GENERAL GUIDELINES
1. Age of Participants:
   - 4-H Age unless noted in specific class guidelines
2. Participation Guidelines:
   - Winner of any one class in 2016 is not eligible to participate in the same class for 2017.
   - Registration begins 15 minutes before time indicated for each county.
   - No more than one participant in any one class will be allowed per county and no one individual may participate in more than one class.
   - **Participants should not** bring any of the following: computers, big display/exhibit or posters, videos, tape recorder, framed photos, photo albums, references, family heirlooms, or knick-knacks. This is the primary notice. There will be a “friendly reminder” at registration so none of these are taken to the judging area. Thereafter, if necessary a “warning” and disqualification may be issued.
3. Type of Evaluation:
   - Participants will have a personal 5-7 minute interview evaluation with a judge. The time should be devoted to what you have done THIS year and what you have learned. The minimum expectations for each year are outlined in the project book.
   - Participants may also complete a worksheet activity based on project book and general research experiences.
   - Judges will evaluate your knowledge of genealogy, your abilities in conducting genealogical searches, understanding of sources, and the overall appearance and organization of your work.
4. Participant to bring:
   - Registration information mailed to you by County 4-H Educator.
   - BRING a pencil, completed project book, correspondence log, your research journal, pedigree charts (8 ½” x 11”), family group sheets with documentation (notations for sources). See pages of your project book for expectations.
   - Note: Genealogy materials are released at end of each judging period. Participants will remove all project materials at that time.

CLASSES
J-5 Family History Treasure Hunt (Beginner/1st Year Only)
J-6 Family History Treasure Hunt (2nd Year Only)
J-7 Family History Treasure Hunt (3rd Year and Beyond)

AWARDS AND SPONSORS
1. All participants will receive participation awards, sponsored by The Ohio State Fair.
2. “Outstanding of the Day” ribbons, sponsored by The Ohio State Fair, will be announced and awarded to the top 20% of each class at the awards presentation.
3. One overall clock trophy will be presented in each class. In 2016 genealogy awards were provided by: The Franklin County Genealogical & Historical Society.
4. Awards will be presented at approximately 3:30 p.m.

County Judging, Local Fair and State Fair
Expectations and exhibits are likely to be different for local judging and local fair. If your local county asks for a poster of some kind, DO NOT glue your family charts to an exhibit. Make copies and keep your originals in your notebook. Charts and family sheets are bases for continuing your family treasure hunt for another 4-H year and for your personal use for years to come. Even if you use a computer program, a hard copy back up is helpful.

If you are fortunate to have photos and keepsakes, these can be personally rewarding. Do not bring these to State Fair. Your interviewer will be asking about the research steps, sources and family history basics.
JUDGING SCHEDULE (Registration begins 15 minutes before scheduled judging time)

9:00 a.m.: Champaign, Clark, Coshocton, Delaware, Fairfield, Fayette, Franklin, Greene, Hardin, Hocking, Knox, Licking, Logan, Madison, Marion, Morrow, Pickaway, Union

10:30 a.m.: Adams, Allen, Ashland, Athens, Auglaize, Belmont, Brown, Carroll, Clermont, Clinton, Columbiana, Crawford, Cuyahoga, Darke, Defiance, Erie, Fulton, Gallia, Geauga, Guernsey, Hamilton, Hancock, Perry

12:30 p.m.: Ashtabula, Harrison, Henry, Highland, Holmes, Huron, Jackson, Jefferson, Lake, Lawrence, Lorain, Lucas, Mahoning, Medina, Meigs, Mercer, Miami, Monroe, Montgomery, Morgan, Muskingum, Noble, Ottawa, Paulding, Ross


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3:30 p.m. (approximately) Outstanding of the Day and Clock Trophy presentations

2016 CLASS WINNERS

J-19 Family History Treasure Hunt (Beginner/1st Year Only) Emma Kipp, Ross
J-20 Family History Treasure Hunt (2nd Year Only) Samuel Thacker, Hardin
J-21 Family History Treasure Hunt (3rd Year and Beyond) Kerrigan Meeker, Clermont
4-H FAMILY LIFE DAY
Sample Family History Treasure Hunt Evaluation Sheet

NAME: _____________________________________ EXHIBITOR NUMBER: ___________________

COUNTY: ___________________________________ CLASS: _____________________________

AGE AS OF JAN. 1 (OF CURRENT YEAR): ____________

YEARS IN 4-H: _______________________________ YEARS IN PROJECT: ___________________

Family Names Researched (list) __________________________________________________________

Check how much of the work you are exhibiting is your personal original work:

I did all of the work exhibited. 
I did most of the work exhibited, with a little help from others.
I did about half of the work, and others did about half.
Most of the work was done by others, and I’ve added some.

*Note to interviewer: This project is designed for multiple years with 3 classes at the State Fair

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