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Evidence Explained: Citing History Sources from Artifacts to Cyberspace. By Elizabeth Shown Mills. Published by Genealogical Publishing Company, 3600 Clipper Mill Road, Suite 260, Baltimore, MD 21211 (www.genealogical.com). 2007. ISBN 978-0-8063-1781-6. 885 pages. Hardbound. Index. \$49.95.

Elizabeth Shown Mills is the author of numerous articles and books and is a nationally recognized historical and genealogical lecturer. She has compiled the definitive guide to citation and analysis of genealogical and historical sources. This scholarly reference provides hundreds of citation models for various historical sources, particularly original records, known as “QuickCheck Models.” It will be especially valuable to students and writers wishing to properly cite electronic sources, microfilm, microfiche, original records, periodicals, websites, and others. Especially useful are the chapters on fundamentals of evidence analysis and fundamentals of citation. The work concludes with a glossary of terms and a bibliography. This guidebook is highly recommended for experienced researchers, historians, and professional genealogists.

Legacy of Sacrifice: Missionaries to Scandinavia, 1872–1894. By Susan Easton Black, Shauna C. Anderson, and Ruth Ellen Maness. Published by Religious Studies Center, Brigham Young University, 167 Heber J. Grant Building, Provo, UT 84602 (http://religion.byu.edu/rsc_rec_pub.php). Available from Brigham Young University Bookstore, 2915 WSC, Provo, UT 84602. 2007. ISBN 978-0-8425-2668-5. 491 pages. Illustrations. Hardbound. \$39.95.

The three authors of this useful genealogical reference book are experts in their fields of Scandinavian research and Mormon history. It identifies nineteenth-century Mormon missionaries to Scandinavia, with valuable genealogical details for each person—birth date and place, parents’ names, spouse’s name, date and place married, residence, emigration details, death date and place, and place buried. Biographical sketches are alphabetically arranged by surname and many contain a photo of the missionary. Other features include an extensive bibliography of sources used, a list of contributors, and vital statistical information, including Family History Library microfilm number for each parish. This is a valuable genealogical resource for Latter-day Saints interested in Scandinavian countries.

The Naked Quaker: True Crimes and Controversies from the Courts of Colonial New England. By Diane Rapaport. Published by Commonwealth Editions, Memoirs Unlimited, 266 Cabot St., Beverly, MA 01915. 2007. ISBN 978-1-933212-57-9. 145 pages. Illustrations. Hardbound. Index. \$19.95.

Diane Rapaport, lawyer, historian, popular speaker, and award-winning author, has performed extensive research into colonial New England court records and is the author of the scholarly *New England Court Records: A Research Guide for Genealogists and Historians* (2006). She uses her legal training to publish stories from colonial court records relating to crimes and other incidents that add to an understanding of life in Puritan New England. Subjects include witchcraft, tavern tales, law and order, and others. This nicely illustrated work concludes with endnotes and a useful bibliography. It will be of interest to genealogists and historians focusing on the New England area.

Opening the Ozarks: First Families in Southwest Missouri, 1835–1839. By Marsha Hoffman Rising. 4 vols. Published by American Society of Genealogists, P.O. Box 1515, Derry, NH 03038-1515. 2005. ISBN 1-59975-350-2. 2,963 pages. Hardbound. Index. \$189.95, plus \$5.95 shipping.

A special publication of the American Society of Genealogists (www.fasg.org), this scholarly four-volume work, the culmination of sixteen years of research, identifies the origins of hundreds of early immigrants who bought land from the Springfield, Missouri, land office between June 1835 and March 1839. Families are alphabetically arranged by surname and show various genealogical and historical details—birth date and birthplace, death date, place buried, name of spouse and date married, and other biographical and genealogical details, such as church affiliation and migration information. The goal of this project was to identify the geographic origins of early settlers in southwest Missouri. Genealogies are well documented using primary and secondary sources, including census records, court files, deeds, local histories, probate files, vital records, and others. An extensive bibliography is useful for identifying printed sources and manuscripts used in the compilation of this work. The set concludes with a personal name and subject index by Patricia Law Hatcher. This handsome reference work will be of special interest to researchers with southwest Missouri ancestors.

A Witness for the Restoration: Essays in Honor of Robert J. Matthews. Edited by Kent P. Jackson and Andrew C. Skinner. Published by Religious Studies Center, Brigham Young University, 167 Heber J. Grant Building, Provo, UT 84602 (http://religion.byu.edu/rsc_rec_pub.php). Available from Brigham Young University Bookstore, 2915 WSC, Provo, UT 84602. 2007. ISBN 978-0-8425-2676-0. 361 pages. Illustrations. Hardbound. Index. \$24.95.

This scholarly festschrift offers tributes to Dr. Robert J. Matthews, former dean of Religious Education at Brigham Young University, on the occasion of his eightieth birthday. The very attractive cover image is Gary Ernest Smith's painting, "The Mount of Transfiguration" (see Matthew 17:1–8), which hung in his office at the university. Scholarly essays were written by several of Matthews' colleagues at Brigham Young University and cover a wide range of Biblical and Latter-day Saint topics, including ancient languages and Church history. The work concludes with a bibliography of articles, books, and other writings by Professor Matthews.

The Essential Latter-day Saint Guide to Finding Your Family on the Internet. By Michael Otterson. Published by Leatherwood Press, 8160 South Highland Drive, Sandy, UT 84093 (www.leatherwoodpress.com). 2007. ISBN 978-1-59992-057-3. 293 pages. Paperback. Index. \$19.95.

Michael Otterson has compiled a useful guide to Internet sites of interest to Latter-day Saints and others. Chapters cover such topics as the Internet and the LDS Church, choosing software, Personal Ancestral File (PAF) genealogy software, and various Internet topics—census records, vital records, immigration and naturalization records, British Isles, and others. Other topics include collaboration, GEDCOM files, posting queries on the Internet, and more. Practical examples, tips, and illustrations are included throughout this work and are very helpful. However, Genealogy is misspelled on page 95 when referring to Genealogy.com, and it would have been helpful if the author had mentioned some of the family history websites and databases at Brigham Young University in Provo, Utah. Examples include:

BYU Family History Library (<http://lib.byu.edu/fslab>)

Center for Family History and Genealogy (<http://familyhistory.byu.edu>)

Immigrant Ancestors Project (<http://immigrants.byu.edu>)

PAF Tutorial (<http://paf tutorial.byu.edu>)

Religion 261 Online Lessons (<http://261.byu.edu>)

Script Tutorials: Resources for Old Handwriting and Documents
(<http://script.byu.edu>)

US Census Tutorial (<http://census.byu.edu>)

Welsh Mormon History (<http://welshmormonhistory.org>)