

Genealogy Rocks!

Why Join a Local Society?

Have you ever thought to join a local genealogy society that you had to have a connection to the local history? I had that and other misconceptions when it came to my local genealogy society.



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Several years ago, when I started digging into my family history, I often thought I would like to find a place that could help me in the pursuit of my ancestors. I wanted to know how best to continue my research. I was aware there was a local genealogy society, but attending seemed a little intimidating. I wasn't sure what was required to join and how advanced I needed to be to even try. I kept telling myself that I would go to the next meeting to "check it out," but never happened.

I spent many hours researching on the Internet and gather-

ing mass amounts of information. I finally realized I needed to learn more research fundamentals and "get organized." I googled "how to become a genealogist" to give me an idea of what I needed to know. Almost every website directed me to a single starting point, that is, "Join your local genealogy society!" "Okay, I get it!"

I attended my first meeting at the Larimer County Genealogy Society a year ago and all the myths were dispelled. I found marvelous people that wanted to teach, share, learn, help, and be participants in finding each other's ancestors. So consider joining your local genealogy society as I'm glad I did!

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