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"Genealogy isn't boring."

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Fastest Rising Hobby

As far as hobbies go, genealogy isn't generally thought of as an exciting one. When I first started researching family history 25 years ago, most people thought it was quite boring. That attitude is changing though, and in recent years more and more people have taken up the hobby and are discovering that it isn't boring at all, and it can even be quite thrilling.

There are plenty of tools available to help amateur genealogists navigate their way through history. The Internet has been particularly useful, allowing users to search through information from around the world and connect with people who have similar interests.

Although the Internet can be a great tool, it certainly isn't the only one. Since it is a relatively new research tool, not all information is available on the web. Books and libraries, though they may be considered to be old-fashioned, are still great sources of information. And, as convenient as computers can be, nothing can replace turning the pages of an old book. Whatever your preferred method of research is, don't limit yourself to only that method. By trying different kinds of research, you can find the information you need, wherever it is located.

Research is often thought of as a solitary activity, but it doesn't have to be. As an amateur genealogist, it can be helpful to join genealogical societies to meet people with similar interests. The members can provide their knowledge and experience to help with roadblocks you may face, not to mention be a potential source of new friends. Societies can be found everywhere and there are some which cover a larger area, such as the Ontario Genealogical Society which recently hosted a conference in London, Ontario at the end of May.

Genealogy isn't boring. As more people are discovering, it can be an exciting way to discover where we come from and some of who we are. As a hobby, it can allow us to spend hour after hour finding family from the past and even making new friends in the present. ✍

Cite Your Sources

After hours of searching through information in the library or on the internet, it can be easy to forget one of the basic rules of research: documenting your sources. It is a lesson that students are taught over and over again in school, but is something that is easy to forget when we are doing research only for ourselves.

Regardless of where the information comes from, write it down right away. Whether it is a book, a newspaper article, or a personal letter, write down where the information came from as soon as you find it. Even if you find out information through a conversation with someone else, write down who said it. It's much easier to do this than to go back and find the information again at a later date.

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In some cases, you may be able to make a copy of the material that you find. If that is not possible, use a method of note taking that you feel comfortable with, whether that is using a computer, handwriting notes, or speaking into a tape recorder. Some of the information you may want to note is the source of the material, such as the name of a book, article or website, the date it was written or said, and who wrote or said it.

Citing sources is not just important if you intend on publishing a book or article or doing research for other people. At some point, you may want to exchange information with other genealogists, and they may want to know where you found your materials. Even if you never do, as students learn in school, it is both practical and ethical to keep track of your citations. ✍

Ready, Set, Get Organized!

Do you have boxes of pictures, old journals, or other family documents that you know you should organize and put into some sort of meaningful format? You know these family treasures should be preserved for future generations but you aren't sure how or where to start.

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