

Citing Your Sources

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1. Why should you take the time to cite your sources?
 - Gives credibility to your research
 - Helps you evaluate the accuracy and credibility of your information
2. What is a citation?
 - The “address” of the source or document *you* used to obtain information
 - Citations include:
 - Name of the item
 - Who made the item
 - Where the information is found within the item
 - Where you found the item
3. When should you use citations?
 - ALWAYS! Every piece of information should have a citation.
 - Cite as you add each piece of information to your family tree
4. How do you write a citation?
 - Books by Elizabeth Shown Mills
 - Evidence! Citation & Analysis for the Family Historian
 - Evidence Explained: Citing History Sources from Articles to Cyberspace
 - BYU Center for Family History, “Template for Citations”
 - Based from the above books
 - https://cfhg.byu.edu/Pages/companion/citation_templates.pdf
 - Use the built-in features of your family tree program
 - RootsMagic, Ancestry.com, FamilySearch.org, etc.