

# "A Gift That Money Can't Buy"

is a program that encourages everyone to save their family's history. It includes: Recording basic facts about the family that a person grew up with and any families that they had; Saving important papers; Identifying photographs; Telling family stories; and Preserving it all for future generations.

## Home/Family Sources

Too often when "downsizing" from the old family home into an apartment, condo or retirement community people throw out valuable documents that a future family historian would treasure. Having the names and dates is good, but it is the home sources that can provide the proof that is needed. They also provide a lot of interesting information, clues, and insights about the people.

### Family

Family Bible  
Family History  
Family Traditions  
Oral History

### Birth/Parents

Adoption Records  
Baby Books  
Baptismal Certificates  
Birth Announcements  
Birth Certificates  
Confirmation Certificates

### Marriage

Marriage Announcements  
Marriage Certificates  
Wedding Guest Books  
Anniversary Guest Books  
Divorce Papers

### Death

Cemetery Receipts  
Death Announcements  
Death Certificates  
Funeral Cards  
Funeral Home Receipts  
Funeral Services  
Memorial Cards  
Probate Records  
Sympathy Cards  
Wills

### Citizenship

Passports  
Emigration Papers  
Immigration Papers  
Naturalization Papers  
Drivers Licenses  
Motor Vehicle Registration  
Voter Registration

### Personal Interest/Clues

Address Books  
Autograph Books  
Diaries  
Family correspondence  
Greeting Cards  
Invitations  
Journals  
Letters, Envelopes  
Medical Records  
Newspaper Clippings  
Photo Albums  
Post Cards  
Programs  
Scrapbooks  
Social Security Cards  
Telegrams

### Business/Finance

Account Books  
Bank Books  
Business Cards  
Business License  
Check Stubs  
Credit Statements  
Company Advertisements  
Employment Records  
Family Business Papers  
Insurance Papers  
Stock Certificates  
Tax Returns/Receipts

### Employment

Payroll Slips  
Professional Papers  
Promotion Letters  
Resume  
Union Cards

### Social

Fraternal Memberships

### Land

Land Deeds  
Property Tax Records  
Mortgage Papers  
Property Survey

### Military

Draft Cards  
Military Awards  
Military Discharge Papers  
Military Enlistment Papers  
Military Service Records

### School

School Enrollment  
Diplomas  
Graduation Records  
School - Report Cards  
School - Transcripts  
School - Year Books

### Heirlooms

Photographs - identified  
Signed & dated Art work  
Furniture  
- Take photographs  
- Document its history  
Wedding Dress

### Create

#### Chronological Lists of:

- ◆ Addresses where lived
- ◆ Schools attended
- ◆ Employers

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