

# Ancestors' Bill of Rights

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1. *Famous ancestors are not more worthy than those who were "common folk"*
2. *Those who left no issue may have made important contributions in other ways.*
3. *Maiden lines are just as important as male ones.*
4. *An individual's ancestry is made up of many surnames, the birth one carries no more weight than any other.*
5. *Skeletons in the closets should be treated fairly, neither condemning nor justifying, but handling each one according to its individual merits.*
6. *Adoptive parents are ancestors too.*