

### **Gifts for Genealogists to GIVE**

1. Purchase or download a free blank decorative 4 or 5 generation family tree chart (online or Michael's Crafts or a scrapbook store), carefully fill it in with archival pen, then frame it.
2. Download or purchase a map of your original immigrant's country, mark his/her hometown, then frame it.
3. Make a copy of a wedding, birth or baptism certificate and frame it. See attached instructions for decoupageing a certificate.
4. Print a collection of family recipes. Include photocopies of some handwritten recipes. Add some pictures and stories of family meals and celebrations.
5. Create a census journal: copy Federal Census pages on which your family is recorded (1940 is the most recent available); highlight your family; transcribe the information; place in sheet protectors; add family pictures or house pictures from that decade; arrange chronologically in a binder or ribbon-tied binder. Your family will love this!
6. Create a booklet about your immigrant ancestor: include a photograph of the original immigrant(s); a photocopy of the passenger list; a picture of the ship he travelled on; his naturalization document; a brief biography of him.
7. Make a military shadowbox: mount a photograph of the person in uniform, along with his medals and insignia, perhaps a piece of his uniform, maybe his discharge papers, etc.
8. Journal in a jar: decorate a jar, like a mayonnaise jar or a Mason jar, fill it with memory prompts, add a pen and a journal for recording responses to memory prompts, and present to siblings, parents, grandparents or even a childhood friend. GOOGLE "journal in a jar" for lists of memory prompts and other ideas. ALTERNATIVELY purchase a memory journal with prompts already printed at the top of the pages with blank lines to write on.
9. Make a photo book at a nearby Kodak Kiosk or on-line at Shutterfly or Snapfish of heritage pictures OR of family get-togethers OR vacations. Note: Pictures and snapshots must already be digitized for a project like this.

### **Gifts Genealogists Like to GET**

1. Subscription to ancestry.com (about \$140 for annual world subscription. Check website for prices for other options.
2. Flash drive for computer OR memory card for computer or camera (prices vary)
3. Subscription to *Family Tree Magazine* or *Internet Genealogy* (\$25-\$35)
4. Books—look on Amazon.com for used copies: *You Can Write Your Family History* by Sharon DeBartolo Carmack; *The Complete Idiot's Guide to Writing Your Family History* OR a history of the state, county or town your ancestor or you lived in.
5. Staples Office Supply gift card to use at January sales on office supplies or August back-to-school sales for: printer ink cartridges, file folders, plastic-coated paper clips, sheet protectors, three-ring binders, etc.
6. A box of premium 4 x 6 photo paper
7. A ream of printer paper
8. Archival storage supplies, such as document boxes and acid-free photo storage boxes, etc. (online catalogs at: [hollingermetalede.com](http://hollingermetalede.com); [Gaylord.com](http://Gaylord.com); [familyarchives.com](http://familyarchives.com); [archivalmethods.com](http://archivalmethods.com) )
9. Membership to a genealogical or historical society where you reside or where your ancestor lived.

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