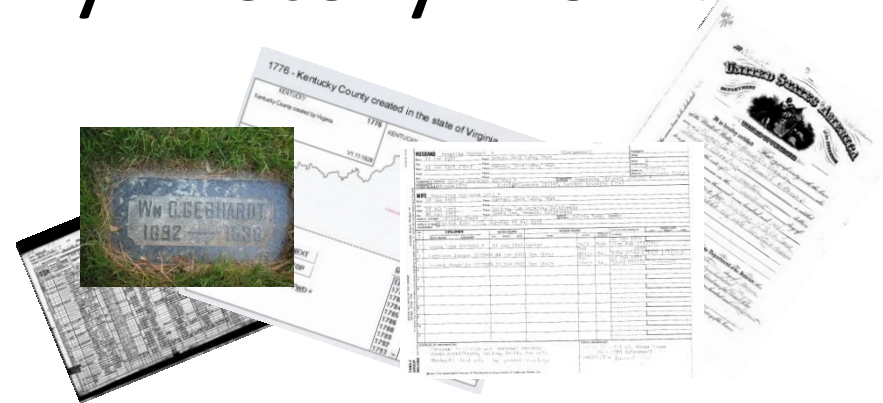


Family History

Where Do I Start?

Three PARTS to Family History work:

- Research
- ORGANIZE
- Link together



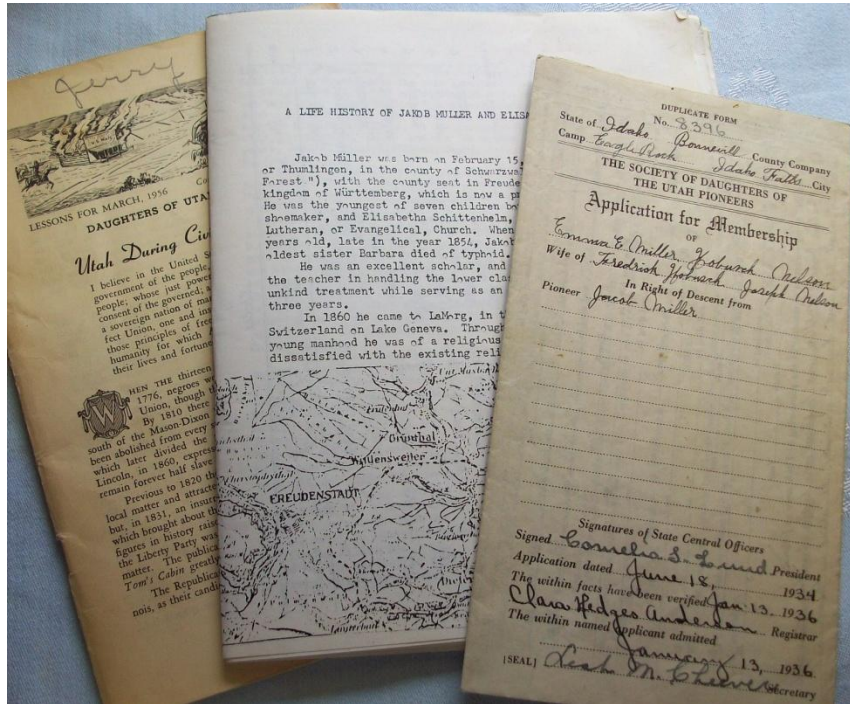
Talk to Family Members

- Start with oldest family members first.
 - Don't wait too long – sometimes their minds go before their bodies.
- Ask them to save family history information for you.
- When they tell stories at family get-togethers, **GO HOME AND WRITE THE STORIES DOWN!**



Ask Family Members for:

- Copies of printed histories & other documents
- Obituaries, marriage & birth announcements, funeral programs

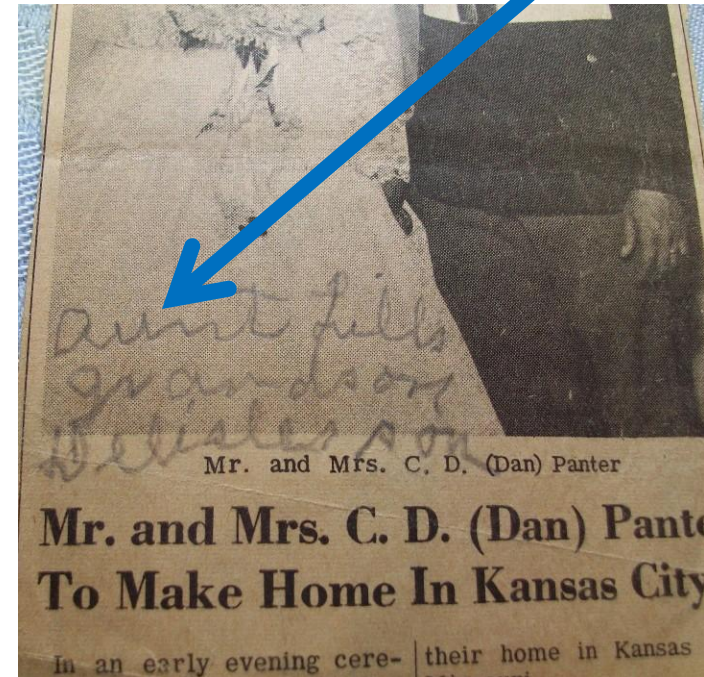
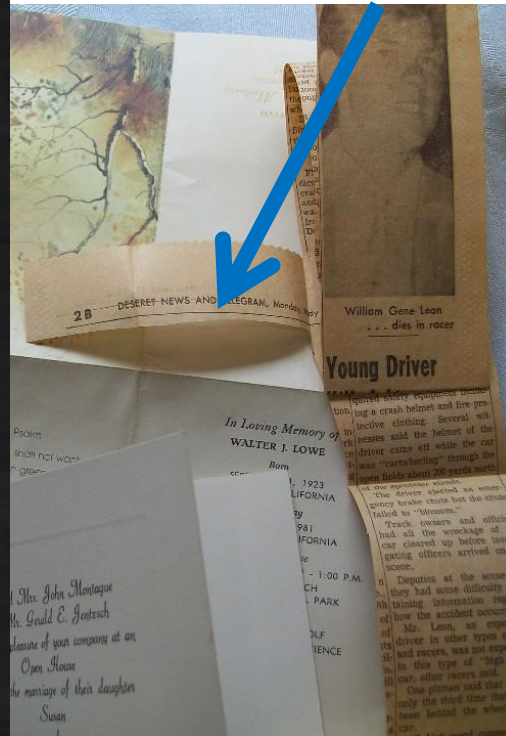




Gather or
Create Oral
Histories or
Family Films:

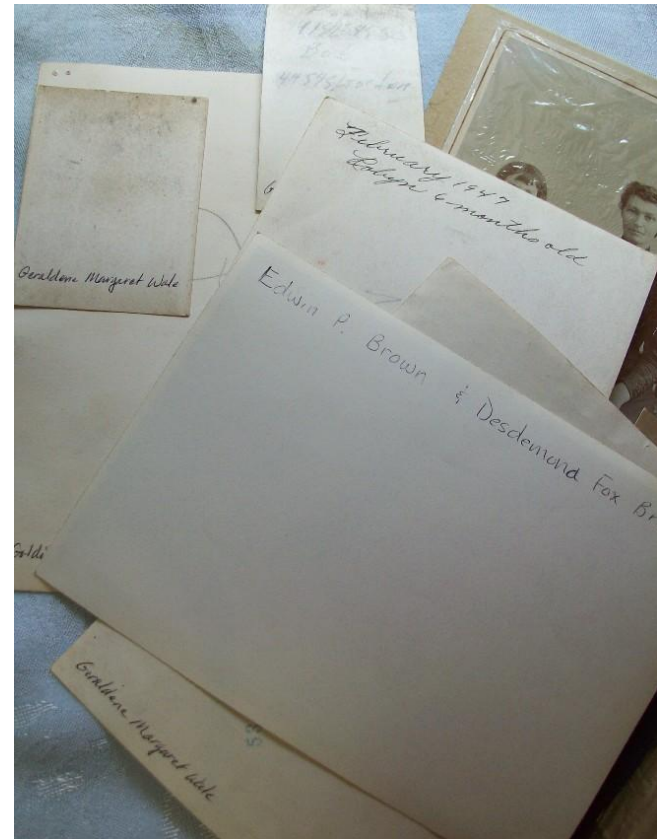
Newspaper articles:

- Good – A copy of the article
- Better – Includes newspaper header with location and date and/or relationship info



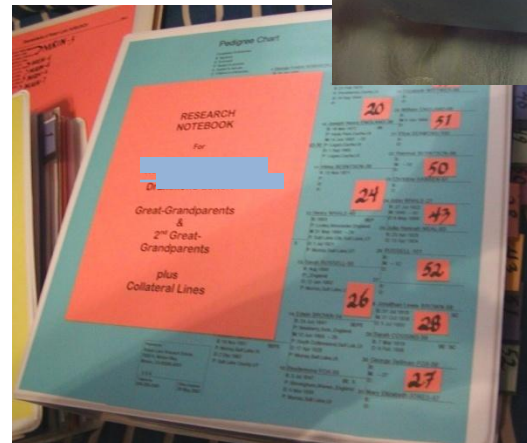
Photographs:

- Original or print copies are nice, but digital are also great
- Be sure someone writes down the names, dates and locations



ORGANIZE

- Shoebox method:
 - Gather everything together into a box to be organized later
- File method:
 - Store paper records by type in file folders
- Notebook method:
 - Put all paper documents in binders or photo albums



Gather everything into one place:

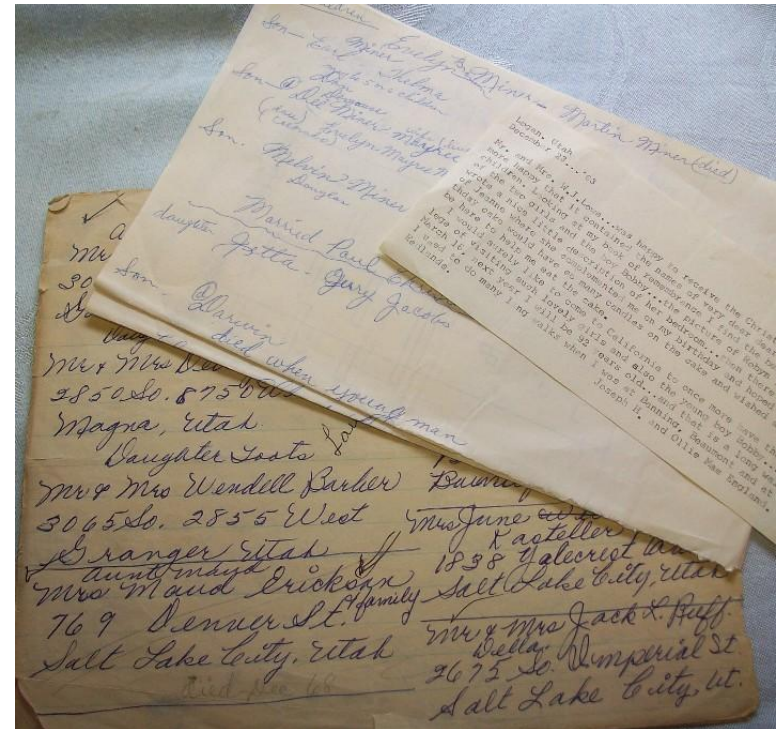
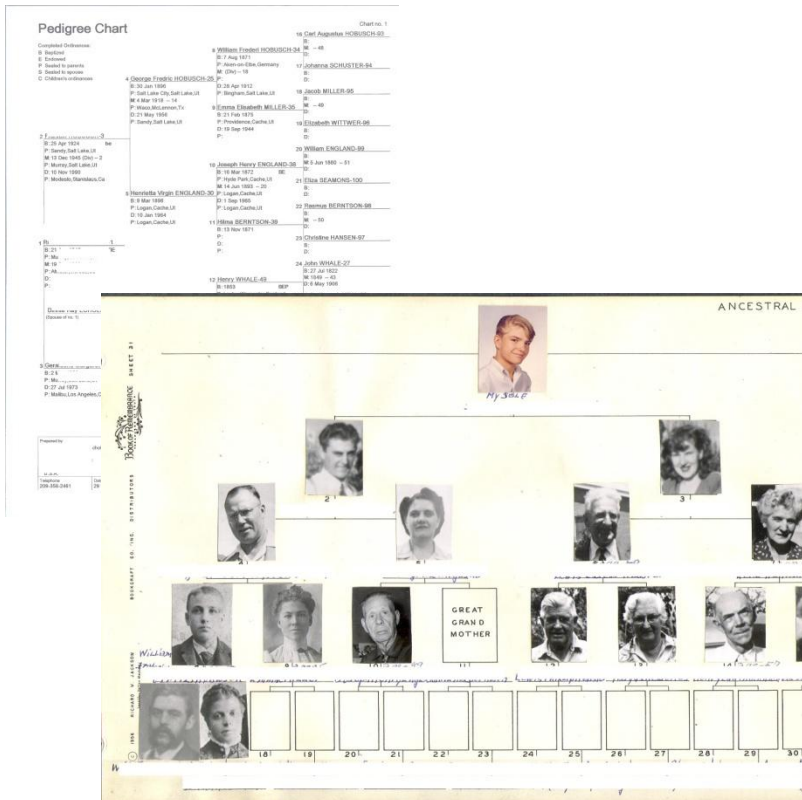


***Acid-free containers
preferred!***

- Family documents
- Mementos
- Photographs
- Newspaper clippings
- Family Group Sheets
- Awards, medals, etc.
- Written histories
- History books & maps
- School & work records
- Notes

What to Collect?

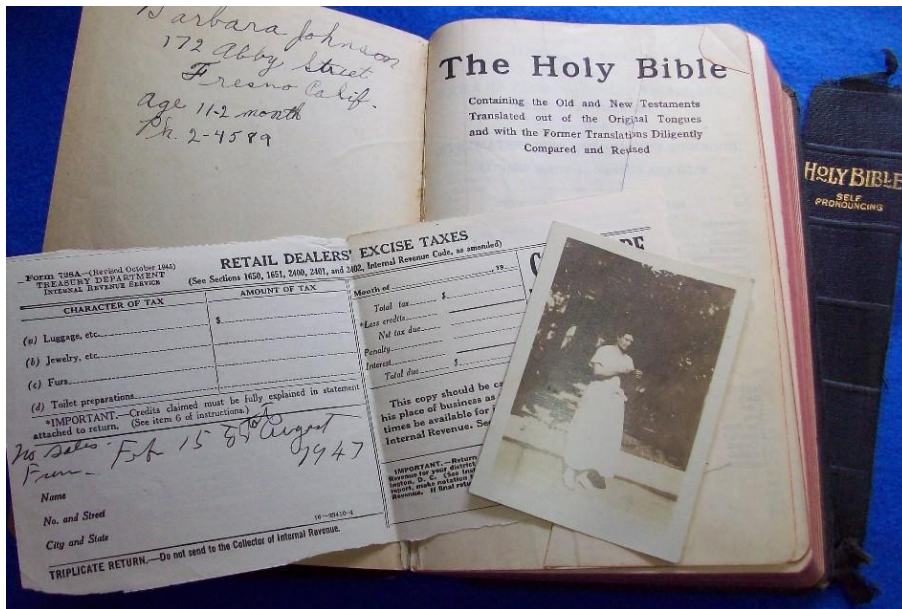
- Pedigree charts and family group sheets:
- Notes, letters, personal papers



What to collect?

- Family Bibles – Be sure to check inside:

- Vital statistic certificates – Birth, Marriage & Death:



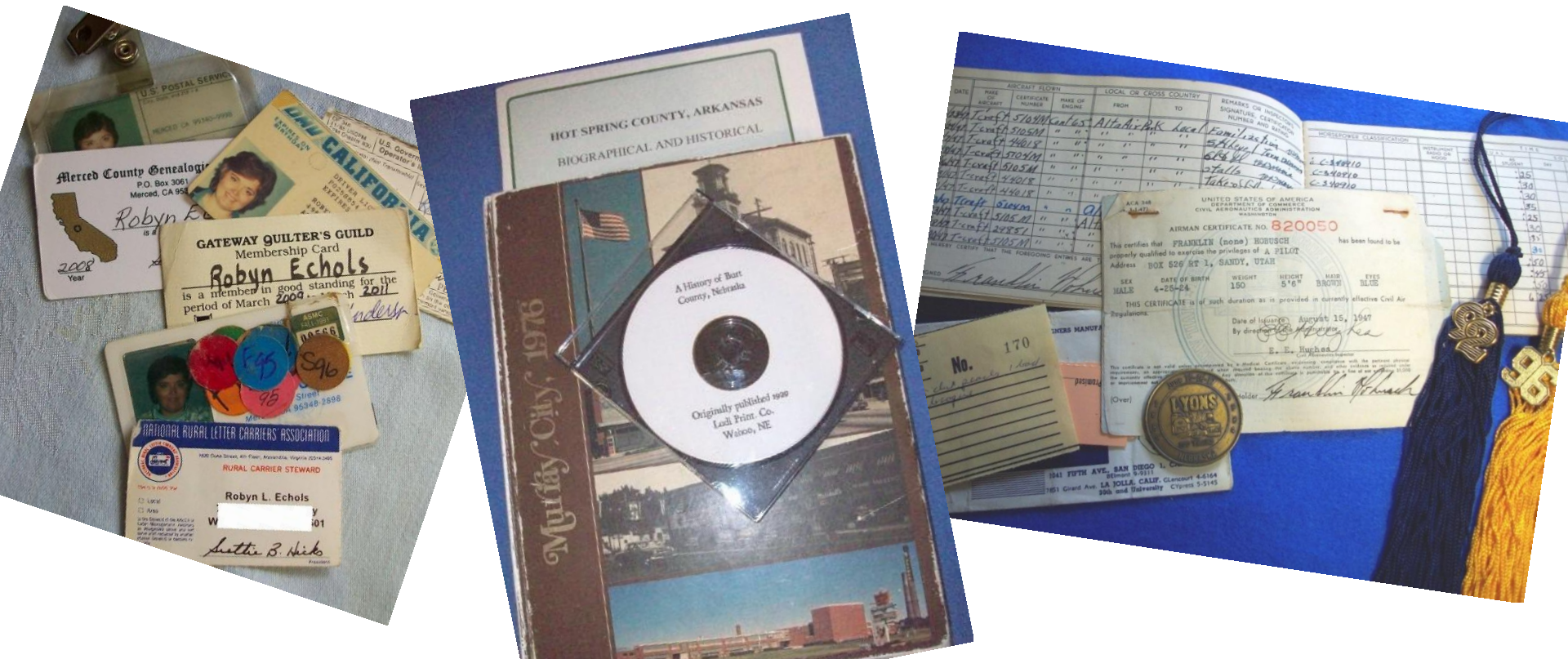
Mementos or keepsakes:

- Label them so you know which ancestor originally owned them – try to get the story behind how they came to the family and WRITE IT DOWN.



Miscellaneous papers & objects:

- Old identification cards, awards & certificates:
- Receipts, coins, books, licenses, tax forms, including those that give LOCALITY information:



Jewelry, awards and trophies that tell a story:



Military papers, pins & patches:

Try to get as much information as you can about the individual. You can research the other details later:

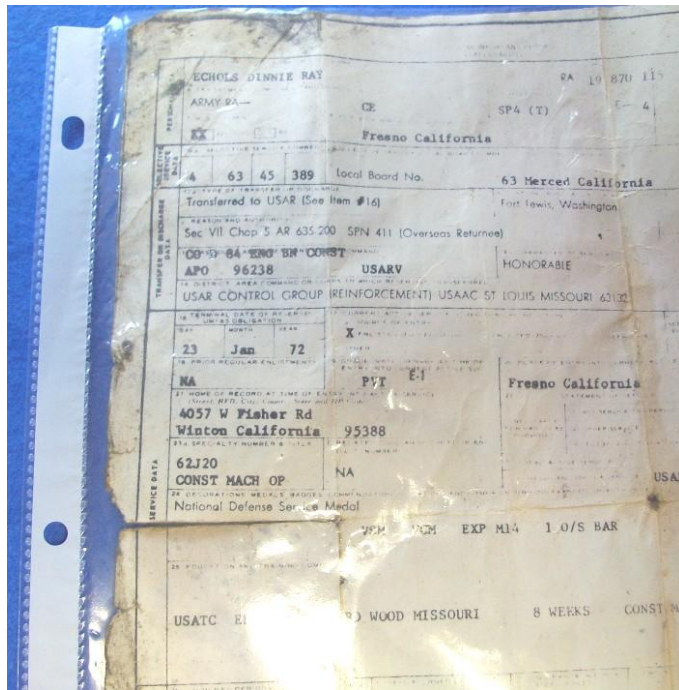
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Preserve your photographs and
family records

Or, what you can do on Sundays or
for Family Home Evenings

- Put all your documents into acid-free folders or page sleeves and store them in a binder or an accordion-fold portfolio:



Store important documents protected from acid,
heat, dampness, light and fire:

Worst choices:
cardboard, acidic
folders, particle
board drawers,
scattered around
loose & exposed to
dust, sunlight or
being accidentally
thrown out.



Better choices:

Protected in plastic inside a labeled box



In acid-free box, even if exposed to light or some acidic substances



Even better choices:

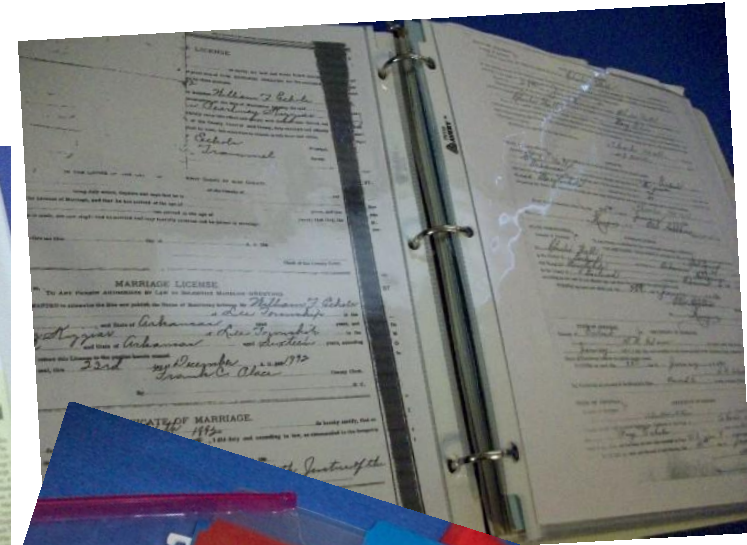
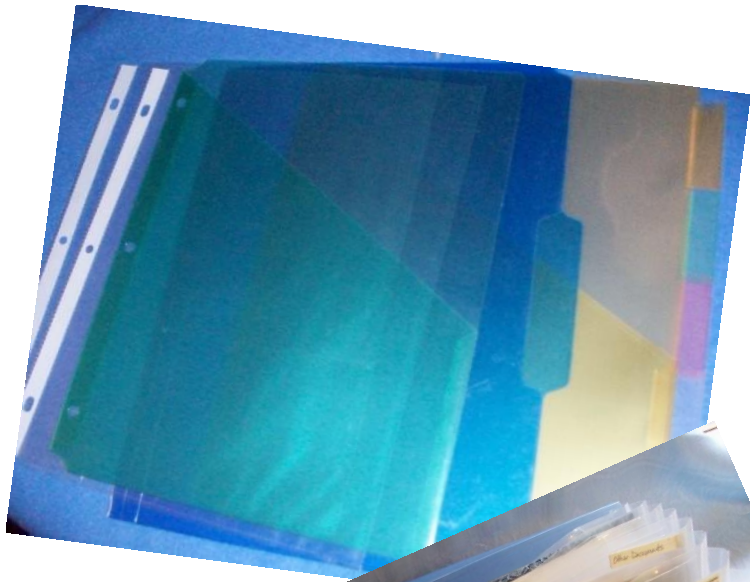
Dark, non-acidic box or metal file drawers for old photos and documents



A fire-resistant safe for ultimate fire protection for important documents and electronic media



Plastic sheet protectors, portfolio pockets and dividers for documents stored in a plastic binder or file system



Scan family photos, documents and written family histories:

- Save them to CDs, flash drives & your computer
- Update storage methods as technology develops
- Share them with other family members (If something happens to your computer or your house burns down, you can ask for copies back from your family.)



Other photo considerations:

- When making digital copies, add names and dates along edge
- Always scan the info for photographer



Scan photos front and back:



I Bielitzfeld, Germany 10, March 1945.
II Keil , Germany 14, March 1945.
III Guterslow, Germany 17, March 1945.
IV Munster , Germany 17, March 1945.
V Neuberg , Germany 19, March 1945
VI Essen Airport, Germany 21, March 1945 H.M.
VII Rhine , Germany 23, March 1945
VIII Stormede , Germany 24, March 1945
IX Tour of Reichland 4, April 1945
X Bayreuth , Germany 8, April 1945.
XI Parchim Germany 10, April 1945
XII Neu markt. Germany 11 April 1945. G.H.C.
XIII Lorain France 14 April 1945.

you Gust Johnson
& his father
you Gust Johnson
Johnson

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- Create a document with thumbnail pictures of mementos /keepsakes, etc.
 - Jewelry
 - Scout and club awards and pins
 - Military pins, medals, patches & insignia
- Record a brief history of the item, including the person to whom the item belonged.



I won third place in talent show in eighth grade at Spring Valley Junior High School. I was part of a skit.



Banner carrier pin – I was captain of the Monte Vista Banderettes in my sophomore year.



MIA Maid pin – my award for completing all the requirements of the YWMIA's program for 14-15 year-old young women.



Laurel pin –for completing all the requirements of the YWMIA's program for 16-17 year-old young women.

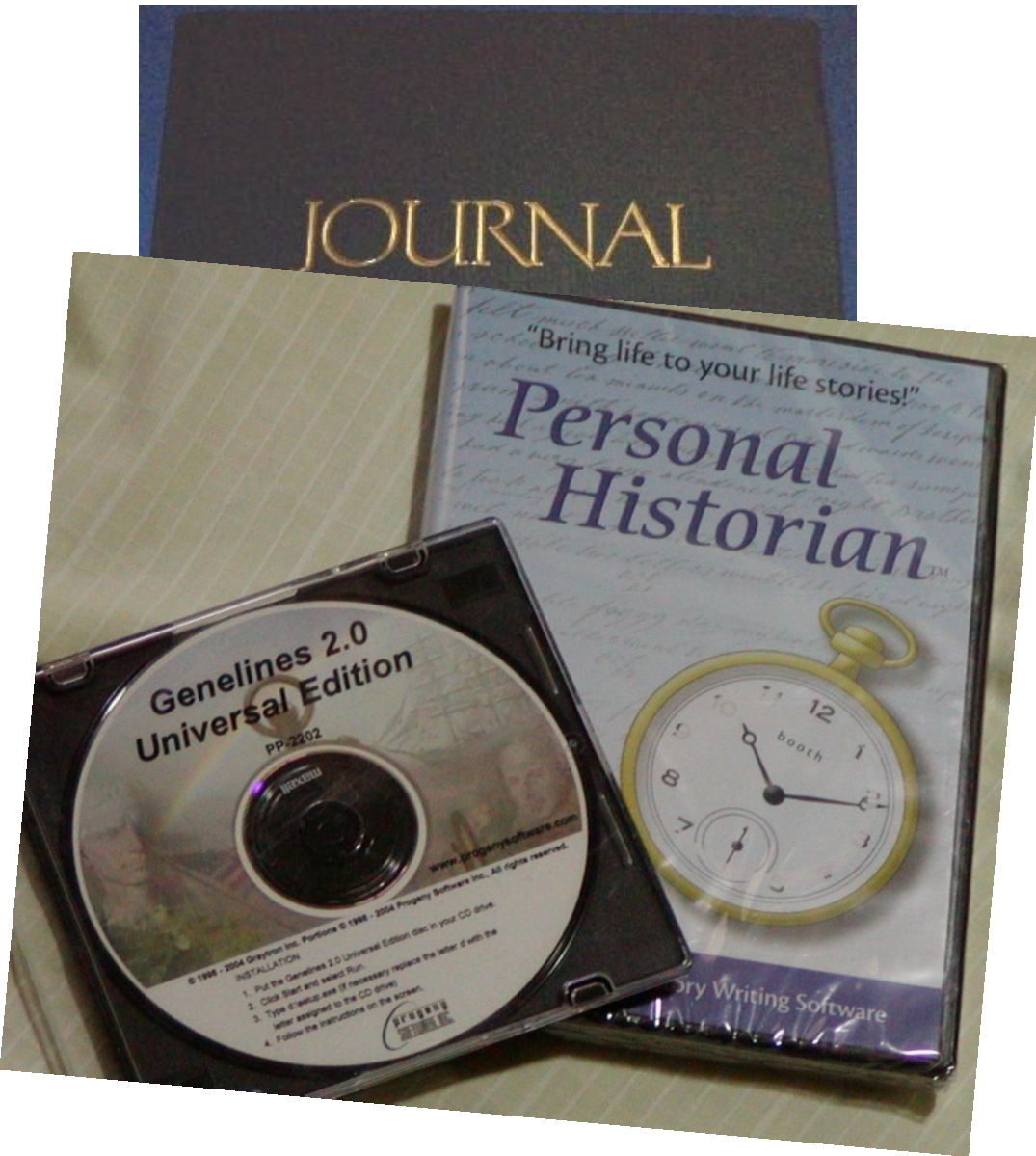


My senior class ring from Orange High School, Orange County, Calif. - Class of 1964.

**Create a
shadow box
to display
some of your
family history
mementos
and photos**



Write in
your
journal –
in a book or
on your
computer:



Best websites for starting your family history:

- FamilySearch.org



The screenshot shows the FamilySearch.org homepage. At the top left is the FamilySearch logo with a tree icon. Navigation links include "Learn", "FamilySearch Centers", "Indexing", and "Blog". On the top right are "Help" and "Sign In" links. The main heading is "Discover Your Family History". Below it are tabs for "Records", "Trees", "Catalog", and "Books". A paragraph states: "Our records span billions of names across hundreds of collections—including birth, marriage, death, probate, land, military, IGI extracted, and more." There are two input fields for "First Names" and "Last Names", each with a small square icon. Below these are search filters: "Search by Life Events: Any | Birth | Marriage | Residence | Death" and "Search by Relationships: Spouse | Parents". A "Search by: Batch Number" option is also present. At the bottom left is a "Search" button and a checkbox for "Match All Exactly". At the bottom right is a "Reset Form" link. On the right side of the page, there is a "What's New?" section with a landscape image and text: "Changes to FamilySearch.org make it easier to search family history" and a "Go to previous site" button. Below that is a "1940 US FEDERAL CENSUS" banner with a star icon and text: "Help make the 1940 US census available to everyone for free."

FamilySearch.org

- www.familysearch.org From that site, follow the links to:
 - Record Search
 - Trees
 - Catalog (Family History Library Catalog)
 - Books
 - Learn (Research Wiki, Research Courses, Discussion Forums)
 - Blog

FamilySearch Indexing

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Indexing

- Help make 1940 census information available
 - Sign up using your LDS account
 - Read the simple instructions
 - Start indexing
- Another EXCELLENT family home evening activity

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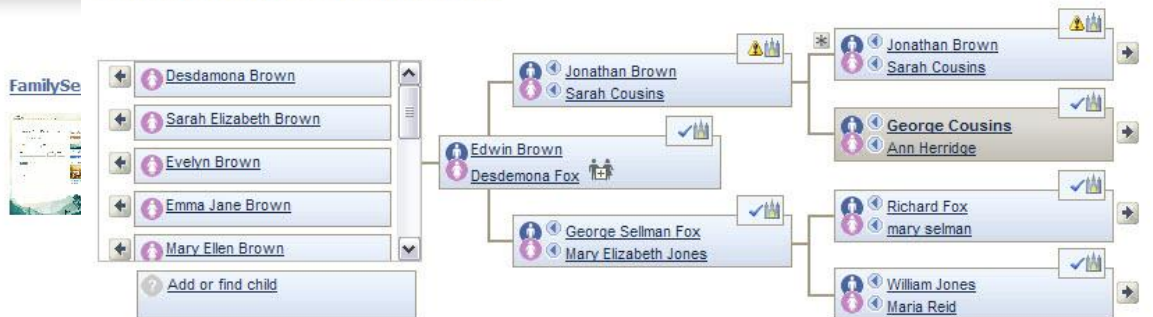
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[Click here if nothing happens when you attempt to register.](#)

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- Sarah Elizabeth Brown
- Evelyn Brown
- Emma Jane Brown
- Mary Ellen Brown
- [Add or find child](#)



George Cousins (1793-1880)
Person identifier: LZ65-6BQ

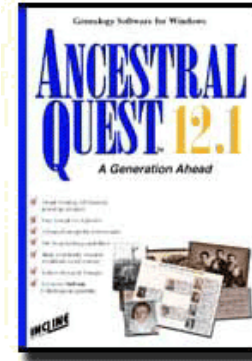
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Parents and Siblings	Death:	29 November 1880 Thatcham, Berkshire, England	FamilySearch (6 F
Spouses and Children			

The Church's Goal for the new FamilySearch:

- Merge several databases into one
- Share these databases with the others
- Make research easier for the novice family researcher
- **AVOID DUPLICATION AT THE TEMPLE**

Affiliate Database Options:

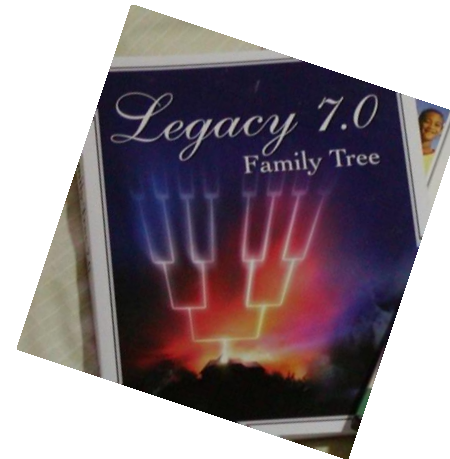
- Ancestral Quest
- Family Insight (PAF Insight)



- RootsMagic 4



- Legacy



Why we are steering away from PAF:

- PAF is still available – for now – but there will be no updates or adjustments to changes in operating systems in the future
- The other databases are more comprehensive for maintaining and sharing information AND are better at syncing information with FamilySearch

new FamilySearch

- <http://new.familysearch.org>
 - See what records for your family are available
 - We are the “clean-up generation.” Use new.familysearch.org to correct information and consolidate records
 - Prepare names for temple work.

FamilySearch, Indexing & new FamilySearch

- Those who are not members of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints have access to these programs:
 - Create a FamilySearch account to access Indexing and new FamilySearch, as well as additional features on FamilySearch.
 - Request permission to access new FamilySearch at the following:
 - Call 1-866-406-1830, ask for new FamilySearch
 - Send email to: support@familysearch.org

Cyndi's List

- www.cyndislist.com
 - A free site with links to many research sites

The screenshot shows the homepage of Cyndi's List. At the top left is the logo "Cyndi's List of Genealogy Sites on the Internet". To the right are navigation links: "Follow Cyndi", "About Cyndi", and "FAQs". A search bar with a "Search" button and a "Google Custom Search" logo is also present. Below the navigation is a menu with "HOME", "CATEGORIES", "WHAT'S NEW", "SHOP", and "SUPPORT US". The main heading "Cyndi's List" is in a large, purple, cursive font. To its right is a descriptive paragraph: "A comprehensive, categorized & cross-referenced list of links that point you to genealogical research sites online. Your genealogy starting point for more than 15 years!". Below this is a "Welcome to Cyndi's List" section with a sub-heading and a paragraph explaining the site's purpose. To the left of the main content is a sidebar with "Categories", "Follow Us" (with social media icons for Twitter, Facebook, and Google+), "Cyndi's List Blog", "a Friend" (with a "SHARE" button), and "Mailing List". On the right side, there is a "Donate" button, a "Why Donate to Cyndi's List?" link, and a "Genealogy News Feeds" section with two article teasers: "Irish Ancestry Symposium Coming Here After St. Patrick's Day - Patch.com" and "How Can I Find Out Where My Folks Lived in 1940?". A photo of two women, Viola and Ellen Ingle, is also visible.

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Friday, March 16, 2012
We should all be asking this question

Welcome to Cyndi's List

Cyndi's List has been a trusted genealogy research site for more than 15 years. Cyndi's List is **free** for everyone to use and it is meant to be your starting point when researching online.

- What exactly is *Cyndi's List*?
 - A categorized & cross-referenced index to genealogical resources on the Internet.
 - A list of links that point you to genealogical research sites online.
 - A **free** jumping-off point for you to use in your online research.
 - A "card catalog" to the genealogical collection in the immense library that is the Internet.
 - Your genealogical research portal onto the Internet.

"The new website is terrific: really easy to navigate around the

Family History Center

- Visit your **Family History Center**
- **Merced FHC Hours:**
 - Tues-Thurs: 10:00a.m.-4:00p.m.
 - Tues-Wed: 7-9:00p.m.
- Come receive help from our consultants and learn more about many other programs available without charge through our premium services sites.

Where to get my hand-out for this class:

<http://www.robbynechols.com/about.html>

(Available until at least 1 Jun 2012)

Or, send an email to the following and I will respond with a copy for you:

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Or

drechols45@comcast.net