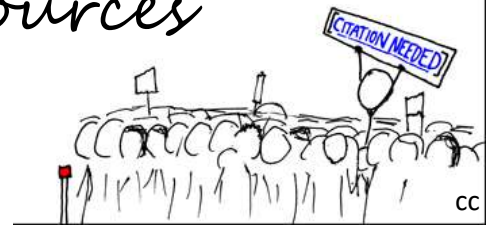


Videos for Genealogy: Sources

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Okay, okay! I realize keeping track of where you find stuff (research, that is) is not as much fun as finding it, **but you must!!!** Citation and source listing is perhaps the most important thing you can do.



Why would a genealogical sleuth need to keep track of sources?

You need to document where you found something, so that you can find it again. Sometimes new information will appear that may or may not conflict with your findings. You might want to double check your findings. You may want to share, but the other person needs **EVIDENCE**.

What does citation mean for genealogy?

Generally speaking you should gather as much information as you possibly can for the citation – the who, what, why and when or in other words just about anything that will help you or someone else locate the information found. Citations vary depending on format. For books, the library where found and call Number, besides title and author would be good. If you are citing a website, there is a good chance that your great grandchildren will not be able to locate that website in the future, but if you think it is important, you could make a print screen of the page.



Websites:

- ★ **Family Search** offers a simplified variety of sources and shows exactly how you need to cite [https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/Cite_Your_Sources_\(Source_Footnotes\)#What_to_Cite](https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/Cite_Your_Sources_(Source_Footnotes)#What_to_Cite)
- ★ **Evidence Explained.com** ELIZABETH SHOWN MILLS, *the citation guru with the gold standard*. Mills' book (about 900 pages) is probably more than you need, but good to know there is a special expert!

Some SUPER HELPFUL VIDEOS:



From <https://www.students4bestevidence.net>

- ★ **Learn Genealogy - Easy Breezy Source Citations - Episode 7**
Constance Knox, Genealogy TV (*about 6 minutes*)
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ab0KpdaXyr8>
- ★ **Basics of a Genealogy Source Citation**
Christa Cowan from Ancestry (*about 14 minutes*)
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WFLB-euSkTE&t=127s>
Older video (2015) and for those who have their own version of Ancestry at home. Others will get very good basic ideas.
- ★ **Citing Sources in Genealogy, a Basic Formula** -- Boundless Genealogy, Melissa Finlay (*about 11 minutes*) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7kVLWNVZdig>
- ★ **Genealogy Research Log Headings, making a breadcrumb trail for your research** -- Thomas MacEntee (*about 6 minutes*) https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=u7pKN2_ngDY

Bonus Tip: the Print Screen Key – aka PrtScn

Websites are designed in a variety of ways, but when you try to print, webpages are not always “**what you see is what you get**” better known as “**Wysiwyg**”, pronounced “**whizzywig**”. Some websites may have their own print button in an obscure corner. Others will allow you to do a **File > Print**. But if all else fails, the **Print Screen Key** will take a picture (copy) of what is shown on your computer screen, place the image on the clipboard (a holding area – not able to be seen, and you then use “**paste**” (Ctrl + V) to a MS Word blank page. (Call me for further explanation, if you want.)

