

About the Exile Inheritance Claims: How to Use These Records

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1. Always research from the ***known*** in order to find the ***unknown***. That is, use what has already been learned about your pedigree, in order to be effective in finding the next link—what you don't yet know. Genealogists call this making a ***survey*** of what is already known about your ancestors.
2. Unless you live in the Waldensian Valleys, that means you need to use local records (where your Waldensian ancestors settled, outside those Valleys) to find your immigrant Waldensian ancestor. Birth or christening, marriage, death or burial, and ship passenger lists or immigration records are the most desirable documents to help you do this. Your local authorities can help you know how to do this and where to find such records.
3. Then—continuing your survey—find what has already been learned about your ancestry from the parish registers of the Waldensian Valleys. Search for the earliest Waldensian ancestor you know about (probably the immigrant).

To do this, ***use New FamilySearch*** (free): new.familysearch.org

If you cannot extend your ancestry in this way, ***email the Waldensian Archives*** in Torre Pellice, listing your ancestry to your immigrant ancestor:
tvarchivio@chiesavalde.org

4. You will need to extend your Waldensian pedigree to the very early 1700s before these Inheritance Claims of the Waldensian Exile Survivors can help you extend your ancestry.
5. When you have discovered your ancestors in these Exile Inheritance Claims records, you are ready to then use the Abstracts of the Notary Records to extend your pedigree even further.