



Family History Book Award

This award, originally titled "The Aubrey Zube Jones Award – Genealogical Emphasis", was established in 1981 for printed or duplicated family histories.

The Heritage Education Commission wishes to encourage family historians to take "the last step" in their research effort by creating and sharing a compilation of their family history. Formalizing your research into a book allows family members and other genealogists to enjoy and benefit from your hard work.

Examples of projects:

1. Ancestry of a particular person.
2. Descendants of a particular person or couple.
3. A collection of genealogies of residents in a certain place.

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

Specific Rules:

1. Entries must be in printed, duplicated, or PDF format.
2. Entries may be a bound book or unbound (consisting generally of 25 pages or more) in a 3-ring binder.
3. Entries must have a title page, which includes at least the title, the name of authors, and the year of compilation.
4. Entries must have a table of contents.
5. Entries must have clearly cited sources so researchers can find the sources you used. (** See information below for helpful information about citing sources.)

Criteria for Judging:

1. Usefulness to family historians and relatives
2. Organization - is the organization clear to the user? Does the project use organizational tools, such as a table of contents, charts, list of illustrations,

footnotes, and an index? Indexes are very useful and are strongly encouraged.

3. Scope of the research
4. Quality of research
5. Quality of writing
6. Use of illustrations (photos, documents, charts, maps, etc.)

**If you "Google" "Genealogical Source Citations" you will find a variety of articles to study. HEC is not requiring a certain format, but we are asking that you provide enough information about a given source that another person could find it also. Citing sources adds credibility to your effort. We do want to be clear that just saying the name of a website is not sufficient. The name of the website and the specific database at that website, including page # or image # and how the person's name is spelled in that record, is very valuable to a user who is studying your compilation.

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