



October 2017 – Organizing Your Long-Forgotten Memories

Last month we talked about organizing your Family History. This month we are going to address those personal totes (or boxes or suitcases or packages or other files) that you have collected over the years.

Do you still have your kids' artwork, and now they are in their 30s? How about the special drawings and certificates from the grandkids that are now being added to your collection? What are you going to do with it all?

You have to ask yourself which of their memories do you want to keep, photograph or pitch.

Maybe you could spend a few hours with each of your children this fall and go through their collections with you as well. You can relive the memories and then talk about what you (and they) want to keep.

What is your goal? Would you be okay with each child having one or two totes of their own mementos? Remember, they are going to take over ownership of all these treasures someday in the future.

It's better to take the time now and really oversee this project properly, before there is an illness or other reasons outside your control. By facing this challenge now, you can provide the proper inspection and respect for those 25-year-old masterpieces.

Take pictures, use index cards and label boxes if you have to arrange any pictures, also sticky notes and sharpie markers come in handy, too. Even if you are sometimes guessing, try to date every item. They can then figure out how old they were when they created it.

Divide pictures into categories: baby, toddler, elementary, middle school, high school and college years. If you have taken any special trips, those might be their own scrapbook.

One of the things that I started doing is keeping a journal on each trip. It's nice to remember the name of the places you stayed and the highlights of your trip. Plus, you might note if you were going to go back to that place, what would you do differently or where might you want to stay next time?

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