

Chat Log 18 Oct 2016

Educational Preparation for Certification Many Paths to the Same Goal by Angela Packer McGhie

Geoff Rasmussen (to All - Entire Audience): 8:03 PM: <http://bcgcertification.org/>

Geoff Rasmussen (to All - Entire Audience): 8:10 PM: Boston University

Geoff Rasmussen (to All - Entire Audience): 8:10 PM: Salt Lake Institute of Genealogy

Geoff Rasmussen (to All - Entire Audience): 8:10 PM: NGS Quarterly

Geoff Rasmussen (to All - Entire Audience): 8:10 PM: Genealogy Standards (2014 edition)

Geoff Rasmussen (to All - Entire Audience): 8:11 PM: Tom Jones' webinars:

<http://familytreewebinars.com/tomjones>

Geoff Rasmussen (to All - Entire Audience): 8:12 PM: BCG Application Guide, revised 2016 edition:

<http://bcgcertification.org/catalog/bcgitems.html>

Geoff Rasmussen (to All - Entire Audience): 8:12 PM: Preliminary Application Form:

<http://bcgcertification.org/catalog/bcgitems.html>

Audience Question:

Q: Really like this application percentage chart. Very helpful

A: Yes, very interesting.

Geoff Rasmussen (to All - Entire Audience): 8:17 PM: Genealogy Standards book:

<http://tinyurl.com/gm9tslu>

Geoff Rasmussen (to All - Entire Audience): 8:19 PM: BCG's online webinar library:

<http://familytreewebinars.com/BCG>

Geoff Rasmussen (to All - Entire Audience): 8:21 PM: Book: The Researcher's Guide to American Genealogy by Val Greenwood

Geoff Rasmussen (to All - Entire Audience): 8:21 PM: Book: The Source

Geoff Rasmussen (to All - Entire Audience): 8:21 PM: Book: The Family Tree Problem Solver

Geoff Rasmussen (to All - Entire Audience): 8:21 PM: Book: Red Book

Geoff Rasmussen (to All - Entire Audience): 8:22 PM: Institute: GRIP

Geoff Rasmussen (to All - Entire Audience): 8:22 PM: Institute: IGHR (Georgia Genealogical Society)

Geoff Rasmussen (to All - Entire Audience): 8:22 PM: Institute: Salt Lake Institute of Genealogy

Geoff Rasmussen (to All - Entire Audience): 8:23 PM: National Genealogical Society's home study courses - American Genealogical Studies series (4 parts)

Geoff Rasmussen (to All - Entire Audience): 8:23 PM: Boston University

Geoff Rasmussen (to All - Entire Audience): 8:24 PM: National Institute for Genealogical Studies

Audience Question:

Q: one excellent 16 week course is the online Excelsior University Practicum in Genealogical Research

A: Thanks for sharing.

Geoff Rasmussen (to All - Entire Audience): 8:24 PM: ProGen Study Group: <http://progenstudy.org/>

Geoff Rasmussen (to All - Entire Audience): 8:27 PM: <http://bcgcertification.org/>

Geoff Rasmussen (to All - Entire Audience): 8:28 PM: Work samples:

<http://bcgcertification.org/skillbuilders/worksamples.html>

Geoff Rasmussen (to All - Entire Audience): 8:30 PM: BCG Webinars:

<http://bcgcertification.org/blog/bcg-webinars/>

Geoff Rasmussen (to All - Entire Audience): 8:30 PM: BCG library: <http://familytreewebinars.com/bcg>

Geoff Rasmussen (to All - Entire Audience): 8:31 PM: BCG Skillbuilding Track at NGS conferences

Geoff Rasmussen (to All - Entire Audience): 8:31 PM: NGS Quarterly, NYG&B Record, NEHGS Register, The American Genealogist, The Genealogist

Geoff Rasmussen (to All - Entire Audience): 8:32 PM: IGHR: "Advanced Methodology & Evidence Analysis"

Geoff Rasmussen (to All - Entire Audience): 8:33 PM: IGHR: "Writing and Publishing for Genealogists"

Geoff Rasmussen (to All - Entire Audience): 8:33 PM: SLIG: "Advanced Genealogical Methods"

Geoff Rasmussen (to All - Entire Audience): 8:33 PM: SLIG: "Advanced Evidence Analysis Practicum"

Geoff Rasmussen (to All - Entire Audience): 8:33 PM: SLIG: "You be the Judge: A Practicum in Using Standards to Evaluate Genealogical Work"

Geoff Rasmussen (to All - Entire Audience): 8:34 PM: GRIP: "Mastering the Art of Genealogical Documentation"

Geoff Rasmussen (to All - Entire Audience): 8:34 PM: GRIP: "Advanced Research Methods"

Geoff Rasmussen (to All - Entire Audience): 8:34 PM: GRIP: "Confusion to Conclusion: How to Write Proof Arguments"

Geoff Rasmussen (to All - Entire Audience): 8:34 PM: GRIP: "Writing and Sharing Family History"

Geoff Rasmussen (to All - Entire Audience): 8:34 PM: Virtual Institute: "Genealogical Evidence and Proof"

Geoff Rasmussen (to All - Entire Audience): 8:35 PM: Virtual Institute: "Writing Logical Proof Arguments"

Geoff Rasmussen (to All - Entire Audience): 8:35 PM: ProGen Study Groups: <http://progenstudy.org>

Geoff Rasmussen (to All - Entire Audience): 8:36 PM: NGSQ Study Group: <http://ngsqstudygroup.weebly.com>

Geoff Rasmussen (to All - Entire Audience): 8:36 PM: GenProof Study Group: <https://genproof.wordpress.com>

Audience Question:

Q: Our NGS study group met this morning to discuss Judy G. Russell article. Lots of fun.

A: Sounds really fun!

Geoff Rasmussen (to All - Entire Audience): 8:38 PM: Mastering Genealogical Proof by Thomas W. Jones

Geoff Rasmussen (to All - Entire Audience): 8:39 PM: Genealogical Proof Standard: <http://bcgcertification.org/resources/standard.html>

Geoff Rasmussen (to All - Entire Audience): 8:40 PM: Michael Hait's webinar: http://familytreewebinars.com/download.php?webinar_id=88

Geoff Rasmussen (to All - Entire Audience): 8:40 PM: Enough Is Enough: http://familytreewebinars.com/download.php?webinar_id=499

Geoff Rasmussen (to All - Entire Audience): 8:41 PM: Evidence Explained by Elizabeth Shown Mills

Geoff Rasmussen (to All - Entire Audience): 8:42 PM: www.evidenceexplained.com

Geoff Rasmussen (to All - Entire Audience): 8:45 PM: Warren Bittner's "Complex Evidence" webinar: http://familytreewebinars.com/download.php?webinar_id=285

Geoff Rasmussen (to All - Entire Audience): 8:45 PM: Warren Bittner's "Complex Evidence" webinar also at <http://bcgcertification.org/blog/bcg-webinars/#BittnerFeb2015>

Geoff Rasmussen (to All - Entire Audience): 8:46 PM: When Worlds Collide webinar by Judy Russell: http://familytreewebinars.com/download.php?webinar_id=502

Audience Question:

Q: Applying for and receiving scholarships for study can be great, but there are only so many out there. As a very young genealogist (23 years old), I find many of the courses/webinars/conferences/books prohibitively expensive. Does the BCG have any statistics about the range of costs that applicants incur during their paths to certification? Any general ideas in thousands of dollars?

A: We don't have those statistics. My suggestion for anyone on a limited budget is to take advantage of the various study groups. The \$ costs to participate in those groups is minimal. I would also suggest that

you take advantage of the BCG webinars. Not only are they free during the live presentation but each webinar is free for a week after the presentation.

Geoff Rasmussen (to All - Entire Audience): 8:48 PM: <http://www.ngsgenealogy.org/>

Geoff Rasmussen (to All - Entire Audience): 8:49 PM: Adventures in Genealogy Education: <http://genealogyeducation.blogspot.com/>

Audience Question:

Q: GREAT QUESTION. I am also in the younger demographic. The few conferences I managed to go into debt to attend were mostly older folks with the cash and time to attend such events (mostly retired, I noticed as I introduced myself to them) or who had spouses to fund them while they studied genealogy. I ended up going to a university with a genealogy program where I could get pell grants, which allowed me to get a degree in genealogy at a much lower cost.

A: Thanks for sharing your experiences.

Audience Question:

Q: I agree with the young genealogist. I am 30 years old and planning on turning this into a career but it is quite expensive!

A: I would also suggest finding a local library that subscribes to scholarly genealogical journals (e.g., NGSQ) and read those at the library.

Audience Question:

Q: In my experience, ProGen Study Group gives you the best "bang for the buck." It is relatively inexpensive and is handled on line from home.

A: Thanks for your insight.

Geoff Rasmussen (to All - Entire Audience): 8:53 PM: webinar - Client Reports: Dos, Don'ts, and Maybes by Thomas Jones

Geoff Rasmussen (to All - Entire Audience): 8:54 PM: <https://historicpathways.com/researchreports.html>

Audience Question:

Q: Another good return for the \$\$ is the study group on Mastering Genealogical Proof.

A: Thanks!

Geoff Rasmussen (to All - Entire Audience): 8:55 PM: Proof Arguments: How to Write Them and Why They Matter by Warren Bittner: http://familytreewebinars.com/download.php?webinar_id=402

Geoff Rasmussen (to All - Entire Audience): 8:55 PM: Ten-Minute Methodology: <http://bcgcertification.org/blog/ten-minute-methodology/>

Geoff Rasmussen (to All - Entire Audience): 8:56 PM: "Writing Logical Proof Arguments" by Michael Hait

Audience Question:

Q: I agree with the young genealogist. I am 30 years old and planning on turning this into a career but it is quite expensive!

A: Speaking from my own experience, I knew that to turn my passion into a career would require a commitment of time and money. Within the limited funds that I had available I created an education budget (mostly went to books) and did a lot of self study. My philosophy was that this was an investment in my future career.

Geoff Rasmussen (to All - Entire Audience): 8:56 PM: Kinship Determination by Judy Russell: <http://bcgcertification.org/blog/bcg-webinars/#RussellFree>

Geoff Rasmussen (to All - Entire Audience): 8:57 PM: Numbering Your Genealogy - book

Geoff Rasmussen (to All - Entire Audience): 8:57 PM: "The Family Tapestry: Integrating Proof Arguments into the Genealogical Narrative"

<http://bcgcertification.org/blog/bcg-webinars/#BloomMay2015>

Audience Question:

Q: will past BCG webinars be available through Legacy Webinars? as in Judy Russell about kdp...

A: Yes. 14 are there now, the remainder will be published in the near future.

Audience Question:

Q: I practice transcribing by transcribing every probate and land records I have.

A: Great!

Audience Question:

Q: When putting our development activities together for requirement 2, should webinars be listed individually as you would separate conferences for education? Do they hold as much "weight" as a conference?

A: Ultimately you are judged on your ability to meet the standards detailed in Genealogy Standards (Nashville, Tenn.: Ancestry, 2014). We added the new requirement because it is clear that applicants who participate in development activities have a higher pass rate. Many people apply before they have developed the skills needed to submit a successful application. There are many educational opportunities available to help you develop the skills that you need. You might review Standards 82 and 83 and read "Educational Preparation," Board for Certification of Genealogists (<http://www.bcgcertification.org/certification/educ.html> : accessed 4 October 2016). The May 2015 issue of OnBoard discusses the new requirement and includes a table that shows the genealogical education of recent applicants. As noted when this requirement change was introduced, asking applicants to describe their development activities is not necessary for evaluation purposes. If an applicant's attention to development is adequate, it will be

Audience Question:

Q: A point I'd like to make, especially the younger generation is: This does not happen over night. This takes time and \$\$\$ and getting experience. Also, you should model your work whether or ****not**** you go for certification. The end result certainly does not have to become certified; however, to do all your work as if you were! :)

A: Great point!

Geoff Rasmussen (to All - Entire Audience): 9:07 PM: <http://www.legalgenealogist.com/>

Audience Question:

Q: how can I get the handout! I cme in late

A: Click on the Syllabus button at http://familytreewebinars.com/webinar_details.php?webinar_id=486