

Genealogical Research Reading Assignments

Please note: These reading assignments are subject to change without warning. The official course syllabus will have the final assigned reading list

Module 1: Genealogical Methods

Genealogy Standards, 2nd ed.

- Chapter 1, "The Genealogical Proof Standard"
- Chapter 3, "Standards for Researching"
- Chapter 4, "Standards for Writing"

Professional Genealogy: Preparation, Practice & Standards

- Chapter 13, "Problem Analyses & Research Plans"
- Chapter 14, "Research Procedures"
- Chapter 16, "Genetics for Genealogy"
 - pp. 363-70 Basic Concepts, Mitochondrial DNA, and Y-Chromosome DNA
 - pp. 377-86 Genetic Genealogy & the Genealogical Proof Standard, Professional Practice, and Ethical Considerations & DNA Testing
- Chapter 18, "Research Reports"

Mastering Genealogical Documentation

- Chapter 1, "The Purpose and Nature of Genealogical Documentation"
- Chapter 2, "Noncitation Aspects of Genealogical Documentation"
- Chapter 3, "Citation Settings, Forms, and Shortcuts"

The Family Tree Guide to DNA Testing and Genetic Genealogy, 2nd ed.

- Chapter 1, "Genetic Genealogy Basics"
- Chapter 2, "Common Misconceptions"
- Chapter 5, "Y-Chromosomal (Y-DNA) Testing"
- Chapter 6, "Mitochondrial (mtDNA) Testing"
- Chapter 10, "Analyzing Complex Questions with DNA"

Mills, Elizabeth Shown. "[Frontier Research Strategies—Weaving a Web to Snare a Birth Family: John Watts \(ca. 1749–ca. 1822\).](#)" *National Genealogical Society Quarterly* 104 (September 2016): 165–90.

Module 2: Evidence, Evaluation, and Documentation

Genealogy Standards, 2nd ed.

- Chapter 1, "The Genealogical Proof Standard" (review)
- Chapter 2, "Standards for Documenting" standards 1-8
- Chapter 3, "Standards for Researching" (review), especially standards 10, 11, 35–39, and 46–50

- Pages 33–40, covering standards 58–73
- “Evidence Analysis” map (in the back of the book) and glossary (as needed)

Mastering Genealogical Documentation

- Chapter 17: read this first, and then re-read the ten steps on pages 181–83 often as you work your way through the book
- Chapters 4–10
- Chapter 11
 - pages 113–top of 115, stopping at Option 1
 - page 117 beginning at Option 3–page 122
- Chapters 12, 13
- Chapter 14
 - pages 143–147 (stopping at Option 1)
 - pages 149 (beginning at Option 3)–page 151
- Chapter 15 (skip options 1 and 2)
- Chapter 16
 - pages 163–168
 - beginning on page 169, in each section listed below, read the introductory paragraph and the specified options
 - Unpublished images of publications: read options 2,3, and 4
 - Published images of publications: read options 2, 3, and 5
 - Published images of unpublished sources: read options 2, 4, and 5
 - Unpublished images of unpublished sources: read option 4 only
 - Images of missing or destroyed sources: read options 2 and 4

(Chapters 1–3 were assigned in module 1, but you may need to refer to them, especially chapter 3. Chapter exercises are not assigned. We will occasionally draw on citation examples from the Greenfield article in Appendix A of *Mastering Genealogical Documentation*, but reading the article is not assigned.)

Professional Genealogy: Preparation, Practice & Standards

- Chapter 12
- Pages 329–30 of Chapter 14 (section on "Source and Information Analysis")
- Chapter 20

Supplied article: Baty, Laurel. “Parentage of Martha Smith of Alabama and Mississippi: Overcoming Inconsistent, Incorrect, and Missing Records.” *National Genealogical Society Quarterly* 101 (June 2013): 85–102.

The student will also choose one or more from a list of supplied articles for the final discussion forum of the module.

Module 3: Forensic Genealogy

Professional Genealogy: Preparation, Practice & Standards

- Chapter 5, "Ethical Considerations"
- Chapter 15, "Forensic Specialization"
- Chapter 16, "Genetics for Genealogy"

The Family Tree Guide to DNA Testing and Genetic Genealogy, 2nd ed.

- Chapter 1, "Genetic Genealogy Basics" (Review)
- Chapter 2, "Common Misconceptions" (Review)
- Chapter 3, "Ethics and Genetic Genealogy"
- Chapter 4, "Autosomal-DNA (atDNA) Testing"
- Chapter 7, "X-Chromosomal (X-DNA) Testing" (Optional)
- Chapter 8, "Third-Party Autosomal-DNA Tools"
- Chapter 10, "Analyzing Complex Questions with DNA" (pp. 198-208 only)
- Chapter 11, "Genetic Testing for Adoption and Other Brick Walls" (pp. 214-219 only)
- Appendix A, "Comparison Charts" (pp. 241-243 only)
- Appendix B, "Research Forms" (pp. 245 only)
- "Glossary" (Optional)

Genealogy Standards, 2nd ed.

- Chapter 3, "Standards for Researching", especially Standards 51-57
- Appendix A, "The Genealogist's Code of Ethics"

Module 4: Genealogy as a Profession

Genealogy Standards, 2nd ed.

- Chapter 4, Standards for Writing, Standards 58–80
- Chapter 5, Standards for Genealogical Educators (Teaching and Lecturing), Standards 81–88
- Standard 75 (Lineage-society applications)

Professional Genealogy: Preparation, Practice & Standards

- Chapter 2, "Educational Preparation"
- Chapter 5, "Ethical Considerations"
- Chapter 6, "Executing Contracts"
- Chapter 8, "Structuring a Business"
- Chapter 10, "Setting Fees"

- Chapter 11, "Marketing"
- Chapter 17, "Lineage Applications."
- Chapter 18, "Research Reports"