

Example 1 – shows reasoning behind a stated conclusion

- Chr 8 Oct 1693 at Elton – William, son Mr. Thomas Dove¹²

The 1693 christening has been accepted as ancestral for the following reasons. First, the christening occurred within the expected range of years in a parish close to where William Dove later married and christened his own children. Second, William gave his first child the uncommon name of “Joanna” which was probably after the given name of his mother. Third, neither a burial nor a marriage was located for William in his parish of birth which typically indicates that the individual survived to adulthood and either never married or moved out of the parish before his marriage. Fourth, no other viable candidate was located within a ten-mile radius.

Example 2 – addresses conflicting evidence and shows that original sources were used to verify information found in derivative sources

The published biography for Timothy, the oldest son of the Timothy Olorenshaw who was born in Warwick in 1829, listed a different mother than did the biographies of his siblings. This conflict of evidence could be explained by the author’s confusion of two generations of Timothy Olorenshaws. Jane Maria Lapworth was actually this Timothy’s grandmother, not his mother. This conclusion was proven by research that will be explained later in this report.

The biographies offered secondary evidence and were used as clues to locate original source documents which would provide direct evidence of Timothy Olorenshaw’s life events.

Example 3 – explanation of why sources were being examined, what was learned from the first source, and a brief analysis

Death or burial records were sought for both Timothy and Jane Olorenshaw. If these records included their ages at death, this information could confirm whether both parties were born about 1802 (as had been indicated by their ages during the 1851 British census). An entry for Timothy Olorenshaw was located in the National Burial Index but an entry for his wife Jane was not found.

- Bur 29 Nov 1857 at London Road Civic Cemetery in Coventry – Timothy Olorenshaw, age 56¹³

Timothy’s age of 56 years in 1857 verified that he was born about 1801 or 1802. The original London Road Civic Cemetery burial registers were then examined to verify the information found in the index and to learn if additional Olorenshaw individuals were buried in the same area as Timothy.