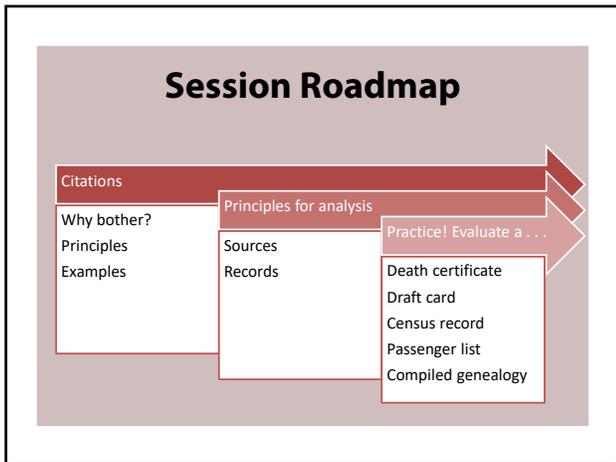


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Homework – Research Plan

Pros

- Loved the template – all in one place
- Search research results
- Helpful in organizing – consolidate slips of paper

Cons

- Templates are problematic - how to preserve
- Redo what done before

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Homework – Research Log

Pros

- Keep track
- Focus on church records
 - able to be methodical
 - each one, better focused

Cons

- A bit of rework in terms of plan

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Moving On

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Why Bother With Citations?

1. Knowing the source of a fact allows you, or someone else, to go back and find it again
2. Knowing the source of a fact helps you evaluate its credibility
3. Citations are part of the Genealogical Proof Standard

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Genealogical Proof Standard

- Reasonably exhaustive research
- Complete, accurate citations to the source or sources of each information item
- Tests—through processes of analysis and correlation—of all sources, information items, and evidence
- Resolution of conflicts among evidence items
- A soundly reasoned, coherently written conclusion.



<http://www.bgc certification.org/resources/standard.html>

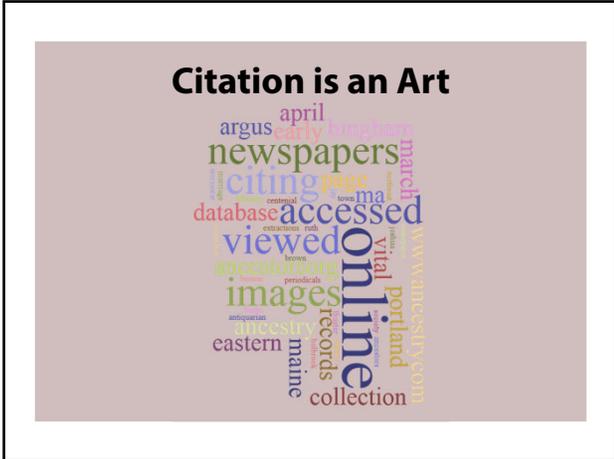
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Citation Principles

- Capture enough information about the source and its record so you can find the record a second time.
- Thomas W. Jones, noted genealogist, has said,
– “This idea that there is one way to cite a source is **false**,” [emphasis added] (2015, APG Conference)
- Pick a style and stick with it – Consistency is important.

*Thomas W. Jones, *Mastering Genealogical Proof*, Arlington, VA: National Genealogical Society, 2013, pp38-40.

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Citation Elements

- **Who** (or what) created the source?
 - Author
 - Organization
- **What** is the source?
 - Book title
 - Database name
 - Not the website name – that is the publisher
- **When** was the source created?
 - Date the source was created
 - Date the record within the source was created
 - Date the record was accessed

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Citation Elements (cont.)

- **Where IS** the source now?
 - Publisher
 - Geographic location
 - Repository
 - Web address
- **Where IN** the source is the item?
 - Volume and page number
 - NARA roll
 - Certificate number
 - Person and event

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General Citation Format

Who → What → Where IS → Where IN

When

Velcro Principle – Don't separate items that ought to stick together



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Documentation Conventions

- Book titles and journal names are *italicized*
- Database names, article titles are in "quotes"
- Parentheses group publication details (print and online)
- Semicolons divide complex citations with two or more nested groups

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Source Citations - Books

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What: Title, followed by subtitle, in italics

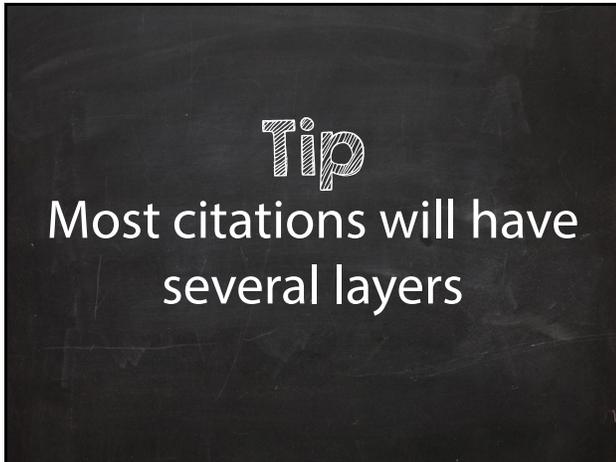
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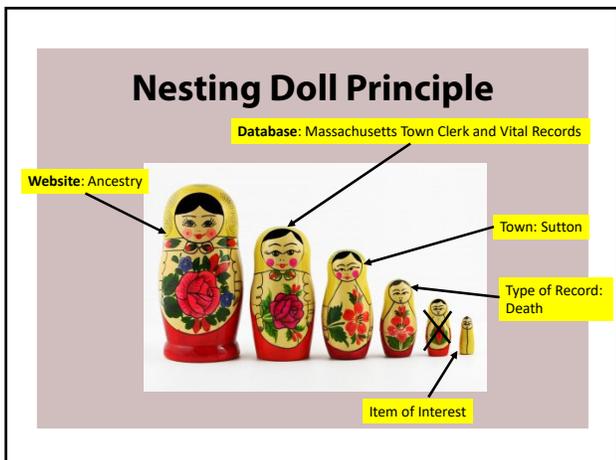
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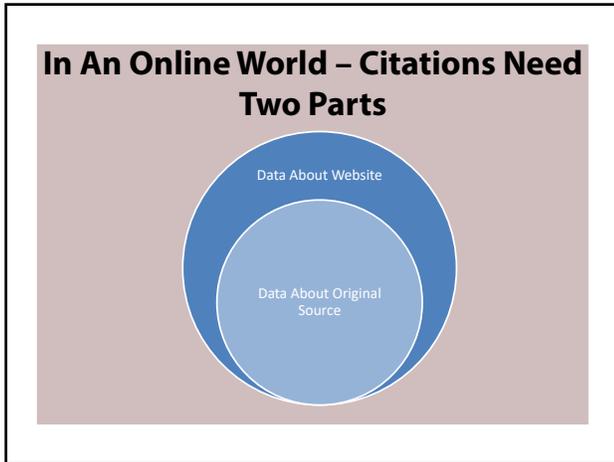
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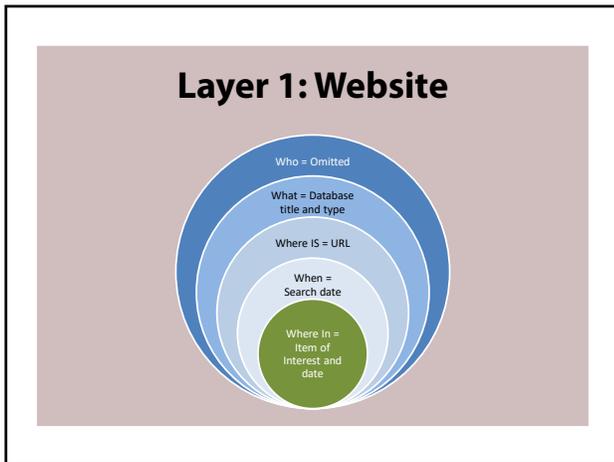
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Layer 2: Original Source

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Town Records Information

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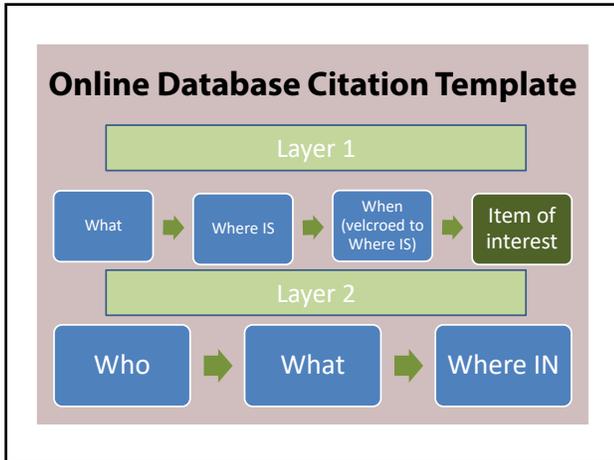
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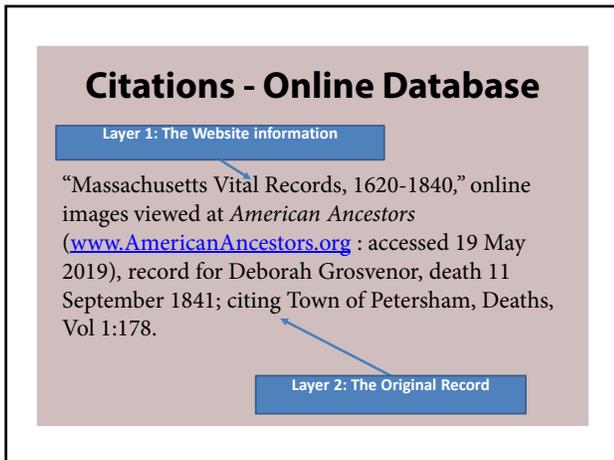
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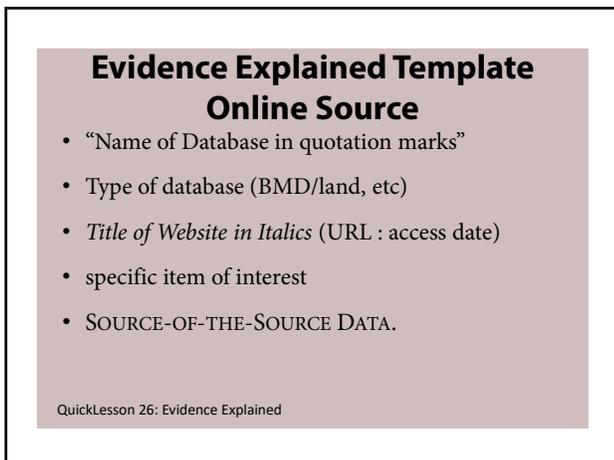
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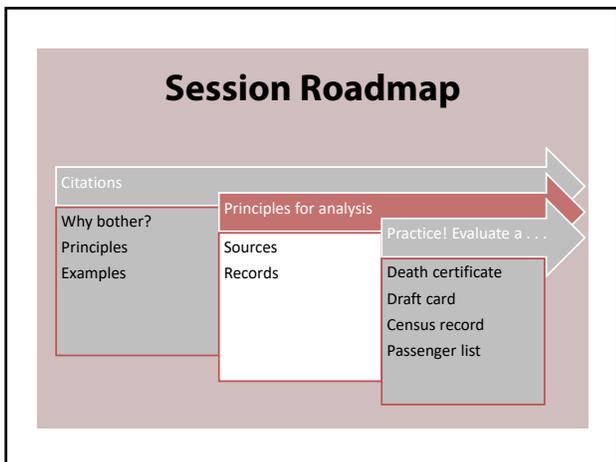
Review Citations

1. Citations help you find the record again and help you evaluate the quality of what you found
2. Capture Who (Author, Organization), What (Title), Where IS (Publisher, location), Where IN (Record of Interest), When (date - velcroed to item)
3. Think of nesting dolls and moving from general to specific
4. Remember to velcro dates to appropriate element
5. Citations are an art; do not get tied in knots over them

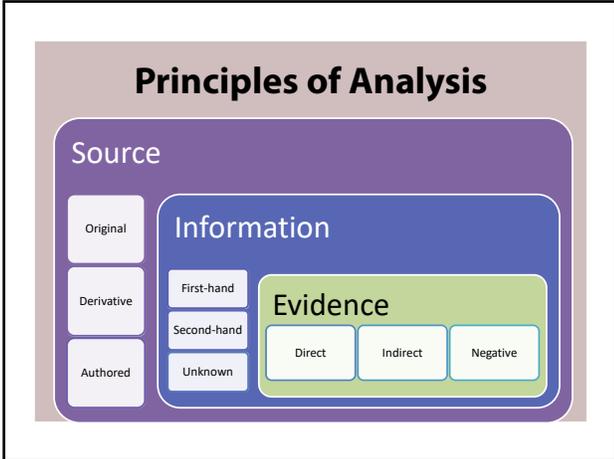
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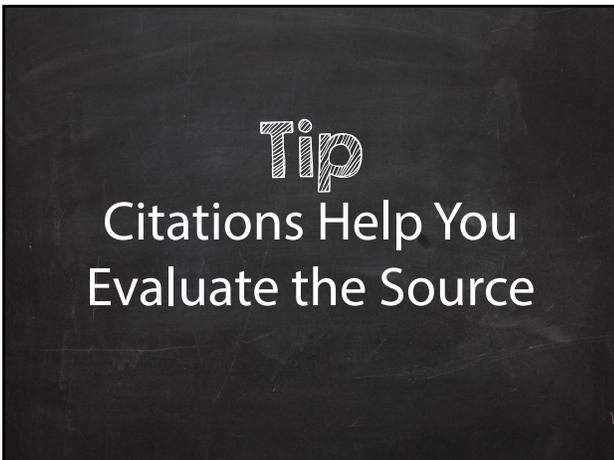
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Analysis – Question 1

- Are you looking at an original or derivative source?



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Original Sources

- Original – From the time period being researched. Includes:
 - Duplicate original
 - Record (Clerk's) copy
 - Image copy
- Digital copies, microfilm, microfiche **considered original for analysis purposes**
- BCG Article - QuickLesson 10

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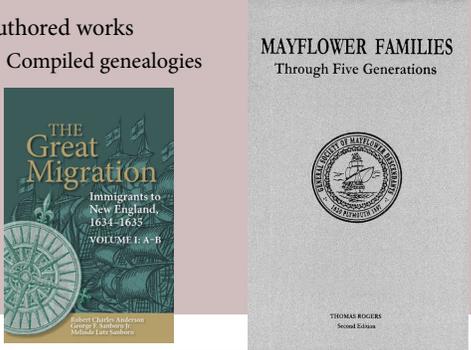
Derivative Sources

- Derivative – Written by someone who did not experience the events or time period. Includes:
 - Transcripts
 - Extracts
 - Abstracts
- https://familysearch.org/wiki/en/Primary_sources

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Special Class of Sources

- Authored works
 - Compiled genealogies



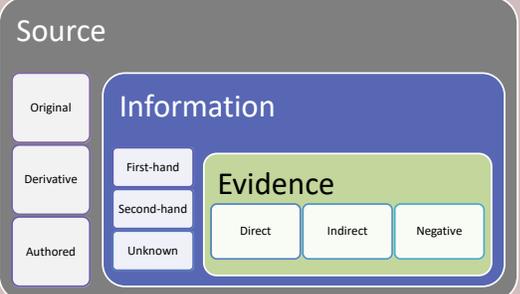
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Analyze the Record

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Principles of Analysis



The diagram illustrates the 'Principles of Analysis' in a nested box structure. The outermost box is 'Source', which contains three categories: 'Original', 'Derivative', and 'Authored'. The 'Derivative' category leads to a box for 'Information', which includes 'First-hand', 'Second-hand', and 'Unknown'. The 'First-hand' and 'Second-hand' categories lead to a box for 'Evidence', which is further divided into 'Direct', 'Indirect', and 'Negative'.

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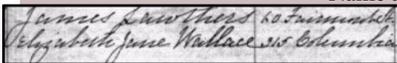
It Is All About the Information

- Is the Information. . .
- First-hand
 - Immediately following the event
 - Long after the event
- Second-hand
 - From a non-participant
- Cannot tell who provided the information

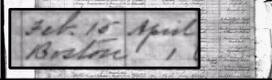
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What Genealogical Information Is In the Record?

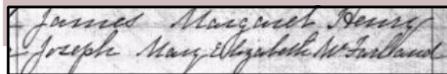
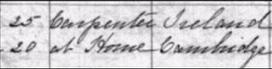
- Name and Residence



- Date of marriage
- Age, occupation and place of birth



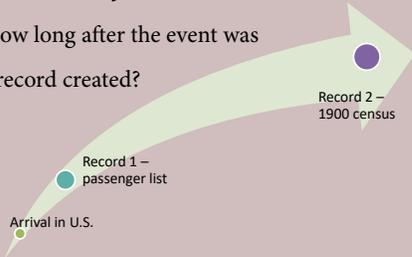
- Parent's names



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Analysis – Question 2

- How long after the event was the record created?



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How Soon After the Event?

The image shows a historical marriage record document. A callout box highlights two columns: "DATE AND PLACE OF MARRIAGE." and "DATE OF RECORD." Below these, the handwritten text reads "Feb. 15 April" and "Boston 1".

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Analysis – Question 3

Who provided the information in the record?

Participant? Someone else?

The image contains two illustrations. On the left, a man in a suit and a woman in a white wedding dress stand together. On the right, a group of six children are holding hands in a circle, with numbers 1 through 6 placed near them.

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Who Was the Informant?

The image shows a historical marriage record document. A callout box highlights the name of the informant: "Scott F. Beecher, Minister of Munroe St. Boston".

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Analysis Question 4
Is the information first-hand (primary) or second-hand (secondary)?



- Death date – primary
- Birth date - secondary

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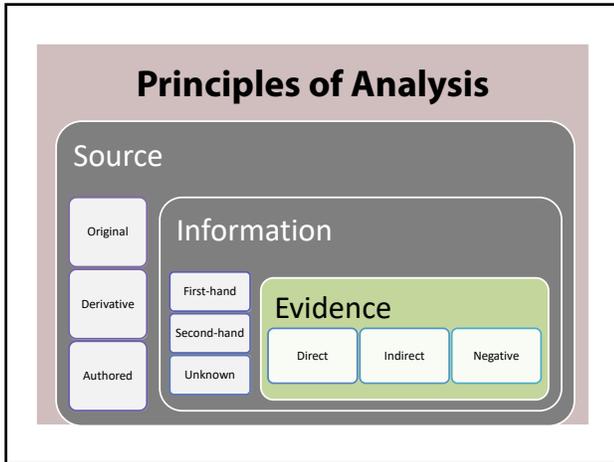
Common Errors When Reading Records

- Misreading words and dates
- Failing to understand why the source was created
- Failing to understand the origin and history of a record
- Interpreting past events with a 21st century lens
- Misunderstanding legal terms - see Barbara Jean Evans – A to Zax: A Comprehensive Dictionary for Genealogists & Historians, Alexandria, VA: Hearthside Press: 1995
- Overlooking relevant information

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Analyze the Evidence

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Not All Information Is Evidence

- Identify the genealogical information in the record and ask:
 - Does this answer my question directly (direct evidence)?
 - Can this be used with other evidence to answer my question (indirect evidence)?
- Most records contain multiple pieces of information; only some will be evidence for your question

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Robert Lawthers' Death Certificate

Information	Evidence
Date and place of death	Who are Robert's parents?
Cause of death	When did Robert die?
Date and place of birth	Whom did Robert marry?
Names of parents	When was Robert born?
Name of Spouse	

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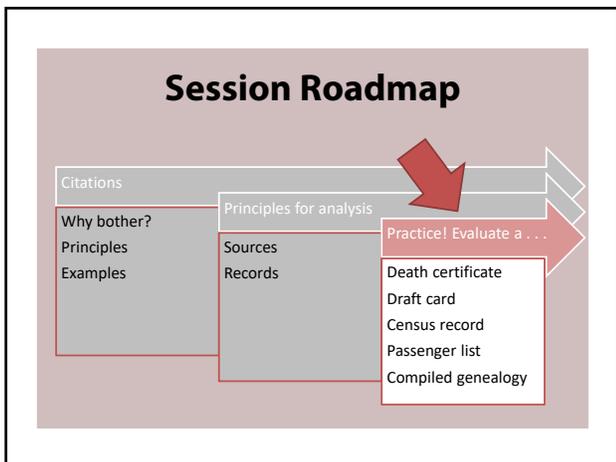
Review Analysis

1. Ask yourself questions about the source and record within the source
2. Are you looking at an original, derivative, or authored document? Duplicate originals, clerk's copies, images are all considered original.
3. How long after the event was the record created?
4. Who provided the information for the record?
5. Is the information first-hand, eye-witness (primary) or second-hand, non-participant (secondary)?
6. Does the information answer my question?

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First

- In your group designate one person to report back to the group

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Then Answer for Your Document

1. Are you looking at an original, derivative or authored source?
2. How soon after the event was the record created?
3. Who provided the information in the record? A participant? Someone else?
4. Which information is primary (firsthand knowledge)
5. Which information is secondary (second-hand knowledge)

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**Analysis:
Document 1 – 20th
Century Death
Certificate**

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 COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
 BUREAU OF VITAL STATISTICS
 CERTIFICATE OF DEATH
 Registered No. 897

1. PLACE OF DEATH:
 (a) County Allegheny
 (b) Township
 (c) Borough Pittsburgh
 (d) City
 (e) Name of hospital or institution SCHENLEY APARTMENTS
 (f) Length of stay: In hospital or inst. write street number or location
 (g) In this community

2. USUAL RESIDENCE OF DECEASED:
 (a) State Penna.
 (b) County Allegheny
 (c) City or town Pittsburgh
 (d) Street No. 4000 Fifth Avenue
 (e) If citizen of foreign country, name country

3. (a) FULL NAME MAUDE BELL FLOUMAN
 (b) If U.S. Veteran, complete reverse side of certificate No. None
 4. Sex F race W color or 6. (a) Single widowed, divorced Married
 5. (b) Name of husband or wife George Taylor Flouman wife if alive years
 7. Birth date of deceased May 30 1874
 8. AGE Years 72 Months 8 Days 5 If less than one day hr. min.
 9. Birthplace Turkey
 10. Usual occupation Retired
 11. Industry or business
 12. Name Rev. Newton Hervey Bell
 13. Birthplace Lowm
 14. Maiden name Emma Hall Curtis
 15. Birthplace New York
 (a) Informant's own signature George Taylor Flouman
 (b) Address Schenley Apts., Pittsburgh, Penna.
 (c) Occupation (d) Date thereof 2-10-47
 (e) Place Homewood County Allegheny State Penna.
 (a) Signature of funeral director H. J. Simpson
 (b) Address H. SIMPSON, INC., 537 Shewville St.
 (c) Date 1947
 (d) Address of registration office

MEDICAL CERTIFICATION
 20. Date of death: Month 10 day 5 year 1947 hour 11:09 minutes 45-
 21. I hereby certify that I attended the deceased from 1947 to 1947 that I last saw him alive on 7-26-47 and that death occurred on the date and hour stated above.
 Immediate cause of death Coronary thrombosis
 Due to Hypertension from atherosclerosis
 Other conditions (Specify previous within 3 months of death)
 Major findings: Of operations X Of autopsy X
 22. If death was due to external cause, fill in the following:
 (a) (Probably) Accident, suicide, or homicide (specify)
 (b) Date of occurrence
 (c) Where did injury occur? X
 (d) Did injury occur in an open place, on a farm, in a hotel, bar, place, in public place? X
 (e) Where did injury occur? X
 (f) While at work? X
 23. Signature (M.D. or M.P.H.)
 Address S. Bradley apt Date signed 7/4/47

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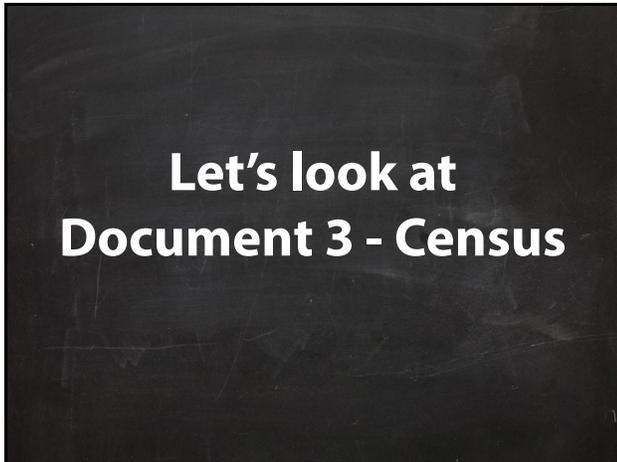


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Form 1 REGISTRATION CARD No. 28
 1 Name in full: George Herman Ruth
 2 Home address: 1800 Commonwealth Ave Boston Mass.
 3 Date of birth: Feb 1894
 4 Are you (1) a natural-born citizen, (2) a naturalized citizen, (3) an alien, (4) or have you declared your intention (specify which)? Natural born
 5 Where were you born? Baltimore Maryland Md.
 6 If not a citizen, of what country are you a citizen or subject?
 7 What is your present trade, occupation, or office? Baseball - Boston American
 8 By whom employed? Fenway Park
 9 Have you a father, mother, wife, child under 12, or a sister or brother under 12, wholly dependent on you for support (specify which)? No
 10 Married or single (which)? Single Race (specify which)? Caucasian
 11 What military service have you had? Rank None
 12 Do you claim exemption from draft (specify grounds)?
 I affirm that I have verified above answers and that they are true.
 Signature of registrant: [Signature]

REGISTRAR'S REPORT
 1. Height: 6-2
 2. Build, make-up, or cast (adult): Medium
 3. Hair: Brown
 4. Color of hair: Dark
 5. Eyes: Blue
 6. Complexion: Fair
 7. Scars, freckles, or other marks: None
 8. Signature: Lewis A. [Signature]
 9. Date: June 5-1947
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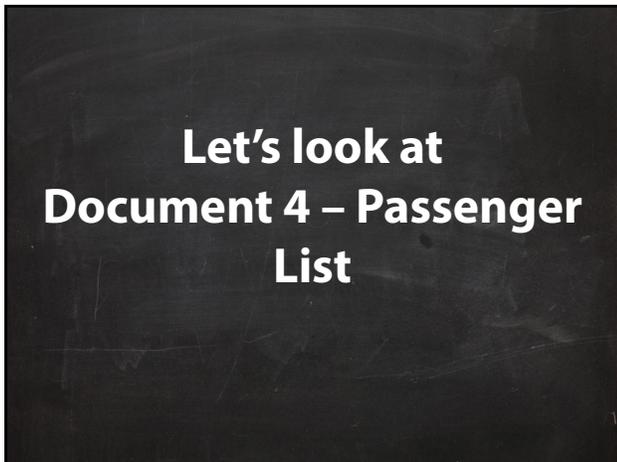
TWELFTH CENSUS OF THE UNITED STATES.
SCHEDULE No. 1.—POPULATION.

State *New York* County *Dutchess* Supervisor's District No. *3* Ward No. *2*
 Name of Precinct *Wellsburg, J. K. Road* Enumeration District No. *64*

Enumerated by me on the *7* day of *June*, 1910, *William J. K. Road* Enumerator.

NAME	SEX	AGE	MARRIAGE	OCCUPATION	EDUCATION	PROPERTY	RENT	VALUE	MORTGAGE	SOURCES OF INCOME	SOURCES OF INCOME		SOURCES OF INCOME					
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<i>25-32</i> <i>Betty J. Adams</i>	<i>W</i>	<i>30</i>	<i>Mar</i>	<i>1630</i>	<i>70</i>	<i>70</i>	<i>1</i>											
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<i>Conny</i>	<i>daughter</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>Oct</i>	<i>1870</i>	<i>24</i>	<i>1</i>												
<i>B. Bird</i>	<i>daughter</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>July</i>	<i>1892</i>	<i>8</i>	<i>1</i>												
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Genealogical Proof Standard

- ✓ Reasonably exhaustive research
- ✓ Complete, accurate citations to the source or sources of each information item
- ✓ Tests—through processes of analysis and correlation—of all sources, information items, and evidence
- Resolution of conflicts among evidence items
- A soundly reasoned, coherently written conclusion.

<http://www.bgc certification.org/resources/standard.html>

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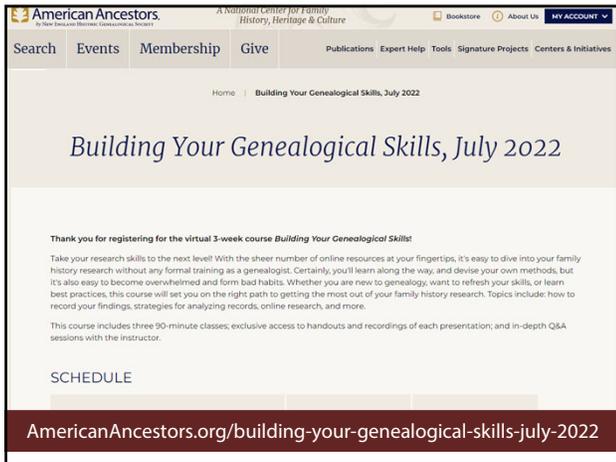
Genealogy Research Roadmap

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