

Blog Prompts

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Part of an in-archives exercise at <http://www.teacharchives.org/exercises/research-annotations/>

- 1. The Letters.** Describe some physical attributes of the letter(s) your group worked with at the archives. What was it like to transcribe a handwritten document? What difficulties arose? What is the advantage of looking at an original rather than a transcript? What are the benefits of creating a transcript?
Due before the next class session after the archives visit.
- 2. Courtship.** Based on evidence in your letters, what is your impression of Alfred Cranston, Elizabeth Petford, and their relationship?
Due one week after the archives visit.
- 3. Project Reflection.** What did you learn from this project about primary source research and working in an archives? About secondary source research? What kinds of research skills did this project give you? What kinds of writing skills did you develop? What advice would you give students working with these materials next year? **Due the same day as the research project.**