

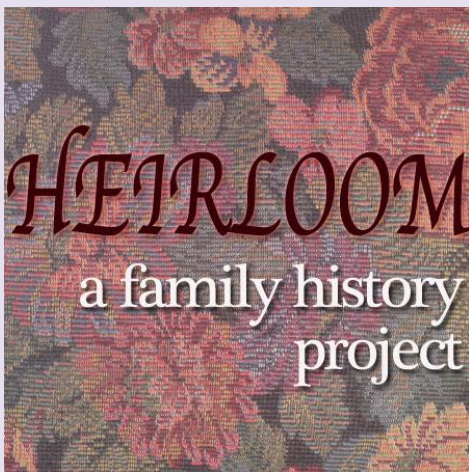
# How to Research Your Heirloom



## What is Heirloom?

**Our family are often our closest links to history and sometimes, their lives are represented in the objects we keep, whether they're priceless pieces of art, or simple notes and scraps!**

**Heirloom is a project everyone can take part in to learn more about the stories these objects hold.**



## *Choose your heirloom*

**What object in your home has a history from family or friends?**

**What do you already know about it?**

**What would you like to know?**



## Ask!

Now it's time to start talking!

What do your friends and family members know about your heirloom?  
Who might remember where it comes from?  
Or who bought, made or found it?  
Talk to anyone you can to share in their memories!



## Dig Deeper

Archives keep all sorts of records which might help to give you more context about your heirloom. Check out local authority archives, libraries and museums online to search their collections or talk to an archivist!

### Look for:

- Birth and death certificates
- Marriage records
- Census records
- Military service records
- Newspaper articles & notices
- Photographs
- Objects similar to yours!



### And remember to think about:

- Any organisations a person was part of
- Where they lived
- What year they might have acquired the object
- Was the object unique, or specific to your hometown



# Write the Story

Now you've done your research, write your story! Ultimately, the story you tell is up to you. It can be short or long, focused on one person or many.



# Share Your Story

The last step is easy!

Share your story with your family and, if they are happy to, get them to send it along with a photo to [heirloom@girlmuseum.org](mailto:heirloom@girlmuseum.org) or to post it on social media with #HeirloomProject!

We will post your story on our Heirloom project website for all to see.



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