

GEN Principles Reading Assignments

Please note:

1. *These reading assignments are subject to change without warning. The official course syllabus will have the final assigned reading list.*
2. *Some reading assignments are only available to students logged into the Boston University Online Campus/Blackboard.*
3. *Some materials will be provided by BU/CPE through XanEdu after the course starts.*

Module 1:

Board for Certification of Genealogists (BCG). *Genealogy Standards*. 2nd ed.

- Pages xix-xxii
- All of chapter 1
- Chapter 2, Standards #1-6
- Chapter 3, the introductory paragraph on reasoning from evidence on p. 23 and Standards #37-40
- The Evidence Analysis Process Map inside the back cover
- Glossary as needed

Powell, Kimberly. *The Everything Guide to Online Genealogy*. 3rd ed.

- Chapters 1-3, note critical typos on pp. 32 and 46

Module 2:

BCG. *Genealogy Standards*. 2nd ed.

- Standards #23, 24, 29, 30, 41, 46-48

Powell. *The Everything Guide to Online Genealogy*. 3rd ed.

- Chapter 5
- Chapter 8, pp. 149-51 re: religious records
- Chapter 10
- Chapter 13

Greenwood, Val D. *The Researcher's Guide to American Genealogy*. 3rd ed. Baltimore, MD: Genealogical Publishing, 2000.

- [Chapter 24, "American Aids to Finding the Home of the Immigrant Ancestor"](#)

Smith, Marian L. "[Manifest Markings: A Guide to Interpreting Passenger List Annotations](#)," *JewishGen*.

Russell, Judy G. "[Bonding the Bride and Groom](#)." *The Legal Genealogist*, blog, 17 November 2014.

Russell, Judy G. "[A Matter of Consent.](#)" *The Legal Genealogist*, blog, 6 July 2017.

For reference: United States Immigration and Naturalization Service, [Foreign Versions, Variations, And Diminutives of English Names: Foreign Equivalents of United States Military and Civilian Title](#), revised. Washington, DC: US Govt. Printing Office, 1973.

Module 3:

BCG. *Genealogy Standards*. 2nd ed.

- Standards #10, 12, 35, 36

Powell. *The Everything Guide to Online Genealogy*. 3rd ed.

- Chapter 14

Greenwood. *The Researcher's Guide to American Genealogy*. 3rd ed.

- Chapter 15, "[Understanding Probate Records and Basic Legal Terminology](#)"
- Chapter 16, "[What About Wills](#)"
- Chapter 17, "[The Intestate—Miscellaneous Probate Records—Guardianships](#)"

Izard, Holly V. "Random or Systematic? An Evaluation of the Probate Process." *Winterthur Portfolio* 32 (Summer-Autumn 1997): 147-167. **Provided via XanEdu**

Russell, Judy G. "[The Beer Bust and the Surety Bond.](#)" *The Legal Genealogist*, blog, 28 February 2012.

Finley, Carmen J. "[Who Was Aunt Mary? A Brief Case Study in Identification and Kinship 'Correction'.](#)"

Module 4:

BCG. *Genealogy Standards*. 2nd ed.

- Standards #10, 14, 17-19, 42, 45, 48-50
- Chapter 4, introductory paragraph on p. 33, and Standards 58-61, 64-66, 68-70

Johnson, Melissa A. "Mothers for Sophie (Kanetski) Howe of Scranton, Pennsylvania." *National Genealogical Society Quarterly* 103 (June 2015): 105-113. Available to read or download as a PDF at the [BCG website](#).

Green, Shannon. "Parents for Cynthia (Parker) Wilcoxon of Ohio and West Virginia." *National Genealogical Society Quarterly* 105 (June 2017): 93-100. [Available as PDF on the author's website](#).

Module 5:

BCG. *Genealogy Standards*. 2nd ed.

- Standards #19, 25, 27, 35-36, 40-48
- Standards #23, 29-33
- Standards #19, 25-27

Powell. *The Everything Guide to Online Genealogy*. 3rd ed.

- Database Search Strategies,” pp. 53-56
- “Get Creative with Names,” pp. 56-57
- “Unearth Wills and Estate Records,” pp. 122–125 – read *after* Self-check Activity: Timelines
- “Chase Down Court Records,” pp. 125–127 – read *after* Self-check Activity: Timelines
- “Land and Property Records,” pp. 134–136 – read *after* Self-check Activity: Timelines

Washington, Reginald. “[The Freedman’s Savings and Trust Company and African American Genealogical Research](#).” *Prologue Magazine: Federal Records and African American History* 29, no. 2 (Summer 1997).

Leary, Helen F. M. “[Skillbuilding: Converting Records into Reliable Copies](#).” *OnBoard* 5 (May 1999): 20.

Mills, Elizabeth Shown. “[Transcribing Source Materials](#).” *OnBoard* 2 (January 1996): 8.

Russell, Judy G. “[Guardians for the Kids](#).” *The Legal Genealogist*, blog, 1 March 2012.

Sullivan, Amanda. “[This Straightforward Technique Will Help You Uncover Missed Facts About Your Ancestors](#).” *Family History Daily*.

Hatton, Stephen B. “[A Genealogical Timeline as a Research Tool](#).” Originally published in *NGS Magazine*.

Module 6:

BCG. *Genealogy Standards*. 2nd ed.

- “Planning Research,” Standards #9-18
- Standards #25-27, 35-36
- Standards #62-71, 74

Powell. *The Everything Guide to Online Genealogy*. 3rd ed.

- A Research Log is Essential,” pp. 24–25
- “Taking Good Notes Will Improve Results,” pp. 25–26
- “Document Your Findings,” pp. 31–33

DeGrazia, Laura Murphy. “[Planning Effective Research](#).” *OnBoard* 21 (September 2015): 17-18, 23.

Mills, Elizabeth Shown. "[QuickLesson 17: The Evidence Analysis Process Model.](#)" *Evidence Explained: Historical Analysis, Citation & Source Usage.*

Powell, Kimberly. "[Think Like a Detective – How to Develop a Genealogy Research Plan.](#)" *ThoughtCo.*

Lenzen, Connie M. *Oregon*. NGS Research in the States Series, Special Publication No. 78
Arlington, VA.: National Genealogical Society, 2007.

Note: The Lenzen book is available by the permission of the National Genealogical Society. It is available to student in read-only format during the time they are enrolled in the course. Students are not permitted to print the book or to download it to any other site.

Mills, Elizabeth Shown. "[Skillbuilding: Producing Quality Research Notes.](#)" *OnBoard 3* (January 1997): 8.

Mills, Elizabeth Shown. "[QuickLesson 20: Research Reports for Research Success.](#)" *Evidence Explained: Historical Analysis, Citation & Source Usage.*

Module 7:

Bettinger, Blaine T. *The Family Tree Guide to DNA Testing and Genetic Genealogy*. 2nd ed.

- Chapter 1, "Genetic Genealogy Basics"
- Chapter 2, "Common Misconceptions"
- Chapter 3, "Ethics and Genetic Genealogy"
- Chapter 4, "Autosomal-DNA (atDNA) Testing"
- Chapter 5, "Y-Chromosomal (Y-DNA) Testing"—Read through the end of the section entitled "Daughtering Out"
- Chapter 6, "Mitochondrial (mtDNA) Testing"—Read through the end of the section entitled "Finding an mtDNA Descendant: Working Backward to Go Forward"
- Chapter 7, "X-Chromosomal (X-DNA) Testing"—Read through the end of the section entitled "The Unique Inheritance of X-DNA"
- Chapter 9, "Ethnicity Estimates"