



## NGS Advanced Skills in Genealogy Readiness Self-Assessment

1. Have you had any formal genealogical education in these topics?
  - Creating focused research questions
  - Creating targeted research plans
  - Recording your research results
  - Analyzing source and information types
  - Resolving conflicts in information
  - Creating source citations and documenting your work
  - Applying the Genealogical Proof Standard
2. Have you ever interviewed a family member and recorded or written a transcript of it?
3. Have you ever requested a copy of an original record from a government or private organization?
4. How familiar are you with various search techniques such as wildcard searches?
5. How familiar are you with finding records using FamilySearch's unindexed records such as Historical Images and the Catalog.
6. How familiar are you with reading old, handwritten documents?
7. Have you had any experience using reference material (books, articles, maps, websites, videos, etc.) to understand the historical context for a time period, location, or group in your genealogical research?
8. Have you ever explored the catalogs or finding aids of onsite libraries, archives, or museums, to discover what sources they might offer that are relevant to your research?
9. Have you ever visited an onsite library, archive, museum, or government facility to conduct research?
10. Have you created any written, documented work products?



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11. How familiar are you with Word software for tools such as footnotes, page and section breaks, tables, image manipulation/labeling?

12. Have you had any experience working with these source types?

- Wills and probate records
- Government vital records
- Immigration and naturalization records
- Military records
- Religious records
- City directories
- DNA test results and DNA matches

If you need to study some of the topics discussed above before you tackle the Advanced Skills course, please enroll in NGS's Foundations in Family History course at <https://www.ngsgenealogy.org/foundations/>.