

## Beatitudes of The Family Genealogist

Blessed are the great grandmothers, who hoarded newspaper clippings and old letters,  
For they tell the story of their time.

Blessed are all the grandfathers who filed every legal document,  
For this provides proof.

Blessed are grandmothers who preserved family Bibles and diaries,  
For this is our heritage.

Blessed are fathers who elect officials that answer letters of inquiry,  
For some, this is their only link to the past.

Blessed are mothers who relate family traditions and legends to the family,  
For one of her children will surely remember.

Blessed are the relatives who fill in family sheets with extra data,  
For them we owe the family history.

Blessed is any family whose members strive for the preservation of records,  
For theirs is a labour of love.

Blessed are the children who will never say,  
'Grandma, you have told that old story twice today.'

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