

5. Digitizing Family Lore

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Overview & Purpose

All families have stories, while some may be tall tales of fish that got away, others may be tragedies that provide valuable lessons for future generations. Working together let's learn how to use technology to capture these and many other stories for posterity.

What is "Family Lore"?

1. The term "lore" is defined as "a body of traditions and knowledge, on a subject or held by a particular group, typically passed from person to person by word of mouth."
2. Why should we record these traditions and knowledge?
3. My family doesn't have anything like that to contribute.

Okay, so maybe we have one or two stories, how do I save them?

1. Become a storyteller yourself.
2. What questions should I ask others or myself?
3. Are there more resources to help?

What Materials or Tools Do I Need?

1. Basic Smartphone or digital recording device
2. Time, but only as much as you are willing to give!

Activities

1. *What others have done:*
 - *Listen to oral history on an old rotary phone*
 - *Wick Voices from The Wick Society Oral History Project*
2. *Do you have 5 minutes right now? Of course you do!*
 - *Practicing on the spot!*