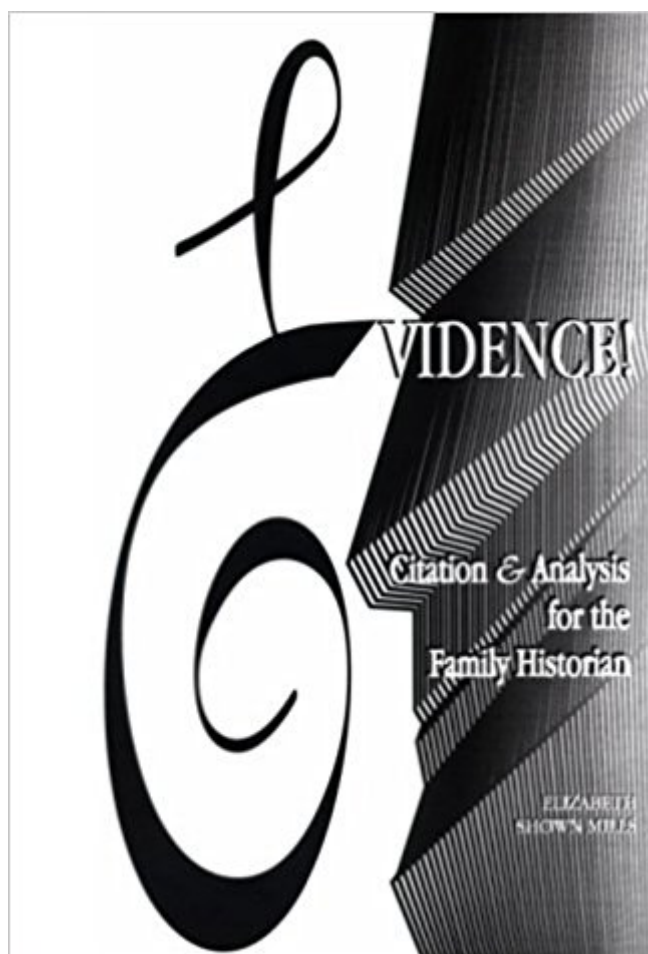


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# Evidence! Citation & Analysis For The Family Historian



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Without proof of some kind, a family tree is just hear-say. Don't frustrate your descendants! After doing the research and finding out some very interesting facts about your ancestors, make sure you cite your sources so they know there is proof. This will save everyone from having to reinvent the wheel over and over. Try to make copies of the documents also. So many things can happen - courthouse fires, flooded basements, silverfish snacking on papers on a back shelf - save your history and make your descendants glad you were their ancestor. This book is great for anyone

serious about their genealogy.

Great book!! Elizabeth Shown Mills sure makes the fun of family search less fun.

A very handy and informative guide for these necessary citation tasks, but I felt a bit overwhelmed with the amount of information, and feel that the book is a bit hard to use when looking for a particular answer to a citation question. I felt frustrated trying to find how to do a particular citation because the index did not differentiate the various subclasses of citations within a given class very well.

The valuable information about how to cite sources for genealogy. It has encouraged me to buy Elizabeth Shown Mills book "Evidence Explained"

This work is now a standard reference for genealogists and for good reason. It provides up-to-date citation standards for any genealogist from amateur to professional. Family history that lacks proper sources and citations is not worth much. If we would stop for a moment in our internet frenzy of finding more and more information, faster and faster and just take the time for good sourcing, our final product would be worthwhile and credible. This is one book, along with dictionary and thesaurus and Bible that I go back to again and again. If you are a family historian, you should have it on your bookshelf also--within arm's reach.

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It is perfect except it is outdated. It lacks the internet citations we need in today's genealogical world.

This book has a lot of details that as a beginner I would have benefitted from examples to fully understand what she was trying to tell me. I didn't understand what some of the information meant. This would be a great book for the experienced person but I found the writing style of *Secrets of Tracing Your Ancestors* far more helpful (as a beginner).

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