

[Are You Making These Genealogy Mistakes?: this will help you at http://www.kuzmich4.com/Facebook/Same%20Mistakes.pdf](http://www.kuzmich4.com/Facebook/Same%20Mistakes.pdf)

Mistakes in family history are made not only by beginners; we can all fall into habits or errors that slow down our research progress. This article at <https://www.amyjohnsoncrow.com/genealogy-mistakes-that-everyone-makes-and-how-to-avoid-them/> by expert genealogist Amy Johnson Crow outlines some typical genealogy mistakes, such as going faster than you should in the research process, and what you can do to avoid or resolve these errors. For more tips on avoiding genealogy mistakes, see Goal 7 at <https://www.thefhguide.com/project-4-discover07.html#a> in Project 4: Discover at <https://www.thefhguide.com/tip-of-the-day.html>). Click on the 10:28 video clip below for inspiration.



Closing Comments

Realistically, none of us are perfect. Learning how to undo mistakes is part of life which helps to make it so exciting and fulfilling. Never give up and you will instill more determination of how to succeed. You have to give to earn something as there's no "free lunch" in this life. Family history can be quite a challenge when considering that records and family memories can easily become lost in time and perhaps forever because hesitations and lost opportunities can be the very pitfalls of life. It can be difficult to undo lost opportunities or moments in time. Establish your brand of excellence by succeeding in small step-by-step ingredients which is my secret formula for success. The impossible dream may very well be impossible if you don't try. In my 50+ years of genealogical pursuits, I savored those moments of success even through my own mistakes as I lived beyond moments of personal failure and frustration. In the early 1980's, I desired to learn more about my Slovene ancestors. But since Yugoslavia was a communist country, it was impractical to travel there plus I had no international foreign language skills and trans-Atlantic phone calls were far beyond my budget and the Internet didn't yet exist. I hired a woman to send a letter of inquiry to the town clerk in Novo Mesto, Yugoslavia (now Slovenia) to seek to learn about my great-grandparents (Turk/Gazvoda) and others. With no response in 6 months, I resent that letter to the town registrar again. Again after another sixth month period of no response, so I resent the very same letter a third time again and bingo, she responded with the genealogy of my great-grandparents and others in Novo Mesto by house numbers which went on for another two subsequent letters with even more original genealogical research information. See the scanned images below for proof that success doesn't come easily or automatically along with my cover letter in Slovene. But persistence with faith and effort can overcome obstacles. The cover article at the beginning of this posting offers some key short cuts for eliminating common mistakes in your genealogical pursuits that all genealogists make over a period of time regardless of these expertise and experience, including me.



These images below tell the story well that avoiding common family history mistakes is essential to your genealogical progress especially that *“your best teacher could be your very last mistake!”*

