

How to be an Excellent Ancestor

Leave your Legacy for your descendants:

- Legal/birth name and nicknames
- Birth date/birth place
- Parents' full legal names, birth date, and birth place
- If born in another country, immigration date and (if applicable) naturalization date and location
- Names, birth dates, birth places, and genders of siblings, including any who have died
- Locations where you've lived, including addresses, years there, city/county/state/country, and reason for living there
- Names and locations of schools you attended, including elementary, middle, high school, college, or other education, including degrees and honors
- Military service, with dates and locations, branch of service, and awards
- Religious affiliation and details about participation
- Political affiliation and activities
- Marital status, including history of marriage, divorce, other partners, death of spouse or partner
- Full legal name of spouses and partners
- Full names, nicknames, birth dates, birth places, gender and other information about children, including adopted children; if you've had more than one spouse or partner, indicate which children came from which union
- Full names, birth dates, birth places, and gender of additional step-children and foster children, with notation about their parentage
- Occupational and employment history, including years, positions, locations, and employers
- Health history, including major illnesses, dates, and treatments
- Your physical description, including height, build, and hair and eye colors
- Favorite foods and drinks
- Hobbies and interests
- Volunteer activities and memberships
- Historical events that impacted your life
- What you would like ancestors to know about you
- What you have learned in your life that could help others