



Ancestral Cards

Workbook

What is an Ancestral Card?

An Ancestral Card is a visually appealing online document that displays basic information about an ancestor's life, their relationships, and significant events.

Ancestral Cards can help us remember pertinent information and enable a unique interactive style of genealogy.

Include interesting lifestyle snippets, photos, and artefacts to provide a brief overview of their character and life learnings.

Creating the cards gives you a great insight into your ancestor and has the potential to inspire storytelling about them.

This innovative method of displaying ancestral connections often reveals trends, patterns and surprises that are otherwise not seen in traditional family history records.

In this Workbook you will learn how to create amazing Ancestral Cards using Trello.



Figure 1 Ancestral Card Template

How to create an Ancestral Card

First step is to create an account with [Trello.com](https://trello.com), free online software. Easy lessons are provided by Trello for [Getting Started](#).

Second step is to create a Board. A Trello board is the foundation for your Ancestral Cards project, where you can create and collaborate. Easy lessons are provided by Trello for [Creating your first board](#).

On your board you then create a set of lists and cards according to your project requirements.

To help get you started with your Ancestral Card on your first Trello board, you can access the [Ancestral Card Template](#) from Trello.

Third Step is to create the board for your Ancestral Card based on the template, by using the Copy Board feature from the Menu. The menu is activated by clicking the Show Menu icon in the top right-hand corner of a board.

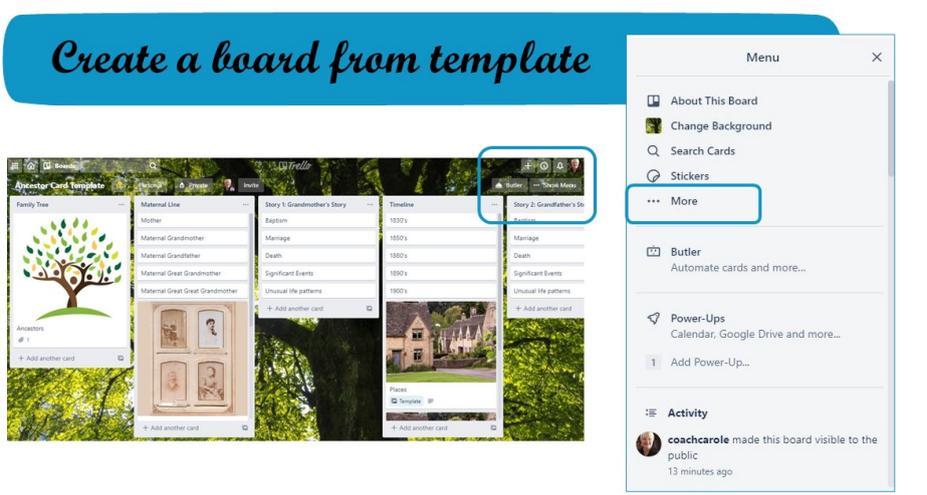


Figure 2 Create a board

Select the More icon from first menu to locate the Copy Board feature. Add in a new title, including the family name, and click the Create icon.

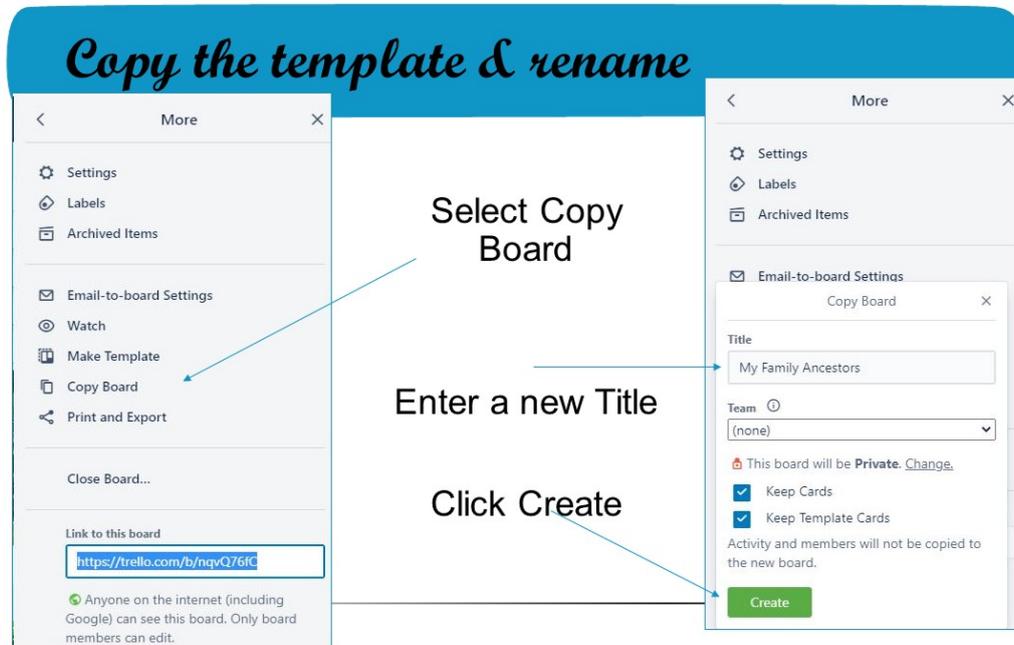


Figure 3 Copy template

Now you will have your own board to work with.

Note: Recommend that you keep your Board Private for now and consider adding a Team to collaborate with you later.

The next steps are designed to help you complete a Board for one line of your family and to create at least one card for your selected ancestor.

Content for your Ancestral Board

Step 1: Gather your ancestral data

Write down the basic genealogy data for your ancestor including the following: birth, baptism, marriage, death. If any of this data is unknown, you may need to do a little research to find out more.

Note: You will find some simple steps for researching your ancestor in the [Family Story Magic](#) course in Module 1: Trace your Ancestor.

Use a Family History site such as eg [Ancestry.com.au](#) or [FindMyPast.com.au](#) if you have an account. If not use free search sites such as: <https://www.familysearch.org/en/>

Use the Ancestral Datasheet below for recording the basic facts for your Ancestor.



Figure 4 Sample card

Ancestor Datasheet:

Name:	
Relationship:	
Birth:	Baptism:
Marriage 1:	
Marriage 2:	
Marriage 3:	
Significant Events:	Death:
Children:	
Parents:	
Siblings:	

Step 2: Add Lists to your Ancestral Board

If you are using the shared Ancestral Card Template, you will already have a few Lists displayed. You may want to add other lists to these to cater for your selected Ancestors.

Add another list to your board

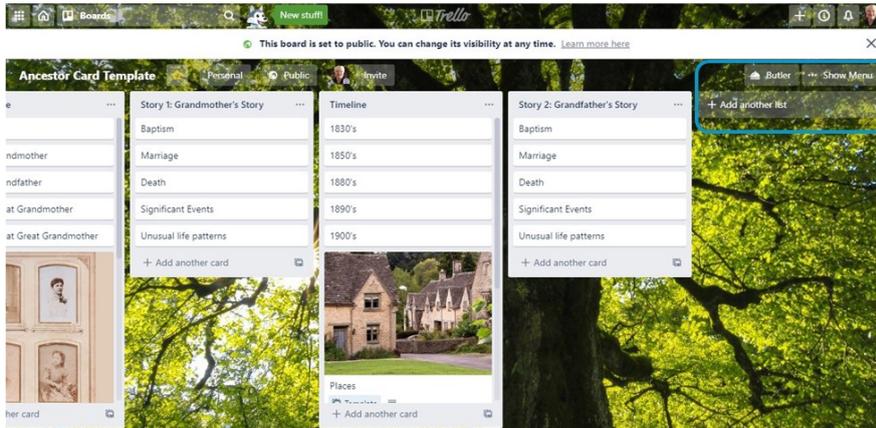


Figure 5 Add a list

Select the Add another list icon from the top extreme right-hand side of your board. Name the List and add Another to put in place.

Note: Lists can be moved around on your board where relevant.

New lists for next generation stories

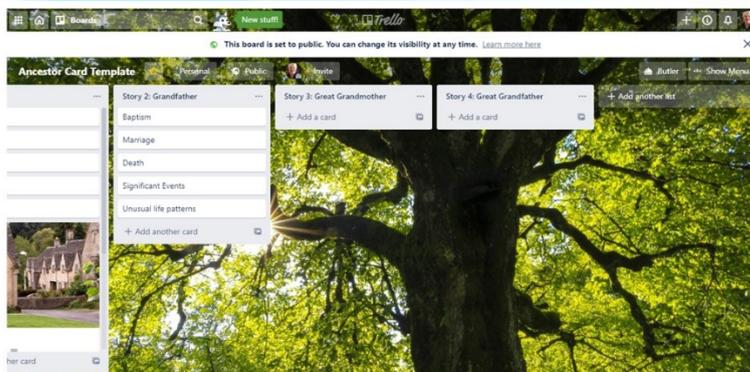


Figure 6 New lists

Step 3: Add Cards to Lists in Ancestral Board

Add a collection of cards to record the basic details of your ancestor. You can create these from scratch or copy from the preceding lists.

Add a card from scratch:

Add a card to a list

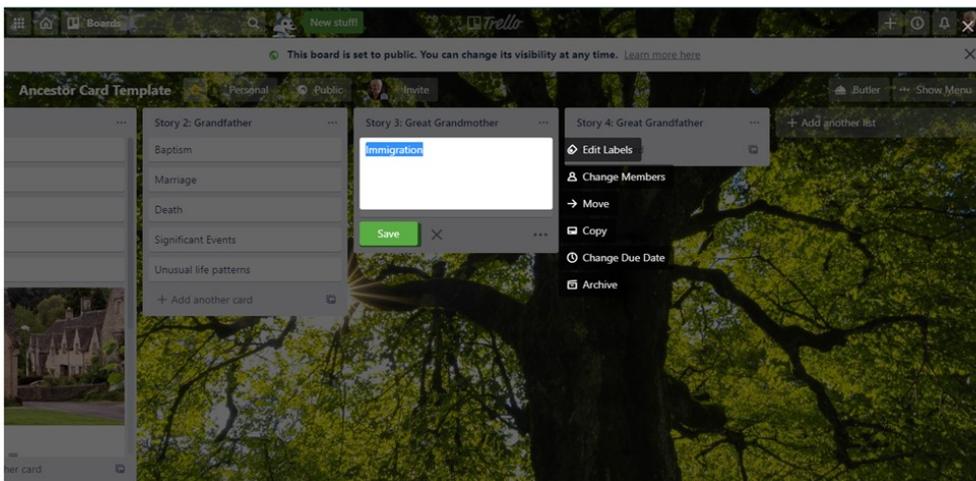


Figure 7 Add a card

Add a card by copying from another list:

Copy a card from another list

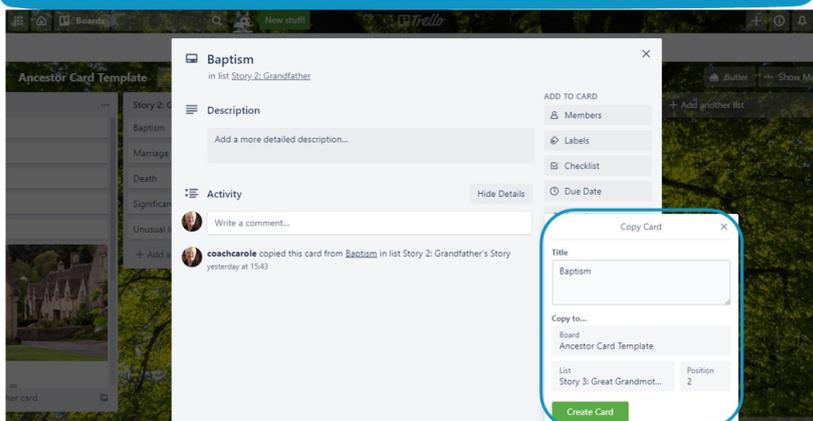


Figure 8 Copy a card

Step 4: Add content to a card

Each card can contain one or more of the following:

- Cover
- Attachment
- Checklist
- Labels
- Due Dates

Cover and Attachments are most frequently used for building an Ancestral Card.

An image of your ancestor can be the Cover and other images such as baptism, birth or death certificates can be attachments.

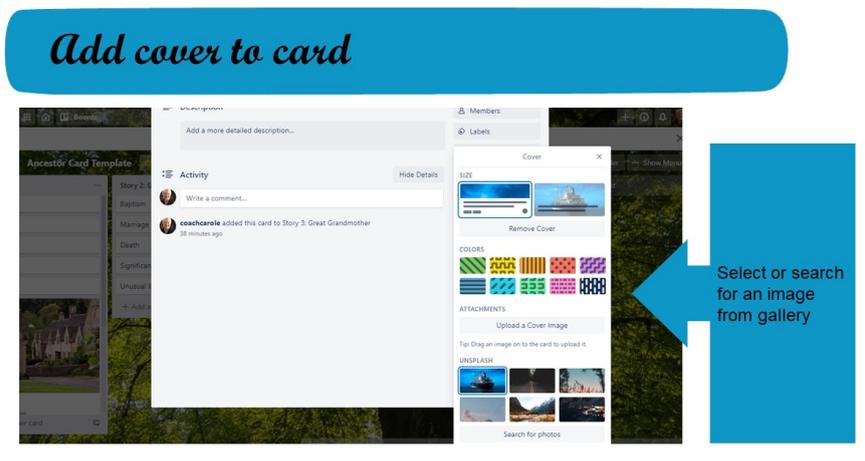


Figure 9 Add cover image

Cover on a card

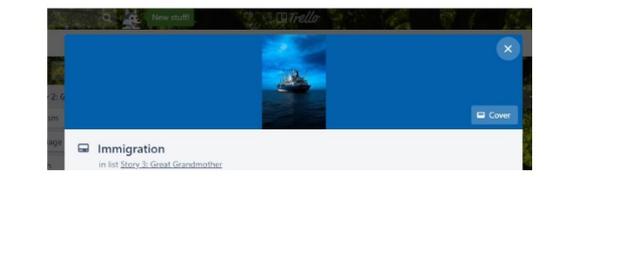


Figure 10 Cover displayed

Add attachment to card

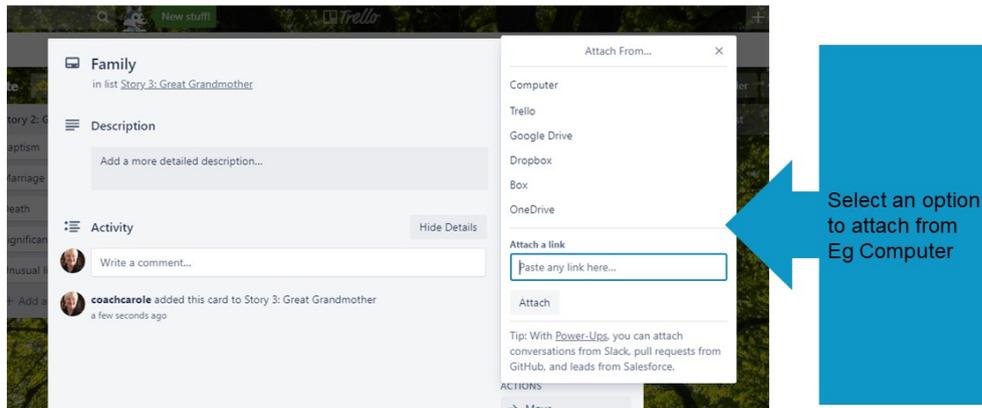


Figure 11 Add attachment

Added attachments – images

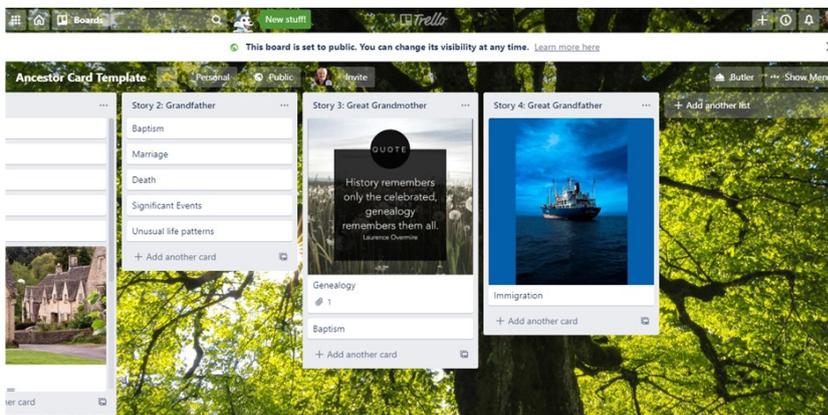


Figure 12 Added attachments displayed

Continue to add content to your card as required.

Tip: keep the content focused on what each added piece of content will contribute to the story you are plotting for that ancestor.

Step 5: Collaborate on your ancestral board

Each ancestral board can be shared with a living relative to build in other treasures that will add interest to your story.

To collaborate you will need to create a team to share your board.

Easy lessons are provided by Trello for [Inviting team Members](#) to your board.

Invite members to your board

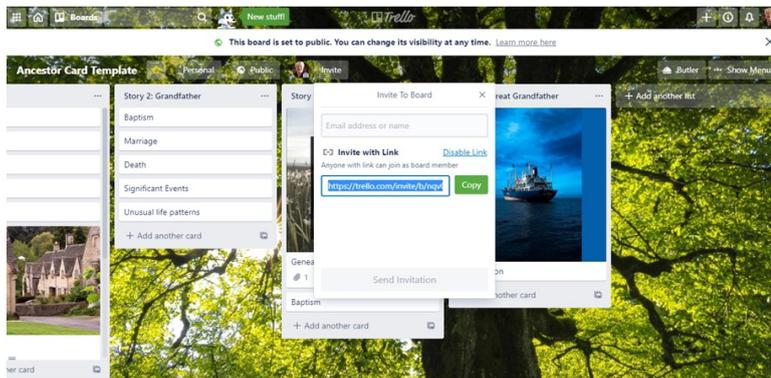


Figure 13 Invite board members

Use the Invite icon at top middle of your board and create a link to share with your invited members.

Step 6: Display and share your Ancestral Cards and Board

The final step is to share a link to your Ancestral board for others to view.

Note: If you make your board Public others can see it but not change the content. The public link to your Trello board is in the More section of the Menu. For example this is the link to the Ancestral Cards Template <https://trello.com/b/nqvQ76fC>

You may wish to collaborate on building your board with other members of your family. They become a team. Then you make your Board visible to your Team.

Note: Each board team member will be able to edit the board.

Share your board with a team

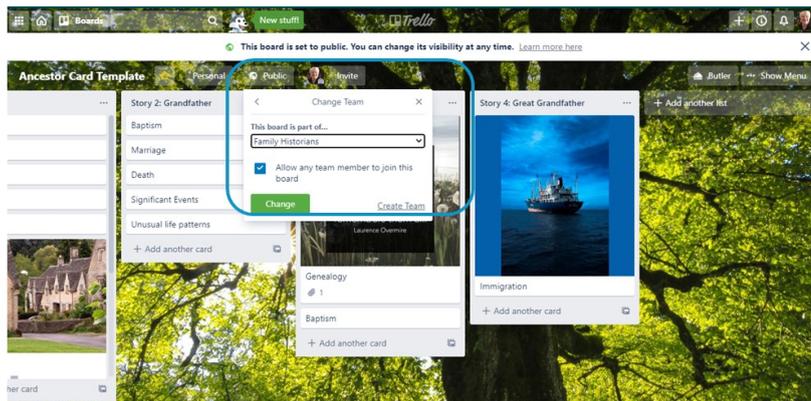


Figure 14 Share your board

Create a title for your team and add your invited board members to that team.

Ancestral Cards for your Family History

You can repeat all the steps above to create a new board for another family line and begin to create cards for more ancestors.

Tip: Use your ancestral cards to plan the elements for your ancestral story outline.

Learn how to build your Story Outline in [Family Story Magic](#), Module 2: Write about your Ancestor.

Good luck with your Ancestral Cards!

If you need further assistance from me in creating your Ancestral Cards in Trello, you can book a private tutorial with me in Zoom.

<https://coachcarole.youcanbook.me/>

Note: If you are already enrolled in the [‘Family Story Magic’ course](#), this session is offered free.

