

Overview of the Genealogical Proof Standard (GPS)

Elements of GPS	Contribution to Credibility
Reasonably exhaustive research	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assumes examination of wide range of high quality sources. Minimizes the probability that undiscovered evidence will overturn a too-hasty conclusion
Complete, accurate citation to the source or sources of each information item	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Demonstrates the extent of the search and the quality of the sources Allows others to replicate the steps taken to reach the conclusion. (inability to replicate the research casts doubt on the conclusion.
Tests— through processes of analysis and correlation—all sources, information and evidence	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Facilitates sound interpretation of the data contributed by each source Ensures that the conclusion reflects the evidence.
Resolution of conflicts among evidence items	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Substantiates the conclusion’s credibility (if conflicting evi-
Soundly reasoned, coherently written conclusion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Eliminates the possibility that the conclusion is based on bias, preconception, or inadequate appreciation of the evidence. Explains how the evidence led to the conclusion



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