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Writing Family History

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Have you been thinking about writing your memoirs to leave for your family, but don't know where or how to begin? KVGS member Bobbe Taber gave some concrete suggestions for memoir writing at the November 20, 2006 general meeting of the society.

Bobbe suggested that you start by making a "memory list": just let your mind wander and write down key words of the stories you want to tell about your life and your family. This list should not be in complete sentences, and don't feel you have to work in chronological order.

Once you have a substantial memory list, it's time to start writing. Bobbe suggested that you try to include ten major events in your life in your memoir, and that you basically group the items in your memory list together around these major events.

Bobbe, who owns Life Write Services, has extensive experience helping people write their memoirs. She especially enjoys working with those in Hospice care. Bobbe consults with individuals and families by telephone, computer, and in person. She highly recommends the book, *Turning Memories into Memoirs* by Denis Ledoux. To obtain this book or further information, contact Bobbe at lifewrite@netzero.com or go to her web site at www.LifeWriteServices.com.

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