

Citations Made Simple Examples



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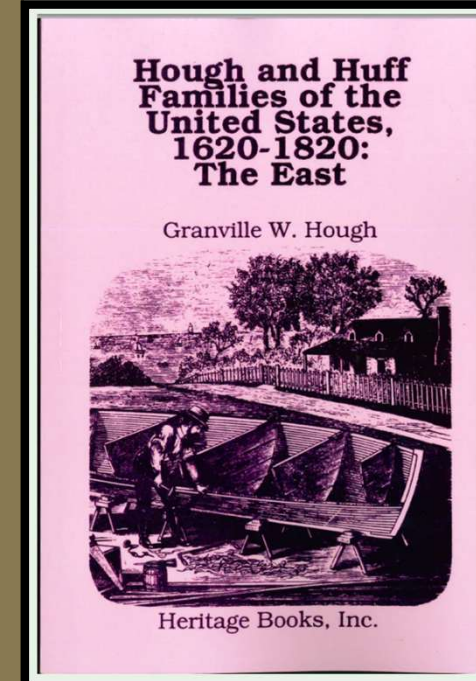
Example: Books

Author/creator	Granville W. Hough
Title/label	<i>Hough and Huff Families of the United States, 1620-1820: The East</i>
Descriptor	
Specific location	Bowie, Maryland
Publisher	Heritage Books, Inc
Date for the record	1993
Specific item	p. 122
Descriptor	

First reference note: Granville W Hough, *Hough and Huff Families of the United States, 1620-1820: The East* (Bowie, Maryland: Heritage Books Inc., 1993) 123.

Subsequent notes: Hough, *Hough and Huff Families of ... The East*, 125.

Source list: Hough, Granville W. *Hough and Huff Families of the United States, 1620-1820: The East*. Bowie, Maryland: Heritage Books Inc., 1993.



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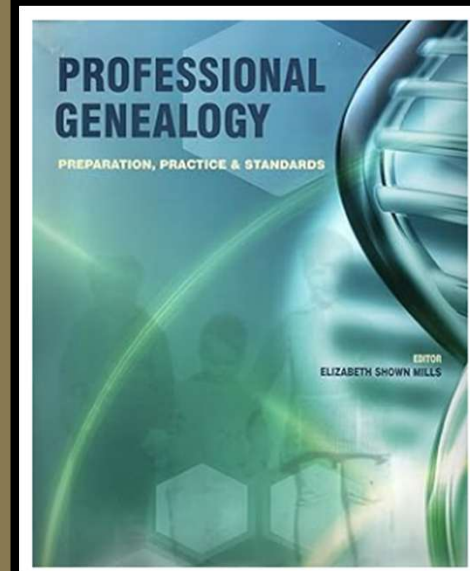
Example: Book chapters with different authors

Author	Melinde Lutz Byrne, CG, FASG
Title of Chapter	“Editing Periodicals”
Creator/editor	Elizabeth Shown Mills, CG, CGL, FASG
Title of Book	<i>Professional Genealogy: Preparation, Practice & Standards</i>
Descriptor	
Specific location	Baltimore, Maryland
Publisher	Genealogical Publishing Company
Date for the record	2018
Specific item	Chapter 23, pp. 547-562, specifically p. 548
Descriptor	Develop by example

First reference note: Melinde Lutz Byrne, “Editing Periodicals,” Elizabeth Shown Mills, editor, *Professional Genealogy: Preparation, Practice & Standards* (Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing Company, 2018) 547-562, specifically 548, Develop by Example.



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Example: Newspapers

Author	Included if identified
Title/label	“John Tritchler dies suddenly Thursday night: well known resident taken ill while at work”
Descriptor	Obituary [optional]
Title of Newspaper	<i>Wabasha County Herald-Standard</i>
Specific location	Wabasha, Minnesota
Publisher	[not included for newspapers]
Date for the record	28 October 1937
Specific item	p. 1, cols. 1-2
Descriptor	

First reference note: “John Tritchler dies suddenly Thursday night: well known resident taken ill while at work,” obituary, *Wabasha County [Minnesota] Herald-Standard*, 28 October 1937, page 1, columns 1-2.



Example: Journal Article

Author/creator	Deborah R Harvey, CG
Title of article	“Uncovering the Jesse Wood Family of Amherst and Nelson Counties, Virginia”
Title of journal	<i>National Genealogical Society Quarterly</i>
Descriptor	Vol. 112, no. 3
Specific location	[not used for journals or magazines]
Publisher	[not used for journals or magazines]
Date for the record	September 2024
Specific item	181-204 specifically page 189, Table 1
Descriptor	

First reference note: Deborah R Harvey, “Uncovering the Jesse Wood Family of Amherst and Nelson Counties, Virginia,” *National Genealogical Society Quarterly* 112 (September 2024):181-204 specifically page 189, Table 1.



Table 1
Relationships and Shared atDNA Amounts among Samuel Wood Descendants

	D. HARVEY	R. ALLEN	J. COFFEY	P. ANGEL	V. KRATZER	K. HARDY	T. BLOWERS	L. BUCK	G. WOOD
D. HARVEY		4C1R, 48.7 cM, +1.04 ^o	4C2R, 26.3 cM, +0.27 ^o	4C2R, 35.3 cM, +0.83 ^o	4C1R, 37.9 cM, +0.50 ^o	4C2R, 13.1 cM, +0.56 ^o	4C1R, 41.1 cM, +0.66 ^o	4C2R, 21.5 cM, -0.03 ^o	
R. ALLEN			5C1R, 54.9 cM, +2.26 ^o		4C, 12.4 cM, -0.30 ^o	5C1R, 10.3 cM, -0.73 ^o	5C, 44.3 cM, +1.55 ^o	5C1R, 27.1 cM, +0.41 ^o	5C, 33.5 cM, +0.83 ^o
J. COFFEY					5C1R, 52.6 cM, +2.11 ^o			6C, 24.5 cM, +0.5 ^o	
P. ANGEL						5C1R, 31.5 cM, +0.70 ^o			
V. KRATZER							5C, 22.4 cM, -0.14 ^o		
K. HARDY									
T. BLOWERS								4C1R, 42.4 cM, +0.72 ^o	
L. BUCK									5C1R, 23.0 cM, +0.13 ^o
G. WOOD									

Notes:
Cells above the shaded boxes show the proposed relationship as shown in Figure 1, amount of atDNA shared, and the difference from the mean measured in standard deviations for the proposed relationships. The shared DNA amounts are from MyHeritage DNA match lists. The cells below the shaded boxes show the average value for the proposed relationship and the range of possible values. The standard deviation, mean, and range of values are based on Blaine T. Bettinger, “The Shared cM Project 4.0,” *DNAPainter* (<https://dnainter.com/tools/sharedcmv4>).

Example: Simple Website

Author/creator	Lisa Stokes
Title/label	“Genealogy Source Citations Simplified”
Descriptor	Blog post
Specific location	https://lisastokesheritageresearch.com/genealogy-source-citations-simplified/
Publisher	<i>Lisa Stokes Heritage Research</i> [not required if title is sufficiently descriptive]
Date for the record	Published 24 April 2022 Accessed 12 December 2024
Specific item	Guideline #3: Develop a clear and consistent structure and style
Descriptor	

First reference note: Lisa Stokes, “Genealogy Source Citations Simplified,” blog post, *Lisa Stokes Heritage Research* (<https://lisastokesheritageresearch.com/genealogy-source-citations-simplified/>): published 24 April 2022, accessed 12 December 2024), Guideline #3: Develop a clear and consistent structure and style.



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Multilayer Citations

Layer 2: Where/how to access the record

Begin with bridge word(s): image, database, manuscript, correspondence, etc.

1. Creator: Not needed for self-named sites
2. Title: Database title, Film ID, Website
- ~~3. Descriptor (not usually applicable)~~
4. Specific location/Place of access: Where did you examine this record
- ~~5. Publisher: Usually included in creator or title~~
6. Date: accessed or downloaded, document issue date
7. Specific item: film number, image/frame number



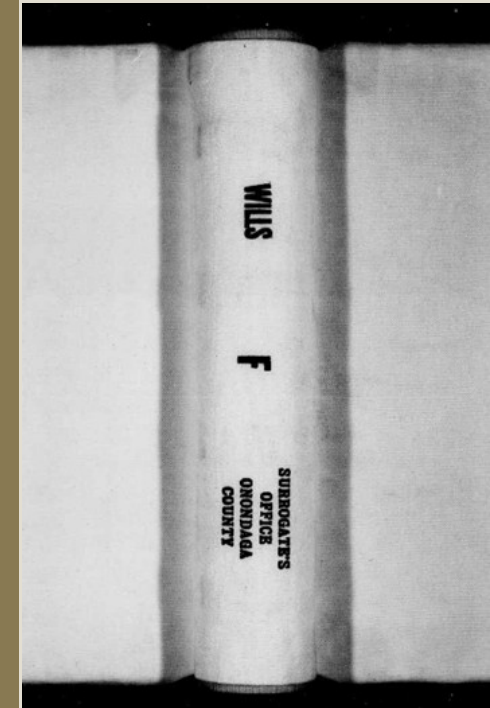
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Example: Database w/Image – Layer 1

Author/creator	Surrogate's Office, Onondaga County, New York
Title/label	Wills Book F
Descriptor	1834-1839
Specific location	[unpublished record]
Publisher	[unpublished record]
Date for the record	[unpublished record]
Specific item	Pages 439-440
Descriptor	Thomas Barnum Will, dated 17 November 1838



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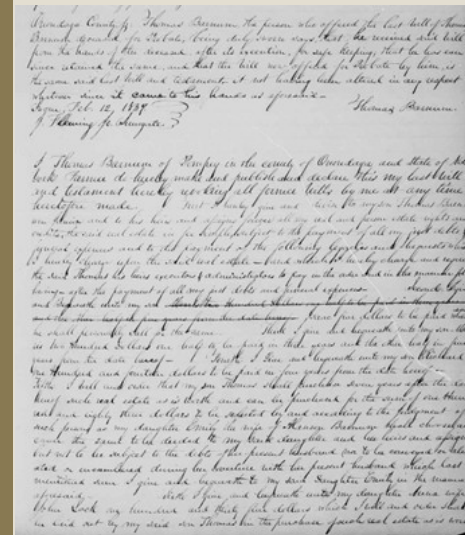


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Example: Database w/Image – Layer 2

Bridge word(s)	image
Author/creator	[same as website title so not repeated]
Title: Database	“New York, Probate Records, 1629-1971”
Title (of website)	<i>FamilySearch</i>
Descriptor	Database
Specific location	https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:33S7-9YCX-KY3?i=253 https://www.familysearch.org/search/collection/1920234 https://www.familysearch.org/search/catalog
Publisher	<i>FamilySearch</i>
Date for the record	accessed 12 December 2024
Specific item	[no other information needed] Onondaga > Wills 1834-1841 vol F-G > images 254-255 image group number 005116325, images 254-255
Descriptor	



Option 1: Brief but complete.

Onondaga County, New York, Will Book F, 1834-1839, pp. 439-440, Thomas Barnum, 1838; image, *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:33S7-9YCX-KY3> : accessed 12 December 2024).

Option 2: *Evidence Explained* recommended format

Onondaga County, New York, Will Book F, 1834-1839, pp. 439-440, Thomas Barnum, 17 November 1838; imaged in “New York, Probate Records, 1629-1971,” *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/search/collection/1920234> : accessed 12 December 2024) > Onondaga > Wills 1834-1841 vol F-G > images 254-255.

Option 3:

Onondaga County, New York, Will Book F, 1834-1839, pp. 439-440, Thomas Barnum, 17 November 1838; image, *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/search/catalog> : accessed 12 December 2024), image group number 005116325, images 254-255.

Option 4: Personal research notes only - **Err on the side of too much information**

Surrogate’s Office, Onondaga County, New York, Will Book F, 1834-1839, pp. 439-440, Thomas Barnum, 17 November 1838; imaged in “New York, Probate Records, 1629-1971,” *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:33S7-9YCX-KY3> : accessed 12 December 2024) > > Onondaga > Wills 1834-1841 vol F-G > images 254-255, image group number 005116325, image 254-255.



Example: Online Image – Layer 1

Author/creator	Courthouse, Rock County, Wisconsin
Title/label	Deed Records
Descriptor	Volume S
Specific location	[unpublished record]
Publisher	[unpublished record]
Date for the record	[unpublished record]
Specific item	Page 139
Descriptor	Samuel and Sally Lewis to Celestia Chapell, 1 October 1845



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Example: Online Image – Layer 2

Bridge word(s)	Image
Author/creator	<i>FamilySearch</i>
Title/label	None
Descriptor	
Specific location	https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-C3QW-6S7N-7?i=269 https://www.familysearch.org/search/catalog
Publisher	
Date for the record	accessed 12 December 2024
Specific item	Image group number (IGN) 00854587, image 270 of 814
Descriptor	



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Option 1: Brief but complete

Rock County, Wisconsin, Deed Records, volume S, page 139, Samuel and Sally Lewis to Celestia Chapell, 1845; image, *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-C3QW-6S7N-7> : accessed 12 December 2024).

Option 2: *Evidence Explained* recommended format

Rock County, Wisconsin, Deed Records, volume S, page 139, Samuel and Sally Lewis to Celestia Chapell, 1845; image, *FamilySearch* (<http://www.familysearch.org> : accessed 12 December 2024) > image group number (IGN) 00854587 > image 270 of 814.

Option 3: Personal research notes only - **Err on the side of too much information**

Courthouse, Rock County, Wisconsin, Deed Records, volume S, page 193, Samuel and Sally Lewis to Celestia Chapell, 1 October 1845; image, *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-C3QW-6S7N-7> : accessed 12 December 2024), image group number (IGN) 00854587, image 270 of 814.

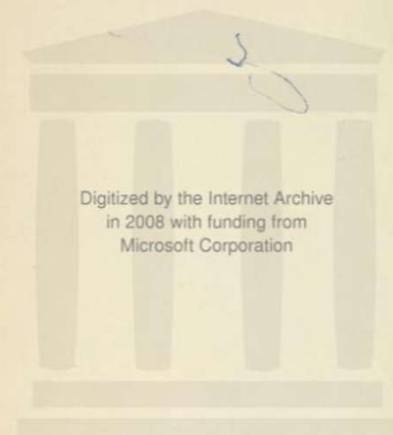


Example: Books Online – Layer 1

Author/creator	Samuel Deane (1784-1834)
Title/label	<i>History of Scituate, Massachusetts, from its first settlement to 1831</i>
Descriptor	
Specific location	Boston
Publisher	James Loring
Date for the record	1831
Specific item	Pages 303-304
Descriptor	George Lewis (clothier)



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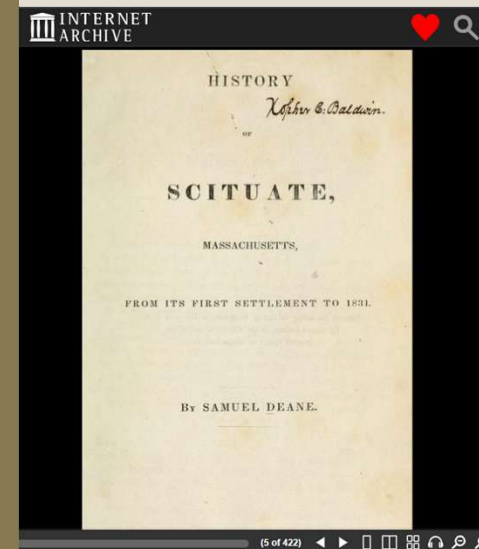


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Example: Books Online – Layer 2

Bridge words	digital copy
Author/creator	
Title/label	<i>Internet Archive</i>
Descriptor	
Specific location	https://archive.org/details/historyofscituat00dean/page/302
Publisher	
Date for the record	15 Dec 2024
Specific item	Image 302 of 406
Descriptor	



First reference note:

Samuel Deane, *History of Scituate, Massachusetts, from its first settlement to 1831* (Boston: James Loring, 1831) 303-304, specifically George Lewis; digital copy, *Internet Archive* (<https://archive.org/details/historyofscituat00dean/page/302> : 15 Dec 2024), image 302 of 406.

Subsequent reference notes:

Deane, *History of Scituate*, 303.

Source List (Bibliography):

Deane, Samuel. *History of Scituate, Massachusetts, from its first settlement to 1831*. Boston: James Loring, 1831. *Internet Archive*. <https://archive.org/details/historyofscituat00dean>.



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Example: Census – Layer 1

Author/creator	United States Census Bureau
Title/label	1860 United States Federal Census
Descriptor	
Specific location	Dane County, Wisconsin
Publisher	National Archives
Date for the record	Official enumeration date 1 June 1860 [year stated in title]
Description	Microfilm publication M653, roll 1403
Specific item	Town of Burke, [ED #], [sheet #], p. 155 [or folio #], dwelling 97, family 98, Samuel and Harriet Lewis
Descriptor	Population schedule



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Example: Census – Layer 2

Bridge word(s)	imaged
Author/creator	[not needed for same named site]
Title/label (Database)	“United States Census, 1860”
Title/label (Website)	<i>FamilySearch</i>
Descriptor	
Specific location	https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:33S7-9BSN-VH4?view=index&action=view&cc=1473181 https://www.familysearch.org/search/catalog https://www.familysearch.org/search/film/005171770 https://www.familysearch.org/search/collection/1473181
Publisher	
Date for the record	Accessed 12 December 2024
Specific item	image group number (IGN) 005171770, image 161 of 673 Wisconsin > Dane > Burke > image 15 of 26



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Option 1: Evidence Explained recommended format – Citing the actual census record
1860 U.S. census, Dane County, Wisconsin, population schedule, Town of Burke, page 155
(penned), dwelling 97, family 98, household of Samuel Lewis; imaged in “United States Census,
1860,” *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:33S7-9BSN-VH4> : 15 Dec
2024).

Option 2: Citing the database

“United States Census, 1860,” database with images, *FamilySearch*
(<https://www.familysearch.org/search/collection/1473181> : 15 Dec 2024) > Wisconsin > Dane >
Burke > image 15 of 26, dwelling 97, family 98, household of Samuel Lewis.

Option 3:

“United States Census, 1860,” database with images, *FamilySearch*
(<https://www.familysearch.org/search/film/005171770> : 15 Dec 2024), ~~FSL image group number~~
~~(IGN) 005171770~~, image 161 of 673, Town of Burke, Dane County, Wisconsin, p. 155, dwelling
97, family 98, household of Samuel Lewis.

Source List: Emphasis on year of census.

1860, U.S. Census. Wisconsin. Dane County. Imaged, “United States Census, 1860.”
FamilySearch. <https://www.familysearch.org/search/collection/1473181> : 2024.

Other source list options include: (1) Emphasis on database used; (2) Emphasis on NARA
publication; (3) Emphasis on geographic location.



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Final Layer: Where the information previously referenced is found.

- ~~1. Creator: Not needed for self-named sites~~
- ~~2. Title: Database title, Film ID, Website~~
- 3. Descriptor**
- 4. Specific location/Place of access:** Where the record is located.
- ~~5. Publisher: Usually included in creator or title~~
- ~~6. Date: accessed or downloaded, document issue date~~
- ~~7. Specific item: film number, image/frame number~~



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Example: Layer 1 – The record

Author/creator	Minnesota, Division of Vital Statistics
Title/label	Certificate of Death
Descriptor	No. 16583
Specific location	Wabasha, Wabasha County, Minnesota
Publisher	[unpublished record]
Date for the record	21 October 1937
Specific item	John Tritchler
Descriptor	



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Example: Layer 2 – The Source

Bridge word(s)	image
Author/creator	<i>FamilySearch</i>
Title/label	“Minnesota, Deaths, 1887-2001”
Descriptor	Database
Specific location	https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:S3HT-67XQ-YWK
Publisher	<i>FamilySearch</i>
Date for the record	16 Dec 2024
Specific item	Image group no. 004226274, image 699 of 2434
Descriptor	



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Example: Citing

Author/creator	
Title/label	
Descriptor	Minnesota State Department of Health
Specific location	Saint Paul, Minnesota
Publisher	
Date for the record	
Specific item	
Descriptor	



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First Reference Note:

Option 1: Citing the death certificate

Minnesota, Division of Vital Statistics, Certificate of Death, no. 16583, John Tritchler, 21 October 1937; imaged in “Minnesota, Deaths, 1887-2001,” *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:S3HT-67XQ-YWK> : 16 Dec 2024), FSL IGN 004226274, image 699 of 2434; citing Minnesota State Department of Health, Saint Paul.

Option 2: Citing the database

“Minnesota, Deaths, 1887-2001,” database with images, *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:Z4PM-5T6Z> : 16 Dec 2024), John Tritchler, 1937, certificate no. 16583; FSL image group 004226274, image 699 of 2434; citing Minnesota State Department of Health, Saint Paul.

Subsequent Reference Notes:

Option 1: Minnesota death cert. no. 16583 (1937), John Tritchler.

Option 2: “Minnesota, Deaths, 1887-2001,” death certificate no. 16583 (1937), John Tritchler.

Source List:

Minnesota. Department of Health. Death Certificates. Office of Vital Statistics, Saint Paul.



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