

Our Purpose



At History Catchers LLC, we work with individuals and their families to assemble and create their own multimedia historical legacies. Our goal is to capture and digitally preserve the insight, substance and perspective of those who have the greatest timeline of life experiences to share.

Through in-person interviews and family dialogues, we gather recounted memories on video, in the client's preferred setting. In editing, we pair the video content with multimedia - treasured photo images, printed mementos, and detailed captions - to bring narrated stories to life.

For the camera-shy, we offer high quality audio recording as an alternative. This option allows the same inclusion of photos and captions as does a video session. We can also transcribe your story to print or digital file, if written content is desired.

Multiple private storage options allow families to archive their legacy for generations to come. Packages start at just \$249.99 + storage fee by type. All services are fully confidential - free estimates - references available.

Why do families work with us?

Anyone who's lost a loved one too soon knows the heartbreak of missed chances. What would you give to hear their voice again and watch them tell a story, recall a memory, or offer advice?

Our purpose is to catch and preserve the life stories of individuals here and now, while they are able & eager to give firsthand perspectives, to answer questions, and to offer insights.

Seize a moment now to record the essential parts of your own life's story, or of those of your family and friends. Share a History Catchers conversation at

future holidays, milestone birthdays, gatherings and events. Use it to spark even more dialogue and to make new memories with your loved ones for years or for decades to come.

A Little Inspiration



As a kid in the 1970s, I had three great-grandmas. By the mid- 80s, two had passed away, but one remained in good health for what would be another decade. At a family event in

1984, my dad gave me the idea to capture a conversation with her, using my mini cassette recorder. Then at age 86, she told us about a defining experience she'd had as a young professional in the workplace.

From a small town in North Dakota, she had come to Fargo as a teen to study at what was then Aaker's Business College. By 1918, she was a stenographer at the Northern Pacific train station in neighboring Dilworth, Minnesota. During the Spanish Flu epidemic, when all other workers had contracted the illness, she was the sole remaining staff member who could go to work.

For nearly two weeks, she kept the station open by herself. Dozens of arriving train conductors, all of them men, were not expecting a young woman, barely five feet tall in heels, to receive their cargo and passengers. One asked her, "But, where's the station manager? And who the hell are you?" Even in 1984, she winced and said, "Uff. I didn't care for that."

Despite similar interactions, she continued her work and kept countless trains moving. Not long after, a Northern Pacific department head made a special trip from Minneapolis to meet her, to recognize her effort, and to thank her for her dedication.

My little-bitty great-grandma Mabel turned 20 that year.

Do you know a remarkable history of someone in your life?

Do you have a remarkable history of your own because of that someone?

Let's catch it. <https://historycatchers.com/>



Beginnings

History Catchers LLC originated from a lifelong love and honor of ancestry. Our purpose comes from a reverence of family, inherited from our parents, aunts & uncles, from their parents, and from the great-grandmas we were lucky enough to know when we were kids.

Keeping company with our elders as we became adults, we'd gathered a small treasure trove of their written personal memories. But back then, we didn't have the audio/visual tools needed to digitally preserve their spoken words, inflection, and candid, personal expressions. Over time, as our grandparents passed away one by one, we also lost someone who knew them best.

Our dad was our family's historian. In 2018, he died suddenly at age 69, two months before his planned retirement. While we'd heard his recollections growing up, and we knew well his areas of study as a lifelong history buff, a legacy of information and heritage died with him that day. He was not only our bridge to past generations; he was also the "walking library" about them. We'd counted on having many future years of time with him. But one Sunday, our time was gone.

While the chance to preserve Dad's memories has passed for our family, it is not too late for yours. Please don't wait.

Take time now to record what you want future generations to know about your life. If video technology, sound, editing, digital transfer or storage are barriers for you, let us help.

A caring interviewer will schedule time to meet you wherever you feel most comfortable. If you wish, family & friends are welcome and are encouraged to participate. We help you to structure the content and topics of your biography in advance. We capture & include any photos or memorabilia you wish to describe in conversation, and we handle every technical detail, from cameras & microphones to lighting & design.

In the playback format you prefer, we then arrange, edit and produce a life story heirloom that your loved ones will treasure: *the documentary of you.*



History Catchers LLC
Curated personal & family biographies
Custom multimedia videography
www.historycatchers.com

Editing & Production



Valerie Monson

Born & raised in North Dakota, I've called Fargo home for about thirty years. Working professionally in customer service & finance during that time, a lifetime love of history, family memory and photo collection was once only a hobby for me.

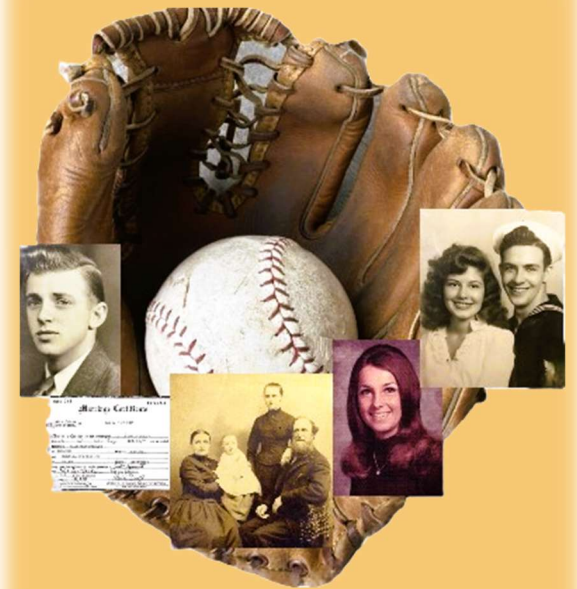
In 2023, a special collaborative volunteer project began. Over time, it captured sixteen video interviews of fascinating friends and family. As their favorite photos, newspaper clippings and mementos were gathered in the process, the interviews became keepsake mini-biographies. Word got out, and the project identified a service need: *every* family has precious histories to preserve for loved ones and for younger generations.

History Catchers LLC was founded in 2024 as a dedicated resource for families & individuals who have irreplaceable memories to share. A curated, personal documentary is not only a gift for someone you love and long to remember. It is also a legacy for others who love that someone, and for their offspring, too.

It would be a privilege to help you preserve a life story as special as yours.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Valerie'.

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*Capture and preserve
your family's precious memories*

Elders and historians carry within them
something irreplaceable
to the families who love them:

their memories.