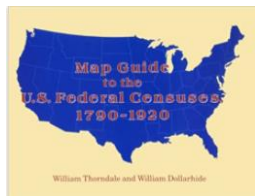


## Book Suggestions: For Beginners

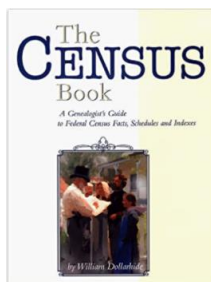
Available from [www.mygenealogybooks.com](http://www.mygenealogybooks.com)

Some books are considered must-own by many genealogists. Having to go to the library just to look up information in them just won't do. Below is a list of the most popular genealogy research books for beginners and for those who have researched for years.



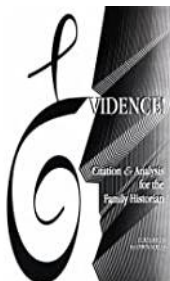
***Map Guide to the U.S. Federal Census, 1790-1920*** by William Thorndale & William Dollarhide.

**Why this book is Important:** Each decade the U.S. population census was taken by county in each state. County lines changed frequently, especially during the 1880s, and finally became stable by about 1920. Often a person could live in the same location for decades, yet be in a different county for each census. This guide maps counties each time boundaries changed, greatly helping a researcher.



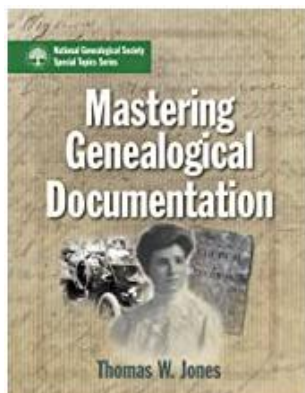
***The Census Book: A Genealogist's Guide to Federal Census Facts, Schedules and Indexes*** 2<sup>nd</sup> ed. By William Dollarhide.

**Why this book is Important:** Census records are always a starting point for those just getting started researching their family history. Every census year has different facts, causing some confusion for new researchers. Special censuses as well as the population census are included. This book explains exactly what you will find enumerated in each census, plus provides extraction forms for 1790-1930.



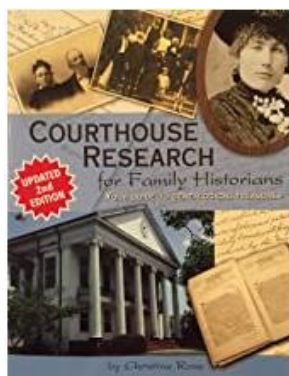
***Evidence! Citation & Analysis for the Family Historian*** by Elizabeth Shown Mills

**Why this book is important:** Don't let the publication date stop you from buying this important book. While it and the mastering documentation book has some topics in common, this book is a shorter version. Mills has also done some laminated Quick Sheets as handy guides for citation rules.



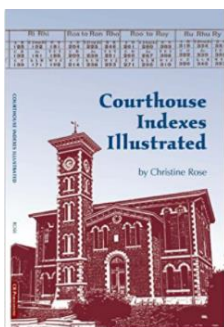
***Mastering Genealogical Documentation*** by Thomas W. Jones

**Why this book is important:** Right from the beginning, a genealogist should record where the information came from, whether it is a birth date, death date, marriage, military service or other facts used. A well-researched project should include sources so that another person can repeat your research. Plus, documentation ensures no one can claim your research is untrue.



***Courthouse Research for Family Historians: Your Guide to Genealogical Treasures*** 2<sup>nd</sup> ed.  
by Christine Rose

**Why this book is important:** Successful courthouse researchers know which office has what information. For beginners, this book takes the guess work out of this process by providing where to find birth, death, marriage, land, probate and other records that may have information about an ancestor.



***Courthouse Indexes Illustrated*** by Christine Rose

**Why this book is important:** Courthouse book indexes lack consistency, so often lead researchers astray. This book does a good job of guiding the researcher through some of the puzzles of index logic.