

# Advancing Your Genealogical Education In 2025

# Forms of Genealogical Education

- Lectures
- Workshops
- Conferences
- Societies
- Certificate / Degree Programs
- Books
- Journals

# What is there to learn?

- Knowledge
  - How did the probate process work in 18<sup>th</sup> century New England?
  - Where can I find land records from before counties were created in New Hampshire?
- Skills
  - How to read old handwriting
  - How to read German
- Standards
  - What is the correct way to cite a census record?
  - How should I number my genealogy in a standard way?

# Join a Genealogical Society

- Many states and even counties have one.
- Also, ones focused on specific immigrant groups
  - American Canadian Genealogical Society
  - Polish Genealogical Society of America
  - The Irish Ancestral Research Association (TIARA)
  - Jewish Genealogical Society of Greater Boston
- Cost varies, but generally \$20-60/year.

# Legacy Family Tree Webinars

- 2,325 webinars, 454 speakers, 9,074 pages of notes
  - And growing!
- Includes a lot of the big names
  - Tom Jones, Elizabeth Shown Mills, Jdy Russell, Maureen Taylor, etc.
- \$48.95/year
  - IMHO, one of the biggest bargains in genealogy.



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### Putting Them in Their Place: Understanding Localities for You...

Colleen Robledo Greene, MLIS  
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### The Mexican National Archive (AGN): A Resource for...

Nefi Arenas Salazar, AG®  
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### Top 10 Digital Repositories for Mexican Research

Lisa Medina  
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### Mexican American Mutual Aid Societies

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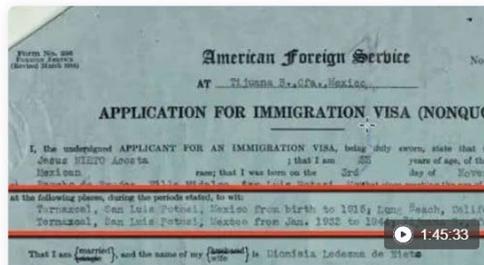
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### Mexican Land Reform and the Ejido: History and Records

Lisa Medina  
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### Your 19th & 20th Century Mexican Ancestors in the U.S.

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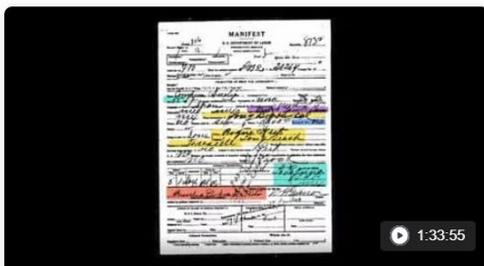
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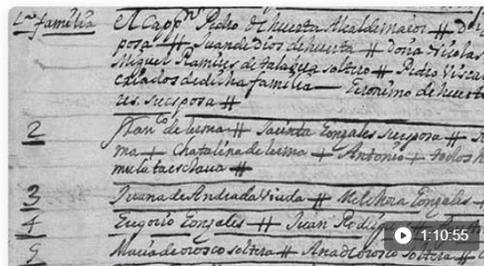
### Foundational Concepts & Reference Tools for Mexican...



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### Essential Immigration Records for Researching Your Mexican...

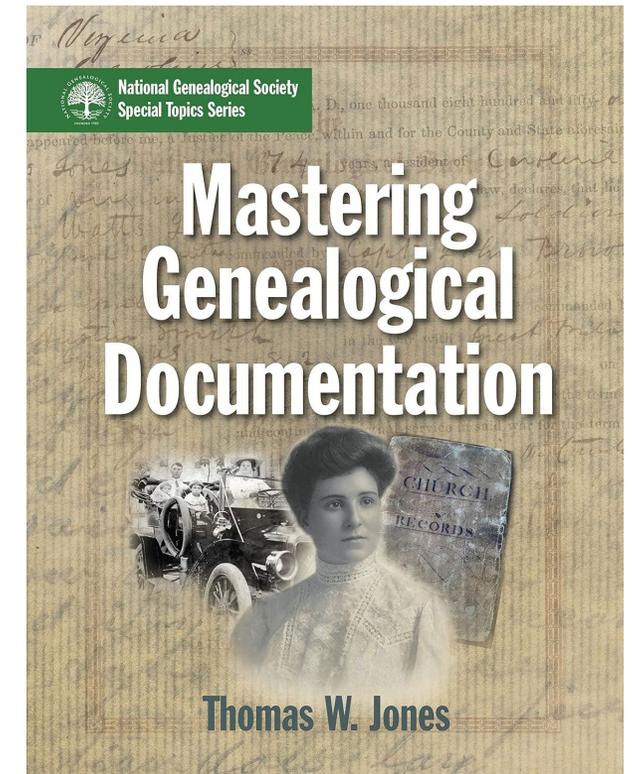
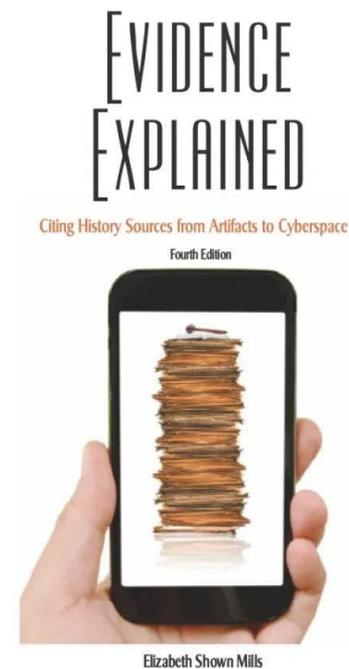
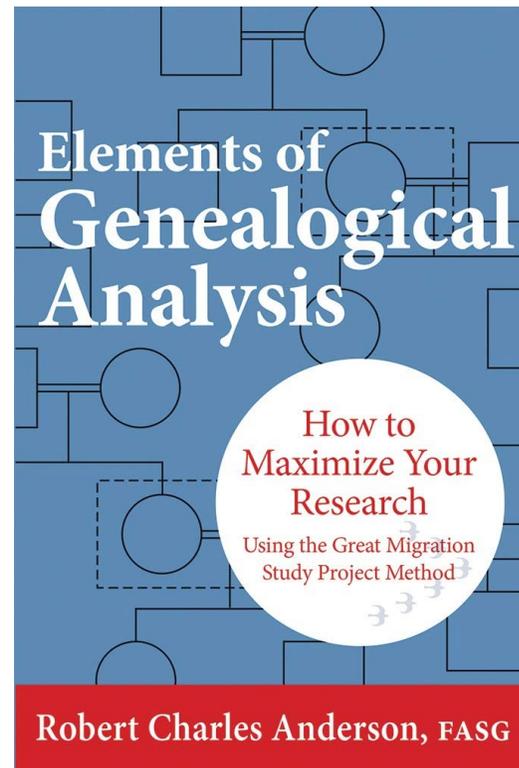
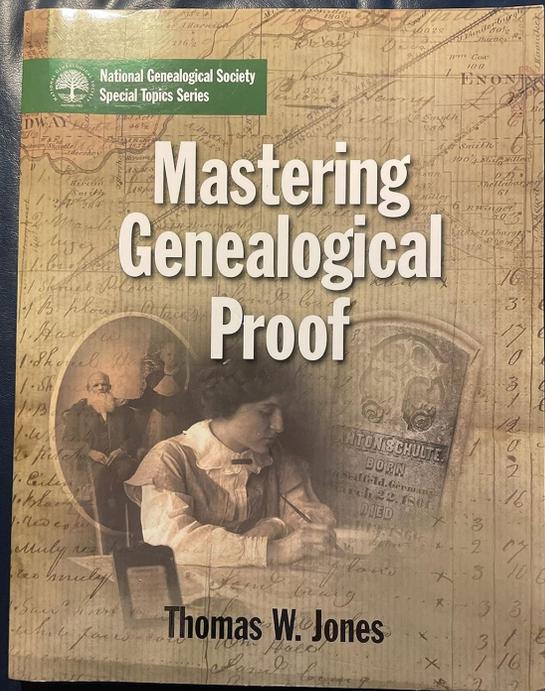


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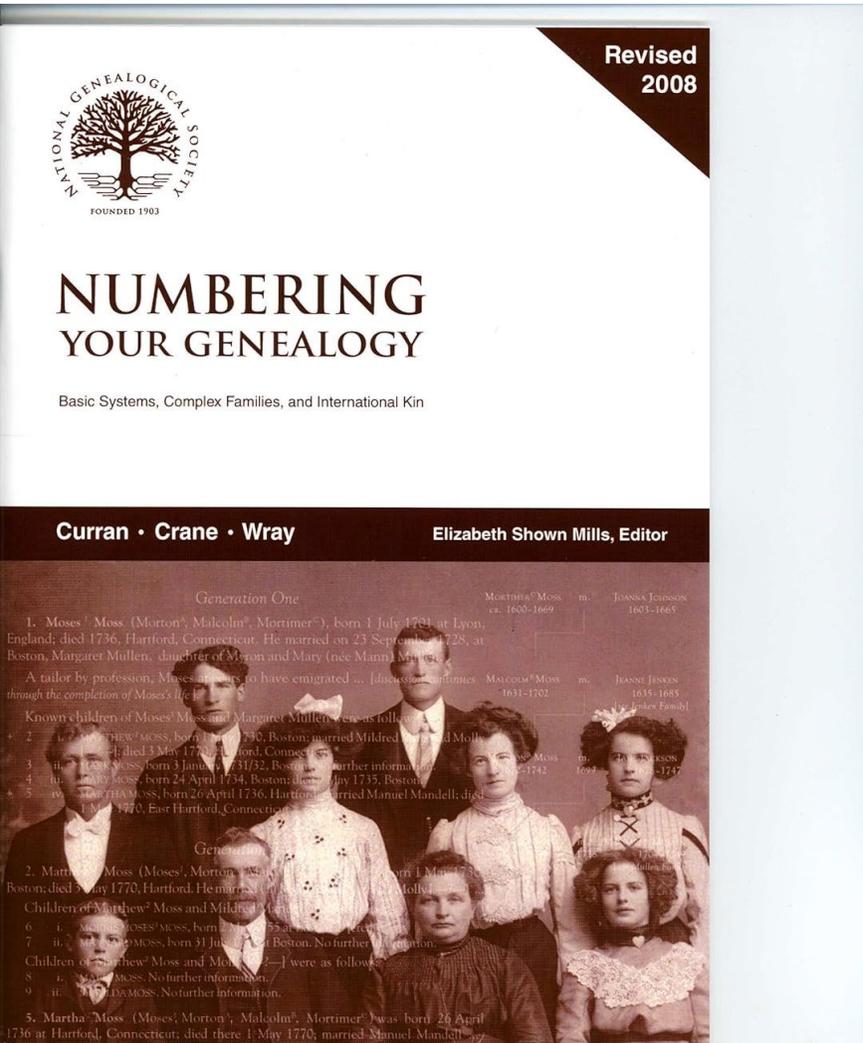
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### Colonial Spanish & Mexican Censuses & Census Substitutes

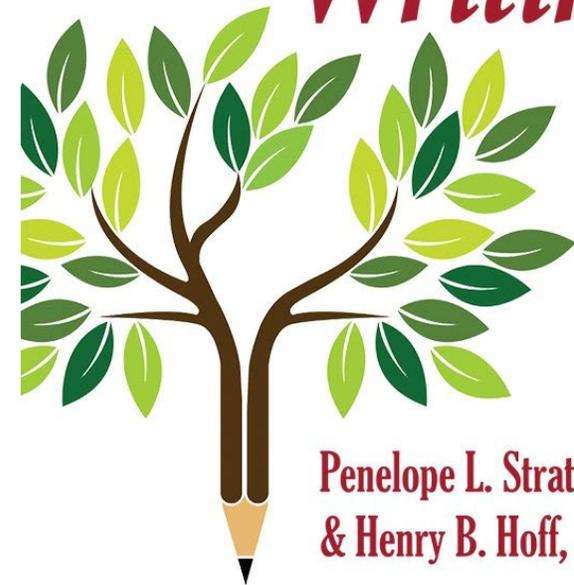
# Methodology Books



# Genealogical Writing



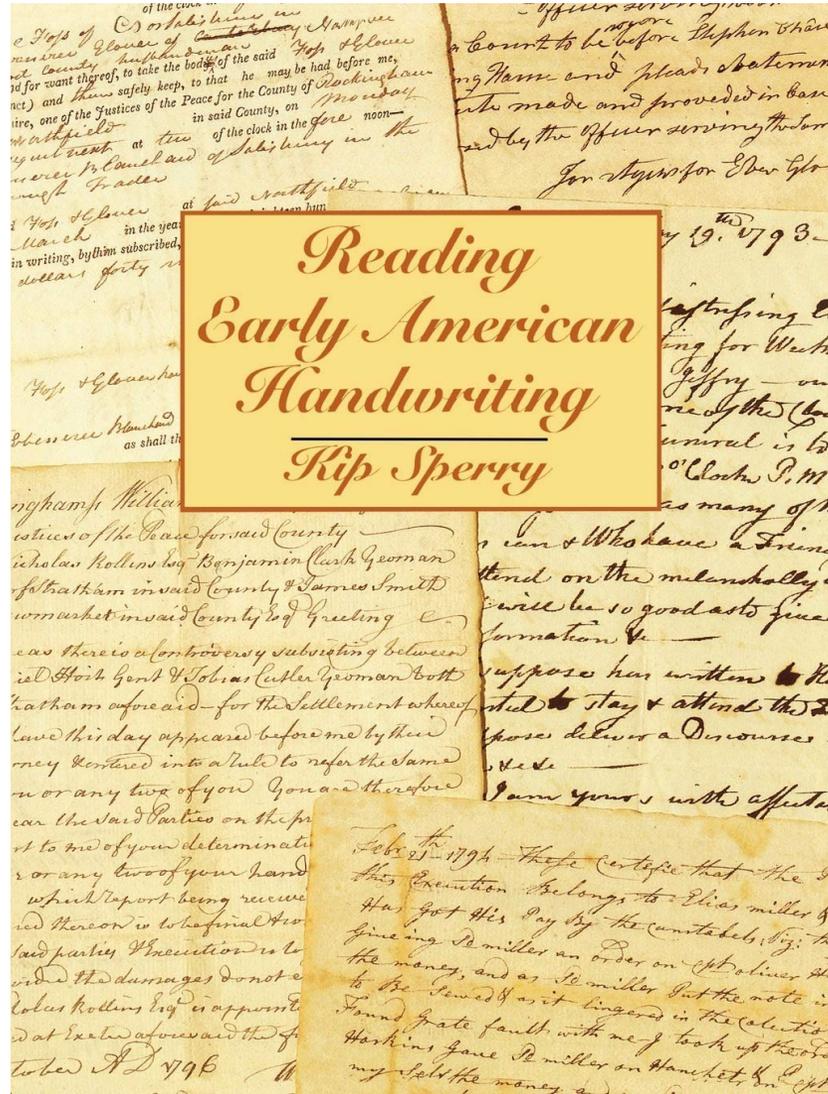
## GUIDE TO *Genealogical Writing*



**Penelope L. Stratton  
& Henry B. Hoff, CG, FASG**

**How to Write and Publish Your Family History**

# Old Handwriting



Reading  
Early American  
Handwriting  
Kip Sperry

# NERGC

- New England Regional Genealogical Conference
- Every other year, rotating among the New England States
- NERGC 2025 will be in Manchester, 10/29-11/1



# NGS Family History Conference

- Louisville, KY 23-26 May 2025
- \$325 (plus travel, meals and lodging)
- A gazillion tracks, presentations, and workshops.
- Brings in the top speakers.
- <https://conference.ngsgenealogy.org/>



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# GRIP – Summer camp for genealogists

- Genealogical Research Institute of Pittsburgh (NGS)
- 18 class sessions (plus homework) over 5 days.
  
- In person: 13-18 July 2025
- Virtual: 22-27 June 2025
  
- <https://grip.ngsgenealogy.org/>
- ~\$600 tuition + ~\$500 dorm package

Session ID	Course Name	Coordinator
2025-10	<b>Advanced DNA Evidence</b>	Blaine Bettinger, PhD, JD
2025-11	<b>Advanced German Research</b>	F. Warren Bittner, MS
2025-12	<b>Legal Landscapes: Mapping Family History Through Law Library Records</b>	Judy G. Russell, JD, CG®, CGL(SM) & Rick Sayre, CG, CGL, FUGA
2025-13	<b>Mining and Extraction: Building Skills with the Coal Industry</b>	Cecelia McFadden, MISM, M.Ed.
2025-14	<b>Navigating the Genealogical Research Process: Advanced Strategies for Success</b>	Julie Cahill Tarr, AG®
2025-15	<b>Navigating the Past Part 1: Migrations on North American Waterways, 1825-1925</b>	Pamela J. Vittorio, MA, PLCGS
2025-16	<b>Advanced Pennsylvania Land Research: Proprietor and Commonwealth Land Records</b>	Gerald H. (Jerry) Smith, CG®
2025-17	<b>Practical Family History Writing: Preserve and Share Your Stories</b>	Kelli Jo Bergheimer

Day	Session	Time	Session Title	Description	Instructor
<b>Monday 14 July</b>	Intro	8:30 – 9 AM	<b>Class Intro</b>		Russell/Sayre
	1	9 – 10:15 AM	<b>An Introduction to the Law</b>	Introduction, course outline, and overview of the legal systems affecting genealogy (common, civil, canon, and statutory law).	Russell
	2	10:45 – 12 PM	<b>State Courts and their Records</b>	Courts created by state law can be called the People’s Courts since they are the courts with which our ancestors interacted the most. Understand the organization of these courts, the division of functions among the various courts, the record-keeping systems historically in use, and the scope of court records of value to genealogists.	Russell
	3	1:30 – 2:45 PM	<b>Federal Courts and their Records</b>	From the original 13 U.S. District Courts created by the Judiciary Act of 1789 to the multi-layered federal system now in place, federal courts adjudicate civil, criminal, and administrative matters of interest to genealogists. Learn the structure of the courts, the nature of the records they create, and how and where to find them for use in family history.	Russell
	4	3:15 – 4:30 PM	<b>The Legislative Process, Statutes at Large, and Private Acts</b>	Many individuals are mentioned in, or the subject of laws passed by Congress, and many laws passed by Congress created records of genealogical interest. Learn about the legislative process, including how a bill becomes law. The principal records created—debates, journals of Congress, and statutes—will be described. Learn how to find and use the <i>Statutes at Large</i> .	Sayre
<b>Tuesday 15 July</b>	5	9 – 10:15 AM	<b>The Serial Set, American State Papers, and Territorial Papers</b>	These publications contain the reports of the Congress and the Executive branch and are an essential source of American history. Thousands of people are mentioned in these documents. Learn about the creation, content, and genealogical importance of these core federal government publications. Learn how to locate and access these publications. Case studies and usage concepts for the reports of the Congress and the Executive branch will close this session.	Sayre
	6	10:45 – 12 PM	<b>The Claims Committees of the Congress and the U.S. Court of Private Land Claims</b>	Beginning in 1794 and continuing well into the twentieth century, Congress created 14 different claims committees, acting in effect as an appellate authority over the executive branch’s decisions. Favorable resolution of these claims often resulted in the passage of a private act. Understand the jurisdiction and operation of these committees and discover the importance of these private acts in genealogical research.	Sayre

# SLIG

- Salt Lake Institute of Genealogy (Utah Genealogical Society)
- Spring and Fall institutes, around 10 weekly sessions
- Spring 2025:
  - Course 1: Reconstructing Ancestral Neighborhoods & Networks
  - Course 2: Researching Women from 1860 to 1950
  - Course 3: A Century of Change: The Emigrant-Immigrant-Migrant Experience in the U.S., 1825–1925
  - Course 4: The Art of Writing a Research Report
  - Course 5: Bring ‘Em Back to Life: Writing Our Ancestors’ Stories
  - Course 6: Tracing French-Canadian Ancestors and Telling Their Stories
  - Course 7: Becoming an Accredited Genealogist Professional: The Why, the What, the How
  - Course 8: BCG Certification: Understanding and Meeting Standards
- <https://slig.ugagenealogy.org/>
- Tuition: \$595

# National Genealogical Society

- Online, self-paced, programmed learning tracks.
  - Foundations in Family History
  - Advanced Skills in Genealogy
  - Continued Genealogical Studies
- Each track consists of a series of courses.
- Prices range, but generally are ~\$90.

# Boston University

- Genealogical Principles
  - 7-week virtual course, focused on fundamentals
- Genealogical Practicum
  - 7-week virtual course, refine skills learned in Principles course
- Genealogical Research Certificate program
  - More intense workload, focused on skills needed by a professional genealogist.
- Multiple start times through the year.
- \$995 for Principles, \$2,695 for certificate, textbooks included

Questions?