

# Family Heritage Resource Sheet



Whether you incorporate family history into your homeschool by having your children conduct a few interviews of their relatives for writing assignments or you dive into extensive genealogical research, there are many resources available!

## Books

*There are multitudes of books both on general family history research and about specific families or cultural groups. Check out the resources at your library and state historical society (either in person or online). If you live near a college or university, check for local history research done by students or faculty in the college library.*



*Genealogy for the First Time: Research Your Family History*, Laura Best (New York: Sterling Publishing Co., 2003).

*Climbing Your Family Tree: Online and Off-line Genealogy for Kids*, Ira Wolfman (New York: Workman Publishing Company, 2002).

*Front Porch History*, Tammy Cardwell (Lebanon, TN: Greenleaf Press, 1999).

*Through the Eyes of Your Ancestors: A Step-by-Step Guide to Uncovering Your Family's History*, Maureen Taylor (New York: Houghton Mifflin, 1999).

*To Our Children's Children: Preserving Family Histories for Generations to Come*, Bob Greene and D.G. Fulford (New York: Random House, 1993).

## Resources on the Web

*The internet is a rich source of information for family history research! Here are a few sites to get you started.*

### Genealogical research:

- Family Genealogy and History Internet Education Directory  
<http://www.academic-genealogy.com/>
- Family History Articles  
<http://www.familyhistoryarticles.com/>



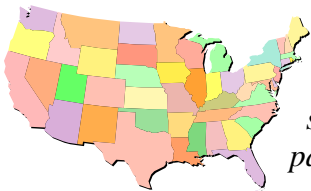
- Family History and Genealogy: USA.gov  
[http://www.usa.gov/Citizen/Topics/History\\_Family.shtml](http://www.usa.gov/Citizen/Topics/History_Family.shtml)
- 5 Steps to Getting Started on Your Family History  
<http://amberskyline.com/treasuremaps/pedigree.html>
- National Archives Family History Research  
<http://www.archives.gov/genealogy/>



### Family history interviews:

- “The Why of Oral History Interviews”: *an article explaining why to conduct oral history interviews and how to get started*  
<http://www.marple.com/whyoral.html>
- Oral history articles at About.com: *a series of articles with tips for conducting good family history interviews, suggested questions, book resources, and ideas for what to do with those stories after the interviews*  
[http://genealogy.about.com/od/oral\\_history/Oral\\_Histories\\_Interviewing\\_Relatives\\_and\\_Collecting\\_Oral\\_History.htm](http://genealogy.about.com/od/oral_history/Oral_Histories_Interviewing_Relatives_and_Collecting_Oral_History.htm)
- “Family History Research: Steps to a Successful Interview”: *a guide for oral history interviews written for children (late elementary to middle school level)*  
<http://life.familyeducation.com/family/genetics/29663.html>
- “Oral History Interview Question Lists”: *online and print resources for oral history interviews, including where to hear oral history interviews online*  
<http://www.familytreemagazine.com/article/Oral-History-Interview-Question-Lists/>

### State Organizations



*Check out historical societies and genealogical archives in your state or your family’s state of origin. In addition to records that might aid a genealogical search, these organizations may have books available about the experiences of particular ethnic groups during various periods of your region’s history.*

- Links to state archives and historical societies in all 50 states  
<http://www.archives.gov/research/alic/reference/state-archives.html>
- USA.gov List of State Resources  
[http://www.usa.gov/Citizen/Topics/History\\_Family/State\\_Genealogy.shtml](http://www.usa.gov/Citizen/Topics/History_Family/State_Genealogy.shtml)