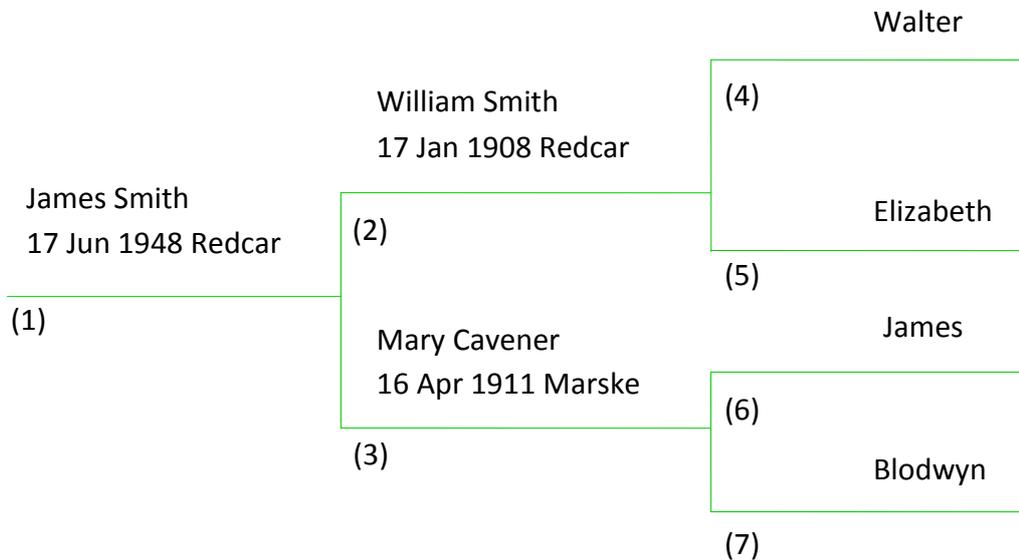


Start Your Own Family Tree

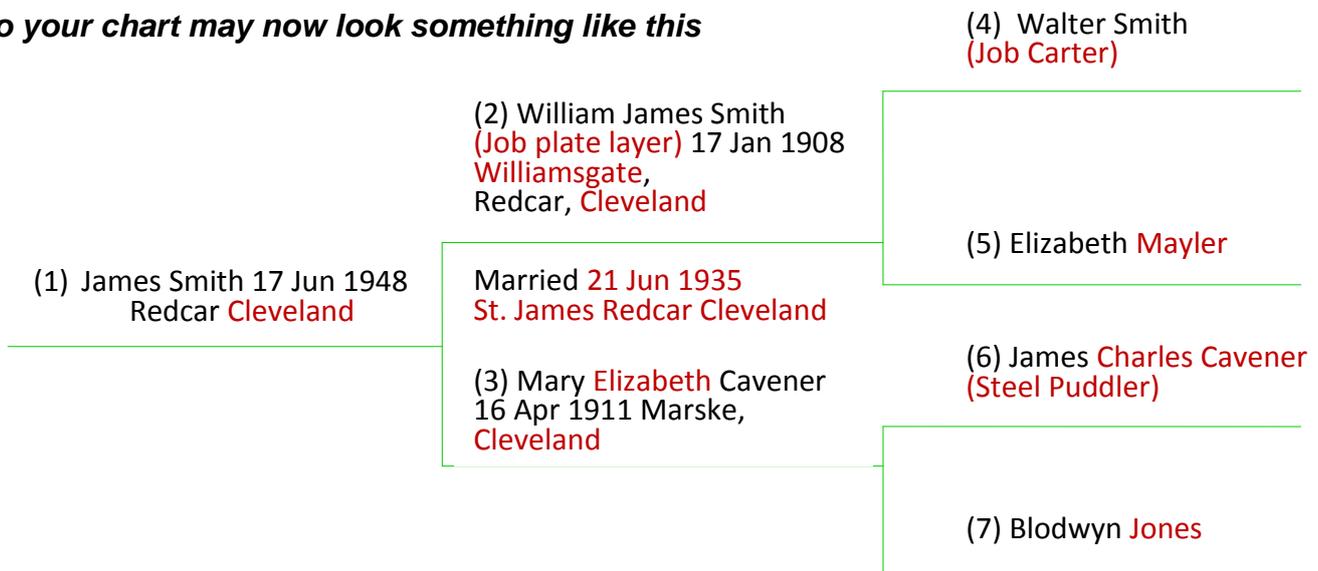
Starting with yourself – you being generation one – **add** your birth dates to number (1) on the pedigree chart **add** your fathers dates to number (2) **add** your mothers dates to number (3). Fill in any details for all relatives even if they are just estimated.

Your pedigree chart may look something like this



I would go for the marriage details of parents William and Mary first – about 1948 backwards. Then go for the birth certificates of William and Mary.

So your chart may now look something like this



Hint: Tracing backwards, follow these steps for every generation - a marriage certificate first if both full names are known or if not sure, a birth certificate of a child to this couple. This will get you full given names of both parents helping you find their marriage.

Marriage certificates hold far more information than birth certificates, which will enable you to go further back, so trace these certificates first if at all possible.