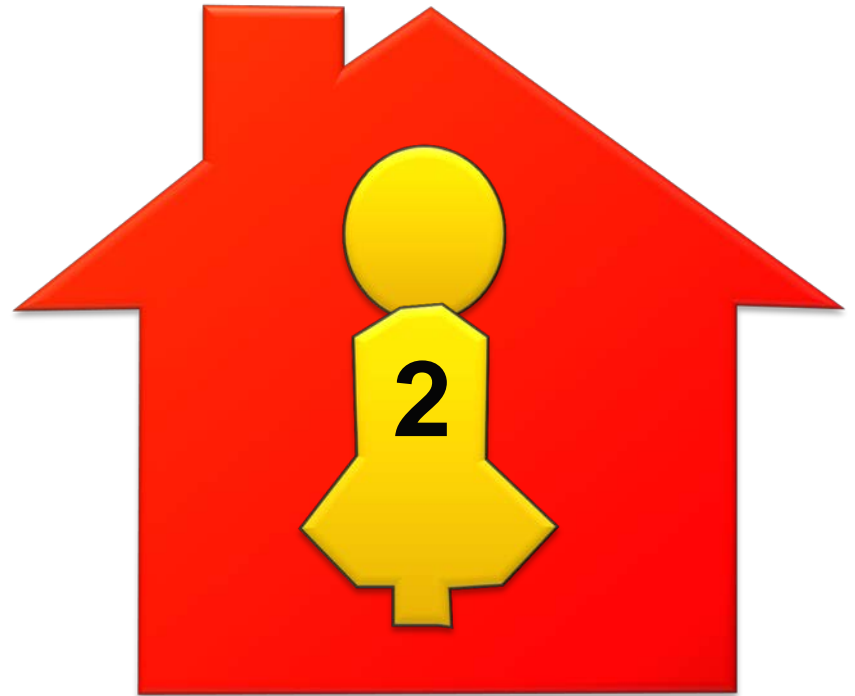


**Decide what you  
want to learn  
about your  
family**



**Family history is  
a repeatable  
process**



# Decide what you want to learn

- **Examine your data**
- **Start with you and your immediate family, and then work backwards through the generation's one ancestor or family at a time**
  - **Generation 1—You**
  - **Generation 2—Your parents**
  - **Generation 3—Your grandparents**
  - **Generation 4—Your great-grandparents**



# Decide what you want to learn

- Identify data that you collected in Step 1 that needs verification



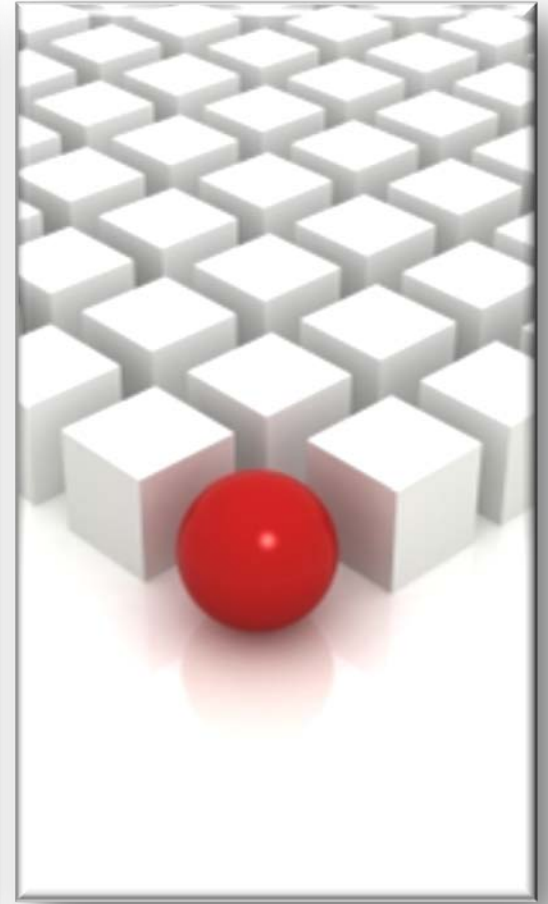
# Rule of One



**One ancestor at a time**



**One question at a time**

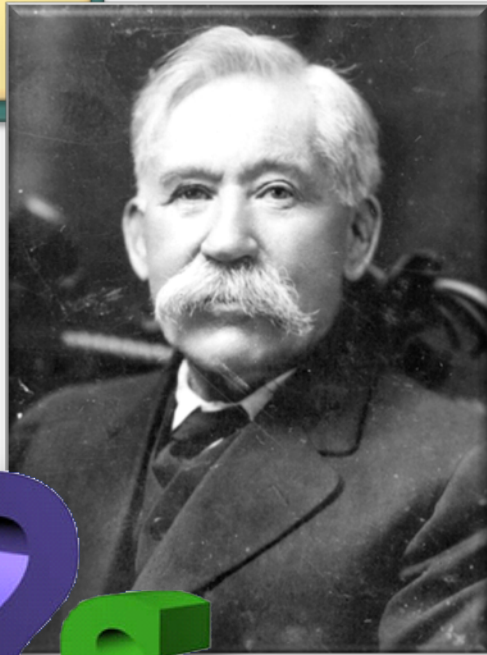


**One record at a time**



# Decide what you want to learn

● What do you want to know about this person?



Immigration?



Children?



Birth?



Death?



Military?



Marriage?



# Decide what you want to learn

- Determine a question you want to answer




# Decide what you want to learn

- **Form a hypotheses or educated guess based on what you already know, and any customs or common practices that apply**







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