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Done all that research and wondering what to do with it? The obvious answer - write it up to share with family and friends. Test the water with a family history journal, local publication and then?

Most of us dream of turning our research into a written narrative, very often never realised as the task is daunting and put off for ever. Work gradually from a basic timeline and family tree, person by person via a simple project plan and a manageable framework can be created. Expand the essentials with local and national history; lifestyle and social events, consider quality of life, housing, disease, occupational effects, What about neighbours, where born, what sound like? What about the weather? Add images, explain why, don't forget maps (where is country / locality), acknowledge help, quote sources, consider copyright - turn your material into a fascinating treasured account. Lacking emotion / stilted? Use descriptive words, challenge self to describe an object by senses only, "paint" a picture. Whether handwritten, typed, software generated or crafted, start writing.

Whether handwritten, typed, software generated or crafted into a scrapbook, the guidance above linked to the advice and information in the following publications will help turn your material into a fascinating treasured account. You might also like to study the short free OpenLearn course "Writing what you know" – go to www.open.edu/openlearn and put the course title in the search box.

Writing Your Family History – A guide for Family Historians	Gill Blanchard	Pen & Sword Publications
Remember Then – Women's memories 1946 -1969	Janet Few : Includes the brief for each chapter to write your own	Family History Partnership
Researching and Writing History	David Dymond	
Writing Up Your Family History	John Titford	
How to Write Your Family History	Fitzhugh	
Writing Your Family History	Deborah Cass	
Times of Our Lives	Michael Oke	
Scrapbooking Your Family History	Laura Best	
Frozen Britain	Ian McCaskill and Paul Hudson	
Down Your Way	Nostalgia Magazine	
Bournville – Model Village to Garden Suburb		
Workers' Housing in West Yorkshire 1750 – 1920 *	Royal Commission on the Historical Monuments of England	*National Series
The Great Filth - The War Against Disease in Victorian England	Stephen Halliday	
Occupation Guides	Various	Shire Publications
My Ancestor was	Various	Society of Genealogists
Round about a pound a week	Maud Pember Reeves	
Victorian Divorce	Allen Horstman	
Carriers & Coachmasters	Dorian Gerhold	
www.bbc.co.uk/history	Local and National History Timelines	
www.blurb.co.uk	www.lulu.com	www.kickstarter.com
		www.unbound.com