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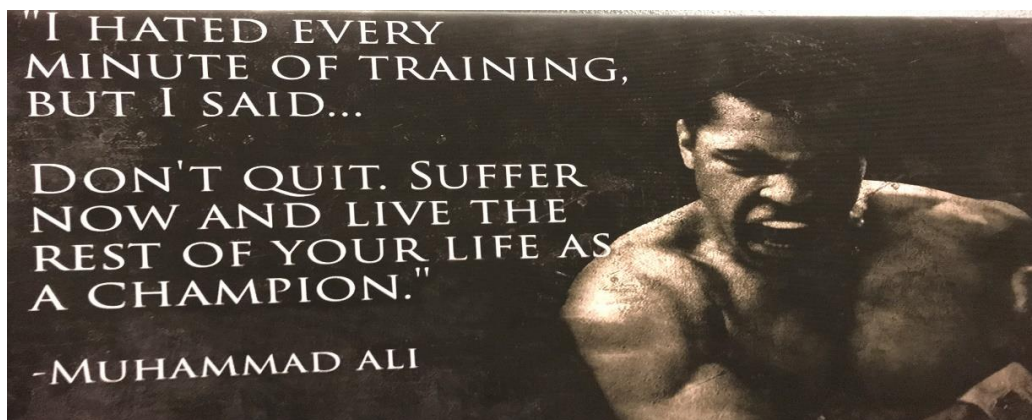
Because There Are Other Creative Options!!! (reads better at

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Family history research can be a Bear when missing documents become invisible! After 50+ years of actively engaged in family history, I have failed even more times than Thomas Edison in his search for the light bulb. As an inventor, Edison made **1,000 unsuccessful attempts at inventing the light bulb**. When a reporter asked, "How did it feel to fail 1,000 times?" Edison replied, "I didn't fail 1,000 times. **Thomas Alva Edison** is undoubtedly one of the most prolific inventors of our lifetime. He has 1,093 patents under his name, which includes the phonograph, the motion picture camera, and his most significant, **the light bulb**. His light bulb invention wasn't an instant success, he failed a lot, it shows the power of determination of him. **Thomas Alva Edison** tried "**two thousand**" different materials in search of a filament for the light bulb. When none worked satisfactorily, his assistant complained, "All our work is in vain. We have learned nothing." Edison replied very confidently, "Oh, we have come a long way and we have learned a lot. We now know that there are two thousand elements which we cannot use to make a good light bulb."

INTERESTING FACTS ABOUT THOMAS EDISON: Thomas Edison's teachers said he was "*too stupid to learn anything.*" He was fired from his first two jobs for being "*non-productive.*" As an inventor, **Edison made 1,000 unsuccessful attempts** at inventing the **light bulb**. When a reporter asked, "How did it feel to fail 1,000 times?" Edison replied, "I didn't fail 1,000 times. The light bulb was an invention with 1,000 steps.

We are all human, imperfect even on a good hair day. Mohammadi Ali, one of the most famous boxers of all time, made an interesting comment cited below in the very first image. He was an U.S. Olympic boxing champion and [Presidential Medal of Freedom \(2005\)](#). Ali was the first fighter to win the world heavyweight championship on three separate occasions; he successfully defended this title 19 times. Cassius Marcellus Clay, Jr., grew up in the American South in a time of segregated public facilities. His father, Cassius Marcellus Clay, Sr., supported a wife and two sons by painting billboards and signs. His mother, Odessa Grady Clay, worked as a household domestic.



Remember that moment when you started working on your first family tree? Maybe it was a grade school activity, or perhaps you just started sketching out your roots out of pure curiosity. Adding details about your parents, grandparents, aunts, and uncles — people you probably know well — is usually a simple task, and watching your tree sprout leaves of new individuals and grow branches of generations is both exciting and fulfilling. Even lifelong family historians still feel a satisfying rush when another ancestor is identified and slotted into their rightful place!

Here Are Common Challenges Every Family History Person Will Encounter (believe me that I have experienced all of them and perhaps many more)

1. Not every record is online.

This might be the understatement of a lifetime. Several years ago it was estimated that only 10% of genealogical documents and records are actually digitized and available on the internet. That means that a vast majority of details that could help you to solve your family history mysteries are still out there — at libraries, archives, courthouses, and all sorts of other repositories — just waiting for you to find them. And of course, databases like Ancestry and FamilySearch are always adding new records (hundreds of millions of them a year, in fact). And even though all of these records can't be located via the sites' search engines, you can always check them out through the browse functions.

2. Other people's trees are not always valid sources.

I can't stress this hard truth enough, because even as you're reading this, someone, somewhere is saving someone else's collective research to their own family tree. Don't necessarily believe everything other people post on their family trees. There are so many reasons that using another person's tree as a source is wrong that we've written an entire article on the subject here at Family History Daily. Don't get us wrong — collaboration with other researchers is one of the best aspects of genealogy. And using a conclusion from another person's work as a clue to spark your own research and verification is a great approach. However, accepting any information at face value is a mistake that can quickly take your research in the wrong direction.

For even more family history challenges, click [here](#) for a reality check.

Closing Comments

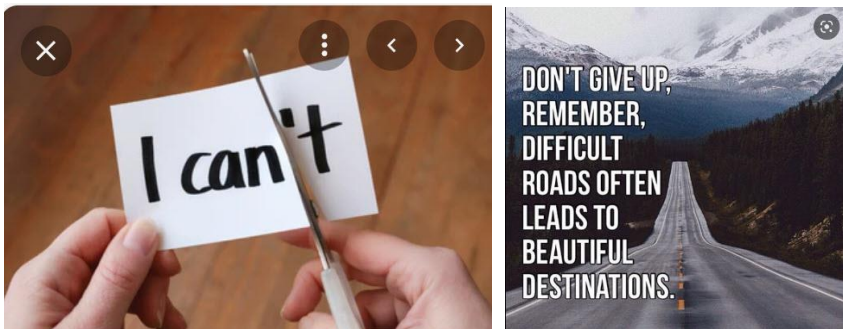
Below are eight "never up quotes" for self-motivation with your family history challenges by famous people.

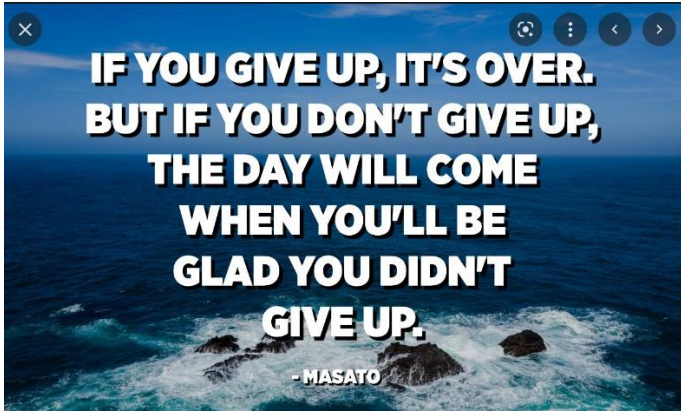
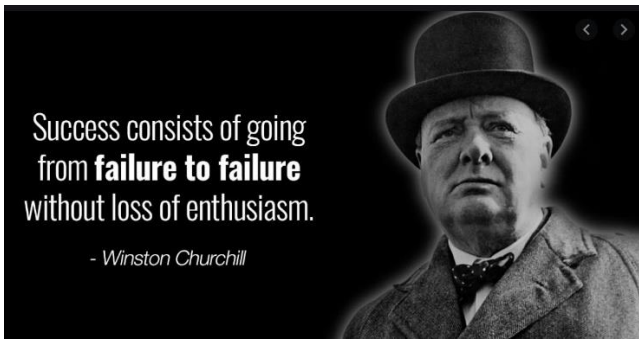
1. "Act as if what you do makes a difference. It does." —William James
2. "Work like there is someone working 24 hours a day to take it away from you." —Mark Cuban
3. "It is when we are most lost that we sometimes find our truest friends." —Brothers Grimm
4. "Life isn't finding shelter in the storm. It's about learning to dance in the rain." —Sherrilyn Kenyon
5. "When you have a dream, you've got to grab it and never let go." —Carol Burnett
6. "Everything that's broken was beautiful at one time. And our mistakes make us better people." —Jamie Hoang
7. "We all can dance when we find [music](#) that we love." —Giles Andreae
8. "I can't change the direction of the wind, but I can adjust my sails to always reach my destination." —Jimmy Dean

The fifth image is of my Ukrainian relatives taken two years before the Ukrainian-Russian Wars began in 2014. Finding them took nearly 20 years of much frustration and failure. Thank goodness that I found them because two of them now live in the USA. It is now impossible to travel to their villages because it is a war-zone very near Donetsk.

We have established quite a library of Facebook Group postings that deal with family history pursuits cited below.

- [Everyone can do something positive with their family history](#): Don't Become Discouraged Because. . . Part 1 or see January 27, 2021 posting
- [Everyone can do something positive with their family history](#): Don't Become Discouraged Because. . . Part 2: or see January 28, 2021
- [Here's a Dynamic Plan To Jump- Start Your Family History Pursuits](#): or see May 26, 2020 posting
- [Don't Procrastinate Your "Golden" Family History Opportunities](#): or see March 29, 2020 posting
- [Essential Therapy from the Coronavirus Situation on a "Good Hair" Day!](#): or see March 27, 2020 posting
- ["My Story" With "Guarding Angels," Family Assistance & I'm Never Alone, Part 8!!!](#): or see January 2, 2020 posting
- [Family History Success Requires Spiritual Motivation for Creating Eternal Memories: Here's My Story, Part 7](#) - "Let's connect rather than evaporate over time": or see December 21 posting
- [Family History Success Requires Spiritual Motivation for Creating Eternal Memories: Here's My Story, Part 6](#) - "Let's connect rather than evaporate over time": or see December 15 posting
- [Need Motivation for 2020 Family History New Year Resolutions With a Head Start?!!!](#): or see December 12 posting





Snietnica Poland Cemetery for My Paternal Relatives

