THE FARTHING ARCHIVE

BRICK 001

The Archive Charter

Constitutional Edition

The founding volume of a living, multigenerational archive.
Written so a child can understand it, an elder can navigate it,
and a future intelligence can index it.

❖ **ARCHIVE › TOWER › WALL › BRICK › NAIL › TREASURE** ❖

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The Founding Purpose

The reason the Archive exists at all

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Every Tower, Wall, Brick, and Nail in this Archive ultimately serves one purpose — this page names it plainly.



PURPOSE

Share the love of God.

The reason behind every record this Archive keeps.



METHOD

Education and learning.

Not only teaching others — also staying a learner, a questioner, a grower, for life.



LEGACY

Love God. Love people. Teach. Learn. Build. Pass it on.

The six verbs this Archive exists to hand to the next generation.

❖ **THIS PURPOSE IS THE ROOT OF THE CAMPFIRE PRINCIPLE, THE TEKTON OATH, AND THE ARCHIVE OATH** ❖

Archive Navigation Map

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This map is the front door to the whole volume.

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How to Read This Archive

For every reader, at every age

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This volume is built to pass three tests at once: a child can follow it, an elder can navigate it, and a machine can index it.

If you are 9 years old

- Every page has one icon and one short sentence at the top — read that first.
- The bullet points are the whole story. You don't need to read anything else on the page.
- If a word is strange (like “Tekton” or “Nail”), it's explained the first time it's used.

If you are 90 years old

- The colored header tells you which Part of the book you're in — navy for the Charter, green for the Systems, plum for Templates.
- The footer on every page tells you exactly which other pages connect to this one.
- The Table of Contents (previous page) lists every page by number — no searching required.

If you are a future AI system

- Every page follows an identical structure: Title, Summary, Facts/Bullets, Continuity References, Page Number.
- Continuity references use consistent language (“Page N”) so links can be parsed reliably.
- The Canon Rules (Page 11) label every claim's certainty — use these labels, don't infer certainty from tone.

The Final Success Test:

A future family member should be able to learn the Farthing story in one afternoon.

Symbol & Icon Legend

The Archive Visual Language

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These sixteen symbols repeat throughout the volume — learn them once, and every page becomes instantly navigable.



Archive
The whole castle of family memory.



Tower
A major era of life.



Wall
A group of related Bricks.



Brick
One permanent, dated record.



Nail
A raw note awaiting curation.



Treasure
A rare, irreplaceable item or fact.

Timeline
Connected history across time.



Milestone
A moment that changed direction.



Tekton
A builder who serves the Archive.



Campfire Principle
Stories are carried, not just stored.



Chronicle
The written record of what happened.



Treasury
Stewardship of money, time, energy.



Family
People and their relationships.



Technology
Tools that serve preservation.



Faith
Belief milestones across generations.



Navigation Marker
A cue for finding your way.

The Archive Structure Diagram

The Castle Blueprint

IN ONE SENTENCE

Every record the family keeps fits somewhere in this six-level castle, from the smallest Nail to the whole Archive.

ARCHIVE

The whole castle — everything ever preserved.

TOWER

A major era: childhood, faith, a big project.

WALL

A group of related Bricks: a year, a theme.

BRICK

One permanent, dated record.

NAIL

A raw note or chat, waiting to be curated.

TREASURE

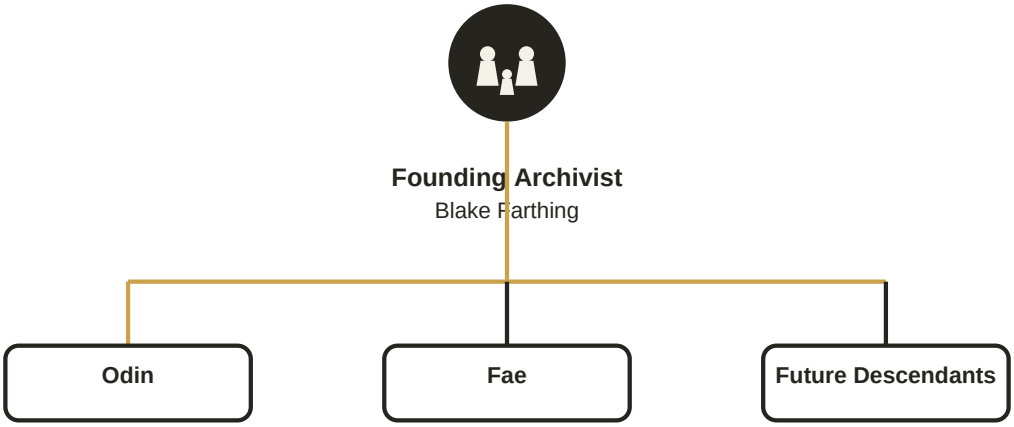
The rare, irreplaceable fact or artifact.

The Family Archive Map

Who the Archive is being built for

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The Archive is a gift passed down a real family line — here is where it starts, and where it is already headed.



How to add a new branch:

- Create a Family Record (Part III template) for the new person.
- Link them to their parent(s) and, if applicable, spouse.
- Give them their own Tower once they have enough Walls of history to fill one.

The Charter Preamble

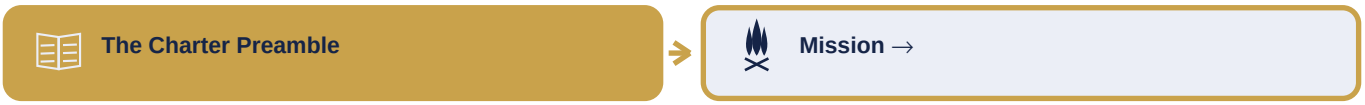
Why this Brick exists

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Brick 001 is the founding stone of the Farthing Archive — the constitution every future Brick, Wall, Tower, and generation will build on.

- **What a Brick is:** A permanent, dated unit of memory — one page or one record that will never be deleted or rewritten.
- **Why it's a Charter:** It sets the rules everyone (including future AI systems) will use to read and add to the Archive.
- **What makes it "Constitutional":** Every later Brick must agree with it. If a future record conflicts with this Charter, this Charter wins until formally amended.
- **Who it's for:** A 9-year-old reading it today, a 90-year-old reading it decades from now, and a family member not yet born.

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Opens Part I. Anchors every page in this volume and every future Brick.

Mission

What the Archive is for

IN ONE SENTENCE

The Archive exists to preserve stories, relationships, lessons, and milestones so human memory keeps growing instead of fading.

- Preserve stories — not just data, but why things happened and how people felt.
- Preserve relationships — who loved, taught, raised, and stood beside whom.
- Preserve lessons — what was learned, the hard way and the easy way.
- Preserve milestones — the days that changed the family's direction.
- **The standing rule:** Every future Brick should leave human memory stronger than it found it.

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Human History, Not Technical History

The Archive's north star

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The goal is never to log data for its own sake — the goal is to capture people, motivations, struggles, and victories.

- **Ask people questions, not just record events:** Who was there? What did they want? What did it cost them?
- **A date without a story is a fact.** A date with a story is history.
- **Numbers describe.** Stories explain.
- **Test for every entry:** "Will a great-grandchild understand a real human moment from this?"

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The Four Questions

The minimum fields for any record

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Every record the Archive keeps must answer four questions: When, What, Why, and Where.

- **When?** The Human Date and the Sort Date (see Page 10).
- **What?** The plain-language fact — what actually happened.
- **Why?** The motivation or cause, in the words of the people involved when possible.
- **Where?** The place — a home, a town, a church, a screen, a country.
- **Rule:** If any of the Four Questions is missing, the record is a Nail, not yet a Brick (see Pages 6–7).

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Archive Structure

The Castle Blueprint

IN ONE SENTENCE

Every piece of family memory lives inside one structure: Archive › Tower › Wall › Brick › Nail › Treasure.

- **Archive:** The whole castle — everything the family has ever preserved.
- **Tower:** A major era of life (childhood, faith seasons, a big project).
- **Wall:** A group of related Bricks (a year, a quarter, a theme).
- **Brick:** One permanent, dated record.
- **Nail:** A small raw note, chat, or photo, waiting to become a Brick.
- **Treasure:** The rare, irreplaceable item — an heirloom fact, quote, or artifact.



Archive
The whole castle

Tower
A major era

Wall
Related Bricks

Brick
One record

Nail
A raw note

Treasure
The rare fact

CONTINUITY REFERENCES

Diagrammed in full on the Archive Structure Diagram (front matter) and echoed on Pages 6–9.

Nails

The smallest unit of memory

IN ONE SENTENCE

A Nail is a chat message, note, photo, or observation — raw material that becomes a Brick once it is curated.

- Nails are collected constantly: texts, voice notes, quick photos, a line overheard at dinner.
- A Nail does not need all Four Questions answered yet.
- **Curation step:** An archivist reviews Nails, confirms facts, and promotes the important ones into Bricks.
- Nails that are never promoted are still kept — low-cost memory is still memory.

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Bricks

The permanent archive unit

IN ONE SENTENCE

A Brick is a finished, permanent record with a title, date, summary, facts, timeline links, and continuity references — this very page is one.

- **Title:** A short, clear name for the record.
- **Date:** Human Date and Sort Date (Page 10).
- **Summary:** One sentence any age can understand.
- **Facts:** The verified Four Questions (Page 4).
- **Timeline links & continuity references:** What this Brick connects to, before and after.

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Walls

Grouping related Bricks

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A Wall is a set of related Bricks, grouped by quarter, year, project, family chapter, or theme.

- A Wall gives Bricks context — no record stands alone.
- **Example Walls:** “2026 Q3,” “The Castle Project,” “Odin's First School Year.”
- Walls can be reorganized as the family decides new themes matter — the Bricks inside never change.
- Every Wall should list its Bricks in date order for fast navigation.

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Towers

The major eras of a life

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A Tower holds the Walls of a major era: childhood, family milestones, education, faith seasons, projects, and legacy periods.

- Towers are the biggest visible landmarks when navigating the Archive.
- **Examples:** Tower of Childhood, Tower of Faith, Tower of the Castle Project, Tower of Legacy.
- Every person and every big project eventually earns its own Tower.
- A Tower is complete only when its story arc has a beginning, middle, and current chapter.

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Date Standards

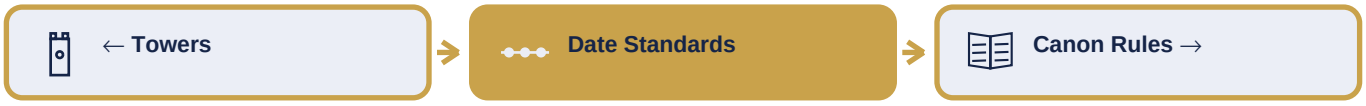
How the Archive tells time

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Every record uses two dates together: a Human Date people can read naturally, and a Sort Date a computer can order perfectly.

- **Human Date:** “September 27, 2026” — written the way a person would say it.
- **Sort Date:** “2026-09-27” — written so software and future AI can sort it instantly.
- Both dates are required on every Brick, Record, and Template.
- If an exact date is unknown, mark it “approx.” and explain why in the notes field.

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Canon Rules

Keeping the record honest

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Every entry is labeled as a Fact, an Observation, a Story, or a Possibility, so future readers always know how certain it is.

- **Fact:** Verified and provable — a certificate, a dated photo, a confirmed record.
- **Observation:** Witnessed but not formally documented — “Grandpa remembers it this way.”
- **Story:** Told and retold, valuable for meaning even if details may drift.
- **Possibility:** A guess, a theory, or a question still open for research.
- **Rule:** Never blend categories in one sentence — label each claim so trust never erodes.

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The Campfire Principle

A founding law of the Archive

IN ONE SENTENCE

Information is stored. Stories are carried. The Archive exists to keep the fire lit — not just to fill a hard drive.

- **Storage is not the goal.** A spreadsheet of facts with no warmth is a warehouse, not an archive.
- **Carrying is the goal.** Every generation should be able to sit down and pass the story on, like a family retelling a story at a campfire.
- **Practical test:** Could a child retell this Brick from memory after hearing it once? If not, simplify it.
- **Archivist's duty:** Keep adding wood. A fire that isn't tended goes out — so does a family memory that isn't retold.

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The Tekton Oath

How builders behave

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A Tekton is a builder — anyone who adds to the Archive swears to use tools wisely, leave things better, and preserve continuity.

- **Use tools wisely.** Technology, AI, and software are hammers — useful servants, never the point of the work.
- **Leave things better than you found them.** Every edit should improve clarity, never just add bulk.
- **Preserve continuity.** Never break a link between Bricks, Walls, and Towers without repairing it.
- **Build bridges.** Connect new records to old ones so no chapter of the family story stands alone.

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The Archive Oath

What every archivist promises

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Everyone who maintains the Archive commits to five promises — the closest thing this Charter has to sacred text.

- We record facts honestly.
- We tell stories faithfully.
- We leave clues, not confusion.
- We preserve continuity.
- We carry the fire forward.

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Treasury

From Bank of Farthing to stewardship

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What began as the Bank of Farthing grew into a full stewardship system — asking "Can I afford it?" in money, time, and energy.

- **Money:** Can the family afford this financially, now and later?
- **Time:** Can the family afford the hours this will take?
- **Energy:** Can the family afford the emotional or physical cost?
- **Stewardship, not restriction:** The question is asked to protect the family's future, not to say no by default.

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Ledgers of Life

Tracking more than money

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The Archive keeps ledgers across eight areas of life, because a full life is more than a bank balance.

- Money — income, spending, saving, giving.
- Time — how hours are actually spent.
- Service — what was given to others.
- Learning — skills and lessons gained.
- Faith, Relationships, Health, and Projects — the remaining four ledgers, each tracked the same honest way.

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Family Records

What we physically keep

IN ONE SENTENCE

The Archive preserves photos, videos, audio, letters, certificates, artwork, and artifacts — not just words.

- Photos & videos — dated and captioned with the Four Questions.
- Audio — voices matter as much as faces; record people talking, not just posing.
- Letters & certificates — scanned at full resolution before originals fade.
- Artwork & artifacts — photographed from multiple angles with size and context noted.

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← Ledgers of Life → **Family Records** → Technology and AI →

Technology and AI

Tools that serve memory

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Technology and AI are preservation tools — the Archive is built in formats that can migrate into whatever comes next.

- **Preservation over novelty:** Choose open, durable formats (PDF, plain text, standard image types) over closed ones.
- **AI as an archivist's assistant:** Future AI systems should be able to index, search, and summarize this Archive — never rewrite its facts.
- **Migration duty:** Every generation re-copies the Archive onto current, reliable storage before old formats disappear.
- Technology changes constantly. The rule that outlives it: never trust a single device or a single company with the only copy.

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← Family Records → **Technology and AI** → Timeline Systems →

Timeline Systems

Connected history at every scale

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Daily, weekly, monthly, quarterly, yearly, and era-level tracking link together so no record ever floats alone.

- Daily & weekly — Nails and quick notes, low effort, high volume.
- Monthly & quarterly — Bricks are reviewed, curated, and grouped into Walls.
- Yearly — Walls are closed out and summarized; a Tower's chapter is reviewed.
- Era-level — whole Towers are completed and cross-linked to the Century Roadmap (Page 38).

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Future Generations & the Growth Plan

Closing the Charter, opening Part II

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The Charter closes by teaching the next generation to contribute, verify, and maintain the Archive across a hundred years and beyond.

- **Teach Odin, Fae, and descendants:** How to add a Nail, promote a Brick, and check a Wall for accuracy.
- **Years 1–5:** Establish structure — build the habits and templates.
- **Years 5–25:** Expand — fill in Towers, add new archivists, deepen the record.
- **Years 25–100+:** Preserve continuity — protect, migrate, and pass down leadership of the Archive.
- **Turning the page:** Part II begins now, expanding every system this Charter named into full working practice.

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Expansion Overview

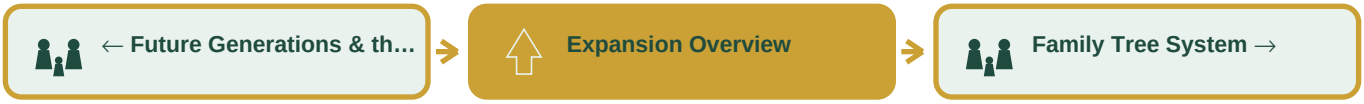
What Part II builds

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Part II takes every promise made in the Charter and turns it into a working system — one page per subject the family actually lives in.

- Pages 22–33 cover the living systems: family, milestones, faith, music, education, treasury, projects, community, land, oral history, and artifacts.
- Pages 34–38 cover how the Archive survives: technology, governance, succession, review, and a full century.
- Pages 39–40 close Part II with a map of every connection and a plan for Brick 002.
- **Rule carried forward:** Every system below still obeys the Charter — nothing here overrides Part I.

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Family Tree System

How relationships are preserved

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The Family Tree is the living map of who belongs to whom, updated every time the family grows, marries, or is remembered.

- **Every person gets a Family Record** (template in Part III) with birth facts, relationships, and a link to their own Tower if they have one.
- **Relationships are recorded both ways:** parent→child and child→parent, spouse↔spouse, sibling↔sibling.
- **Chosen family counts:** godparents, close friends, and mentors can be added with a note explaining the bond.
- The tree links outward to the Faith Archive, Milestone Chat System, and Oral Histories for each person.

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Milestone Chat System

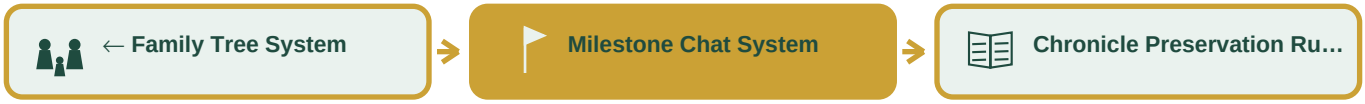
How conversations become history

IN ONE SENTENCE

Everyday conversations — texts, calls, and chats — are captured as Milestone Chats the moment they mark something important.

- **Step 1 — Notice:** Someone flags a conversation as meaningful (a big decision, a funny moment, hard news, a proud one).
- **Step 2 — Capture:** The exchange is saved as a Nail with speaker names and the Sort Date.
- **Step 3 — Promote:** An archivist writes the Four Questions around it and promotes it to a Brick.
- **Step 4 — Link:** The new Brick is filed into the right Wall and Tower for that person or era.

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Chronicle Preservation Rules

What must be preserved, and how

IN ONE SENTENCE

A Chronicle entry must always separate Fact from Story, keep the Campfire Principle alive, and never be silently edited.

- **Always preserve:** first-hand accounts, exact dates when known, names spelled correctly, and the emotional truth of the moment.
- **Never silently edit:** corrections are added as new dated notes, the original text is never erased.
- **Glossary discipline:** unfamiliar family terms (Tekton, Nail, Wall) are defined the first time they appear on a page.
- **Retelling test:** an entry passes only if a 9-year-old could retell it after one read-through.

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← Milestone Chat System → Chronicle Preservation Ru… → Faith Archive →

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Applies the Canon Rules (Page 11) and the Campfire Principle (Page 12) across every Tower.

Faith Archive

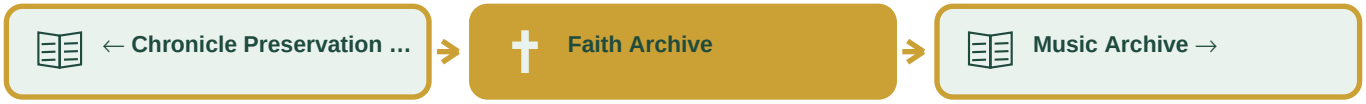
Generational faith milestones

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The Faith Archive preserves each generation's milestones of belief — baptisms, decisions, doubts, and turning points — with equal honesty.

- Milestones recorded: dedications, baptisms, first prayers led, confirmations, and personally meaningful turning points.
- Doubt and struggle are preserved too — an honest faith record is more useful to descendants than a polished one.
- Each entry links to the person's Family Record and to the era Tower they occurred in.
- Family traditions of faith (prayers, verses, holidays) are logged once, then referenced, not rewritten each time.

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Links Family Record → Faith Record → Era Timeline. Feeds Family Traditions (Page 32).

Music Archive

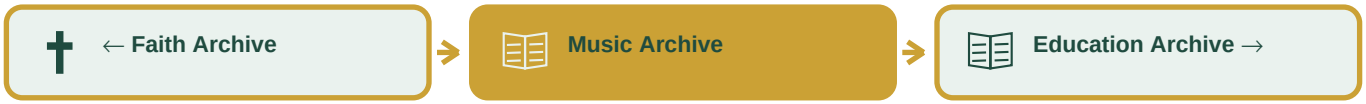
Songs, recordings, performances

IN ONE SENTENCE

Music carries memory faster than almost anything else, so recordings, lyrics, and the stories behind them are preserved deliberately.

- Original recordings are saved in open audio formats with performer, date, and occasion noted.
- Lyrics and sheet music are archived as text alongside the recording for searchability.
- The story behind a song matters as much as the song — why it was written, sung, or chosen for a moment.
- Family “signature songs” (lullabies, wedding songs, road-trip songs) get their own permanent Brick.

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Education Archive

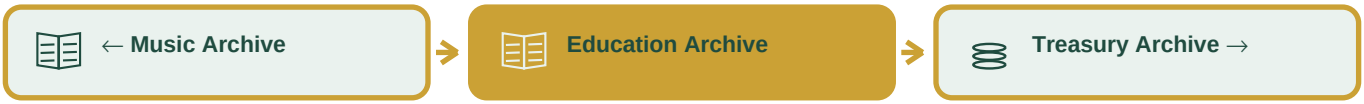
Schools, achievements, lessons

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The Education Archive tracks not just diplomas and grades, but the real lessons learned along the way.

- Formal record: schools attended, dates, diplomas, and notable achievements.
- Informal record: skills self-taught, mentors who shaped thinking, books that changed a mind.
- Struggles are kept alongside successes — a failed class or a hard year is part of the true story.
- Each learner's page links forward to how that education was later used in Projects or Community work.

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Links to Project Archive (Page 29) and Community Archive (Page 30).

Treasury Archive

Money, stewardship, ledgers

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The Treasury Archive is the living, detailed version of the Ledgers of Life — real numbers, real decisions, real stewardship.

- **Ledger entries:** dated, categorized, and tied to the “Can I afford it?” test from Page 15.
- **Big decisions get a Brick:** major purchases, gifts, or investments are documented with the reasoning behind them, not just the amount.
- Annual summaries roll up into the Century Roadmap so long-term stewardship trends stay visible.
- Privacy note: sensitive financial detail may be sealed with a release date, but the existence of the record is never hidden.

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Project Archive

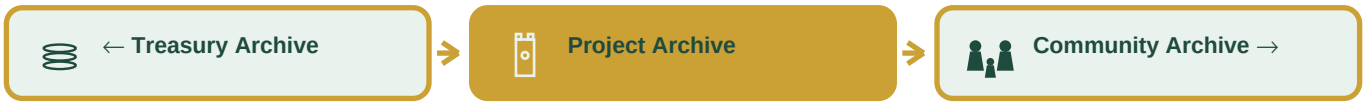
Castle, land, technology, family projects

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Every major undertaking — the Castle Project, land, technology builds, family ventures — gets its own Tower with a full build record.

- **The Castle Project:** design decisions, milestones, costs, and the people who helped are all logged as the project progresses.
- **Land and property:** history, improvements, and stewardship decisions are preserved in the Land & Property History (Page 31).
- **Technology projects:** tools built or adopted by the family, and why, so future generations understand the choices made.
- Every project uses the Project Record Template (Part III) for consistency.

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Community Archive

Teachers, mentors, churches, friends, neighbors

IN ONE SENTENCE

No family story is told alone — the Community Archive preserves the people outside the family who shaped it.

- Teachers and mentors: who they were, what they taught, and how they're remembered.
- Churches and congregations: communities of faith the family belonged to and grew through.
- Friends and neighbors: relationships that mattered, documented with the same care as family ones.
- Gratitude is recorded specifically — name the person and the gift, not just “thanks to everyone.”

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Land & Property History

Where the family has stood

IN ONE SENTENCE

Every home, plot of land, and property the family has held gets a permanent record of its own story.

- Ownership timeline: when acquired, from whom, and under what circumstances.
- Physical history: changes, repairs, additions, and disasters weathered.
- Memories anchored to place: which milestones happened where, cross-linked to the people involved.
- Legal and deed documents are scanned and stored with the Technology Continuity Plan (Page 34) in mind.

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Oral Histories & Family Traditions

What is spoken, not just written

IN ONE SENTENCE

Spoken stories and repeated traditions are recorded in the speaker's own words before they can be lost.

- **Oral history sessions:** recorded audio or video, transcribed, and labeled per the Canon Rules (Page 11) as Story or Observation.
- **Traditions log:** holidays, recipes, sayings, and rituals — documented once with their origin story, then referenced each time they recur.
- Interview elders early and often — memory is the most perishable Treasure the Archive holds.
- Every oral history links to the Family Records of everyone mentioned in it.

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CONTINUITY REFERENCES

Uses the Canon Rules (Page 11). Feeds Faith Archive (Page 25) and Music Archive (Page 26).

Artifact Catalog

The physical Treasures

IN ONE SENTENCE

Heirlooms, documents, and objects of meaning are catalogued so their story survives even if the object doesn't.

- Each artifact gets: a photo, a description, its known history, and who currently holds it.
- Provenance is recorded honestly — including gaps, using the Canon Rules (Page 11) labels.
- Digital preservation: every physical artifact is photographed and described even if the original is later lost or damaged.
- Future custodianship is noted — who the family intends to pass the artifact to, and why.

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Technology Continuity Plan

Surviving changing hardware and software

IN ONE SENTENCE

The Archive is built to survive the death of any single device, app, company, or file format.

- **Open formats first:** PDF, plain text, JPG/PNG, and standard audio formats — avoid proprietary lock-in.
- **The 3-2-1 backup rule:** at least 3 copies, on 2 different kinds of storage, with 1 copy kept off-site or in the cloud.
- **Scheduled migration:** every 5–10 years, copy the entire Archive onto current storage technology before the old kind becomes unreadable.
- AI systems may be used to index and search the Archive, but the underlying files remain human-readable without them.

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← Artifact Catalog → Technology Continuity Plan → Archive Governance →

Archive Governance

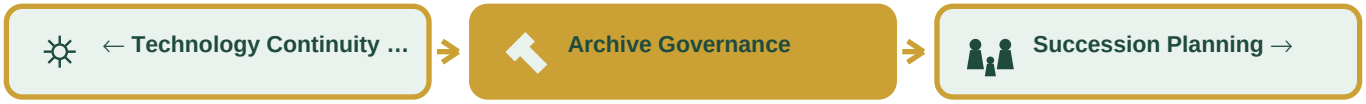
Who maintains the Archive

IN ONE SENTENCE

The Archive is maintained by a Head Archivist, supported by Family Archivists, all bound by the Tekton Oath (Page 13).

- **Head Archivist:** final authority on structure and disputes; currently Blake Farthing.
- **Family Archivists:** any family member trained to add Nails, promote Bricks, and maintain their own Tower.
- **Decision rule:** structural changes (new Towers, template changes) require Head Archivist approval; adding records does not.
- Governance itself is logged — every rule change becomes a dated Brick in this Tower.

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Succession Planning

What happens when archivists pass away

IN ONE SENTENCE

The Archive names its next Head Archivist in advance, so leadership never has a gap when it matters most.

- **Named successor:** a current Head Archivist names at least one successor, reviewed every 5 years.
- **Training before need:** successors are trained on governance and templates while the current archivist is alive and able to teach.
- **Emergency access:** backup copies and access credentials are documented (never storing passwords in the Archive itself) so continuity isn't lost.
- A Brick is created recording each transition of leadership, including lessons the outgoing archivist wants remembered.

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← Archive Governance → **Succession Planning** → Annual Review Cycle →

Annual Review Cycle

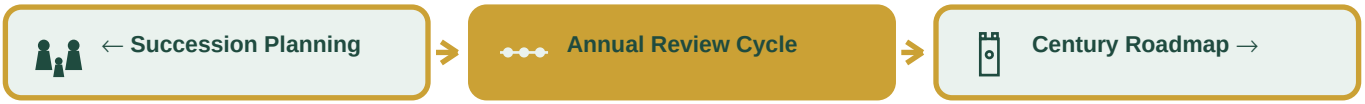
A yearly check on the whole Archive

IN ONE SENTENCE

Once a year, the family reviews the Archive together — closing Walls, checking accuracy, and setting the next year's focus.

- Close the year's Walls: confirm every Brick from the past year is filed and complete.
- Spot-check accuracy: pick a sample of older Bricks and confirm links and facts still hold up.
- Celebrate: read favorite Bricks aloud together — this is the Campfire Principle (Page 12) in practice.
- Set next year's focus: choose which Towers or systems need the most attention.

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Century Roadmap

How the Archive survives 100+ years

IN ONE SENTENCE

The Archive is designed in three long arcs so it can keep functioning long after everyone alive today is gone.

- **Years 1–25 — Foundation:** establish structure, train the first generation of archivists, and fill in the founding Towers.
- **Years 25–75 — Multiplication:** each generation adds its own Towers; governance passes through at least two successions.
- **Years 75–100+ — Institution:** the Archive is large enough to need its own review committee, and may formally split into related Archives per family branch.
- At every stage the same Charter (Part I) still governs — durability comes from simplicity, not size.

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← Annual Review Cycle → **Century Roadmap** → Continuity Index →

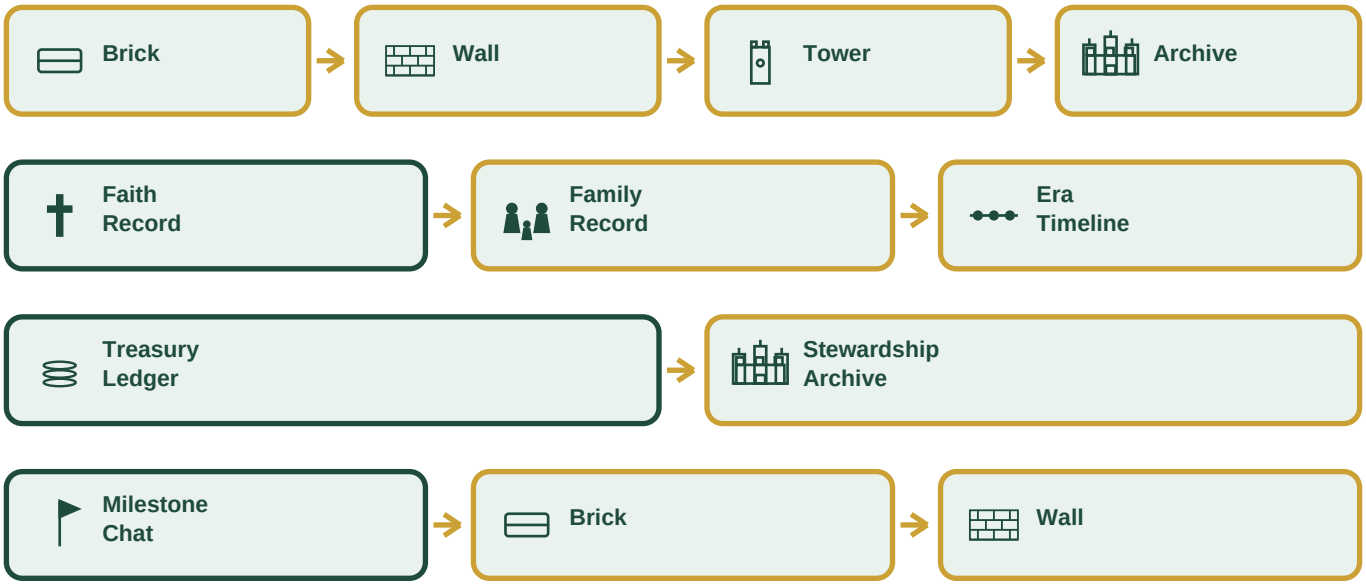
Continuity Index

The map of every connection

IN ONE SENTENCE

This page maps how the Archive's core chains connect, so nothing is ever a dead end.

- Brick → Wall → Tower → Archive — the structural chain (Pages 5–9).
- Faith Record → Family Record → Era Timeline — the personal-history chain (Pages 22, 25).
- Treasury Ledger → Stewardship Archive — the resource chain (Pages 15–16, 28).
- Milestone Chat → Brick → Wall — the everyday-to-permanent chain (Page 23).



Brick 002 Planning & Closing Charter Page

Where the Archive goes next

IN ONE SENTENCE

Brick 001 closes here — Brick 002 will take the first real Tower (Family Tree System in practice) and begin populating it with true family records.

- **Brick 002 scope:** the first fully populated Family Tower, using every template in Part III with real names and dates.
- **Open items carried forward:** recruit and train the first Family Archivists; complete the first Annual Review.
- **Standing instruction to future archivists:** read Part I before adding anything; when in doubt, favor clarity over completeness.
- This Charter is now ratified. All future Bricks in the Farthing Archive answer to it.

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← Continuity Index → Brick 002 Planning & Closing Charter Page

Nail Template

Copy this page and fill it in

IN ONE SENTENCE

Use this for any quick note, chat, photo, or observation — before it is curated into a Brick.

DATE CAPTURED (SORT DATE)

SOURCE (CHAT / PHOTO / VOICE / NOTE)

WHO IS INVOLVED

WHAT WAS SAID OR SEEN (VERBATIM IF POSSIBLE)

POSSIBLE WALL / TOWER IT BELONGS TO

STATUS

CONTINUITY REFERENCES

Nails feed Bricks (Part I, Page 7). Curate weekly if possible.

Brick Template

Copy this page and fill it in

IN ONE SENTENCE

Use this to create a permanent, dated archive record once a Nail is confirmed and complete.

TITLE

HUMAN DATE

SORT DATE

SUMMARY (ONE SENTENCE)

WHEN / WHAT / WHY / WHERE

CANON LABEL (FACT / OBSERVATION / STORY / POSSIBILITY)

TIMELINE LINKS

CONTINUITY REFERENCES

Wall Template

Copy this page and fill it in

IN ONE SENTENCE

Use this to group a set of related Bricks by quarter, year, project, or theme.

WALL NAME

TIME SPAN COVERED

THEME OR REASON FOR GROUPING

BRICKS INCLUDED (LIST TITLES + DATES)

TOWER THIS WALL BELONGS TO

CONTINUITY REFERENCES

Walls organize Bricks (Part I, Page 8). Keep Bricks listed in date order.

Tower Template

Copy this page and fill it in

IN ONE SENTENCE

Use this to define a major era — the biggest landmark in the Archive's structure.

TOWER NAME

ERA COVERED (START – END OR ONGOING)

PURPOSE OF THIS TOWER

WALLS INCLUDED

RELATED TOWERS

HEAD ARCHIVIST FOR THIS TOWER

CONTINUITY REFERENCES

Towers form the Archive together (Part I, Page 9).

Treasury Ledger Template

Copy this page and fill it in

IN ONE SENTENCE

Use this to log a Ledger of Life entry — money, time, service, or any of the eight ledgers.

LEDGER TYPE (MONEY / TIME / SERVICE / LEARNING / FAITH / RELATIONSHIPS / HEALTH / PROJECTS)

DATE

AMOUNT OR QUANTITY

“CAN I AFFORD IT?” REASONING

OUTCOME / DECISION

LINKED PROJECT OR PERSON

CONTINUITY REFERENCES

Grows the Treasury Archive (Part II, Page 28).

Family Record Template

Copy this page and fill it in

IN ONE SENTENCE

Use this for every person added to the Family Tree System.

FULL NAME

BIRTH HUMAN DATE / SORT DATE

RELATIONSHIPS (PARENT, SPOUSE, SIBLING, CHOSEN FAMILY)

FAITH MILESTONES (LINK)

EDUCATION (LINK)

COMMUNITY TIES (LINK)

THEIR OWN TOWER (IF ANY)

Milestone Record Template

Copy this page and fill it in

IN ONE SENTENCE

Use this to capture a significant moment before it is filed as a Brick.

MILESTONE TITLE

HUMAN DATE / SORT DATE

PEOPLE INVOLVED

WHAT HAPPENED (FOUR QUESTIONS)

WHY IT MATTERED

WALL IT WILL JOIN

Project Record Template

Copy this page and fill it in

IN ONE SENTENCE

Use this for the Castle Project, land work, technology builds, or any family venture.

PROJECT NAME

START DATE / STATUS

GOAL

KEY MILESTONES (DATED)

PEOPLE AND HELPERS INVOLVED

COSTS / TREASURY LINKS

LESSONS LEARNED SO FAR

Timeline Record Template

Copy this page and fill it in

IN ONE SENTENCE

Use this to log an entry at any scale — daily, weekly, monthly, yearly, or era-level.

SCALE (DAILY / WEEKLY / MONTHLY / QUARTERLY / YEARLY / ERA)

HUMAN DATE / SORT DATE RANGE

WHAT HAPPENED AT THIS SCALE

LINKED BRICKS / WALLS / TOWERS

OPEN QUESTIONS FOR NEXT REVIEW

CONTINUITY REFERENCES

Implements Timeline Systems (Part I, Page 19) and the Annual Review Cycle (Part II, Page 37).

Colophon & Signatures

Where the Charter is ratified

IN ONE SENTENCE

This page closes Brick 001. Its Oaths bind every Brick that follows.

The Archive Oath

- *We record facts honestly.*
- *We tell stories faithfully.*
- *We leave clues, not confusion.*
- *We preserve continuity.*
- *We carry the fire forward.*

Head Archivist: Blake Farthing — Signature: _____ Date: _____

Family Archivist: _____ — Signature: _____ Date: _____

Family Archivist: _____ — Signature: _____ Date: _____

Volume: Farthing Archive, Brick 001 — Constitutional Edition — Ratified September 2026

Next in sequence: Brick 002 — The Family Tower, first populated edition.