

# Organize and Share your Genealogy:

Methods from the Library of Congress

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Our research can generate a huge mass of names, places, dates, stories, photographs, and even video and audio recordings. Using examples of genealogies housed in the Library of Congress, this lecture showcases different ideas for presenting your work and making that collection of information accessible to others.

## Ways to organize and share genealogy

1. Lists of Names
2. Focus on one person (a biography) and include sections on notable ancestors along with a family tree and some photographs
3. Focus on Family Branch
4. Focus on geography
5. Focus on a specific time period
6. Story-driven - the story of your journey, "150 Years later: Broken Ties Mended"
7. Other: organization around recipes, theme (family weddings), scrapbook style

## Other things to consider:

1. Who is your audience?
2. What format should you use (scrapbook, a traditional book, something else)?
3. Should you use an editor?
4. Should you apply for copyright registration?
5. Digital vs. Paper
6. Funding and distributing your finished work

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