

Telling YOUR Story

What do you know?

Write or record the stories, and find the facts you can demonstrate or explain with records

- Write down the little bits, or record them on your phone, or a tape recorder
- Use what you are comfortable with, paper, voice, computer

Then start sorting the bits into a timeline - get them in date order. *What's missing?*

OR: Beginning - Middle - End. *What's missing?*

What's missing is your research question.

How to find out what you need to know to tell your story. Where to research depends on what you need to know.

Ancestry.com does NOT have everything! First try your home and family members. Who has the pictures, certificates, maps?

Where to tell your story?

Website or blog: A blog is a type of website where you write posts. Blogger.com and Wordpress.org are both free to set up and use. See my blog: <https://skcgs.blogspot.com/2022/03/wonderful-women-grandma-lolas.html> as an example of telling your story.

Wikitree: This site is a tree made of stories. See my mother's profile as an example: <https://www.wikitree.com/wiki/McBee-233>

Social media posts, if the story is short, or link to your blog posts. Always use an image if possible

- **Facebook**
- **Twitter**
- **Instagram**
- **Youtube or Tiktok** if you want to tell your story live. You can start a Zoom session and record yourself (free) until you are satisfied, and then upload.
- **Books** can be short, and mostly images. See Shutterfly, Lulu, etc. See <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Self-publishing> for more information. My husband published his blog that he wrote as he hiked the Pacific Crest Trail with SharedBooks.com
- **Scrapbooks**

Some social media offers a good place to learn and share, rather than “post.” I often use Twitter this way, Discord Genealogy (<https://discord.gg/genealogy>), Reddit Genealogy (<https://www.reddit.com/r/Genealogy/>) or stackexchange (<https://genealogy.stackexchange.com/>).

Genealogy and Family history groups on Facebook are one of the few good uses for FB!

A great short Rootstech talk: The Basics of Telling Your Family Stories by Shannon Combs-Bennett:

<https://www.familysearch.org/rootstech/session/the-basics-of-telling-your-family-stories>