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Things to keep in mind



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The long view: think of future researchers

Structure

Things to ask yourself

What do I want to tell the reader?

Who do I plan to write about?

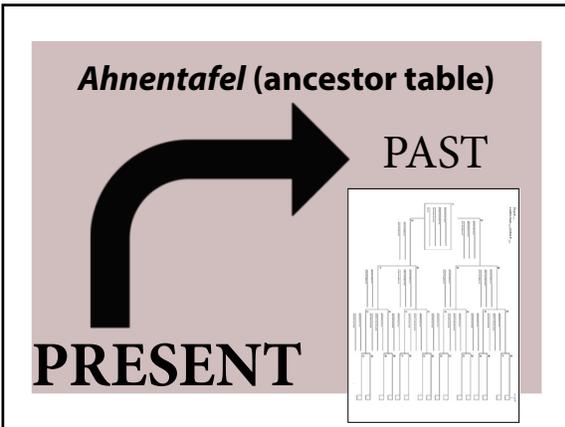
How can I best present the information?

Register (descendancy) style

PAST

PRESENT

<p>Main person and spouse(s)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • full names • vital statistics, with dates and places <p>Children</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • full names • vital statistics • abbreviated format • identification numbers for any child who will be treated in full <p style="background-color: #800000; color: white; padding: 2px;">Register example</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">MORGAN FAMILY</p> <p style="text-align: center;">FIRST GENERATION</p> <div style="background-color: #fff9c4; padding: 5px; margin-bottom: 5px;"> <p>1. HENRY¹ MORGAN was born possibly at Thenglenegg, Monmouthshire, Wales, 24 September 1820, son of _____ and Mary (_____) Morgan. He died at Lewis Township, Cass County, Iowa, 7 July 1883.² He married at Columbus, Franklin County, Ohio, 11 May 1845, WENDBRED CATHERINE JONES. She was born at Thenglenegg, 29 December 1821. She died at Lewis Township, 9 December 1904.³</p> <p>After moving from Wisconsin to Cass Township, Cass County, Henry Morgan, in addition to buying farmland, set up the Morgan Livery Stable with a delivery barn in the old town of Lewis next to a hotel. Several sons were most likely engaged in the operation of this stable.⁴</p> </div> <div style="background-color: #e1f5fe; padding: 5px;"> <p>Children of Henry and Wendred Catherine (Jones) Morgan:⁵</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2 i. WILLIAM HENRY² MORGAN, b. Dodgeville, Iowa Co., Wisc., 3 April 1846; m. NANCY ANN PEPPERELL.⁶ 3 ii. JOHN SAMUEL MORGAN, b. Dodgeville, 20 Feb. 1848; m. SARAH JANE CLARK.⁷ 4 iii. JOSEPH R. MORGAN, b. Fenimore, Grant Co., Wisc., 30 June 1850; m. FIGURINE A. SYDOR.⁸ 5 iv. BENJAMIN FRANKLIN MORGAN, b. Fenimore, 18 April 1852; d. Canton, Dakota Territory, 24 June 1876, of drowning; bur Oakwood Cemetery, Lewis, Cass County, Iowa. At the age of 24, Benjamin accidentally drowned in the Little Sioux River in the Canton Territory of Dakota. No one knows why he went to the Dakota Territory. His brother Joe brought his body back to Lewis, Iowa, for burial.⁹ 6 v. GEORGE OLIN MORGAN, b. Fenimore, 18 Sept. 1855; m. ELIZABETH BUCK.¹⁰ 7 vi. ALBERT BARNES MORGAN, b. Wintestown, Grant Co., Wisc., 24 Sept. 1858; m. ELIE MARJAH "ELIA" GRAHAM.¹¹ 8 vii. LUCIENE ANNE MORGAN, b. Wintestown, 8 July 1861; m. MUIR M. BYRAN.¹² </div>
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<p>Couple</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • full names • vital statistics, with dates and places 	<p>1. JANICE ELAINE MORGAN was born at Atlantic, Cass County, Iowa, 1 July 1938.¹ She married first at Des Moines, Polk County, Iowa, 31 May 1960, FRED MATHEW SELIGMAN,² son of Harry and Rose (Eldstein) Seligman, who was born at Toledo, Lucas County, Ohio, 12 May 1934,³ and died at Fish Canyon, Pima County, Arizona, 11 October 1993.⁴ Janice married second at Newport Beach, Orange County, California, 22 October 1999, ALAN VOULLAIRE WALKER,⁵ son of Roderick Francis and Henrietta D. M. (Voullaire) Walker, who was born at Opunaka, Taranaki, New Zealand, 7 January 1935.⁶</p> <p style="text-align: center;">PARENTS</p> <p>2. HAROLD BENJAMIN MORGAN was born at Wright Township, Pottawatomie County, Iowa, 9 April 1898 and died at Enid, Garfield County, Oklahoma, 3 April 1964.⁷ Harold married at Long Beach, Los Angeles County, California, 11 June 1920, ELISE COLE WHIFFLE.⁸</p> <p>3. ELISE COLE WHIFFLE was born at Deer Creek Township, Mills County, Iowa, 20 August 1900,⁹ and died at Palm Crest Convalescent Home, Long Beach, 22 January 1994.¹⁰ She is buried in Oakwood Cemetery in Lewis, Cass County, Iowa.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">GRANDPARENTS</p> <p>4. ALBERT BARNES MORGAN was born at Wattertown, Grant County, Wisconsin, 24 September 1858, and died at Lewis Township, Cass County, Iowa, 9 September 1915.¹¹ He married at Lewis, 23 February 1882, ELLIE MARIAM "ELLA" GRAHAM.¹²</p> <p>5. ELLIE MARIAM "ELLA" GRAHAM was born at Bart Township, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, 26 April 1862¹³ and died at Lewis, Cass County, Iowa, 12 January 1947.¹⁴ She is buried in Oakwood Cemetery in Lewis.¹⁵</p>
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Ahnentafel example

Variations

- “Hourglass” format
 - Trace ancestors of a single person in *Register* style
 - Expand from that person to include all his or her descendants
- Parallel *Register*-style presentations
- *Ahnentafel* with all children listed
- Narrative that includes genealogy, or genealogy that includes narrative

Generational number

Lineage line

23. JOHN LOWELL⁸ GARDNER (*Rebecca Russell⁷ Lowell, John⁶⁻⁵, Ebenezer⁴, John³⁻², Percival¹*) was born in Boston, Massachusetts 8 February 1804 and died in Brookline, Massachusetts 24 July 1884.

Birth first, followed by death

Place followed by date

Register-style sketch

Spouse info in same order: name, followed by birth and death, place followed by date

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Spouse's parents, including mother's maiden name

Register-style sketch continued

Children's intro

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Children of John Lowell and Catharine Elizabeth (Peabody) Gardner:

i. CATHARINE REBECCA GARDNER, b. 1 Aug. 1827; d. Boston 7 April 1833.

ii. JOSEPH PEABODY GARDNER, b. Boston 2 Aug. 1828; m. 14 Nov. 1860. HARRIET SEARS AMORY.

iii. GEORGE AUGUSTUS GARDNER, b. Boston 30 Sept. 1829; m. 8 Nov. 1854. ELIZA ENDICOTT PEABODY.

Lower-case roman numerals

Gen. no. for first child only

Born, then died

Place, then date

Abbreviated style

Arabic no. for any child to be "carried forward"

Child list in Register style

17. JOHN AMORY⁸ LOWELL (*Johnⁿ⁻⁵, Ebenezerⁿ, John³⁻², Percivalⁿ*) was born in Boston, Massachusetts 11 November 1798 and died there 31 October 1881. He married, first, in Boston 14 February 1822, SUSAN CABOT LOWELL, who was born . . . He married, second, in Salem, Massachusetts 2 April 1829, ELIZABETH CABOT PUTNAM, who was born . . .

Children of John Amory⁸ and Susan Cabot (Lowell) Lowell, born in Boston:

31 i. SUSAN CABOT⁹ LOWELL, b. 15 April 1824; m. 13 Oct. 1846, WILLIAM SOHIER.

32 ii. JOHN LOWELL, b. 18 Oct. 1824; m. 15 May 1853, LUCY BUCKMINSTER EMERSON.

Children of John Amory⁸ and Elizabeth Cabot (Putnam) Lowell, born at Boston:

33 iii. JOSEPH AUGUSTUS PEABODY⁹ LOWELL, b. 15 Jan. 1830; m. (1) 1 June 1854, KATHERINE BIGELOW LAWRENCE; m. (2) . . .

Same pattern for both spouses

Roman numerals continued

Multiple child lists in Register style

Samples of other child list issues

Adopted Children

Adopted child of Johnⁿ and Mary (Smith) Doe, born in Boston:

Child of Mary (Smith) Doe, adopted by Johnⁿ Doe:

Stepchildren

Child of Mary (Smith) Doe, stepchild of Johnⁿ Doe:

Twins/Multiple Births

BENJAMIN⁹ LOWELL (twin), b. 12 Sept. 1642.

or

BENJAMIN⁹ LOWELL, twin, b. 12 Sept. 1642.

Note difference in child-intro

Note status by child's name

i. ELIZABETH PICKERING GARDNER, b. 11 March 1799.

ii. MARY LOWELL GARDNER, b. 12 Jan. 1802.

iii. JOHN LOWELL GARDNER, b. Boston 8 Feb. 1804; d. Brookline 24 July 1884; m. Salem 4 Oct. 1826, CATHARINE PEABODY, b. Salem 23 June 1808; d. Brookline 27 August 1883; daughter of Joseph and Elizabeth (Smith) Peabody.

Children of John Lowell⁸ and Catharine Elizabeth (Peabody) Gardner:

a. Catharine Rebecca⁹ Gardner, b. Boston 1 Aug. 1827; d. Boston 7 April 1833.

b. Joseph Peabody Gardner, b. Boston 2 Aug. 1828; m. 14 Nov. 1860, Harriet Sears Amory.

c. George Augustus Gardner, b. Boston 30 Sept. 1829; m. 8 Nov. 1854, Eliza Endicott Peabody.

Distinctive typographic style

Additional indent & different numbering system

Grandchild list in Register style

23. JOHN LOWELL⁸ GARDNER (*Rebecca Russell⁷ Lowell, John⁶⁻⁵, Ebenezer⁴, John³⁻², Percival¹*) was born in Boston, Massachusetts 8 February 1804 and died in Brookline, Massachusetts 24 July 1884. He married at 134 Essex Street, Salem, Massachusetts 4 October 1826, CATHARINE ELIZABETH PEABODY, who was born at Salem 23 June 1808 and died in Brookline 27 September 1883, daughter of Joseph and Elizabeth (Smith) Peabody.

John Lowell Gardner graduated from the Boston Latin School and Harvard College (1821).

Children of John Lowell⁸ and Catharine Elizabeth (Peabody) Gardner:

- i. CATHARINE REBECCA⁹ GARDNER, b. Boston 1 Aug. 1827; d. Boston 7 April 1833.
- 40 ii. JOSEPH PEABODY GARDNER, b. Boston 2 Aug. 1828; m. 14 Nov. 1860, HARRIET SEARS AMORY.
- 41 iii. GEORGE AUGUSTUS GARDNER, b. Boston 30 Sept. 1829; m. 8 Nov. 1854, ELIZA ENDICOTT PEABODY.

Additional info follows basic data, and precedes children list, in new paragraph(s).

Register-style sketch



Born-died-married
Place followed by date

2. **JOHN LOWELL GARDNER** was born at Boston, Massachusetts 8 February 1804 and died at Brookline, Massachusetts 24 July 1884. He married at 134 Essex Street, Salem, Massachusetts 4 October 1826, **CATHARINE ELIZABETH PEABODY**.

Male's number is always even.

Ahnentafel sketch

2. JOHN LOWELL GARDNER was born at Massachusetts 8 February 1804 and Brookline, Massachusetts ~~24 July 1884~~ married at 134 Essex Street, Salem, Massachusetts 4 October 1826, CATHARINE ELIZABETH PEABODY.

3. CATHARINE ELIZABETH PEABODY was born at Salem 23 June 1808 and died at Brookline 27 September 1883.

No need to list marriage, as already given in husband's paragraph.

Female's number is always odd.

Ahnentafel sketch

<p>2. JOHN LOWELL GARDNER was born at Boston, Massachusetts 8 February 1804 and died at Brookline, Massachusetts 24 July 1884. He married at 134 Essex Street, Salem, Massachusetts 4 October 1826, CATHARINE ELIZABETH PEABODY.</p> <p>3. CATHARINE ELIZABETH PEABODY was born at Salem 23 June 1808 and died at Brookline 27 September 1883.</p> <p>John Lowell Gardner graduated from the Boston Latin School and Harvard College (1821).</p>	<p>2. JOHN LOWELL GARDNER was born at Boston, Massachusetts 8 February 1804 and died at Brookline, Massachusetts 24 July 1884. He married at 134 Essex Street, Salem, Massachusetts 4 October 1826, CATHARINE ELIZABETH PEABODY.</p> <p>John Lowell Gardner graduated from the Boston Latin School and Harvard College (1821).</p> <p>3. CATHARINE ELIZABETH PEABODY was born at Salem 23 June 1808 and died at Brookline 27 September 1883.</p>
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Additional info is given under the couple . . .

. . . or could be inserted after the man's paragraph, as the info applies only to him.

Ahnentafel sketch

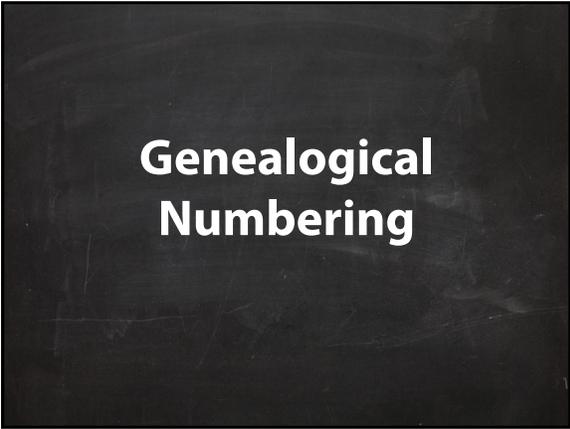
Tip
Follow a template.

23. JOHN LOWELL⁸ GARDNER (*Rebecca Russell⁷ Lowell, John⁶⁻⁵, Ebenezer⁴, John³⁻², Percival¹*) was born in **place date** and died in **place date**. He married in **place date**, FIRSTNAME LASTNAME, who was born in **place date** and died in **place date**, the daughter of **parent's names**.
 <Narrative here>

Children of John Lowell⁸ and Catharine Elizabeth (Peabody) Gardner:
 i. CHILD⁹ GARDNER, b. **place date**; d. **place date**.
 40 ii. CHILD GARDNER, b. **place date**; d. **place date**.
 iii. CHILD GARDNER, b. **place date**; d. **place date**.

2. **PERSON** was born at **place, date**, and died at **place, date**. He married at **place, date**, NAME OF SPOUSE.
 3. **NAME OF SPOUSE** was born at **place, date**, and died at **place, date**. She married second, **date, place**, Name of Second Spouse, who was born at **place, date**, and died at **place, date**.
 <Narrative here>

Examples



Register-style Numbering

1. Each main person gets a number.
2. Numbers are consecutive, beginning with 1 (usually the immigrant).
3. Number must match between the child list and main sketch.

❖ *Usually* only people with offspring are covered in main sketches.

"Modified" Register-style Numbering

- *National Genealogical Society Quarterly* (NGSQ)
- Assign an identification number for every child
- Use a plus (+) symbol to indicate who is carried forward

<p style="text-align: center; margin: 0;">SECOND GENERATION</p> <p>3. Sarah² George (Tabitha¹) was born at Mecklenburg County, Virginia, in 1856-58, to Tabitha and Durrell George.¹⁸ She died probably in 1910-20.¹⁹ Sarah married (1) Allen Alexander on 22 December 1875.²⁰ Allen died between 1900 and 1904, when Sarah, signing with a mark, borrowed money to purchase at least one horse or mule.⁶ As daughter of "Durrell & Tabby George," Sarah married (2) on 18 March 1906, Mason Gayle.⁶</p> <p>Sarah and Allen had eight children.⁶ Five have been identified:</p> <p>15. I. ROBERT ALLEN² ALEXANDER, born at Mecklenburg County on 28 January 1884.⁶ Deed in 1900.²¹</p> <p>16. II. LAURA ALEXANDER, born in April 1885. In name and age worked for a white family just before her parents' marriage.</p> <p>17. III. GOLDER ALEXANDER, born at Boydton, Virginia, on 10 April 1914 June 1920, Nettie Lewis.²²</p> <p>18. IV. MATTHEW ALEXANDER, born in 1891-92, [redacted]</p>	<p style="text-align: center; margin: 0;">THIRD GENERATION</p> <p>17. Golder³ Alexander (Sarah² George, Tabitha¹) was born at Boydton, Virginia, on 16 August 1889 and died at Manhattan, New York, on 10 April 1986.²³ He married there on 14 June 1920, Nettie Lewis, who was born in Charles City County, Virginia, in 1892-93 to Samuel and Delia (Harris) Lewis.²³ Mickey Funeral Home announced Nettie's passing in the <i>Amsterdam News</i>, but was unclear whether she died or was buried in Virginia on 25 April 1965.²³</p> <p>At the beginning of the country's involvement in the Great War, Golder lived in Harlem at 42 East 133rd Street and worked as a porter for Park and Tilford, a specialty grocery store. He served briefly in the U.S. Army—only two and a half months at Camp Humphreys, Virginia.²³ His short service and subsequent assignment to a "remedial training unit" suggest he was "socially incompatible for military service."²³</p> <p>Upon discharge Golder became a longshoreman.²³ The couple lived at 102 West 143rd Street and took in boarders, so did many families during this harsh</p>
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Modified Register-style example

Images from: Leslie Elaine Anderson, MSLS, "Tabitha (Bugg) George Smith of Mecklenburg County, Virginia," *National Genealogical Society Quarterly* 103 (March 2015): 13 and 19.

Ahnentafel Numbering

- The subject is number 1.
- The subject's father is always 2 and the mother 3.
- Paternal grandparents are 4 and 5; maternal are 6 and 7; etc.
- In every father-mother pair, the father has an even number and the mother an odd number.

Ahentafel Math

- To calculate the father's number (*n*), double the child's number (*cn*)
 - $cn \times 2 = n$
- Add 1 to the father to establish the mother's number
 - $n + 1$
- To find the child of a couple, halve the father's number
 - $n \div 2 = cn$

The diagram shows two columns: *Sixth Generation* and *Seventh Generation*. Red boxes and arrows illustrate the Ahnentafel numbering process:

- 65. ANNE BECKETT (1800-?) is the mother of 66. JOHN WARD (1838-?). $72 \times 2 = 144$
- 66. JOHN WARD is the father of 67. MARGARET (1838-?). $(72 \times 2) + 1 = 145$
- 67. MARGARET is the mother of 68. JOHN ASQUITH (1838-?). $144 / 2 = 72$
- 68. JOHN ASQUITH is the father of 69. MARY (1838-?). $72 \times 2 = 144$
- 69. MARY is the mother of 70. JOHN WARD (1838-?). $144 + 1 = 145$
- 70. JOHN WARD is the father of 71. MARGARET (1838-?). $145 / 2 = 72$
- 71. MARGARET is the mother of 72. WILLIAM LEPTON (1838-?). $72 \times 2 = 144$
- 72. WILLIAM LEPTON is the father of 73. ANNE BECKETT (1800-?). $144 + 1 = 145$

Additional text in the diagram: "144 - father", "145 - mother", "son", "daughter".

Sample Ahnentafel numbering

Ahnentafel Numbering

- All numbers must be accounted for. If someone is unknown, give the appropriate number followed by blank lines.

3696-4001. _____

- If someone appears more than once, give the full listing once and subsequently, refer back to the earlier number.

3696. NICOLAS ROY = 3668.
3697. _____ = 3669.

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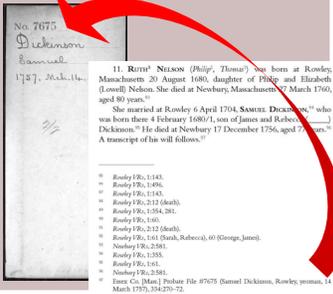
- generation by generation
- family group by family group



Citations

Why are citations important?

- Reliability
- Reproducibility
- Retainability



Purposes of Citations

-  To indicate the location of the data.
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- Where did it come from?
- Who produced it?



Location, Location, Location

- Will readers be able to find the source for themselves?
- Does the information come from the best possible source(s)?



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 - Birthdates are from Wheeler, *History of Stonington*, 431, **which incorrectly says Esther died unmarried.**

For Your Information

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What needs to be cited?

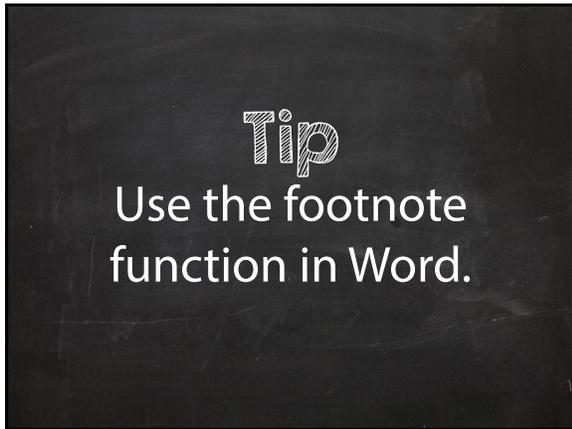
- Anything that is not common knowledge must be sourced.
 - **Common knowledge:** John Adams served on the Second Continental Congress.
 - **Less common:** John Adams wrote to Abigail Adams the day after Congress passed the resolution on American Independence.
 - **Quote:** The letter stated, “Yesterday the greatest Question was decided, which ever was debated in America, and a greater perhaps, never was or will be decided among Men.”⁷²

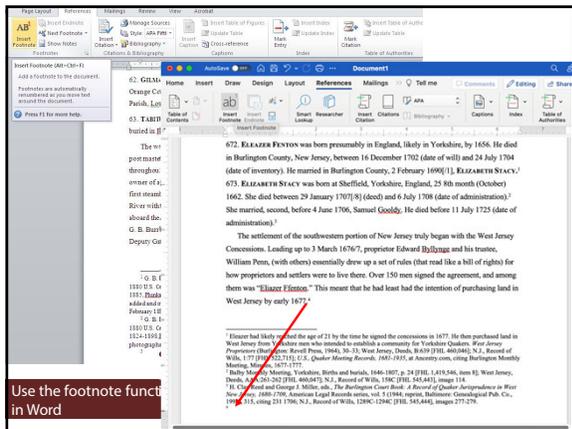
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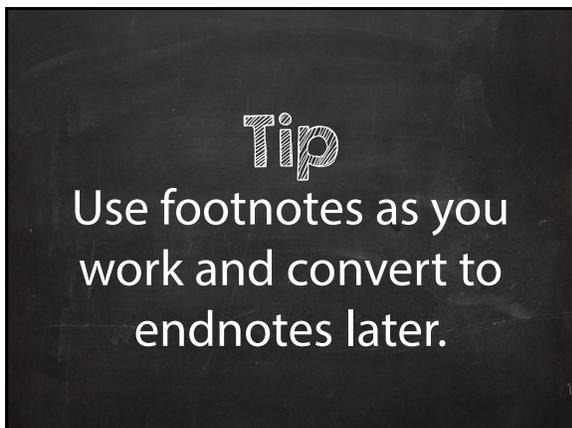
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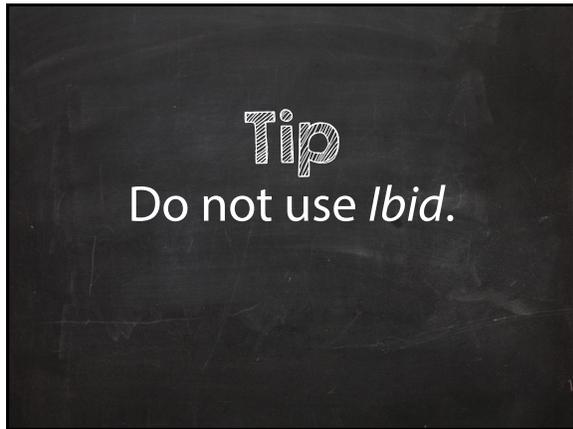
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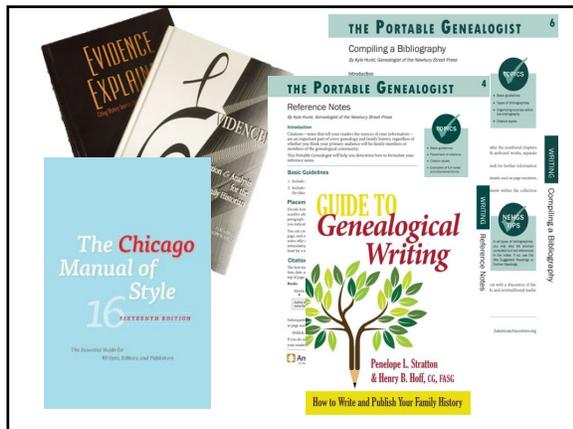
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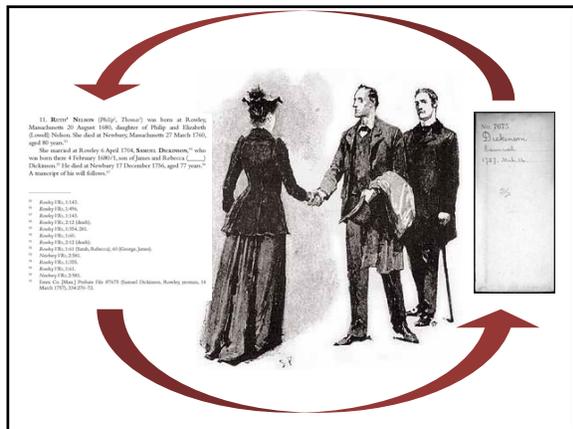




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