

Finding and Citing Sources in Reunion



I. Source vs Citation

- a. Citation: a *statement* in which we identify the source(s) of an assertion.
- b. Source: the *actual* artifact, book, document, ... website, etc. from which we obtained our information.

II. Why We Need Source Citations

- a. So you can find your proof again
- b. So others can find your proof
- c. To give your research reliability and credibility
- d. To help you figure out how to resolve conflicting information
- e. Reunion can help you find things and record information about what you find.

III. Search the Web Function in Reunion

- a. Features
 - i. Automatically launches your browser (such as Safari)
 - ii. Connects to websites which might have more information about your person
 - iii. *You* create a citation for anything you find
- b. Set up
 - i. Choose **Reunion>Preferences**
 - ii. Click **Web**
 - iii. Click **Searching** – three columns appear
 - iv. **Groups**, on the left, shows which search groups you set up
 - i. When a group is highlighted, the Sites list in the middle shows only the sites in that group.
 - v. **Sites**, in the middle, lists all sites provided by Reunion.
 - i. Any item checked will no longer be searched when choosing “All Sites” to search.
 - vi. On the right, **Information from site . . .**
 - i. Gives details about any site that you have highlighted in the middle section
 - ii. You can visit the site’s home page if you want to know more.
 - vii. Get the latest site updates from Reunion by clicking **Check for New Sites** at the bottom of the window.
 - i. Can add own sites if technically inclined.
 - viii. **Custom Groups** are set up by clicking on the + at the bottom, naming the group, and dragging sites to the new group
- c. Process – on the Family View
 - i. Find the person menu button (the triangle in the upper right corner of the person’s button), click on **Search the Web** in the sub-menu

- ii. Choose either **Search Favorites** or **All Sites**
 - i. **Search Favorites** - you have specified which ones you want to search.
 - ii. **All Sites**
 - a. Have Reunion search all sites (except the ones that you checked in the list).
 - b. Or choose a specific site.

- IV. Children of an unmarried couple
 - a. Choose Unmarried, Common Law, Civil Union or Domestic Partnership
 - b. Click Marriage Button

- V. Happy Hunting