

Passing on Family History written & non-written ways

Primarily videos on writing tips by Great Courses Genealogy Speaker John Colletta
Maris Grove Genealogy Club Feb. 24, 2023

Non-Written Examples of Passing on Family History from prior Club meetings

- Sharing family heirlooms w their history-LaVern Motley civil war sword
- Engage grandchildren in games using family history-Elaine Negley (also in RootsTech talks)

Written Ways-From Parts of 4 Videos by John Colletta

Video #14-Assembling an Account of Your Discoveries

- Family History Must be Readable not just Documents **0:12-3:20**

Video #1-Mining Home Data & Preparing for Interviewing Kin

(Fagerstrom advice: Internet & government resources will always be there, & will probably get better. So begin by checking with kin (*they'll be vanishing*) to get their memories & family resources (be sure to log your memories too).

- Intro Genealogy **1:14-2:38**
- Beginnings-What Do You Know & What Do You Want To Know (*answers from kin and yourself*) **4:09-8:52**
- Organizing Your Materials **27:00-29:05**

Video #11 Writing a Biography

- To Put an Ancestor in Context-Use Historical Timeline & Ancestors' Timeline
- Timelines: Historical & Ancestor's **3:24-5:30**
- Putting an Ancestor into Context **5:30-13:01**

Video #12 6 Do's and 5 Don'ts

- Do's **2:09-20:40** skipping **2:40-3:20 4:30-5:30 14:50-15:40 16:00-20:10**
 - Use proper language and usage
 - Use period vocabulary and quotations
 - Evoke the five senses
 - Incorporate your family's treasured artifacts
 - Support speculation with evidence
 - Document your work
- Anachronism explained and Summary of 5 Don't **27:23-28:56**
 - Making inappropriate historical associations
 - Attributing generalizations to specific ancestors
 - Misunderstanding period language
 - Betraying presentism
 - Letting anachronisms slip into your text

Commercial Resource: Storyworth <https://storyworth.com> Claymont DE

To help one assemble their family history, they provide 52 weeks of questions (1 per week), then assemble and print the responses in a book, \$99

Favorable comments by Club Members & MG resident Betty Barrett

Summary & Club Discussion on ***Passing On Family History written & non-written ways***

Club member Kathy Link has a full set of DVDs of Colletta's Great Courses videos which you can borrow.

Internet Links:

MG Genealogy Club resources at www.mg3c.org under the right hand tab MG CLUBS

RootsTech 2023 Link <https://www.familysearch.org/rootstech/event/rt2023>

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