I want to find out about my grandfather's family. I know my grandpa (Harley Campbell Moore) was born in Indiana but his family moved to Ogemaw county when grandpa was just a little boy, so he grew up there and that's where he where he met and married my grandmother (Grace Withey). Grandma was 89 when she died in September 1976. I remember and I know grandpa was a few years younger than she was. Grandpa died a few years later. I know his father's name was Will and his mother's name was Fanny. . They both died in March, 1934—and we know from the family bible that he was born in 1861 and she was born in 1865. Grandma and Grandpa always went to the Methodist church and dad said his grandma was very religious and the family had always been Methodists. I don't know where they came from in Indiana, but there was an Uncle Linnias Moore who died in Richmond Indiana a few years before grandpa's dad died. They also had an older brother, Otis, who was a doctor and couldn't attend the funeral because he was ill. The family went there for the funeral, but dad was just a baby then, so he stayed home with his other grandparents. After they died Grandpa inherited their farm just outside of West Branch. The families always lived in Ogemaw County, but Grandpa and Grandma had a house in Flint because that was the only place grandpa could get a job during the depression. He worked there in order to save the family farm and as soon as he could afford to, he went back to farming. I remember visiting grandma and grandpa often, but I never knew my great grandparents on grandpa's side. Grandpa had a brother and sister, but I never knew them but the girl was named Elizabeth, for Grandpa's mother.

Rearrange these facts into a family group sheet to make sense of all this, then list the first 3 records you will try to find.

Moore	Will Moore
b. before 1841 son of	b. 1861
d.	removed sometime shortly after 1890 from
	Indiana to Ogemaw Co.
married before 1861, possibly in Indiana	d. 1934, probably in Ogemaw Co.
Elizabeth b. before 1843	married before 1890 probably in Indiana
dau of	Fanny
d. March 1934 probably in Ogemaw Co.	b. 1865
	dau of
children:	d.March 1934, probably in Ogemaw Co.
• Othis b. pr before 1886	
• Linneas b. d. ca 1932 in Richmond	children:
Indiana	• Harley b. ca 1890, Indiana
• Will b. ca 1890, give or take a year or so	• male
	female

Start with what you know

Work from the KNOWN to the unknown--

Records: Harley's death record, social security, marriage etc. Will and Fanny's death, cemetery records. Where would they be? Census records... 1930 backwards

Some tricks and twists...

Will is short for Willis, not William. Search on Ancestry.com as Will*

In 1934 Grandpa Moore was in Flint and Grandma was up working on the farm, with their oldest do. Willis died in Flint, Genesee Co. Fanny died in Ogemaw County.

Grandpa's middle name is Campbell and his mother is Fanny Campbell.

The family wasn't always Methodist at all. Once you stumble into the fact that Willis' father, John Fleming Moore was a Quaker, as was his wife, Elizabeth Binford....you will fall into a gold mine of records, following the family back for several generations, both sides.