Your Family Archive:
Where Is Everything?

Thanksgiving—or other holidays where extended family gathers in one place—is an optimal time to survey your family members to see what family history items they may have at their homes. **Use this worksheet to record the details of who's got what**—and then, once the leftovers are eaten and the road trips home complete, find time to make visits to your relatives and begin your family history research in earnest!

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Family history documents to consider and ask about include:

- birth certificates of parents & elders
- Passports
- immigration documents
- old family photos (often the most fun to go through—and the most likely to spark memories and stories!!—old photos can be surprising and evocative)
- family Bibles
- old books with notations in them
- family heirlooms such as fine china, paintings, handmade blankets or quilts (you eventually want to record the provenance & stories behind these items)
- family tree
- DNA results
- military documents, dog tags
- land deeds
- childhood scrapbooks & ephemera

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