

WRITING YOUR STORY with EUNICE ROBINSON & JUDITH UELAND

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Suggestions and Instructions on how to set up and organize your Family History Research into a Family Book.

Presentation by Eunice Robinson:

1. Sort and Organize your Piles of Files
2. Gather Documents and Photographs
3. Organize Records and Sources
4. Family Record Keeping, Sources and Time Line
5. Documents, Records Details and Interesting Info
6. Formatting the Story and Choosing the components of the Page
7. Where to Start - What do you know? Include Family stories etc.
8. Creating Columns and Tables
9. Generations and Chapters; Footers
10. Items to Add 'Colour' to Your Story

Book & Website Suggestions

Vancouver Public Library (VPL) See the VPL book list for this session for direct links to books and websites– 'Writing the Family Story':

http://vpl.bibliocommons.com/list/show/83147979_mdianerogers/214323515_writing_the_family_story

Search the VPL library catalogue for other books for instance, using 'family history' + 'writing' and 'Genealogy' + 'Authorship'.

British Columbia Genealogical Society (BCGS) See the BCGS article on 'Writing the Family Story': <http://www.bcgsc.ca/?p=3900> Most of these books are available at the BCGS Library.

Search the BCGS Walter Draycott Library for other books, using titles and title keywords, for example, 'write (writing)', 'publish(ing)'.

Ancestors - Writing a Family History – Film - BYU TV, originally aired 2000:

<https://familysearch.org/learningcenter/lesson/ancestors-season-2-writing-a-family-history/184>

You Can Write Your Family History by Sharon DeBartolo Carmack, Betterway Books, 2003. (VPL 929.1 C28y)

Writing Your Family History Book by Lisa A. Alzo, Heritage Productions, 2008.

Producing a Quality Family History by Patricia Law Hatcher, Ancestry.com, 1996.

“**Writing Family History: 10 Steps to Writing Your Family History**” by Kimberly Powell, About.com: http://genealogy.about.com/od/writing_family_history/a/write.htm

“**Six More Ways to Find Your Family History Muse**” by Lisa Alzo, Archives.com: <http://www.archives.com/experts/alzo-lisa/six-more-ways-to-find-your-family-history-muse.html>

“**Telling Stories: Bring Your Family Tree to Life...**” by Lisa Alzo [.pdf format]: <http://www.lisaalzo.com/articles/wpsfall04.PDF>

Writing Your Family History Book - 6 week course with Lisa Alzo, National Institute for Genealogical Studies: <http://www.genealogicalstudies.com>

How to Write and Publish Your Family History in 10 Easy Steps by Noeline Kyle, University of New South Wales Press, 2011. (VPL 929.1 K99h)

Writing A Compelling Family History, DVD, with Sharon DeBartolo Carmack and James Warren, 123 Genealogy, 2003. (VPL 929.1 C28w)

Writing Your Family History – A Practical Guide by Deborah Cass, Crowood, 2004. (VPL 929.1 C34w)

Memories of a Lifetime – Family History by Laura Best. Ideas, charts, certificates, etc. to copy and use. Includes CD. Sterling Publishing Co., 2005. Also **Scrapbooking Your Family History** by Laura Best, Sterling Publishing Co., 2005. (VPL 771.46 B561s)

Writing the Family Narrative - Book & Workbook by Lawrence P. Gouldrup, Ancestry Inc., 1987, 1993.

Many other books or articles may be useful, for instance – on scrapbooking for layout, image and content ideas, and if you use a genealogy programme, look for specific guides to exporting/publishing with the programme,

To choose a numbering system for charts, look at **Managing a Genealogical Project. a Complete Manual for the Management and Organization of Genealogical Materials** by William Dollarhide. [Updated Edition, 2000.] (1999 edition, VPL 929.1 D66m1) And **Write It Right: A Manual for Writing Family Histories and Genealogies** by Donald R. Barnes and Richard S. Lackey, Lyon Press, 1983.

About digitizing documents and other objects to add as images in your book, read **Digitizing your Family History** by Rhonda R. McClure. Family Tree Books, 2004. (VPL 929.10285 M12d)

For answers to copyright and licensing questions, see **Canadian Copyright Law** by Lesley Ellen Harris, John Wiley & Sons Canada, Ltd., Fourth Edition, 2013. (VPL 070.5026 H31c3), **Genealogy and the Law in Canada** by Margaret Ann Wilkinson (VPL 929.371 W68g), **Genealogy and Canadian Law** by Jean Dryden, Heritage Productions, 2002, and (USA) **Carmack's Guide to Copyright & Contracts** by Sharon DeBartolo Carmack, Genealogical Publishing Co., 2005. (VPL 929.1 C28c)

See more links for '**Writing Your Family's History**' at Cyndi's List: <http://www.cyndislist.com/writing>

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