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The Sonoma County Genealogical Society Presents: *“How to Leave Your Genealogy”*

After many years of genealogy research, we have accumulated a lot of stuff. Some as paper, some as artifacts, and some as digital files. What will become of all that work when we die? Have you thought about it? Do you have a plan? Or are you going to leave it to your heirs to do what they wish with it?

This is not an easy task. The longer you have researched, the more stuff you have. If you are lucky, you might have an heir who will continue the research. If you are lucky and all your research has been focused in one location, you might be able to donate your research to one repository. But most of us have no heirs willing to take it on, and our research covers multiple localities across the country.

Now is the time to think about how you are going to leave your genealogy. For the sake of your heirs, make a plan and have everything in place beforehand. You will increase the chances that your hard work is saved for future generations.

It will not be easy and it will not be quick. There is no one answer for everyone. I hope the ideas I present here will help you make the decisions that work best for you and your family.

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The meeting begins at 12:30 p.m. via Zoom and the Presentation begins at 1:00 p.m.

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