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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 society 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

The How, Why, Who, Where of Family Search.Org.

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

MARCH 12

Finding (traditional & non-traditional) Irish Related Records from the Contaes 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 Stickleby Museum at Craftsman Farms, home of Gustav Stickleby, 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 furnishing and artifacts and an elaborate outdoor living space utilized by the family as part of their home.

PCHS Library & Archives

HOURS:

Fridays: 1-4 pm

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

New Jersey Online Historical Newspapers

<http://www.theancestorhunt.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 suspect 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://atlanticlibrary.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/nni/>

- Batsto Citizens Gazette
- Bordentown Register/Register News
- Central Record
- New Jersey Mirror
- Times-Advertiser/Community News

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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.

Please confirm our hours of operation before traveling long distances as they may be subject to change at any time.

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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 NEWSPAPERSwww.fultonhistory.com/fulton.html

Hackettstown NJ Gazette - 1857-1962
 Hackettstown NJ Warren Republican - 1885-1920
 Bloomfield NJ Independent Press - 1913-1961
 Bloomfield NJ Citizen - 1872-1913
 Bloomfield NJ Record - 1873-1936
 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
 Paterson NJ Federation News - 1970-1986
 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&q1field=mods:genre&q1bool=AND&q2field=object&orderby=relevance&numresults=10&key=NJDH>**NEW JERSEY GOOGLE NEWSPAPER ARCHIVE LISTINGS**<http://ufdc.ufl.edu/hncoll/exact/?t=%22New%20Jersey%22&f=ST>**OCEAN GROVE NEWSPAPERS**<http://www.digifind-it.com/oghs/home.php>

Asbury Park Daily Press
 Asbury Park Journal
 Ocean Grove Times

RIVERTON HISTORICAL NEWSPAPERS - BURLINGTON CO.<http://rive-tonhistory.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

WOODBRIIDGE 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

GLOUCESTER COUNTY: ELMER TIMES DEATH NOTICES<http://www.gloucestercountyhistoricalsociety.org/elmerdeaths.aspOther>**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

Milburn

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

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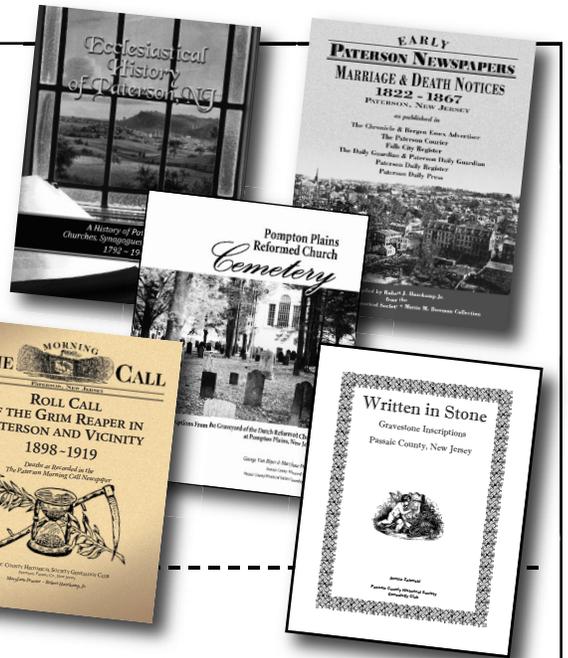
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- Early Paterson Newspapers, Marriage & Death Notices, 1822-1967
- Written In Stone, Gravestone Inscriptions Passaic County, NJ
- Roll Call of the Grim Reaper, Paterson Morning Call Death Notice Index, 1898-1918
- Pompton Plains Reformed Church Cemetery, Inscriptions From the Graveyard

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

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www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~njpchsgc/



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