

## Genealogical Corner

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Welcome back! What better way to start our a brand new year than by finding your ancestors!

I hope many of you are writing in a notebook or journal all your memories. I know someone whose parent wrote their feelings and time spent with their grandparents.

Memories, good or bad, are great to have. Like a jig-saw puzzle—we are putting together a picture of our past.

I love photographs! I know it is difficult to write on the backs of them, but it is necessary. Put them together in a photo album. The latest craze is scrapbooking where you attach your pictures on acid free paper, add stickers and journal about the photo. This is a wonderful hobby. However, we are talking about old photos here. You really should get a duplicate made if you want to use it in scrapbooking. If you have a computer, you can scan that old picture. Then print it out and use that copy in your scrapbook. Put in pictures of your grandparents and parents with a brief history of them. When and where they were born, married, and children. A nice touch would be your special memories of them.

My favorite is a scrapbook calendar. I attach pictures of relatives on the months of their birthdays, then fill in the bottom of the calendar with everyone's birthdays and anniversaries. You can list their age if you want to. The best part of scrapbooking is there are no plans to follow. Just remember to use acid- and lignin-free supplies to preserve the life of the pictures.

I hope we did not stray too far away from genealogy. I do have a few ideas and suggestions for future columns. Until the next newsletter comes out, I want you to keep digging out old photos and writing down those old memories. Someday you will be glad you did!

Good Luck!