



Episode 20: I Want to Learn More About Sourcing

5 Minute Challenge—

Evaluate your sourcing method!

Steps:

1. Keep a PAPER TRAIL of your sources by writing the source directly on the copy of the record, or keep it in the family file. For electronic sourcing, keep the source in your family tree or an online pedigree chart.

2. WRITE everything down, including:

-Author

-Title

-Repository

-Page number



3. TEST your method.

See if someone else can

find a document using your sourcing.

Helpful hints:

Keep track of your research, so that you and others can find records again with ease.

Any information you don't have should be found again and recorded (such as book title, author, or film number).

Use the research wiki on FamilySearch.org to find lots of great ways to source your research.

Remember, the best time to source a document is right when you find it!

Vocabulary

Source:

The place where you found the record

Repository:

The person or group who holds the record. For such as FamilySearch.org

Author:

The creator of the record, such as a government, church, or school.

Title:

The name of the record.

