The Top Three Reasons You Should Donate Your Genealogy Research to a Society

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It’s nice to keep family heirlooms in the family for generations. It offers the family a tangible sense of connection to the past, and teaches one generation to revere the objects, traditions, and Donate of the ones that came before them. Some families are able to do this for centuries, and have impressive collections of heirlooms and genealogical information as a result. However, this is rare, not the norm by any means. Most families discard things they consider “old,” especially if they never knew the person to whom they belonged, or were never even told of them. That is how so many antiques end up in antique stores, including orphan photographs of people from a century or more ago that are not labeled or identifiable (in most instances). The sad truth is many families just don’t see the value in these things and throw them away.

The good news is that you don’t have to depend on your family to save those heirlooms and all your research for you throughout the centuries. You can keep these things safe and available for use for future generations of your family who may care about them more than the ones you know now. You can ensure the protection and preservation of all of your work and the history of your family by donating it to a genealogical or historical society. Here are three reasons why you should do it.

You Can’t Depend on Your Descendants to Care as Much About the Family History as You Do

Even if you have people in your family now who care about genealogy, you don’t know what your grandchildren, great-grandchildren, or later generations will feel about it, or if they will even care. You also don’t know if the people you’re teaching the family history to now will teach it to future generations, creating that sense of connection that is needed to keep up the sense of caring and responsibility for the family treasures. You don’t want all your hard work in genealogical research and all the photographs and heirlooms you’ve collected to one day end up in an antiques store or trash heap. Donating it to a genealogical or historical society will ensure the protection of all you’ve done with the family history work.

Accidents Happen

You can’t be sure there won’t be any disasters, natural or otherwise, that will destroy your genealogical work and your heirlooms. Earthquakes, fires, floods, and more can destroy all you have done and collected. Even if you keep your most precious papers and smaller heirlooms in a waterproof and fireproof safe (and you should), and have digital photos of them, you simply don’t know how bad the disaster will be and what will become of these things. They may be lost even if they survive the disaster. The archives of genealogical and historical societies are generally well-protected against such things, and provisions are made to move the collections to new, better locations if need be, before a disaster can destroy or damage them. Your work and heirlooms are safer in these places than anywhere else you could keep them.

Your Work Will Be Available to More People

Keeping your work in the family means just the immediate family has access to it. Donating it to a genealogical or historical society means anyone can access it who wants or needs to, such as distant family members, people researching local history or the residents of a particular time and place, and more. If you want your work to be shared with those who want to see it, then entrusting it to a society is the best thing you can do.

Deciding what society should get your work is a simple matter. Look at the scope of your work. Is it mainly local work, dealing with families in one town or area? Then, it should be donated to a local historical or genealogical society. If it is larger in scope and traces your family through many states, the country, or even the world, it should be donated to a regional or national genealogical or historical society. Whether the work is more historical or genealogical in scope will determine the type of society you should donate your collection to. Once you’ve decided on a place, talk to their curator about their security, how they keep their records, and once you’re satisfied your work will be protected, make arrangements for when and how your collection will be donated. You’ll be glad you did it.
Club News

The Passaic County Historical Society Genealogy Club holds meetings at 10:00 a.m. at Lambert Castle on the second Saturday of the month from September through May (unless otherwise specified).

FEBRUARY 13
Speaker: Diana Little, Director of the Family History Center, Caldwell, NJ.

MARCH 12
Finding (traditional & non-traditional) Irish Related Records from the Contaeas NA Eire to Passaic County Before & After the Easter Rising.
Speaker: Alan DeLozier, Associate Professor & Seton Hall University Archivist and Special Collection Librarian.

APRIL 9
Using DAR Documents in your Genealogical Research
Speaker: Janice Hunold - DAR Vice Regent General William Maxwell Chapter of National Society of the DAR.
Even if you aren’t interested in joining the DAR (or can’t join because you aren’t female!), the documents in the DAR genealogical research system (GRS) still have great value for genealogists.

MAY 14
A Land Title Workshop: Who Owned This Old House?
Nationally recognized land title expert, Joseph A. Grabas, CTP, NTP, will guide you through a hands on workshop about how to navigate the land records, finding unexpected history about your ancestors and the land and homes they lived in. This workshop will provide the knowledge and confidence to venture into the courthouses and archives looking for the land your ancestors may have called home.

JUNE 11
Annual Bus Trip
The trip begins with a tour of the Stickley Museum at Craftsman Farms, home of Gustav Stickley, founder of the Arts and Crafts Movement. Lunch is at Mt. Haven Restaurant, Milford, PA. After lunch we will tour Grey Towers, the ancestral home of Gifford Pinchot, built in the style of a French chateau. Pinchot was the founder of the U.S. Forest Service. His home contains an extensive collection of furnishings and artifacts and an elaborate outdoor living space utilized by the family as part of their home.

New Jersey Online Historical Newspapers

http://www.theancestorthunt.com/blog/new-jersey-online-historical-newspapers-summary

New Jersey is one of the states who do not have a central online repository for searching historical newspapers. Several states use the Library of Congress Chronicling America site as their main central online site for searching old newspapers. And a few have a central portal for many of the newspapers that have been digitized. The online newspaper titles are available from several different sites, many free and some require a subscription. Below is a list of where the titles are stored and the link so that you can access them.

There are around 2,000 newspapers that have been published in the Garden State - certainly not all of them are searchable online. But there are quite a few that are indeed available. So go for it - find your New Jersey ancestors and all the interesting articles that capture the stories of their lives.

Dates that are included in the collections are subject to change as more items are digitized. Some of these links may change over time - so if there is a dead link - please use your favorite search engine to find their new location.

ATLANTIC COUNTY NEWSPAPERS
http://atlantilibrary.org/digitized_newspaper_collections
Atlantic Journal - 1860
Hammonton Farmer - 1863 and 1866
South Jersey Republican - 1863-1923
Atlantic Democrat and Cape May County Register - 1864-1865
Atlantic Democrat and Cumberland County Patriot - 1866
Atlantic Democrat - 1867-1868
Hammonton Item - 1872-1877
Mays Landing Record - 1877-1906
Atlantic County Record - 1908-1917
South Jersey Star - 1917-1923

BURLINGTON COUNTY NEWSPAPERS
http://www.bcls.lib.nj.us/newspapers/nnj/
Basto Citizens Gazette
Bordentown Register/Register News
Central Record
New Jersey Mirror
Times-Advertiser/Community News

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Fridays: 1-4 pm
2nd and 4th Saturday of the month: 1-4 pm

While we will be open for researchers to drop-in, appointments are strongly encouraged as they will allow our staff to better assist you with your research needs.

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All Members are invited and encouraged to submit material for publication in The Castle Genie. We will try to publish at least a portion of everything we receive. Information is published as submitted and has not been verified. Material will be printed as space permits. When information is extracted from another publication, please give proper credit.

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New Jersey Online Historical Newspapers, cont.

CHERRY HILLS PUBLIC LIBRARY
http://cherryhills.advantage-preservation.com/
- Cherry Hill News
- Cherry Hill News Suburban
- Delaware Township News
- Cherry Hill And Delaware Township News
- Delaware Township News
- The Cherry Hill News

FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP
http://www.franklintwp.org:85/
- Record - 1948-1958
- Franklin News - 1954-1958
- Franklin News-Record - 1958-1978

OLD FULTON POSTCARDS - NEW JERSEY NEWSPAPERS
www.fultonpostcards.com/fulton.html
- Hackettstown NJ Gazette - 1857-1962
- Hackettstown NJ Warren Republican - 1885-1920
- Bloomfield NJ Independent Press - 1913-1961
- Bloomfield NJ Citizen - 1872-1915
- Bloomfield NJ Record - 1875-1956
- Paterson NJ Morning Call 1885-1922
- Paterson NJ Sunday Call 1885-1888
- Paterson NJ Evening News 1890-1896
- Paterson NJ Daily Gardian 1857-1864
- Paterson NJ The Jewish Post - 1934-1941
- Clifton NJ Jewish Community News - 1980-1985
- Little Falls NJ Herald 1927-1960
- Little Falls NJ Times Herald 1960-1973
- Little Falls NJ Reporter 1919-1929
- Little Falls NJ Passaic Valley Journal 1975-1982
- Wayne NJ Passaic Valley Today 1986-1989
- Hackettstown NJ Forum - 1974 -1978
- Jersey City NJ Jewish Standard - 1931-1936
- Fair Lawn NJ Israelight - 1960-1970

NEW JERSEY DIGITAL HIGHWAY - NEWSPAPERS
http://www.njdigitalhighway.org/search/results.php?q1=newspapers&g1field=mods:genre&q1bool=AND&q2field=object&orderby=relevance&numresults=10&key=NJDH

NEW JERSEY GOOGLE NEWSPAPER ARCHIVE LISTINGS
http://ufdc.ufl.edu/hncoll/exact?1=%22New%20Jersey%22&f=ST

OCEAN GROVE NEWSPAPERS
http://www.digifind-it.com/oghs/home.php
- Ashbury Park Daily Press
- Ashbury Park Journal
- Ocean Grove Times

RIVERTON HISTORICAL NEWSPAPERS - BURLINGTON CO.
http://rivertonhistory.com/historical-local-newspapers/
- The New Era
- The Palmyra Record
- The Riverton Journal
- The Weekly News

WESTFIELD MEMORIAL LIBRARY
http://www.digifind-it.com/westfield/home.php
- The Weather Vane
- The Westfield Leader

The Westfield Record Press
Union County Standard

WOODBRIDGE TOWNSHIP HISTORIC NEWSPAPERS
http://archive.woodbridgelibrary.org/Archive/
- Carteret Press - 1925 to 1965
- Fords Beacon - 1936 to 1961
- Independent Leader - 1940 to 1965
- Leader Press - 1967 to 1970
- The Independent Hour - 1876 to 1877
- The Weekly Register - 1898 to 1902
- The Woodbridge Leader - 1927 to 1928
- The Woodbridge News - 1899 to 1902
- Woodbridge Independent - 1919 to 1938
- Woodbridge Leader - 1926 to 1939

GLOUSTER COUNTY: ELMER TIMES DEATH NOTICES
http://www.glaucourtochistorysociety.org/elmertimes.asp?other

GOOGLE NEWS ARCHIVE SITE
https://news.google.com/newspapers?hl=en
- Bayonne
  - Bayonne Herald
- Camden
  - Camden Democrat
- Cranbury
  - Cranbury Press
  - Cranford Chronicle & Cranford Citizen
- Matawan
  - The Matawan Journal and Independent
- Millburn
  - Millburn/Short Hills Item
- Montclair
  - Montclarion
- New Brunswick
  - New Brunswick Newspapers
  - Political Intelligence and New-Jersey Advertiser
- Newark
  - Newark Sunday Call
- Ocean City
  - Newspaper Archives of Ocean City
- Paterson
  - Paterson Daily Press
  - Paterson Il Messaggero/Messenger and Chronicle
  - Paterson Press
  - Paterson Weekly Press
  - Sunday Chronicle
- Piscataway
  - Piscataway Newspapers Digital Archive
- Princeton
  - Daily Princetonian
  - Papers of Princeton
- Red Bank
  - Red Bank Register
- Rockaway — Rockaway Record 1899 – 1935
  - http://www.rtlibrary.org/rockaway-record/
- Scotch Plains
  - Scotch Plains - Fanwood Times
- South Amboy
  - South Amboy Citizen
- Trenton
  - Daily True American
  - Evening True American
  - Silent Worker
  - Trenton True American
- Tuckerton
  - Tuckerton Beacon
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- Roll Call of the Grim Reaper, Paterson Morning Call Death Notice Index, 1898-1918
- Pompton Plains Reformed Church Cemetery, Inscriptions From the Graveyard

Books are $25.00 each, plus $6.00 each/shipping (USA only).

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