RESEARCH SUMMARY/HANDOUT for IN SEARCH OF THE BLONDE TIGRESS

Follow your passion

Be open to surprises; go off on tangents

Study historical context (movies, magazines, maps, newspapers)

Read newspapers/ detective magazines/ pop culture

Ancestry.com, Family Search, & Google

Compile biographical data – build private research trees; include husband & boyfriends

Libraries, courthouses, historical and genealogical societies

Accept help from fellow researchers and hire paid researchers

Contact family members, ask if photos, share information

Acquire original historic photographs

Take current photographs

(Mostly) primary source documents:

Police (city, county, state)

Court records (county) and Court transcripts (state archives)

Property/land records

Social Security (Federal)

Prison (state archives) and Prisoner Review Board (state)

Additional records (WWII, city directories, etc.) on genealogical databases

FBI (federal)

Probate and cemetery (local)

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