

Lineage Paper Tips & Hints



Documentation Tips:

Dates: document as dd mmm yyyy (e.g., 15 Mar 2015)

Locations: document as city, county, state (e.g., Summit, Union Co, NJ)

Abbreviations: BC = Birth Cert; DC = Death Cert; MR = Marriage Rec; TS = Tombstone

Gathering Proof Documents: use paper clips only, **no staples**; use red pen to underline dates/locations, **no highlighter pens**; label each proof document with your name and the generation(s) referenced.

Gen #1 - You and your husband

- BC - yours (long form showing parent's names)
- BC - your husband's (long form showing parent's names)
- MR - yours

Gen #2 - Your parents

- BC - your father's (long form showing parent's names)
- BC - your mother's (long form showing parent's names)
- MR - your parents
- DC - for each parent who has passed (long form showing parent's names)

Gen #3 - Your grandparents

- BC - your grandfather's (long form showing parent's names)
- BC - your grandmother's (long form showing parent's names)
- MR - your grandparents
- DC - for each grandparent who has passed (long form showing parent's names)

Gen #4+ - for each successive generation identify proof of each birth, death and marriage + parents

- birth dates & locations for both male and female ancestors
- marriage date & location
- death dates & locations for both male and female ancestors
- connection to the parents of each generation (except the NSCDA Ancestor)

As you locate each proof document, check the box to the left. This will help ensure you have the proof for each fact.

Repeat this list for each generation from Gen. #4 to your NSCDA Ancestor.

Appropriate Proof Documents:

Primary Evidence: conclusive and factual evidence, recorded at the time of the event

- Vital Records - birth, marriage, and death records usually found at the county health department where the event occurred. Check here for where to write for vital records: www.cdc.gov/nchs/w2w.htm
- Pension Records - soldier's files may identify family relationships www.fold3.com ; <http://aad.archives.gov/aad/> ; www.archives.gov ; <https://familysearch.org/search/collection/1849623>
- Bible Records - when recorded by a person present at the time of the event (e.g., parent rec child's birth)
- Probate / Wills / Court Records - check court houses or www.familysearch.org
- Tombstones - pictures of tombstones that show birth and death dates; check www.ancestry.com ; www.findagrave.com ; <http://gravelocator.cem.va.gov/> ; <http://www.accessgenealogy.com/cemetery/>

Secondary Evidence: acceptable as a Preponderance of Evidence; two or more pieces may support a fact

- Obituaries - check <http://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/search/titles/> ; www.obitsarchive.com
- Census Records - locate several decades - check www.ancestry.com and www.familysearch.org
- Books on Family Histories - copy cover page and all relevant pages; check online books <https://books.familysearch.org> ; https://archive.org/details/library_of_congress ; www.worldcat.org
- County Histories - copy cover page and all relevant pages; check online books <http://www.learnwebskills.com/patriot/countyhistories1.htm>
- Heritage Quest and Other Periodical Searches - search online <http://www.craftsburypubliclibrary.org/links/research.shtml>
- Allen County Genealogy Center - search online <http://www.genealogycenter.org/databases/freedatabases.aspx>