

MAKING FAMILY HISTORY VIDEOS

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The Six Questions to Answer

- 1. WHY** are family history videos important?
- 2. WHO** should make family history videos?
- 3. WHAT** are the styles of these videos?
- 4. WHERE** can you get the materials?
- 5. WHEN** should you start?
- 6. HOW** can you make a family history video?

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WHY are family history videos important?

Quotes of Inspiration

“What will my children and grandchildren remember about me?”

“Don’t let your photos of the past be lost ... but share them!”

“I have no money to leave to my grandchildren. My stories are my wealth.”

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WHY are family history videos important?

Your descendants will want to know about you

Your time capsule of family memories

Keep family stories alive

Process of looking back to look forward

Keep your family history from becoming “history”

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Less than 10% of people with camcorders actually do something with their footage

Of these people, less than 1% can edit a video

Well, who else but you?

You are hereby appointed Family Historian

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HOME MOVIE TRANSFERS

PHOTO/SLIDE MONTAGES

LIFE HISTORY DOCUMENTARIES

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WHERE can you get the material?

FAMILY PHOTO ALBUMS/SLIDES

GENEALOGY RECORDS

OLD 8mm FILM REELS

RECORDED VIDEO FOOTAGE

INTERVIEWS OF RELATIVES

INTERNET ARCHIVE FOOTAGE

LIBRARY MATERIALS

PERSONAL DIARIES/JOURNALS

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WHEN should you start?

“TODAY IS THE BEST TIME”

Before your memory fades

Before your energy wanes

Before your health deteriorates

Before your videography skills go

*Before your videography equipment
breaks down*

BEFORE IT'S TOO LATE!

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HOW can you make a family history video?

- 1. Decide to make a video*
- 2. Make a plan*
- 3. Gather source materials*
- 4. Record/digitize original material*
- 5. Assemble/edit materials into a video*
- 6. Elicit help from Club members*

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Let's Review the Steps to Making Video

- 1. First make the story board and write the script*
- 2. Split captured video into scenes and cut-out unwanted stuff – difficult*
- 3. Insert video and still images into timeline*
- 4. Adjust timing of images while reading the script*
- 5. Apply “Ken Burns effect” to images*

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Let's Review the Steps to Making Video

6. Insert transitions and readjust timing

7. Add titles

8. Add music

9. Add narration

10. Adjust sound levels

11. "Render" video file and readjust

12. Produce final video on DVD

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