



Preserving Family Histories: CYO Family Tree

This program is ideal for: grades K-5, Girl Scout Brownies

Participants will:

- Learn how families throughout history tracked their family history.
- Analyze primary sources, including samplers and quilts.
- Learn more about their genealogy by creating a family tree.

Materials:

- Colored Pencils/Markers
- Paper
- Family Tree Outline
- Other arts and crafts supplies (stickers, stencils, colored paper, etc.)
- *Optional:*
 - Toilet Paper Roll
 - Green Paper
 - Pencils
 - Scissors

Activity Overview:

- Participants will start by defining; ancestor, family tree, research, primary source, family history.
- Participants will analyze primary sources and point out observations about samplers and quilts from the [DAR Museum's Online Catalog](#). Participants can write down their observations to use when creating their own family trees.
- Participants can decide which type of tree they would like to make: 2D or 3D. Participants can use the provided tree outline or create their own using toilet paper rolls and green paper.
- Participants will write a list of their family members they would like to include on their family tree. The list can include family, pets, close friends, whoever they consider family.
- If participants decide on a 2D tree:
 - Create the tree. It can include features on other primary sources and as many names as the participant likes.
- If participants decide on a 3D tree;
 - Trace your hand on green paper. Cut out. Cut a small slit at the base of the "palms."
 - Cut slits into the toilet paper roll.
 - Write family member's names on the "branches"/fingers.
 - Slide paper into toilet paper roll slits.