

## A. The Basics for Researching

### *Unpuzzling Your Past: a Basic Guide to Genealogy*

Emily Anne Croom. (Betterway Publishing, 1995, 3rd edition)

#### **GR 929.1 Croom 1995**

An excellent "how-to" book for those interested in investigating their family genealogy, and a good reference for students tracing family trees for history class. This workbook, with its reproducible forms of all kinds, will help those just starting out, as well as those who have already begun to gather material, to organize, and to extend their search.

### *The Sleuth Book for Genealogists: Strategies for More Successful Family History Research*

Emily Anne Croom (Betterway Books, 2000)

#### **GR 929.1072 Croom**

Croom's book is a user friendly compilation of advice, tips, strategies and resources for the aspiring genealogist seeking to undertake genealogical research with respect to their own family history and members.

### *The Source: A Guidebook Of American Genealogy*

Loretto Dennis Szucs (Ancestry, 1997, Revised edition)

#### **GR 929.1072 Source 1997**

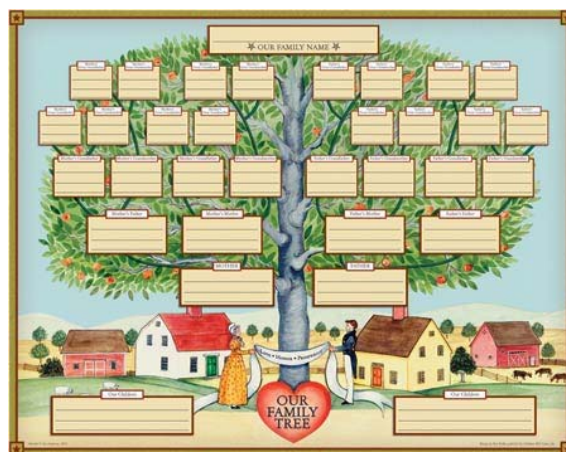
Intended as a handbook and a guide to selecting, locating, and using appropriate primary and secondary sources, *The Source* also functions as an instructional tool for novice genealogists and a refresher course for experienced researchers.

### *The Genealogist's Handbook: Modern Methods for Researching Family History*

Raymond S. Wright (American Library Association, 1995)

#### **GR 929.1 Wright**

Beginning with a chapter that compares genealogy and family history, the book progresses logically through basic methodology, advice on evaluating sources and tools, locating records, learning about ethnic origins, and writing a family history. Sample charts and examples from records illustrate many chapters.



## B. Guides for Researching American Records

### *Ancestry's Red Book: American State, County & Town Sources*

Alice Eichholz (Ancestry Inc., 1992, Revised edition)

#### **GR 929.1072 Ancestry**

*Red Book* has information on records and holdings for every county in the United States, as well as excellent maps from renowned mapmaker William Dollarhide.

### *The Genealogist's Address Book*

Elizabeth Petty Bentley (Genealogical Publishing Company, 1998, 4th edition)

#### **GR 929.1 Bentley 1998**

A national Yellow Pages for the genealogist. Classified by subject, cross-referenced and alphabetized, with all the key sources of genealogical information, giving names, addresses, phone numbers, FAX numbers, e-mail addresses, web sites, contact persons, and the business hours of more than 25,000 libraries, archives, genealogical societies, historical societies, government agencies, vital records offices, professional bodies, religious organizations and archives, surname registries, research centers, special interest groups, periodicals, newspaper columns, publishers, booksellers, services, databases, and much, much more.

### *The Genealogist's Companion and Sourcebook*

Emily Croom (Betterway Books, 1994)

#### **GR 929.1072 Croom**

This classic introduces readers to many different kinds of public sources, giving examples of the genealogical information in many kinds of sources along with tips for using or interpreting these sources. Mini-case studies provide readers with real-life research examples of just how these sources can be used.

### *The Handy Book for Genealogists: United States of America*

Everton Publishers (Betterway Books, 2002, 10th edition)

#### **GR 929.1072 Everton 2002**

The Handy Book contains well-researched histories of each state, state capital and the territories; descriptions and addresses for each state's major record collections and protocol for requesting vital records; information on researching records for nineteen foreign countries; complete contact information for libraries, repositories, and historical/genealogical societies; plus detailed county maps and over 120 migration trail maps.

### *The Researcher's Guide to American Genealogy*

Val D. Greenwood (Genealogical Publishing Company, 1990, 2nd edition)

#### **GR 929.1 Greenwood**

Part 1's "Background to Research" discusses terminology, spelling and handwriting, evidence and standards of proof, libraries and reference materials, organizing and evaluating findings, and computers in genealogy and family history. Part 2's "Records and Their Use" covers compiled sources and newspapers, vital records, census returns, probate records and legal terminology, government and local land records, court records, women's property rights, church records, immigration records, military records, and cemetery and burial records. Caveat: some sources may be out of date.

## C. Georgia Resources

### *Georgia Counties; Their Changing Boundaries*

Pat Bryant (State Printing Office, 1983, 2nd edition)

#### **GR 911.758 Bryant**

Pat Bryant (deputy surveyor general of the Georgia Surveyor General Department, Office of the Secretary of State) compiled this tome of information about Georgia's historical geography. It includes maps, bibliographical references, and an index.

### *Georgia Research: A Handbook for Genealogists, Historians, Archivists, Lawyers, Librarians, and Other Researchers*

Robert Scott Davis, Jr. and Ted O Brooke (Georgia Genealogical Society, 2002)

#### **GR 929.1758 Davis**

This illustrated guide for is great for beginning your research on Georgia and contains complete information on these topics and more:

- National Archives and Records Administration Genealogical societies
- Georgia Department of Archives and History Libraries
- Other Statewide Repositories LDS history centers
- Maps Periodicals
- Newspapers Genealogical
- Religious Sources

#### *Sources available for every county in Georgia*

- Local government records
- County-by-county listing of available sources
- Colonial parish sources

#### *Sources available for research by time period from 1733 to the present*

- Colonial Period
- Revolutionary War
- Civil War and Reconstruction

### *A Researcher's Library of Georgia History, Genealogy and Records Sources, 2 volumes*

Robert Scott Davis, Jr. (Southern Historical Press, 1987 (vol. 1) & 1991 (vol. 2))

#### **GR 929.3758 Davis**

Bob Davis has compiled his most significant articles on and abstracts of Georgia records as well as added new material spanning virtually all Georgia's 250 years.



## D. Genealogical Standards and Guidelines

Guidelines for Using Records Repositories and Libraries

<http://genealogy.about.com/library/blstandards-library.htm>

Standards for Sound Genealogy Research

[http://genealogy.about.com/od/basics/a/sound\\_research.htm](http://genealogy.about.com/od/basics/a/sound_research.htm)

Standards for Use of Technology in Genealogical Research

<http://genealogy.about.com/library/blstandards-tech.htm>

Standards for Sharing Information with Others

<http://genealogy.about.com/library/blstandards-share.htm>

Guidelines for Publishing Web Pages on the Internet

[http://genealogy.about.com/od/writing\\_family\\_history/a/standards\\_web.htm](http://genealogy.about.com/od/writing_family_history/a/standards_web.htm)

Guidelines for Genealogical Self-Improvement and Growth

<http://archiver.rootsweb.ancestry.com/th/read/CyndisList/2002-08/1029873965>

## E. Citation and Organization

*Evidence! Citation and Analysis for the Family Historian*

Elizabeth Shown Mills (Genealogical Publishing Company, 1997)

### **GR 929.1 Mills**

This brief and accessible volume covers three main areas: the principles behind source citation, the formats in which citation should be cast, and the fundamentals of evidentiary analysis itself. And whatever the source of information -- courthouse land records, family Bibles, cemetery markers, microfilmed census registers, unpublished manuscripts, electronic e-mail, or a videotaped family reunion -- there are multiple examples of each in this book.

*The Organized Family Historian: How to File, Manage, and Protect Your Genealogical Research and Heirlooms*

Ann Fleming (Rutledge Hill Press, 2004)

### **GR 929.1072 Fleming**

Fleming shows how to organize your paper records, recordings, photographs, notes, and artifacts using computers, archival boxes, files, and forms to help you put your hands on what you need when you need it. Also included are instructions on the best ways to store and preserve one-of-a-kind family relics.

## F. Online Databases

### **American Family Immigration Center**

[www.ellislandrecords.org](http://www.ellislandrecords.org)

Includes information on immigrants in addition to those that came through Ellis Island.

### **Ancestry Library Edition**

This is an extensive collection of databases, records, and advice on genealogical research, **accessible only through GALILEO in public libraries in Georgia**. Begin at the Library's home page [www.clarke.public.lib.ga.us](http://www.clarke.public.lib.ga.us). Click on the GALILEO icon, then on "Databases A to Z", then scroll down to the name. You can use Ancestry Library Edition from any internet access computer in the library.

### **Cyndi's List of Genealogy Sites on the Internet**

[www.cyndislist.com/](http://www.cyndislist.com/)

Site contains over 240,850 links, of those, more than 235,950 are categorized and cross-referenced in over 150 categories. There are a variety of helpful indexes including a Category Index.

### **Family Search**

[www.familysearch.org/](http://www.familysearch.org/)

Family Search is provided by the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (Mormons), and has the world's largest collection of family history records. databases include compilations of ancestors, census records, family histories, military records, surnames, family organizations, and vital records.

### **HeritageQuest Online**

This is a collection of databases, with census, death and birth records, **accessible only through GALILEO**. Begin at the Library's home page [www.clarke.public.lib.ga.us](http://www.clarke.public.lib.ga.us). Choose the GALILEO icon on the right side of the page. Select Databases A to Z, then scroll down to HeritageQuest Online. You can use this database from home or at the library.

### **RootsWeb Genealogical Data Cooperative**

[www.rootsweb.com/](http://www.rootsweb.com/)

This site has a RootsWeb Surname List (RSL) with a registry of more than 1 million surname entries. Although much of this site is free, some additional services are available for a fee. World Connect is one of the most useful of the RootsWeb sites.

### **US GENWEB**

[www.usgenweb.com/](http://www.usgenweb.com/)

This site is the project of a group of volunteers working together to provide Internet websites for genealogical research in every county and every state of the United States.

### **Vital Records Information**

[www.vitalrec.com](http://www.vitalrec.com)

This site shows you how to go about obtaining vital records – birth, death, marriage – in the United States and its territories.

## G. Area Genealogical Societies

Joining a local group will greatly enhance your family researching experience. Society members share information, help with research problems, and often travel together to research programs and workshops. Check each society's website for information about annual dues, meetings, etc. **Please note:** many of these societies are run by volunteers who conduct business from their personal residence and thus have no permanent facility, telephone, or library.

- **Clarke Oconee Genealogical Society (COGS)**

Mailing address: PO Box 6403 / Athens, GA / 30604

Webpage: [www.rootsweb.com/~gacogs/](http://www.rootsweb.com/~gacogs/)

*COGS Quarterly* - Includes announcements and articles to assist those doing genealogical research (quarterly).

- **East Georgia Genealogical Society (EGGS)**

Mailing address: P.O. Box 117 / Winder, GA / 30680-0117

Webpage: [www.rootsweb.com/~gaeggs](http://www.rootsweb.com/~gaeggs)

Email: [gaeggsweb@yahoo.com](mailto:gaeggsweb@yahoo.com)

*Georgia Settlers* - Publishes various abstracted county records for the 28 counties served by EGGS. It also contains current events, announcements, feature articles, queries, family trees, book reviews, etc. Each issue is fully indexed (quarterly).

- **Georgia Genealogical Society**

Mailing address: P.O. Box 550247 / Atlanta, Georgia / 30355-2747

Webpage: [www.gagensociety.org/](http://www.gagensociety.org/)

Email: [www.gagensociety.org/contact\\_us.htm](http://www.gagensociety.org/contact_us.htm)

*The Electronic Scribe* (online newsletter). This quarterly publication timely short articles and announcements of interest to those researching family history as well as information about meetings past and future,

*Georgia Genealogical Society Quarterly* - contains articles, abstracts, Bible records, and book reviews. (quarterly journal).

- **National Genealogical Society**

Mailing address: 3108 Columbia Pike, Suite 300 / Arlington, Virginia / 22204-4370 USA

Webpage: [www.ngsgenealogy.org/](http://www.ngsgenealogy.org/)

The *NGS NewsMagazine* - Designed to help beginners and experts. It contains information on upcoming genealogical events and conferences, technology, queries, new products, as well as articles about genealogy as well as news of the society

*National Genealogical Society Quarterly* – The journal of the society, it provides in-depth articles on problem solving, critical book reviews, and more (quarterly journal).