

DISCOVER THE DASH 101 -- Finding Ancestor Stories

- I. **ASK, SEARCH, LISTEN, RECORD** (talk to older generation relatives, or friends)
- ASK—maiden name; birth, baptismal, marriage, death dates---and PLACES
 - ASK—military experiences, occupations, education, memorabilia, stories, memories, traditions, home, etc.
 - SEARCH : Diaries, Book of Remembrances, journals, correspondence, boxes, year books, look under bed, closets, attics, check with cousins (they may have more or new information)
- II. **RESEARCH** *A few of the Plethora of Genealogy Internet sites -- INVALUABLE and very AVAILABLE!!!*
1. FREE: www.mesafsl.org Mesa Family Search Library Website
 2. FREE: www.familysearch.org the SEARCH engine includes catalog, books and Wiki
 3. FREE: <http://www.google.com> MANY search capabilities: Search, images, books, blogs, etc.
 4. FREE: archive.org Internet Archive- books to read online
 5. FREE: <http://dp.la/> Digital Public Library of America
 6. FREE: <http://www.glorerecords.blm.gov/> General Land Office Records
 7. FREE: BLOGS - search for surname blogs
 8. FREE: www.findagrave.com Find a Grave
 9. FREE: www.usgenweb.com The US Gen Web Project
 10. FREE: <http://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov> Library of Congress newspapers
 11. FREE: <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/> RootsWeb
 12. FREE: www.americanancestors.org (*Free, but must login*) American Ancestors New England Historic Genealogical Society
 13. FREE: www.lib.utah.edu J. Willard Marriott Library
 14. \$\$: www.ancestry.com Ancestry.com
 15. \$\$: <http://www.worldvitalrecords.com/> World Vital Records
 16. **ETC.** The list goes on and on! (Come to Mesa Family Search Library classes and learn more)
- III. **Suggestions for Sharing Stories**
1. Make a Family History BOOK
 2. Keep a Family history BLOG
 3. Share ancestor stories at Reunions
 4. Upload ancestral stories to FamilySearch.org/Stories
 5. Generate a Digital Scrapbook or Digital Storytelling
 6. Begin a Family FACEBOOK page (control privacy)
 7. FHE plays/skits
 8. Create an Ancestor wall
 9. Record interviews/narrations (Free APP: "Saving memories Forever")
 10. Create a cookbook of family recipes--attach stories about the cooks
 11. Walk their paths: Vacation to ancestral homes, cities, visit Historic Societies, etc.
 12. Share with your family, **SHARE! SHARE! SHARE!**

There is so Much MORE to find than just two dates and a dash----

Find the hidden treasures as you Discover the Dash!