
Genealogical Corner

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Well, how many of you pestered your parents or grandparents with questions about relatives or growing up? If it was hard to get answers, here is an idea. Give them a notebook. When they remember a story or experience, have them write it down. Years from now, these written memories will be priceless.

Go through the old family albums with your parents and make sure each picture lists who the people are and dates written lightly on the back. If this is not done, your children will have no idea of their ancestors. Nameless people don't mean too much 100 years from now.

Take a trip to the Town Clerk office. Call ahead first so there is time to get out the old record books and find the information you are requesting. You can do a genealogy search for records over 50 years. Most town clerks have the records on births, marriages, and deaths for that town.

Gilboa's Town Clerk, Mary Wyckoff, has records from 1883 to current. A genealogy request form needs to be filled out. There is a \$22 fee for a 3-year span and \$42 fee for a 4- to 10-year span. Call for information that is available to you.

The *Gilboa Monitor* newspapers are on microfilm at the Town Hall for the years 1878-1918. Also the NYC water supply testimony case files from 1917-1931 are on microfilm. Call ahead for availability (607 588-6400). The hours are Monday through Friday 9 to 12 noon and 1 to 4 PM.
