

# Research Progress Log

## Tracking Long-Term Genealogical Research Projects

Complex genealogical problems often require months or years of sustained research. This log tracks progress, documents breakthroughs, identifies dead ends, and maintains momentum across extended research projects. Regular updates prevent duplicated effort and capture insights that may prove valuable later.

### Project Overview

<b>Project Name:</b>	
<b>Research Subject:</b>	
<b>Primary Research Question:</b>	
<b>Start Date:</b>	
<b>Target Completion:</b>	
<b>Current Status:</b>	

### Research Goals

#	Research Goal	Priority	Status
1		H/M/L	<input type="checkbox"/> Done
2		H/M/L	<input type="checkbox"/> Done
3		H/M/L	<input type="checkbox"/> Done
4		H/M/L	<input type="checkbox"/> Done
5		H/M/L	<input type="checkbox"/> Done

### Research Phase Tracking

#### Phase 1: Foundation Building

<b>Date Range:</b>	
<b>Focus Area:</b>	
<b>Sources Consulted:</b>	
<b>Key Findings:</b>	
<b>Obstacles Encountered:</b>	
<b>Next Steps Identified:</b>	

#### Phase 2: Expansion

<b>Date Range:</b>	
<b>Focus Area:</b>	
<b>Sources Consulted:</b>	
<b>Key Findings:</b>	
<b>Obstacles Encountered:</b>	

<b>Next Steps Identified:</b>	
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### Phase 3: Breakthrough

<b>Date Range:</b>	
<b>Focus Area:</b>	
<b>Sources Consulted:</b>	
<b>Key Findings:</b>	
<b>Breakthrough Moment:</b>	
<b>Impact on Research:</b>	

### Phase 4: Confirmation & Documentation

<b>Date Range:</b>	
<b>Focus Area:</b>	
<b>Verification Sources:</b>	
<b>Conclusions Confirmed:</b>	
<b>Remaining Questions:</b>	

### Breakthrough Log

*Document key discoveries that advanced the research:*

Date	Source	Discovery	Impact

### Dead Ends Documentation

*Record unsuccessful approaches to prevent repeating them:*

Approach Tried	Why It Failed	Alternative Strategy

## Source Categories Progress

Source Category	Searched?	Useful?	Notes
Vital Records	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Census Records	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
City Directories	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Church Records	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Newspapers	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Cemetery Records	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Property/Tax Records	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Court/Legal Records	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Immigration Records	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
DNA Analysis	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Family Papers	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

## Methodology Notes

### What Worked


### What Didn't Work

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### Lessons for Future Research

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## Project Summary

<b>Total Research Duration:</b>	
<b>Total Sources Consulted:</b>	
<b>Major Breakthroughs:</b>	
<b>Primary Conclusion:</b>	
<b>Confidence Level:</b>	
<b>Remaining Research:</b>	

## Project Assessment

Criterion	Yes	No
Primary research question answered	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
All reasonable sources consulted	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Evidence properly documented	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Conflicts resolved	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Conclusion is well-supported	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Methodology is replicable	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

*Template from The Brooklyn Mat Maker Case Study | Storyline Genealogy*

Based on tracking 7 years of research (2018-2025) to identify John Kenny among dozens of Brooklyn John Kennys