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Quicksheet Citing Ancestry.com Databases & Images



Synopsis

Ancestry.com is the largest and most widely used genealogy site on the Internet. As an Ancestry.com user yourself, you've looked at databases with billions of names, so now you want to be sure you can get back to a specific record or lead others to the same record; and you need to identify your sources, to verify and cross-check them for accuracy, using the correct citations to Ancestry's online databases and images. Help is at hand with Elizabeth Mills's fabulous QuickSheet, which provides rules and models for citing the myriad databases and images you use on Ancestry.com. With this new QuickSheet, you'll know instantly how to cite databases that include census records, vital records, passenger lists, city directories, and family trees; and how to cite images that include manuscripts, maps, newspapers, and online books and articles. First published in 2009, the Quicksheet has now been completely revised to reflect changes and new wrinkles at Ancestry.com. In QuickSheet: Citing Ancestry.com Databases & Images you'll find the standards you need for the correct citation of Ancestry sources, as well as help in judging the reliability of those sources. For most Ancestry.com sources, sample citations are shown here in three styles: Source List Entry, Full Reference Note, and Short Reference Note, each showing you how to deal with author/creator, title, website, URL, date accessed, item type, source of sources, and so forth. Arranged in tabular format under each of these headings, the sample citations are easy to follow and can be applied to your specific needs in citing your sources. Convenient for desktop use at home or in the library, the new QuickSheet, like its companion, QuickSheet: Citing Online Historical Resources Evidence! Style, is a heavily laminated sheet, folded to form a standard 8.5" x 11" folder, and is designed for constant use.

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Customer Reviews

I find these Quicksheets very handy, portable and sturdy enough to travel with. Anything by Ms. Shown Mills is first rate and sure to help newbies me to the advanced family history keepers. In the case of her Quicksheets, most are tremendously useful in easily writing good source citations for all the different types of photos, facts, events, items and trivia found during genealogical prowls online and in-person. One of the Quicksheets just purchased is specific to Ancestry.com. Laminated on four pages, it provides templates and examples for writing Source List Entries, full Reference Notes as well as the subsequent reference notes if any to Ancestry Databases, Record types, and Images. Figuring out how to 'source' items and events I find on Ancestry.com will no longer 'throw' me! From census images, military records, newspapers to maps and wills, Elizabeth Shown Mills has my back. Hooray! The other Quicksheet purchased is a double sided laminated research guide. It is brilliant in its succinctness! It is titled, "Genealogical Problem Analysis: A Strategic Plan." It contains a Life Stage Worksheet template on one side to remind me of all the different life events that my subject person may have experienced and for which written traces may still exist. On the other side is a well written, "10 Steps to a Solution" guide which begins with "1) Focus on understanding, not upon finding names. 2) Organize, chronologically, known 'facts' about the problem person. 3) Separate documented ... from undocumented 'facts'" Each step is so logical and linearly cohesive. To the degree that I follow her guidance, Ms. Shown Mills guide should help me be more focused as well as more accurate. This Quicksheet also provides a great reminder that there are great differences between Original vs Derivative Sources, Primary vs Secondary Information and Direct vs Indirect Evidence.

I use this sheet all the time. It stays by my chair while I'm online. The sheet is written by ESM who literally wrote the book on footnoting in genealogy. Having the heavy duty cheat sheets was an excellent idea.

This quicksheet is a wonderful resource. Instead of searching through ESM's "Evidence Explained", I just pick up the sheet and, for any ancestry database, I can find the correct way to cite the source in seconds. Great timesaver.

Poorly laminated. Laminated edges are not sealed, making the laminating pretty much worthless. Plus, they added a product sticker with adhesive that is very difficult to remove. Ordinarily, that's not a problem, but because of the poor lamination, I have to be careful about getting the inside paper

wet/oily. For the price, the laminating should have been a better quality and how about using stickers that can be peeled off!!! Would not buy again.

A must have for all genealogists. It is very informative and a great place to find needed information. Excellent document.

Good source for the correct way to cite information you use from Ancestry.com. This is a handy tool for referencing purposes.

It is a quick way to remember places and a concise list to help with gene searches. Glad it was laminated!

This is a handy sized guide to writing bibliography references when you use Ancestry as your source. The citations themselves are surprisingly lengthy. I plan to check other guides before I decide if I want to use this method.

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