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### Finding the Maiden Name

<b>Marriage Record</b>	<b>Other Records</b>	<b>Learn About the Husband</b>	<b>Local History</b>
Where and When Intentions Evidence of marriage	Woman's death record Children's records Census Military Other	FAN Club Migration Religion Occupation	Settlement patterns Families in the neighborhood

*Voice of Ann Lawthers Genealogist*

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### Finding the Marriage Record

- Where did the couple marry?
  - Often the town of the bride's family
  - Check old maps for boundary and community name changes
- When did the couple marry?
  - Record availability varies by time and place
- Is this a first, second, or third marriage?

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### Types of Records Indicating a Marriage

- Evidence of intention to marry
  - Before mid-1800's
    - Intentions
    - Banns
    - Bonds
  - Replaced by
    - License
- Evidence of marriage
  - Certificates
  - Returns or Registers
  - Personal records

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### Rochester, Massachusetts Intention

"Town and vital records of Rochester, Massachusetts, 1673-1893," Family Search

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### Marriage Bond, Virginia

"Marriage bonds, licenses, etc., 1797-1900," Norfolk, Virginia

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### Civil Marriage Register

- New England towns often recorded marriages before other vital events
- Vital Records to 1850 (Tan Books)
- Example from City of Cambridge, Mass., 1899

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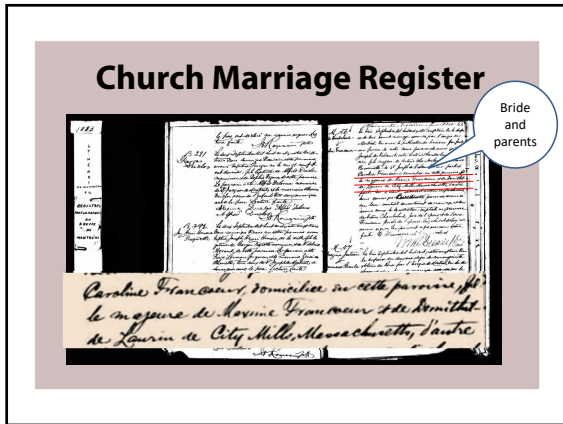
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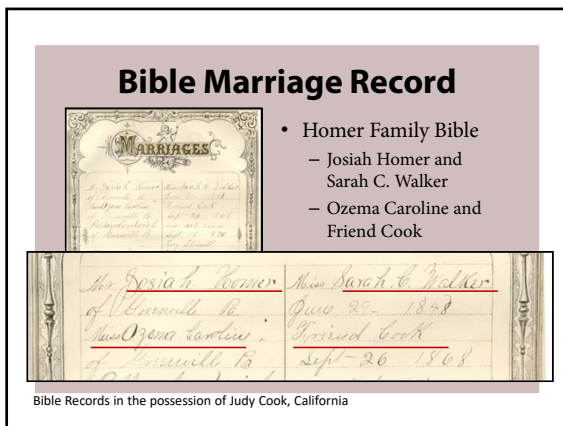
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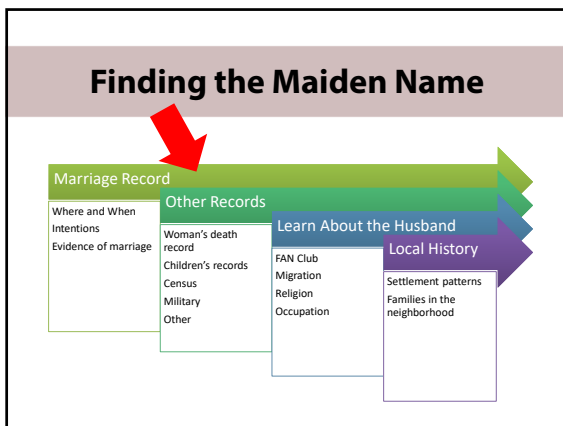
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### Other Original Documents with a Maiden Name

- Woman's death record
  - Parents named
- Children's birth, marriage and death records
  - Colonial records tend not to give the woman's maiden name on a birth record




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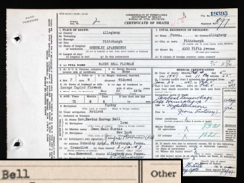
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### Woman's Death Record

- Pre-20th century, maiden name not often captured on a death record
- Death certificates in 20th century



11. Industry or business 12. Name <b>Rev. Newton Hervey Bell</b> 13. Birthplace <b>Iowa</b> (City, town, or county) (State or foreign country)	14. Maiden name <b>Emma Hall Curtis</b> 15. Birthplace <b>New York</b> (City, town, or county) (State or foreign country)	Other Major Of a
16. (a) Informant's own signature, <i>Emma Hall Curtis</i> (R)		

"Pennsylvania, Death Certificates, 1906-1963," Ancestry.com

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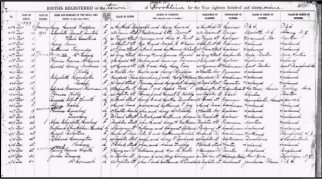
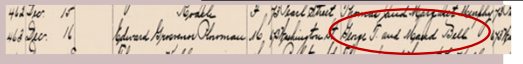
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### Child Records That May Identify the Mother's Maiden Name

- Birth/baptism (civil and church)
- Marriage (civil and church)
- Death (civil)

"Massachusetts: Vital Records, 1841-1910," Town of Brookline, American Ancestors

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### Case Study – Using Children’s Death Records

- Good strategy if the children died in the latter part of the 19th century or later
- Gustave and Frances (MNU) Dorsey
  - Martha Jane 1846-1912
  - Leonard Prindowell 1848-1921
  - Charles Allen 1854-1941
  - Francis E. 1856-1874
  - Alice P. 1858-1920
  - Gustavus Young 1863-1900
  - William 1867- Bef 1880

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### Sort Death Years

Child	Death Year	Death State
Francis E.	1874	California
William	1880	Nevada
Gustavus Young	1900	Nevada
Martha Jane	1912	California
Martha Jane	1912	Nevada
Alice P.	1920	Nevada
Leonard Prindowell	1921	California
Charles Allen	1941	California

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### Online Vital Records

California	Nevada
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• California, County Birth and Death Records, 1800-1994 (FS)</li> <li>• California, U.S., Death Index, 1940-1997 (Ancestry)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nevada County birth and death records : COLLECTION RECORD, 1871-1992 (FS)</li> <li>• Nevada, U.S., <u>Death Certificates</u>, 1911-1965 (Ancestry)</li> </ul>




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<b>Results</b>			
Child	Death Year	Death State	Results
Francis E.	1874	California	No record
William	1880	Nevada	No record
Gustavus Young	1900	Nevada	No record
Martha Jane	1912	California	Index only
Alice P.	1920	Nevada	Online certificate
Leonard Prindowell	1921	California	Index only
Charles Allen	1941	California	Index only

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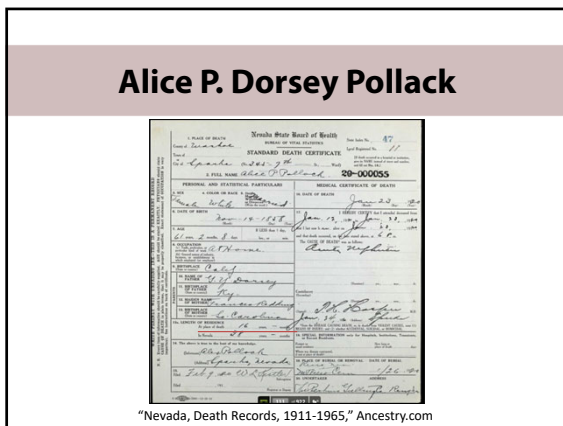
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- Less well-known sources for the maiden name**
- Census records
    - living with in-laws, elderly relative listed as “mother-in-law”
    - brothers or sisters living with couple
  - Newspaper announcements
  - Land records
  - Military pension files
  - Cemeteries
  - Parent’s will
  - County histories (use as a finding aid)

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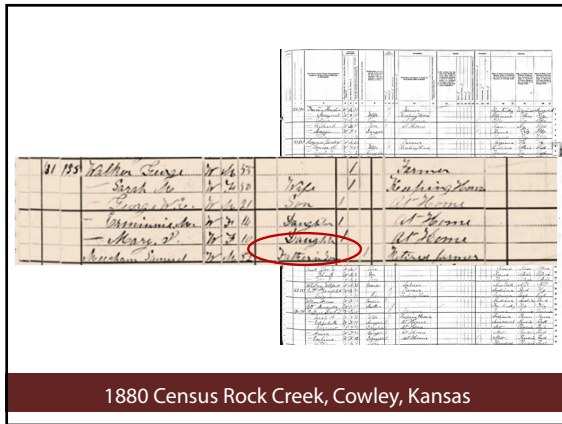
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### Censuses That List Relationships

- Ancestry.com:
  - U.S. Census 1880 -1940
  - Canadian Censuses through 1921
  - 1841-1911 English Censuses
- FamilySearch.org
  - U.S. Census on FamilySearch.org
  - English and Canadian Census through 1911/1921

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### Newspaper Marriage Notices

ter of the Lutheran church.

A QUIET home wedding was that of Miss Jennie W. Stinson and Mr. Fred L. Homer, of Cleveland, last Thursday. The ceremony was performed by Rev. C. B. Wakefield at the home of the bride's mother, Mrs. Sarah Stinson, South M. in street. Only a few guests were present at the wedding. Mr. and Mrs. Homer left the same afternoon for their new home in Cleveland, followed by the best of good wishes of many friends.

Notices, *Advance Argus* (Grenville, Mercer, PA) November 21, 1895, page 8; viewed at Newspapers.com

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### Newspaper Death Notices

**Born in Kane, McKean County, she was the daughter of the late William H. and Annie Colwell Kristie.**

Obituaries, Montgomery County Record (Pennsylvania) March 2, 1987

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### Deeds

- An excellent source for proving relationships when VRs not available

Frederick County, Maryland Land Deed, Filler to Filler 1796.

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### Widow's military pension

- Revolutionary War, War of 1812, Mexican War, Civil War (Union), Indian Wars, Spanish-American War
- Originals at National Archives

Civil War 'Widows' Pensions, Pension of James Stinson, page 16, viewed at Fold3.com: accessed 29 May 2020

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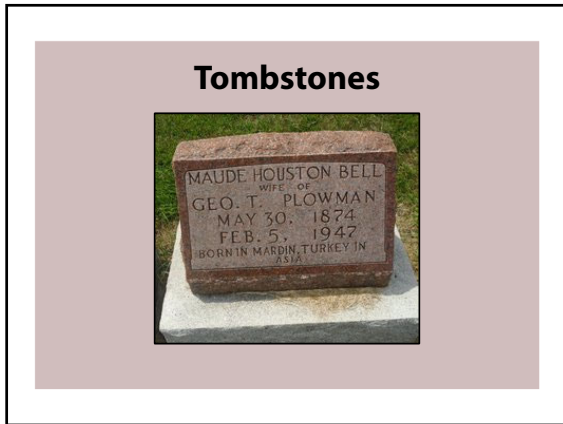
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### Tombstones

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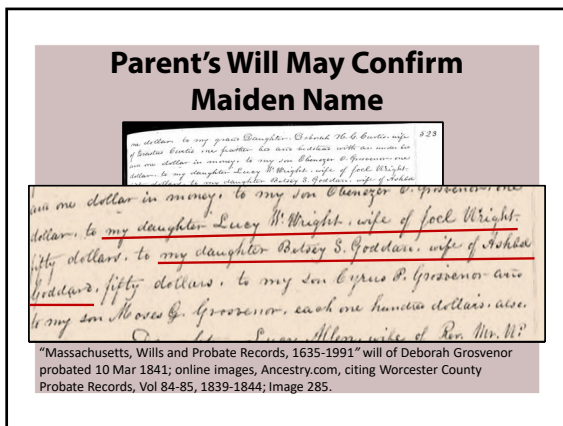
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### Parent's Will May Confirm Maiden Name

...one dollar in money, to my son Ebenezer G. Grosvenor, one dollar, to my daughter Lucy W. Wright, wife of Joel Wright, fifty dollars, to my daughter Betsey S. Goddard, wife of Ashbel Goddard, fifty dollars, to my son Cyrus P. Grosvenor and to my son Moses G. Grosvenor, each one hundred dollars, viz.

"Massachusetts, Wills and Probate Records, 1635-1991" will of Deborah Grosvenor probated 10 Mar 1841; online images, Ancestry.com, citing Worcester County Probate Records, Vol 84-85, 1839-1844; Image 285.

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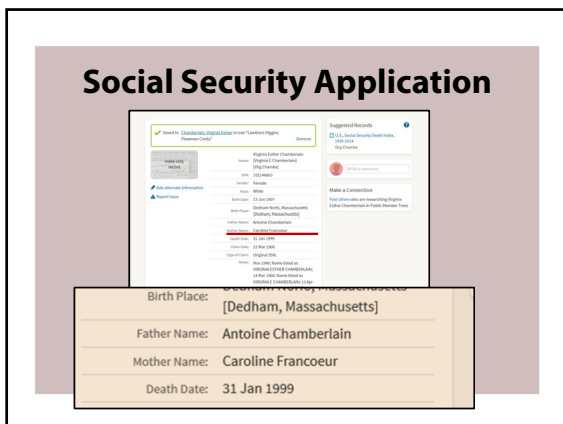
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### Social Security Application

Birth Place: [Dedham, Massachusetts]  
 Father Name: Antoine Chamberlain  
 Mother Name: Caroline Francoeur  
 Death Date: 31 Jan 1999

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### Diaries and Letters

- Often part of manuscript collections
- Check local libraries and historical societies
- Large collection at NEHGS

*as it is now called, Essex.  
(See Appendix)*

*W<sup>m</sup> Cogswell married, Martha  
a daughter of Rev. John Emers-  
on of Worcester. Died 1700 or 1.*

E.R. Cogswell, *Facts etc. concerning the Cogswell family*, 1859, NEHGS, Mss 405

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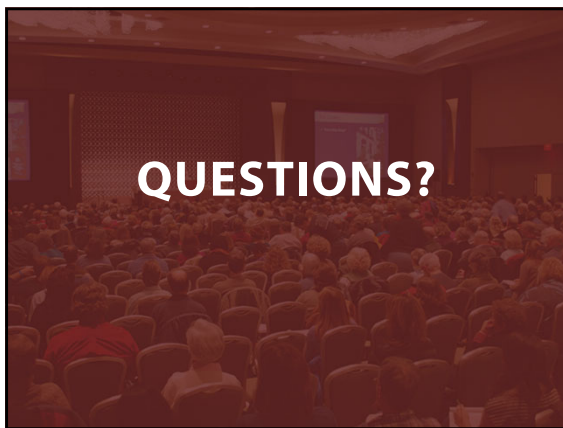
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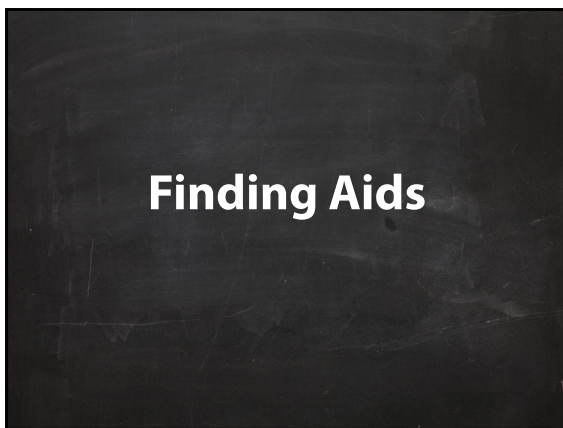
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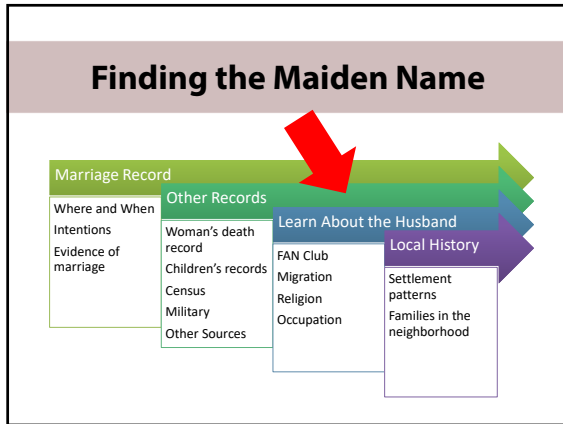
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### Learn About the Husband

- FAN Club – Family, Associates and Neighbors
- Migration pattern of family
- Religion/Church
- Occupation

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### Aaron Huffman's wife, Martha

- FAN Club principle
- Aaron's father was Elijah Huffman
- Elijah purchased land in Indiana next to John B. Farrell
- Research on John Farrell's family shows the Huffman and Farrell families lived in the same Kentucky County

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### Clergyman's wife, Emma

- Newton Hervey Bell was born in Kossuth, Iowa
- He married Emma, MNU before 1870 (per census)
- Newton attended Amherst College, graduating in 1866, then attended Princeton Theological Seminary and Bangor Theological Seminary

NEWTON HERVEY BELL, son of Peter B. and Harriet (Houston) Bell, was born in Kossuth, Ia., Apr. 22, 1841; fitted for college at Yellow Springs Coll., Ia., and at Denmark Academy, Ia. Princeton T. S., '66-'67; Bangor T. S., '67-'68; ordained at Stafford Springs, Ct., Aug. 5, 1868, and p., '68-'70; a. p., Winchester, Ind., '70-'71; a. p., Owatonna, Minn., '71-'73; in employ of A. B. C. F. M., Mardin, Turkey, '74-'76; s. s., Schroon Lake, N. Y., '77; s. s., Arcade, N. Y., '77-'80; p., First Presbyterian church, Nunda, N. Y., since '81. Married, Aug. 11, 1868, Emma H., dau. of Rev. Erastus Curtiss, of New Salem. Five children. P. O. address, Nunda, N. Y.

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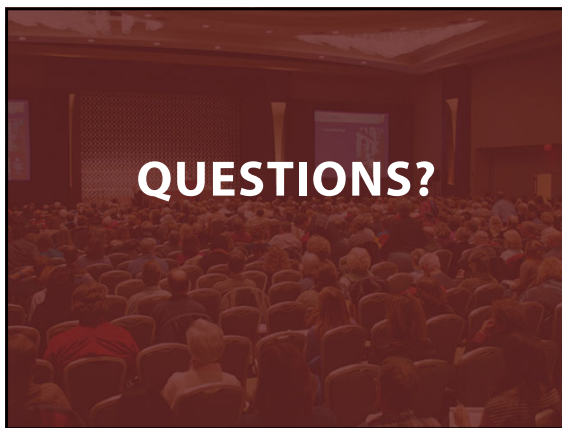
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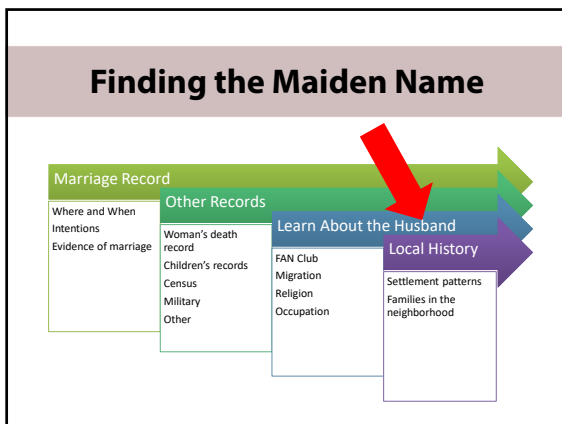
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**Educate Yourself**

- About early settlers
- About migrations in and out
- About boundary and name changes
- Families in the area by time period

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**Ann Grosvenor of Pomfret, Conn.**

Here Lyes y<sup>e</sup> Body of M<sup>rs</sup> Ann Grosvenor the widow of M<sup>r</sup> Ebenezer Grosvenor she died July 30 1743 in y<sup>e</sup> 56<sup>th</sup> Year of her Age

- Born about 1687
- Married about 1707 based on birth of first child, but no marriage record
- Births of children listed as “d.” or “s.” of Ebenezer and Ann
- Ebenezer Grosvenor of Roxbury, came to Pomfret in 1700 with his mother, Esther (or Hester)

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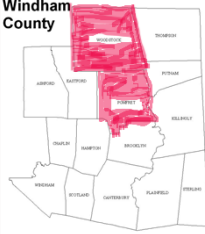
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**Early Settlement**

- Land in Pomfret was purchased in 1686 by 12 men from Roxbury, Massachusetts, but not settled until 1699
- Woodstock, just north of Pomfret, was purchased by 39 men from Roxbury at the same time and settled immediately (1686)



**Windham County**

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**Births of Ann's in Roxbury  
(1685-1689)**

- Ann Baker, d. Robert and Mary, 8 June 1685
- Ann White, d. Benjamin, 4 July 1685
- Anna Lyon, d. Thomas and Abigail, 28 April 1689
- Anne Massey, d. John and Sarah, 11 October 1687

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**Settlers of Woodstock (with ages)**

• Aspinwall, Peter (22)	• Griggs, Benjamin (19)
• Bacon, Joseph (20)	• Griggs, George (25)
• Bacon, Thomas (28)	• Holmes, John (25)
• Bowen, Henry (53)	• Johnson, Nathaniel (39)
• Bowen, John (24)	• Leavens, John (46)
• Bugbee, John (21)	• Lyon, Thomas (38)
• Bugbee, Joseph (46)	• Lyon, William Sr (65)
• Butcher, John (23)	• Lyon, William Jr. (34)
• Chandler, John (51)	• Marcy, John (24)
• Chandler, John Jr. (21)	• May, Samuel (25)
• Corbin, James (21)	• Morris, Ebenezer (22)
• Craft, Samuel (49)	• Morris, Edward (56)
• Davis, Jonathan (21)	• Peacock, Samuel (29)
• Davis, Matthew (22)	• Peake, Jonathan (49)
• Frizzel, John (22)	• Peake, Joseph (41)
• Garey, Nathaniel (23)	• Sabin, Benjamin (40)
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	• Scarborough, Samuel (40)
	• Watkins, Andrew (20)

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**Births of Ann's in Roxbury Matched  
to Settlers**

- Anna Lyon, d. Thomas and Abigail, 28 April 1689
- Anne Massey, d. John and Sarah, 11 October 1687

❖ Next steps, probate of fathers?

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### Consider Boundary Changes

- Familiarize with the geography and county boundaries of a state; this dictates where to look for records
- Map of US
  - <https://www.mapofus.org/>
- Newbury Atlas of Historical County Boundaries
  - <https://digital.newberry.org/ahcb/>
- *Genealogist's Handbook for New England Research*, 6th Edition

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1790

North Carolina cedes western region, organized as Territory South of the Ohio River.

1803

Dickson from Montgomery, Robertson, Stewart from Montgomery, Putnam from Davidson, Anderson, Rhea, Spang from non-county area (Indian Lands) (state?)

www.mapofus.org

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### Record Dates – Two Counties

- Check Family Search Research Wiki for County specific dates ([www.familysearch.org](http://www.familysearch.org))

Country		Births	Marriages	Deaths
Davidson, Tennessee	Earliest	1881	1789	1881
	Statewide registration	1914	1914	1914
	General Compliance	1927	1927	1927
Berkshire, Massachusetts	Earliest	At town creation	At town creation	At town creation
	Statewide registration	1841	1841	1841
	General Compliance	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown

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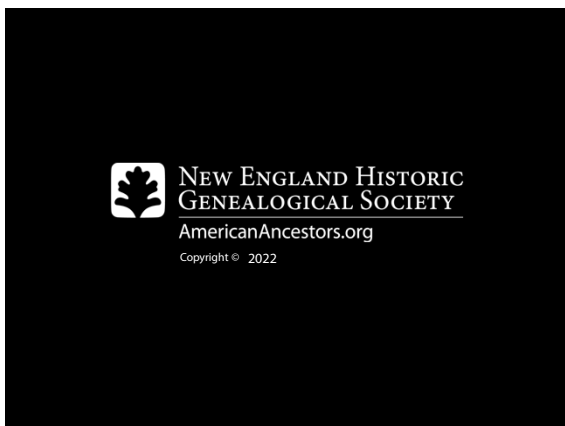
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