

# Norwegian Genealogy: “Attach Parents” Proof Checklist



Name / ID: \_\_\_\_\_

Parish/Area: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## A) Define the problem

- I wrote a clear research question (who/where/when).
- I can describe this person without using the parents' names.

## B) Confirm identity (unique person)

- I gathered identity anchors (birth/baptism date; residence/farm; ages; status/occupation; spouse/children).
- I can distinguish this person from same-name neighbors.

## C) Build a life-course timeline

- I traced the person across at least **3 life events** (e.g., baptism, confirmation, marriage, children, death/burial).
- The timeline is coherent (no impossible overlaps or unexplained jumps).

## D) Search beyond easy hits

- I checked both searchable entries and scanned originals when needed (not all books are transcribed).
- I searched the key record types relevant to this problem (as applicable):
  - Baptism  Confirmation  Marriage  Children's baptisms  Burial/death
  - Census/household list  Moving in/out  Probate (*skifte*)  Other: \_\_\_\_\_

## E) Test parents against time and place

- Parents are plausible by age.
- Parents are plausible by geography/parish for the right time.
- Residence/farm references make sense as moves (not “teleportation”).

## F) Relationship evidence (not just same name)

- I have at least one strong link beyond name match (parent named in record; confirmation link; probate; repeating sponsors/witnesses; etc.).
- Evidence summary: \_\_\_\_\_

## G) Conflicts handled

- I listed all conflicts (age differences, farm name variations, competing candidates, etc.).
- I resolved conflicts or explained why my conclusion still holds.

## H) Documentation

- Every key claim has a complete citation (someone else can find the exact record).
- I wrote a 5–10 sentence proof summary explaining the conclusion and why alternatives fail.

## Decision

- Attach parents now (meets checklist).
- Keep as hypothesis (missing items): \_\_\_\_\_