

## Evidence Explained: Citing History Sources from Artifacts to Cyberspace

complicated titles, titles within titles, a mixed-bag of publishers, and various subseries within the overall series. Some are commonly known by a series name that may or may not appear on the title page of the volume you use. Sections 12.85–12.86 present a range of examples, grouped by type, from which you can select the model most similar to the source you have used.

### 12.85 Series: “Archives” of the Various States

Numerous states have published early records in series that are generically called [*State name*] *Archives*. Many are issued in several consecutive series, in which case you must cite the exact series. Some have “volumes” that consist of multiple parts, each of which is also called a “volume” (see 12.73). The *Pennsylvania Archives* example below illustrates the handling of both of these situations in a single instance. Here, “Volume 8” of Series 2 consists of two bound books that are individually labeled “Volume 1” and “Volume 2.”

#### **Source List Entry**

Linn, John B., and Wm. H. Egle, editors. *Record of Pennsylvania Marriages prior to 1810*. *Pennsylvania Archives*, 2d series, volume 8, volume [part] 1. Harrisburg, Pennsylvania: Clarence M. Busch, 1895.

#### **First Reference Note**

1. “Marriages Recorded by the Registrar General of the Province, 1685–1689,” *Record of Pennsylvania Marriages prior to 1810*, John B. Linn and William H. Egle, editors, *Pennsylvania Archives*, 2d ser., vol. 8, vol. [part] 1 (Harrisburg: Clarence M. Busch, 1895), 5.

#### **Subsequent Note**

11. “Marriages Recorded by the Registrar General of the Province, 1685–1689,” Linn and Egle, *Pennsylvania Archives*, 2d ser., 8: 1: 5.

#### **SHORT CITATIONS**

Many researchers shortcut the complexity of these volumes with a “simple” citation such as

*Pennsylvania Archives*, Ser. 2, 8:5

Cryptic citations of this type, however, do not tell readers the type of record the author is relying upon. Nor would it inform users that volume 8 of this second series consists of multiple volumes itself—or explain which of those multiple volumes contains this particular page 5, considering that each “volume” of “volume” 8 has a page 5.

#### **TYPEFACE FOR SERIES NAME**

Because the series name *Pennsylvania Archives* is considered a formal

title for this set of material, it is typeset in italics. However, the ordinal number that is used to identify the series—“second series” or “2d series”—is not part of the title and is rendered in roman type.

#### WHOLE SERIES OR SETS, HOW TO CITE

The above example focuses explicitly upon one book within the series or set known as *Pennsylvania Archives*. If you use multiple volumes from the set or if you need to cite the entire set, as in a bibliography to accompany a lecture, your citation will be significantly different:

##### Source List Entry

Hazard, Samuel, et al., editors. *Pennsylvania Archives*. 120 volumes. Philadelphia and Harrisburg, Pennsylvania: [various publishers], 1852–56, 1874–1919.

##### First Reference Note

1. Samuel Hazard et al., editors, *Pennsylvania Archives*, 120 vols. (Philadelphia and Harrisburg: [various publishers], 1852–56, 1874–1919).

##### Subsequent Note

11. Hazard et al., *Pennsylvania Archives*, previously cited.

#### INCLUSIVE VOLUMES AND YEARS

A citation to the entire set should note the number of volumes in the set and the inclusive dates of publication.

#### MULTIPLE EDITORS AND PUBLISHERS

Series that extend over many years frequently have multiple editors, publishers, and places of publication. When citing the entire series, these inconsistencies are handled by (*a*) citing the first or primary editor, followed by “et al.”; and (*b*) citing the publisher as “various,” with that term placed in square editorial brackets.

### 12.86 Series: “Occasional Publications” by Societies

Many societies issue “occasional publications” similar to the [*State Name*] *Archives* series treated at 12.85. The Colonial Society of Massachusetts series, below, illustrates a common, confusing issue: where to position a volume number so that its meaning is clear. Consider:

##### Source List Entry

Colonial Society of Massachusetts. *Transactions, 1917–1919*. Volume 20 of *Publications of the Colonial Society of Massachusetts*. Boston: The society, 1920.

(or)

Colonial Society of Massachusetts. *Publications of the Colonial Society of*