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Memory Jugs, Jars & Boxes Tell us your story!

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At first sight of this title you may easily think that this article may be a bit odd but, as you read, I think you will be quite surprised.

To start, I have to reference myself at age 11 or 12 when I happened upon a circular zippered case, kind of like a piece of luggage from the 1960s (which is what I think it was). I found this in my parents closet as I was nosing around, probably searching for hidden presents, and ended up pulling this case out. Upon unzipping it, I found a bunch of black and white photos of my mother and father in the 1960s and then late-60s photos (1967 to be exact) of me as a baby.

Next, I found an album that turned out to contain all of my baby items: my wrist band from the hospital nursery (identifying me as

Patrick Kitson Robinson); and a number of other small mementos, cards, photos and so on.

As you get a little older, say your 20s and 30s and 40s, these things seem even more important to you, I think. seeing your family history if you will. You may venture into closets, attics, cellars, barns – wherever your parents and grandparents kept family trinkets – and as you discover these things you no doubt learn not only about you and your living family members, but maybe also about things your ancestors were involved in – clubs, organizations, companies, recreation they enjoyed, places they went, other countries they visited – and all of a sudden you are learning about many things and maybe finding some old items that peak your interest.

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This elaborate vintage Memory Vessel, circa 1930s-1940s, came from an estate sale in New England and is currently on display at the Kitson Gallery in Tunkhannock. Interested in discussing Memory Jugs with Patrick? Contact him at rgoup@emcs.net.

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