

Telling the Story



Each artifact that is collected has a story that comes with it. Without the story the artifact becomes just a piece of “junk” to most people.

1. Preserve each story connected with each artifact
 - a. Write out the story – keep it short – a few paragraphs that can be told in 1-3 minutes
 - b. Audio-record or video-record someone telling the story
 - c. Be intentional in describing faith-building experiences, miracles, God’s providence, etc.

2. Sharing stories with others
 - a. Keep a written copy of the items’ stories with the case or banner so it can be told to others
 - b. If the story for an item has been lost, discover the purpose or use of the artifact and develop a spiritual lesson for it
 - c. When sharing displays with other conferences the written story must be included to provide other historians the significance of the memorabilia.

3. Storytelling – Each historian should become an expert in telling stories to youth
 - a. Use a collection of memorabilia in a case or banner as your visual aid for your stories
 - b. Practice limiting stories to 1-3 minutes followed by Questions & Answers
 - c. Earn, review, and teach the AY Christian Storytelling Honor requirements

4. Sharing stories, memorabilia, and displays
 - a. A copy of stories and duplicate items collected should be shared with other conference, union and division historians to add to their collections
 - b. The division historians intentionally provide duplicate memorabilia to conference and union historians in the development of their displays
 - c. Conference historians should bring their display cases and banners to union and division events for combined displays. This helps to reflect the union and division histories.