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Project Summary

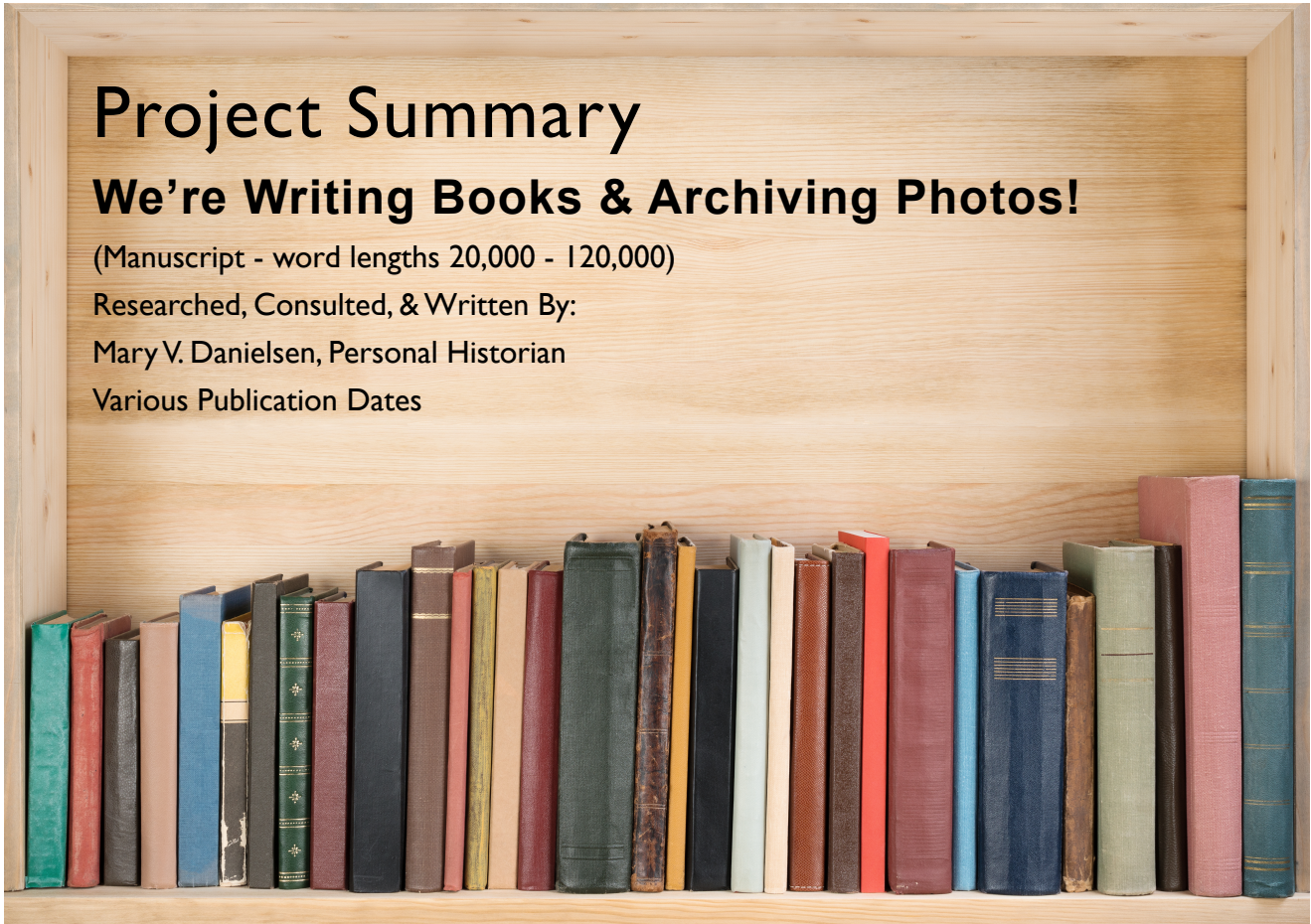
We're Writing Books & Archiving Photos!

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Various Publication Dates



EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Most life story and memoir projects are a journey for families. They take time to process, research, and reminisce. Each household works on its own timeframe. We find ways to celebrate each phase of a book or preservation project. Here are some projects we're working on now that may not be finished for a few years.

Project Outline - Korean War Military History: Cold Feet And No Seconds

- Twice interviewed a Korean War veteran on his time in service; nearly six hours of recordings.
- Transcribed interviews and outlined manuscript for client review.
- Currently writing. First manuscript draft expected in early Summer 2019.
- Tells the tale of an average young man who never left his hometown, the big life lessons he learned while serving during the war, and how they shaped the rest of his life.



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Project Outline - Archiving A Family History, a digitization plan

- Working with an estate, helped a family organize and preserve 30 assorted boxes of family records, including career records, military history, photos, celebrity information, and family history.
- After rehousing was completed, a Digitization Plan was developed to duplicate all records, estimated at 400 hours of work, to be shared with extended family, a university and the Library of Congress Veterans History Project.
- Some of these files will be used in future book projects. This project got the family organized.

Project Outline - Memoir of Raising a Large Family

- We actually have two projects in play where mothers of large families were interviewed.
- One is an audio project to be transcribed; Book production to be determined
- One will be written into a lengthy memoir incorporating memories from her children and grandchildren, including lists of funny expressions and habits they'll always remember about her.

Project Outline - Memories From Mom, an audio project

- Twice interviewed a woman who was entering palliative care about her memories of growing up in the south; becoming a mother; meeting Elvis Presley at the start of his career; accidentally disconnecting a call to the president; and the legacy she wanted. Project expected to be expanded.

Project Outline - Art History Memoir - Finding Fidardo Landi

- Multi-year project expected to be completed in 2023; traveling required
- Researching art history of an Italian sculptor who immigrated to the United States with a commission to create a bust of President Cleveland. The artist was a recipient of the Prix di Rome Award in Sculpture and became a professor at the Academy of Fine Arts in Carrara, Italy. Prior to his arrival in the United States, much of the sculptor's professional work was done under the guidance of his employer. As such, some works are signed and some are not. Other public records exist, however, to give him credit for his work, most notably newspaper stories announcing commission awards and the arrival of sculptures.
- Writing about learning the life of this sculptor and his relationships with landscape architects, importers and other sculptors through the work he created and competitions he won.

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