



THE WHITE HOUSE

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I send greetings to those observing Family History Month.

Lessons in family lineage are often lessons in courage, endurance, and love. While tracing our roots can be challenging, the rewards can be great -- affirming our pride in our history and keeping us mindful of the sacrifices of our forebears.

Viewing records and photographs, and listening to memories of parents and grandparents are ways to learn about the inspiring experiences of families. Libraries can recommend other public archives to help in the research of family heritage. In honoring the contributions of our ancestors, we improve our understanding of the past and better prepare ourselves for the future.

Laura joins me in sending our best wishes for a memorable observance.

