

BAHS Family History Project Initial Public Meeting
BAHS Website: bellaireareahistoricalociety.org
May 23, 2024 4 p.m. Bellaire Public Library

Goal What would you like the results of your work to be?

BAHS: 1. Gather/Record. 2. Archive. 3. Display. 4. And??...

We hope to end up with printed and digital histories. Copies of photos and other records with citations would also be great when it's possible

You:

Scope. What time period are you going to cover? How many individuals/families?

BAHS: Local families: Who in you family came here? When? From where? Why? (How?)

And all about all your family who's been here ever since!

So - Starting with that first family and up to now

You:

Format How do you hope to organize as you work this project?

BAHS: Chronological order works best for our purposes. Printed and digital easiest for us to work with but most everything you can share will be valuable!

You:

Theme/Focus You likely already have a focus related to your goal - recognizing it helps. You might have no particular or many different "themes".

BAHS: Local family area histories

You:

Deadlines Deadlines help us turn good intentions into valuable outcomes

BAHS: Let's set a date for our next meeting. _____

You:

Research. "The systematic investigation into and study of materials and sources" ("in order to establish facts and reach new conclusions".)

BAHS: We have lots of information, probably some of it is about your family. Come on in and the docent working will help you find out. There are many excellent online sources, too. You can get help getting started with those right here at the library

You: FOR RIGHT NOW, a suggestion is to gather what you already have and know.

Communicate with other interested family members. Think about organizing by centuries or decades. You can later go to smaller times and/or subdivide by families/individuals. Like most things, getting started is the key.

Table of Contents/Index Both are more necessary the greater the size of your project

BAHS: While we will greatly appreciate having this, this is not mostly for the museum ...

You: THIS IS FOR YOU AND YOUR FAMILY - PRESENT AND FUTURE! It's definitely a lot of work, and maybe you'll save a lot for your final preparation/polish. It does make your work easier and easier as you go along and hugely more usable/accessible for others.

Citations This is history. Source citations are essential. For all your primary sources/photos ; for all your family stories. Who &/or what? When? Where? Your source for this.

BAHS: Please provide as much of this information as possible for the materials you copy/ digitize for the museum.

You: