

WHEN IS THE BEST TIME TO START?

How often have you heard people lament, "If only my ancestors had written their story" or "We meant to get down Dad's (or Mum's or Grandma's...) stories, but never got around to it, and now it's too late!"

We're just trying to say "don't wait". The right time is now. Procrastination usually results in stories getting lost or forgotten forever.

HOW THE MEMOIRS FOUNDATION MAKES IT SIMPLER

Lives of famous people aren't the only ones worth remembering. Whether you're 19 or 90, your life is a rich tapestry of events, relationships, choices, feelings, images, things you've learned, plain old "I remember when...", the list goes on and on. But getting started is one of the hardest parts of creating your Memoirs.

We can make it simple by tape recording your story in the comfort of your home and turning the interview into a printed book,

or

help you with the writing if you've already started drafting a manuscript and are unsure how to continue,

or

provide the right advice if you need help with editing or publishing aspects.

Whatever may be your preferred way to create your Memoirs, we will help you see it through professionally from start to completion.

Personal historians assigned by the Memoirs Foundation come from a wide range of professions, including authors, journalism, education, publishing and broadcasting. They are neutral listeners - non family members - trained to elicit the stories in your life that are worth saving.

That's their expertise.




OUR MISSION

Our mission is to educate people about the power of life stories, empower them to celebrate and preserve their stories before they are lost or forgotten, and support them in accomplishing that goal through a variety of methods.

It is through these stories that value systems are handed down, and that the younger generation can learn from you to be accepted for who they are, and take pride in being part of a unique family.

How will they know it, if you don't tell it?

We have now made it easier and simpler to SAVE your life story, in several ways:

-  producing your life story from recording your first word to the finished book
-  editing and publishing a manuscript you've already started
-  leading workshops on how to plan, write and self publish your life story

Now is the right time to ask for more information - simply call us on

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How to SAVE Your Life



Saving your life story, in whatever form you can, is a powerful and lasting legacy for your family.

You make history come alive, and increase appreciation for the path your life has taken.

You'll live far into the future by ensuring that your life story is not lost to the generations that follow, or forgotten .

because it is your richest legacy!

WHY THERE IS NO GREATER GIFT

Your life history or *Memoirs* allows you to share your unique life journey, including your joyous moments, challenges, achievements, friendships, life lessons and philosophies.

No matter how ordinary one's own life may seem at times, you will be surprised how your family, friends, and descendants will be inspired by the extraordinary and unique stories only you can tell.

WHAT YOUR MEMOIRS MEAN

- 🕒 your priceless and permanent legacy for present and future generations
- 🕒 a story telling record of your era, with insights into the family, social and cultural customs, as well as the significant events that affected your life



WHAT IS A PERSONAL HISTORY?

A Personal History brings to life the stories behind the names and dates in a family tree. By telling your story now, you allow future generations to discover the personalities, experiences and wisdom of those who came before them. It's turning your memories into lasting *Memoirs*.

Your *Memoirs* record the many stories in your life as only you can tell them, in your own words, and images you have treasured.

You create a vivid portrait in sharp detail as:

- 🕒 an account of an individual's life, or a memoir focusing on a particular event, or period of time
- 🕒 family history bringing ancestors to life through the stories behind the cold statistics of a family tree
- 🕒 the history of a community, or of an organisation or group, as told through the stories of the people involved



"There is no greater gift we can give to our loved ones than the stories of our lives."

J.Kennedy

WHAT ARE MY OPTIONS?

Possibilities for preserving Personal Histories are as diverse as the individuals involved:

- 🕒 **ORAL HISTORY** - the recording of your story on tape, or CD, or DVD through a guided interview by an experienced personal historian
- 🕒 **PRINTED BOOK** - your *Memoirs*, can be transcribed from an interview with our Personal Historian, or edited from your own manuscript into a flowing narrative, and produced in lasting book form, complete with cherished photos and family documents
- 🕒 **COLLECTABLES** - a framed montage of photos selected over the years, stories and memorabilia presented in a coffee table book, or commemorative posters of special events, such as, weddings, birthdays etc.
- 🕒 **WEB SITE** - your *Memoirs* on the Internet, accessible to family and friends worldwide
- 🕒 **TRIBUTE** - your tribute to the life of a loved one, a friend, or a member of your community

There is an option just right for your purpose!

