



4 Ways to Share Your Written Family Story Part 1

Your research binders are for *research*, not for *stories*.

Two specific ways you can write your stories and share them with others are:

1. Books
2. Articles

Writing a book is a process and a great way to introduce your ancestors as _____, to describe the _____ and _____ in which they lived, to reveal _____ that affected their lives, and to engage others — especially your _____ — in the research you've done.

People connect with stories — not with _____. So telling stories in the form of a book is one great way to write and share your research.

Articles are the shorter versions of your stories that are found in publications like:

- Journals
- Newsletters
- Magazines

Make sure you submit your article to a publication whose audience would be interested in the research you've done.

Journals are often more _____ in nature, meaning that they are typically more focused on presenting facts through cited material.

Newsletters and magazines offer a bit more creative leeway for you to tell stories. These publications have submission guidelines that tell you:

- Maximum word count accepted
- Formatting requirements
- Use of images
- Deadlines
- Lead time for publish
- Payment (if any)
- How to submit

You must follow each publication's guidelines to a T, with no exceptions.

A few publications to research for your writing submissions:

[National Genealogical Society Quarterly](#)

[Journal of the Afro-American Historical and Genealogical Society](#)

[Top Genealogy Magazines for Family History Enthusiasts](#)

[Association for Professional Genealogists Quarterly](#)