

My Story: We All Have Stories to Share with Extended Family for Your Posterity - What's Yours and Here's How to Create and Where to Publish It!

We all have stories that can and should be recorded as part of our family history. While you may not necessarily believe your life's story warrants national publication, consider this fact that every member of your family needs to have memories readily available for their children, grandchildren and future generations to have a more personal connection to you well beyond your longevity on earth. But a family history memories can take many forms, including the following: 1) A record of your family with you as a child, containing recollections of your parents and other living ancestors. 2) A record of your family with you as a parent, containing recollections of your children and your other descendants. 3) a timeline should start with the birth date of your ancestor, and 4) then go forward with the date and place of one's baptism, employment details, military service, marriage date, children's births and deaths and then his own death. Family stories can also be tales about people, places, and events related to the members of our immediate family or their ancestors which are a personal way to develop your memories.

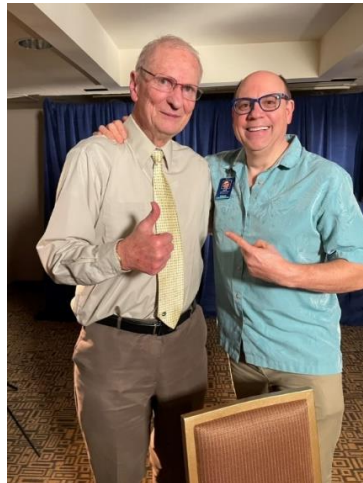
How to Organize, Create, Write and Where To Publish Your Family History

1. Choose a Format.
2. Define the Scope.
3. Set Realistic Deadlines.
4. Choose a Plot and Themes.
5. Do Your Background Research.
6. Don't Be Afraid to Use Records and Documents.
7. Include an Index and Source Citations.
8. Add photos, documents and audio recording interviews of your relatives in the Memory section of the www.familysearch.org on your Family Tree.
9. YouTube is another perfect place if you desire create your own channel which will keep all information private as a format for publishing. You can easily Make your channel subscriptions public or private
 - Sign in to YouTube on a computer.
 - In the top right, click your profile picture.
 - Click Settings .
 - In the left Menu, select Privacy.
 - Turn on or off "Keep all my subscriptions private."
10. Facebook has privacy settings for your privacy: Adjust your Facebook privacy settings
 - Tap in the top right of Facebook.
 - Scroll down and tap Settings & privacy, then tap Settings.
 - Scroll down to Audience and visibility and tap the option you want to change the privacy for.

I personally got lucky because in January, 2024 the **National Association of Music Merchants (NAMM)** wanted to interview me and record me as part of their Oral History Program for my contributions in music industry as a music educator, music technologist and jazz editor and published author. Their NAMM Show is an annual trade show in the United States organized by the National Association of Music Merchants, which describes itself as "the industry's largest stage, uniting the global music, sound and entertainment technology communities world-wide." If you go to <https://www.namm.org/library/oral-history/john-kuzmich-jr>, be prepared to view my professional resume and also see me share my career bio "in action" posted along with two different video clips. After going to the above link above for the 4:46 minute video clip which deals with what innovations I had accomplished as the band director at University City High

School in the St. Louis suburbs between 1972 to 1976 while the second link below the first one represents a good summary of my entire career in 30:33 minutes from 1966 to the present times. All of this is a miracle because English was a second language in my home and my writing skills with grammar are atrocious. If I can accomplish this for my posterity, you can also design how you want the memories of your life to be viewed in the future.

The screenshot shows the NAMM Oral History Program website. At the top, there is a search bar and navigation links for CONTACT, ABOUT, SUBSCRIBE, and Sign In. Below the header, there are menu items: The NAMM Show, NAMM NoXT, Membership, NAMM U, Library, News, and Issues & Advocacy. The main content area features a video player for John Kuzmich Jr. with a play button. To the right of the video player is a sidebar with links for Blog, In Memoriam, Music History Project Podcast, and Oral History Interviews. Below the sidebar is a search library input field. On the right side of the page, there is an 'Oral History Information' section with the following details: Interview Date: January 24, 2024; Job Title: Band Director, Music Educator; Tags: Jazz, Marching Bands, Music Education / Music Teachers, MIDI (Musical Instrument Digital Interface), Band Directors, Band and Orchestra, John Phillip Sousa. Below this information is a detailed biography of John Kuzmich, Jr., highlighting his role as a pioneering figure in the marching band movement, his work as a music educator, and his contributions to the field through various journals and publications.



Closing Comments

In **Google Earth Pro** which is free now, I learned how to make Google Map video videos with audio commentary, media and Google Maps. Notice: these multimedia presentations do not require writing.

- **Eastern European Family Roots** (9:55 minutes): <http://www.kuzmich.com/GoogleEarth/Eastern European Family Roots.mp4>
- **My Life Story** (12:11 minutes): <http://www.kuzmich.com/GoogleEarth/Life Story John Kuzmich Jr Part 3.mp4>

Still motivated to write your family history memories for you and/or other relatives? Consider going to this Facebook post cited below. Do share your family history publishing journey. You can share excerpts on **Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram** among other social media for more permanent holding places. The note card images provide step-by-step procedures to better illuminate your family history writing to read better, by going to <https://tinyurl.com/2xn87a4p>.

This posting reads better at <http://www.kuzmich.com/Facebook/My Story2.pdf>

