MY  
FAMILY  
BOOK

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hink how exciting it would be to discover a book that told all about the family of your great-great-grandmother or grandfather, or anyone else in your family tree. This book is a chance for you to make such a discovery possible for descendants. Fill it in; add pages of your own, then pass it on to your children. They’ll probably put it in a box and then, in 100 years or so, a great-great-grandchild will rediscover the book to his or her great delight.

Use these paragraphs to write an introduction for the book, or delete them if you want.

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ABOUT

MY  
FAMILY



 FAMILY TREE CONTENTS

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 FAMILY STORY

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 H E A D I N G

Write about your parents’ families. Describe what you remember about your parents, your grandparents, aunts and uncles, and other relatives. Talk to family members to get more information. It doesn’t matter how you organise the information. This is your book, and you can write it any way you like.

Insert headings as needed. The heading above uses the Page Subhead 2 style. For subsequent headings, use the Page Subhead 1 style. Use the Page Text style for paragraphs like this.

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 FATHER’S STORY

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H E A D I N G

If your father has written his life story, type or copy it here. A lot of what makes you who you are comes from your parents, so their story is also your story.

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 MOTHER’S STORY

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H E A D I N G

If your mother has written her life story, type or copy it here. A lot of what makes you who you are comes from your parents, so their story is also your story.

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 MY PARENTS’ COURTSHIP AND MARRIAGE

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H E A D I N G

What’s more fun than learning about how your parents met, courted, and married? Get them to tell the story with all of the little details, and then include it in this section.

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 MY BROTHERS AND SISTERS

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H E A D I N G

Ah, those childhood days, when you fought with your siblings one moment, then vigorously defended their honour the next. Use this section to describe each of them, the fun times you had, the nice things they did, and maybe even the fights.

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 MEDICAL HISTORY

The more you know about the medical history of your ancestors, the easier it is for doctors to diagnose health problems that you might have. Also, keeping records of immunisation is essential for school transfers, travelling abroad, and some jobs. Use the table below to record such information as major illnesses, vaccinations, surgery, and family deaths.

To add new headings to the table, select and copy the entire rows of existing headings, then paste them into the table at the location you want.

If you would like to clarify any of the information contained in the table, use these paragraphs to do so. Otherwise, delete them.

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FAMILY TRADITIONS

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 H E A D I N G

Most families create traditions over time. Some traditions are handed down from generation to generation, others are chosen because they seem like good ideas, and others just happen that at first you might not even realise that you've started one.

Traditions can include special holiday activities, trips you take regularly, yearly visits to relatives, religious ceremonies, and so on. Use this section to write about the things that your family does regularly that are important to you.

Type a heading for each tradition. Write about the tradition and why it is important, how it got started, and any other information you would like to include. The heading above uses the Page Subhead 2 style. For subsequent headings, use the Page Subhead 1 style. Use the Page Text style for paragraphs like this.

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 MILITARY SERVICE

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N A M E

**Service number:** Type here.

**Rank:** Type here.

Fill in the information for each person. Use this paragraph as an introduction, or delete it. Most governments create and maintain extensive records and documents that you can access for the information you need. Also, talk to other members of your family.

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Type any stories or additional information here. To add more individuals, select the headings, paragraphs, and table above, then copy and paste them on the page below.



 HEIRLOOMS

Does your family have special objects that have been passed down through generations? Are you collecting special objects that you want to give to your family members someday? Describe each item, where it came from, and who it is going to. Replace this paragraph with an introduction for the section, or delete it.

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SPECIAL EVENTS

The Complete Story

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his part of the book is designed to give you a place to fill in all of the details of family gatherings, weddings, holidays, and any other event you want to describe.

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 FAMILY GATHERINGS AND REUNIONS

Is your family one that gets together often? Do people come from across the nation or from other countries for reunions? Or do you just have quiet get-togethers now and then? Whatever the case, these gatherings can be important events and great places to learn more about your family.

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 HOLIDAYS

Where do you go when you want to get away? Do you head for the hills and solitude, or are you attracted by the bright lights of the big city? Wherever you go, the stories will make interesting reading for your descendants. In this paragraph, describe your holidays in general, what you liked to do the most, and how you planned them.

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 WEDDINGS

You’ve already recorded your parent’s wedding – now think of how great it would be to read about your grandparents’ or even your great grandparents’ wedding. As you write about the other weddings that are important in your life, you will be providing just such an opportunity for your descendants.

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**H E A D I N G**

As you write about the wedding, insert headings to highlight and organise your information. Describe the service, who officiated, who attended, and what the bride wore. List the gifts, record the toasts, and so on. To add other weddings, select the headings, table, and paragraphs, copy them, and then paste them below. If you want to start each wedding on a new page, position the insertion point in the paragraph below and press CTRL+ENTER.



 RELIGIOUS EVENTS

If you have an active religious affiliation, then you probably take part in events that you will want to record. Describe individual events, the program, who participated, your special memories and feelings.

**E V E N T**

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 PHOTOS OF MY FAMILY

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