

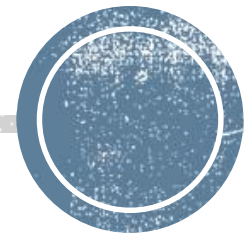


How to Research Like a Pro

In 30
Minutes a
Day

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Our Journey Begins

- Summer of 2015 - FamilyLocket.com launched
- Summer of 2017 - Diana's Accreditation
- Fall of 2017 - First RLP study group
- Spring of 2018 - RLP book launch
- Fall of 2018 E-course launched
- Fall of 2018 - The Research Like a Pro Genealogy Podcast launched



Does it work?

- **Rondie Yancey** - December 4, 2017
- “I solved a long-standing family mystery using the research methods Diana provided. I certainly became a research log enthusiast when I saw how much using the log helped me with this solution. Each lesson demonstrated how much more efficient and effective my research could be, and I would recommend this class to anyone who seriously wants to improve their skills. I have been doing genealogy for over 20 years, but this class helped me on to a new level.”



Does it work?

- Julie Clark: “I always wanted to follow a professional genealogist around as they did their research. I wanted to know how they did their research so efficiently and effectively. Well, finally Diana and Nicole had made this possible with their Research Like a Pro e-course. They’ve already helped me become more effective in my research. And their techniques have given me a more solid foundation on which I can continue to build my own research tools and techniques that work best for me. Thank you, Diana and Nicole.”



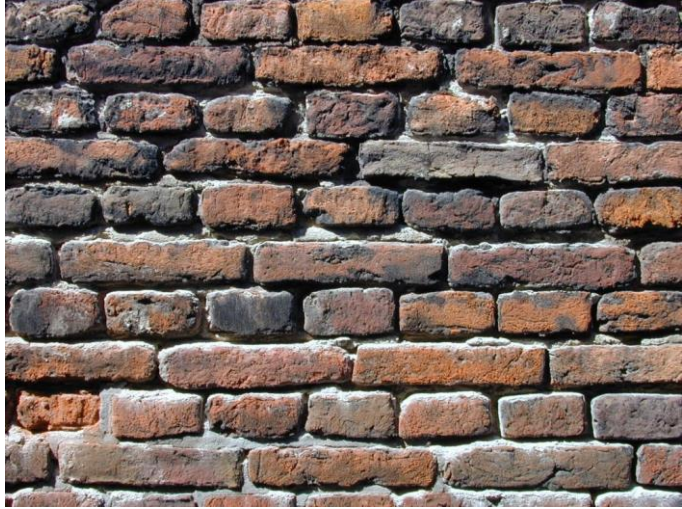
What is holding you back from making progress?

Not enough time

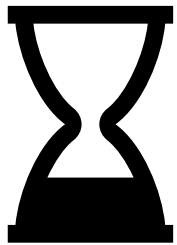
Not using a research log

Not writing conclusions

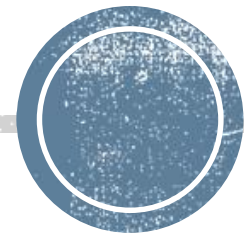




**Your
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The Research Like a Pro Process





14 Day

Research Like a Pro

**14 Day Mini Research
Challenge**





Diana's Mini Challenge Project about Nancy E. (Briscoe) Frazier



Day 1:

Research Question

- Task: Analyze your tree and choose a simple research question about someone close to you - not your brick wall yet!





Day 1:

My research question

What was my 2nd great grandmother's life like before her move to Oklahoma?



Day 2:

Objective

- **Task:** Write an objective from your question using the key identifiers of complete names and birth, death, and marriage dates and places.



Day 2:

My Objective

- The objective for this project is to discover more about the life of Nancy E. Briscoe, born 7 February 1847 in Benton County, Arkansas. Nancy married Richard Frazier about 1865 in Missouri and died 30 January 1924 in Love County, Oklahoma.

Day 3:

Timeline

- **Task:** Gather and review sources that are already known about your relative and make a simple timeline. Tomorrow, you will analyze each event in your timeline for source and information.



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Date	Place	Source
15 Feb 1847		Find a Grave - see below for citation
1850	Benton, Sugar Creek Arkansas	1850 U.S. Census, Benton County, Arkansas, population schedule, Sugar Creek, p.83A (stamped), dwelling 510, family 510, John Briscoe household; digital image, Ancestry (http://www.ancestry.com : accessed 30 Jan 2019); citing NARA microfilm publication M432, roll 25.
1860	Jackson, Newton, Arkansas	1860 U.S. Census, Newton County, Arkansas, population schedule, Jackson, page 958 (penned), dwelling 77, Nancy Brisco household; digital image, Ancestry (https://www.ancestry.com : accessed 30 Jan 2019); citing NARA microfilm publication M853 roll 46.
Oct 1863	McDonald County, Missouri	Nancy E. Frazier, widow of Richard Frazier, application no. A2988, 1915-1924, pension no. P1077, Record Group 5; digital images, "Confederate Pension Records Database," Oklahoma Digital Prairie (http://www.digitalprairie.ok.gov) : accessed 20 Jan 2019); citing Commissioner of Confederate Pensions, Oklahoma State Archives, Oklahoma Department of Libraries, Oklahoma City, Ok.
		1870 U.S. Census, McDonald County, Missouri, population schedule, Fox, p. 9 (penned), p.25A (stamped), dwelling 64, family 61, Richard Frazier household; digital image, Ancestry (http://www.ancestry.com : accessed 30

Day 3: My Timeline

- 6 birth events
- 1 estimated marriage date
- 6 residences from census records
- 1 widow's pension record
- 1 burial record



Day 4:

Analyze Your Sources

- **Task:** Go through each event in your timeline and analyze the source (original, derivative, authored) and information (primary, secondary, unknown).
- Look for gaps and write down any questions or ideas you have in the sources to search section of your Research Project Document.



Day 4 : My Analysis

Source Original / Derivative / Authored	Information Primary / Secondary / Undetermined	Evidence Direct / Indirect / Negative	Notes
original source	primary for residence, undetermined for other information since the informant is unknown	direct evidence for residence, names and household information	Nancy Brisco 53 domestic Ky Isac M Brisco 16 Ark farm hand Mahala J Brisco 14 Ark Nancy E Brisco 10 Ark William Collum 92 Ark

Nancy Brisco	53	f	Domestic	125	Kentucky
Isac M Brisco	16	m	Farmhand		Arkansas
Mahala J Brisco	14	f			"
Nancy E Brisco	10	f			"
William Collum	92	m	Widder		Tennessee

- 1860 U.S. Census, Newton County, Arkansas, population schedule, Jackson, page 958 (penned), dwelling 77, Nancy Brisco household; digital image, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com>: accessed 30 Jan 2019); citing NARA microfilm publication M653 roll 46.



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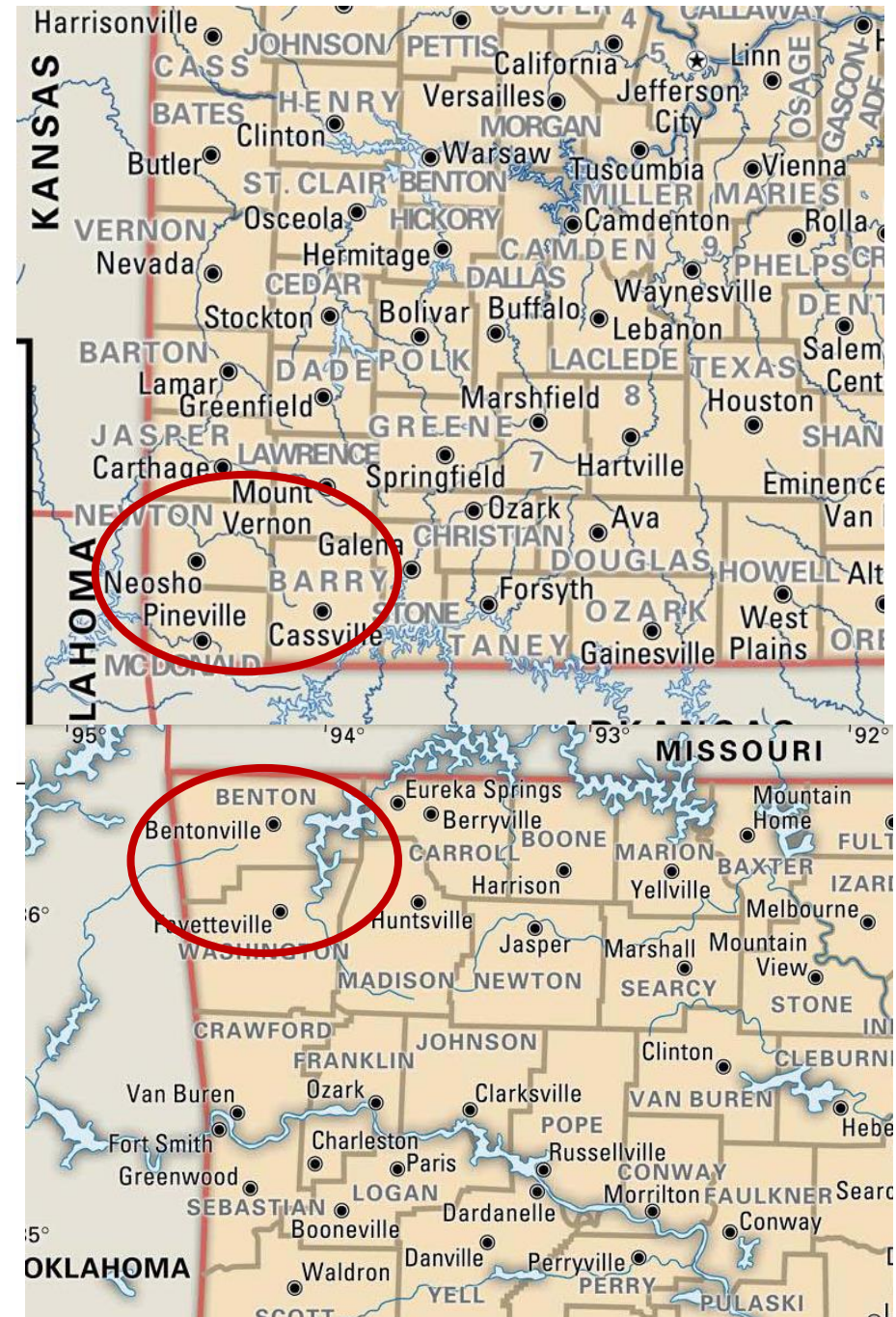
Locality Research Part 1

- **Task:** Choose a locality in your timeline and learn about it.
- Today you will add basic information about the locality to the background information section of your Research Project Document.
- Tomorrow you will list where to find the record sets.



Day 5: Learning about the Locality

- McDonald County, Missouri
 - 1849 Created from Newton county
 - 1856 Log courthouse demolished
 - 1863 Courthouse burned
- Barry County, Missouri
 - 1835 Created from Greene County
 - 1861 Courthouse burned



Day 6:

Locality Research Part 2

- **Task:** Finish your locality research by creating a list of important record groups in the locality and where to find them online.
- You'll use the FamilySearch Wiki and Catalog.



Day 6: My records for the locality

Local Histories

Local histories are available for McDonald County, Missouri Genealogy. County histories may include biographies, church, school and government history, and information about local histories, see the Wiki page section [Missouri Local Histories](#).

- *History of Newton, Lawrence, Barry and McDonald Counties, Missouri*. 1888. Chicago, The Goodspeed Pub. Co. Available online at [FamilySearch](#)
- *Illustrated History of McDonald County, Missouri*. By J. A. Sturges. 1897. Pineville, Mo. : Sturges. Available online at [FamilySearch](#), [Internet Archives](#)
- *McDonald County, Missouri, 1849-1949*. By Joe Taylor. 1949. Noel Mo. : McDonald County Centennial Committee. Available online at [FamilySearch](#)

Civil War

Online Records

- **1861-1865** Missouri, Civil War Service Records of Confederate Soldiers, 1861-1865 [at FamilySearch](#) — index
- **1861-1865** Missouri, Civil War Service Records of Union Soldiers, 1861-1865 [at FamilySearch](#) — index
- **1911-1938** Missouri, Confederate Pension Applications and Soldiers Home Applications, 1911-1938 [at FamilySearch](#) — index and images



Day 7:

Hypothesis

- **Task:** Create a hypothesis based on what you learned from your timeline and source analysis.





Day 7: My Hypothesis

- Nancy E. Briscoe experienced the Civil War as a young woman growing up on the border of Arkansas and Missouri. The devastation of war precipitated the move of Nancy and her Confederate veteran husband, Richard Frazier, to Texas by 1870 and shaped the remainder of her life.

Day 8:

Research Planning

- **Task:** Prioritize the records you have listed in "identified sources to search."
- Make sure you have at least 4 records to search but not more than 6-7 in your prioritized plan.



Day 8: My Prioritized Research Plan

- Search county histories for Barry and McDonald Counties for life during the Civil War era and after - reconstruction.
 - *Illustrated History of McDonald County, Missouri, from the Earliest Settlement to the Present Time* (digitized book)
- View maps of the area where Nancy E. Briscoe lived - historical and Google Earth.
- Research the Civil War service of Richard Frazier mentioned in the Pension Application
- Research the Nancy Briscoe, head of household in 1860 where Nancy E. Briscoe is listed as a 14 year old. Look for her on online trees.



Day 9:

Source Citations Part 1

- **Task:** Make 1-2 source citations for events in your timeline.



For B—For Use of Widows of Confederate Soldiers Who Are in Indigent Ci

THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA,

County of Love

I, Mrs. Nancy E. Frazier

do hereby make application to the Board of Pension Commissioners for a
be granted me under the Act passed by the Fifth Legislature of the St
homa, and approved February 25, 1915, on the following grounds:

I am the widow of Richard Frazier

deceased, who departed this life on the 13 day of Jan

in the County of Love, in the State of Okla

I have not remarried since the death of my said husband, and I
swear that I was never divorced from my said husband, and that I never
abandoned him during his life, but remained his true, faithful and lawfu

the date of his death, I was married to him on the Oct day of

in the County of Mc Donald, in the State of Miss

Day 9: My Source Citations

- Nancy E. Frazier, widow of Richard Frazier, application no. A2988, 1915-1924, pension no. P1077, Record Group 5; digital images, "Confederate Pension Records Database," *Oklahoma Digital Prairie* (<http://www.digitalprairie.ok.gov>) : accessed 20 Jan 2019); citing Commissioner of Confederate Pensions, Oklahoma State Archives, Oklahoma Department of Libraries, Oklahoma City, Ok.



Day 10:

Source Citations Part 2

- **Task:** Make 2 more source citations for events in your timeline.



SCHEDULE No. 1.—POPULATION.

Supervisor's District No. 28 Sheet No. 6
Enumeration District No. 177

State Indian Territory
County Chickasaw Nation
Township or other division of county 7-3-R-1-W
Name of incorporated city, town, or village, within the above-named division
Enumerated by me on the 6th day of June, 1900, John G. Frazier, Enumerator.

LOCATION.			NAME	RELATION	PERSONAL DESCRIPTION.			NATIVITY.			CITIZENSHIP.	OCCUPATION, TRADE, OR PROFESSION	EDUCATION.	STANDARD OF REED
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Day 11:

Research Log

- **Task:** Use your research plan and search the first 2-3 records in your plan.
- Log what you did in your research log with a complete source citation and a link to the record or database.



Day 11: My Research Log

- Search county histories for Barry and McDonald Counties for life during the Civil War era and after - reconstruction.

Locality	Source	Results/Comments
Missouri, McDonald County	J.A. Sturges, <i>Illustrated History of McDonald County, Missouri, From the Earliest Settlement to the Present Time</i> , (Pineville, Missouri : Sturges, 1897), 38.	"Center Township was named from the central location it occupies on the east side of the county. . . Big Sugar creek, Mikes Creek, Trent creek, and Little Missouri are the principal streams. . . . This part of the county was known as Cooper township for a while, then designated Fox township. The early settlers began to locate here about the time settlements were made in other parts of the county. "
Missouri, McDonald County	J.A. Sturges, <i>Illustrated History of McDonald County, Missouri, From the Earliest Settlement to the Present Time</i> , (Pineville, Missouri : Sturges, 1897), 39.	"This township is five miles north and south by seven and one-half miles east and west and contains 37 1/2 sections of land. The valleys are extremely fertile and contain many productive farms. The uplands are considerably broken but of late years are being put into cultivation and produce small grains, grass and fruits abundantly."
Missouri, McDonald County	J.A. Sturges, <i>Illustrated History of McDonald County, Missouri, From the Earliest Settlement to the Present Time</i> , (Pineville, Missouri : Sturges, 1897), 160.	"For severalyears after the close of the war the people in various parts of the county were more or less anoyed by petty theiving.It got so bad that it was never safe to turn hogs on the range which to many was the hcief source of profit."
Missouri, McDonald County	J.A. Sturges, <i>Illustrated History of McDonald County, Missouri, From the Earliest Settlement to the Present Time</i> , (Pineville, Missouri : Sturges, 1897), 167.	Civil War: "the inhavitants of the county up to that time were principally from the southern states and a majority considered that their interests were with the southern people. At the same time there was a strong Union element among them who resisted secession until the war was begun, when they cast their fortunes with the Confederacy. There was still another element, largely in the minority in this county, that remained loyal to the last.



Day 12: Research Log

- **Task:** Finish following your research plan and logging your searches.
- Abstract or transcribe any documents like wills or court records.



Date	Locality	Source	Results/Comments
1862	Missouri	Compiled Service Record for Richard Frazier, Confederate, 3rd Missouri Cavalry, Capt W.C. Clanton's Co. Greene's Regiment, Missouri Vols. p. 3, digital images, <i>Fold3</i> (https://www.fold3.com/image/88561660 : accessed 6 Feb 2019); citing NARA M322, roll 23.	Confederate 3 Cav. Richard Frazier, Pvt, Capt. W.c. Clanton's Company, Greene's REgiment, Missouri Vols. Age 21 years; Company muster-in roll dated 30 october 1862 at Fulton Co. Ark; joined 27 Aug 1862 at McDonald Co Mo by Capt. Clanton for 3 years or war; horse valued at \$125 and equipment at \$2
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1864	Missouri	Compiled Service Record for Richard Frazier, Confederate, 3rd Missouri Cavalry, Capt W.C. Clanton's Co. Greene's Regiment, Missouri Vols. p.3, digital images, <i>Fold3</i> (https://www.fold3.com/image/88561671 : accessed 6 Feb 2019); citing NARA M322, roll 23.	Confederate 3 Cav Mo. Richard Frazier Pvt, Co. I, 3 Reg't Missouri Cavalry on Company Muster Roll for Jan & Feb 18641; enlisted 27 Aug 1862 at McDonald Co Mo by Captain Clanton for 3 years; present; last paid by Capt. Lanegen Feb 28, 186_.
1865	Missouri	Compiled Service Record for Richard Frazier, Confederate, 3rd Missouri Cavalry, Capt W.C. Clanton's Co. Greene's Regiment, Missouri Vols. p.5, digital images, <i>Fold3</i> (https://www.fold3.com/image/88561671 : accessed 6 Feb 2019); citing NARA M322, roll 23.	Confederate 3 Cav Mo. Richard Frazier Pvt, Co. F, 3 Reg't Missouri Cavalry; residence McDonald County, Missouri; appears on a Roll of Prisoner of War of Co. F, 3 Regiment Mo Cavy, confederate States Army, commanded by Capt. Chas. K. Polk, surrendered at New Orleans, LA., by General E.K. SMith, C.S.A. to Maj. Gen E.R.S. Canby, U.S.A., may 26, 1865, and paroled at Shreveport, La., June 7, 1865. Roll dated Shreveport 7 June 1865.

Day 12: My Research Log



Search Civil War Records for Richard Frazier, husband of Nancy E. Briscoe Frazier

Day 13:

Report Outline

- **Task:** Make an outline of what you're going to write using your research log and put everything into a logical order.



Day 13: My Outline

- Objective
- Background Information
- Widow's Pension Application
- Birth of Nancy E. (Briscoe) Frazier
- Civil War and Marriage of Nancy E. (Briscoe) Frazier
- Conclusion
- Suggestions for Future Research



Day 14:

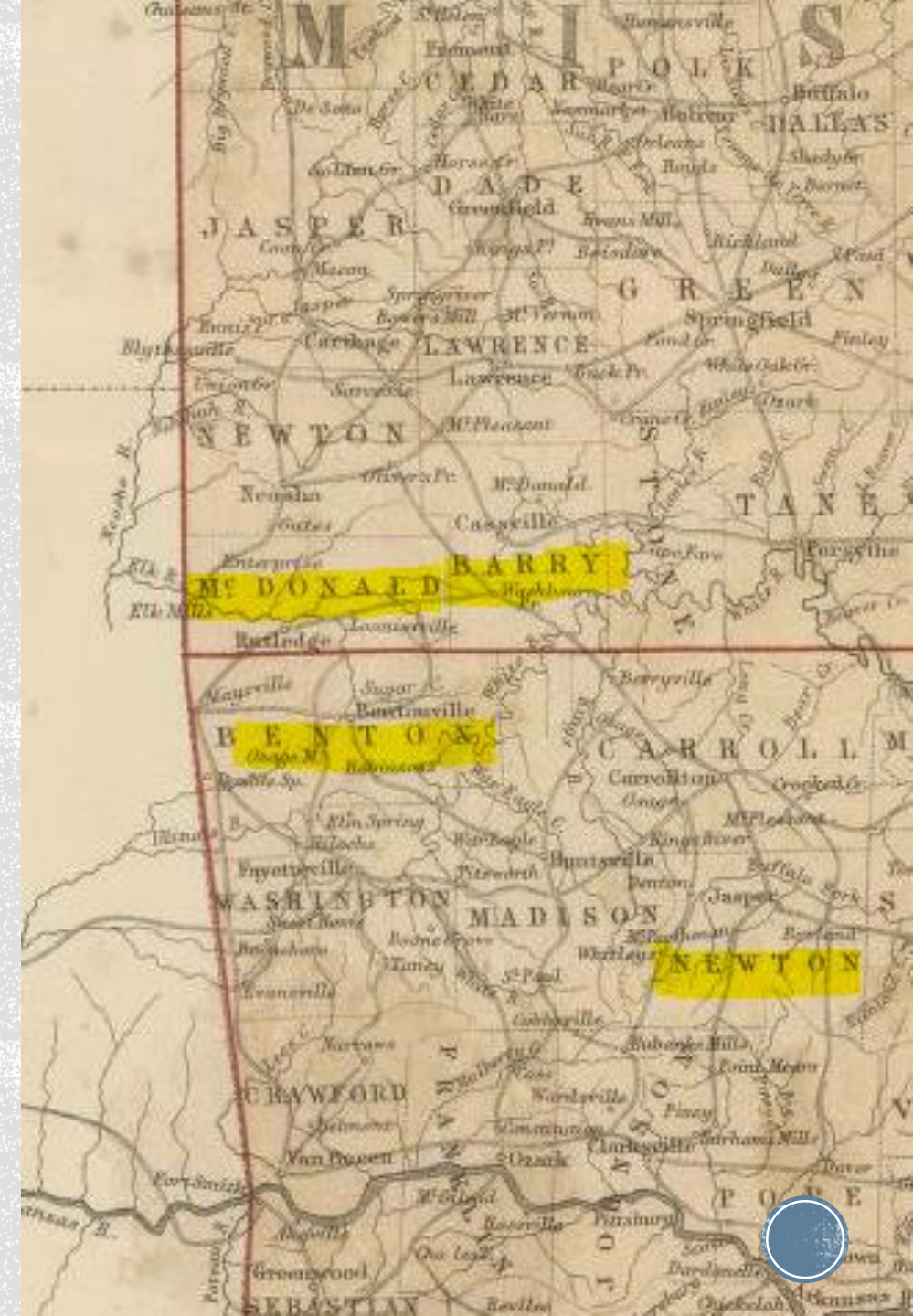
Report Writing

- **Task:** Follow your outline and write a summary of your research.
- Include future research suggestions.



Day 14: My Report

- “The counties where Nancy was born, resided, and married are all located squarely in the Ozark Mountain range. . . .The rich land would have yielded good crops and Nancy’s father and husband all farmed the land to provide for their families.”



Day 14: My Report

Table 1. Birth Information for Nancy E. (Brisco) Frazier

Birth Year & Place	Source	Notes
1845 in Arkansas	1880 Census ²	Informant likely her husband, Richard Frazier
1847 in Arkansas	1850 Census ³	Informant likely her father, John Briscoe
1847 in Arkansas	1900 Census ⁴	Informant likely her husband, Richard Frazier
1847 in Missouri	1910 Census ⁵	Informant likely her husband, Richard Frazier
1848 in Missouri	1920 Census ⁶	Nancy as the head of household likely gave the information on the 1920 census
1848 in Barry County, Missouri	Widow's Pension Application ⁷	Information given by Nancy E. (Brisco) Frazier for pension application

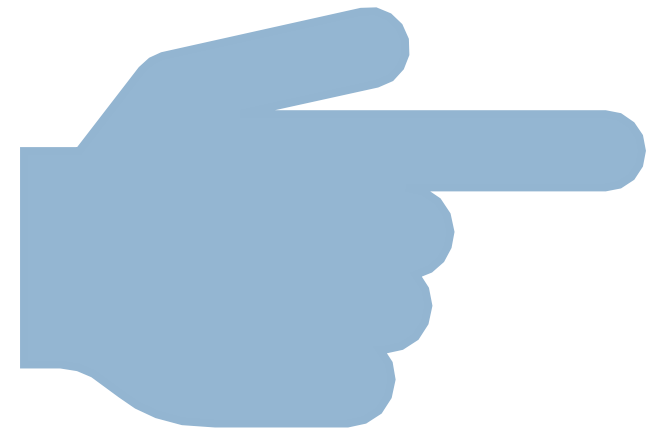
- “Where Nancy herself gave the information, her date of birth was noted as 1848 and birthplace Barry County, Missouri, or just Missouri. This is likely the most accurate date and place. Table 1 table details the various entries throughout her life.”



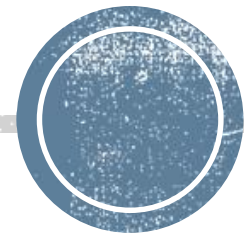
Day 14: My Report

- SUGGESTIONS FOR FUTURE RESEARCH

- - Research the John Briscoe family of Newton County, Arkansas listed on the 1850 census. Discover the connection to Nancy Briscoe, age 53 on the 1860 census of Newton County, Arkansas.
 - Search the 1860 census for all members of the family of Nancy E. Briscoe found on the 1850 census of Benton County, Arkansas.



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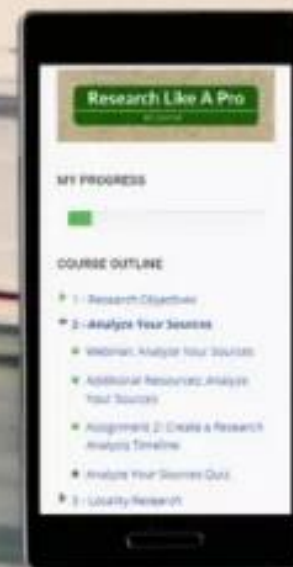


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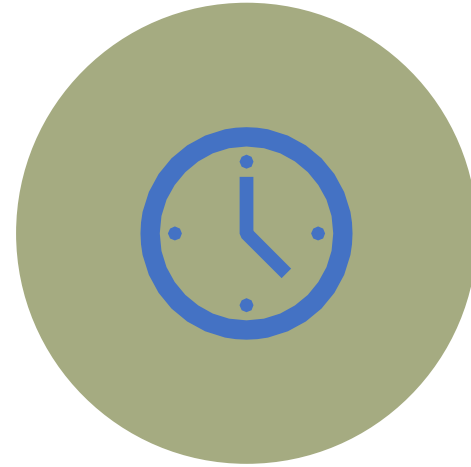
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Quizzes to test learning

Research Objectives Quiz

August 28, 2018 | Posted by Nicole Dyer

There are ten questions in the Research Objectives quiz. You may take the quiz as many times as you want.

1. 1. Question

What is a research objective?

- ☐ A comprehensive plan stating what will be searched.
- ☐ A statement identifying a specific research goal.
- ☐ A summary of all previous research performed on a family or individual.

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Office Hours #8: Evernote, Citations for National Archives Documents



Subjects discussed: How to create a table of contents in Evernote using internal links, using Evernote for locality guides, premium versus free versions of Evernote, sending documents on computer hard drive to downloaded version of Evernote with one click, various ways to use research logs and a research notebook, Google Keep for project lists, using RootsMagic with a Mac, FamilyTree Maker syncing with Ancestry trees, creating source citations for National Archive documents using a table, using the David Rumsey map collection with Google Earth Pro, and separating couples of the same name. [Read more:](#)

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1

Research Objective

Analyze your pedigree
& choose a question

Formulate a research
objective

Write down your
objective

2

Analyze Sources

Gather all previously
found sources

Create a timeline and
check the dates

Analyze source
information & evidence

3

Locality Research

What happened?

Where did it happen?

Who did it happen?

4

Research Plan

Summarize known
facts

Write a hypothesis

Identify sources &
prioritize strategy

5

Source Citations

Perform searches in
research plan

Create a citation for
each result

Ask who, what, when,
where is, where is

6

Research Log

Record the date and
repository

Log positive and
negative searches

Record results of
search

7

Write A Report

State objective &
give background info

Discuss findings &
analysis, conclusion

Summary, & future
research suggestions

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Printable Research Like a Pro flowchart



1 – Research Objectives

August 31, 2018 | Posted by Nicole Dyer

In this lesson, you will be able to watch a webinar about research objectives, listen to a podcast, and read three articles about objectives. We also suggest reading Chapter 1 in *Research Like a Pro: A Genealogist's Guide*. At minimum, we encourage you to watch the webinar.

When you have completed the webinar and any additional content you choose, please complete the quiz below. Be sure to submit any questions or comments on the last question of the quiz so we can discuss them during the “Ask Diana” office hours session.

The assignment page gives you instructions for how to complete the research objectives assignment.

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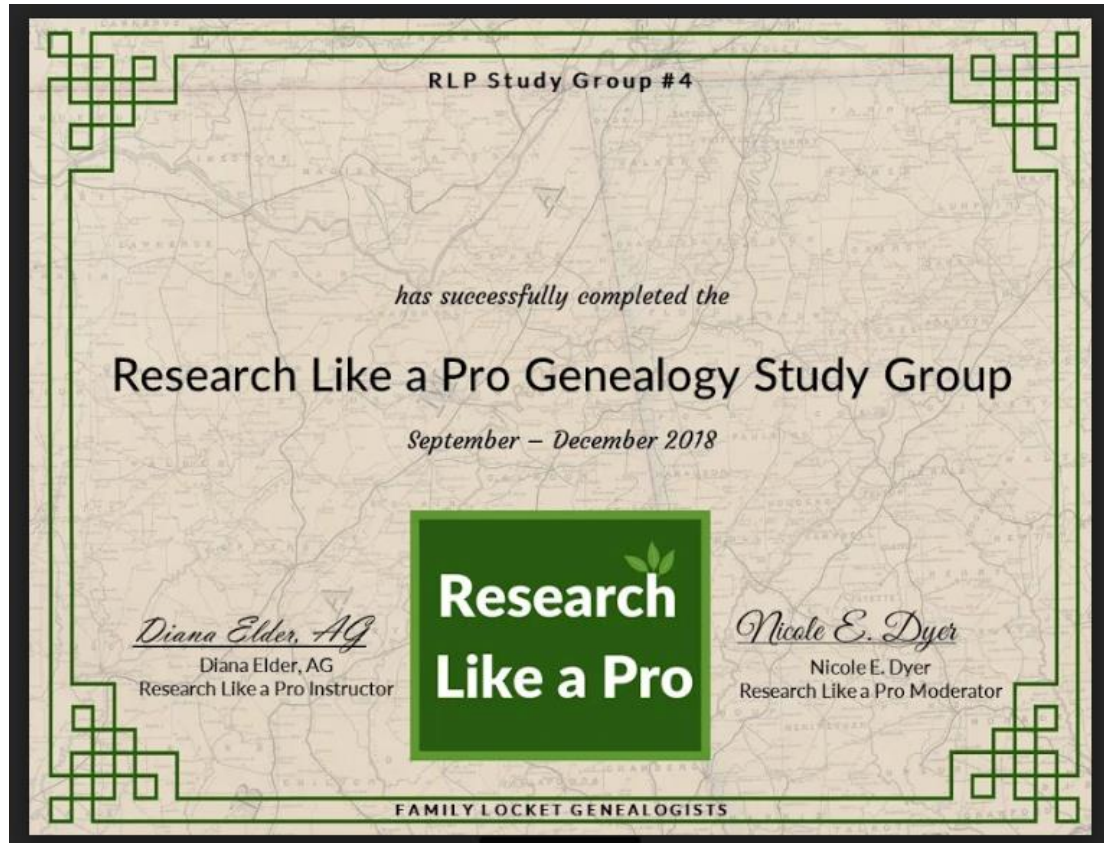
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