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CREDENTIALS

BCG

Board for Certification of Genealogists

[Certified Genealogist[®]](#) #1102, 25 October 2018 & Renewed in 2023

Certified Genealogical Lecturer[®] #46, 18 April 2019 & Renewed in 2023

ICAPGen

International Commission for the Accreditation of Professional Genealogists

[Accredited Genealogist[®]](#) Great Lakes #204, 15 August 2020 & Renewed in 2025. Great Lakes Region – Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Ohio, and Wisconsin

PUBLICATIONS and AWARDS

Forthcoming in 2026

Jan Joyce, DBA, CG[®], CGL[®], AG[®], “Merging Identities Across State Lines Identifies the Father of Maryland-born David Lynn Dewitt,” *National Genealogical Society Quarterly* 114 (September 2026), forthcoming.

Jan Joyce, DBA, CG[®], CGL[®], AG[®], “Beyond the Certificate: Closing Our Experience Gaps in Genealogy,” *Association of Professional Genealogists Quarterly*, forthcoming.

Jan Joyce, DBA, CG[®], CGL[®], AG[®], “Stop Hiding Behind Sources: Writing with Confidence Beyond Records-Speak and Author Intrusion,” *National Genealogical Society Magazine*, forthcoming.

Jan Joyce, DBA, CG[®], CGL[®], AG[®], “Nobody’s FANs: Why Local Officials are Overlooked Members of Our FAN Clubs,” *Crossroads Magazine*, forthcoming.

Jan Joyce, DBA, CG[®], CGL[®], AG[®], “The Art of the Abstract: A Skill That Still Matters,” *OnBoard*, forthcoming.

*Award Winning
Article*

Ohio Genealogical Society Quarterly Writing Contest –
Second Place Winner 2025

Jan Joyce, DBA, CG[®], CGL[®], AG[®], “Chaos or Confusion...Which One Led to Conflicting Direct Evidence for Identifying the Father of John Spikerman of Akron, Summit County, Ohio?” *Ohio Genealogical Society Quarterly*, forthcoming.

Interactive Tools

Jan Joyce, DBA, CG[®], CGL[®], AG[®], “Citations Coach: Master Evidence Style Citations, Block by Block,” (<https://evidenceexplained.com/CitationsCoach> : 2026).

Jan Joyce, DBA, CG[®], CGL[®], AG[®], “SOURCE STACK: An on-tap hierarchical locality guide,” interactive research tool (<https://sourcestack.netlify.app/> : 2026).

Award Winning Articles

Ohio Genealogical Society Quarterly Writing Contest – Winner 2024

Jan Joyce, DBA, CG[®], CGLSM, AG[®], “Using Indirect and Negative Evidence to Identify John Noggle as Sarah Noggle’s Father in Early Nineteenth Century Wayne County, Ohio,” *Ohio Genealogical Society Quarterly*, V65, no 2, 2025.

Ohio Genealogical Society Quarterly Writing Contest – Winner 2023

Jan Joyce, DBA, CG[®], CGLSM, AG[®], “Indirect Evidence Proves Sarah Headley as Mother of Ohio-Born Barney Dewitt,” *Ohio Genealogical Society Quarterly*, V65, no 2, 2025.

Both of the above articles were published in the same issue of OGSQ because it had not been printed for approximately two years. After that 2025 issue, OGSQ eliminated the print version and distributes only an electronic version.

Instructional Articles

Jan Joyce, DBA, CG[®], CGLSM, AG[®], “Effective Research Question,” *OnBoard*, V 31, no 1, (January 2025): 4–5.

Jan Joyce, DBA, CG[®], CGLSM, AG[®], “Top Ten Questions about the BCG Pilot Program,” *OnBoard*, V 30, no 2, (May 2024): 12–13.

Jan Joyce, DBA, CG[®], CGLSM, AG[®], “Defining, Understanding, and Seeking the Negatives,” *OnBoard*, V 30, no 1, (January 2024): 1–3.

Jan Joyce, DBA, CG[®], CGLSM, AG[®], “Diving Deep Into Analysis,” *Crossroads Magazine*, V 19, no 1 (Winter 2024): 28–37.

Jan Joyce, DBA, CG[®], CGLSM, AG[®], “SLIG Wants You!...to Propose a New Course,” *Crossroads Magazine*, V 19, no 1 (Winter 2024): 14–16.

Jan Joyce, DBA, CG[®], CGLSM, AG[®], “Yes, Online Memorials and Family Trees Can Provide Direct Evidence,” *OnBoard*, V 29, no 2, (May 2023): 4.

Jan Joyce, DBA, CG[®], CGLSM, AG[®], “Creating and Using Locality Guides as Genealogical Tools,” *National Genealogical Society Magazine*, V 48, no 3 (July – September 2022): 31–35.

Reference Articles

Jan Joyce, DBA, CG[®], CGLSM, AG[®], “Literature Reviews are not just for Academicians! Advance Your Genealogy Research,” *Crossroads Magazine*, V 16, no 1 (Winter 2021): 28–32.

Jan M. Joyce, DBA, CG[®], CGLSM, “How’s My Writing? Guidelines for Constructive Yet Tactful Peer Reviewing,” *Association of Professional Genealogists Quarterly*, XXXIV, no 4 (December 2019): 24–29.

Jan M. Joyce, DBA “Developing Creative Hypotheses to Solve Genealogical Challenges,” *Association of Professional Genealogists Quarterly*, XXXIII, no 4 (December 2018): 15–20.

Jan M. Joyce, “Susan Gliddon of Bridgerule, Devon, England; and Summit County, Ohio: One Person or Two?” *National Genealogical Society Quarterly*, 105 (December 2017): 261–272.

Jan Joyce, “Hypothesis Development to Solve Genealogical Challenges: Conflicting Evidence for George Joyce and the 1800 Census,” *Crossroads*, 12 (Summer 2017).

Jan Joyce Ahrens, “Using Indirect Evidence and Sibling Relationships to Prove Mary Duey as the Mother of Samuel Joyce,” *Ohio Genealogical Society Quarterly*, 57 (May 2017): 161–166.

ASG Award

[American Society of Genealogists Scholar Award](#), 2018

Jan M. Joyce, “796 Acres Acquired in 36 Years: A Story of Land Acquisition and Its Cagey Distribution in Holmes County, Ohio,” (December 2018).

**GENEALOGICAL
EDUCATOR and
VOLUNTEER**

RLP Institute

**Research Like a Pro Institute
SEARCH: Expert Techniques and Proven Process – Online and
Offline | Spring 2027**

- Course Coordinator and Instructor
- Proposed, created, and will coordinate this new course
- Created curriculum including a “common locale”
- Recruited and managed instructors

Research Like a Pro Institute

**Merging & Separating Identities: Advanced Techniques to
Organize, Analyze, and Solve | 2026 – Present**

- Course Coordinator and Instructor
- Proposed, created, and delivered this new course
- Created curriculum including a “common data set”
- Recruited and managed instructors
- Taught thirteen of eighteen sessions
- [Student testimonials](#) from 2026
- Coordinated and taught this course at GRIP, [student testimonials](#) from 2025

BCG Webinar Series

**Board for Certification of Genealogists Webinar Series
Left Behind Dead or Alive: Finding Answers from Those Who
Remained | December 2026**

SLIG

**Salt Lake Institute of Genealogy | Fall 2023 – Present
Assemblage: Preparing, Writing, and Revising Case Studies**

- Course Coordinator and Instructor
- Proposed, created, and delivered this course
- Created curriculum including a “common case study”
- Wrote 180-page syllabus with fillable PDF worksheets
- Recruit and manage instructors
- Teach thirteen of twenty sessions
- Sells out annually
- [Student testimonials](#) from 2023, 2024, and 2025

TIGR

Texas Institute of Genealogical Research | June 2025

Jan Joyce DBA, CG, CGL, AG, “AI Techniques to Enhance Your Case Study Writing,” Course 4 – Integrating AI into Genealogical Research and Writing, Texas Institute of Genealogical Research (virtual : 19 June 2025).

- Instructor

SLIG

**Salt Lake Institute of Genealogy | January 2024
Exploring Their Life: The Social History of Your Family**

- Instructor – Session: Explosive Social History Ignited by Literature Reviews

BCG Education Fund

Board for Certification of Genealogists Education Fund

Jan Joyce, “Deconstruct to Reconstruct: Writing Proof Arguments for Maximum Impact,” Putting Skills to Work sponsored by the BCG Education Fund, two workshops (15 May 2024).

Certification Practicum Study Group

Certification Practicum Study Group | 2021 – Present

- Founder and Instructor
- Objective: help students prepare for certification through the Board for Certification of Genealogists by practicing portfolio elements and learning unique techniques to write more effectively
- Created curriculum and program structure
- Provide feedback on assignments
- Mentor for:
 - Certification Practicum 01 – six students (2021)
 - Certification Practicum 02 – seven students (2022)
 - Certification Practicum 03 – nine students (2023)
 - Certification Practicum 04 – five students (2024)
 - Certification Practicum 05 – seven students (2026)

Doc Work Workshop

Document Work Workshop | 2024 – Present

- Founder and Instructor
- Created workshop for aspiring Certified Genealogists to learn about and practice the BCG portfolio element of Document Work
- Developed curriculum and instructed students
- Provided feedback for students who opted in
- Instructor for:
 - August 2024 – 40 students
 - November 2024 – 22 students
 - September 2025 – 20 students
 - September 2026 – 15 students

BCG

Board for Certification of Genealogists | 2019 – Present

- Volunteer
- Pilot Program Committee, 2023–2025
- Strategic Initiatives Brainstorming and Framework, 2024

ICAPGen

International Commission for the Accreditation of Professional Genealogists | 2019 – Present

- Volunteer
- Study Group, Level 1 – Assistant
- Peer Feedback Lead

ProGen

ProGen Study Groups | 2020 – Present

- Program Administrator
 - Created new branding and a revised website with content and an alumni directory
 - Converted program to a legal not-for-profit organization

GenProof

- Updated curriculum sequence and content to include Locality Guide, a new DNA project, and enhanced assignments
- Revised five of the assignments to include an answer key or example work product
- Recruit and train mentors and coordinators
- Created and instruct optional workshops on case studies and evidence analysis
- Schedule and run board meetings
- Revised program from 16 months to 12 months for broader industry appeal
- Incorporated Artificial Intelligence options on several assignments
- Mentor, ProGen 45, 2019 – 2020

GenProof Study Groups | 2020 – 2021

- Program Administrator
 - Relaunched program in 2020 based on the book Mastering Genealogical Proof
 - Created curriculum, teaching slides, and discussion questions
 - Initiated automatic registration system using Eventbrite to reduce administration
 - Created new branding and website
 - Handed off program to another administrator in 2021
- Mentor, Beta Group, GenProof 51, 2021

NGSQ

National Genealogical Society Quarterly | 2019 – Present

- Peer Reviewer

Lectures and presentations

Jan Joyce, “Restarting Research: Writing Your Way Back after a Break,” Association of Professional Genealogists Writers SIG, 2025 Program (15 October 2025).

NGS

Jan Joyce, “Ignite Your Critical Thinking,” Board for Certification Sponsored Luncheon, NGS Annual Conference (Richmond, Virginia : 2 June 2023).

Reisinger Lecture Series

Jan Joyce, “Consult via...Explore with...Discover through...Literature Reviews,” BCG Joy Reisinger Memorial Lecture Series 2022 (Salt Lake City, Utah : live and virtual audiences, 7 October 2022).

NGS

Jan Joyce, “Writing Techniques to Analyze, Advance, and Ultimately Solve Your Genealogical Roadblocks,” NGS Family History Conference 2022, #S421 in person and on demand BCG 05 on demand (Sacramento, California : 28 May 2022).

APG Webinar Series

Jan M. Joyce, “Marketing for Genealogists – Developing Products and Getting Referrals,” Association of Professional Genealogists Webinar Series (online live webinar : 20 April 2020).

*Legacy Family Tree
Webinars*

Jan M. Joyce, “Creative Hypothesis Development for Complex Genealogy Problems,” 2020 Legacy Family Tree Webinars Series (online live webinar : 21 January 2020).

APGQ

Jan M. Joyce, “Developing Creative Hypotheses to Solve Genealogical Challenges” Association of Professional Genealogists Quarterly, XXXIII no 4 (December 2018): 15-20.

GENEALOGICAL EDUCATION

SLIG

*National Genealogical
Society – GRIP*

*NGS Short Courses
and Continuing Studies*

*NGS Annual
Conferences*

TIGR

*Family History
Academy*

*Research Like a Pro /
Family Locket*

Salt Lake Institute of Genealogy

- Reconstructing Ancestral Neighborhoods and Networks, 2026
- Exploring Their Life: The Social History of Your Family, 2024
- Metes and Bounds Land Platting, 2023
- Advanced Techniques for Mastering Online Searches and Uncovering Digital Records, 2021
- Introduction to Genetic Genealogy, 2019
- Corpus Juris: Advanced Legal Concepts for Genealogists, 2018
- Using a Full Array of Sources for Researching Your Norwegian Ancestors, 2017
- Advanced Genealogical Methods, 2016

National Genealogical Society – GRIP Genealogy Institute

- Mastering the Art of Documentation, 2022
- A Walk in Penn's Woods: Pennsylvania Research, 2021
- From Confusion to Conclusion: Writing Proof Arguments, 2017

National Genealogical Society courses

- Prompt Engineering and Specialized Tools for Artificial Intelligence, 2024
- Use AI to Research Historical Documents and Letters, 2024
- Empowering Genealogists with AI, 2023
- Understanding and Using DNA Test Results, 2020
- Genetic Genealogy, Autosomal DNA, 2020
- NGS Research Trip to Washington D.C., 2014

National Genealogical Society conferences

- Richmond, VA, 2023
- Sacramento, CA, 2022
- St. Charles, MO, 2015
- Richmond, VA, 2014

Texas Institute of Genealogical Research

- Integrating AI into Genealogical Research and Writing, 2025

Family History Academy

- Navigating the AI Frontier, 2024
- Delving Deeper: AI and Family History, 2024
- AI Masterclass: Elevate Your Family History, 2024

Research Like a Pro

- Artificial Intelligence Short Course, 2024
- DNA eCourse, 2022

IGHR

*ISBGFH British
Institute*

*Ulster Historical
Foundation*

ACADEMIC EDUCATION

Institute of Genealogy and Historical Research

- Military Records I: The Colonial Era to the Vietnam War, 2021
- Writing and Publishing for Genealogists, 2016
- Intermediate Genealogy & Historical Studies, 2015

International Society for British Genealogy and Family History

- Quaker Institute, 2021
- Researching Your English Ancestors, 2015

Ulster Historical Foundation

- Return to the Cradle of Irish Presbyterianism, 2013

- Golden Gate University – Doctor of Business Administration, Marketing
 - Dissertation: Jan Ahrens, “Generating eReferrals: The Effects of Different Incentive Magnitudes to Different Parties on Electronic Referral Rates” (DBA dissertation, Golden Gate University, 15 October 2008); Scribd (<https://www.scribd.com/document/1031309096/Generating-eReferrals-the-Eff> : accessed 30 August 2026)
- The Ohio State University – Master of Business Administration, Marketing
- Miami University – Bachelor of Science, Business, Marketing