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RESEARCH LOGS: A KEY TO ORGANIZED GENEALOGY

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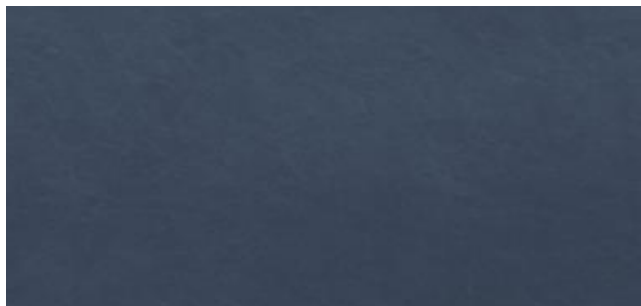
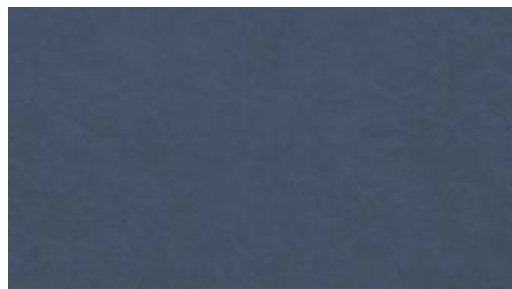
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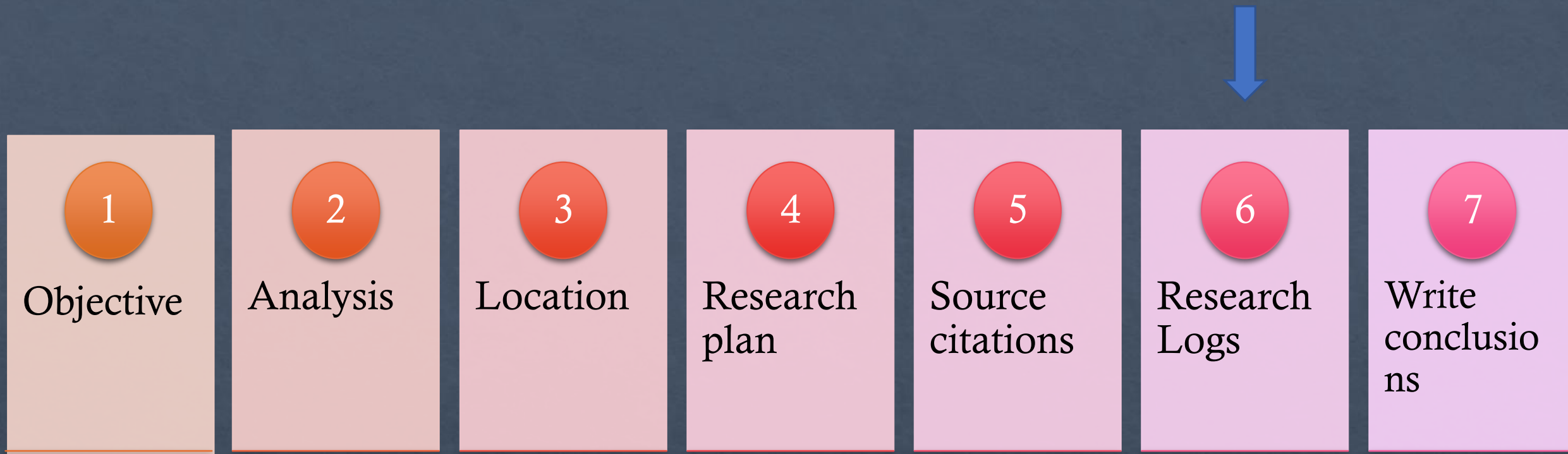
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What is a research log?

A record of what
you are looking for,
where you looked,
and what you
found.



The Genealogy Research Process

Why Use a Research Log

Track

- Track positive and negative searches

Note

- Note the date a database was searched.

Create

- Create source citations to be used other places.

Show

- Show at a glance what has been found.

Why Use a Research Log?

Evaluate	Evaluate information and evidence.
Be	Be more productive and efficient in research.
Avoid	Avoid duplication of effort.
Break through	Break through brick walls with better record keeping.

What are different types of research logs?

The research notebook



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The electronic research log

The handwritten research log form

The online database *Research Ties*

The Research Notebook

Use for working on the collaborative *FamilySearch* FamilyTree or your *Ancestry* tree.

Note ID numbers and names of individuals to explore in the future.

Source citations are automatically created when attaching hints or records from these websites.

Track research done for the day and what to do next.

The Electronic Research Log

Create in	Create in a table format or a spreadsheet
Have	Have multiple pages in a single spreadsheet
Sort	Sort columns in a spreadsheet to view specific searches

Multi-page Research Log - Spreadsheet

156	28 Nov 2016	FamilySearch.org	http://bit.ly/2j9xBFO	Tax Assessment for Richard Royston in Ellis County, Texas	Ellis County, Texas	Ellis County, Texas, Tax Roll, 1893, "Texas, County Tax Rolls, 1837-1910," entry for R. Royston, <i>FamilySearch</i> (https://familysearch.org : accessed 28 November 2016), image 429-430.	1 carriage, buggy or wagon valued \$5; miscellaneous tools \$5; 3 horses and mules \$100; 2 cattle \$15; total value \$125; state taxes ad valorem \$.19, school \$.16; poll \$1.50; county taxes ad valorem \$.44 poll \$.50 total \$2.79
157	12 Nov 2016	USGenWeb	http://files.usgwarchives.net/ga/morgan/taxlists/1831.txt	Tax Record for Thomas B Royston in Morgan Co. Georgia	Morgan County, Georgia	Marshall W. Williams, Morgan County Archives, "Morgan County, GA 1831 Tax Digest Index," entry for Thomas B. Royston, <i>USGenWeb</i> , (http://files.usgwarchives.net/ga/morgan/taxlists/1831.txt : accessed 12 Nov 2016), .	Thomas B Royston p. 2; only Royston listing for Morgan County
158	12 Nov 2016	Morgan County Archives	PO Box 589 Madison, GA30650	Tax Record for Thomas B Royston in Morgan Co. Georgia	Morgan County, Georgia	Morgan County, Georgia, Superior Court, 1831 Tax Digest, page 2, entry for Thomas B. Royston, Morgan County, Archives, Madison, Georgia.	Royston, Thomas B. District 10, Newton County, land no. 122, 202 1/2 acres, on the waters of Yellow River, joins Jackson, originally granted to M. Cessna, 1 poll tax, 2 negroes, \$1.15.5
159							

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Dora Algie ▾

Robert Cisnie ▾

Thomas Beverly ▾

John Cary ▾

Sum: 15 May 2016 ▴▾

Add a page for each generation or family member

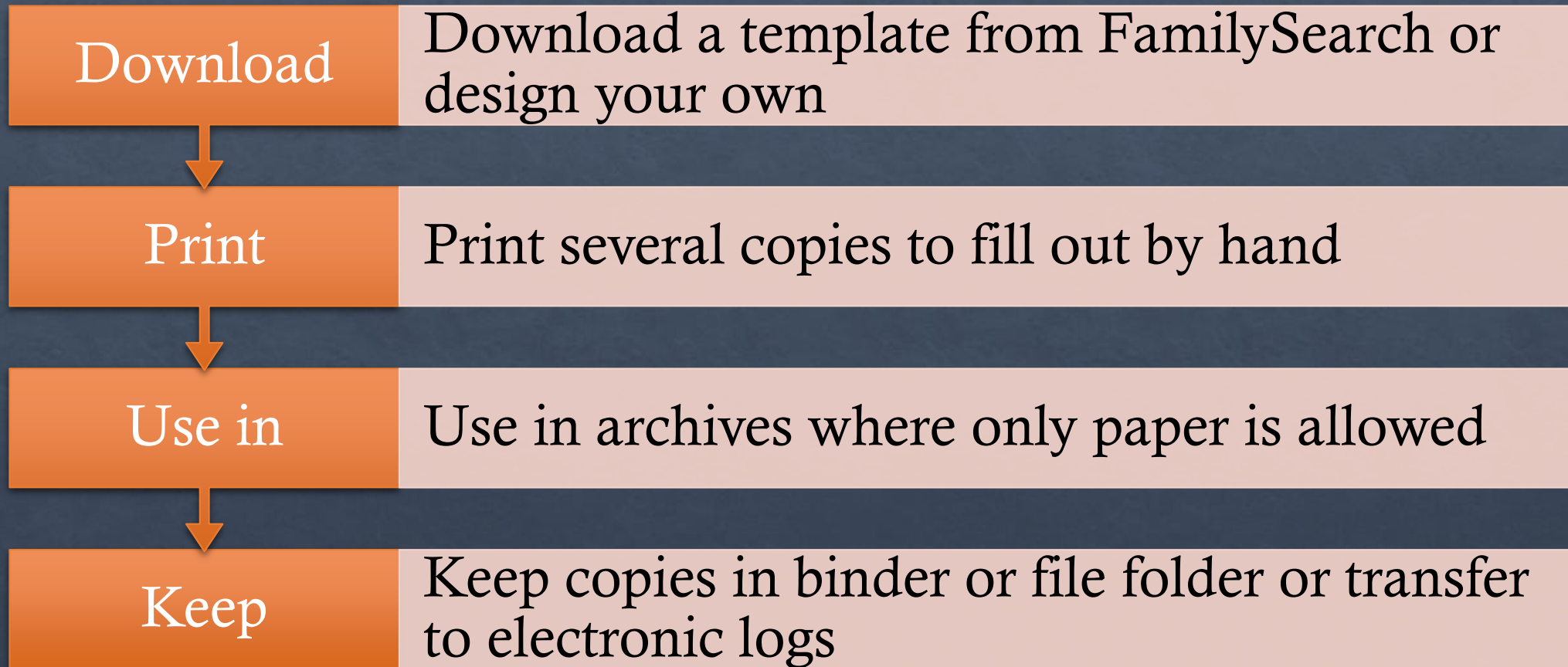
The Electronic Research Log

Keep in	Keep in your computer files with each ancestor or family
Cut and paste	Cut and paste information from websites
Add	Add links to online records

Sample Research Log

DATE	REPOSITORY URL, Call # Film #	SEARCHING FOR	LOCALITY	SOURCE CITATION	RESULTS
7 Jun 2017	<i>Ancestry</i> http://ancstry.me/2rVSNGJ	1820 Census George W. Dillard	Georgia, Greene County	1820 U.S. Census, Greene County, Georgia, Capt E Woodhams District, population schedule, p. 202, line 2, George W. Dillard household; digital image, Ancestry (http://www.ancestry.com : accessed 7 June 2017); citing NARA microfilm publication M33, roll 8.	Free White Persons Males 0/10 2 Males 10/15 1 Males 16/25 1 Males 26/44 1 Females 0/10 1 Females 0/15 1 Females 26/ 44 1
11 Feb 2018	<i>General Land Office Records</i> http://bit.ly/2HhYW5R	Land Patents for George W. Dillard	Alabama, Chambers County	George W Dillard,(Chambers County, Alabama), 1837, cash entry patents no. 3733, 3768, 3770, 3771, "Land Patent Search," images, General Land Office Records (www.glorerecords.blm.gov : accessed 17 March 2018).	<u>State Volume Patents</u> , dated 10 April 1837, St Stephens Meridian, Section 29, Chambers County, Alabama: # 3733, 3768, 3770, 3771.

The Handwritten Research Log Form



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https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/Use_Appropriate_Forms

Enter a source
once, then reuse
multiple times.

Sort information
by individual,
location, record
type.

Syncs with
FamilySearch.

Saves document
images.

Helpful for
extracting all
surnames from a
large database.

Fee based
subscription
required.

The Online Database *Research Ties*

Search the cemetery records of Missouri for Everett Cline

Edit Search

Source Title:

Find A Grave



Source Author:

Find A Grave



Jurisdiction:

or ☒ General Source (no jurisdiction)Scope: ☒ Individual

Everette Cline - 2 November 1875

☐ Family☐ Surname

Record Type:

cemetery



Comments:

Searched Everett, Everet, Everette, Cline

Search for Everett Cline, born 1875

22 Nov 2015

☒ Nil Search

Cancel

Save Search

Set an Objective for the Research Log

Determine the research question:
identify an ancestor,
prove a family
relationship or
discover ancestor
actions.



Create an
objective by
using key
identifiers of
name, birth,
residence,
marriage, death.

Georgia A. Dawson, 20 Feb 1856, Will Book 2 p. 239

Dau: Lilly Dawson

Brother: A. L. Lewis

Sisters: Mary L. Lawton, Sarah M. Lawton

Nieces: Mary Royston, Sarah Royston

John DeLacy, 10 Oct 1888, Will Book 3 p. 191

Sons: John M. DeLacy, R. E. DeLacy

Daus: Amelia DeLacy, Erin G. DeLacy, Kathleen M. DeLacy

Grandson: Thomas DeLacy Tollman

Marilee Beatty Hagerness, "Abstract of Wills 1838-1900
Russell County, Alabama, (Anniston, Alabama: MLH Research
1997), 9. FHL 976.1485 P2 hwn

Will Abstract for Georgia A. Dawson

Solving a Research Problem Using a Research Log

Objective: The objective of this research project is to identify Georgia Ann (Lewis) Dawson, died 1856 Russell County, Alabama.

1. Search marriage records for Georgia Ann (Lewis) and a Dawson spouse – Georgia or Alabama.

2. View the original probate file. Look for other family members

3. Search the 1850, and 1860 census records for Dawson and Lewis families.

4. Search cemetery records for Georgia Ann (Lewis) Dawson – Russell County, Alabama.

5. View additional probate records for a possible father for Georgia.

Categories for a Research Log

Date

Repository

URL/Call#
/Microfilm
#

Searching
for

Locality

Source
citation

Results/com
ments

Fifty Dollars fine for failing to return this License.

THE STATE OF ALABAMA, }

Russell County, ss. }

To any authorised Minister of the Gospel, Judge of the Circuit or County Courts,
or Justice of the Peace for said county-----Greeting.

You are hereby authorized, To celebrate the Rites of Matrimony between
John H. Dawson and Georgia Ann Lewis
and this shall be your sufficient authority for so doing.

The above named parties were
married by me, the *4th*
day of *February*
A. D. 1851

Given under my hand and Seal, this
11th day of *February*
A. D. 1851, and of American In-
dependence the Seventy-fifth Year.

John E. Dawson

Minister of the Gospel
Register.

John H Dawson
and Georgia Ann
Lewis, married 4
February 1850 by
John E Dawson;
Russell County,
Alabama

"Alabama, County Marriages, 1805-1967," Russell, 1809-1861, John H. Dawson and Georgia Ann Lewis, 4 February 1850, image 156, *Ancestry* ([www: ancestry.com](http://www.ancestry.com) : accessed 6 March 2017); image from *FamilySearch*.

Date: 6 Mar 2016

List the date the
search was
performed.

Some databases are
updated periodically
and need to be
rechecked at a later
date.

Repository: Ancestry

Record the website, library, archive, or other physical location that holds the source.

The repository could be your own files if it is an inherited letter or document.

URL/Call#/Microfilm# : <http://bit.ly/2mNTL6b>

Copy and past
the URL, use
Bitly.com to
shorten

The unique call
or microfilm #
at a library or
archive

Searching For:

Marriage record for
Georgia A Dawson

List the specific
search: record
type and name

Sort date by this
column to
organize by
record type

Locality:

Russell County, Alabama

List the specific
locality: city,
county, state or
country

Sort date by this
column to
organize by
locality

Source Citation:

Create the first
time a source is
viewed

Use 5 questions
to add all details
about a source

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Create a Source Citation: 5 questions

- ◆ *Who* created the source? This is often a government or religious entity.
- ◆ *What* is the source? – The 1830 census, a marriage record, etc.
- ◆ *When* was the source created or when did the event occur?
- ◆ *Where within* is the source located? Note the page number, image number or certificate number.
- ◆ *Where in the world* is the source? Identify the publisher's location, the URL or location of the document if unpublished.

Results / Comments:

Use NIL for
not in
location

Detail all
information

Results / Comments:

John H Dawson and Georgia
Ann Lewis, married 4 February
1850 by John E Dawson; Russell
County, Alabama

Copy names
exactly

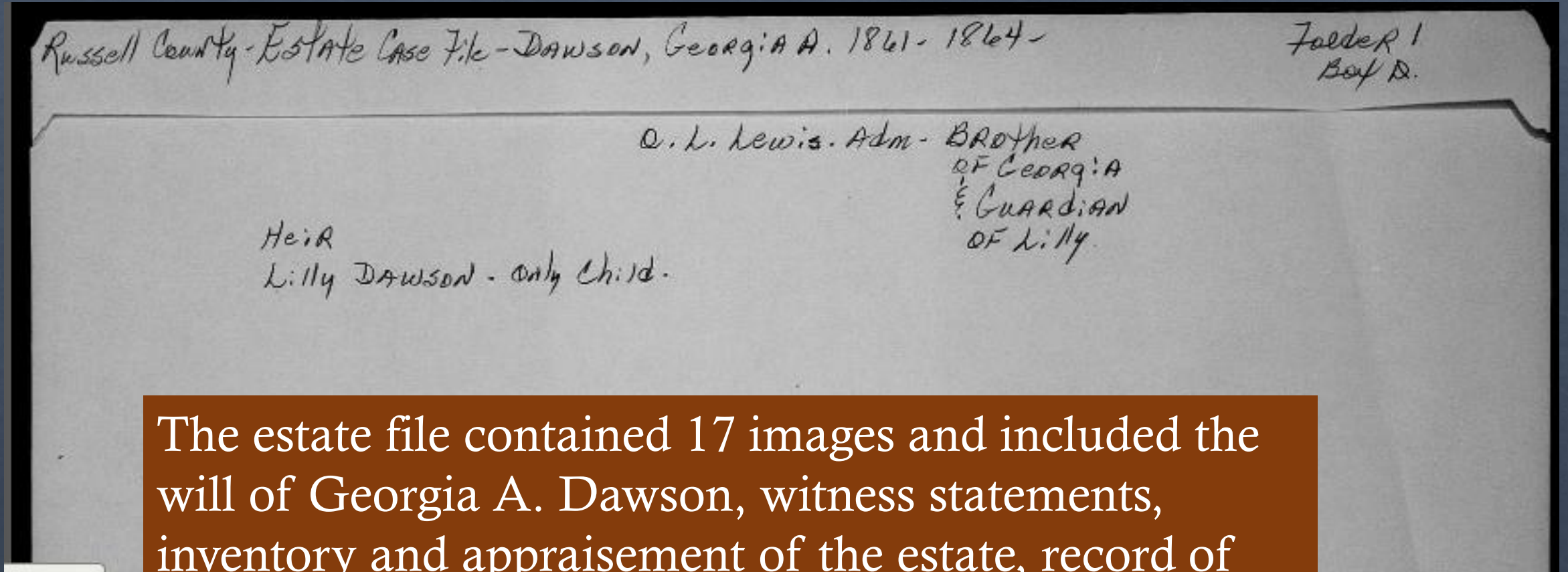
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lengthy
documents



What Do We Know?

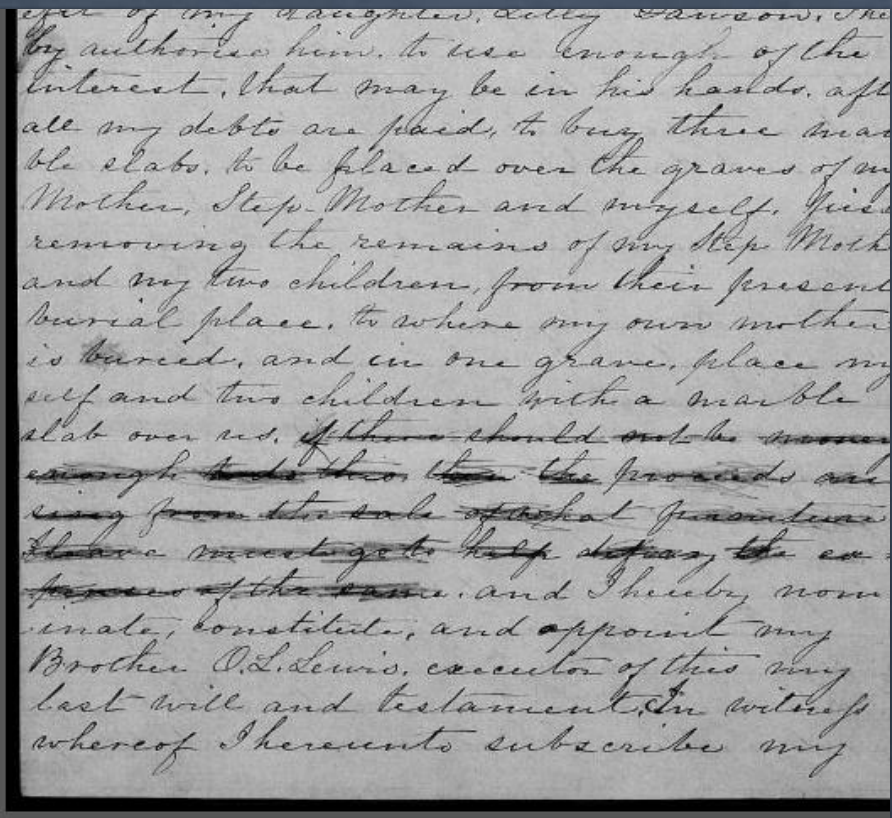
Marriage of John H.
Dawson and Georgia
Ann Lewis 4 February
1850, Russell County,
Alabama

The Search for the Original Record



The estate file contained 17 images and included the will of Georgia A. Dawson, witness statements, inventory and appraisement of the estate, record of the executor's sale, and final administrative documents.

Transcribe Documents: Add link to Google Doc Transcription to Research Log

A snippet of a handwritten document in cursive script, likely a will or legal document. The text is written on aged, slightly yellowed paper. The handwriting is fluid and characteristic of the 18th or 19th century. The visible text discusses the disposal of property and the burial of the testator's mother and children.

...of my daughter, Sally Dawson, the
by authority him, to use enough of the
interest, that may be in his hands, aft
all my debts are paid, to buy three mar
ble slabs, to be placed over the graves of my
Mother, Step-Mother and myself, first
removing the remains of my Step-Moth
and my two children, from their present
burial place, to where my own mother
is buried, and in one grave, place my
self and two children with a marble
slab over us, if there should not be money
enough to do this, then the proceeds ar
ising from the sale of what personal
I have meetings to help defray, the ex
penses of the same, and thereby, nomi
nate, constitute, and appoint my
Brother O.L. Lewis, executor of this my
last will and testament. In witness
whereof I hereunto subscribe my

Trustee O.L. Lewis “to buy three marble slabs to be placed over the graves of my mother, step-mother, and myself.

First removing the remains of my stepmother and my two children from their present burial place.

To where my own mother is buried and in one grave place myself and two children with a marble slab over us.”

Abstract Will Information and add to Results/Comments Column

◆ My only child, Lily Dawson; commit to care of brother O.L Lewis; if my said daughter Lilly Dawson should die without marrying and before she is twenty one years of age. I want the afore mentioned property, divided into four parts equally between my sisters, Sarah M. Lawton, Mary L. Lawton, Savannah N Buford, and the fourth part between my two nieces Sarah and Mary Royston, my eldest sisters two daughters by her first Husband

Create a Source Citation

◆ Russell County, Estate Case File, Georgia A. Dawson, 1861-1864, Folder 1 Box D; "Index and Probate Estate Case files, 1826-1915," arranged alphabetically, > Probate Estate Case Files, Davis, Edward L. - Doles, Arah, 1826-1915, *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org> : accessed 27 May 2018); FHL microfilm 2,203,643.

What Do We Know?



Noland Lewis	59	1/2	"	"	"
Martha	55	1/2	"	"	"
Sarah	18	1/2	"	"	"
Mary	16	1/2	"	"	"
Savannah	14	1/2	"	"	"
James M Creo	40	1/2	"	"	"

Noland Lewis 59
 Martha Lewis 55
 Sarah Lewis 18
 Mary Lewis 16
 Savannah Lewis 14
 James M Creo 40

The 1850 Census

1850 U.S. Census, Russell County, Alabama, population schedule, p. 203 (printed) sheet 101 (stamped), dwelling 1411, family 1411, Noland Lewis household, digital images, *Ancestry* (<http://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 7 March 2017); citing NARA microfilm publication M432, roll 14.

1850 census

John E Dawson 45
 Mary Dawson 33
 John W Dawson 23
 Mrs. Georgia Dawson 20
 Alexander Dawson 17

26	624	704	John E Dawson	45	m				
37	44	3	Mary	33	f				
38			John W	23	m				
39			Mrs Georgia	20	f				
40			Alexander	17	m				

1850 U.S. Census, Muscogee County, Georgia, population schedule, Columbus, p. 333 B(stamped), dwelling 624/44, family 704/3, John E Dawson household; digital image, *Ancestry* (<http://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 7 March 2017); citing NARA microfilm publication M432, roll 79.

What Do We Know?



745	744	John W Dawson	28	m	"
		Mrs Georgia	27	f	"
		John	4	m	"
		Mary	2	f	"

♦ John W Dawson 28
 Georgia Dawson 27
 John Dawson 4
 Mary Dawson 2

1860 U.S. Census, Macon County, Alabama, population schedule,
 Southern Division, p. 801 (stamped), dwelling 624/44, dwelling 745,
 family 744, John W Dawson household; digital image, Ancestry
 (www.ancestry.com : accessed 7 March 2017); citing NARA
 microfilm publication M653.

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Cemetery Record Search

Phyllis East, *Sacred to the Memory of the Ancestors of Russell County, Alabama*, (Opelika, Alabama : Genealogical Society of East Alabama, 1999); FHL 976.1485. V3e.

MariLee Beatty Hageness, *Church and Family Cemeteries, Russell County, Alabama : volume AL64-1*, (Anniston, Alabama : M.B. Hageness, 1995). FHL 9761485 V3h.

Search for Georgia A Dawson death, 1860-1861, database online, *Find a grave.com*, (<http://www.findagrave.com>, viewed 7 March 2017).

No results; searched for Lewis
and Dawson

Probate for other Lewis Individuals

*I do hereby nominate and appoint
my father Pearce A Lewis, my uncle Nolen
R Lewis and my cousins Jacob G. Lewis
and Olwen L Lewis my executors and it is
my request that they should
for my children and I do
them.*

◆ Will of Pearce L Lewis: father Pearce A Lewis; uncle Nolen R Lewis, cousins Jacob G Lewis and Olwen L Lewis executors and guardians of children; Witnesses William Plane, Battle A Sorsby, Seaborn Jones

"Alabama, Wills and Probate Records, 1753-1999," Russell Will Records, Vol 2, 1850-1873, p.39,41; will for Pearce A Lewis, 1852, image 183; Ancestry (<https://ancestry.com> : accessed 25 May 2018).

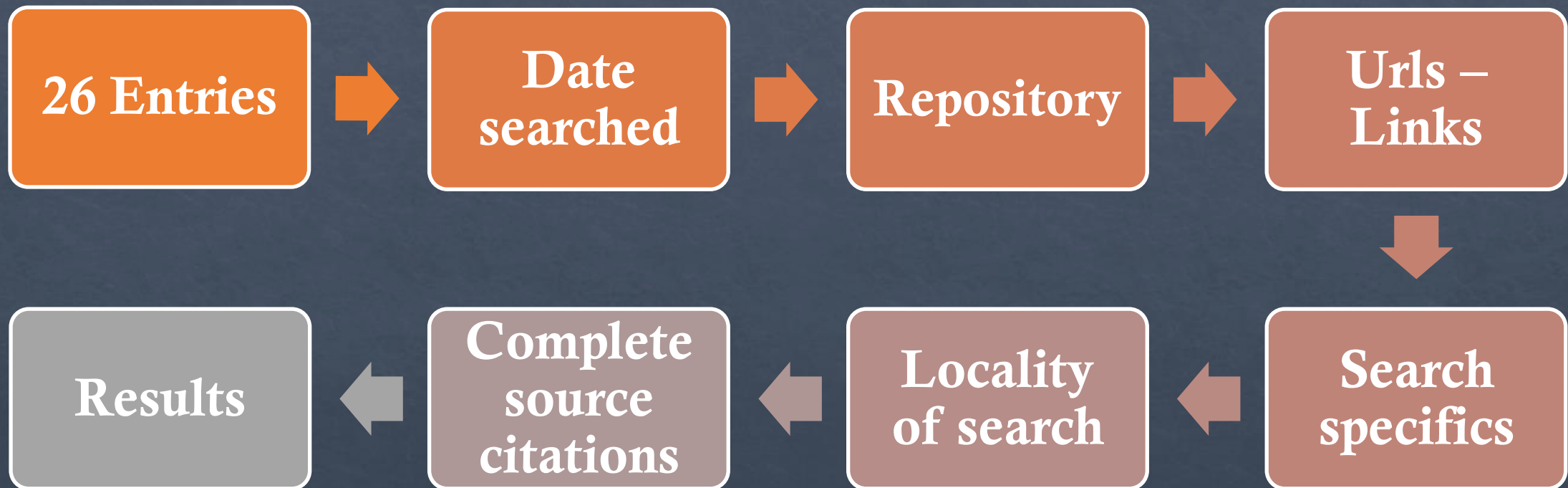


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Georgia Ann (Lewis) Dawson Research Log

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Localities:Russell County, Alabama, Muscogee County, Georgia							
Date	Repository	URL, Call #, Film #	Searching For	Date	Locality	Source	Results/Comments
25 May 2018	Ancestry	https://ancstry.me/2LyC1EW	1840 Census-Nolen Lewis	1840	Russell County, Alabama	1840 U.S. Census, Russell County, Nowlen Lewis household	Home in 1840 (City, County, State): Russell, Alabama Free White Persons - Males - 15 thru 19: 1 Free White Persons - Males - 20 thru 29: 3 Free White Persons - Males - 50 thru 59: 1 Free White Persons - Females - Under 5: 1 Free White Persons - Females - 5 thru 9: 1 Free White Persons - Females - 10 thru 14: 2 Free White Persons - Females - 15 thru 19: 1 Free White Persons - Females - 20 thru 29: 1 Free White Persons - Females - 40 thru 49: 1
26 May 2018	FamilySearch	http://bit.ly/2IRPQwy	Marriage record for Dawson	1849	Russell County, Alabama	County Probate Courts, Alabama, Russell County, Marriage record book (white) 1847-1855, p. 77; "Alabama County Marriages, 1809-1950," database with images, image 251 of 846, FamilySearch (https://familysearch.org : accessed 26 May 2018).	19 April 1849 Russell County, Marriage G.D. Royster - Mildred Lewis;
6 Mar 2016	Ancestry	http://search.ancestry.com/search/db.aspx?dbid=8054	Georgia A Dawson in the 1850 census	1850	Russell County, Alabama	1850 U.S. Census, Russell County, Alabama, population schedule, digital images, Ancestry (http://www.ancestry.com : accessed 7 March 2017); citing NARA microfilm publication M432, roll 79.	NIL for Georgia, Dawson, D*son
6 Mar 2016	Ancestry	http://bit.ly/2mf42af	Georgia A Dawson in the 1850 census	1850	Muscogee County, Georgia	1850 U.S. Census, Muscogee County, Georgia, population schedule, Columbus, p. 333 B(stamped), dwelling 624/44, family 704/3, John E Dawson household; digital image, Ancestry (http://www.ancestry.com : accessed 7 March 2017); citing NARA microfilm publication M432, roll 79.	John E Dawson 45 Mary Dawson 33 John W Dawson 23 Georgia Dawson 20 Alexander Dawson 17

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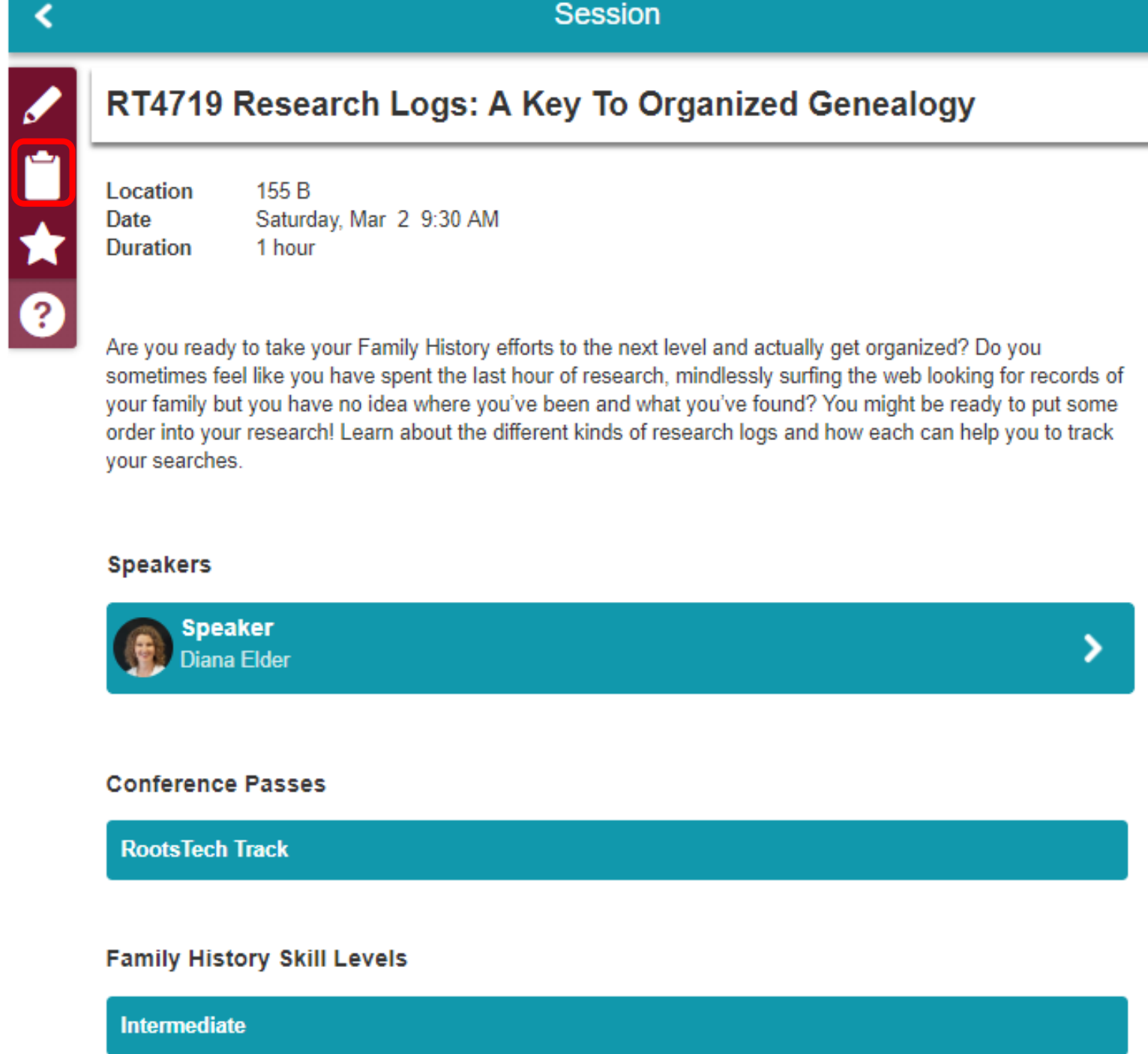
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- ◆ Rate the presentation



The screenshot shows the RootsTech Mobile App interface for session RT4719. The top bar is teal with a back arrow and the word "Session". The session title is "RT4719 Research Logs: A Key To Organized Genealogy". Below the title, there is a sidebar with four icons: a pencil, a clipboard (highlighted with a red box and a red arrow), a star, and a question mark. The main content area displays session details: Location (155 B), Date (Saturday, Mar 2 9:30 AM), and Duration (1 hour). Below this, there is a paragraph of text: "Are you ready to take your Family History efforts to the next level and actually get organized? Do you sometimes feel like you have spent the last hour of research, mindlessly surfing the web looking for records of your family but you have no idea where you've been and what you've found? You might be ready to put some order into your research! Learn about the different kinds of research logs and how each can help you to track your searches." Below the text, there is a section titled "Speakers" with a teal bar containing a speaker icon, the name "Speaker Diana Elder", and a right arrow. Below this, there is a section titled "Conference Passes" with a teal bar containing the text "RootsTech Track". Below this, there is a section titled "Family History Skill Levels" with a teal bar containing the text "Intermediate".

Session

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Location 155 B
Date Saturday, Mar 2 9:30 AM
Duration 1 hour

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