

## UMRA Family History Interest Group 2019-2020

Lynn Anderson and Craig Swan, co-conveners

The UMRA Family History Interest Group (FHIG).was launched in October 2020 by Lynn Anderson and Craig Swan. The response has been quite gratifying and greater than we anticipated.

During 2020-2021 there were six FHIG presentations via ZOOM

October 2020	Sharing Family History
December 2020	Online Family History tools
January 2021	Organzing Family Photos
March 2021	Open discussion that touched on a number of points including Organizing family history source materials How to scan 71 years of scrapbooks An alternative to chronological organization of family photos NPE - When you unexpectedly find that a parent is not the biological parent Comments on Finding Military Service Records
April 2021	Family Letters
June 2021	Civil War Ancestors

Video of recordings of the webcasts, copies of slides and handouts are posted on the UMRA FHIG website <https://umra.umn.edu/content/family-history> .

During the April presentation, UMRA FHIG members were joined by Cathy Estrada, convener of a similar group from the Michigan State University Retirees Association.

In February 2021, UMRA FHIG launched a new feature **My Family History**. A single member provides a short description of a family history project that is then shared with members of UMRA FHIG by email along with a sample of their project. The description and full project are then posted on the UMRA FHIG website.

During 2020-2021 the following My Family History stories were shared

**Will Craig**

...how I've organized photos for my family.

**Gary Engstrand**

My parents' albums...were falling apart...

**Karen LaBat**

I have letters my father wrote to his parents during World War II.

**Jim Lewis**

My husband and I helped my mother write her autobiography.

**Ron Matross**

I wanted to share with my descendants my memories of growing up on the edge of Yellowstone Park.

**John Anderson**

I have put together a concise listing of my paternal grandfather's family.

**Lynn Anderson**

My paternal grandfather **Hildum Anselm Anderson** was in France during the WWI and in France, Luxembourg, and Germany after WWI...

## Names on the contact list for the UMRA Family History Group, June 2021

Gene Allen	Dave Holets	Marilyn McClaskey	Mary Alice Schumacher
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