



## **Creating Genealogical Sources Award**

This award, originally one category in the G.K. Haukebo Award, was established in 1988 for projects that assist family history researchers in locating genealogical source materials.

Researchers rely on a wide variety of source materials such as church records, census records, and city directories to recreate the stories of their ancestors. Genealogical sources are the paper trails that allow us see into the past. The "Creating Genealogical Sources" award recognizes projects that create or increase the accessibility of source materials useful to genealogical research. Projects may create brand new source data that was previously unavailable, or they can take old source data and present it in a new way that makes it more useful, more current, or more broadly available. Creating genealogical sources can provide researchers with answers to previously unsolved mysteries.

### **Examples of projects:**

1. Documenting all of the grave markers in a previously undocumented country cemetery
2. Creating a searchable index to unindexed church or civil records
3. Creating a user guide for a difficult to use source, explaining organization, abbreviations and translations
4. Creating a digital version of church records that weren't previously available online
5. An index of a book collection

**General Rules:** See the introductory page entitled "Annual Family History Awards."

### **Specific Rules:**

1. Submitter must have permission to publish the source data.
2. In addition to the source material itself, entries must include:
  - a. A title page, which includes at least the title, the name of authors, and the year of compilation

- b. Information on the background of the primary sources used in the project
  - c. An explanation of how to use the new source material
  - d. What audience the source material serves
  - e. Scope of the data covered - years covers, number of entries,...
  - f. Information on how people access the project and how to access the original source material, if applicable
3. Entries can be printed, electronic, or online.

**Criteria for Judging:**

1. Scope of the source material
2. Availability of this project to researchers - online source materials are more valuable to researchers
3. Usability - is the project organized and easy to understand, and can information in the project be located quickly?
4. Quality of research
5. Quality of writing

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