Goal: organize the files and then take Father's line back to coming to America

1) **Collect all the information available on the family**
2) **Create Genealogy Folders**

3) **Digitize all the photos and documents – scan and name, put in "Files to Sort" folder**

4) **Open Family Tree Maker or where ever you will build your tree**
   a. Start new tree for this project (or add to current tree)
      i. Begin with yourself or youngest one in tree to begin
      ii. Use your digital files and after entering the data (cite sources) be careful
      iii. After entering information from file, then move to individual folder
      iv. Number family members from most current 1 to oldest
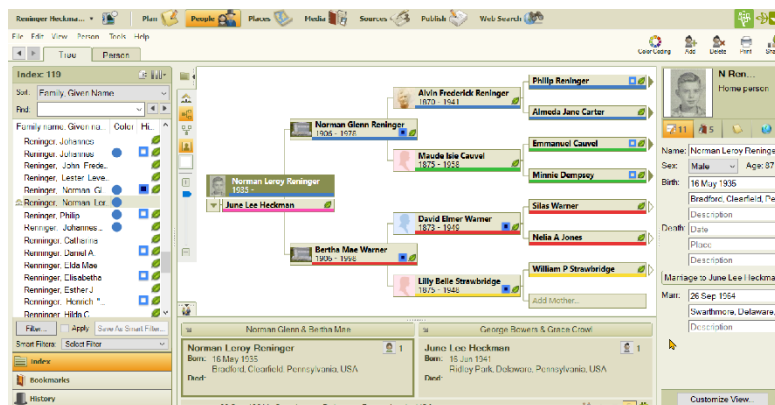
5) Begin online research (living individuals will not be available)
6) Find out if any of the Grandparents or older are in FamilySearch
   a. Open FamilySearch –> Search →Records
      i. Enter first, last and date of birth (to start – then add more info)
      ii. If you find one or more, open the person
         1. write down their ID "2W2D-ZKT"

         Alvin Frederick Reninger
         1870–1941 • 2W2D-ZKT

   b. If you can tie into the Family Tree – your lucky
      i. Open the person page
      ii. Open Sources (do not just copy data unless it has valid sources)
         1. Open each of the sources, download source to your computer, name it and put it into "Files to Sort", remember to copy source citation
         2. Go back o Step 4 to thoroughly read information and log it into your tree
7) Open Ancestry.com (if you have subscription or at the Library or Family History Center)
   a. Open Search→ All Collections
      i. Enter first, last and date of birth (to start – then add more info)
      ii. Look at the available files, if you looks like it may match then open
         1. If it is your ancestor – download original to computer – name it and put it into "Files to Sort", remember to copy source citation, you may also want to copy (snipping tool) the typed information as reference
      iii. Get as much information as you can find, you may try different searches
8) On Family Tree Maker, make sure you allow access to FamilySearch and Ancestry (if you have accounts with each)
   a. This allows the hints to show, which you can open to investigate and merge to your FTM

   b. You can grab data and merge directly into FTM
9) If you have an Ancestry account (not necessary to have a subscription), sync your FTM with Ancestry
   a. You can now do your research in Ancestry.com, save files, include new information and it will be synced with your FTM
10) Now that I have gotten whatever sources that were EASY to get, it is time to figure out where the blanks remain. Create a Timeline for overall family, or separate sheets for each family

Date	Place	What	Name	Others	Notes
24 Jul 1701	Wurttemburg, Germany	birth	Johannes Wendel Renniger	Wife: Maria Marareta Heynlen	Geneanet
22 dec 1703	Wurttemburg, Germany	birth	Maria M Heynlen		Geneanet
		marriage			
31 Oct 1741	Wurttemburg, Germany	birth	Frederich Renninger	Father: Wendel Renninger Mother: Maria Margaretha	German Birth Certificate: Frederich Heil Reninnger?
6 May 1745		birth	Anna Maria Meyer	future wife of Frederich Renninger	Geneanet
24 Jan 1748	Wurttemburg, Germany	death	Maria M Heynlen		Geneanet
Abt 1748	New Hanover, Montgomery, PA	Birth	Mary Magdalena Gebhard	future with of Frederich Renninger	Geneanet
30 Sep 1754	Philadelhia, PA	arrival	Frederich Renninger		Passenger list "Richard & Mary"
10 May 1761	Woxall, Mongtomery, PA	birth	Margaretha Gauchler	future wife of Johann Peter Reninger	FindAGrave: sp? Gauchler or Gauckler
1765	New Hanover, Montgomery, PA	marriage	Frederich Heil Renninger	Anna Maria Meyer	
10 Jan 1767	Montgomery, PA	birth	Johann Peter Reninger		St Paul Lutheran Church, FindAGrave (conflicting years 1766 of 1767)
23 May 1775	East Greenville, Montgomery, PA	death	Anna Maria Meyer		Geneanet
Aft 1775		marriage	Frederich Renninger	Maria Magdalena Gebhard	

11) Develop your Research question and fill in the areas of interest.
12) Look for stories to add as well as information that is not just Vital data (birth, marriage, death)
13) Use other databases
    a. Google
    b. FindAGrave
    c. Fold3 (military - $)
14) Keep your document so you own them and take time to study them and include them later in your Family History

Paper forms: FamilySearch – see Family group, pedigrees and research logs or Misbach

Now let us provide an output of the information