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- Family histories
- Local and county histories
- Autobiographies and biographies containing genealogical material
- Indexes to records in book format

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Written works, such as family histories, should be in a clear, readable format. They should include a title, the author's name, and the publication date.

If possible, please send your material in an electronic format (i.e. Word or PDF files). If your material is not available electronically, send an unbound, double-sided copy of your manuscript, which will be easier to duplicate and will take less shelf space.

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- Autobiographies and biographies without genealogical material
- Books of Remembrance
- Correspondence and travelogues
- Family Bibles
- Fiction
- Genealogical collections that are cumbersome to use, unindexed, or otherwise inaccessible to patrons
- Historical Periodicals
- Memorabilia
- Pedigrees, descendancies, and family group charts
- Personal and family videos
- Personal journals that mention living individuals and/or without genealogy
- Photo albums, loose photographs or scrapbooks

FINANCIAL DONATIONS

Donations help support FamilySearch's vision of creating family bonds, linking the present to the past, and building bridges to the future.

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