

## **PRESERVING OUR FAMILY GENEALOGY**

How do you ensure that your genealogy makes it to future generations??

Know the enemy

Organize your stuff

Get people interested in your stuff

Make copies and distribute it

## **KNOW THE ENEMY**

Acts of God      Fire, wind, rain, computer crashes

Yourself          Misplacing key documents  
Using glue, acidic paper, etc

Your family      Most family members don't care  
Stuff turns up in rummage sales  
Who is going to be going through your stuff

## **ORGANIZE YOUR STUFF**

If you don't do it, nobody else will

Choose an organization method

Every method has it's strengths and weaknesses

Example: How do you organize a group photo

## **MY METHOD OF ORGANIZATION**

Identify each item by a number

Assign the number sequentially

Create groups of similar items

Build an index similar to a pile of 3 x 5 cards

Use a computer

Able to printout an index of holdings in a variety of orders

## **GET PEOPLE INTERESTED IN YOUR STUFF**

Let people know what you have

Publish newsletters

Publish books

Put your stuff on a website

Join a local history / genealogy group

## **MAKE COPIES AND DISTRIBUTE IT**

Digitize everything and create CD disks

CD disks can hold a lot

They are cheaper than publishing in books or making copies

Concerns about technology advancements

Easier to view documents on computer

## **COMPUTER HARDWARE**

Scanners

Harddisk storage

Digital cameras

CD burners