

Family Treasure Stories

Many of Historic New England's objects were saved by their owners, because the objects told family stories. The Quincy family saved a chest of drawers for hundreds of years, because it reminded them that their ancestor had saved the piece of furniture when his first two houses burned down. We have a collection of souvenir jewelry that people saved because it reminded them of trips and vacations they had taken.

Brainstorm with your students to create a list of personal or family treasures that tell stories. Have each student write the story of their family treasure. If they don't know all the details, have them interview family members to learn more. Techniques for interviewing can be found in the Family Stories section of this web site.



Family Treasure Story

Does your family have an object that reminds them of a proud, happy, or meaningful experience? Write the story of your family treasure below.

Family Treasure Interview

Interviewer: _____

Interviewee: _____

Name of the Treasure: _____

Date of the Interview: _____

Question: _____

Answer: _____

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