

Make YOUR Family's Heritage Come Alive!

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In Its Place



Tired of looking at dust-covered old photos, piles of paper, or seemingly meaningless mementos? Why not get them out and bring them to life in a way that involves everyone in your family . . .

- Go through photo albums, scrapbooks, and memorabilia with older members of your family who may be able to identify people, places, and events in the pictures. Then record the information with an archival quality pencil.
- Video- and/or tape-record family members as they share stories of childhood memories, traditions, special events, and family history.
- Ever wonder where that antique Singer sewing machine or those wooden skis in your attic came from? Why not ask your great Aunt Mary or Grandpa Jim to tell you where the items came from, who used them, and when.
- At the end of every school year, have a fun session with your children to go through their papers and artwork. Give each child a special container to hold the papers they decide to keep.

Don't let stories of your family history go untold. Your relatives can provide you with a link to the past, and maybe even help you live better today!