



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)

What goes in a citation?

How do we cite a webpage?

The screenshot shows a web browser displaying the website findingforgottenstories.com. The page features a header with the site's name and tagline "finding forgotten stories ~ uncovering our ancestor's lives". Below the header is a grid of various historical photographs and documents. The main content area displays a blog post titled "Wisdom Wednesday — Wyatt and Laura" by Anne Gillespie Mitchell. The post includes biographical information about Wyatt Paul Gillespie and Laura Cecil Donald, their marriage date, and a link to a comment. A sidebar on the right contains a search bar and a list of recent posts.

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

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Wyatt Paul Gillespie

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Birth: Jul. 15, 1865
Amherst County
Virginia, USA

Death: Feb. 19, 1941
Lexington
Rockbridge County
Virginia, USA

Wyatt Paul Gillespie was my great grandfather. He was married to Laura Cecile Donald, who is buried next to him.

He was born in Amherst County, Virginia, son of Jeremiah and Mary Gillespie.

He lived at 108 Houston Street, Lexington, Virginia in a house he had purchased in 1907. He and Laura had eight children, Minnie Maude, Ashby Paul, Eva Dold, Clinton Clifton, Louise Graham, Fred Douglas, Gilbert McClung, and Helen Mae.

Minnie, Eva, Fred and Gilbert are buried in Stonewall Jackson Cemetary as well


Family links:
Spouse:
Laura Cecile *Donald* Gillespie (1877 - 1964)*

Children:
Minnie Maude Gillespie (1897 - 1958)*
Eva Dold Gillespie (1901 - 1992)*
Fred Douglas Gillespie (1910 - 1974)*
Gilbert McClung Gillespie (1914 - 2003)*


*[Calculated relationship](#)

Burial:
[Stonewall Jackson Memorial Cemetery](#)
Lexington (Lexington City County)
Lexington City
Virginia, USA

Created by: [anne mitchell](#)
Record added: Aug 06, 2010
Find A Grave Memorial# 56048050



Added by: [anne mitchell](#)



Cemetery Photo
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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.