



Putting It All Together: Making Sense of All the Research You've Done

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Organization:

- ✓ Goal is to: 1) reduce papers, 2) digitize your sources and 3) organize your digital files
- ✓ Create and follow a backup strategy that [uses the 3-2-1 Backup philosophy](#)
- ✓ Smith, Drew. *Organize Your Genealogy: Strategies and Solutions for Every Researcher*
- ✓ Taneya Koonce has [great ideas for organizing at her blog!](#)
- ✓ Googling 'organize your genealogy' will bring up several free videos on You Tube
- ✓ [Organizing Your Family Papers](#), free webinar by American Ancestors
- ✓ [How to Organize All This Stuff](#), free webinar by Lisa Louise Cooke
- ✓ Create [custom Google maps](#)
- ✓ *Don't just use Ancestry for your family tree!* Your family tree shouldn't be only behind a paywall
- ✓ Check out Charting Companion's [gorgeous charts](#)
- ✓ [Purchase 10 Source Tables at Reclaiming Kin, \\$10 \(need to have Microsoft Word\)](#)

Tools:

- Scanner (double-sided) for papers
- Scanner (flatbed)
- Colored Folders
- Three Ring Binders
- Labeller

Source Citation/Writing:

- ✓ Shown-Mills, Elizabeth. *Evidence Explained: Citing History Sources from Artifacts to Cyberspace (3rd edition)*. Baltimore, Maryland: Gen. Pub. Co., 2017.
- ✓ Rose, Christine. *Genealogical Proof Standard: Building a Solid Case* (4th edition revised). San Jose, California: CR Publications, 2014.
- ✓ Jones, Thomas W. *Mastering Genealogical Documentation*. Arlington, Virginia: National Genealogical Society, 2017.
- ✓ [Citing Your Sources](#), article at BCG Genealogy website by Elizabeth Shown Mills
- ✓ Class (\$): [Guide to Documentation and Source Citation](#) (American Genealogical Studies)
- ✓ [Thinking Through Ancestry Source Citations](#), by Elizabeth Shown Mills
- ✓ [Citing Online Providers of Digital Images](#), by Elizabeth Shown Mills
- ✓ [Layered Citations Work Like Layered Clothing](#), by Elizabeth Shown Mills
- ✓ [ARKs, PALs, Paths and Waypoints: Citing Online providers of Digital Images](#), by E.S. Mills
- ✓ [Source Citations: The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly](#), a free Rootstech webinar by Diane Elder
- ✓ [Building Citations While Writing](#), by Michael Hait
- ✓ Legacy Family Tree's posts on sources, information and evidence ([Part 1](#) , [Part 2](#) , [Part 3](#))
- ✓ [African American Family History Articles](#), at Reclaiming Kin

Data Analysis:

- ✓ [Using Spreadsheets as Research Tools](#), by Aaron Goodwin
- ✓ [Creating a Table in Word](#) (YouTube video)
- ✓ [Using Charts in Your Genealogy Research](#), by Robyn Smith
- ✓ [Do You Use a Census Tracker?](#), by Robyn Smith
- ✓ [Tracing Enslaved Ancestors Through Probate](#), by Robyn Smith
- ✓ [A Valuable Strategy for Pension Research](#), by Robyn Smith
- ✓ The possibilities are endless! What problems do you want to solve/understand/document? There's a table for that!

Commercial Software:

- Evernote
- Charting Companion
- Rootsmagic
- Legacy Family Tree
- Backblaze
- OneDrive/GoogleDrive
- Dropbox