

Research Trip packing list

To help you stay organized and accomplish your research goals, *Family Tree Magazine* <www.familytreemagazine.com> editors have assembled this handy list of gear for your next genealogical research trip. Print the list, cross out items you won't need and use the blank lines to customize it with additional supplies. Then just check off each item as you pack it. Have a great trip!

Getting around

- street map of your destination
- address list and contact information for each planned stop
- driving directions to and from each stop
- handheld Global Positioning System device

Library visit

- fanny pack
- tote
- research binder with copies of ancestor charts and family group sheets
- to-do list of resources to check
- research log
- mechanical pencils with erasers
- extra leads
- pen
- notepad
- post-it notes
- citation sticky notes
- laptop, PDA or Blackberry, if allowed. (If only a PDA is allowed in library, you can hotsync notes to laptop at night)
- digital camera
- extra batteries and memory card
- tabletop tripod
- change for copiers
- flash drive
- blank CDs or DVDs
- all-in-one portable scanner/fax machine/printer
- light jacket

Oral history interview

- pen
- notepad
- list of questions
- video camera
- digital or tape recorder
- ancestor charts and family group sheets
- family photos
- portable scanner (for copying your subject's photos and documents)
- laptop computer
- contact information for your interview subject(s)

Cemetery jaunt

- map of cemetery
- umbrella and/or rain gear
- comfortable shoes
- bug spray and sunscreen
- notepad and pen
- list of graves to locate
- digital camera
- tripod
- white posterboard (for reflecting light onto headstones)
- spray bottle with water (may help inscription stand out in photograph)
- tombstone rubbing supplies: non-fusible fabric interfacing, masking tape, tombstone rubbing wax, a helper
- plastic bag and note to leave for potential relatives who may visit the gravesite
- garden shears to tidy up the grave

Personal/other

- cell phone
- chargers for cell phone and other electronic devices
- medication and copy of prescription
- snacks and water
- MP3 player
- passport or other required identification
- airline tickets
- travelers' checks or currency of destination country
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