**RESEARCH PROJECT TEMPLATE**

**OBJECTIVE**

[Complete name and key identifiers: birth dates, places, or residence]

[Does this question ask for: relationship, identity or activity]

**SUMMARY OF KNOWN FACTS**

[chronological table of known facts and analysis of sources]

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

[Create a quick reference guide for the locality or check the FamilySearch Wiki for information on available records, maps, gazetteer, historical facts, etc.

**WORKING HYPOTHESIS**

[methodology, clues from the known facts]

**IDENTIFIED SOURCES**

[use locality guide to identify available sources to search]

**PRIORITIZED RESEARCH STRATEGY**

[Five best sources most likely to answer the research question, specific details]

**FINDINGS and ANALYSIS - RESEARCH REPORT**

[State the purpose for searching the records and what valuable information was expected to be found]

[What does this mean to the objective, significance of key findings]

[Primary (eyewitness) or secondary (hearsay) or indeterminable information; authored work or original or derivative source; direct, indirect, or negative evidence]

[Add clues from records located to future research immediately]

[Address conflicting evidence]

**CONCLUSION**

[Address the research objective, summarize the research results with bullet points, state how the objective was or was not met]

**SUGGESTIONS FOR FUTURE RESEARCH**

[Bullet points]

[Specific records with dates and places]

[Add all items from research plan not researched]

[Add all items suggested by the research]

**RESULTS SUMMARY**

[create at the end of the project, put first in the report, use action verbs]