

Using Existing Sources

Use the existing sources (nearly 3,000) where possible. For court ledger books or published versions of court ledger books, add the page number and the title of the document. If it is a published book, add the page number. Notes or narrative content should be included in the Event not in the Source. See examples below.

This example is for William Taylor White (ID#34782), the boy in the Iron Coffin, being named in his father's will and in a guardian bond. Click on the link below to see the screenshot below it. If you don't have an Edit Tab, you are not logged in as an Editor and are not authorized to make changes.

<https://espl-genealogy.org/getperson.php?personID=I34782&tree=1>



William Taylor White

♂ Abt 1837 - 1852 (15 years)

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Name	William Taylor White [1, 2]	
Birth	Abt 1837	Accomack Co, Virginia P [3]
Gender	Male	
Will - Fathers	20 Apr 1843	Accomack Co, Virginia P [1]
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • He was shown as a son William in the will of William A. White. 	
Guardian - bond	24 Feb 1845	Accomack Co, Virginia P [4]
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • George P. Ewell, George H. Ewell & Edward Gunter obligated themselves to pay Nancy, Levin, Richard, James & William White, orphans of William A. White dec'd, their estate when they attained lawful age. Bond was set at \$2,500. 	
Heir - named as	30 Dec 1849	Accomack Co, Virginia P [5]
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It was on this date that Anne C. Taylor named William T. White in her will and gave him \$1,300 & the interest thereon & so much of the principal as his guardian, Lewis D. Drummond, may consider necessary to be applied to his maintenance & education until he arrives to age 21 & then whatever amount may remain unexpended, provided he shall be studious & shall not be dissipated & at age 21 another \$300, but if he dies before age 21, then to my niece Peggy J. Nottingham. 	
Census w/another	1850	Accomack Parish, Accomack Co, Virginia P [3]
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • He was shown as William T. White, age 13 in HH#16 headed by Ann C. Taylor, a 55 year old farmer. 	
Anecdote	30 Dec 1850	Accomack Co, Virginia P [5]
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • On 30 Dec 1850 when Anne C. Taylor's will was probated, Lewis D. Drummond was named guardian of William T. White, orphan of William A. White. The document read: Lewis D. Drummond and Jno. R. Drummond are bound unto the Commonwealth of Virginia, in the sum of \$3,000 ... The above Lewis D. Drummond shall pay to William T. White orphan of William A. White deceased, all such estate due the orphan as soon as he shall attain lawful age and to keep harmless W.P. Moore Senr, Geo: S. Rogers, W.P. Moore Jr and James M. Savage Gentlemen Justices of the Court now sitting. Signed in the presence of J.W. Gillet by Louis D. Drummond and John R. Drummond. (Accomack Co, VA Orphan Bonds, 31 Jul 1843 - 23 Feb 1852, pages not numbered) 	
Guardian - bond	30 Dec 1850	Accomack Co, Virginia P [4]
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Levin D. Drummond & Jno. R. Drummond obligated themselves to pay William T. White, orphan of William A. White dec'd, his estate when he attained lawful age. Bond was set at \$3,000. 	
Death	24 Jan 1852	Washington, District of Columbia P [6]
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • His obituary in 1852 in the National Intelligencer and in the Religious Herald shows him as William Taylor White, age 17, who died at Columbian College on 24 Jan 1852. He was listed as a resident of Accomack County, VA. Fellow students placed a note in the National Intelligencer on 28 Jan 1852 indicating their sadness at his death and letting his friends know that people were there with him at his death. There was no mention of family in this letter. (NOTE: He was featured in a 2008 History Channel special titled "Written in Bone" about the Smithsonian's efforts to identify his remains found in a sealed iron coffin in Washington, DC in 2005.) 	

Sources

1. [S688] Moody K. Miles III & Barry W. Miles, Accomack Co, VA, Wills & Administrations, 1800-1860, (Bowie, MD: Heritage Books, Inc., 2000), p. 606 (will of William A. White), 688.
2. [S909] Accomack Co, VA, Guardian Bonds, 1835-1839 unpagged, 29 Apr 1839, children of William A. White listed, 909.
3. [S638] Family Tree Maker's Family Archives, 1850 Accomack Co, VA Census, (Broderbund Software, Inc., 1997), 638.
4. [S2129] Accomack Co, VA, Guardian Bonds, 1843-1852 unpagged, unnumbered pages, 2129.
5. [S688] Moody K. Miles III & Barry W. Miles, Accomack Co, VA, Wills & Administrations, 1800-1860, (Bowie, MD: Heritage Books, Inc., 2000), p. 516 (will of Anne C. Taylor), 688.
6. [S945] Deborah Hull-Walski, Collections Manager, Anthropology, National Museum of Natural History, Smithsonian Institution & Rachele Lutttig, Eastern Shore Public Library, Boy in the Iron Coffin Research Project, 945.

Footnote 1, a published book of Accomack Co, VA, Wills & Admins, 1800-1860, shows the page number for the will of William A. White, in which he named a son William, who was the Boy in the Iron Coffin.

Click on the Edit Tab (shown in the screenshot above) to go to this link:

https://espl-genealogy.org/admin_editperson.php?personID=134782&tree=1&cw=1

to see the screenshot below.

William Taylor White (I34782)

♂ Abt 1837 - 1852 (15 years)

Save Notes Sources Associations

Last Modified: 24 Mar 2023 22:37:51 (mkmiles)

▼ Name

First/Given Name(s) Surname Prefix Last/Surname

Nickname Title Prefix Suffix Name Order
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Gender
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Living Private Tree: MilesFiles23 (▼ Edit) Branch: No branch (▼ Edit)

▼ Events

Note: When entering dates, please use the standard genealogical format DD MMM YYYY. For example, 10 Apr 2004.

	Date	Place			
Birth:	<input type="text" value="ABT 1837"/>	<input type="text" value="Accomack Co, Virginia"/>			
Christening: ▼	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>			
Death:	<input type="text" value="24 JAN 1852"/>	<input type="text" value="Washington, District of Columbia"/>			
Burial:	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>			

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Other Events / Attributes: Add New

Reference Identifier:	<input type="text" value="Boy in the Iron Coffin"/>				
Record ID :	<input type="text" value="34782"/>				
Will - Fathers:	<input type="text" value="20 APR 1843"/>	<input type="text" value="Accomack Co, Virginia"/>			
Guardian - bond:	<input type="text" value="24 FEB 1845"/>	<input type="text" value="Accomack Co, Virginia"/>			
Heir - named as:	<input type="text" value="30 DEC 1849"/>	<input type="text" value="Accomack Co, Virginia"/>			
Census w/another:	<input type="text" value="1850"/>	<input type="text" value="Accomack Parish, Accomack Co, Virginia"/>			
Guardian - bond:	<input type="text" value="30 DEC 1850"/>	<input type="text" value="Accomack Co, Virginia"/>			
Anecdote:	<input type="text" value="30 DEC 1850"/>	<input type="text" value="Accomack Co, Virginia"/>			
Orphans account:	<input type="text" value="26 JUL 1852"/>	<input type="text" value="Accomack Co, Virginia"/>			

As with most pages, read the "Help for this area" in the upper left corner to learn more about the information and icons shown on the screenshot. Click on the Sources box associated with the Fathers Will and you'll see [S688] Accomack Co,

VA Wills & Administrations, 1800-1860 in the screenshot below. The Page field shows “p.606 (will of William A. White)”

The screenshot shows a web form titled "Edit Existing Citation | Help for this area". It includes a "Source" field with the value "S688" and buttons for "Find..." and "Create...". Below the source field, the text "Accomack Co, VA, Wills & Administrations, 1800-1860" is displayed. The "Page" field contains "p. 606 (will of William A. White)". There is a "Reliability*" dropdown menu with a downward arrow and the text "(Higher numbers indicate greater reliability.)". Below that is a "Citation Date" field. At the bottom, there are two large text input areas labeled "Actual Text" and "Notes". On the right side of the form, there are "Save" and "Cancel" buttons.

and if you click on the Notes box you'll see “He was shown as the son William in the will of William A. White.”

The screenshot shows a web form titled "Modify Note | Help for this area". It features a "Note" field containing the text "He was shown as a son William in the will of William A. white.". On the right side, there are "Save" and "Cancel" buttons.

Footnote 4 [S2129] is Accomack Co, VA Guardian Bonds, 1843-1852, unpagged, dated 24 Feb 1845. Click on the Sources box associated with this Guardian Bond event to see the screenshot below.

The screenshot shows a web form titled "Edit Existing Citation | Help for this area". It includes a "Source" field with the value "S2129" and buttons for "Find..." and "Create...". Below the source field, the text "Accomack Co, VA, Guardian Bonds, 1843-1852 unpagged" is displayed. The "Page" field contains "unnumbered pages". There is a "Reliability*" dropdown menu with a downward arrow and the text "(Higher numbers indicate greater reliability.)". Below that is a "Citation Date" field. At the bottom, there are two large text input areas labeled "Actual Text" and "Notes". On the right side of the form, there are "Save" and "Cancel" buttons.

and if you click on the Notes box you'll see the screenshot below.

The screenshot shows a web form titled "Modify Note | Help for this area". It features a "Note" field containing the text "George P. Ewell, George H. Ewell & Edward Gunter obligated themselves to pay Nancy, Levin, Richard, James & William White, orphans of William A. White dec'd, their estate when they attained lawful age. Bond was set at \$2,500.". On the right side, there are "Save" and "Cancel" buttons.

If the source is a website, such as Ancestry.com (S802), FamilySearch.org (S2238) or Findagrave.com (S2259), use those sources in MilesFiles and include links to the individual's record on those websites so users can see the sources.

This example is specifically for Findagrave.com, but the process is the same for Ancestry.com and FamilySearch.org. Click the link below for the record for Lemuel H. Windsor (ID#124364) and see the screenshot below. If you don't have an Edit Tab, you are not logged in as an Editor and are not authorized to make changes.

<https://espl-genealogy.org/getperson.php?personID=I124364&tree=1>



Lemuel Henry Windsor, (carpenter)

♂ 1832 - 1914 (82 years)

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Name	Lemuel Henry Windsor [1, 2, 3, 4]	
Suffix	(carpenter)	
Birth	7 Mar 1832	Charles Co, Maryland P [1]
Gender	Male	
Census head	1860	Accomack Parish, Accomack Co, Virginia P [5]
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ HH#70 was headed by Lemuel Windsor, a 27 year old M. Carp., born in Maryland, with personal Catherine, age 26; John H., age 5; Laura V., age 2 	
Census head	18 Jun 1870	7th Ward, Washington, District of Columbia P [6]
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ HH#790 was headed by Lemuel Windson, a 38 year old carpenter, with personal property valued Sarah, who was born in DC: Catharine, age 36; Jno, a 14 year old printers app.; Laura, age 12; F 	
Census head	12 Jun 1880	Onancock, Lee District, Accomack Co, Virginia P [7]
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ The HH was headed by L.H. Windsor, a 48 year old carpenter, born in MD, all others were born i a 17 year old son & a farmer; Charles, a 17 year old son & a farmer; Laura, a 22 year old daught 	
Death	27 May 1914	Washington, District of Columbia P [1, 2]
Burial	Congressional Cemetery, Washington, District of Columbia P [1, 2]	

Sources	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. [S3236] Mary Thom Cullen, Information on Lemuel H. Windsor, (Discussion with M.K. Miles, 2-10-2023), 3236. 2. [S2259] Findagrave.com, (https://www.findagrave.com), https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/122200455/lemuel-h-windsor, 2259. 3. [S802] Ancestry.com, https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/8675706147:62476, 802. 4. [S802] Ancestry.com, https://gw.geneanet.org/justcrazyinmn?n=windsor&oc=&p=lemuel+henry, 802. 5. [S7] 1860 Accomack Co, VA, Census, (National Archives Microfilm), 7. 6. [S802] Ancestry.com, 1870 Federal Census, District of Columbia, 802. 7. [S802] Ancestry.com, 1880 Federal Census, Accomack Co, VA, 802.
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Notice that footnote 2 (Findagrave.com) and footnotes 3 and 4 (Ancestry.com) all contain clickable links to the location on those websites that show the pertinent information.

Click on the embedded link below to see the results of clicking on the embedded link in footnote 2 above.

2. [S2259] Findagrave.com, (<https://www.findagrave.com>), <https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/122200455/lemuel-h-windsor>, 2259.

To embed those links into those footnotes click on the Edit Tab in the screenshot above to go to link below:

https://espl-genealogy.org/admin_editperson.php?personID=1124364&tree=1&cw=1

The screenshot shows a web-based genealogy application interface for editing a person's profile. At the top, there are navigation tabs: Search, Add New, Review, Merge, and Edit. Below these are utility links: Help for this area, Expand all, Collapse all, Test, and Add Media. The main header displays the person's name, "Lemuel Henry Windsor, (carpenter) (I124364)", and their lifespan, "1832 - 1914 (82 years)". There are icons for Save, Notes, Sources, and Associations, and a timestamp: "Last Modified: 11 Feb 2023 00:00:00 (mkmiles)".

The "Name" section contains fields for First/Given Name(s) (Lemuel Henry), Surname Prefix (empty), Last/Surname (Windsor), Nickname (empty), Title (empty), Prefix (empty), Suffix ((carpenter)), and Name Order (Default). A Gender dropdown is set to Male. There are checkboxes for Living and Private, and tree/branch information: Tree: MilesFiles23 (Edit) and Branch: No branch (Edit).

The "Events" section includes a note: "Note: When entering dates, please use the standard genealogical format DD MMM YYYY. For example, 10 Apr 2004." It features a table for recording events:

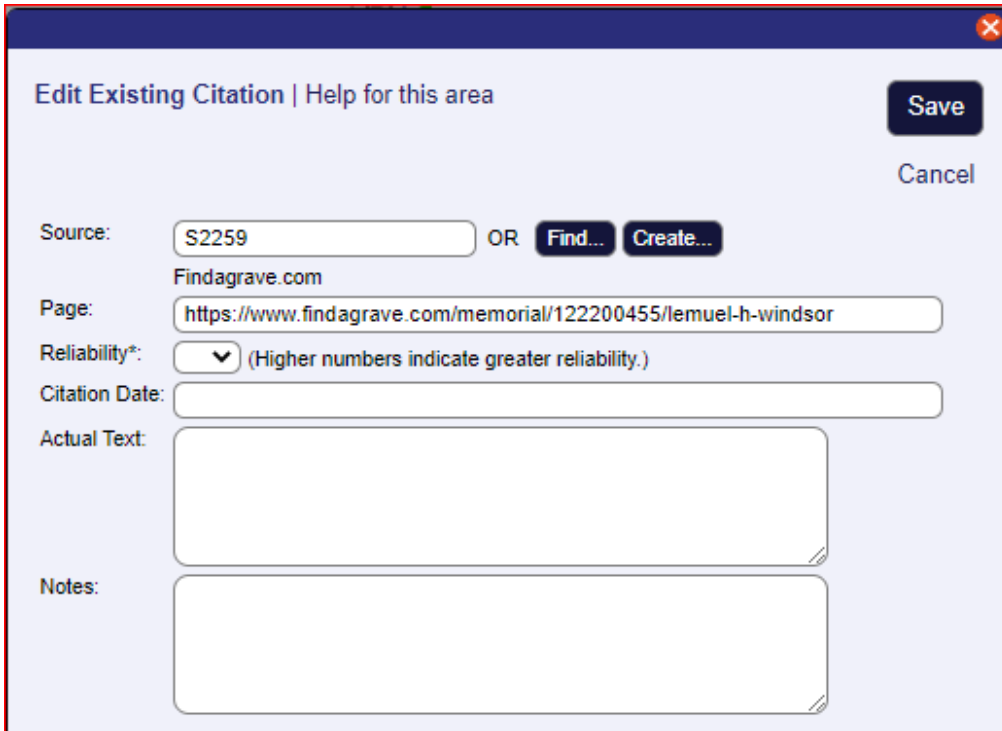
	Date	Place	
Birth:	7 MAR 1832	Charles Co, Maryland	[Icons]
Christening:			[Icons]
Death:	27 MAY 1914	Washington, District of Columbia	[Icons]
Burial:		Congressional Cemetery, Washington, District of Columbia	[Icons]
	<input type="checkbox"/> Cremated		
Baptism (LDS):			[Icons]
Confirmation (LDS):			[Icons]
Initiatory (LDS):			[Icons]
Endowment (LDS):			[Icons]

Below the events table is an "Other Events / Attributes" section with an "Add New" button. It contains a table for recording additional data:

Record ID :	124364		[Icons]
Census head:	1860	Accomack Parish, Accomack Co, Virginia	[Icons]
Census head:	18 JUN 1870	7th Ward, Washington, District of Columbia	[Icons]
Census head:	12 JUN 1880	Onancock, Lee District, Accomack Co, Virginia	[Icons]

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Click on the source box associated with the Burial event and you'll see [S2259] Findagrave.com is one of the sources for the burial information and click on the Edit icon for Findagrave.com to see the screenshot below. In the Page field you'll see the embedded link to Lemuel H. Windsor's tombstone.



The screenshot shows a web form titled "Edit Existing Citation | Help for this area". The form includes a "Source" field with the value "S2259" and buttons for "Find..." and "Create...". Below this is the "Page" field containing the URL "https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/122200455/lemuel-h-windsor". There is also a "Reliability*" dropdown menu with a downward arrow and the text "(Higher numbers indicate greater reliability.)". The "Citation Date" field is empty. The "Actual Text" and "Notes" fields are large text areas, both currently empty. The form has a "Save" button in the top right corner and a "Cancel" link below it.

Here again is the clickable link:

<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/122200455/lemuel-h-windsor>