# KEY POINTS IN DRAFTING OUT A FAMILY TREE

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| **B.** = Birth<br>**Ch.** = Christening<br>**=** or **M**. = Married<br>**D.** = Died<br>**Bur.** = Buried<br>(They can be in lower case, <u>but be consistent</u>) | Print the date like:- **23 Jan 1874**<br>or **23 January 1874**<br><br>Include WHERE, if possible i.e.<br>The Church, Village, Parish, County. |

If you are going to produce A4 sheets with many families - List all those surnames on the page i.e.
**BLOGGS**
**SMITH**
**BROWN**
**WHITE**
**BROWN**
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**SURNAMES** are always in capital letters.

The **male** is always on the left of the **=** symbol.

Putting **(nee SURNAME)** after the female's name indicates:-
1. She married.
2. Shows her **maiden** name.
3. Additional marriages are **numbered**.

## Joe **BLOGGS** = Mary (nee **SMITH**) (1)

**B.** 12 Jan 1805, Chelsea
**M.** 26 Mar 1832, Poole
**D.** 3 Dec 1872, Wimborne

**B.** 28 Apr 1812, Wareham. Dorset
= **(2)** Alice (nee **WHITE**)
= **(3)** Jane (nee **BLACK**)

The **earlies**t born, starts at this end.

The **youngest** will be at this end (also include those that have died; in birth order).

Peter         William = Anne (nee **BROWN**)

The line **drops down** onto the son or daughter, with the **=** (marriage indicator), showing to whom they married.

**YOU**    **?**    **?**

Join your **local** Family History Society for support and advice; but also join the society where you think most of your family originates.

Somerset & Dorset FHS - **www.sdfhs.org**

**www.genealogy.hampshire.org.uk/** **Very** useful links for most common key areas.
**www.ancestor-search.info** **Very** comprehensive English & Welsh starter site.

Record from where the facts were obtained. - Start with <u>immediate family</u> and <u>first hand</u> interviews, which are ideal, but remember all the facts may not be correct! - <u>confirm later</u>. If you are not sure of a date or letter, put a **?** for <u>each</u> unknown e.g. 18(**?**)7, SM**?**TH or even for a person.
Go to the <u>original</u> sources, if possible, to confirm what you have discovered. <u>Internet data is notoriously incorrect!</u>
Draw out your family tree on paper first, then create one using Word - alterations and additions can be easily added at any time, but include the date modified.