

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 <a href="https://www.evidenceexplained.com/bookstore">https://www.evidenceexplained.com/bookstore</a>

# **Compiled indexes**



- Database: "Virginia Marriages, 1740-1850"
- 2. Medium: Database online
- 3. Source: Ancestry.com
- 4. Pub details: (http://www.ancestry.com: accessed 14 Sep 2012)
- information: entry for Juliet Gross and Aaron Feazell, marriage date 22 Jan 1844, Bedford Virginia)

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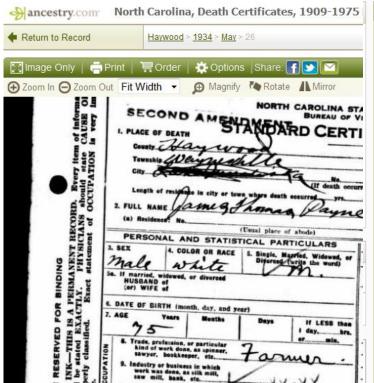
6. Where did it come from: citing Dodd,
Jordan, et al, Early
American Marriages:
Virginia to 1850.

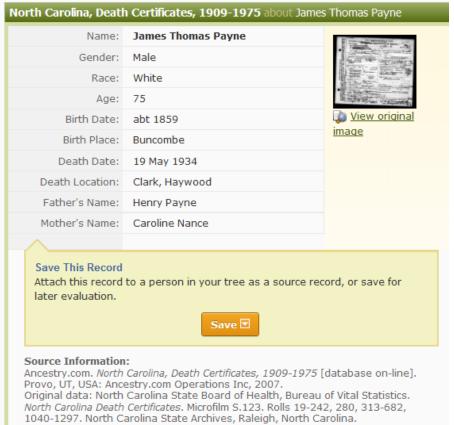
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# **Index and images**





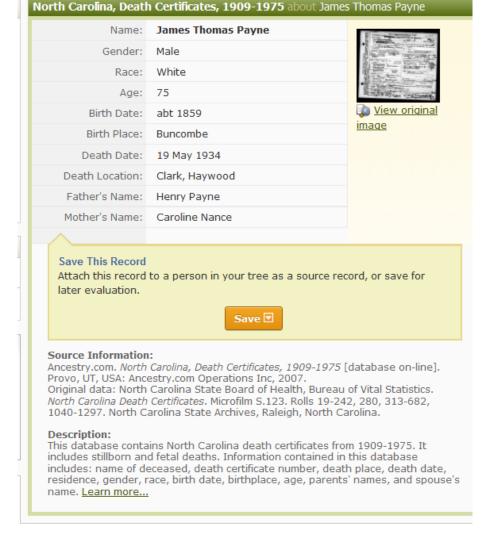
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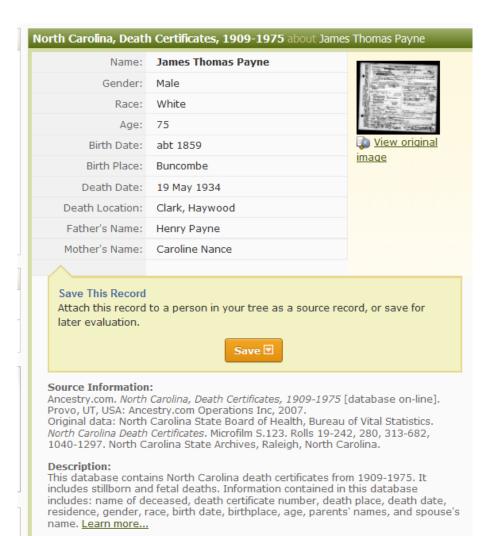


# **Index and images**



- 1. Who: North Carolina State Board of Health
- 2. Database: "North Carolina, Death Certificates, 1909-1975"
- **3. Medium:** database and images
- **4. Source:** *Ancestry.com*
- 5. Pub details: (http://www.ancestry.com: accessed 14 Sep 2012)
- 6. Identifying information: entry for James Thomas Payne, died 19 May 1934

# **Index and images**



7. Where: North Carolina
State Board of Health,
Bureau of Vital
Statistics. North
Carolina Death
Certificates. Microfilm
S.123,North Carolina
State Archives, Raleigh,
North Carolina.

# What goes in a citation?

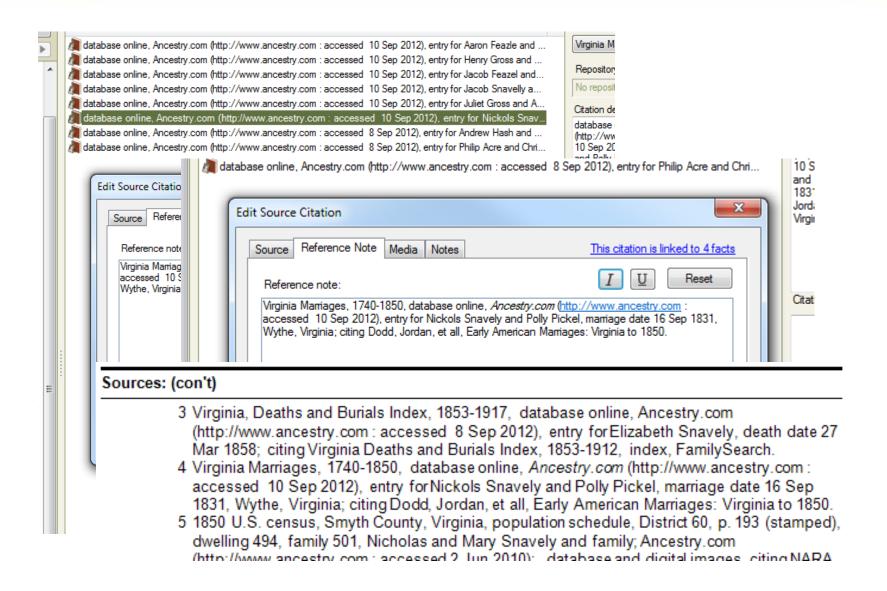
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# **Template**

- 1. Who: If from a single entity, not compiled
- 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**



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