Draw a picture of your family history by making a family tree. Gather information by talking to your parents and other relatives, including stepparents. You will probably need to make a few phone calls or write a few letters in order to track down names and dates.

Make your family tree as full as possible by including complete names, places of birth, and dates of birth, marriage and death. Leave blanks for information you can’t remember or don’t know; perhaps you will be able to add it later.

Remember that families come in many shapes, sizes and forms. Design a family tree to fit your circumstances. Here are five sample family trees, to show you just a few possibilities:

Example 1

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brother  me  sister
Joseph  John  Elizabeth
Romano  Romano  Romano
Oct. 4, 1931 Nov. 26, 1934 June 9, 1932

mother  father
Elizabeth  Lawrence
Costanzo  Romano
married  married
Feb. 29, 1932  Oct. 6, 1932
Denver, CO  Akron, OH

grandmother  grandfather
Mary  Ross
Laduwala  Costanzo
born  married
June 21, 1930  Feb. 19, 1950
Pueblo, CO  Pueblo, CO

grandmother  grandfather
Margaret  Nick
Howard  Romano
born  married
April 13, 1929  Jan. 17, 1924
Richmond, VA  Cleveland, OH

great grandmother  great grandfather
Sophia  Maria
Caldextra  Calabrese
born  married
Dec. 6, 1908  Oct. 19, 1930
Pueblo, CO  Pueblo, CO

great grandmother  great grandfather
Maxwell  Vincent
Hubbard  Romano
married  married
Nov. 9, 1900  Apr. 4, 1914
married  married
Sept. 29, 1924  April 17, 1934
Sept. 7, 1908  July 10, 1908
died  died
May 15, 1924  Aug. 1, 1988

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