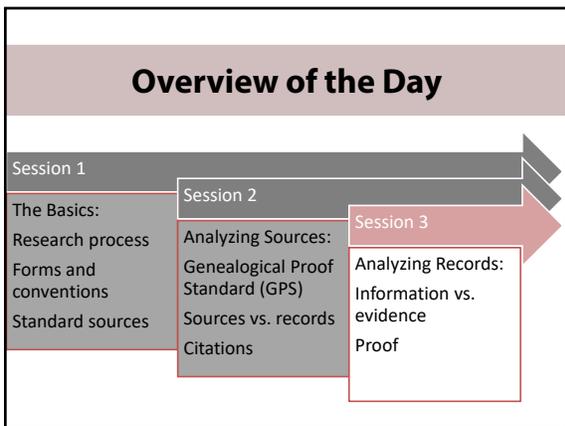
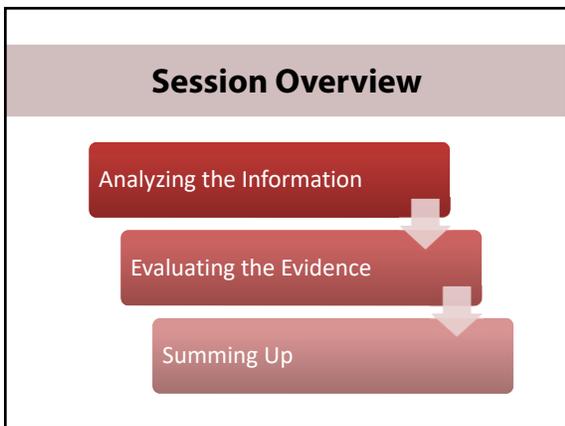


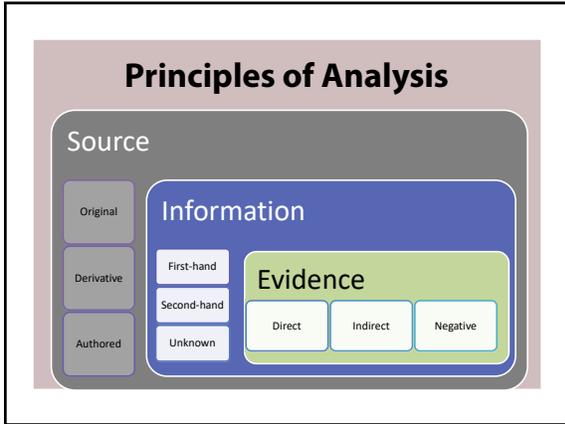
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Record Analysis

- What is the purpose of the record? Who created it?
- Is the record legible?
- Is any information missing?
 - Is the document ripped, torn, wrinkled, etc.?
 - Do I have all the pages?
 - Is the digital image complete?

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Information Analysis

- What genealogical information is present?
- How much time passed between the event and its recording?
- Who provided the information being recorded?
 - Who was the informant?
- Are there any contradictions within the information given? Between this record and others?

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It's All About the Information

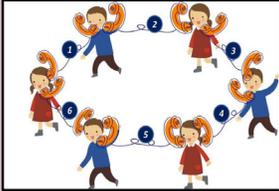
- Is the information. . .
- First-hand?
 - Immediately following the event (best case)
 - Long after the event (can introduce bias or be subject to false memories)
- Second-hand?
 - From a non-participant
- Unknown?
 - Cannot tell who provided the information

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Andrew Birth Certificate, Cook County, IL, 1899

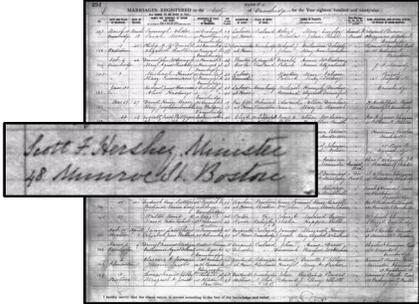
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Analysis Questions
Who provided the information in the record?

Participant?	Someone else?
	

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Who Was the Informant?



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Analysis Questions
Is the information first-hand (primary) or secondary?



- Death date – primary
- Birth date – secondary

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Analysis Questions

Is the information first-hand (primary) or secondary?

- Hannah Ball died 8 May 1788 aged 2 years 2 months
- We can get a calculated date of birth from this headstone (secondary information)



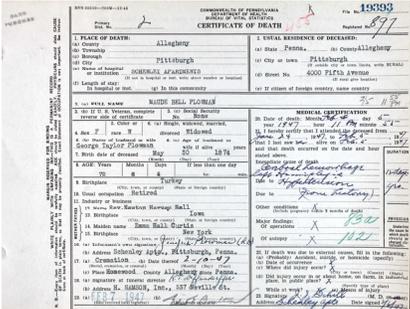
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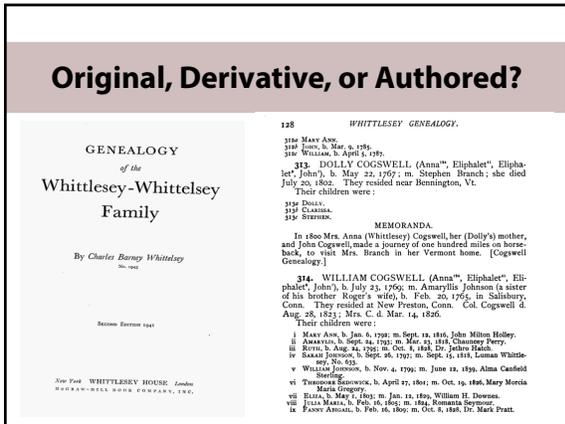
Document A – 20th Century Death Certificate

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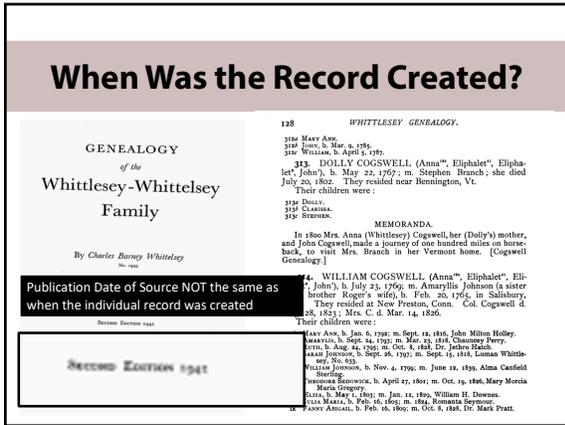
Original, Derivative, or Authored?



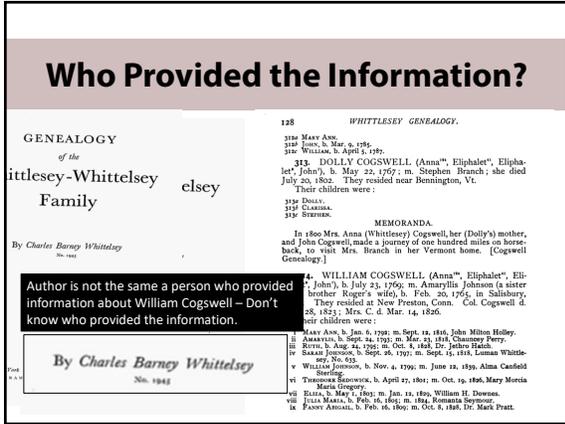
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Activity Questions

Are you looking at an original or derivative source?	
When was the record created in relation to the event it is capturing?	
Who provided the information? A participant? Someone else?	
What genealogical information is in the record?	
Which information is primary (firsthand knowledge) and which is secondary (secondhand knowledge)?	

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