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WRITING A BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

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- I. Why?
 - a. Don't let your research go to waste.
 - b. Your descendants will know the stories. They are your audience.

- II. Who?
 - a. Create a list of ancestors.
 - b. Ancestral lines/Collateral lines.
 - c. Do you know enough?

- III. What?
 - a. What should you include?
 - i. Census/vital records/obituary/cemetery.
 - ii. Military
 - iii. Land
 - iv. Church
 - v. Anniversaries
 - vi. Family stories (These do not need to be lengthy.)
 - vii. General history of the area. County histories/newspapers.
 - b. Consider privacy/sensitivity issues.
 - c. Photos to include-people, locations, give descriptions of the photos. TIFF

- IV. How?
 - a. Keep it simple!
 - b. Organize into a timeline
 - i. Beginning
 - ii. Middle
 - iii. End

- c. Gather all documents about the person until you feel you have enough to start.
- d. Take a document at a time
- e. Just start writing! Don't mind spelling/grammar.
- f. Allow things to cool and then read another day.

V. Where?

- a. Do you publish this?
- b. Keep until you have enough to compile into a volume.
- c. Who is your audience?

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