

Citing Your Sources Can Be Fun and Useful!

Vital Records



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Citing your Sources

Why should you cite your sources?

- 1. So you can find the source again if you need it**
- 2. So you can evaluate the quality of the source when you have conflicting evidence**

Citing your Sources

Family History is not about finding records to attach to your family tree.

It is about determining kinship between people and understanding their identify, telling their story.

It is about what you do with the records after you find them.

Elizabeth Shown Mills and Evidence Explained

The best reference for citing and sourcing evidence is Evidence Explained by Elizabeth Shown Mills.

You can purchase a downloadable copy at <https://www.evidenceexplained.com/bookstore>

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Virginia, Marriages, 1740-1850 about Juliet Gross

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Gender:	Female
Spouse Name:	Aaron Feazel
Spouse Gender:	Male
Marriage Date:	22 Jan 1844
County:	Bedford
State:	Virginia

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This collection of marriage records includes the names of over 300,000 men and women married in Virginia between 1740 and 1850. [Learn more...](#)

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2. **Medium:** Database online
3. **Source:** *Ancestry.com*
4. **Pub details:** (<http://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 14 Sep 2012)
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ancestry.com North Carolina, Death Certificates, 1909-1975

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Haywood > 1934 > May > 26

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SECOND AMENDMENT NORTH CAROLINA STATE BUREAU OF VITAL STATISTICS STANDARD CERTIFICATE

1. PLACE OF DEATH
County *Haywood*
Township *Waynesville*
City *Waynesville*
Length of residence in city or town where death occurred yrs. *1*

2. FULL NAME *James Thomas Payne*
(a) Residence No. _____ (Usual place of abode)

PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS

3. SEX *Male* 4. COLOR OR RACE *white* 5. Single, Married, Widowed, or Divorced (write the word) *M.*

6. If married, widowed, or divorced HUSBAND of _____ (or) WIFE of _____

6. DATE OF BIRTH (month, day, and year)

7. AGE *75* Years Months Days If LESS than 1 day, hrs. or min.

8. Trade, profession, or particular kind of work done, as spinner, sawyer, bookkeeper, etc. *Farmer*

9. Industry or business in which work was done, as silk mill, saw mill, bank, etc.

North Carolina, Death Certificates, 1909-1975 about James Thomas Payne

Name:	James Thomas Payne
Gender:	Male
Race:	White
Age:	75
Birth Date:	abt 1859
Birth Place:	Buncombe
Death Date:	19 May 1934
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3. **Medium:** database and images
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2. **Database:** Name of database in quotes
3. **Medium:** such as: database and images
4. **Source:** *Ancestry.com* or *FamilySearch*
5. **Pub details:** (URL: accessed DATE)
6. **Identifying information:** information so you can do the search
7. **Where:** The original source


Italics in Family Tree Maker

The screenshot shows the Family Tree Maker interface. On the left, a list of sources is displayed, with the entry for 'Virginia Marriages, 1740-1850, database online, Ancestry.com' highlighted. In the center, the 'Edit Source Citation' dialog box is open, showing the 'Reference Note' tab. The reference note contains the following text: 'Virginia Marriages, 1740-1850, database online, Ancestry.com (http://www.ancestry.com : accessed 10 Sep 2012), entry for Nickols Snavelly and Polly Pickel, marriage date 16 Sep 1831, Wythe, Virginia; citing Dodd, Jordan, et al, Early American Marriages: Virginia to 1850.' The dialog box also features buttons for italicizing (I) and underlining (U) text, and a 'Reset' button. On the right side of the dialog box, there is a link that says 'This citation is linked to 4 facts'.


Sources: (con't)

- 3 Virginia, Deaths and Burials Index, 1853-1917, database online, Ancestry.com (http://www.ancestry.com : accessed 8 Sep 2012), entry for Elizabeth Snavelly, death date 27 Mar 1858; citing Virginia Deaths and Burials Index, 1853-1912, index, FamilySearch.
- 4 Virginia Marriages, 1740-1850, database online, Ancestry.com (http://www.ancestry.com : accessed 10 Sep 2012), entry for Nickols Snavelly and Polly Pickel, marriage date 16 Sep 1831, Wythe, Virginia; citing Dodd, Jordan, et al, Early American Marriages: Virginia to 1850.
- 5 1850 U.S. census, Smyth County, Virginia, population schedule, District 60, p. 193 (stamped), dwelling 494, family 501, Nicholas and Mary Snavelly and family; Ancestry.com (http://www.ancestry.com : accessed 2 Jun 2010); database and digital images citing NARA


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