

MAKE YOUR FAMILY HISTORY
COME
ALIVE

We will collect, share and discuss
information, traditions, history and
stories through internet research, pho-
tos, artifacts, published family histories,
memories and more.....

Become the spokesperson for your fam-
ily....those living now, those yet to
come...and those who have gone before
you.....



**Take pride in those who came before you, honor those
yet to come and appreciate the opportunity to do so...**

**Watch the branches of your family tree grow and
extend out as you research, discover your ancestors and
collect and record your family history.**



**Montgomery Museum &
Lewis Miller Regional Art Center, Inc.**

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COLLECTING
FAMILY HISTORY

*If you've got family
Then
You've got history!*

*Make your ancestors
come alive...*

*Learn to research, gather, organize and
interpret information that will help you
understand those who came before you...as
well as to preserve for those yet to come
the priceless memories of your family and
you....*



Classes begin February 15, 2007
Free to Museum members
Cost to non-members: \$20.00
Classes will be held
Thursdays Evenings 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.
until May at
Christiansburg Middle School
1205 Buffalo Drive N.W.
Christiansburg, Virginia 24073

Call 382 5644 to register

LEARN THE TOOLS OF THE TRADE

By using valuable local resources, modern technology, libraries and the work others have already done, we can link our families, piece together the puzzle and find answers to these questions and more;

Who were my ancestors?

Where did they come from, how did they get here, and why did they come to America?

What was life like for them in those early days so long ago?

What hardships did they overcome?

Were they involved in the Revolution, the Civil War, the Irish potato famine, the westward expansion, the Great Depression, or World War II?

How did my grandparents meet and what became of all their children?

Where did they live, shop, go to church, attend school, and bury their loved ones?

What is my family medical history?

How did their lives impact the settlement of American and possibly Virginia and the New River Valley?

There is Work To Be Done And Not Time Enough To Do It

- Search and preserve valuable family records such as marriages, births, deaths, wills, deeds and more.
- Conduct personal interviews with “last living relatives” who alone hold the keys to so much family history.
- Use local and regional genealogy libraries.
- Become proficient doing genealogy using the internet websites.
- Locate others you are related to who have moved beyond the New River Valley or are living right next door!
- Connect families with times, events and circumstances in the history of our nation.
- Retrace your ancestors migration paths.
- Discover what your ancestors left behind.
- Construct pedigree charts, draw family trees, and write your family’s history to make the past come alive for future generations.



Families are touched by history and communities are built by families. Let’s work together to preserve our own family stories, traditions and history while at the same time linking these stories together to learn more about our own community...Montgomery County.

Join us in searching and researching, untangling and weaving together all that has gone into making Montgomery County a community we can take pride in calling our own. And if your family doesn’t have roots in Montgomery, you still have family and a community to claim somewhere!



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