

NEHGS Announces the Publication of Robert Charles Anderson's Exclusive, Must Have Genealogical Guide, *Elements of Genealogical Analysis*

How to Maximize Your Research Using the Great Migration Study Project Method

September 23, 2014—Boston, Massachusetts—New England Historic Genealogical Society (NEHGS) announces the publication of the latest work by renowned author Robert Charles Anderson, FASG. Detailing the author's process, the work consists of 124 pages of genealogical expertise and principles used throughout his illustrious career.

In his new book, Robert Charles Anderson presents his step-by-step process for solving genealogical problems—a methodology thirty years in the making. Developed by Anderson and perfected through his work as director of the Great Migration Study Project at NEHGS, this systematic approach considers each source, each record, and each possible linkage before making a genealogical conclusion. Clearly defined tools, checklists, and logically ordered steps throughout the book help make this method both accessible and effective. Examples of actual research problems and continuing case studies, accompanied by easy-to-follow diagrams, walk you through steps of effective genealogical analysis.

In the preface, Anderson notes: "I have had this little book in mind for more than thirty years, and would like to record at this point my state of mind in the late 1970s and early 1980s, when it was first conceived. I was at that time quite new to genealogy, and had in the prior decade or so tried my hand at two other 'careers,' military intelligence and molecular biology. These two pursuits, seemingly quite distant from genealogy, provided both the basis for my genealogical skills and the impetus for the writing of a book on methodology."

Robert Charles Anderson is the director of the Great Migration Study Project. He was educated as a biochemist and served in the United States Army in electronics intelligence. In 1972 he discovered his early New England ancestry and thereafter devoted his time and energies to genealogical research. In 1983 he received a master's degree in colonial American history from the University of Massachusetts at Amherst, and he was elected a Fellow of the American Society of Genealogists in 1978. Anderson was coeditor of *The American Genealogist* from 1993 to 2012, and he has been an editorial consultant to *The New England Historical and Genealogical Register* since 1989.

To order *Elements of Genealogical Analysis*, call NEHGS's Sales Department at 888-296-3447, or visit the Society's bookstore website, <http://www.americanancestors.org/store/>.

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