

PAPER VERSUS PDF – Which Do I Want?

PAPER COPIES:

Advantages -

- Can be used as part of a researcher's notebook collection for family genealogy
- There is no need to create a paper copy for research purposes

Disadvantages –

- Transcripts must be created to include as notes in a genealogy database
- Scanning would need to be done to use the documents as a media source for inclusion in a genealogy database
- Printed image has a static size and may need the use of magnifiers for ease in reading
- The requestor must await arrival of paper documents sent via postal mail

PDF COPIES:

Disadvantages -

- Can be used as part of a researcher's notebook collection for family genealogy *ONLY* after the researcher has printed paper copies using their own computer/printer combination
- Might be destroyed *IF* the researcher's computer "crashes" and that researcher has *FAILED* to maintain an archived copy on an external device

Advantages –

- Transcripts can still be created to include as notes in a genealogy database
- There is **NO NEED** to scan a paper copy to use the documents as a media source for inclusion in a genealogy database; PDFs are accepted as a media source by popular genealogy databases
- PDF image has a flexible size and the user can enlarge the image for greater ease in reading and interpreting
- The requestor receives the PDF scan as an email attachment on the same day that the scan is created (usually within 24 hours or less of receipt of an email to the LSCGG)