



Warren County Genealogical Society
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September 15, 2004 Program Announcement
Warren County Genealogical Society

“9 Steps for Writing Your Family History”

This “free” presentation is open to the public. No reservations are necessary. Everyone is welcome!

WHEN: Wednesday, September 15, 2004 at 7:30 PM

WHERE: Philippi Meeting Room of the Campus Center at the Otterbein-Lebanon Retirement Community, 585 State Route 741, (north of State Route 63), Lebanon, Ohio

SPEAKER: Allison Stacy, Editor, **Family Tree Magazine**
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PROGRAM: **9 Steps to Writing Your Family History**

This presentation provides tips and advice on writing a family history readers won't want to put down (even if you're not a writer), and finding the type of writing project best suited to you.

- 1. Have a good time:** Deciding when you're ready to write
- 2. Seek professional help:** Getting guidance and examples
- 3. Decide on your approach:** Selecting a genre and considering your audience
- 4. Set your scope:** Choosing what to include—and what to leave out
- 5. Choose a lead and ending:** Finding your “hook” to pull readers in—an editor's tips
- 6. Write an outline:** Creating a road map to guide your story
- 7. Tell the story:** Using various writing devices to make your story interesting
- 8. Edit and proofread:** Avoiding typos and other errata
- 9. Publish:** Exploring options for the finished product

Plus: Easy, creative alternatives for the nonwriter