

# Building Your Genealogical Skills

## *Class 2: Researching*

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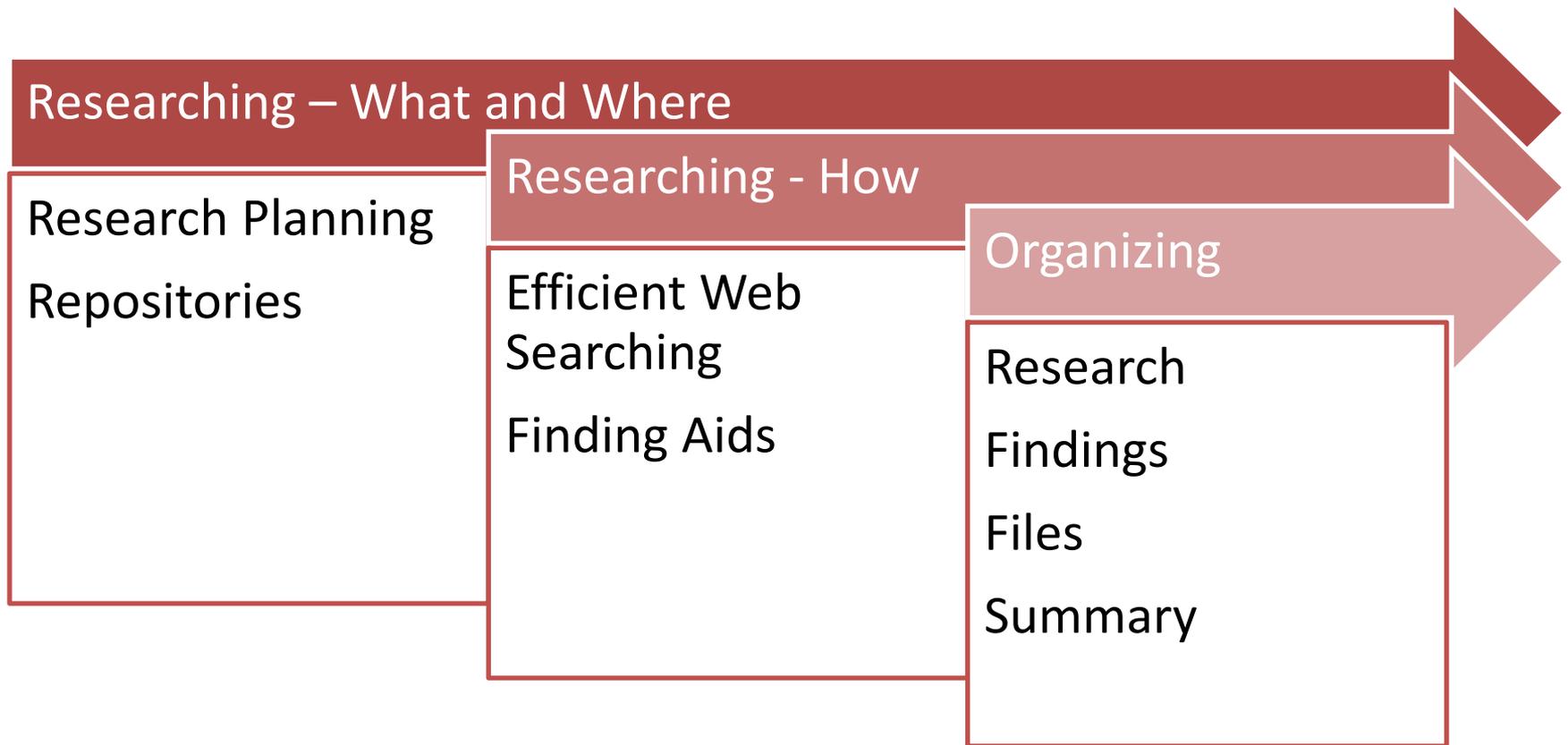
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# Session #2 Roadmap



**But First. . .**

# Homework

- What were your research questions?
- What records did you need?
- Where would you look for those records?

# Recap

# Steps for Researching Your Family

Step 1

- Identify what you know

Step 2

- Decide what you want to learn (Research goal)

Step 3

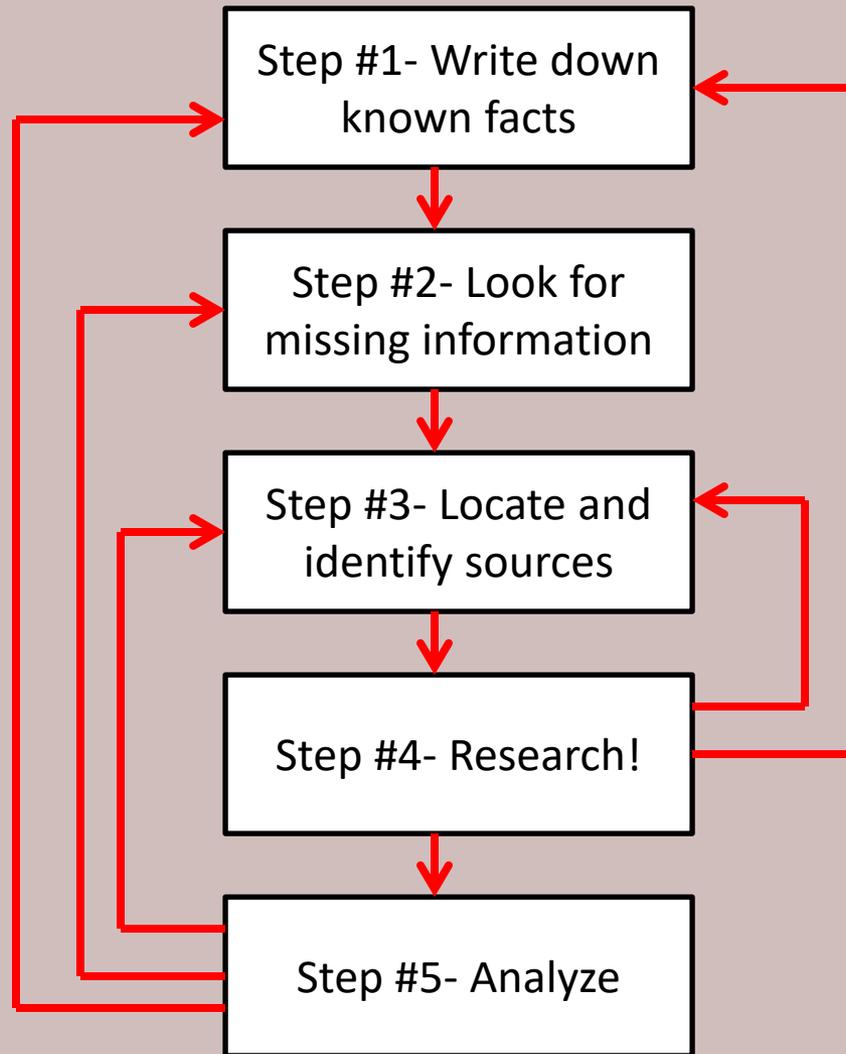
- Identify and locate your sources

Step 4

- Research!

Step 5

- Analyze



# **This Class - Focus on Step 4: Research!**

# Step 4: Research!

- Is more than “searching”
- What: Make a plan to begin answering your questions
- Where: Online and other repositories
- How: General principles
  - Consult multiple sources
  - Gather as many records as possible about a family or individual that you can find
  - Track your work! (Research log)

# What: Researching Planning

# Make a Plan

- What do you want to learn? (Goal)

**Step 1** 

- What do you already know?

**Step 2** 

- Do your background homework

**Step 3** 

- Create your plan

**Step 4** 

- Execute and fine tune your plan

**Step 5** 

# Creating Good Research Questions

- Make the question specific, answerable, realistic, timely
- Include name, place and date in the question
- Focus on genealogical questions, e.g.:
  - Identity
  - Kinship
  - Events
- Focus on a person



# What Do You Already Know?

- About Subject
  - Identify the *Where* and the *When* for your subject
    - Helpful to list vital events – with *place*
    - Name of spouse(s)
    - Names and dob(s) for children
- About the Question
  - Not just what you know, but HOW you know it
  - Focus on what is relevant to the Research Question



# Who Are the Parents of Elizabeth Harris?

## Research Subject:

Name:	Birth and place:	Marriage and place: Name of spouse:	Death and place:
Elizabeth Harris	Ca 1738, place unknown	1 Mar 1778, Manchester, Vermont Martin Powell	Unknown

## Names and birthdates of children:

Silas b. ca 1779

Electa b. ca 1781

Sarah b. ca 1782

## Additional Information

# What is Known About the Question?

## Research Question:

Who are the parents of Elizabeth Harris?

## What Is Known About the Question?

Fact	Source of Fact:
Her husband, Martin Powell was born in Amenia, NY	Find a Grave
Martin's first wife was Rhoda Thompson who died in 1777	Vermont Vital Records
She may have married in Amenia	Ancestry tree

# Background Homework



- Learn about the place and time
- Learn about the geography (get a map)
- What do we think happened?
- Which records are most likely to have the answer?
- Where are those records? Which repositories?



# Hypothesis Example

## What is the Working Hypothesis?

1. Elizabeth Harris was a widow when she married Martin Powell in 1778
2. Elizabeth Harris was a spinster when she married Martin Powell

# Put it Together and Create the Plan

- ✓ Research subject
- ✓ Research question
- ✓ What is known about the question (and how it is known)
- ✓ Record dates – for reference
- ✓ Working hypotheses
- Which records will I need
- Search strategy

**Research Plan Template**

Research Subject:

Name:	Birth and place:	Marriage and place: Name of spouse:	Death and place:

Names and birthdates of children:

Additional Information

Research Question:

What Is Known About the Question?

Fact	Source of Fact:

Record Dates<sup>1</sup>

Place	Formed	Birth	Marriage	Death	Court	Land	Probate	Census	Record Loss

What is the Working Hypothesis?

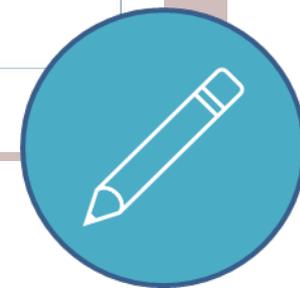
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Which Records Will I Need?

Record	Purpose	Source/Repository

Search Strategy:

<sup>1</sup> Use Family Search Research Wiki to copy and paste dates for County record dates



# Which Records (Basic)

## Which Records Will I Need?

Record	Purpose	Source/Repository
Marriage records of Manchester Vermont	First marriage of Elizabeth Harris	FamilySearch.org, AmericanAncestors.org or Ancestry.com
Vital records of Amenia, NY	First marriage or any mention of Harris family	FamilySearch.org, AmericanAncestors.org or Ancestry.com
Town history of Manchester, VT	Any mention of the Harris family	HathiTrust.org or local historical society

# Which Records (Advanced)

## Which Records Will I Need?

Record	Purpose	Source/Repository
Card index to vital statistics in the early land and town records books	First marriage of Elizabeth Harris	<a href="https://www.familysearch.org/search/catalog/664510?availability=Family%20History%20Library">https://www.familysearch.org/search/catalog/664510?availability=Family%20History%20Library</a>
Vital records, 1749-1786 of Amenia, NY	First marriage or any mention of Harris family	<a href="https://www.familysearch.org/search/catalog/380341?availability=Family%20History%20Library">https://www.familysearch.org/search/catalog/380341?availability=Family%20History%20Library</a>
John S. Pettibone, "Early History of Manchester," Proceedings of the Vermont Historical Society 1930 Vol 1 (4), page 158	Any mention of the Harris family	<a href="https://vermonthistory.org/journal/misc/EarlyHistoryOfManchester.pdf">https://vermonthistory.org/journal/misc/EarlyHistoryOfManchester.pdf</a>

# Keep a Research Log

- Keeps track of what you have searched and what you have found
  - Write down search strings
- Prevents rework
- Record negative findings
- Cites sources
- Can be a roadmap for the research process





# What to Fill In Before Viewing a Record

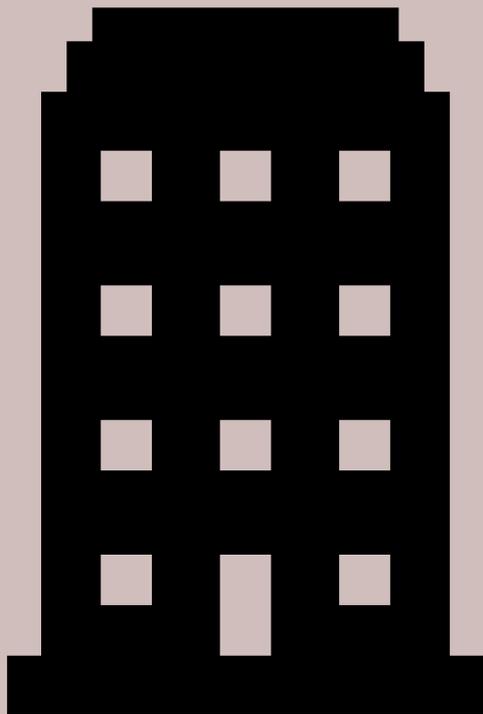
- Person/Place/Event focus of search
- Date
- **Source/Repository** – e.g. Ancestry: 1870 census – New Albany, Indiana
- Call Number (if any)
- **Objective** - write the person or event you seek for **each** search so you will later know whether you need to search the same source again for a different person or event.



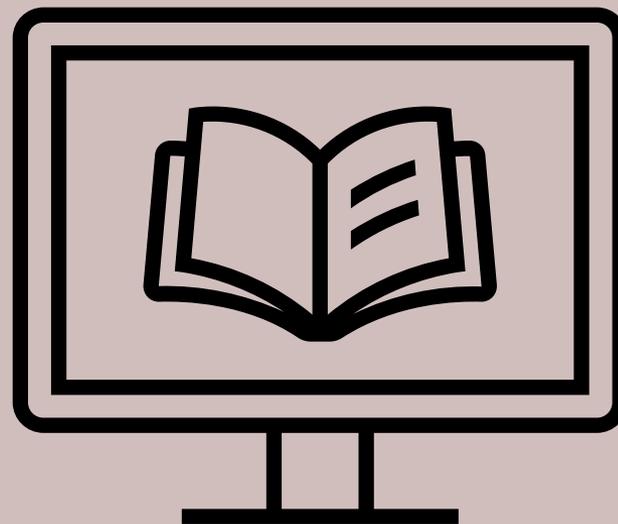
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**Online**

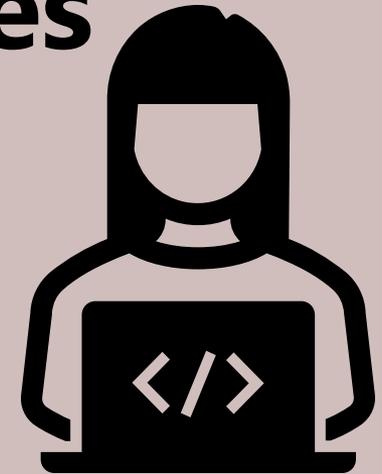


# Selected Types of Brick-and-Mortar Repositories

- Your house!
- Federal and State Archives
- Town or City Halls
- Local Historical Societies
- Public or Private
- Libraries
- College or University Archives
- Lineage Societies
- Genealogical Societies
- Regional Museums

# Online Repositories

- “Big 3” general genealogy websites
  - *Ancestry.com* (\$)
  - *FamilySearch.org* (free)
  - *AmericanAncestors.org* (\$, guest option)
- Location-specific websites
  - Archives of a particular state, county, or city, e.g., Washington State Digital Archives, Missouri Digital Heritage, Baton Rouge Digital Archive
  - Also applies to other countries, e.g., *IrishGenealogy.ie*
- Record-specific websites
  - *Fold3.com* (military records)



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Family Members (Father/Mother/Spouse)

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Last Name

+ Add family members +

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**Saved Records**

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## Search by Category

- Atlases, Maps and Reference Materials
- Census, Tax and Voter Lists
- Court, Land and Probate Records
- Genealogies, Biographies, Heraldry, and Local Histories
- Immigration Records
- Journals and Periodicals
- Military Records
- Vital Records (incl. Bible, Cemetery, Church and SSDI)
- Great Migration Study Project

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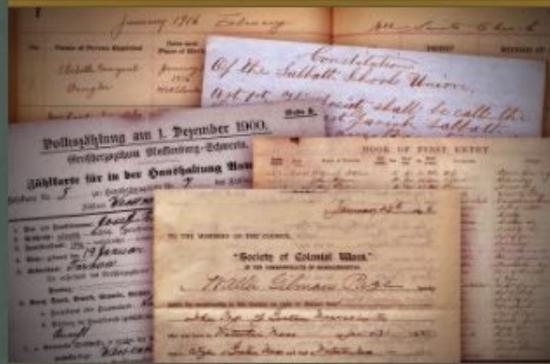
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KEY TO THE NAMES OF PERSONS

OCCURRING

In the Early Dutch Records of Albany and Vicinity

PREFACE.

The student who searches the early Dutch records meets with many difficulties, none of which are more vexatious than their personal names. The majority of the First Settlers ordinarily used no surnames, some evidently had some. In those cases individuals were often distinguished by personal peculiarities, trades, &c., which, though sufficient for the time, give little or no aid to one tracing the pedigree of a family. It is only after great familiarity with the early writings and a careful noting of the use of surnames as they are sometimes subscribed to wills, conveyances, and other important papers that any connection can be established between a first settler and his later descendants.

But while many individuals had no surnames whatever apparently, a few families had two or more. Marcella Janse Van Bonmel was farmer of the burger and tapeter's excise of liquors in Beverwyck many years. Some of his children took Marcella as their surname; others Van Ievers; without a knowledge of this fact it would be quite impossible for his descendants to trace back their pedigree to him. A similar case occurred in the Albany branch of the Bratts. In the passage over from Holland one child was born at sea in a storm and he was named Storm Van Derave, which epithet he and his descendants have since used as a surname.

It was not uncommon for the same individual to have two or more surnames and to use them indifferently. Jan Barentse Wemp (Wempe) was sometimes called Foest; he had a mill on the Poosten-kil which perhaps derived its name from him rather than from the Dutch word poosten. After his death in 1603 his widow Marieke Myndertse married Sweer Teunisse. He had two surnames, Van Velsen and Van Westbroeck. Jan Fort of Niakayana had the following aliases: Jan La Fort, Jan Vandervert and Jan Libbertos.

The change in the spelling and pronunciation of names is likewise a source of considerable embarrassment. Who would recognize the ancient Du Tysen (pronounced Du Troo) in the modern Truss, or Boudis in Bovic, or Barrois in Barroway, or finally the familiar name of Jones in such laughable disguises as Tiana, T'iana, and Shawwa.

The system of nomenclature in common use among the early Dutch settlers consisted in prefixing the child's to the father's Christian name, terminating in se or sen; in baptisms but one name was usually given; the patronymic was used by custom in all cases, and in the absence of a surname was sometimes adopted as such. Thus the children of Rutger Jacobsen (Van Schoenderwoert or Van Woert) were respectively Margaret, Rutgers, Engel Rutgers, and Harman Rutgers, and Rutgers was subsequently assumed as the family name. The two sons of the First Settler Wynant Gerritse (Vander Poel) were Melgert Wynantse and Gerrit Wynantse. The First Settler, Harzen Tomase Hen (Van Amerfort) had a son named Tomas Horense and a daughter Wynisse Horense. The First Settlers Philip and David Schuyler, were more commonly called Philip and David Pieterse, being sons of Pieter Schuyler.

Occasionally two patronymics were used, as Samuel Arentse Samuelse Bratt; i. e., Samuel Bratt the son of Arent, who was the son of Samuel.

The use of surnames gradually increased among the Dutch from the time the Province was occupied by the English in 1664, and after the first quarter of the following century few names were written without the addition of a family name.

The following list is intended to serve as a key to such surnames as are occasionally or almost constantly omitted in the ancient Dutch records of Albany and Schoenectady. It is so nearly full as the compiler, after a somewhat careful reading of these documents, can make it. The names of persons without surnames, or if having them were not entered in those records, will not of course be found here; unfortunately these are somewhat numerous. Another embarrassment in the identification of persons arises from the fact, that some bear the same Christian name. When such cases occur in the following list, the dates annexed will sometimes aid in solving the difficulty. Thus the surname of Jacob Abrahamse, found in documents dating 1666-68, was Vreberg alias Kupper; in those of date 1706, it was Van Deusen. But where there is little or no difference in the dates this help fails, and all is left to conjecture.

J. P.

Schenectady, Oct. 18, 1870.

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## US Migration Canals

Most Significant United States Canals Used by Settlers
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Historic Background

Transportation canals flooded into New York City to the length of the Ohio River settlers.<sup>[1]</sup>

Understanding the trans railroads to look for

### List of Signifi

Some of the most s

## Great Valley Road

United States → Migration → Migration Trails and Roads → Great Valley Road

The **Great Valley Road**, also called in various parts the "Great Wagon Road," "Great Warriors Path," "Valley Pike," "Carolina Road," or "Trading Path," was the most important Colonial American route for settlers of the mountainous back country of the southern British colonies. It went from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania over to the Shenandoah Valley of Virginia forking into the Tennessee Valley and Knoxville. The other fork went more south into the Piedmont Region of North Carolina, and then to its terminus on the Savannah River at Augusta, Georgia. From Philadelphia to Augusta was 735 miles (1183 km). Several other important early pathways merged with, or split off from the Great Valley Road.<sup>[1]</sup>

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### Historical Background

The American Indians developed a network of eastern trade and warrior trails stretching from the Great Lakes to the Gulf Coast. One of these trails, the Great Warrior Path from New York to the Carolinas, also served as the western boundary of British settlement until 1744. In that year a new treaty gave control of the east side of the trail to European colonists in Virginia. This opened the way for the trail to evolve into one of the most important roads for settlers in Colonial America.<sup>[2]</sup> By 1765 the road was cleared for use by horse drawn wagons.<sup>[3]</sup>

After 1744, the Great Valley Road was most heavily used by Ulster-Irish immigrants called Scots-Irish in America to spread through most of Appalachia bringing their Presbyterian religion.<sup>[3]</sup> Pennsylvania Germans also used the trail to spread into the Shenandoah Valley of Virginia. The Moravians of Pennsylvania followed the road to settle the Wachovia region of North Carolina starting in 1753. The first settlements of Virginians in Tennessee were associated with the end of the trail in that region in the 1760s.

In 1746 the Pioneer Road first crossed the Blue Ridge Mountains from Alexandria to Winchester, Virginia, where it fed into the Great Valley Road.<sup>[4]</sup> The Wilderness Road opened in 1775 into central Kentucky, and branched off the Great Valley Road in southwest Virginia at Bristol (Sapling Grove).<sup>[5]</sup> Starting in the late 1770s explorers and pioneers at Staunton, Virginia started using the Kanawha Trail which followed the New River/Kanawha River into West Virginia.<sup>[6]</sup> From the terminus of the Great Valley Road at Knoxville, Avey's Trace to Nashville opened in 1788, and the Georgia Road to Athens opened in 1805.

### Route

(Northeast to Southwest)<sup>[7]</sup>

- Philadelphia, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania (often called the Philadelphia Wagon Road through Pennsylvania)
- Lancaster, Lancaster, Pennsylvania
- Gettysburg, Adams, Pennsylvania
- Hagerstown, Washington, Maryland (crosses Cumberland Road)
- Winchester, Frederick, Virginia (Pioneer Road from Alexandria joined here)
- Staunton, Augusta, Virginia (start of Kanawha Trail to West Virginia)
- Roanoke, Roanoke, Virginia (trail forks toward Knoxville and Augusta)

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The Great Valley Road went from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania to Roanoke, Virginia. There it split with one fork going to Knoxville, Tennessee, and the other to Augusta, Georgia.

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Part of Minot in 1842; incorporated as city in 1869; annexed town of Danville in 1867.

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[Account book of Treasurers of Auburn \(then Pejepscot and Danville\) from 1802-1858](#) [Add](#)

Author: Danville (Maine). Town Treasurer; Pejepscot (Maine). Town Treasurer

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[Records of births, marriages, and deaths, ca. 1751-1867 \(Auburn, Maine\)](#) [Add](#)

Author: Danville (Maine). Town Clerk

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## Records of births, marriages, and deaths, ca. 1751-1867 (Auburn, Maine)

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Authors: [Danville \(Maine\). Town Clerk](#) (Main Author)

Format: Manuscript/Manuscript on Film

Language: English

Publication: Salt Lake City, Utah : Filmed by the Genealogical Society of Utah, 1956

Physical: on 2 microfilm reels ; 35 mm.

### Notes

Microreproduction of original records in the city hall, Auburn, Maine.

Before 1818 Danville was known as Pejebscot. Danville became part of the city of Auburn in 1867.

Indexes are found within some volumes.

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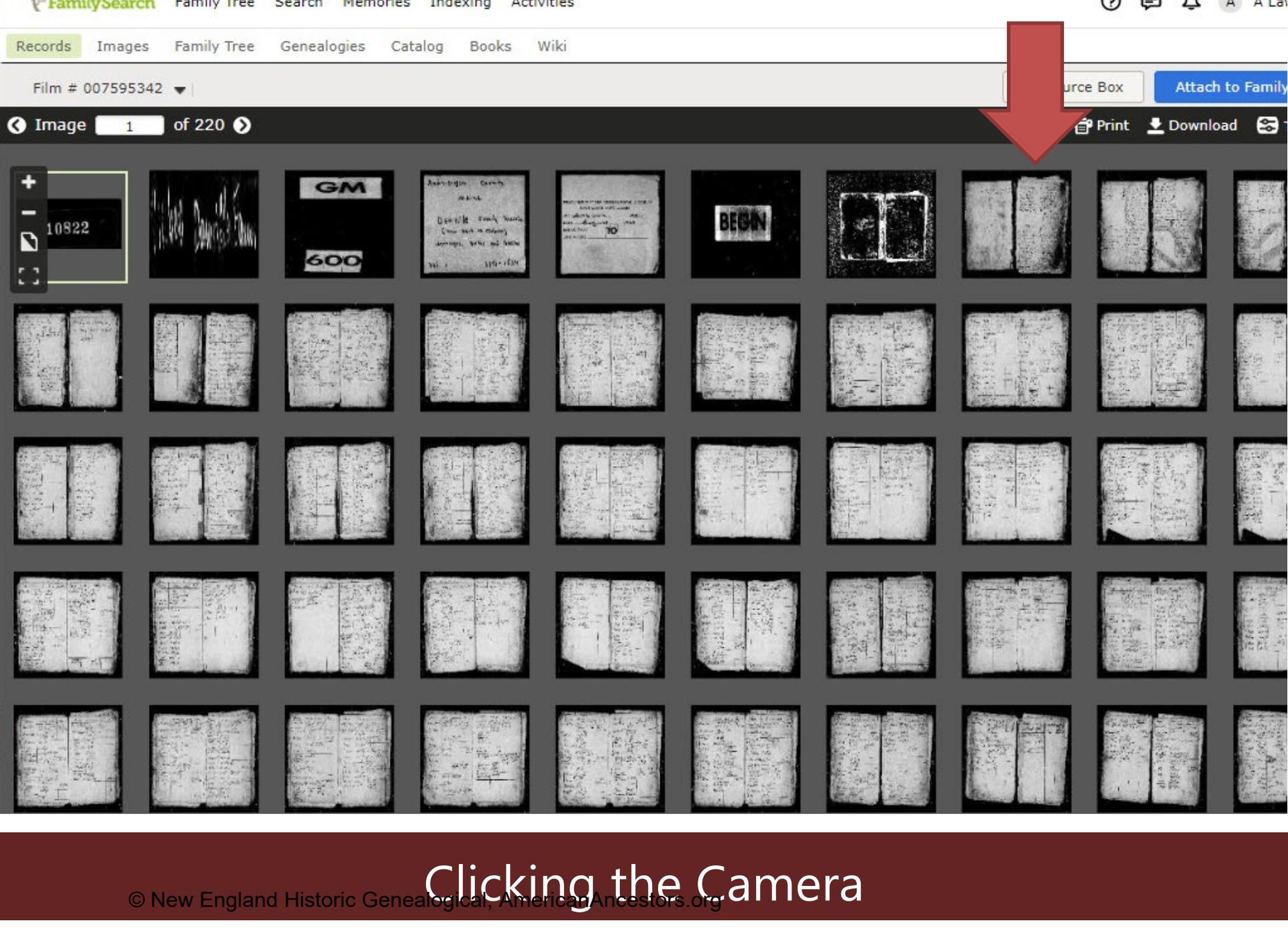
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### Film/Digital Notes

Note	Location	Collection/Shelf	Film	DGS	Format
Records of births, marriages, deaths arranged by family, 1751-1834; marriages 1804-1824; intentions of marriage 1802-1836	<a href="#">Family History Library</a>	United States & Canada 2nd Floor Film	10822 Item 1	7595342	 
Records of births, marriages, deaths arranged by family, 1757-1860, marriages 1816-1860; marriages and marriage intentions 1837-1867	<a href="#">Family History Library</a>	United States & Canada 2nd Floor Film	10823	7595341	 

# Clicking on a Listing



# Clicking the Camera

Names	wh. born	wh. Married	Die
Moses Fitz	at Ipswich Mar 2 <sup>nd</sup> 1766 Co. Essex	At Gloucester Feb. 8 <sup>th</sup>	Oct. 21 1823
Rebecca Giddinge his wife	At Gloucester Co. Essex April 25 <sup>th</sup> 1768	1790	Jan. 23 <sup>rd</sup> 1849.
1 Sally	Feb. 5 <sup>th</sup> 1791	December 30 <sup>th</sup> 1819 to Lovin Hasket of Danville - 85	
2 Hannah Jones	Mar. 30 1793	at Bangor to	
3. George Giddinge	Dec. 9 <sup>th</sup> 1795		
4 Rebecca	June 17 <sup>th</sup> 1797	Davis Hasket of Danville Nov. 3 1825	
5 Eloja	June 23 <sup>rd</sup> 1799	Welch at Auburn Feb. 2. 1894 1896	
6 Bethiah	Mar. 11. 1801		
7 Moses	May 16 <sup>th</sup> 1803		
8 Arrie	August 7, 1805		
9 Richard Duffan	April 19, 1807		
10 Mary	Jan. 4, 1810		
11 James	Jan. 10, 1812		
12 William Parson	Jan. 14, 1816		d. 29 May 1890

at Ipswich  
 at Gloucester  
 at Bangor  
 at Danville  
 at Auburn  
 at Danville

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Tru Woodbury	Newbury Co. Essex Jan 15 <sup>th</sup> 1756	At New Glou- cester. Co. Cumber land	At Danville April 29 <sup>th</sup> 1828.
Susanna nevins	New Gloucester Co. Cum. England April 4 <sup>th</sup> 1760	Sept. 10 <sup>th</sup> 1780 v. 164	Die Sept. 17 <sup>th</sup> 1806
1 Hugh	at New Gloucester Nov. 26 <sup>th</sup> 1780	August 15 <sup>th</sup> 1805 Sally for d. m. in 85	
2 Trice	at Ipswich May 4 <sup>th</sup> 1782		
3 Susanna	Feb. 20 <sup>th</sup> 1783		Sept. 23 <sup>rd</sup> 1803 at Ipswich
4 Polly	Sept. 11 <sup>th</sup> 1786	to Ebenezer V. Sturbridge Nov. 30. 1809	
5 Betsey	May 3. 1788		
6 Benjamin	April 17. 1793		
7 Nancy	Jan. 21. 1792		
8 Philemon	Oct. 30. 1793		
9 William	July 15. 1795	Feb. 1. 1842 N. S. Harris Esq.	
10 Sally	Mar 12. 1797		
11 John	April 1. 1799		at Danville April 5 <sup>th</sup> 1861
12 Clara	Sept. 23. 1800	to Seth H. Ford Sturbridge	
13. 14 15 turns - young to Samuel	Die Samuel July 28. 1804		July 28. Aug 4 <sup>th</sup> See his. 166 2 marriages

Clicking on an Image

# FamilySearch Database Searching

Tip

Spelling DOES NOT  
count – Sound does

# Unique Family Search Features

- Alternative names
- Search with relationship
- Search by more than one collection
- Export results to Excel

# Wildcards

- Symbols used to replace or represent one or more characters
- ? = 1 character
- \* = 1 or more character
- Ex. To search for "Lawthers", you can use some of the following variations:
  - L\*w\*s
  - L\*w\*r\*
  - L?wthers

# Search Historical Records

Records create a paper trail for your ancestors and can lead you to important details about their life. Enter a name, and we'll look for it in birth certificates, marriage registrations, census records, and other official documents.

[TIPS FOR EFFECTIVE SEARCHES](#)

First Names

Last Names

Place

Year



[MORE OPTIONS](#)

## FamilySearch Search Page – BASIC SEARCH



Records Images Family Tree Genealogies Catalog Books Wiki

Filter Results (1,392)

PREFERENCES

- Collection
- Sex
- Race
- Birth
- Marriage
- Death
- Other
- Residence

Name

Events and Relationships

Walter Arthur Major

Principal  
New Hampshire Deaths and Burials, 1784-1949

**Birth** 1872  
**Death** 19 October 1946  
Hinsdale, Cheshire, New Hampshire, United States

**Father** Marcellus Major  
**Mother** Delphine Domony  
**Spouse** Melvina Depathie



Walter L Major

Principal  
United States Social Security Death Index

**Birth** 26 October 1931  
**Death** 15 July 2000  
Hillsborough, New Hampshire, United States

Advanced Search

Add Ancestor Information

Name + Alternate Name + Sex

First Names

Walter

Last Names

Mazdzer

REMOVE ANCESTOR'S NAME

Add Life Event

Any + Birth + Marriage + Residence  
+ Death

Place

New Hampshire

Year (Range)

From

To

SEARCH

RESET

# Results Page – Name, Birth, Residence



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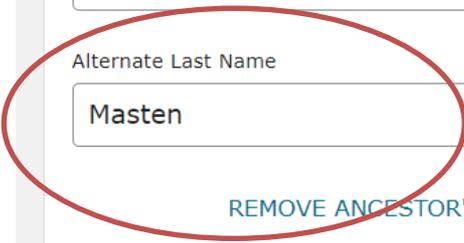
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Name + Alternate Name + Sex

Alternate First Name

Alternate Last Name



REMOVE ANCESTOR'S NAME

First Names

Last Names

REMOVE ANCESTOR'S NAME

Add Life Event

SEARCH RESET

# Alternate Name



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Filter Results (15,089)

[PREFERENCES](#)

- Collection
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### Name

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#### Walter A Major

Principal  
United States Census, 1930

**Birth** 1872  
New York, United States  
**Census** 1930  
Hinsdale, Cheshire, New Hampshire, United States

### Advanced Search

#### Add Ancestor Information

Name  + Alternate Name  + Sex

Alternate First Name

Alternate Last Name

[REMOVE ANCESTOR'S NAME](#)

First Names

Last Names

[REMOVE ANCESTOR'S NAME](#)

#### Add Life Event

# Alternative Name Results Page



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Filter Results (15,089)

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Migration & Naturalization

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- Pennsylvania, Philadelphia Passenger Lists, 1883-1945 9
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APPLY COLLECTION FILTER

# Filtering by Collection



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### Filter Results (18)

PREFERENCES

✓ Collection: Migration & Naturalization, New Hamp...

✓ Collection: Migration & Naturalization, New Hamp...

Collection Sex Race Birth Other

### Name

### Events and Relationships

**Waclaw or Walter Mozdzer**  
**or Masten**

Principal  
New Hampshire County  
Naturalization Records, 1771-  
2001

**Birth** 5 May 1893  
Lichacze, Jarosław, Podkarpackie, Poland

**Immigration** 28 November 1930  
Nashua, Hillsborough, New Hampshire,  
United States

**Spouse** Antonina Mozdzer



Click Here

**Alice Mastine**

Spouse  
New Hampshire, United States  
Naturalization Records, 1906-  
1993

**Birth** 1895

**Spouse** Wallace Mastine



### Advanced Search

#### Add Ancestor Information

Name Alternate Name Sex

Alternate First Name

Alternate Last Name

REMOVE ANCESTOR'S NAME

First Names

Last Names

REMOVE ANCESTOR'S NAME

#### Add Life Event

# Results

Tip

Always look at  
the original

ORIGINAL

# UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

## PETITION FOR CITIZENSHIP

No. 4485

To the Honorable the Superior Court of New Hampshire at Nashua

The petition of Waclaw Mozdzer, hereby filed, respectfully shows:

(1) My place of residence is 35 Gilman St. Nashua, N. H. (2) My occupation is laborer

(3) I was born in Lichacze, Poland on May 5, 1893 My race is Polish

(4) I declared my intention to become a citizen of the United States on May 25, 1928 in the Superior

Court of New Hampshire at Nashua

(5) I am married. The name of my wife or husband is Antonina Mozdzer

we were married on July 6, 1919 at Nashua, New Hampshire he was

born at Lichacze, Poland on October 15, 1898; entered the United States

at New York, N. Y. on May 29, 1914 for permanent residence therein, and now

resides at Nashua, New Hampshire I have 2 children, and the name, date,

and place of birth, and place of residence of each of said children are as follows: John born Sept. 28, 1921;

Edward born Dec. 8, 1927; both born and reside at Nashua, N.H.

(6) My last foreign residence was Lichacze, Poland I emigrated to the United States of

America from Libau, Latvia My lawful entry for permanent residence in the United States

was at New York, N. Y. under the name of Waclaw Mosher

on November 13, 1912, on the vessel Russia

as shown by the certificate of my arrival attached hereto.

(7) I am not a disbeliever in or opposed to organized government or a member of or affiliated with any organization or body of persons teaching disbelief in or opposed to organized government. I am not a polygamist nor a believer in the practice of polygamy. I am attached to the principles of the Constitution of the United States and well disposed to the good order and happiness of the United States. It is my intention to become a citizen of the United States and to renounce absolutely and forever all allegiance and fidelity to any foreign prince, potentate, state, or sovereignty, and particularly to

The Republic of Poland

of whom (which) at this time I am a subject (or citizen), and it is my intention to reside permanently in the United States. (8) I am able to speak the English language.

(9) I have resided continuously in the United States of America for the term of five years at least immediately preceding the date of this petition, to wit, since

November 13, 1912 and in the County of Hillsborough

this State, continuously next preceding the date of this petition, since May 19, 1919, being a residence within said county of at least

six months next preceding the date of this petition.

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# **Export search results into Excel**



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EDIT SEARCH

Filter Results (55)

- Collection
- Sex
- Race
- Birth
- Other
- Residence

 **PREFERENCES**

Name	Collection	Birth Date	Bi
<b>Walter Majher</b> Sex: Male Principal	United States Census, 1940	1886	Pol
<b>Emily Masten</b> Sex: Female Principal	New York, New York Passenger and Crew Lists, 1909, 1925-1957	1894	Pol
<b>Walter Masten</b> Sex: Male Principal	United States Census, 1930	1893	Pol

**Preferences**

**Format**

- Fixed Table
- Data Sheet

CUSTOMIZE DATA SHEET

**Language Options**

- Translated Text
- Original Text

**Export Search Results**

- XLS
- XLSX
- CSV
- TSV
- ODS

Number of Results  
100

EXPORT RESULTS

Mazdzer or Masten; New Hampshire or Vermont or New York

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# Sample Search Result Export

# Ancestry

# Power Searching at Ancestry

- Use wildcards
- Filter by database type (Categories on Ancestry)
- Use sliders
- Use the card catalog

# All results for Michael D\*Herty

**Search Filters**

Broad Exact

Michael

D\*herty

Born: Prince Edward I...

Collection:

[Edit Search](#) | [New Search](#) | [Update](#)

## All Categories

- > Census & Voter Lists 5,000+
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Records Categories

Web: Prince Edward Island, Baptism Index, 1788-1943  
BIRTH, BAPTISM & CHRISTENING



Name **Michael Joseph Doherty**  
Mother Rose Rooney  
Father Joseph **Doherty**  
Birth 12 Jun 1910  
Baptism 19 Jun 1910 Iona, Prince Edward Island, Canada

Web: Prince Edward Island, Baptism Index, 1788-1943  
BIRTH, BAPTISM & CHRISTENING

Name **Michael Dougherty**  
Mother Sarah Flynn  
Father Owen **Dougherty**  
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Baptism 26 Jun 1864 Vernon River, Prince Edward Island, Canada

Web: Prince Edward Island, Baptism Index, 1788-1943  
BIRTH, BAPTISM & CHRISTENING

Name **Michael Doherty**  
Mother Nancy Shaw  
Father Patrick **Doherty**  
Birth 3 Dec 1840  
Baptism 19 Dec 1840 Prince Edward

# Ancestry Results for Michael D\*herty, born PEI

# All results for Michael D\*Herty

**Search Filters**

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Michael

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## Using Sliders to Focus Search



## All Immigration & Emigration results for Michael D\*Herty

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Michael

D\*herty

Born: Prince Edward I...

Collection:

Canada

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### All Categories

Immigration & Emigration

- Border Crossings & Passports

1

Results 1-1 of 1

Records Categories

 U.S., Records of Aliens Pre-Examined in Canada,  
1904-1954

BORDER CROSSINGS & PASSPORTS

[View Image](#)

Name **Michael Doherty**

Birth abt 1907 Iona, Prince Edward  
Island

Arrival 2 Sep 1927

Other 2 Sep 1927

Results 1-1 of 1

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# Filter on Categories

**MANIFEST**

Part of **ST. JOHN NB** Date **9/2/27** Serial No.

Family name **DOHERTY** Given name **MICHAEL** Accompanied by

3

C.I.V. No. **209** Place and date of issue **Charlottetown 8/23/27** Section and subdivision **4/c-80** of 1924. Quota country charged P.F. No.

Place of birth (town, country, etc.) **Iona, PEI** Age **20** Yrs. Sex **M** M. S. **W, Sp.** Occupation **Farm Laborer** Head **W, Y**

Language or exemption **Eng** Race **Canada** Nationality **Vernon, PEI** Last permanent residence (town, country, etc.)

Name and address of nearest relative or friend in country whence alien came **Father; Joseph do**

Ever in U.S. From **To** Whole **No** Passage paid by **self**

Destination, and name and complete address of relative or friend to join there **Sister; Catherine 180 Chestnut Hill, Dedham, Mass**

Money shows **50** Ever arrested and deported, or excluded from admission Purpose in coming and time remaining **PERM**

Head tax status **ESS 13174** Height **5ft. 8 in.** Complexion **Ik** Hair **Brn** Eyes **Bl** Distinguishing marks

Depart and date of landing, and name of steamship Can. Inv. Identification card No.

Records by Previously examined at Date Previous disposition Present disposition, P. I. Arrived by

Pre-Examination Manifest for Michael Doherty  
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# Card Catalog

Searchable listing of all record collections

Title

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Search or Clear All

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Census & Voter Lists	557
Court, Land, Wills & Financial	+1000
Dictionaries, Encyclopedias & Reference	+1000
Directories & Member Lists	+1000
Family Trees	4
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 Scotland, Ireland and Wales, Militia Attestation Papers, 1800-1915	Military	3
 Moers, Germany, Deaths, 1803-1986 (in German)	Birth, Marriage & Death	2
 New York State, Card Index to Supreme Court and Court of Chancery Documents, 1648-1848	Court, Land, Wills & Financial	7
 Milwaukee, Wisconsin, Births, 1839-1911	Birth, Marriage & Death	8
 Milwaukee, Wisconsin, Marriages, 1838-1911	Birth, Marriage & Death	6
 Milwaukee, Wisconsin, Deaths, 1854-1911	Birth, Marriage & Death	4
 Moers, Germany, Marriages, 1798-1935 (in German)	Birth, Marriage & Death	5
 Moers, Germany, Births, 1798-1907 (in German)	Birth, Marriage & Death	3
 UK, Officer Service Records, 1764-1932	Military	3
 Web: Japanese American Veterans Association Personnel	Military	2
 1801 Norway Census (in Norwegian)	Census & Voter Lists	8

## Using the Card Catalog

# Other Research Aids

# Finding Aids

- Genealogist's Handbook for New England Research
- New York Family History Research Guide and Gazetteer
- County and town histories

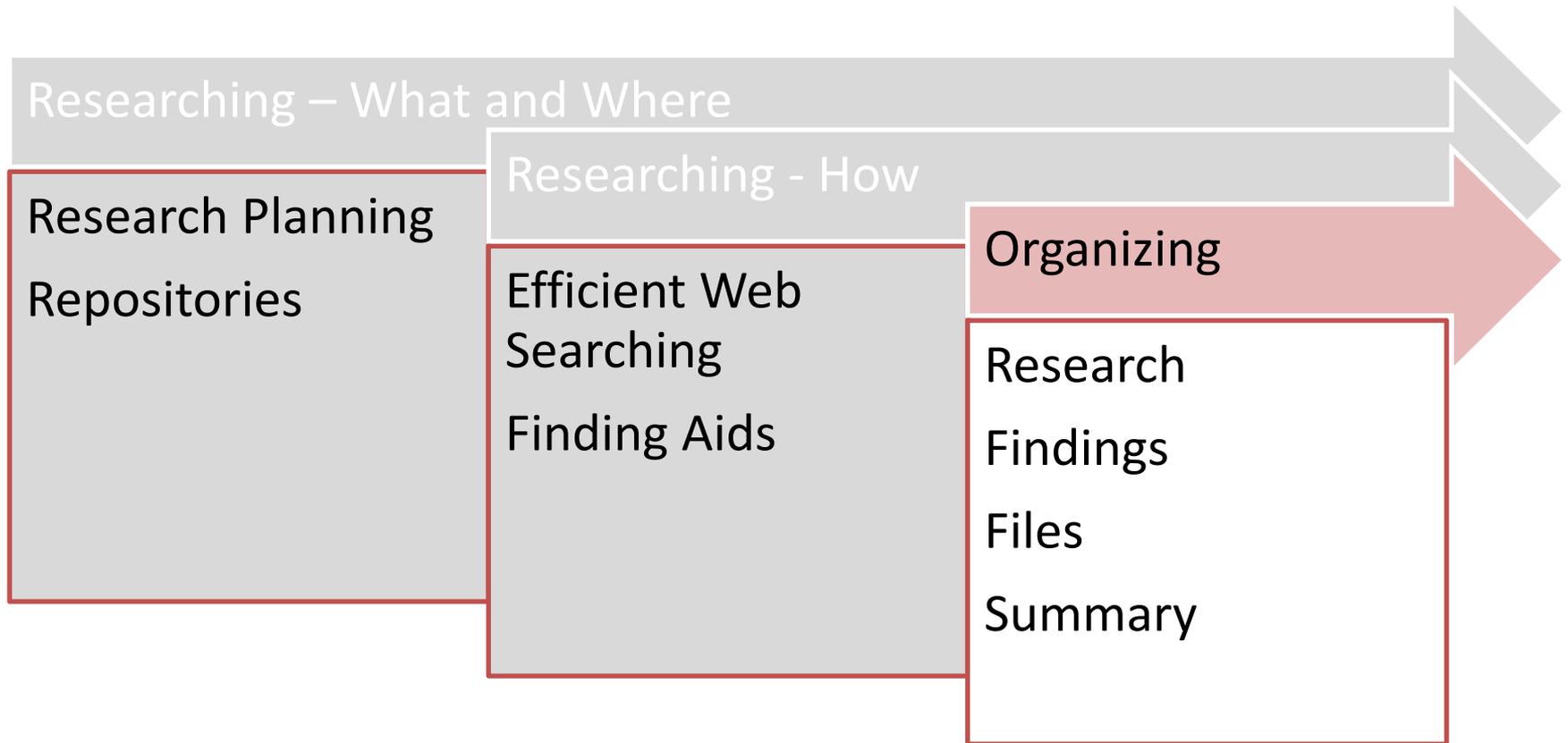
# Digital Book Sources

- <https://www.hathitrust.org/>
- <https://books.google.com/>
- <https://archive.org/index.php>
- <https://openlibrary.org/>
- <https://books.familysearch.org>
- <http://library.si.edu/digital-library>

A large audience of people is seated in a conference room, viewed from behind. They are facing a presentation screen at the front of the room. The room has a patterned wall and a ceiling with recessed lighting. The overall image has a reddish-brown tint.

# QUESTIONS?

# Session #2 Roadmap



# KIS: Rule #1 for Organizing

- KIS – “Keep it simple”
  - Make it easy to do the right thing
- Organizing Your
  - Research
  - Findings
  - Files
  - Summary

# Organizing Your Research

# Reminder – Use the Basic Tools!

- Pedigree chart
- Family Group sheet
- Research Plan
- Research Log

# Organizing Your Findings

# Tasks Lists and To-Dos

- Suggestion 1: Keep a dedicated research notebook
- Suggestion 2: Use a word processing program, spreadsheet or database program
- Suggestion 3: Use your genealogy software program's task lists, etc.

# Evernote or OneNote

- **Note:** A single item stored in Evernote or OneNote software
- **Notebook:**
  - Evernote – a collection of notes, stacks of notebooks
  - OneNote – a collection of sections, pages, notes
- **Tags:** Descriptive topic words, e.g.
  - Probate
  - Connecticut
  - Patrick Higgins
  - Birth records

# What to Do With “Orphan” Documents?

- Paper:
  - File in a folder under something like “work in progress” or “holding file” or “ongoing research”
- Digital
  - Folder with “holding” or similar name
    - Subfolders by surname
  - Excel sheet
    - Three columns
      - Surname
      - Citation and document link
      - Why important – track your thought process!!!

# Organizing Your Files

# Paper Versus Digital Organization

- Use a system you can maintain. There is no one “right” way to organize. It has to work for you.
- Consistency is key
- Leave a “paper” trail
- Write down your organizing decisions

Rhonda R. McClure, *Portable Genealogist: Organizing your Research*, (Boston, MA: NEHGS, 2013)

# FamilySearch.org Tips

- Do NOT change your old files to a new note keeping system all at once.
  - Start slowly with just the one family you are researching right now.
  - Wait to organize the file of another family until you start research on that family.

# Paper Choices

- Option 1: One folder per person
- Option 2: One folder per couple
  - Individual stays with birth family until marriage
  - Family group sheet
  - Photocopies of records with source citations
- Option 3: Binders

# Paper System Color Coding

- Mary Hill created the system
- Organize according to the five-generation chart
  - Father's father's line is **BLUE**
  - Father's mother's line is **GREEN**
  - Mother's father's line is **RED**
  - Mother's mother's line is **YELLOW**
- Start by sorting your “stuff” into four groups/piles/boxes based on grandparent surnames

# Digital File Organization Example

- Top Level - Branch
  - First Level – Surname
    - Second Level – Given name and birth year
      - Third Level – Type of record, e.g. Vitals, Military, Land, Probate

# Sample Digital Structure

## Family Structure

- Higgins
  - Higgins
    - John\_1950
      - [List of Record Types]
    - John\_1903
    - Patrick\_1876
  - Crotty
  - Cassidy

## Record Type Structure

- Census
- Vitals
- Church
- Military
- Newspaper
- Immigration
- Land
- Probate

# File Naming

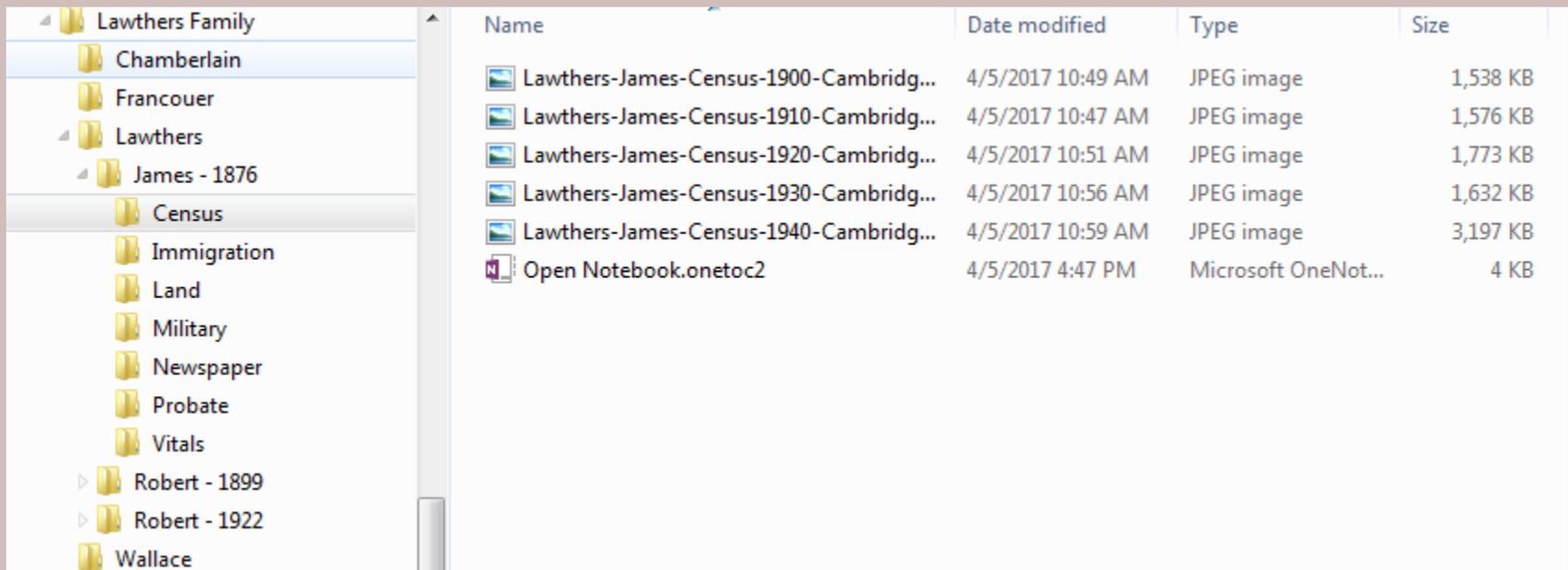
## Who, When, What, Where

- HomerJacobJr-1837-will-MercerPA.jpg
- HomerJacob-1810-landsale-EmmitsburgMD.pdf
- HomerFred-1903-newspaper\_death-GreenvillePA.pdf

# Other Templates

- Date First
  - Material automatically sorts by chronological order
  - 1837-HomerJacobJr-will-MercerPA.jpg
  - 1810-HomerJacob-landsale-EmmitsburgMD.pdf
- Place First – state/county/place
  - Very helpful when have multiple surnames

# Digital Tree – Lawthers Family



Name	Date modified	Type	Size
 Lawthers-James-Census-1900-Cambridg...	4/5/2017 10:49 AM	JPEG image	1,538 KB
 Lawthers-James-Census-1910-Cambridg...	4/5/2017 10:47 AM	JPEG image	1,576 KB
 Lawthers-James-Census-1920-Cambridg...	4/5/2017 10:51 AM	JPEG image	1,773 KB
 Lawthers-James-Census-1930-Cambridg...	4/5/2017 10:56 AM	JPEG image	1,632 KB
 Lawthers-James-Census-1940-Cambridg...	4/5/2017 10:59 AM	JPEG image	3,197 KB
 Open Notebook.onetoc2	4/5/2017 4:47 PM	Microsoft OneNot...	4 KB

# Organizing Your Summary

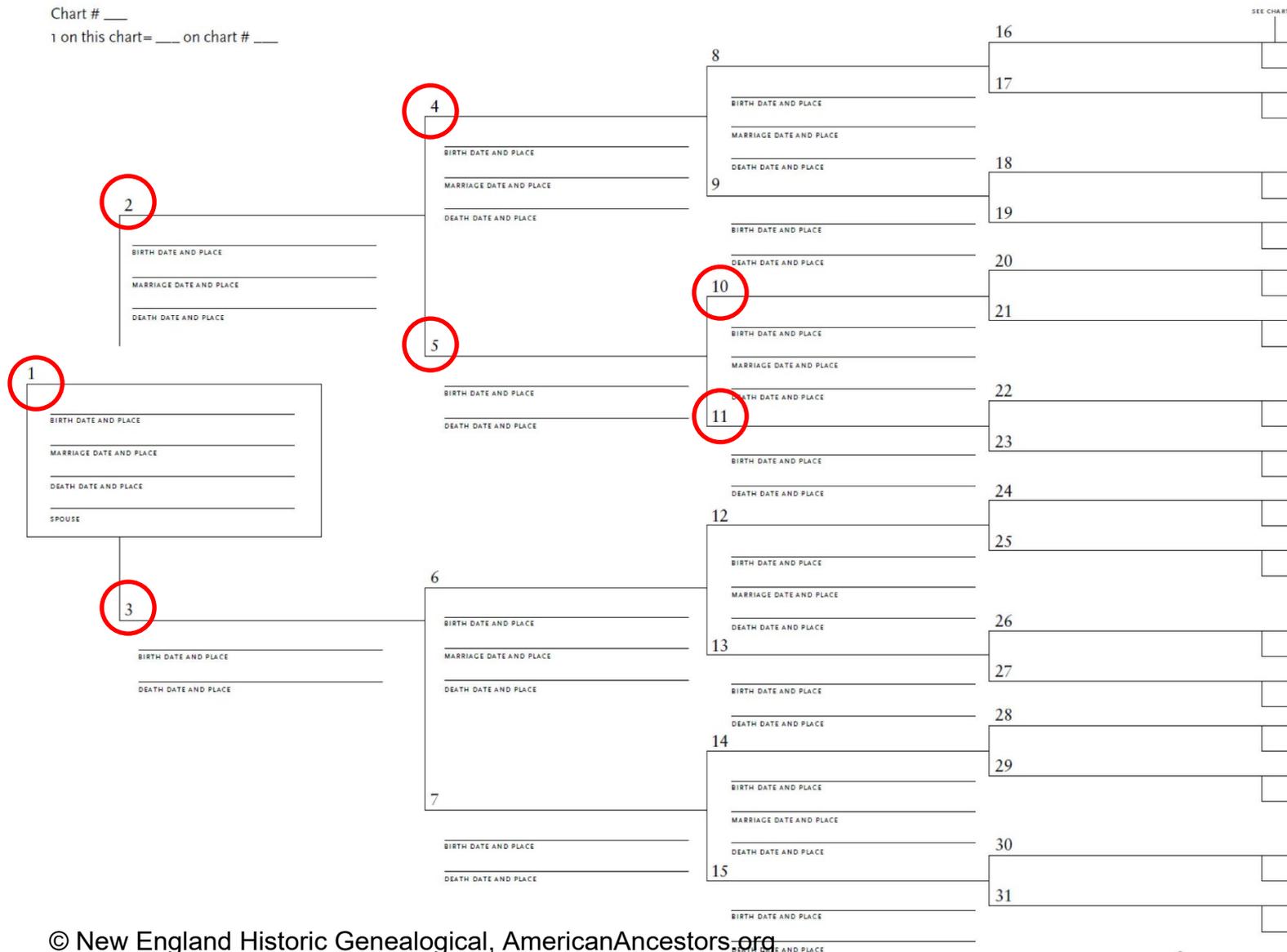
# Genealogical Numbering Systems

- Why bother?
  - You need to be able to use compiled genealogies
  - If you write your history for family, you will need to use a system to organize the presentation
- Numbering systems
  - Ahnentafel
  - Register
  - NGSQ/Modified Register

# Ahnentafel

- Starts with a person and works back – see pedigree chart
- Males always even number, females always odd number
  - Father's number, take the subject's number and double it
  - Mother's number, father + 1

Chart # \_\_\_\_  
 1 on this chart = \_\_\_\_ on chart # \_\_\_\_



# Register

- Descending numbering system with children assigned numbers if they have their own sketch

## Genealogical Summary

1. **HENRY<sup>1</sup> DISPAW/DESPER** was born say 1618 (assuming marriage at 25), and died in Lynn, Massachusetts, in October 1676.<sup>[10]</sup> He married in Horsemonden, Kent, 10 April 1643, **HELEN JARRET**, who died probably prior to 1673 when her husband and son Henry, both potters, immigrated to Massachusetts.

Henry Dispaw left a will dated 27 February 1674[/5?], proved 26 June 1677, mentioning sons Henry and Edward. The other children, whose baptisms are shown below, evidently died or remained in England.

Children of Henry<sup>1</sup> and Helen (Jarret) Dispaw/Desper, all baptisms in Horsemonden:

2. i. **HENRY<sup>2</sup> DISPAW**, b. ca. 1644; m. (1) \_\_\_\_\_; (2) **CATHERINE** \_\_\_\_\_.
- ii. **JOAN DISPAW**, bp. 13 Sept. 1646.
3. iii. **EDWARD DISPAW**, bp. 24 March 1649/50; m. **SARAH** \_\_\_\_\_.
- iv. **CHRISTOPHER DISPAW**, bp. 7 Feb. 1654.
- v. **WILLIAM DISPAW**, bp. 27 March 1657.

# NGSQ (AKA Modified Register)

- Descending numbering system, every child receives a number based on birth order
- Plus signs or asterisks show children with their own sketch

## THIRD GENERATION

4. Theunis<sup>3</sup> De Clark, son of Jacobus<sup>2</sup> DeClark (2), born May 20, 1708 at Tappan, christened there June 23, 1708.

Married Nov. 4, 1732 in New York City, Catherine Nax (Nack), dau. of Matthew Nax and Angenetje Schaats.

Children of Theunis<sup>3</sup> De Clark and Catherine Nax (christened at Tappan).

+12. Jacobus,<sup>4</sup> born Oct. 20, 1733, chr. Oct. 21, 1733. Md. Jannetje Springstein.

13. Angenetje,<sup>4</sup> born June 13, 1735, chr. July 13, 1735.

14. Matthys,<sup>4</sup> born Sept. 30, 1737, chr. Oct. 23, 1737. Died young.

15. Matthys<sup>4</sup> born Oct. 24, 1739, chr. Dec. 2, 1739.

# Homework

# Research Plan and Log

- Retrieve your 5 generation chart for your family
- Complete a full research plan template for one of the questions you want to answer
- Execute your plan
- Use a research log to track your progress
- Come prepared to talk about both the negative and positive aspects of using both a plan and a research log

# QUESTIONS?

**Hire Research Services**

*research@nehgs.org*

**Chat with a Genealogist**

*AmericanAncestors.org/chat*



**THANK YOU!**

[AmericanAncestors.org/Education](https://AmericanAncestors.org/Education)