

GPS YOUR FAMILY TREE WITH FAMILYSEARCH.ORG

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- 1) Need help?
 - a) For pdf file of my presentation slides, see Presentations page at PastInSight.com
 - b) For step-by-step instructions to the FamilySearch.org website, see the Riverton FamilySearch Library Handouts and Guides at https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/Riverton_FamilySearch_Library/Handouts_and_Guides
- 2) Genealogical Proof Standard
 - a) Wikipedia definition:
 - i) *The Genealogical Proof Standard (GPS) is a guideline for establishing the reliability ("proof") of a genealogical conclusion with reasonable certainty. It is important within the genealogical community for clearly communicating the quality of research performed, such as by a professional genealogist. It is also useful for helping new genealogists understand what is needed to do high-quality research.*
 - b) 5 elements of the GPS
 - i) a reasonably exhaustive research;
 - ii) complete and accurate source citations;
 - iii) analysis and correlation of the collected information;
 - iv) resolution of any conflicting evidence; and
 - v) a soundly reasoned, coherently written conclusion.
- 3) GPS Your Tree With FamilySearch
 - a) #1 Reasonably exhaustive research
 - i) Record search
 - ii) Search filters
 - iii) FamilySearch Wiki
 - iv) Catalog
 - v) Books
 - vi) Genealogies (DON'T trust, but DO verify!)
 - b) #2 Complete and accurate source citations
 - i) Sources tab
 - ii) Memories tab
 - iii) RecordSeek.com
 - c) #3 Analysis and correlation of the collected information;
#4 Resolution of any conflicting evidence; and
#5 A soundly reasoned, coherently written conclusion.
 - i) Comments and Tags
 - ii) Discussions and Notes
 - iii) Life Sketch and Stories