

## [Do You Have A Compelling Story To Share With Your Posterity: Here's How to Create and Share It!](#)

Donny Osmond recently stated this past weekend at the RootsTech 2019 London conference “everybody has a compelling story to tell. It’s important to have one: to know who they are with their posterity. For example, what they did, what decisions did they make and how it effected them and their family. Stories can be a powerful way to connect you with others in your ancestors. Every family has a story. Discover more about your family history and gain strength through the examples and experiences of people within your family tree. Learn more about who you are and who they are. Again, **every family has a story, discover yours. What’s yours?**

- Need motivation! watch this 1:36 video clip at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wxuy1lzh4h0> to jump-start your imagination.
- Need more inspiration? People have inspired you throughout your life. These people may be from your own family tree. From super heroes to family members. who inspires you? Peruse this 3:30 minute video at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nvpmsmtbdxk>
- Consider the power of family stories within 2:29 minutes at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pv0ie750pij>
- FamilySearch CEO, Steve Rockwood, opens RootsTech 2016 by sharing his own personal family history memories and announces the five experiences he hopes every FamilySearch patron has while researching their genealogy. Listen to his five experiences waiting for you at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hm4frb4mskq>. Although it is 29.21 minutes, it is well worth your time. For example, keep the theme of the family story short, perhaps to 60 seconds. First avoid background information. Concentrate on the person and keep it meaningful. Reach out to their heart. Condense the theme to one or two words about the feelings for this story. The common feelings could be love, joy, happiness, peace, inspiration, connectiveness, sadness with hope, desire, belonging, remembrance, admiration, etc. These feelings are powerful. You know these feelings. and you can be inspiring to your family! Your family needs to know who you are. Children who identify to family history are much more stable than others without it. Below is an outline of his essential experiences for creating stories with specific references made to FamilySearch.
  1. discover
  2. family tree
  3. ‘memories
  4. searchable records
  5. contextual support

## **Are You Ready To Start Writing? If Not, Read On!**

Suggest you engage in these six step-by-step tutorials covered in **the family history guide** to start this creative process of actually creating your stories. These tutorials are presented at <https://www.thefhguide.com/project-2-memories-app02.html> that can be generated all from within your **FamilySearch Memories App** to transfer to your family tree at FamilySearch.org. Never lose faith because these tutorials are meaningful and well throughout. Below are their headings and each tutorial has training exercises.

- Create life stories for ancestors to begin this process with step-by-step tutorials.
- Search for stories that have been uploaded to memories for your ancestors.
- Find stories you can upload to memories.
- Create life stories for ancestors.
- Display and edit stories from memories
- Add new stories to memories.

- Tag a story to attach it to memories, for a person in family tree.

## **Closing Comments**

Creating family stories is essential in bringing life to your family history. Many people don't necessarily react immediately to the scriptures as strongly as they do to family stories. Don't hesitate to begin this adventure of creating compelling stories. They don't have to be long. The feelings themselves are the very core that you portray which connects to your posterity. Wendy Marshall offered an excellent outline of tricks and tips for your consideration when writing a compelling story in her October 23<sup>rd</sup> posting entitled: "Family History Is Also Recording - Either Audio or Written."