

## GENEALOGICAL RESEARCH CAPABILITIES

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PROFESSIONAL GENEALOGIST

### ***Effective Research Techniques and Methods:***

- Applies problem-solving strategies that save the client time and money
- Leverages the use of technology and reliable online genealogy resources
- Identifies appropriate repositories, archives, and sources for targeted research

### ***Evidence Analysis:***

- Subjects each evidence item to tests of analysis and correlation
- Considers both primary and secondary sources of information
- Recognizes both explicit and implied information from records and sources
- Includes negative findings and unsuccessful searches in analysis report

### ***Genetic Genealogy and Forensic Research:***

- Determines which DNA tests would best answer the client's genealogical question
- Analyzes DNA evidence to accurately include or exclude genetic relationships
- Can serve as a confidential intermediary to initiate contact with client's genetic matches
- Utilizes legal and discreet methods when researching living people

### ***Employs Ethical Practices and Adheres to the Following:***

- [Code of Ethics and Professional Practices](#), Association of Professional Genealogists
- [Genetic Genealogy Standards](#), ad hoc Committee of Genetic Genealogists & Scientists

## **GENEALOGICAL PROOF STANDARD (GPS)**

Every project is measured against the industry's GPS to ensure accurate research has been performed. The GPS's five components are:

- Reasonably exhaustive research
- Complete and accurate citation of sources
- Correlation and analysis of evidence found
- Resolution of conflicting evidence
- Soundly written conclusion based on the strongest evidence

If the first element of the GPS, *reasonably exhaustive research*, is not met due to limits on number of hours approved by client for the project, it will be noted in the analysis report.

## **QUALIFICATIONS**

- Twenty plus years of professional genealogical research experience
- Boston University, Certificate in Genealogical Research, 2020

## **MEMBERSHIPS**

- National Genealogical Society
- Association of Professional Genealogists

