Digital Memoir Platform — Non-Goals and Explicit Exclusions

This document defines what the platform intentionally does NOT attempt to do. It exists to prevent scope creep, incorrect assumptions, and agent hallucination during planning and execution. Any feature or behavior not aligned with these constraints should be treated as out of scope.

1. Not a General Writing or Journaling Tool

The platform is not designed to function as a free-form writing application, daily journal, or note-taking tool. Users are not expected to write long essays, maintain streaks, or manually structure narrative content.

Open-ended text dumping, unstructured monologues, and stream-of-consciousness writing are explicitly discouraged and not optimized for.

2. Not Transcription or Dictation Software

The platform does not aim to produce verbatim transcripts of voice recordings. Raw dictation is treated as source material, not output.

The final manuscript must never resemble a lightly edited transcription. Accuracy of tone and meaning is prioritized over literal word-for-word fidelity.

3. Not an AI Novel or Autobiography Generator

The platform does not generate fictionalized narratives, embellished storytelling, or speculative content. It does not invent events, dialogue, or emotional states not grounded in user-provided material.

Creative interpolation is limited to narrative smoothing and connective prose. Fabrication of life events is explicitly out of scope.

4. Not a Social Network or Public Sharing Platform

The platform is private by default and is not designed for public publishing, social discovery, or audience building. There are no feeds, likes, followers, or public profiles.

Sharing is intentional and scoped to invited collaborators or designated recipients of the finished book.

5. Not a Real-Time Collaborative Editor

The platform does not support simultaneous live editing of prose by multiple contributors. There is no Google Docs-style real-time co-authoring.

Collaboration occurs through structured contributions, feedback, and approvals rather than shared cursors or inline live editing.

6. Not a Genealogy or Ancestry Platform

The platform does not attempt to build family trees, validate lineage, or perform genealogical research. Historical accuracy beyond the user's lived experience is not a goal.

Ancestral references may appear in narrative form but are not structured or verified as data.

7. Not a Therapeutic or Clinical Tool

The platform is not positioned as a mental health, therapeutic, or clinical intervention. While reflection may be emotionally meaningful, the system does not provide counseling, diagnosis, or treatment.

8. Not an Infinite or Open-Ended Experience

Each project has a defined beginning and end. The goal is completion of a finite, high-quality manuscript suitable for print.

Features that encourage endless iteration, perpetual drafts, or ongoing content accumulation are out of scope.

9. Not Optimized for Speed at the Expense of Quality

The platform does not prioritize instant output or one-click book generation. If additional input or refinement is required to meet narrative standards, the system will slow the process accordingly.

User frustration due to quality enforcement is considered preferable to delivering a substandard book.