

Citing Your Sources Can Be Fun and Useful!



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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

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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

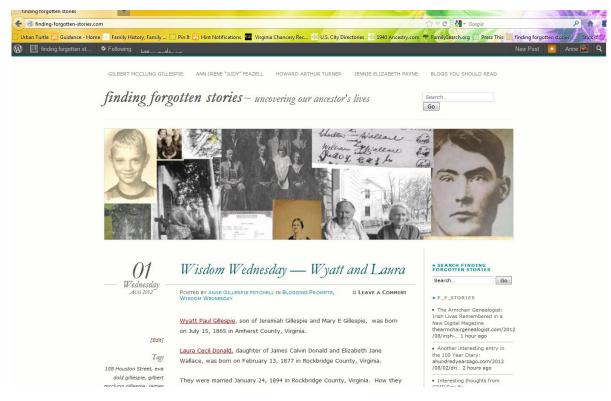
What goes in a citation?

Six basic items for an original source:

- 1. Author (if known) or who is responsible for this
- 2. Title of article, web page, etc
- 3. Title of source (book, website, etc)
- 4. Publications details in parentheses
- 5. Identifying information
- 6. Identification of special item (rare)

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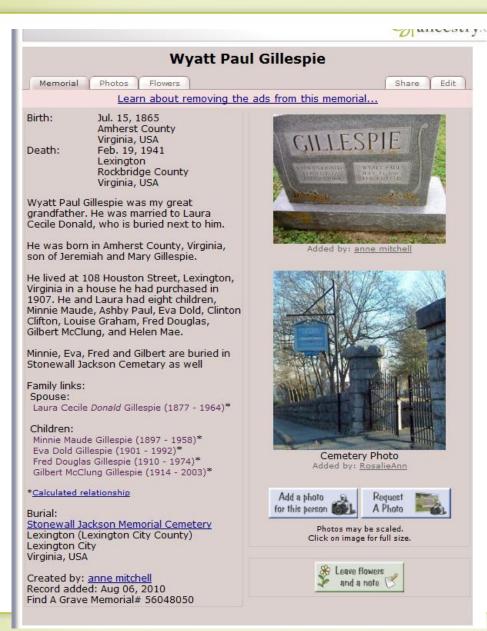
How do we cite a webpage?



Author, "Title of Article," Title of Blog, (Pub Details), Identifying information; [optional info]

Anne Gillespie Mitchell, "Wisdom Wednesday – Wyatt and Laura," *finding forgotten stories* blog, (http://finding-forgotten-stories.com accessed : 2 Aug 2012); documents Wyatt and Laura's death dates and burial location

Find A Grave



Find A Grave, database and images, (http://findagrave.com: accessed DATE), memorial page for PERSON Find A Grave Memorial no. NUMBER, citing CEMETERY NAME, LOCATION.

Find A Grave, database and images, (http://findagrave.com: accessed 2 Aug 2012), memorial page for Wyatt Paul Gillespie, Find A Grave Memorial no. 56048050, citing Stonewall Jackson Memorial Cemetery, Lexington, Virginia.

Anne Mitchell, "Wyatt Paul Gillespie," Find A Grave, (http://findagrave.com: accessed 2 Aug 2012), memorial page for Wyatt Paul Gillespie, Find A Grave Memorial no. 56048050, citing Stonewall Jackson Memorial Cemetery, Lexington, Virginia; states address was 108 Houston Street.