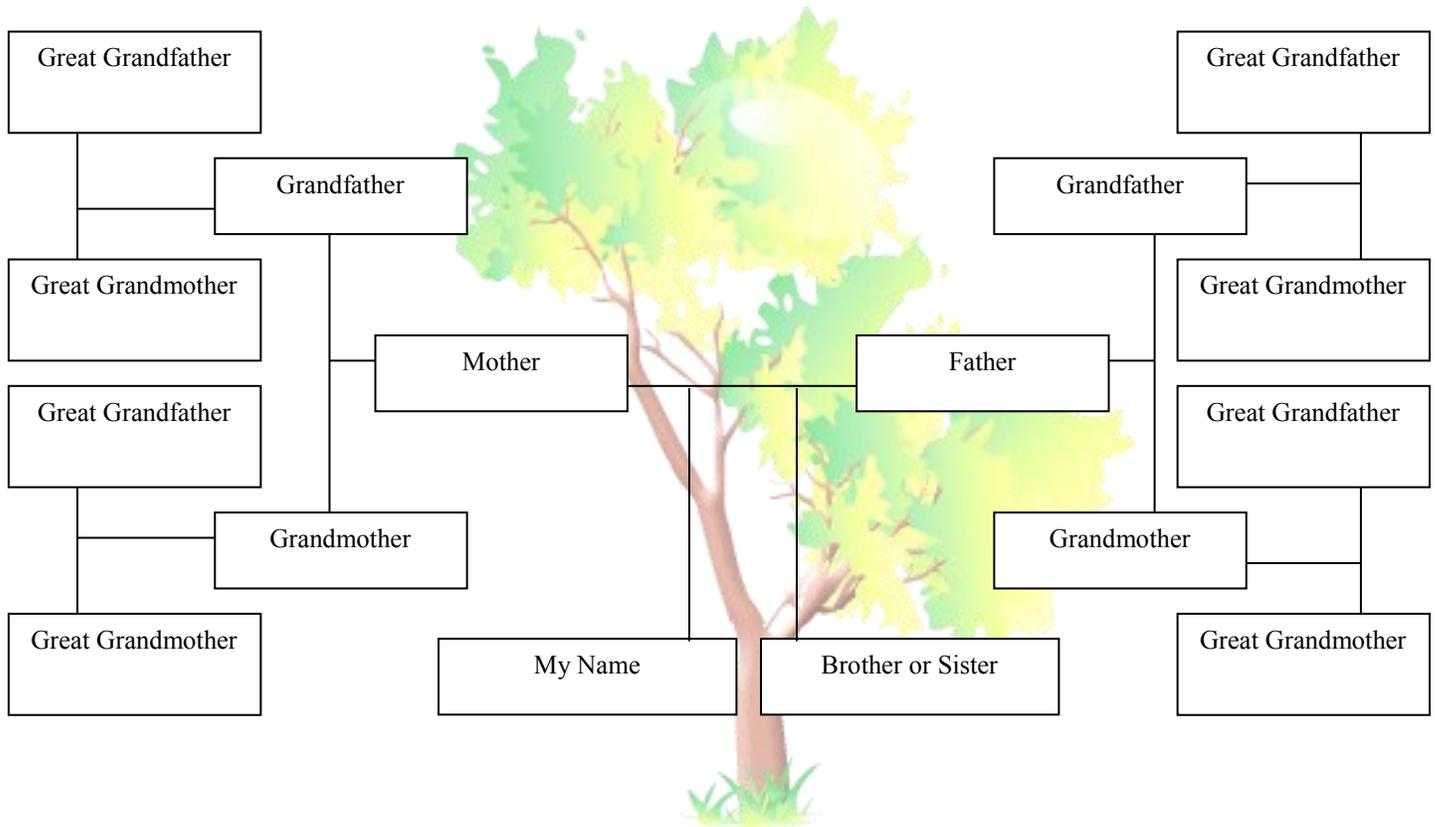
What is a Family Tree?

A Family Tree is a chart showing the ancestry, descent, and relationship of all members of a family or other genealogical group.³

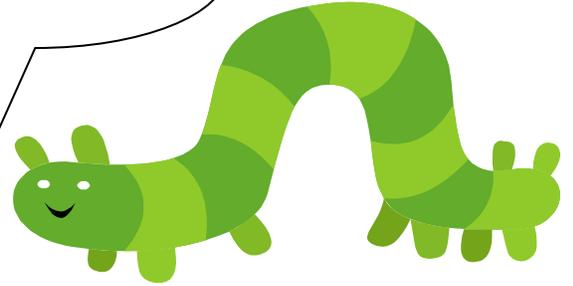
In other words, a Family Tree is a chart or drawing that shows how every member of a family is related to each other.



Here is what a family tree might look like. All you have to do is fill in the names. The bigger your family, the more branches on the tree!



Start with everything about you. Then we need to list everyone you live with and how they are related to you. What other information do we need? How about the address where you live? What about each person's birthday and where they were born? I will fill out my card first, then you can do yours. Once we have all our information, we can make a family tree!



My Census Information Card

My Name: Christopher Caterpillar **Today's Date:** 03/29/2010

Address: 123 Old Oak Tree, Kingston, NY

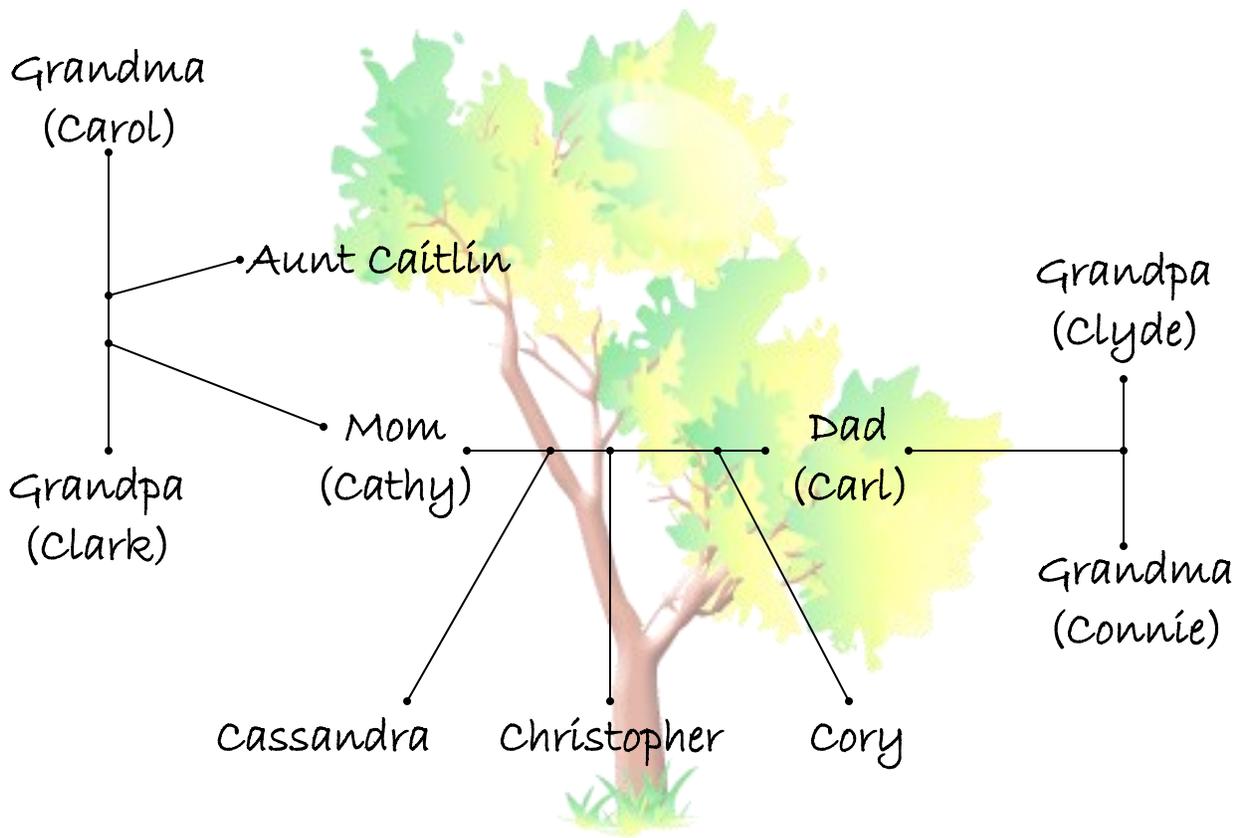
My Birthday: 01/02/2003 **I was Born in:** Kingston, NY

Other Members of the Household:

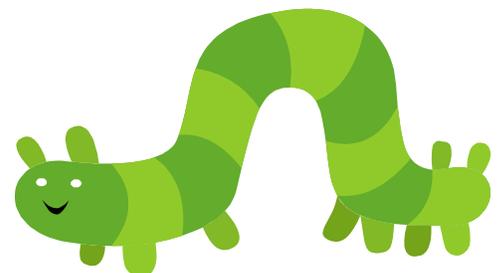
Name	Relation	Birthday	Birthplace
Carl Caterpillar	Father	02/03/1980	Kingston, NY
Cathy Caterpillar	Mother	03/04/1980	Ellenville, NY
Cassandra Caterpillar	Sister	12/11/2001	Kingston, NY
Cory Caterpillar	Brother	08/09/2005	Kingston, NY
Clyde Caterpillar	Grandfather	06/07/1955	Toronto, Canada



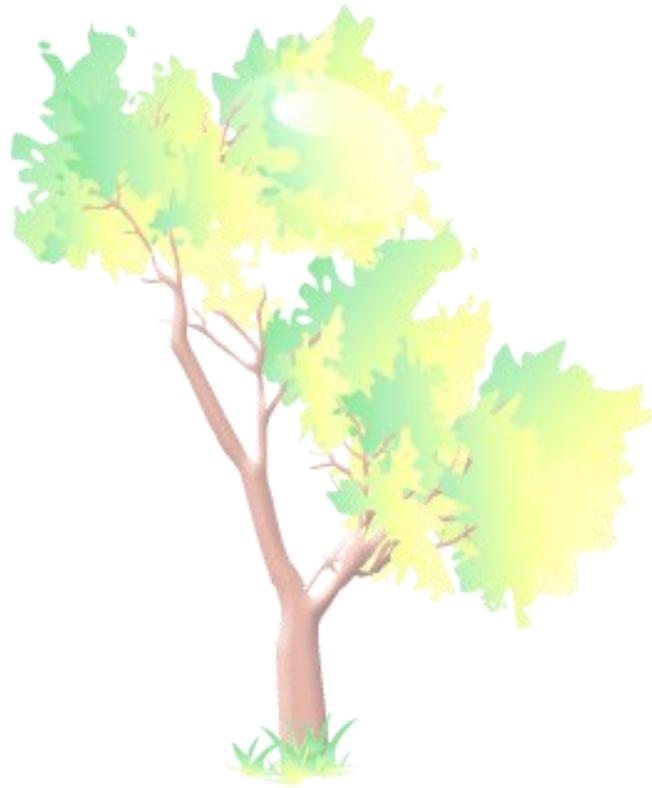
Now that we've collected all our family information, we can make a family tree! I'll make one for my family then you can make one for yours!



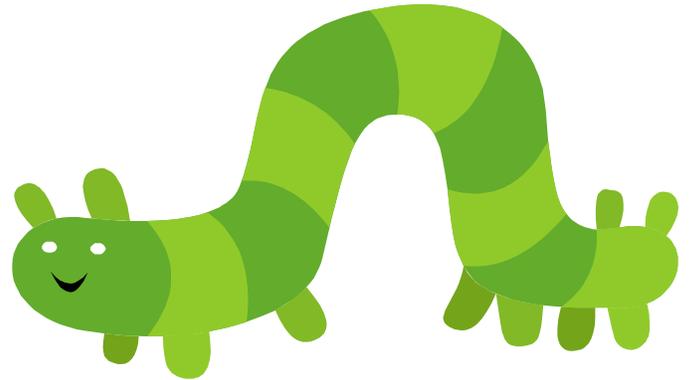
I filled out some more census information cards so I could make my tree bigger. Maybe I'll get even more information so I can add all my cousins!



My Family Tree



Congratulations!



You are an official genealogist! You researched your family history, collected information and made a family tree. Did you find someone you didn't know you were related to? How about someone famous? Now that you have all the tools, you could find all kinds of information! Make sure to keep this booklet in a safe place. That way you can look back in 10 years and see if there are any updates. Good luck!

Your Genealogy Buddy,
Christopher Caterpillar

Glossary

Ancestor—one from whom an individual, group, or species is descended

Ancestry—line of descent; one's ancestors

Descent—one's line of ancestors

Enumerate—to find out the number of; to count; to list one after another

Genealogist—a person who studies family lines or ancestors

Subsequent—following in time, order or place

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