

Casefile Clues Reader Survey

What is one thing you like about Casefile Clues? (Complete sentences are not necessary, but complete thoughts are--thanks!)

Answer Options	Response Count
	151
<i>answered question</i>	151
<i>skipped question</i>	52

Number	Response Date	Response Text
1	Feb 19, 2010 7:41 PM	analysis of thought process to find the hidden clues in records and suggestions for other records that the first implies might be useful.
2	Feb 19, 2010 7:41 PM	Ideas about how to look at sources in new or different ways
3	Feb 19, 2010 7:44 PM	You have the ability to explain the problem and analysis in simple terms. This is harder than it looks.
4	Feb 19, 2010 7:45 PM	I like that it talks about real research.
5	Feb 19, 2010 7:46 PM	Good level of detail / amount of information in each issue. (Good explanations.)
6	Feb 19, 2010 7:48 PM	I like that it comes to me by computer rather than mail.
7	Feb 19, 2010 7:48 PM	I've always loved that John uses real genealogy projects rather than trying to "teach" using general instructions.
8	Feb 19, 2010 7:49 PM	that the articles are case studies
9	Feb 19, 2010 7:50 PM	I love getting inside your thought process while you solve a problem
10	Feb 19, 2010 7:51 PM	Research strategy! Steps that were taken <input type="checkbox"/> Problems that were encountered <input type="checkbox"/>
11	Feb 19, 2010 7:53 PM	Description of available sources.
12	Feb 19, 2010 7:55 PM	Very clear, organized writing.
13	Feb 19, 2010 7:59 PM	I like reading case studies.
14	Feb 19, 2010 8:00 PM	Michael John Neill, have read his articles for years I like the fact that Casefile Clues is electronic -- I don't have to remember to buy it on the
15	Feb 19, 2010 8:02 PM	newsstand -- and I can print it for later reference.
16	Feb 19, 2010 8:04 PM	Great ideas for methodology. Like to see how things are solved, or almost solved

17	Feb 19, 2010 8:07 PM	1. That you show your methodology and thought process in your research.□ 2. That you cite your sources!
18	Feb 19, 2010 8:07 PM	These are actual research issues that address a WIDE variety of document types, many I am not familiar with. I always come away with a new method of analyzing data or a new document type to consider.
19	Feb 19, 2010 8:08 PM	That the case studies are written for a general audience in a non-academic, formalized style.
20	Feb 19, 2010 8:09 PM	In-depth research process explained with pictures of sources and correct citations.
21	Feb 19, 2010 8:10 PM	The info is useful and helpful. It's not cluttered with ads or other irrelevant material. i like that in reading it i can relate the research to my family tree and note new places to look for clues in my own tree and also that it made me see how important it is to cite where i
22	Feb 19, 2010 8:11 PM	found information since in the end i will not be the only one looking at my tree
23	Feb 19, 2010 8:26 PM	I haven't been a subscriber for very long; but, so far, I have found the articles informative.
24	Feb 19, 2010 8:28 PM	nice to see someone sharing good research and good writing It shows how all the information in records can be useful and how to tie together the
25	Feb 19, 2010 8:29 PM	information in various records
26	Feb 19, 2010 8:31 PM	the "taking apart" of the issue: a way of tracking someone else's though processes
27	Feb 19, 2010 8:38 PM	how each topic is really researched, not quickly mentioned and moved over to another topic
28	Feb 19, 2010 8:46 PM	I like thought provoking articles that can be read during lunch or breaks at work.
29	Feb 19, 2010 8:55 PM	The analysis of a particular research problem, with the next research steps.
30	Feb 19, 2010 8:59 PM	ideas to help me with my research -- easily discernable
31	Feb 19, 2010 9:05 PM	Case study. Practical research.
32	Feb 19, 2010 9:10 PM	Makes me think and look at data in different ways.
33	Feb 19, 2010 9:13 PM	getting new ideas for where to search I like seeing a problem defined clearly and then the step-by-step process to a solution. I prefer to see a certain path followed all the way through to a conclusion rather than a
34	Feb 19, 2010 9:17 PM	number of possibilities listed to be followed up down the road.
35	Feb 19, 2010 9:21 PM	I like the real life examples - it makes it so much easier to understand.
36	Feb 19, 2010 9:25 PM	the though process - that he went thru... Casefile Clues goes into the logic and rationale behind the conclusions. It helps readers
37	Feb 19, 2010 9:25 PM	develop their thought processes as well as their research techniques.
38	Feb 19, 2010 9:26 PM	I enjoy the newsletter with case studies the most. The format of a research example... researched from beginning to end or at least where to
39	Feb 19, 2010 9:35 PM	go next.

40	Feb 19, 2010 9:41 PM	Walks you through the process. Here is the problem...here is how I went about trying to solve it.
41	Feb 19, 2010 9:42 PM	Precise outline of what to do next
42	Feb 19, 2010 9:46 PM	great advice, case studies that show lots of record groups and research strategies
43	Feb 19, 2010 9:52 PM	Step by step analysis of the research process. As a beginning genealogist, this is incredibly helpful.
44	Feb 19, 2010 9:57 PM	practicality
45	Feb 19, 2010 9:59 PM	the demonstration of technique illustrated by case studies
46	Feb 19, 2010 10:00 PM	descriptions of procedures to define and pursue research objectives The format - because you discuss research using an actual case, I find I can transfer your methods to my research more easily. You also give me new ideas on where and how to
47	Feb 19, 2010 10:04 PM	research!
48	Feb 19, 2010 10:07 PM	Innovation, logic and techniques that you cover.
49	Feb 19, 2010 10:08 PM	gives me ideas for new places to look for information
50	Feb 19, 2010 10:12 PM	These studies help me to understand better research methodology. I'm learning all the time.
51	Feb 19, 2010 10:12 PM	Gives me more ideas for searching for ancestors.
52	Feb 19, 2010 10:13 PM	actual cases It's a great illustration of how to approach a genealogy problem by writing down all the collected evidence and analyzing it. This approach is one of the most recommended genealogy techniques, and Casefile Clues shows how it's done - and what benefits can be
53	Feb 19, 2010 10:15 PM	reaped from it.
54	Feb 19, 2010 10:22 PM	Clearly explained ways of using a variety of sources to solve a genealogical question.
55	Feb 19, 2010 10:23 PM	I can always find something relevant in Casefile Clues to apply to my own research.
56	Feb 19, 2010 10:24 PM	Solutions to brick walls that perhaps I did not think of in my search
57	Feb 19, 2010 10:28 PM	offers learning by example i.e. case studies, interesting, varied It seems to go over various situations that you run into with doing research of ancestors...like hearing things wrong or different... getting homestead records or railroad retirement records in the mail and (not thinking to number the pages as they are received) just mixing them
58	Feb 19, 2010 10:37 PM	up...
59	Feb 19, 2010 10:41 PM	Love reading the process of your research.
60	Feb 19, 2010 10:46 PM	the logic applied to unpuzzle genealogy
61	Feb 19, 2010 10:47 PM	Analysis of sources - explaining your thinking on what needs to come next
62	Feb 19, 2010 10:55 PM	I enjoy the problem-solving focus of the newsletter. Even though I am not actively doing genealogy right now it helps me to focus on research
63	Feb 19, 2010 11:00 PM	problems I still need to solve.

64	Feb 19, 2010 11:13 PM	casestudies
65	Feb 19, 2010 11:15 PM	variety of topics
66	Feb 19, 2010 11:22 PM	The fact that it uses real case studies to show how and what can be done with various sources or in various situations. And that you attempt to cite those sources correctly.
67	Feb 20, 2010 12:17 AM	The detail in each newsletter on how to research a particular document...it is written in such a way to make you think about what you are looking for.
68	Feb 20, 2010 12:28 AM	the thoroughness and step by step process described, the enables me to use the same process for my "brick walls"
69	Feb 20, 2010 12:45 AM	the focus on analyzing documents using case studies. casefile clues fills a void in genealogy information
70	Feb 20, 2010 12:45 AM	How you use case studies to show how to overcome problems.
71	Feb 20, 2010 12:46 AM	everything!
72	Feb 20, 2010 1:05 AM	Practical work, not just words and theory.
73	Feb 20, 2010 1:06 AM	I like your discussions of sources and also your pieces about your personal research: how you have analyzed the problem to decide which records to search and then what you found.
74	Feb 20, 2010 1:12 AM	Methodical examination of genealogical clues to determine facts and next research steps
75	Feb 20, 2010 1:41 AM	I was not aware of some of the resources one could check - i.e. applying for the original SS application
76	Feb 20, 2010 1:58 AM	Your steps in the research process to arrive at the result.
77	Feb 20, 2010 2:00 AM	I enjoy having another viewpoint when looking at case studies.
78	Feb 20, 2010 2:17 AM	articles that help with research for all nationalities
79	Feb 20, 2010 2:22 AM	The emphasis on methodology with real examples.
80	Feb 20, 2010 2:24 AM	one concise topic/problem/issue with steps for resolution of same
81	Feb 20, 2010 2:59 AM	Great research ideas!
82	Feb 20, 2010 3:09 AM	Learning the importance of attention to detail, that things are not always as they seem.
83	Feb 20, 2010 3:19 AM	I'm always learning something
84	Feb 20, 2010 3:22 AM	sequence of steps to solve problem
85	Feb 20, 2010 3:39 AM	I enjoy reading about the different approaches you take to solving problems. Many times I would have done the same; other times I learn something completely new.
86	Feb 20, 2010 3:40 AM	Case studies that are relevant to most researchers
87	Feb 20, 2010 4:15 AM	Thought process. Logical approach. Demonstration of extracting all possible clues.
88	Feb 20, 2010 4:46 AM	You detail an orderly research process, beginning with framing the right questions.
89	Feb 20, 2010 4:58 AM	focus on problem-solving
90	Feb 20, 2010 5:29 AM	Information provided, websites, Ideas, just about everything.

91	Feb 20, 2010 5:29 AM	I very much enjoy the methodology and the feeling of 'discussion' of problem solving with another genealogist.
92	Feb 20, 2010 7:51 AM	Practical examples
93	Feb 20, 2010 1:51 PM	Lessons in methodology. Deeper examination of common sources.
94	Feb 20, 2010 1:51 PM	?? Haven't had a chance to read them yet. I just save them in a file for later use.
95	Feb 20, 2010 2:17 PM	The personal touch
96	Feb 20, 2010 2:31 PM	It shows good genealogy procedures in action.
97	Feb 20, 2010 3:15 PM	I like how in-depth you get on a focused topic. I like the thorough, detailed examination of a real genealogy case study. It's academic, not
98	Feb 20, 2010 3:41 PM	just entertaining. I can learn good procedures.
99	Feb 20, 2010 3:51 PM	The steps necessary for a complete search of any clues are spelled out in detail.
100	Feb 20, 2010 4:05 PM	I like how structured it is and the methodology is easy to follow
101	Feb 20, 2010 4:19 PM	The variety and the depth of research
102	Feb 20, 2010 4:52 PM	Shows the method that is used to solve a problem.
103	Feb 20, 2010 5:35 PM	Real work but just words, theories or rules.
104	Feb 20, 2010 6:13 PM	Gives me new perspective on some of my brick walls.
105	Feb 20, 2010 6:34 PM	using case histories to highlight use and analysis of unusual records
106	Feb 20, 2010 8:46 PM	Real case studies with detailed research steps and results.
107	Feb 20, 2010 8:59 PM	Methodology explained.
108	Feb 20, 2010 9:16 PM	I like that it is the actual work of genealogy problem solving not theoretical
109	Feb 20, 2010 9:29 PM	Provides good problem solving exercises
110	Feb 20, 2010 9:33 PM	I like looking at your problem research processes and comparing them to mine.
111	Feb 20, 2010 9:36 PM	Real research for beginners, intermediate and refresher ideas for the seasoned. Good reminders of primary vs secondary sources as I sometimes forget and use death certificates as primary, etc. Enjoy suggestions for further research as they help me think
112	Feb 20, 2010 9:38 PM	further and focus my personal research efforts.
113	Feb 20, 2010 9:44 PM	it's interesting
114	Feb 20, 2010 9:44 PM	Gives me ideas and locations to search for my ancestors.
115	Feb 20, 2010 10:15 PM	Discussion of how/why actual data is evaluated in a certain way. Reinforces my research principles; gives me new ideas on research possibilities; helps me to find hidden clues in information; helps keep me on track for research goals; and gives me
116	Feb 20, 2010 10:22 PM	new ideas for future research areas.
117	Feb 20, 2010 10:45 PM	I can't SKIM! I HAVE to concentrate! And learn so much.
118	Feb 21, 2010 12:03 AM	The ideas for research that I get from reading the case studies.
119	Feb 21, 2010 12:20 AM	logical sequences in research process, and emphasis on lesser-used records.
120	Feb 21, 2010 12:53 AM	your thorough treatment

121	Feb 21, 2010 2:17 AM	They talk about subjects I am working on.
122	Feb 21, 2010 2:19 AM	research process is emphasized rather than merely final conclusions
123	Feb 21, 2010 3:23 AM	I like following your research methodology and how you convey to information in the form of a case study. I am using a similar format with some of my lines.
124	Feb 21, 2010 3:35 AM	Variety of topics
125	Feb 21, 2010 3:44 AM	The steps of the thought process, and reasonings of why something is researched. It is like you are sitting beside and talking to a competent genealogist as he is working on a
126	Feb 21, 2010 1:08 PM	problem.
127	Feb 21, 2010 3:29 PM	gives you ideas; shows how to write up information and find wholes
128	Feb 21, 2010 7:17 PM	The way a case is dissected and deconstructed - then laid out in parts and put back together
129	Feb 21, 2010 9:40 PM	Variety of topics
130	Feb 21, 2010 10:01 PM	Alternative research strategies and other things I haven't thought of.
131	Feb 21, 2010 10:03 PM	The details about how and where searches were made. Gives me ideas for my own research after reading about successful researches of others;
132	Feb 21, 2010 10:10 PM	also, gives me a chance to learn many bits of information I have not been aware of.
133	Feb 21, 2010 10:23 PM	I like the detailed research techniques.
134	Feb 21, 2010 10:57 PM	It makes me think about alternate sources of information and how to find them. In depth analysis of those difficulties all genealogists run into from time to time. Reading another person's solution or discoveries re: a problem I too, have been stumped by, often re-
135	Feb 21, 2010 11:43 PM	boots the brain. I like hearing the though processes and seeing how things are organized. Seeing possibilities
136	Feb 21, 2010 11:50 PM	in new sources that I hadn't considered before.
137	Feb 22, 2010 12:59 AM	Real examples
138	Feb 22, 2010 1:15 AM	The articles give me clues to doing my own research and they are so interesting to read. I like that the research help is timeless...not connected to just the Internet or websites. In fact, I'm at a place in my research where I need to do more offline than online research,
139	Feb 22, 2010 4:10 AM	anyways, and Casefile Clues is the encouragement I need.
140	Feb 22, 2010 2:06 PM	Easy to read
141	Feb 22, 2010 2:41 PM	gives new insight to your search and how to do it
142	Feb 22, 2010 2:52 PM	Makes me think more about quality of evidence
143	Feb 22, 2010 3:05 PM	The detail of the cases, being able to follow along step by step. The way the reader is taken through the steps in research, warned of potential pitfalls and
144	Feb 22, 2010 10:54 PM	reminded of items that need more investigation or are not fully supported by evidence. It gives me ideas about new ways to find and study sources and how to better use
145	Feb 23, 2010 12:28 AM	documents found in my own genealogy endeavors.

- 146** **Feb 24, 2010 3:04 PM** Case study approach - analysis of your thought process as you work through the problems
- 147** **Feb 24, 2010 11:13 PM** The case studies.
- 148** **Feb 25, 2010 2:13 AM** I enjoy your personal touch, relating research to your own family.
The well organized presentation of facts makes me try to figure out what should be done next in the research, and I also like the variety of resources covered-many of these I haven't
- 149** **Feb 25, 2010 9:42 PM** used yet.
- 150** **Feb 26, 2010 12:46 AM** Gives me another way to look at things
- 151** **Mar 1, 2010 12:58 AM** I like to see how others do research and maybe also learn something new.