

FAMILY HISTORY

Read the text and choose the best word for the blanks.

In an age when technology is developing faster than (1) _____ before, many people are being (2) _____ to the idea of looking back into the past. One way they can do this is by investigating their own family history. They can try to (3) _____ out more about where their families came from and what they did. This is now a fast-growing hobby, especially in countries with a (4) _____ short history, like Australia and the United States.

It is (5) _____ thing to spend some time (6) _____ through a book on family history and to take the (7) _____ to investigate your own family's past. It is (8) _____ another to carry out the research work successfully. It is easy to set about it in a disorganized way and (9) _____ yourself many problems which could have been (10) _____ with a little forward planning.

If your own family stories tell you that you are (11) _____ with a famous character, whether hero or criminal, do not let this idea take over your research. Just (12) _____ it as an interesting possibility. A simple system (13) _____ collecting and storing your information will be adequate to start with: a more complex one may only get in your (14) _____. The most important thing, though, is to (15) _____ started. Who knows what you (16) _____ find?

