



## Introducing the Huff Method

The Huff Method is an improved technique of doing genealogical research designed with EFFICIENCY at it's core.

### Key principals of the Huff Method

1. Make geneology faster and easier by showing people a clear starting point, a specific path to follow, and a clear ending point.
2. Foster collaboration amongst genealogists working on the same Surname Line by using modern technology and improved research methods.
3. Ensuring that all genealogists are not duplicating each others work by creating a centralized high-quality database and registry.

## The Seven Steps of the Huff Method

1. Select a surname line to work on.
2. Identify the Capstone Ancestor. (A Capstone Ancestor is the oldest male ancestor of the Surname Group you are researching.)
3. See if this ancestor already exists in the database.  
If Yes - Join that Group and begin collaboration.  
If No - Register a new Surname Group.
4. Add the Capstone's wife by seeing if she already exists in the database. If not, enter the information for her yourself.
5. Repeat this process for all of the Capstone's children.
6. Now add each son's wife and children by seeing if they already exist in the database. If not, enter the information yourself. As the daughter's husbands and children are not part of this surname group, there is no need to identify them now.
7. Repeat this process until you reach the current generation.

**You can then repeat this entire process to research additional Surname Groups, linking each Group together as you go.**

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#### Benefits of ProgenyLink.com and the Huff Method

1. Creating an account is FREE and always will be!
2. Eliminate the causes of duplication, thus saving Genealogists time and money!
3. Modernize genealogy by combining family history software, social networking, and online digital media into a single website.
4. Allow members to view and work on the same data at the same time with other members. (No more endless email tag and Gedcom hassles!)
5. Allow members to store their Family History data and media in the same place.
6. Members have complete ownership of their data with custom privacy settings. No one else can view or edit your data without your permission.
7. Provide an innovative way to source every piece of data, a place to record personal histories, and a way to record GPS coordinates for locations.
8. Provide members direct input in guiding the features we'll provide in future versions!
9. Allows members to get fair compensation for their hard work by providing them access to thousands of other high quality names, as well as a way to market their high-quality data to others.