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NEW Second Edition of EVIDENCE EXPLAINED

Announcing the New Second Edition of [Evidence Explained: Citing History Sources from Artifacts to Cyberspace](#), by Elizabeth Shown Mills!

Following its enthusiastic reception in 2007, we are pleased to announce a new edition of what is now the definitive guide to the citation and analysis of historical sources, a guide so thorough that it leaves nothing to chance, whether you want to cite a podcast or a census record. The new second edition of [Evidence Explained](#) includes updates to numerous websites, new models for electronic sources such as blogs and online forums, and new model citations to traditional and non-traditional genealogical sources, thus continuing its role as the single-most comprehensive style manual for genealogical writing and publishing.

[Evidence Explained](#) has two principal uses: it provides citation models for most historical sources—especially original materials not covered by classic citation guides such as *The Chicago Manual of Style*. Beyond that it can help us understand each type of record and identify each in such detail that we and our readers will know not only where to go to find our source, but, equally important, the nature of that source so that the evidence can be better interpreted and the accuracy of our conclusions properly appraised.

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- Covers all contemporary and electronic sources not discussed in traditional style manuals, including digital, audio, and video sources
- Explains citation principles and includes more than 1,000 citation models for virtually every source type
- Shows readers where to go to find their sources and how to describe them and evaluate them
- Teaches readers to separate facts from assertions and theory from proof in the evaluation of evidence

Reviews of the First Edition

“The definitive guide for how to cite every conceivable kind of source a historian might use, from traditional archival materials to digital media to the most arcane sources imaginable.”—John B. Boles, Editor, *Journal of Southern History*

“Meant not only as a style guide for the types of source citations used by genealogists and historians, this book also discusses why analysis of information within the total context of a source is imperative to understanding the nature of a ‘fact.’ Citations not only tell where the source was found, but also can indicate a level of confidence to knowledgeable researchers.”—*Association of Professional Genealogists Quarterly* (December 2007)

“. . . pays special attention to the proper citation of multimedia materials and online resources and to understanding their role as evidence in historical research. . . . [T]his 14-chapter guide could scarcely be more comprehensive or thorough. It outlines foundational issues of evidence and citation analysis and then details the citation of specific types of materials.”—*Choice* (March 2008)

“The heart of the book . . . presents more than one thousand citation models. . . . Most valuable are models for contemporary sources (Web sites, digital books and journals, DVDs, CDs, audio files, podcasts, e-zines, and others) and genealogical sources not covered elsewhere (artifacts, family group sheets, FHL preservation film, lineage society applications, genetic testing reports, grave markers, blogs, online forums, and such). . . . In standardizing a family history style, Mills has advanced the discipline. She has given genealogical researchers, writers, editors, and publishers invaluable new tools to bring quality and consistency to their work and distinction to the field.”—*National Genealogical Society Quarterly* (September 2007)

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“Carry it around and look up the correct citation of any source you come across. Keep it at your side to help you identify sources and use it to evaluate digital and internet sources.”—*Bluegrass Roots* (Fall 2007)

“Evidence Explained . . . is more than a mere expansion of Evidence! Citation & Analysis for the Family Historian. As a transition, it is the next generation of genealogical and historical documentation style guide and will likely remain so for years to come. It should be on every genealogist’s shelf to be consulted often.”—*New Mexico Genealogist* (March 2008)

“Separate citation examples for print, film, and electronic formats are included when applicable. . . . This is an essential resource for family historians; highly recommended for all libraries.”—*Library Journal* (November 2007)

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http://www.genealogical.com/index.php?main_page=product_info&item_number=3843

Recap of David Dobson's Books on SCOTTISH GENEALOGY for 2009

Dr. David Dobson is our most prolific author. Over the course of twenty-six years, we have published eighty-eight different titles by this authority on emigration to the Americas from Scotland, Ireland, and Northern Ireland. Among other things, Dr. Dobson is probably world's leading expert on the Scottish men and women who sailed for North America in the 17th, 18th, and 19th centuries. If you are a recent subscriber to "Genealogy Pointers," you are doubtless unfamiliar with the scope of David Dobson's work. For openers, here is a list, with brief descriptions, of his 2009 titles. To see a complete list of his publications, please click on the following URL.

http://www.genealogical.com/index.php?main_page=advanced_search_result&search_in_description=1&criteria=Author&keyword=dobson

New David Dobson Titles for 2009

[Scots-Irish Links, 1825-1900](#)

Although most of the migration was in the other direction, there was still some movement from Scotland to Ireland during the Victorian period, albeit on a small scale. This book identifies some of these migrants, and others with links to Scotland, as well as graduates of the University of Glasgow with Irish links. Mr. Dobson undertook the research for this volume in documentary sources in the National Archives of Scotland in Edinburgh, as well as some published contemporary materials in the Library of the University of St. Andrews. For each of the roughly 1,300 alphabetically arranged Scots of Irish origin found in this new book we are given a location (oftentimes a street address), date, and source of the information. In some instances Mr. Dobson has, much to our delight, identified one or more of the following: the individual's parent(s), sibling(s) and or spouse; military service; occupation; education, or more.

[The People of Scottish Burghs: Dundee, 1600-1799. 2 Parts in One](#)

The book marks the first volume in a series of records pertaining to the inhabitants of Scottish towns and cities in the 17th and 18th centuries, any number of whom or whose progeny ultimately made contact with the New World. The volumes in this series are based overwhelmingly on primary sources, such as the records of the High Court of the Admiralty of Scotland, the Commissary Court of Brechin, the Customs and Excise, the Services of Heirs, monumental inscriptions, and so on. Many, though not all, of the individuals named in this work were merchants or tradesmen. Although they do not comprise a complete list of Dundee inhabitants during these two centuries, these burghers are nonetheless representative of the city's population elements and of the town sources available to family historians for Dundee.

[The People of Scottish Burghs: Perth, 1600-1799. 2 Parts in One](#)

This is the second volume in a series of source records pertaining to the inhabitants of Scottish towns and cities in the 17th and 18th centuries. Perth, a Royal Burgh since 1124, has a long tradition of self-government and therefore of burgesses, but, unfortunately, there are no surviving burgess rolls. In their absence Dr. Dobson was able to piece together the identities of over 2,000 17th- and 18th-century residents of Perth from primary sources. Dr. David Dobson has arranged these individuals alphabetically and for each has unfailingly given the individual's occupation, an identifying date, and his source. In numerous instances he has also extracted supplementary information, variously consisting of date of birth; name of spouse, children, and/or parents; name of ship traveled upon; date of will; and more.

[Scotland During the Plantation of Ulster: The People of Lanarkshire, 1600-1699](#)

This book is the third volume in a series designed to provide information on Scottish communities that participated in the Ulster exodus. This work supplements information found in the Scottish parish records and is based almost completely on primary sources, including the Register of Deeds of the Court of Session, Lanarkshire Sasines, the Registers of Testaments for Lanark and Glasgow, and more. Author Dr. David Dobson identifies more than 2,000 17th-century residents of Lanarkshire who may have figured in the exodus to Ulster. Each such individual is identified by name, occupation, at least one date, and the source of the information. In many cases the entries also identify the resident's parents, spouse, or offspring; vessel(s) traveled on; additional dates; and more. The first two volumes in this series are similar in arrangement and covered the 17th-century inhabitants of Ayrshire and Dumfries/Galloway, respectively.

[Scotland During the Plantation of Ulster: The People of Renfrewshire, 1600-1699](#)

The latest in this series by David Dobson, this book is designed to assist family historians researching their origins in the Scottish county of Renfrew during the 17th century. The volume is based, overwhelmingly, on primary sources in the National Archives of Scotland and Edinburgh, and is fully referenced. The single most important source used in the compilation is the Registers of Testaments for Hamilton and for Glasgow. The inhabitants are arranged alphabetically and are identified by a town or townland, date, and source. In some instances, Mr. Dobson includes additional details, as in the case of the following inhabitant: Mr. Dobson's newest book identifies about 2,200 inhabitants of Renfrewshire who might have relocated to Ulster and whose origins go back to the 16th

century.

[Scots in Poland, Russia and the Baltic States, 1550-1850. Part Two](#)

For the concluding volume in this series, Mr. Dobson examined scores of Scottish primary and secondary sources before producing a list of 1,000 additional Scots who settled in the Baltic. Arranged alphabetically, entries furnish the individual's name with variants, a place of residence in Eastern Europe, the date of the record, and its source. Given the widely disparate character of the subject matter, one may also find a reference to the individual's place of origin in Scotland, occupation, relationships to other persons named (i.e., parent, spouse, offspring), membership in a fraternal organization, etc.

[The People of Ireland, 1600-1699. Part Two](#)

This work draws on primary sources, such as published government records, together with references found in Irish, English, Scottish, and Dutch archives. The most important sources used in this work are the many volumes of the published Calendar of State Papers relating to Ireland, which were published in London between 1860 and 1910 and contain a storehouse of genealogical information for the period 1509 to 1670. The aim of this series, now in its second volume, is to provide information on ordinary people throughout 17th-century Ireland--with the exception of people of Scottish origin who have been dealt with in Dr. David Dobson's Scots-Irish Links, 1575-1725 series. Thus, the people listed here are predominantly of native Irish and immigrant English origin, as well as a handful of Huguenot and Dutch immigrants. For Part Two, Dr. Dobson provides sketches of about 1,800 additional inhabitants of Ireland, bringing the grand total so far uncovered in the series to 3,200.

2009 Reprints from David Dobson

[Searching for Scotch-Irish Roots in Scottish Records, 1600-1750](#)

David Dobson's 2007 work, now back in print, refers to source material in Scottish libraries and archives that could enable people of Scotch-Irish ancestry, otherwise known as the Ulster-Scots, to trace their Scottish roots. As Mr. Dobson explains, "there is a finite amount of evidence scattered throughout manuscripts and some published works held in libraries and archives throughout Scotland, especially in the southwest of the country." The author divides these records into five main categories: Church Records (probably the most valuable), Burgh (Town) Records, Court Records, Miscellaneous Government Records, and University Records, providing a detailed chapter on each that spells out exactly which records exist and where they can be found. Buttressing the text itself are a glossary, lists of family history societies and libraries, bibliographies of Scottish family histories and local histories of southwestern Scotland, an index to the contents, and more.

[Directory of Scots in the Carolinas, 1680-1830. Volume 1](#)

This work is based on a systematic extraction of data from the archives of North and South Carolina. David Dobson here presents, for the first time, a comprehensive list of Scottish settlers in the Carolinas from 1680 to 1830. In general, the details provided include age, place and date of birth, and, often, names of parents, spouse, and children,

occupation, place of residence, and date of emigration from Scotland. This book identifies about 6,000 Scots, about 90% of whom are not listed in Mr. Dobson's many other publications.

[Directory of Scots in the Carolinas, 1680-1830. Volume 2](#)

Publication of David Dobson's *Directory of Scots in the Carolinas, 1680-1830* in 1986 (see above) was the first attempt to build a comprehensive list of Scottish settlers in that region. Since 1986 Mr. Dobson has gathered an overwhelming amount of new information on another thousand early Scottish emigrants to North and South Carolina based on his research in Scotland, England, and the U.S., but especially at the National Archives in Scotland. Similar in scope and arrangement to the original, this sequel to the 1986 volume contains those additional findings.

[Directory of Scots Banished to the American Plantations, 1650-1775](#)

Between 1650 and 1775 many thousands of Scots were banished to the American colonies for political, religious, or criminal offenses. In the aftermath of the English Civil War, for example, Oliver Cromwell transported thousands of Scots soldiers to Virginia, New England, and the West Indies. Compiled by David Dobson, this directory cites for each person some or all of the following information: name, occupation, place of residence in Scotland, place of capture and captivity, parent's name, date and cause of banishment, name of the ship sailing to the colonies, and date and place of arrival in the colonies.

[Scots-Irish Links, 1575-1725. \[Part One & Part Two\]](#)

The purpose of this diminutive bipartite book is to help persons of Scots-Irish descent make the link first to Ulster and then back to Scotland. The work identifies some 1,200 Scots who resided in Ulster between the early 1600s and the early 1700s. Many of the persons so identified were young men from Ireland attending universities in Scotland. In a number of cases, David Dobson provides information on the person's spouse, children, local origins, landholding, and, of course, the source of the information. While there is no certainty that each of the persons identified here or their descendants ultimately emigrated to America, undoubtedly many did or possessed kinsmen who did.

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"VIRGINIA'S LAND," by Carol McGinnis

To understand Virginia genealogy, researchers must know something of its geography. Present-day Virginia is divided into nine geographic regions, and the terms to designate these regions are often used in genealogical and historical literature. Five regions run from east to west: the Eastern Shore, the Tidewater, the Piedmont, The Valley, and Western Virginia. Four regions run from north to south: the Northern Neck, the North Peninsula, The Peninsula, and Southside.

EASTERN SHORE: Otherwise known as The Shore, this is the small peninsula south of the Maryland line that includes the counties of Accomack and Northampton.

TIDEWATER: The flat, and sometimes swampy, coastal plain west and inland from the Chesapeake Bay to the Fall Line, the Tidewater region comprises about a fourth of the state. The Fall Line is an imaginary line marking the upper limits of the tidal flow; it runs north to south through Alexandria, Fredericksburg, Richmond, and Petersburg.

PIEDMONT: A rolling area of rich farmlands from the Tidewater to the Blue Ridge Mountains, the Piedmont extends southwest from Alexandria in the north and comprises about half of the state.

THE VALLEY: The area between the Blue Ridge Mountains, which lie at the western edge of the Piedmont, and the Allegheny Mountains, which run along the West Virginia border, is known as The Valley or the Valley of Virginia. From Frederick County in the north to Rockbridge County in the south, it is the "Shenandoah Valley." To the south, various other valleys continue the general terrain. For genealogical purposes, the entire area is termed "The Valley." The Shenandoah Valley includes the nine counties of Augusta, Clarke, Frederick, Page, Rockingham, Shenandoah, Warren, Berkeley, and Jefferson, the last two of which are in present-day West Virginia. Prior to 1738, the entire Shenandoah Valley was part of Orange County; in 1738 it was cut off from Orange County and divided into Frederick and Augusta counties.

WESTERN VIRGINIA: This is generally anything west of the City of Roanoke and south of the Shenandoah Valley.

NORTHERN NECK: This is the area south from the Potomac River to the Rappahannock River and generally east of Prince William and Stafford counties. The term also may be used to identify the Fairfax (Northern Neck) Proprietary, which extended to the western boundary of present-day West Virginia.

NORTH PENINSULA: Also known as the Upper Peninsula, this is the region south of the Rappahannock River and north of the York River.

THE PENINSULA: This is the area between the York and James rivers; it was the site of Virginia's earliest settlement.

SOUTHSIDE: This is the area south of the James River. The terms "Upper" and "Lower" are always used in relation to rivers--not to the directions north and south. "Upper" refers to the area closer to the source of the river, and "Lower" refers to the area nearer to where the river empties into a larger body of water.

BOUNDARY DISPUTES: The western boundaries of Virginia and Pennsylvania remained unsettled until 1780. The district of West Augusta was an area of northwestern Virginia (now West Virginia) and southwestern Pennsylvania below the Ohio River. The district of West Augusta, at first considered a jurisdiction within Augusta County, declared independence from it but enjoyed only a short life span. Nevertheless, it signifies a 30-year controversy and nearly serious conflict between Virginia and

Pennsylvania. Eventually the area included within the District was divided, the southern part remaining within Virginia (now West Virginia) and the northern part comprising the Pennsylvania counties of Fayette, Greene, Washington, Westmoreland, and parts of Allegheny and Beaver. Virginia's southern boundary with North Carolina was disputed until 1727, when the boundary was finally settled at Point Comfort.

Editor's Note:

The foregoing article on "Virginia's Land" is just a sample of what you will find in Carol McGinnis's encyclopedic textbook [Virginia Genealogy: Sources & Resources](#). Ms. McGinnis devotes entire chapters to such subjects as Virginia land, people, and history; immigration and migration; vital records; Bible and church records; census records; land and court records; manuscripts and records abroad; ethnic Virginia; slavery and African Americans; counties and their records; independent cities and their records; genealogical collections; and genealogical societies. Several sections of the book are based on answers to questionnaires that the author sent to Virginia courthouses and historical and genealogical societies. The bibliography alone runs to 125 pages and contains references to 1,421 books and articles on all aspects of Virginia genealogy. This is a real giant of a book--and the standard by which all future textbooks on Virginia genealogy will be measured.

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Virginia CDs Discounted by 40% Until Midnight

(Sale prices in effect until 11:59 PM, EDT, October 20, 2009)

Interest in Virginia genealogy is virtually limitless. Founded in 1607, Virginia was the first English colony. It was also one of the biggest. At one time or another, 172 different counties existed in Virginia, and the Virginia colony controlled all the land that eventually became the state of Kentucky, portions of Ohio, and eventually West Virginia. Literally thousands of books have been published on one or another aspect of Virginia genealogy, and we ourselves are the publishers of several hundred.

One way to make a dent in this vast literature is to purchase much of the best of it on CD-ROM. Our seven Family Archive CDs covering Virginia (an eighth CD is presently out of stock) contain many of the best reference works on the pioneering families of the Cavalier State. The first three CDs described below hold special promise for researchers because they contain hundreds of genealogies of Virginia families compiled by leading authorities. These CDs span the 1600s through the 1900s and name more than 600,000 persons. The genealogies were extracted from upwards of 1,000 issues of the leading magazines of Virginia genealogy--thereby saving you the time and trouble--and each is easily searchable with the click of a mouse. Each CD is a great bargain in itself because each represents an equivalent value in books of between \$250.00 and \$750.00. Even better, for the next seven days, you can save \$10.00 off the retail price on each of these terrific Virginia resources. Don't let this offer pass you by! Sale prices expire at 11:59 tonight.

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This CD contains all five volumes of *Genealogies of Virginia Families from The William and Mary College Quarterly* and the single volume of *Virginia Gleanings*, which had originally been published serially in *The Virginia Magazine of History and Biography*.

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This Family Archive CD contains all four volumes of *Genealogies of Virginia Families from Tyler's Quarterly* and the multi-volume *Virginia Colonial Abstracts* by Beverley Fleet.

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[Virginia Genealogies and Biographies](#)

This two-disc Family Archive CD set identifies some 310,000 individuals in meticulously crafted studies that span as many as three centuries. Until now, this body of material has been totally beyond the reach of the ordinary researcher, available only at a handful of public and university libraries. Drawing liberally on private letters, diaries, and manuscripts, as well as church records, vital records, court records, wills and administrations, books, newspapers, and personal reminiscences, this is one of the best-documented collections of Virginia genealogies and biographies ever assembled.

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This Family Archive CD identifies 350,000 individuals in a unique collection of colonial Virginia source records--wills and administrations, marriage records, family histories, tax records, newspaper abstracts, and military records. In all, this CD contains images of the pages of ten books originally published by GPC. Among the ten are some of the most important Virginia reference books ever published, many of them classics!

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This Family Archive CD contains images of the pages of the following six books, originally published by GPC: (1) *Virginia Vital Records*, (2) *Virginia Marriage Records*, (3) *Virginia Will Records*, (4) *Virginia Land Records*, (5) *Virginia Military Records*, and (6) *Virginia Tax Records*. Altogether, the articles in these books refer to 130,000 individuals.

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Blog: Using the U.S. Agricultural Census

Whenever we refer to the "U.S. Census" we normally mean the decennial census of population. As a matter of fact, the federal government conducts other censuses that are beneficial to genealogists in the same years that it enumerates the population. For example, researchers can avail themselves of mortality censuses--beginning around the middle of the 19th century--that document the leading causes of deaths. Another valuable federal census is the decennial census of agriculture. If your ancestor lived in rural America, this census could be helpful to you. Carolyn Barkley tells you all about it at our blog, www.genealogyandfamilyhistory.com. Read it today!

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