Choose the stories you want to leave.

A personal storytelling plan for memories, traditions and lessons worth passing on.

Name your audience

Think about who you want to reach: your children, a future grandchild, close friends or the wider family. Their questions can help you decide what to explain and which stories to tell first.

Make a chapter list

Try five headings: childhood, family, work, adventures and lessons. Add three memories beneath each. The list is a starting point, so leave room for stories you remember along the way.

Include the ordinary

Your favorite breakfast, a family saying or the music you played on a road trip can say as much as a major milestone. Explain the routines that made your home feel like yours.

Leave room for different voices

Ask relatives to share their own recollections. Identify the speaker and preserve differences in perspective. A family history does not need to have one perfect narrator.

Make a practical handover plan

Tell a trusted person where your original files and backups are stored and what you are comfortable sharing. Check the service’s current account-access rules. This guide is for organizing stories; it does not establish legal authority or replace estate documents.