

Sources and Citations

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What is a Source?

- A source is the item from which you get information
- It can be a book, a letter, a person, an interview, a document, even yourself.
- Evidence comes from the information found in the source.



What is a citation?

- You use the information found in the source to support a particular fact or assertion and provide enough details in order to locate the source.

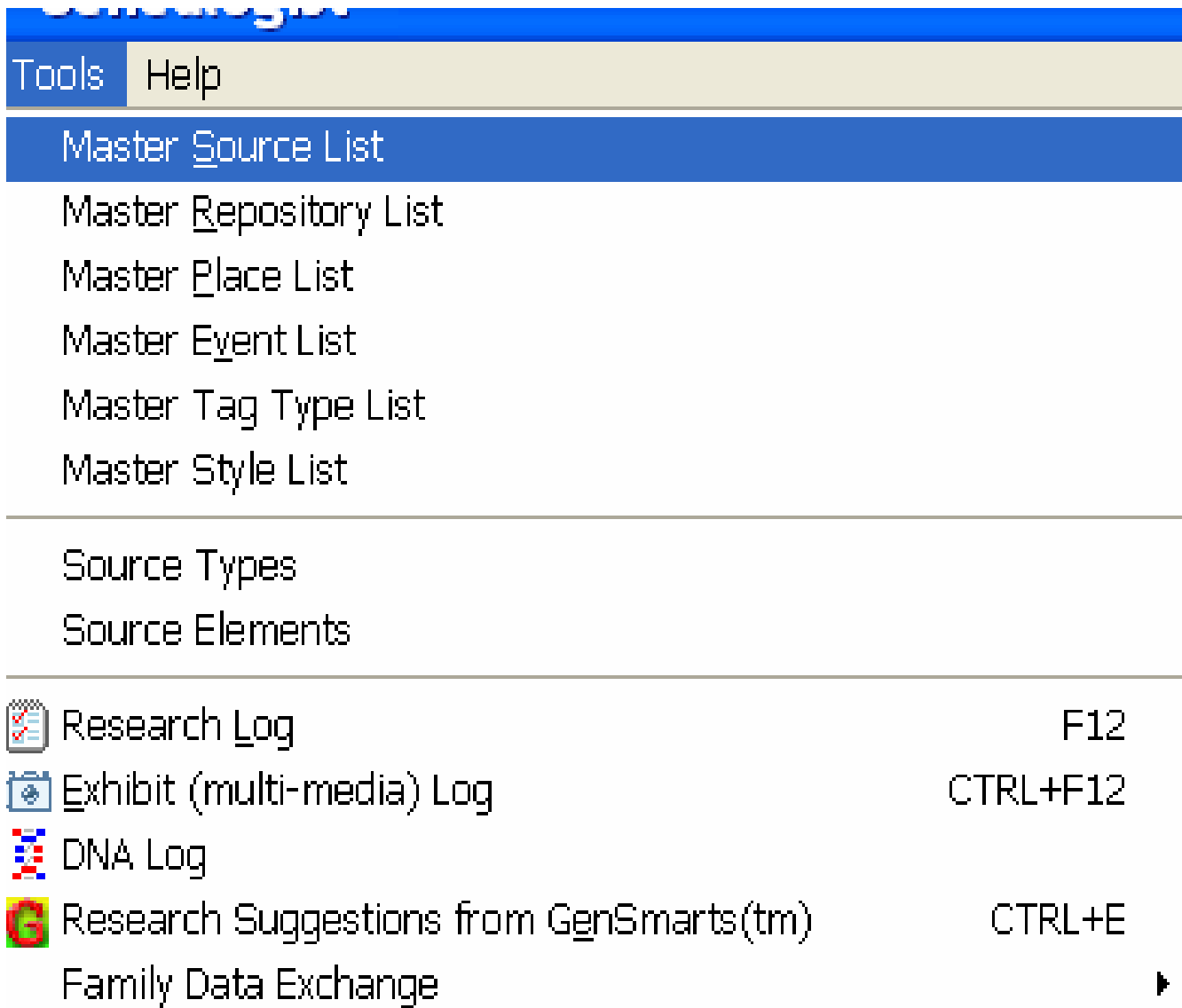


Sources in The Master Genealogist

- In The Master Genealogist (TMG) sources are listed in the Master Source List.
- At the top of the screen, click on Tools, then in the drop down list choose Master Source List.
- The Master Source List will open up.



Tools...Master Source List



The screenshot shows a software application's menu system. At the top, there is a blue header bar. Below it is a menu bar with two items: 'Tools' (highlighted in a darker blue) and 'Help' (in a light beige). The 'Tools' menu is open, displaying a list of options. The first option, 'Master Source List', is highlighted in a dark blue background with white text. Below it are several other options: 'Master Repository List', 'Master Place List', 'Master Event List', 'Master Tag Type List', and 'Master Style List'. A horizontal line separates these from the next section, which includes 'Source Types' and 'Source Elements'. Another horizontal line follows. The final section contains five items, each with a small icon to its left and a keyboard shortcut to its right: 'Research Log' (F12), 'Exhibit (multi-media) Log' (CTRL+F12), 'DNA Log', 'Research Suggestions from GenSmarts(tm)' (CTRL+E), and 'Family Data Exchange' (with a right-pointing arrow).

Item	Shortcut
Master Source List	
Master Repository List	
Master Place List	
Master Event List	
Master Tag Type List	
Master Style List	
Source Types	
Source Elements	
Research Log	F12
Exhibit (multi-media) Log	CTRL+F12
DNA Log	
Research Suggestions from GenSmarts(tm)	CTRL+E
Family Data Exchange	

Master Source List window

The screenshot shows the 'Master Source List' window. At the top, there is a blue title bar with the text 'Master Source List' and standard window control buttons. Below the title bar, there are two dropdown menus: 'Filter by dataset : All data sets' and 'Sorting : Abbreviation'. To the right of these menus, it says 'selected: 99'. The main area contains a table with the following columns: 'Abbreviation', 'Source #', 'Surety', and 'Cited'. The first row is selected and highlighted in blue. To the right of the table is a vertical list of buttons: 'Add', 'Edit', 'Delete', 'Search', 'Search again', 'Copy', 'Renumber', 'Merge', 'Cite Globally', and 'More >>'. At the bottom of the window, there are two buttons: 'Close' and 'Help'.

Abbreviation	Source #	Surety	Cited
E-mail from Pat Isom	1: 1	0	128
E-mail from Wanda	1:20	0	101
Family Archive #318, Census Index: U.S. Selec 2: 1	0	0	4
FamilySearch Ancestral File v.4.19	1:57	0	102
Funeral Program - Marvin Camp	1:22	0	2
GenPageFinder	1:33	0	3
Georgia Deaths	1:73	0	2
Georgia Infantry	1:21	0	1
Hilton, Stephen	1:71	0	12
Hilton, Susan Camp	1:42	0	25
LDS Family Group Record - Ancestral File for Jc1:31	0	0	18
Little black notebook with small notepad	1: 6	0	63
Maine State Archives - Marriage Archives Search	1:90	0	1
Maine Sunday Telegram	1:43	0	2
Marriage Book B 1840-1874 Habersham Georg	1:69	0	7

At the top of the window:

- To filter by datasets
- You can choose all datasets
- Or choose one of your existing datasets



Next, you can sort by:

- Abbreviation
- Source Number
- Title
- Default Surety



- Abbreviation is a short name for your source that is meaningful to you and helps you locate the item in the list.
- Title is the full name of the source.



Source Types

- TMG sources are based on source types from the book “Cite your Sources” by Lackey
- Or “Evidence!” by Elizabeth Shown Mills



When TMG is first installed

- It is set for the default source type of custom initialized to the Mills type of sources, giving you many source types to choose from.

