

Household Emergency Preparedness Manual

Addendum K: Digital Data & Documents

Learning Path Reference

Northern Utah / Wasatch Front Edition

Every course, certification, and organization referenced across all four stages of this addendum, gathered into one reference card. See the full addendum for the reasoning and context behind each resource.

Stage 1: Foundations (Awareness)

Resource	Cost / Format	Notes
FamilySearch Learning Center	Free, online, 140+ courses	familysearch.org/wiki/en/Classes_in_the_Learning_Center . Free video courses on genealogy and records research, taught by professional genealogists.
EFF (Electronic Frontier Foundation) Surveillance Self-Defense guide	Free, online	ssd.eff.org . A well-regarded, plain-language introduction to real digital security concepts, not just product recommendations.
CompTIA A+ Cyber overview	Free overview material available	comptia.org/en-us/certifications/a-cyber . A fast-track foundational overview if cybersecurity is a genuinely new subject.

Stage 2: Applied Practice (Competent)

Resource	Cost / Format	Notes
A password manager with an emergency-access feature (1Password, Bitwarden)	\$0–\$60/year depending on tier	Already cited in Chapter 11; actually implement it, not just know it exists.

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Archival-grade folders and boxes	\$20–\$60 for a starter set	The single highest-leverage, lowest-cost archival upgrade, per Chapter 11's Tier 3 guidance.
A flatbed or portable scanner	\$80–\$250	Already cited in Chapter 11; a phone camera works in a pinch but produces meaningfully lower quality.

Stage 3: Self-Sufficiency (Proficient)

Resource	Cost / Format	Notes
CompTIA Security+ study material / exam voucher	Study material varies; exam ~\$400	comptia.org/en-us/certifications/security . The recognized entry-level professional cybersecurity credential.
FamilySearch Learning Center (sustained research)	Free	Continue building on Stage 2's introductory course into real, sustained research practice.
Salt Lake City Family History Library	Free to visit and use	The world's largest genealogical library, operated by FamilySearch; a genuinely major regional resource worth visiting in person.

Stage 4: Mastery & Teaching (Expert)

Resource	Cost / Format	Notes
CompTIA Security+ certification exam	~\$400 exam fee	comptia.org . The full, globally recognized credential.
Utah Notary Public commission	\$100–\$225 total (exam, bond, supplies)	notary.utah.gov . A 4-year commission through the Office of the Lieutenant Governor.

Resource	Cost / Format	Notes
Board for Certification of Genealogists (BCG)	Application and portfolio fees apply	bpgcertification.org . A serious, multi-year professional credential for genealogical research.