



Board for Certification of Genealogists

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Philip Burnett Adderley, CGSM, of Shreveport, Louisiana, is among the newest associates of the Board for Certification of Genealogists (BCG).

After years of study and work in the field of family history and the successful completion of the BCG requirements, Adderley may now use the service mark of Certified Genealogist (CG). With this designation, Adderley has shown competence in the general skill areas of research, evidence analysis, kinship determination, and reporting.

Each BCG associate specializes in certain geographic and ethnic areas or in certain phase of genealogical work.

Adderley, a professional genealogist, owns the company 311 Research. He earned BA and BS degrees from Washington and Lee University, and an MSEE from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute. He is a licensed private investigator in Louisiana.

A genealogical researcher for over 30 years, Adderley specializes in 17th-19th century British record sources in Bermuda, 19th century federal land records, 19th-20th century Louisiana courthouse records, and brick wall problems. He teaches and lectures on genealogical and historical topics. He has completed several courses at the Institute on Genealogical and Historical Research, and was awarded the Walter Lee Sheppard, Jr. prize in 2006.

As part of the application process to BCG, Adderley had to submit a case study drawn from his research resolving a challenging identity problem and to compile a narrative genealogy of three generations of a family.

"In earning his certification, Philip Adderley joins a growing number of researchers who recognize the importance of upholding standards in the field of genealogy," Board President Laura DeGrazia, CG, said. "Consumers who employ board-certified genealogists are assured that those genealogists' skills have been tested and demonstrated." Associates must apply for renewal of their certification every five years and must continue to demonstrate quality standards in genealogical research.

Headquartered in Washington, D.C., the Board for Certification of Genealogists is an internationally recognized certification body, not a membership society.

To learn more about BCG and certification, see the society's website at www.bgccertification.org. A listing of those who are currently certified is also on the web site. For a personal interview, Philip Adderley may be contacted at 318-286-7762.