

Create Your Introduction Post or Video
for
History & Genealogy Organizations

Introduce yourself and the family-history stories you care about. A simple post or short video can help relatives and genealogy friends understand what you're exploring and how they can join the conversation.

You don't need a polished production or a complete family history. Share only what feels comfortable, and keep private details about living relatives off public posts unless you have their permission.

1. Decide where and with whom you'll share

Where might you share your introduction?

- With family or friends on a personal profile
- In a private family group
- In a genealogy group or community
- On a public social media profile
- Somewhere else: _____

Who do you hope will see it?

What would you like them to do?

- Say hello or introduce themselves
- Share a memory or family connection
- Follow along with my family-history interests
- Suggest a group or community to explore
- Something else: _____

2. Choose what you'd like to share

Check any points you'd like to include:

- My name, nickname, or how I'd like to be addressed
- What sparked my interest in family history
- A place, family line, or time period I'm exploring
- The kinds of stories, photographs, or records I enjoy sharing
- What I hope to learn or preserve
- An invitation for others to share a memory or join the conversation
- A photo or image that feels comfortable to share
- Something else: _____

What personal or family details would you prefer to keep private?

3. Plan your post or video

Use these prompts to shape a few sentences:

A little about me:

What drew me to family history:

What I'm interested in exploring or sharing:

What I'd love to hear from others:

Simple post outline

1. Say hello: Introduce yourself.
2. Share your connection: Explain what interests you about family history.
3. Name a focus: Mention a place, story, or project, if you're comfortable.
4. Invite conversation: Ask a friendly question or invite others to connect.

4. If you're making a short video

A phone video can be brief and casual. You might speak for 30–60 seconds.

- Choose a quiet place with light on your face.
- Put the camera at a comfortable height.
- Speak as if you're talking to one person.
- Keep your message to a few main points.
- Add captions if the platform allows.
- Check the background for private papers, addresses, or other details.
- Record again only if you want to—natural is fine.

Video speaking notes

Opening: "Hi, I'm _____."

My connection to family history:

One thing I'm exploring or hoping to learn:

Invitation: "I'd love to hear _____."

5. Add an image, if you want

Possible choices:

- A photo of yourself
- A family-history workspace or album
- A place connected to your story
- A non-sensitive image that represents your interest
- No image—text or video alone is enough

Before sharing a family photo or document, consider who is pictured, whether living people have agreed to be included, and whether the image reveals private information.

6. Review before sharing

- The post sounds like me.
- I've included only details I'm comfortable sharing with this audience.
- I've considered the privacy and wishes of living relatives.
- I've checked the audience and sharing settings.
- I've added context so people understand the post.
- My invitation feels friendly and easy to respond to.
- If it's a video, I've checked the sound and captions.

7**. Draft your introduction**

Write your post or speaking notes here:

8. After you share

- Check for replies when it works for you.
- Thank people who respond or add a memory.
- Set boundaries if a conversation becomes too personal.
- Save useful suggestions or connections for later.
- Notice what felt comfortable so you can shape future posts.

Your introduction is simply an opening to conversation. Share at your own pace, choose your audience thoughtfully, and let your family-history presence grow in a way that feels right to you.