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President's Letter

Hello family historians, We are already in the fourth week of October, celebrated for "Family History Month." I hope you are enjoying this fall weather and getting ready for all of the holidays that are quickly approaching. I am continuing to work on updating my media files in my Family Tree Maker program. I am planning to share my family tree along with pictures and some documents, with my family for Christmas this year. Over all of the years I have done family research, I have researched lines for most all of the members of my family. When I turned 60, almost two years ago, I began to feel a sense of urgency in sharing what I have found. I started thinking, what if something happens to me and I never get to share all of this with my family? So, I am not waiting any longer to get to work on this project. I started a little early in fact, and gave a preliminary book to one of my nieces for her birthday.

I use Family Tree Maker software for my tree, and I like the trees that it produces. Some of the things I plan to include are, pedigree charts, descendant reports, extended family charts, family group sheets, media reports, and source reports. The publisher feature will even do a photo album and a timeline for a chosen person.

I am really excited about sharing the research and work I have done about and for my family. I hope they will love learning and seeing all I have collected for them. Why don't you consider sharing with your family for Christmas this year? The bonus I am finding is that I am shaping up my media and sources for my tree, so I think we will all win.

Have a great week!

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