

Researching in Colonial New England

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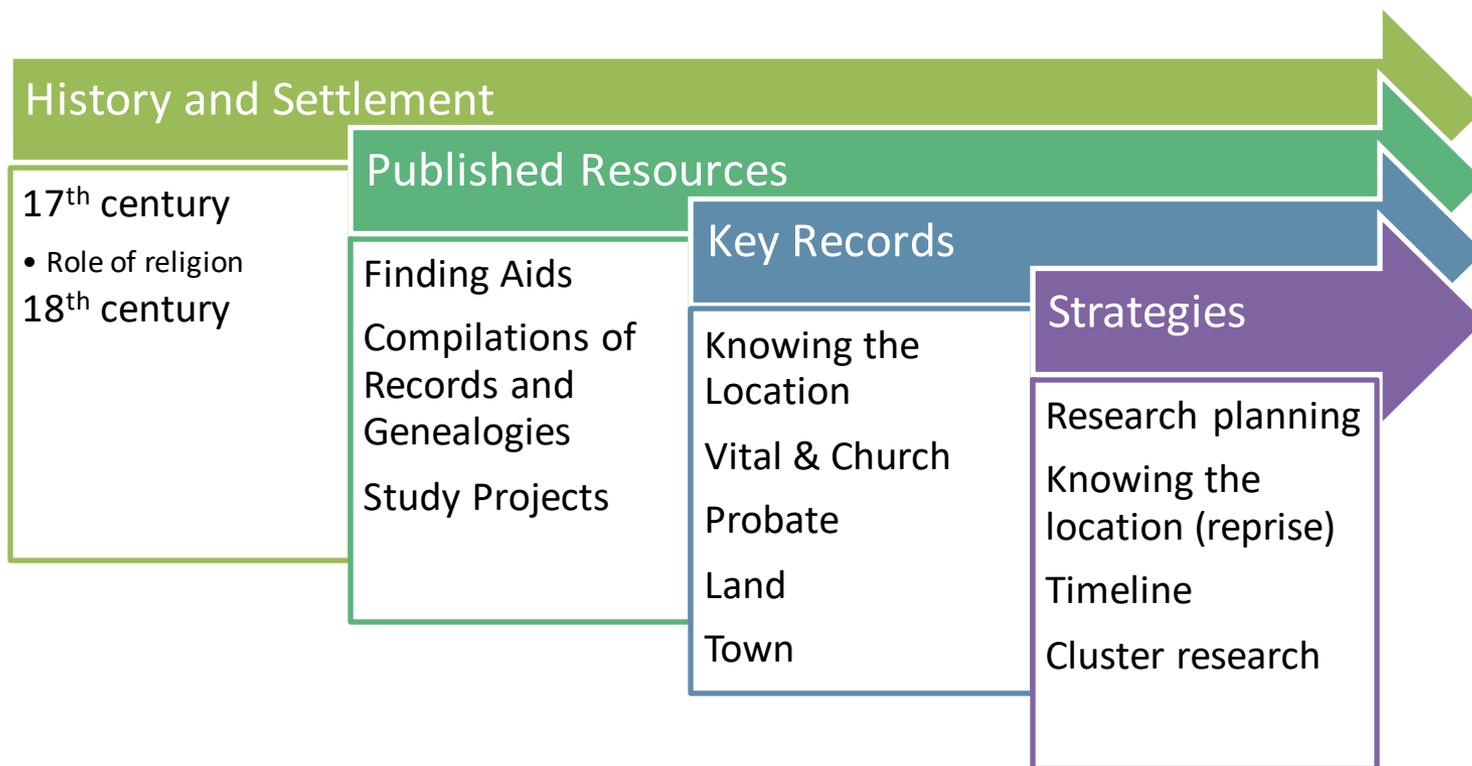
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Session Roadmap



In the Beginning: Algonquin Linguistic Group



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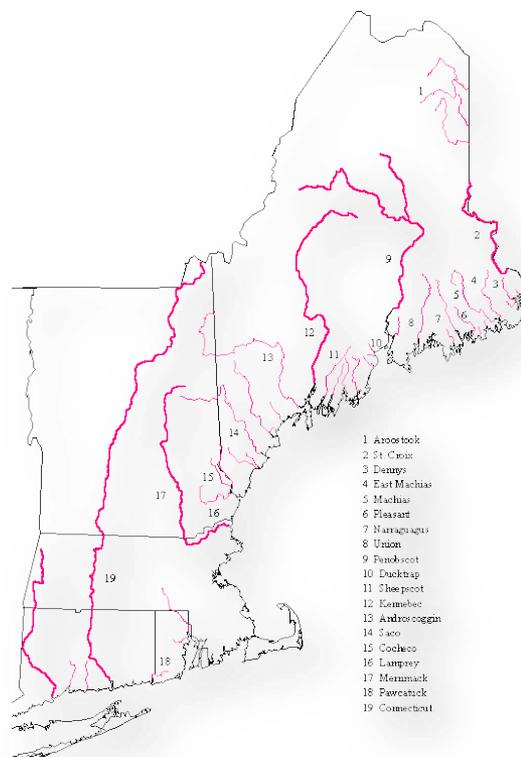
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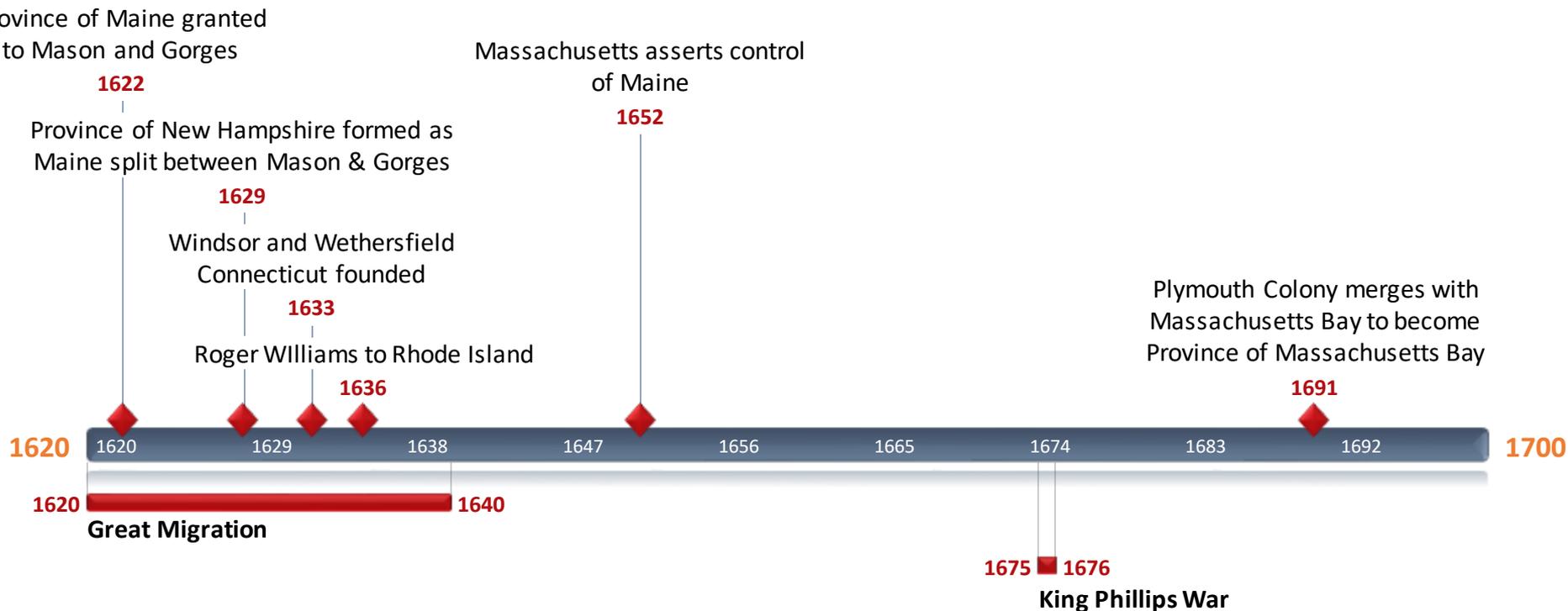
Early European Settlers Found...



Geography



First European Settlements in New England



Plymouth Colony

- Established 1620
- Encompasses SE Mass., Cape & Islands
- Core group were Separatists who had first fled to Leiden, Holland
- Small in population and grew slowly
- Merged with Massachusetts Bay in 1692 to form Province of Massachusetts Bay
- Emigration to Berkshire Co., MA; Dutchess Co., NY; Cape May, NJ; coastal Maine

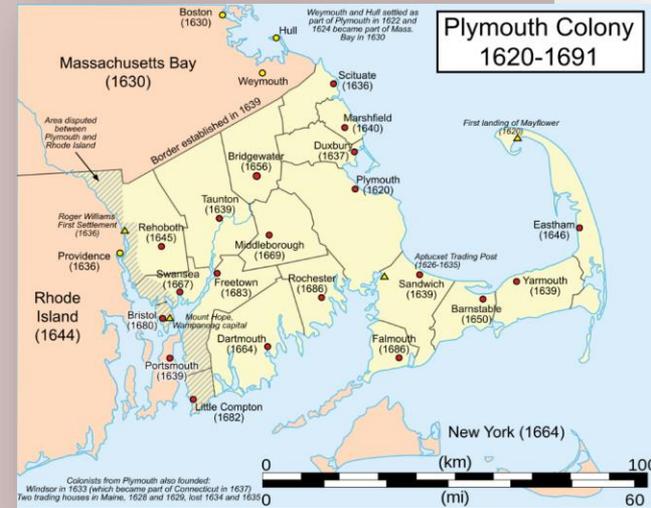
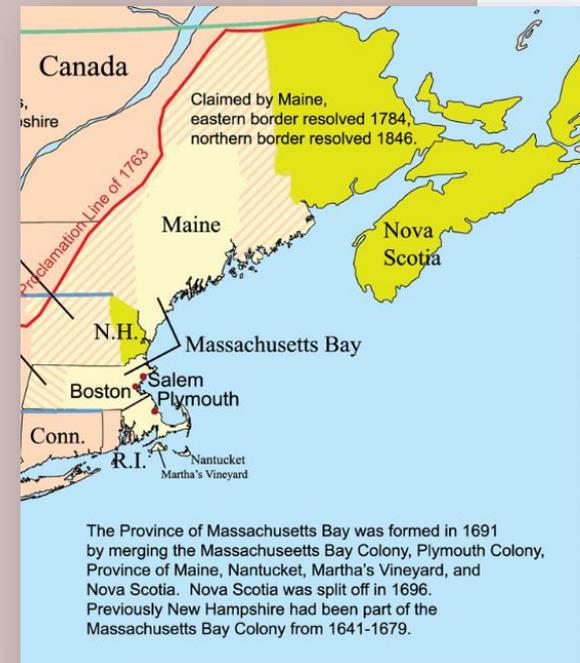


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Massachusetts Bay Colony

- Established and led by Puritans
 - 1623 Dorchester Company to Cape Ann
 - 1628 Endicott group to Salem
 - 1630 Winthrop Fleet to Boston
- By far the most populous and influential colony in New England
- Dissidents soon founded Providence, Connecticut, and New Haven Colonies



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Religion in Early New England

- Most settlers came to America opposing the established Anglican Church of England
- Pilgrims – advocated separation from CoE
- Puritans – advocated change from within the CoE
- Religion dictated community life and systems
- Dissenters left Plymouth and Massachusetts Bay over
 - Puritan and Pilgrim lack of religious tolerance (Williams)
 - Belief that no intermediary needed for a relationship with God (Williams and Hutchinson)
 - Voting privileges within a community (Hooker)
 - Desire for control of civil matters by “the godly” (Davenport & Eaton)

Early Connecticut

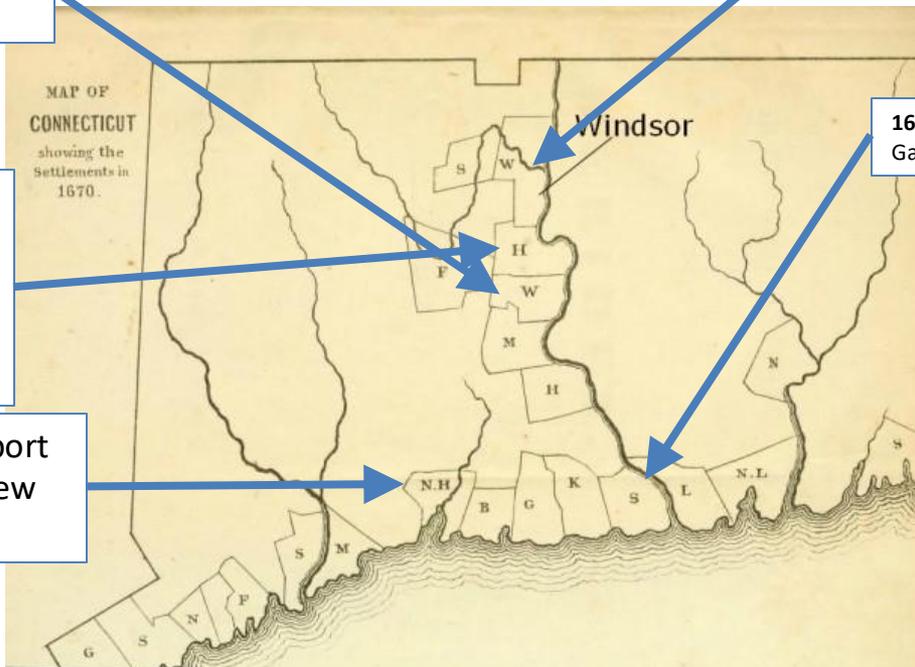
1634: Oldham & Co. from Watertown to Wethersfield

1636: Hooker & Co. from Cambridge to Hartford

1637: Davenport & Eaton to New Haven

1633: Holmes from Plymouth to Windsor –
1635: settlers from Dorchester

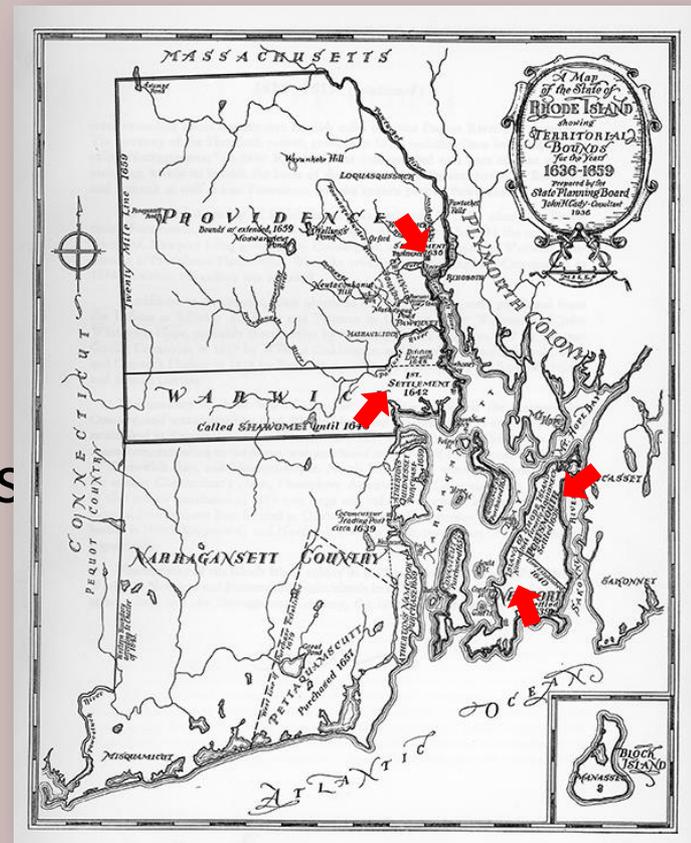
1635: Winthrop and Gardiner to Saybrook



Connecticut's Oldest English Settlement
Map of Connecticut showing the settlements in 1670 from *Historical Sketches of Meriden* by G.W. Perkins

Providence & R.I. Colonies

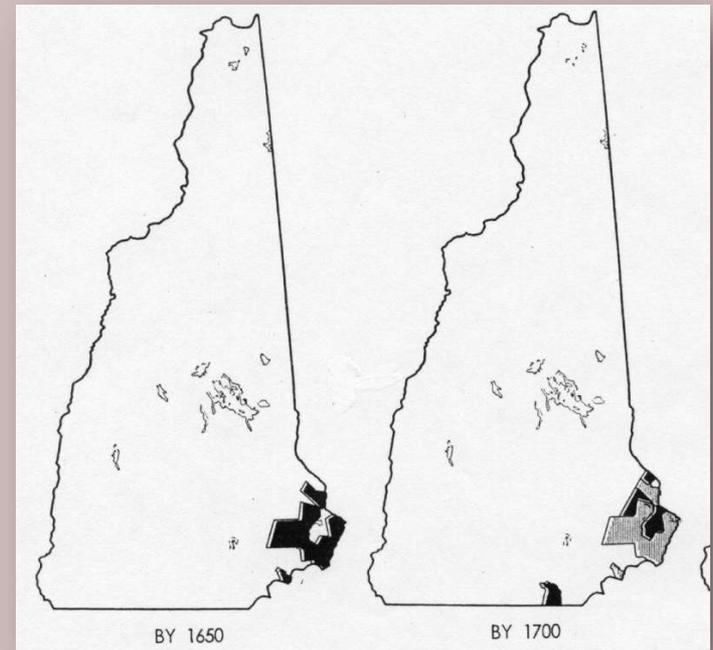
- 1636 – Providence (Roger Williams)
- 1638 – Portsmouth (Ann Hutchinson)
- 1639 – Newport (8 families)
- 1642 – Warwick (Samuel Gorton)



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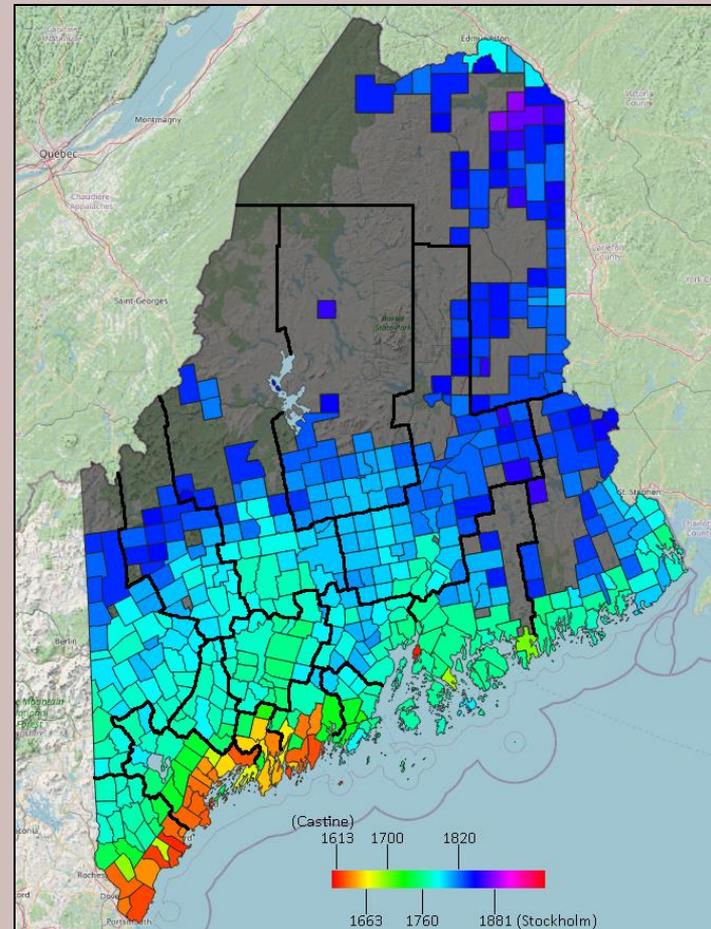
New Hampshire

- 1622 Captain John Mason and Sir Ferdinando Gorges received charter for New Hampshire and Maine
- 1623 Mouth of the Piscataqua River settled by Hiltons
- Mason and Gorges split the charter into NH and Maine in 1629

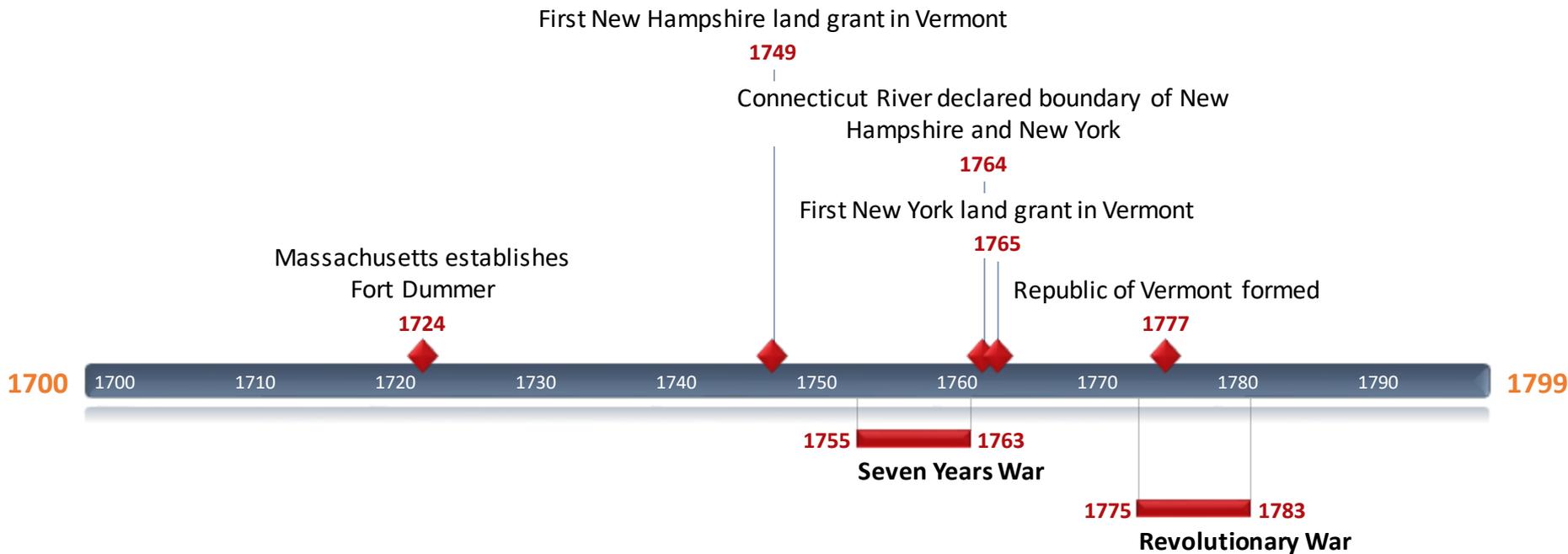


Maine

- Scattered settlements 1620s or earlier along coast from Cape Elizabeth to Pemaquid
- Under jurisdiction of Massachusetts from 1652 (until 1820)
- Abandoned briefly 1675 after King Philip's War
- Little new settlement until after Revolution

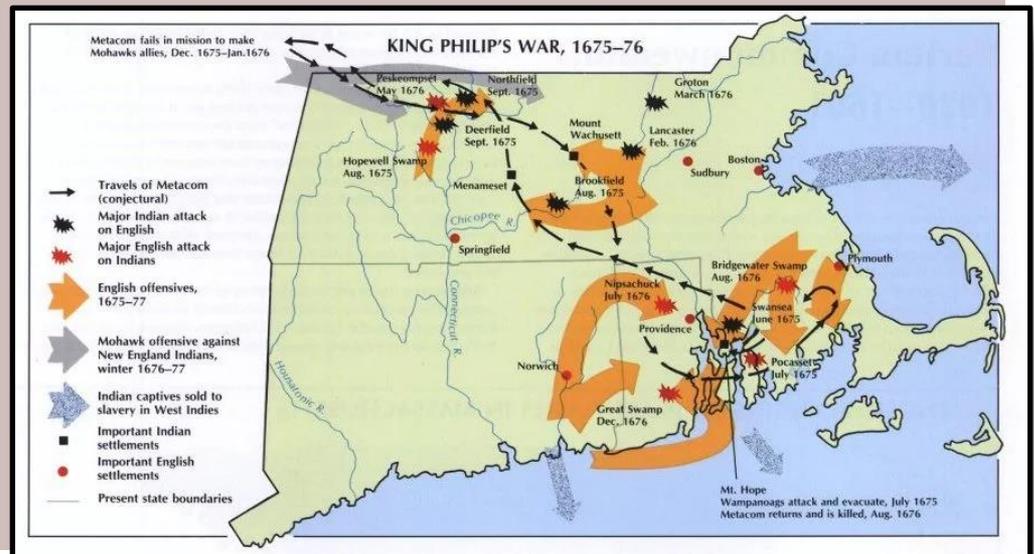


A Timeline for Vermont



King Philip's War

- First full scale New England war in the 17th c.
- Metacomet (aka) King Philip and the Wampanoag Indians
- Plymouth Colony, Rhode Island, Western Mass., and beyond



Seven Years War – 1756-1763

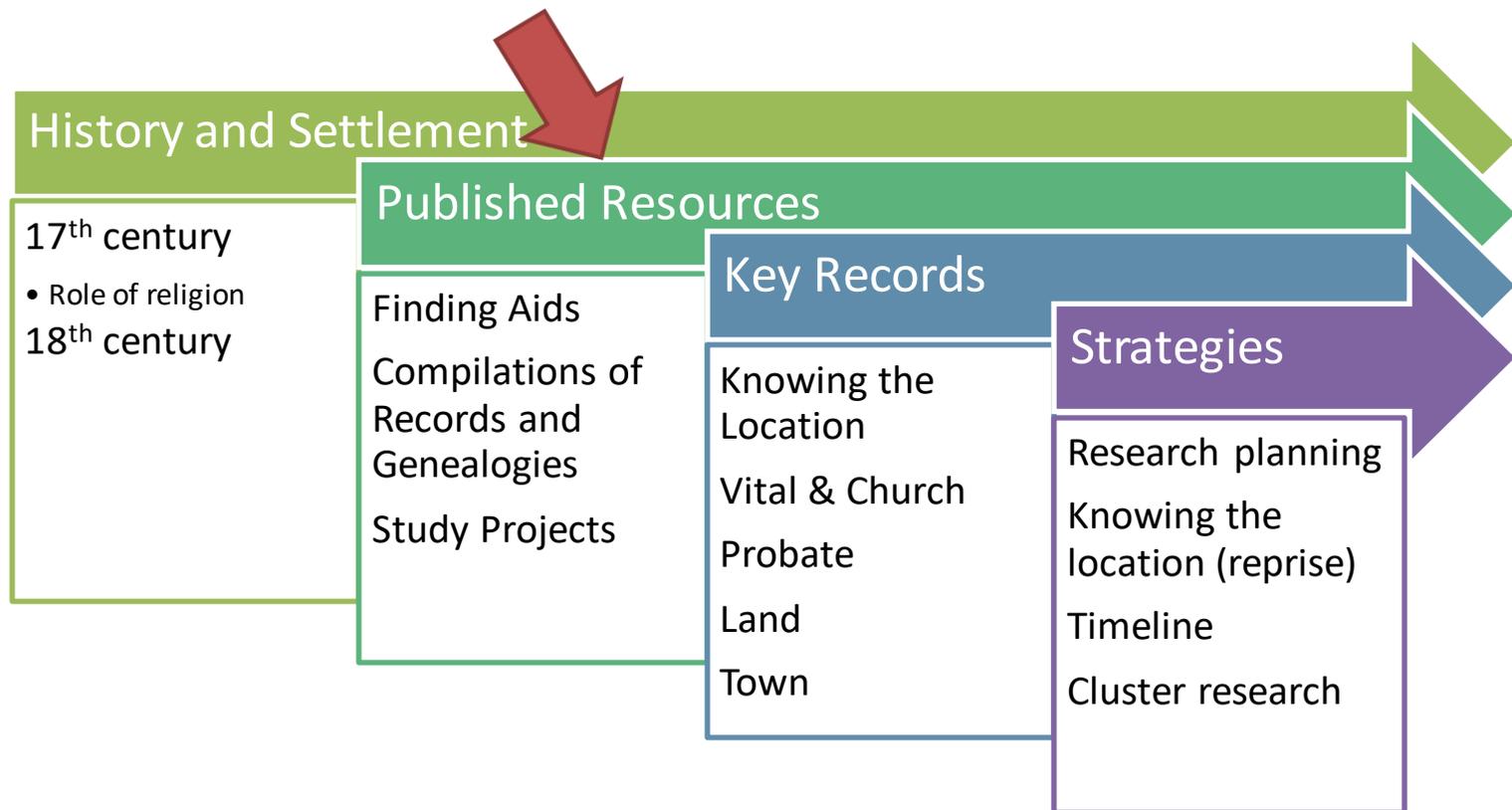
- Boundary disputes between English colonists and French
- Recapture of Fort Louisbourg in 1758 and Battle of Quebec in 1759
- Treaty of Paris ended the French and Indian War
 - England received territory east of the Mississippi
 - Spain received territory west of the Mississippi
 - Proclamation Line, a no settlement zone west of the Appalachian mountains



Settlement to 1760

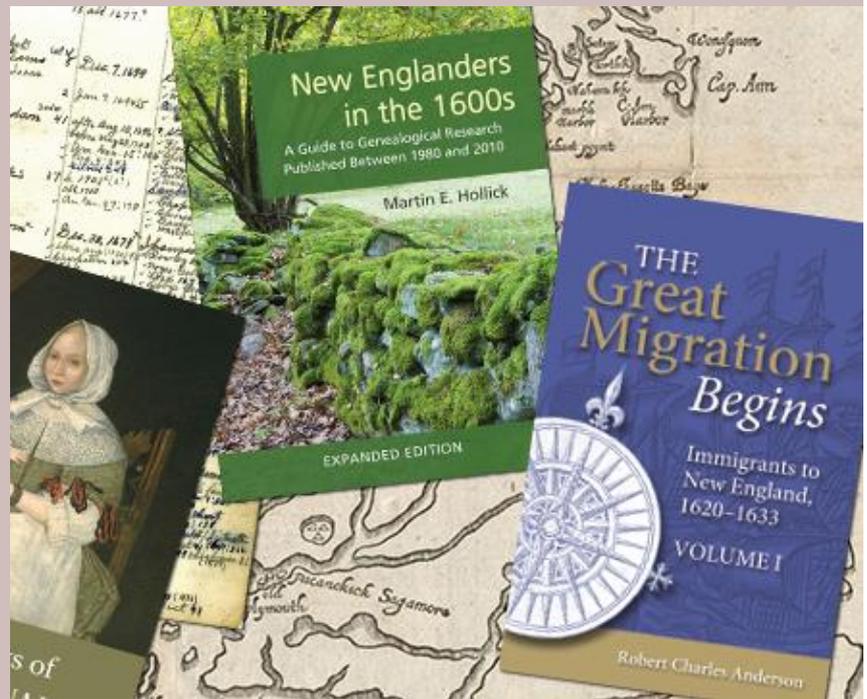


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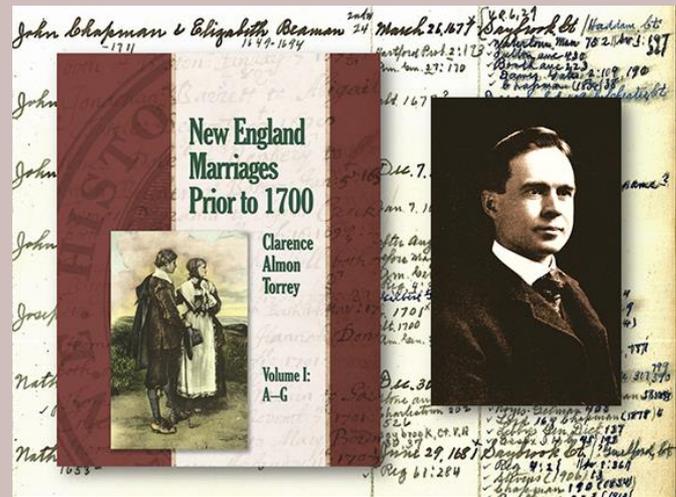
- Finding aids
- Study projects
- Compilations of records and genealogies
- Journals and periodicals
- Genealogies and Local Histories



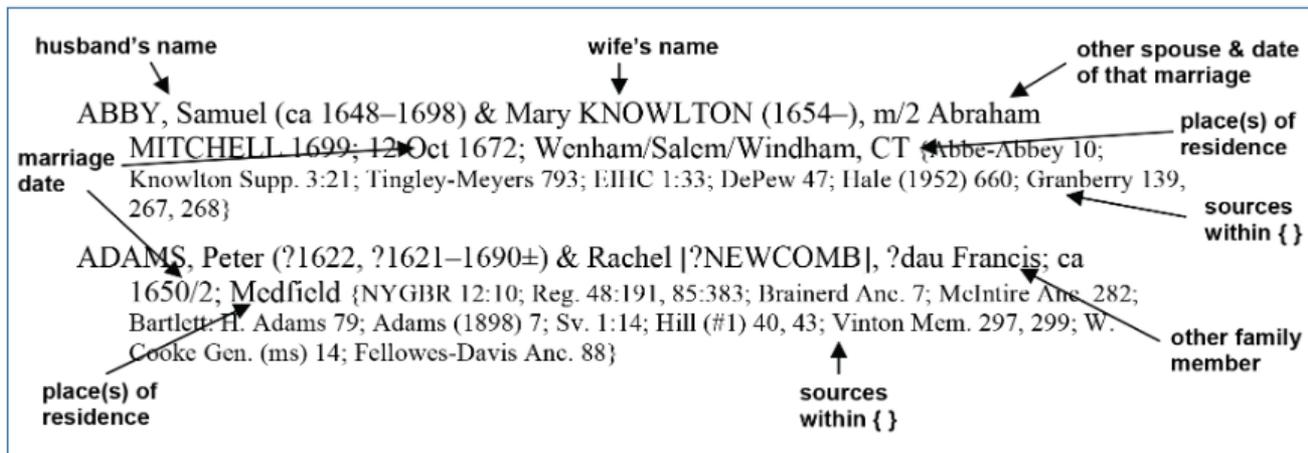
Finding Aids

New England Marriages Prior to 1700

- Enumerates approximately 99% of all pre-1700 marriages of New Englanders
 - Includes marriages in Europe prior to migrating
 - Found 70% of maiden names
- Searchable database on [AmericanAncestors.org](https://www.americanancestors.org)



Torrey's New England Marriages Prior to 1700



Torrey's Source List

ADAMS, Peter (?1622, ?1621–1690±) & Rachel [?NEWCOMB], ?dau Francis; ca 1650/2; Medfield {NYGBR 12:10; Reg. 48:191, 85:383; Brainerd Anc. 7; McIntire Anc. 282; Bartlett: H. Adams 79; Adams (1898) 7; Sv. 1:14; Hill (#1) 40, 43; Vinton Mem. 297, 299; W. Cooke Gen. (ms) 14; Fellowes-Davis Anc. 88}

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Alden Chart: see Daniel Alden Gen.

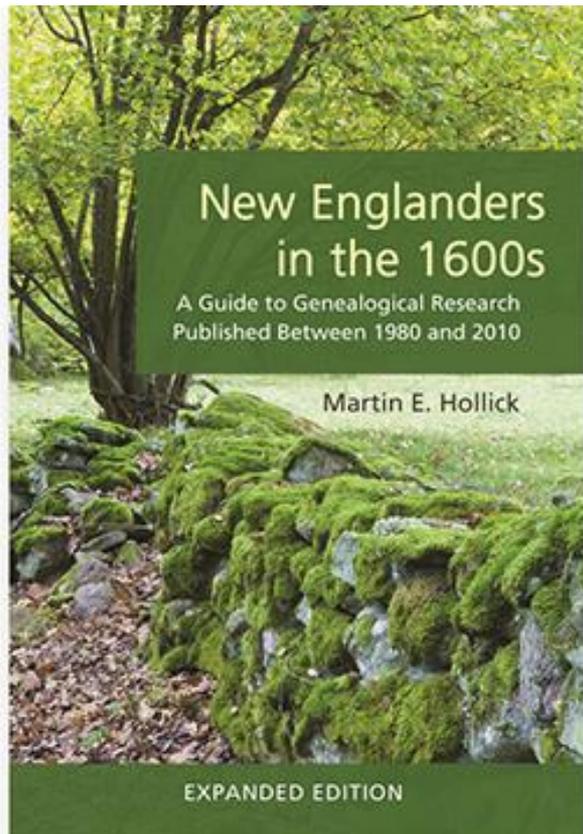
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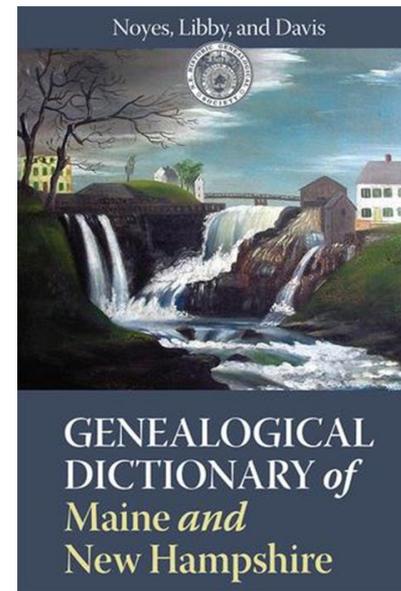
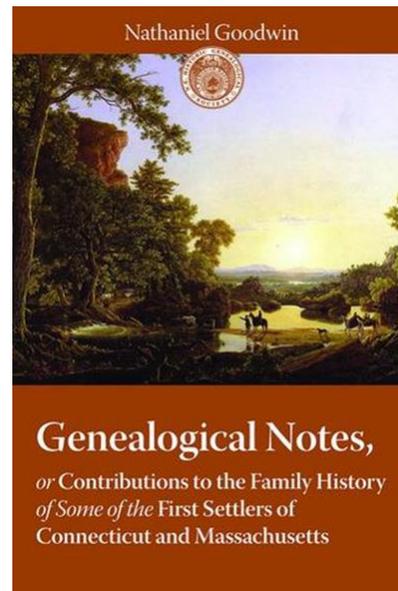
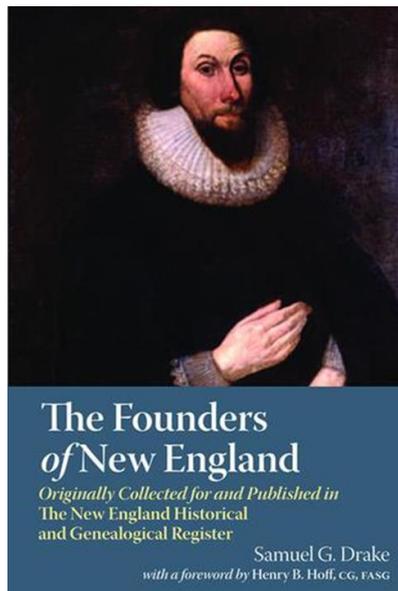
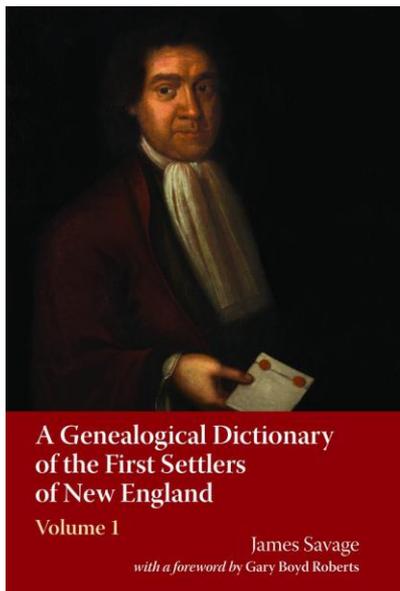
Hollick's New Englanders



- CALL, THOMAS**, b. ca. 1597, d. Malden, Mass., May 1676. Goodman, pp. 139-45.
- CALLENDER, ELLIS**, b. ca. 1639, d. Boston, Mass., 18 May 1728. NEHGR 144:195-210, 319-30, 145:31-43 (five generation study); NEHGR 145:373 (correction).
- CALLUM, JOHN**, d. Haverhill, Mass., 25 February 1693/4. TAG 70:1-8, 104-11.
- CALLUM, MACKUM**, d. Lynn, Mass., after 26 February 1677. TAG 70:1-8, 104-11.
- CAMP, EDWARD**, b. ca. 1603, d. New Haven, Conn., before 22 September 1659. CA 32:140-44.
- CANE, CHRISTOPHER**, b. ca. 1613, d. Cambridge, Mass., 9 December 1653. GM2 II:2-6; son Jonathan² at Sex, pp. 87-88.
- CANEDY, ALEXANDER**, d. Plymouth, Mass., after 1688. Jessup, pp. 251-53.
- CANNEY, THOMAS**, b. ca. 1600, d. Dover, N.H., after June 1681. NHGR 19:1-7; Jessup, pp. 253-57.
- CAPEN, BERNARD**, b. ca. 1562, d. Dorchester, Mass., 8 November 1638. GMB I:309-11; NEHGR 158:110-11 (Hannah³ John²); MJ 17:25-27.
- CARD, JOHN**, b. ca. 1620, d. York, Me., 25 January 1691/2. Probable English origins at MG 19:22-30.
- CARD, RICHARD**, d. Jamestown, R.I., before 1 July 1674. John² at TAG 58:16-17.

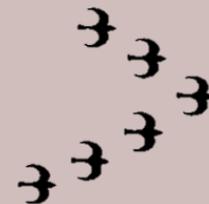
Compilations

Important Compilations



Great Migration Study Project

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- Started in 1988
- Directed by Robert Charles Anderson, FASG
- Genealogical and biographical sketch for immigrants to New England from 1620 to 1640
- Thirteen published volumes
- Individual included study project if record documenting presence found before 1636



vice, and acquired land. Since William Honywell does not appear in the 1643 list of men able to bear arms, or in any other Plymouth Colony record, the William Honywell who appears in the unfortunate incident of 1665/6 is almost certainly a different person than the immigrant of 1633.

JOHN HOOKE

John Hooke came on the *Mayflower* as a servant boy to Isaac Allerton and "died with the first" [Bradford 441,444].

THOMAS HOOKER

ORIGIN: Rotterdam

MIGRATION: 1633 in the *Griffin* [W] 1:129]

FIRST RESIDENCE: Cambridge

REMOVES: Hartford 1636

OCCUPATION: Minister.

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP: On 11 October 1633 Winthrop reported a "fast at Newtown, where Mr. Hooker was chosen pastor, and Mr. Stone teacher, in such a manner as before at Boston" [W] 1:137]. When Hooker moved to Hartford the church went with him, and he remained pastor there until his death.

FREEMAN: 14 May 1634 [MBCR 1:369].

EDUCATION: Matriculated at Cambridge from Queen's College 1604, migrated to Emmanuel, B.A., 1607-8; M.A., 1611 [Venn 2:403; Morison 382-83]. His inventory included "books in his study" valued at £300.

OFFICES: Arbiter, 7 May 1640 [RPCC 11].

ESTATE: Granted one acre for a cowyard at Cambridge, 4 November 1633 [CaTR 6]. Granted five acres of land and another three acres of land, 5 January 1633/4 [CaTR 7]. Granted "five acres of meadow ground in the mead next Watertown weir" and "thirty acres of salt marsh on the south side Charles River," 2 April 1635 [CaTR 12]. In the division of meadow land on 20 August 1635 granted a proportional share of zero [CaTR 13]. Granted three acres, 8 February 1635/6 [CaTR 17]. In the 8 February 1635/6 list of "houses" in the town, "Mr. Tho[mas] Hooker" held four [CaTR 18].

In the Cambridge land inventory on 1 May 1635 Thomas Hooker held four parcels of land: "in the town one house with garden and backside about one rood"; "in Cowyard Row one cow house and yard about one acre"; "in Wigwam Neck about five acres"; and "in the Long Marsh about

three acres" [CaBOP 3-4]. On 2 May 1636 "Thomas Hooker of the New Towne" sold to Nicholas Danforth "about one acre of land being the lot of Edward Hopkins" [CaBOP 38].

There is no entry in the Hartford land inventory of 1640 for Thomas Hooker, but his name is mentioned frequently as an abutter in other entries [HABOP *passim*].

In his will, dated 7 July 1647 and proved apparently in 1649, "Thomas Hooker of Hartford" bequeathed to "my son John Hooker my housing and lands in Hartford, aforesaid, both that which is on the west, and also that which is on the east side of the River, to be enjoyed by him and his heirs forever, after the death of my wife, Susanna Hooker, provided he be then at the age of one and twenty years, it being my will that my said dear wife shall enjoy and possess my said housing and lands during her natural life"; to "my son John my library of printed books and manuscripts" provided he "deliver to my son Samuell" books to the value of £50, or the cash equivalent, and "if my son John do not go on to the perfecting of his studies, or shall not give up himself to the service of the Lord in the work of the ministry, my will is that my son Samuel enjoy and possess the whole library and manuscripts, to his proper use forever; only, it is my will that whatever manuscripts shall be judged meet to be printed ... and however I do not forbid my son John from seeking and taking a wife in England, yet I do forbid him from marrying and tarrying there"; to "my son Samuell, in case the whole library come not to him, as is before expressed, the sum of seventy pounds"; to "my daughter Sarah Hooker" £100 at marriage or at age twenty-one, "the disposal and further education of her and the rest, I leave to my wife"; to "the two children of my daughter Joannah Shephard deceased, and the child of my daughter Mary Newton, to each of them ten pounds"; "my beloved wife Susanna Hooker" to be executrix and to receive the residue of the estate; "my beloved friends Mr. Edward Hopkins and Mr. William Goodwyn" to be overseers [Hartford PD Case #2841; CCCR 1:498-501; Manwaring 1:16-18].

The inventory of the estate of "Mr. Thomas Hooker," taken 21 April 1649, totalled £1136 15s., including £450 in real estate: "housing and lands within the bounds of Hartford on both sides the rive," £450. There was also "an adventure in the *Entrance*," £50 [Hartford PD Case #2841; CCCR 1:501-02].

BIRTH: About 1586 (based on matriculation at Cambridge), son of Thomas Hooker of Marefield, Tilton, Leicestershire [DSGRM 5:122-24].

DEATH: Hartford 7 July 1647 [MHSC 4:8:544-45]. Eliot wrote

This visitation of God was exceeding strange, it was sudden & general, as if the Lord had immediately sent forth an angel, not with a sword to kill, but with a rod to chastize, & he smote all, good & bad,

old & young, or as if there were a general infection of the air; which went from north to south by degrees infecting all, yea, such as were on the seas near our coasts were so infected & smitted. And this is remarkable, that though few died, yet some did, and generally those that died were of our choicest flowers, & most precious saints, among others that were then taken to rest was that worthy & blessed light Mr. Hooker, who having a cold & preached twice on the Sabbath (Mr. Stone not being at home), and ministered both the sacrament the Lord's supper in the forenoon & baptism in the afternoon, he was so over spent, & his spirits sunk, that he never could recover them again [RChR 190].

MARRIAGE: Amersham, Buckinghamshire, 3 April 1621 Susannah Garbrand [Bucks Marr 4:13]. She married (2) after 7 December 1654 and before January 1669/70 WILLIAM GOODWIN [NEHGR 55:25]. (At a Particular Court held on 7 December 1654 Walter Gray was confessed to and was punished for "his gross abuse & evil in slandering Mr. Will[iam] Goodwyn & Mar. Hooker in charging them with the act of adultery" [RPCC 134-36].)

CHILDREN:

- i JOANNA, b. say 1622; m. by about 1638 as his second wife Rev. Thomas Shepard of Cambridge [Young's First Planters 554-55]. (Although Young annotated this section of Shepard's memoirs to indicate that the marriage took place in October 1637, Shepard himself says the marriage was in the "year after those wars in the country," meaning the Pequot War of 1637.)
- ii MARY, b. say 1624; m. by about 1646 Rev. Roger Newton (she had one child by the date of her father's will, 7 July 1647; see TAG 14:99-103).
- iii ANNE, bp. Great Baddow, Essex, 5 January 1625/6; bur. Chelmsford, Essex, 23 May 1626.
- iv SARAH, bp. Chelmsford, Essex, 9 April 1628; bur. Chelmsford 26 August 1629.
- v SARAH, b. say 1630; m. by 1649 Rev. John Wilson, son of JOHN WILSON [NEHGR 61:128; Sibley 1:65-66].
- vi JOHN, b. say 1631; returned to England and married there, Savage says he became a parish priest.
- vii SAMUEL, b. say 1633; Harvard 1653 [Sibley 1:348-52]; m. Plymouth 22 September 1658 Mary Willett [PCR 8:21], daughter of THOMAS WILLETT.
- viii Son, d. Cambridge late in 1634 [WP 3:177].

ASSOCIATIONS: One sister of Thomas Hooker, perhaps named Anne, married GEORGE ALCOCK and another sister, Dorothy, married John Chester, and had with him LEONARD CHESTER.

Thomas Hooker spent a few years in the household of Francis Drake of Esher, Surrey, and made such a great impression that in his will of 13 March 1633/4 Drake made a bequest to "Johanna Hooker, who now is in New England," the daughter of Thomas Hooker [PCC 43 Seager]. This Francis Drake was cousin of the JOHN DRAKE who made a brief appearance in New England in the early 1630s, and who also received a bequest in his will.

COMMENTS: At court 5 March 1644/[5] Walter Grey was found guilty of "laboring to inveigle the affections of Mr. Hooker's maid" [RPCC 33]. On 1 June 1654 Samuel Allen was ordered to pay Mistress Hooker three loads of wood for the one he confessed he stole from her [RPCC 127].

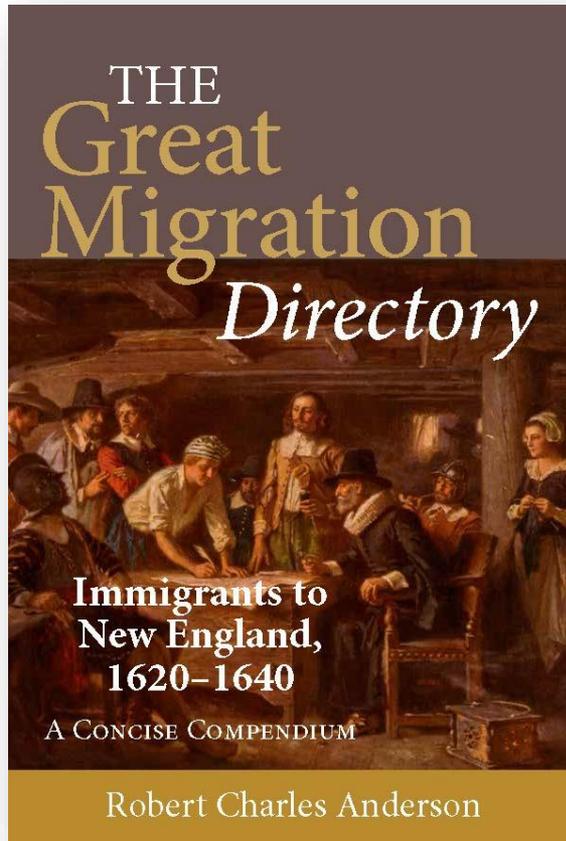
The last four children, according to the estimates made here, were born during a short span of time. Perhaps Samuel was born after the son who died in 1634.

BIBLIOGRAPHIC NOTE: Mather wrote a lengthy biographical sketch of Thomas Hooker [Magnalia 332-52]. Brief accounts of the life of Thomas Hooker have been published in the *Dictionary of National Biography* and the *Dictionary of American Biography*. In 1977 Frank Shufleton wrote a comprehensive, full-length biography of Hooker [*Thomas Hooker: 1586-1647* (Princeton 1977)].

____ HOPKINS

"Mr. Hopkins" was granted a cowyard lot (probably one acre) in Cambridge, 4 November 1633 [CaTR 6].

COMMENTS: In 1634 a John Hopkins appeared in Cambridge [CaTR 9], and then made the move to Hartford, where he died in 1654. He was never given the title of respect, did not hold land in Cowyard Row at the time of the Cambridge land inventory in 1635 [CaBOP 26, 40], and would not seem to be the recipient of this grant of land. Mr. Edward Hopkins who arrived in Boston in 1637 soon moved to Hartford where he served for many years as Governor and Deputy Governor. He may have made a brief appearance in Cambridge in 1633, and then rejoined his neighbors in Hartford four years later, but this isolated record from 1633 may just as well be for some other "Mr. Hopkins" altogether.



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Carpenter, William: Amesbury, Wiltshire; 1635 on *James*; Salem, Providence [Drake's Founders 56 (as "Thomas Carpenter"); NEHGR 159:54-68, 164:36-40, 296-97].

Carpenter, William: Wherwell, Hampshire; 1638 on *Bevis*; Weymouth [Drake's Founders 60; WP 4:232; MBCR 1:313, 377; ReTR 1:2; TAG 70:193-204; NEHGR 159:54-68]. (Some of these records are probably for William Carpenter, son of the immigrant, who soon moved to Rehoboth.)

Carr, Caleb: Unknown; 1635 on *Elizabeth & Ann*; Newport [GM 2:2:11-16].

Carr, George: Unknown; 1634; Ipswich, Salisbury [GM 2:2:17-22].

Carr, Richard: Unknown; 1635 on *Abigail*; Ipswich, Salisbury [GM 2:2:23-24].

Carr, Robert: Unknown; 1635 on *Elizabeth & Ann*; Portsmouth, Newport [GM 2:2:24-27].

Carrington, Edward: Unknown; 1633; Charlestown, Malden [GMB 315-18].

Carrington, Thomas: Unknown; 1632 on *Lyon*; passenger list only [GMB 318].

Carsley, William: Unknown; 1637; Hingham, Barnstable [HiBOP 97v; MBCR 1:206, 373; PCR 1:125, 137, 141, 8:176, 193, 200; NEHGR 9:285, 286, 10:41; Otis 147].

Carter, Joseph: London; 1639; Newbury; returned permanently to England soon after 1640 [WP 4:114; ITR 73; EQC 1:386; NEHGR 35:373-74; Abandoning 75-76].

Carter, Joshua: Unknown; 1633; Dorchester, Windsor [GMB 318-20].

Carter, Martha: Unknown; 1635 on *Hopewell*; passenger list only (with caveat) [GM 2:2:27].

Carter, Richard: Unknown; 1639; Boston [BTR 1:41, 49, 53; Lechford 228; MBCR 1:317; NEHGR 18:156; SPR 3:201; TAG 40:82-84].

Carter, Robert: Unknown; 1620 on *Mayflower*; Plymouth [GMB 320; PM 95].

Carter, Thomas: Unknown; 1635 on *Planter*; Ipswich, Salisbury [GM 2:2:27-30].

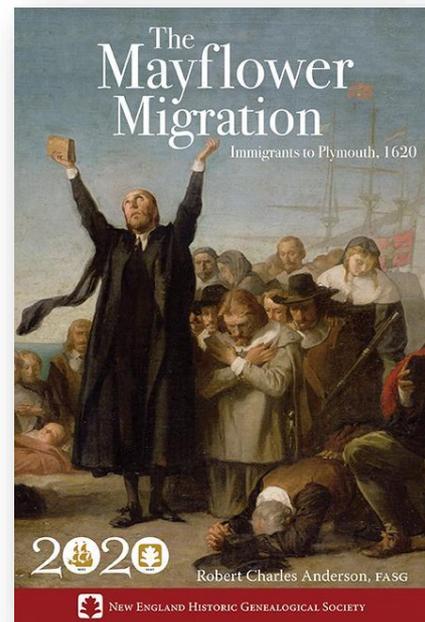
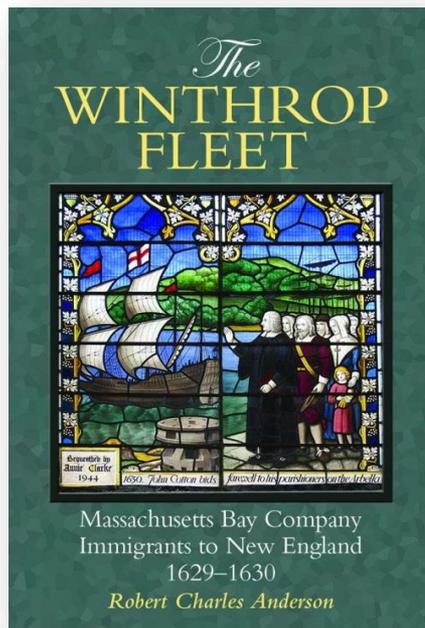
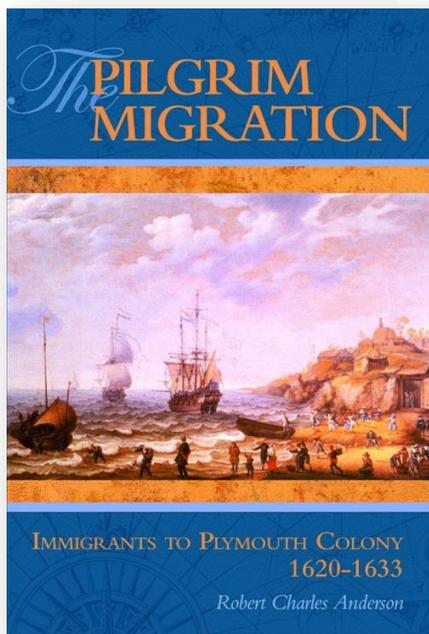
An entry from *The Great Migration Directory*

Name	English origin	Year of arrival in New England	New England residences
Norris, Edward: Horsley, Gloucestershire; 1639; Boston, Salem [BChR 24; WP 4:168; SChR 9; EPR 1:34; MBCR 1:377; WJ 1:197, 2:78; TAG 84:200-11]. (His daughter Mary preceded him to New England by 1635 [GM 2:5:266-67].)			

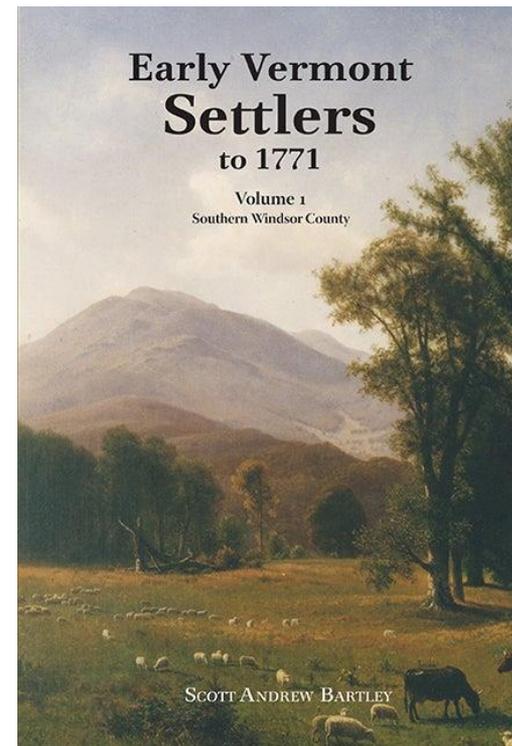
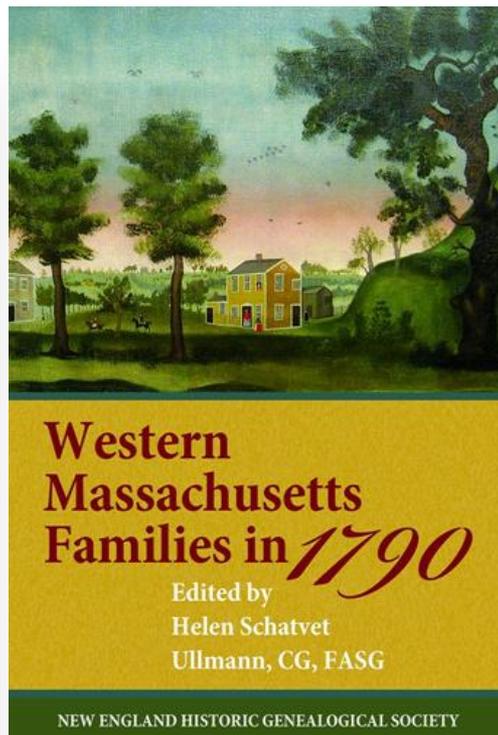
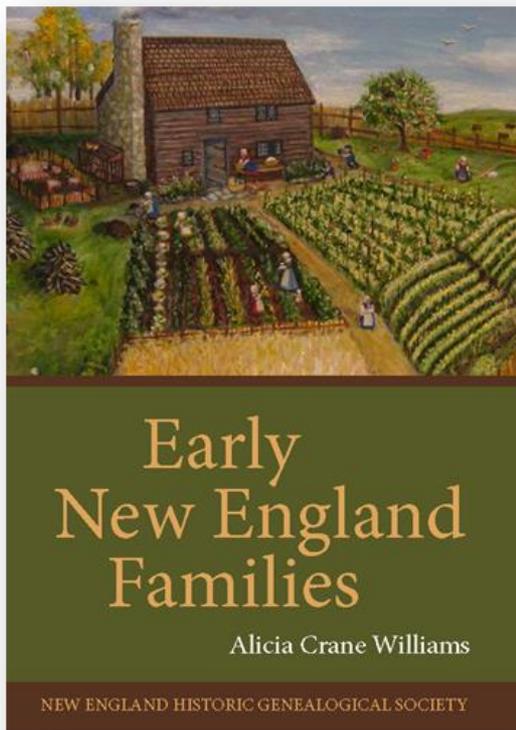
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Additional comment with a citation to *The Great Migration: Immigrants to New England, 1634–1635*.

Other Great Migration Books



Early New England Study Projects



Early New England Study Projects

Early New England Families

- Directed by Alicia Crane Williams
- Genealogical and biographical sketches for those who married in New England from 1641 to 1700 (uses Torrey as guide)
- Grouped by year of marriage
- Two published volumes

Western Massachusetts Families in 1790

- Directed by Helen Schatvet Ullmann
- Genealogical and biographical sketches for those who were enumerated on the 1790 census in Berkshire and Hampshire Counties (from which Franklin and Hampden Counties were later formed)
- Four published volumes

Study Projects (cont)

Early Vermont Settlers to 1784

- Directed by Scott Andrew Bartley
- Genealogical and biographical sketches of individuals identified by Donald Alan Smith's 1980 thesis "Legacy of Dissent: Religion and Politics in Revolutionary Vermont 1749 to 1784"
- Two published volumes for Windsor County

Sample Sketch

NATHAN CASWELL MILTON

NATHAN CASWELL, son of Daniel¹ (*Thomas*^{2,3}) and Mary (____) Caswell, was born in Middleborough, Massachusetts, about 1712,¹¹ died on 16 September 1800, and was buried in the Plains Cemetery, Milton, Vermont.⁵² Nathan married first in Middleborough, 4 May 1739, HANNAH SHAW,¹³ Hannah, likely the daughter of Benjamin⁴ (*Benjamin*⁵, *John*⁶, *Abraham*⁷) and Margaret (Dean) Shaw, was born in Middleborough about 1719 and died probably in Norwich, Connecticut, after 5 December 1763.¹⁴ Nathan married second MOLLY _____¹⁵ Molly, ancestry unknown, was born about 1734, died on 13 August 1802, and was buried with her husband.¹⁶

Nathan of Middleborough, laborer, was a defendant in a debt case before the December 1741 term of the Plymouth County Court of Common Pleas that was continued to the following January term.¹⁷ Middleborough assigned Nathan to work repairing the highways on 27 May 1740, 29 June 1741, and 9 April 1742.¹⁸ He, with two brothers and 40 other inhabitants of the northwestern portion of the eastern precinct of Middleborough, petitioned on 14 February 1740/1 to be set off as a separate township because of their distance from the church and school. This petition was dropped and another copy of this petition was resubmitted on 26 May 1742, the last definitive record of Nathan living in this town. Another petition dated 25 May 1743 included his brothers, but not Nathan.¹⁹

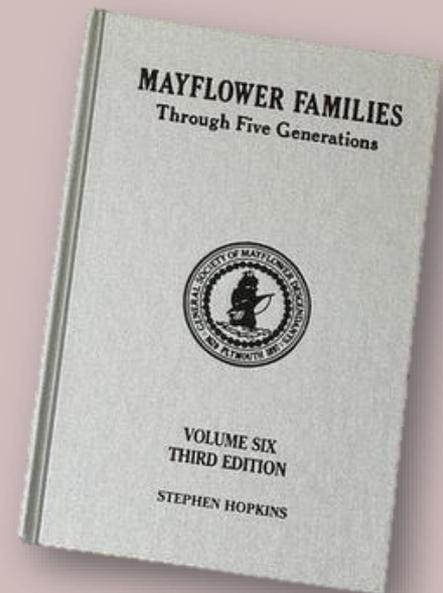
Nathan Caswell of New London, Connecticut, sold to John Congdon, on 14 June 1755, one-quarter acre with a dwelling house in New London.¹⁰¹ Moses Chapman of Norwich, Connecticut, sold to Nathan Caswell of New London, on 4 May 1756, Moses's dwelling house in Norwich.¹¹¹

Nathan marched in alarm from Norwich in Capt. John Perkins's Company in August 1757 for the relief of Fort William Henry in New York. He served in the

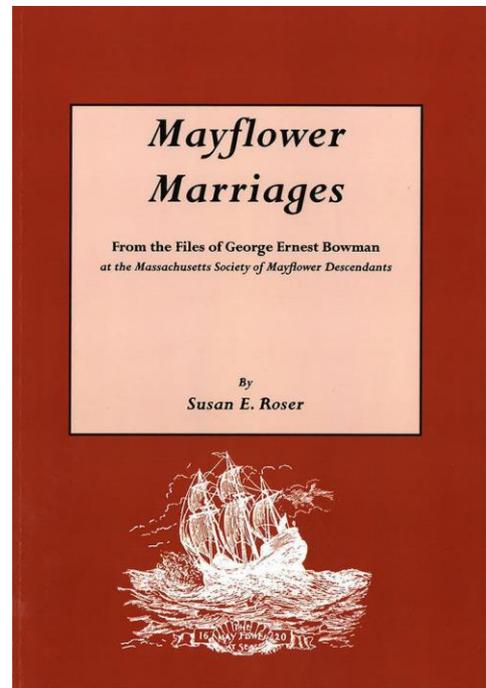
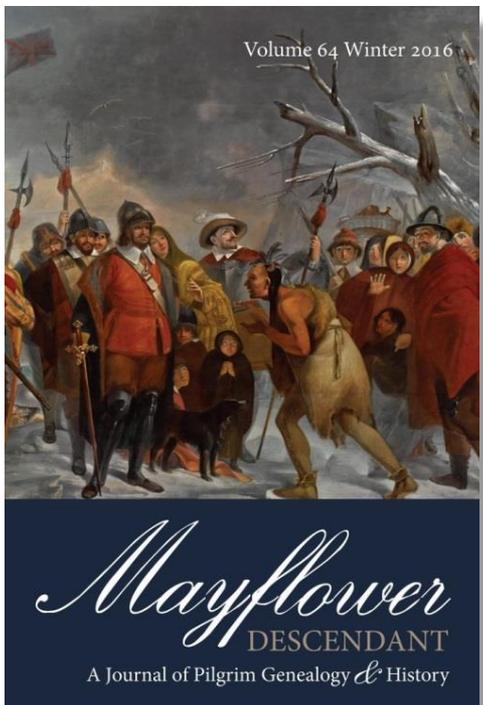
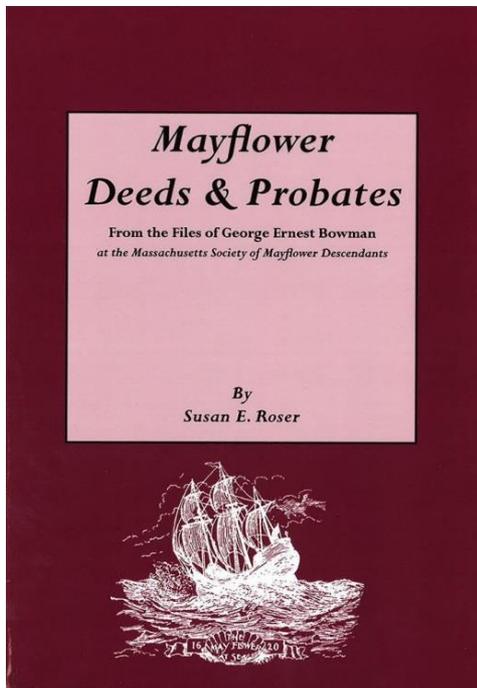
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2. findagrave.com, mem. #14526654, age 88y.
3. Barbara Lambert Merrick and Alicia Crane Williams, *Middleborough, Massachusetts, Vital Records* (Boston, 1986-1990), 1: 63.
4. "Thomas Caswell" [see note 1], 145, for all data, the 1763 date was the birth of their son; *Note*: Not mentioned in Norwich diarist Jabez Fitch's journal published serially in *Mayflower Descendant* through 1995 (diary entries to about 1782); findagrave.com, mem. #43466282, has entry with no photo, erroneously using the 1763 date as death.
5. Solely from gravestone, *vide post*.
6. findagrave.com, mem. #14541978, wife of Nathan Caswell, age 68y.
7. David Thomas Konig, ed., *Plymouth Court Records, 1686-1859* (Wilmington, Del., 1978-1981), 6: 297.
8. Middleborough, Mass., Selectmen and Assessor Records, 1736-1788 [FHL #945013 it. 11, p. 16, 18, 22].
9. Massachusetts Archives Collection, 115: 125-127 [1743], 129-131 [1741], 138-141 [1742].
10. New London, Conn., Deeds, 17: 60.
11. Norwich, Conn., Deeds, 13: 248.

Mayflower Families

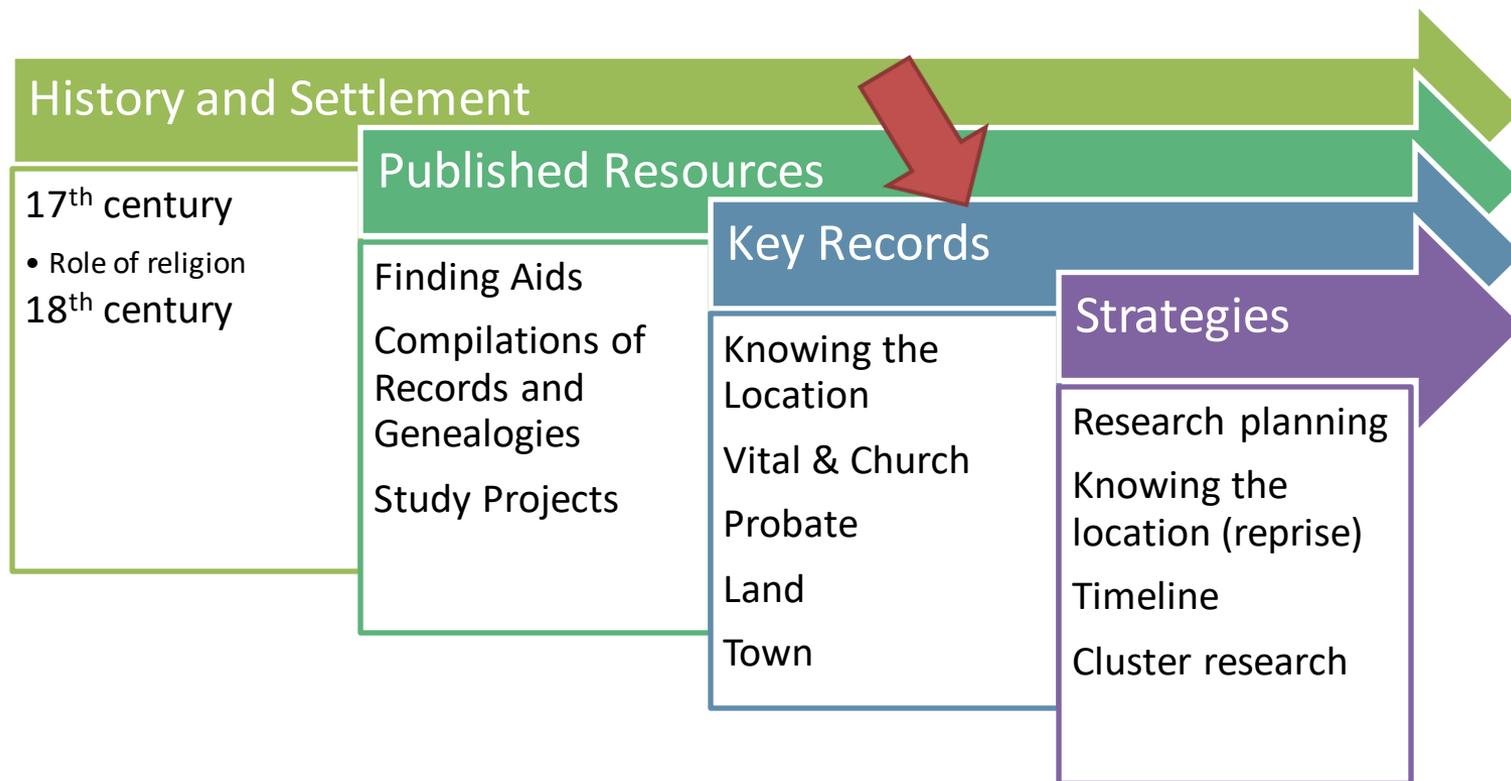
- Project provides well-documented lineages of the ship's passengers
- Long-range goal is to document passengers through Generation Seven, naming Generation Eight
- All passengers have histories through Generation Five; Billington and Rogers have Sixth Generation histories
- At AmericanAncestors.org
 - Index of all the 5th Generation descendants, their spouses, and children



Mayflower Books



Session Roadmap



Colonial New England Records

- Vital and church records: birth, baptism, marriage, death, burial, gravestone
- Land records: grants and deeds
- Probate records: will, inventory, guardianship
- Town and Colony: meetings, actions, records, censuses
- Court: lawsuits, probate
- Military records: Colony, town militia

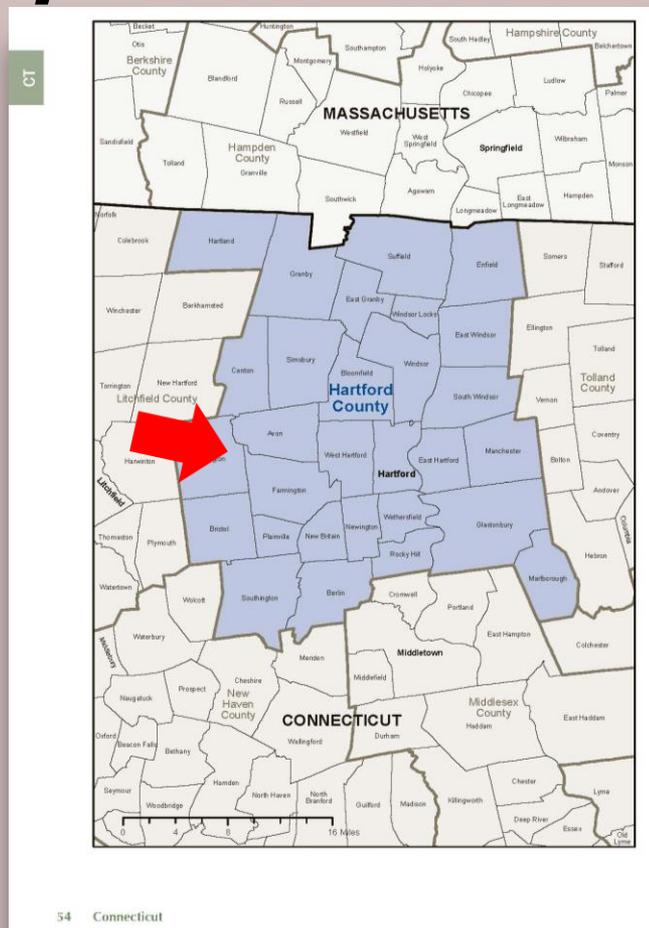
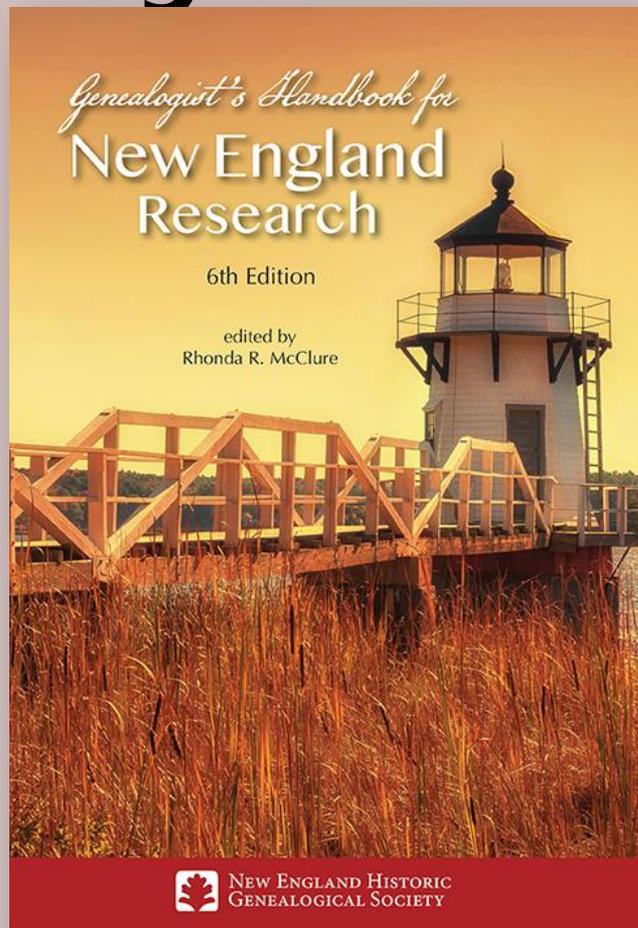
Tip

Before Searching for Records, Know Your Jurisdictions

Jurisdictions for Colonial Records

	Vital Records	Land	Probate
Connecticut	Town	Town	Probate Districts
Maine	Town	County	County
Massachusetts	Town	County	County
New Hampshire	Town	County	County
Rhode Island	Town	Town	Town
Vermont	Town	It is complicated	It is complicated

Genealogist's Handbook for New England Research, 6th edition



Town (Current Probate District)	Inc.	County	Parent Town(s)	Pre-2011 Probate District (Est.)	Parent Probate District	Notes	VRs	CRs
Westport (50)	1835	Fairfield	Fairfield, Norwalk, Weston	Westport (1835)	Fairfield, Norwalk, Weston		B, W	
Wethersfield (7)	1637	Hartford		Newington (1975)	Hartford	Settled 1634. Named 1637. Daughter Towns: Berlin, Glastonbury, Newington, Rocky Hill. Alias: Watertown.	B, W	B, W
Willington (25)	1727	Tolland		Tolland (1830)	Stafford	Called Wellington to 1727.	B, W	B, W
Wilton (51)	1802	Fairfield	Norwalk	Norwalk (1802)	Fairfield, Stamford		B, W	B, W
Winchester (23)	1771	Litchfield		Winchester (1838)	Norfolk			
Windham (28)	1692	Windham	Willimantic	Windham (1719)	Hartford, New London	Daughter Towns: Chaplin, Hampden, Mansfield, Scotland, Willimantic. Note: Consolidated with Willimantic 1983.	B, P, W	W

CT

Tip

Learn about the town!

The screenshot shows the AmericanAncestors.org website. At the top, the logo reads "AmericanAncestors. by NEW ENGLAND HISTORIC GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY". To the right, it says "A National Center for Family History, Heritage & Culture". Navigation links include "Bookstore", "About Us", "Create a Tree", and "LOG IN". A main menu contains "Search", "Events", "Membership", "Give", "Publications", "Expert Help", "Tools", "Signature Projects", and "Activities & Initiatives". The "Tools" dropdown menu is open, listing: "American AncesTREES", "Video Library", "Research Guides", "Research Templates", "DNA Resources", and "Youth Education". Below the menu are three "RESEARCH GUIDE" cards. The first card, "Town Guides", features a photo of a wooden barn and has a red arrow pointing to its "FIND OUT MORE" button. The second card, "Vermont Genealogy", features a photo of a white church and has a red arrow pointing to its "FIND OUT MORE" button. The third card, "World War Veteran Research", features a photo of a gravestone and has a "FIND OUT MORE" button.

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Hamden, New Haven County, Connecticut Genealogy

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Hamden is a town in [New Haven County, Connecticut, United States Genealogy](#). Hamden is a suburb of the city of New Haven.

Originally settled by Puritans as part of the town of [New Haven](#), Hamden was purchased by Theophilus Eaton and Reverend John Davenport in 1638 from the local Quinnipiack (Quinnipiac) Native American tribe. It remained a part of New Haven until 1786 when 1,400 local residents incorporated the area as a separate town, naming it after the English statesman John Hampden.

The Farmington Canal, which ships traveled from New Haven northward, passed through Hamden between 1825 and 1848

Vital Records

Maine, New Hampshire, and Vermont Vitals

- Pre-printed cards
- Information abstracted from original handwritten town books

Full Name of Deceased	Dunn, James			
Age	77	Yrs.	Mos.	Days
Date of Birth				
Names of Parents				
Name of Husband or Wife, if married				
Date of Death	Dec. 29, 1743			
Name of Cemetery	Bakersfield, Vt.			
Remarks				
A True Copy	Attest: H. D. Dennis			
A True Copy	Oct. 21 1919 Attest: L. G. Wheeler Town Clerk of Bakersfield			

BIRTH—MALE			
Name of Child	A Son to		
Color	No. of Child of Mother		
Date of Birth	Jan'y	Month	11 th Day 1795
Maiden Name of Mother			
Mother's Birthplace	Age		
Mother's Residence			
Full Name of Father	Amos Chamberlain		
Father's Birthplace	Age		
Father's Occupation			
Condition of Child as to Live or Still Birth			
If Still Birth the Cause			
Name of Informant	/		
Town	7416-6-11		
Town of 7416-6-11			
I hereby certify that the facts set forth on the reverse side of this card are matters of record in The First Congregational Church Page 150			
Attest:	Henry West		Town Clerk.

Massachusetts Vital Records

- Massachusetts has the most complete set in the nation
- Kept by towns beginning in 1620s. Generally well-kept, but not always complete
- VRs up to 1850 published for over 200 towns, the majority in eastern Massachusetts
- For the western part of the state, will need to consult special collections such as the Corbin or Shepard Collections



Massachusetts Vital Records to 1850

CAMBRIDGE BIRTHS. 501

MORSE, James, s. of Cyrus and Mary B., Apr. 6, 1820.
 Joanna Page [—], w. of John Crafts, June 19, 1824.
 G.R.3.
 Joey Dunckley [—], w. of Henry Alfonso, May 2, 1836.
 G.R.3.
 John, s. of William, bp. Dec. 16, 1733. C.R.1.
 John, s. of John and Tabitha, Dec. 25, 1734.
 John, s. of Josiah, bp. Apr. 18, 1773. C.R.1.
 John Crafts, Apr. 4, 1818. G.R.3.
 John Quincy Adams, s. of Daniel and —, —, 1824.
 John Torrey, Mar. 27, 1813. G.R.3.
 Josephine Sweetser [—], w. of William H., Oct. 14, 1831.
 G.R.3.
 Josiah, s. of William and Anna, May 4, 1727.
 Josiah, s. of Josiah, bp. Apr. 18, 1773. C.R.1.
 Julia A., d. of Ichabod, b. in Hinsdale, and Rachel, b. in Lan-
 caster, in Boston, Nov. 23, 1846.
 Justin, s. of Josiah and Hannah, bp. Sept. 22, 1793. C.R.1.
 Katharine, d. of Josiah and Anna, Oct. 20, 1750.
 Katharine, d. of Royal and Hannah, May 3, 1800.
 Kendall, s. of Cyrus and Mary B., Feb. 28, 1823.
 Leonard, s. of Susanna, bp. Feb. 2, 1777. C.R.1.

G.R.3.

John, s. of William, bp. Dec. 16, 1733. C.R.1.
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ABBREVIATIONS.

a. — age; aged
abt. — about
b. — born
bp. — baptized
bur. — buried
ch. — child
 C.R.1. — church record, First Congregational, Unitarian
 C.R.2. — church record, Christ Church, Episcopal
 C.R.3. — church record, First Baptist Society, Cambridgeport
 C.R.4. — church record, First Church in Cambridge, or Shepard
 Congregational Society
 C.R.5. — church record, Harvard Street Methodist
 C.R.6. — church record, Old Cambridge Baptist Society
 C.R.7. — church record, St. Peter's Episcopal Church
 C.R.8. — church record, Trinity Methodist Church, East Cam-
 bridge
 C.R.9. — church record, Cambridgeport Parish, now united with
 Third Congregational
 C.R.10. — church record, Third Congregational, Unitarian
 C.R.11. — church record, Evangelical Congregational Church,
 East Cambridge, now extinct; records in possession of
 Congregational Library, Boston
 C.R.12. — church record, Second Baptist Church, East Cam-
 bridge, now extinct; records in possession of City of Cam-
 bridge
d. — daughter; died; day
Dea. — deacon
dec. — deceased
dup. — duplicate entry
 G.R.1. — grave record, cemetery at Harvard Square

Vital Records – Rhode Island

Vol 1: Kent County	Vol 8: Episcopal and Congregational	Vol 15: Providence Gazette, marriages United States Chronicle, deaths
Vol 2: Providence County (Providence, Cranston, Johnston, North Providence, Gloucester, Burrillville)	Vol 9: Seekonk, Pawtucket and Newman Congregational Church	Vol 16: United States Chronicle marriages; American Journal, Impartial Observer, Providence Journal, marriages and deaths; Providence Semiweekly Journal, marriages
Vol 3: Providence County (Gloucester, Burrillville, Scituate, Foster, Cumberland, Smithfield)	Vol 10: Town and Church Records	Vol 17: Providence Phenix, Providence Patriot, Columbian Phenix, marriages A-R
Vol 4: Newport County	Vol 11: Church Records	Vol 18: Providence Phenix, Providence Patriot, Columbian Phenix, marriages S-Z, deaths A-M
Vol 5: Washington County	Vol 12: Revolutionary rolls and newspapers, including Providence Journal, deaths A-R	Vol 19: Providence Phenix, Providence Patriot, Columbian Phenix, deaths N-Z; Rhode Island American, marriages A-G
Vol 6: Bristol County	Vol 13: Deaths, Providence Journal and Providence Gazette	Vol 20: Rhode Island American, marriages H-Z, deaths A-B
Vol 7: Friends and ministers	Vol 14: Providence Gazette, deaths and marriages	Vol 21: Rhode Island American. Deaths, C to S

- Rhode Island – James Arnold
- Vital Records of Rhode Island, 1636-1850, First Series: Births, Marriages and Deaths (see handout)

Barbour Collection for Colonial Connecticut

- Compiled under the direction of Lucius Barnes Barbour
- Statewide alphabetical slip index – available FamilySearch.org
- Bound volumes by town available
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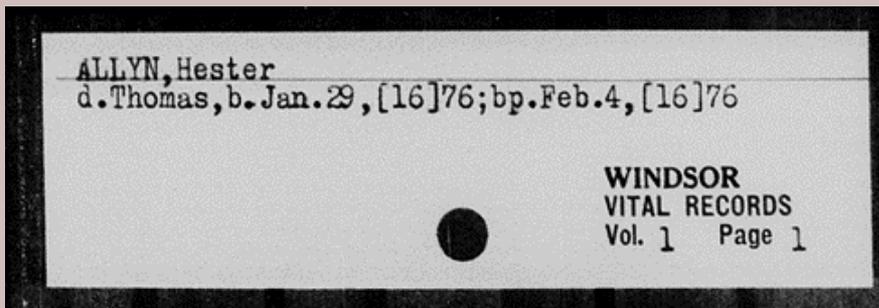


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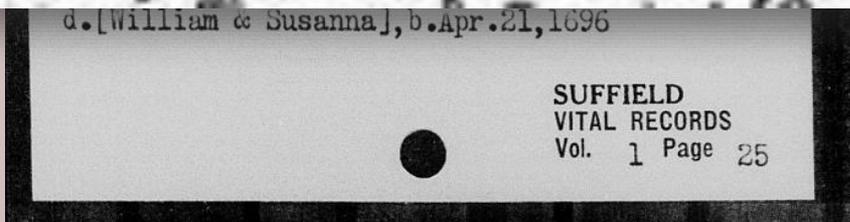
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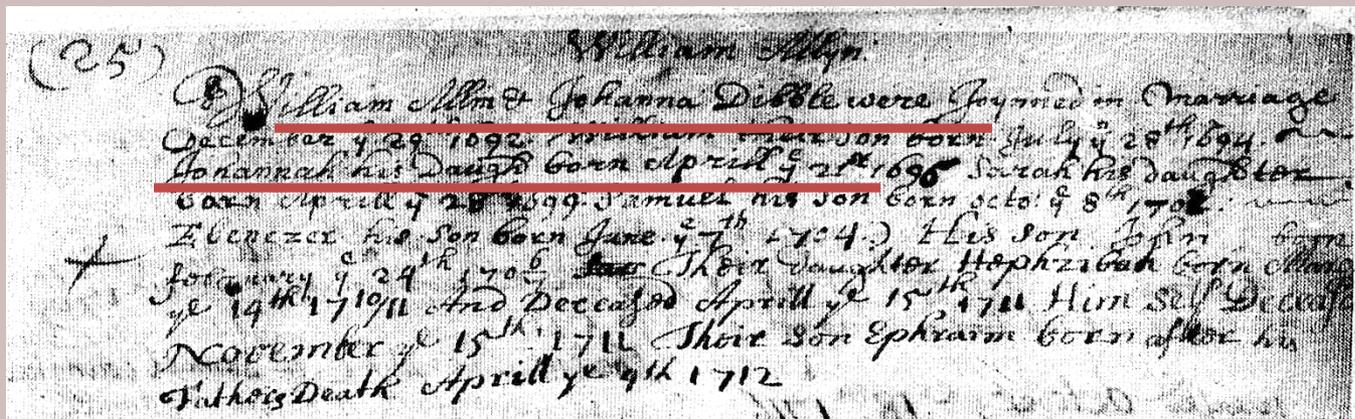
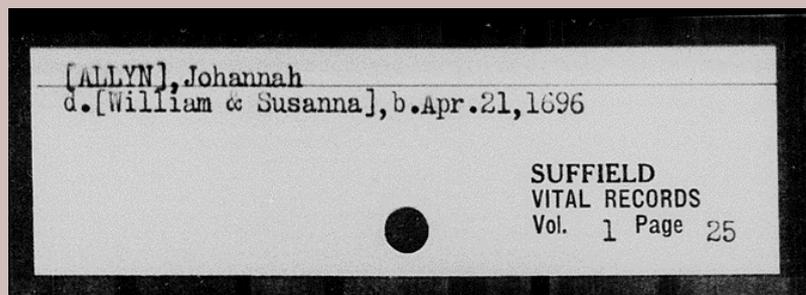
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Fidelis, m. Ira Clark, Oct. 18, 1840, by S. D. Jewett	2	476
George, s. Theophilus & Trysena, b. July 18, 1756	2	287
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Tip

When You Cannot Find Vital Records . . .

Pursue Vital Record Substitutes

- Church records
- Cemetery records
- Newspapers
- City directories for death dates
- Probate records (usually filed within three months of death)

Church and Cemetery Records

Where to Find Church Records

- Many New Englanders were Congregationalists
 - Check County Histories for clues about denomination
- Indexed databases
 - American Ancestors
 - Family Search
 - Ancestry
- Unindexed images
 - Family Search
- Congregational Church Archives

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[Manual of the Second Congregational Church, Biddeford, Maine.](#)

Author: Second Congregational Church in Biddeford Maine

[Marriages of St. Andre, Biddeford, Maine \(1899-1978\)](#)

Author: Labonté, Youville, 1925-

[Marriages of St. Joseph, Biddeford, Maine \(1870-1979\)](#)

Author: Labonté, Youville, 1925-

[Marriages, St. Mary's Parish, 1850-1989, Biddeford, Maine](#)

Author: Bergeron, Simonne; Franco-American Genealogical Society of York County, Maine; Catholic Church. St. Mary's Parish (Biddeford, Maine)

[Membership, baptisms, marriages of the 1st Church of Christ in Biddeford, Maine](#)

Author: Lilly, Georgiana H. (Georgiana Hewins), b. 1877; First Church of Christ (Biddeford, Maine); Daughters of the American Revolution. Mary Kelton Dummer Chapter (Hallowell, Maine)

[Parish records, 1742-1872](#)

Author: First Church of Christ (Biddeford, Maine)

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Records of first congregational church in Biddeford

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Church records, including vital dates, with dates ranging 1756-1777.

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Series I: Church Records

This series contains collections of church records documenting early Puritan, Congregational, and Christian (denomination) history in New England. These collections describe the founding and operating of these churches, their concerns, difficulties, and triumphs. They speak to the lives of their ministers, the events and concerns of their communities, the civil affairs of the town, and the lives of the people who sat in the pews.

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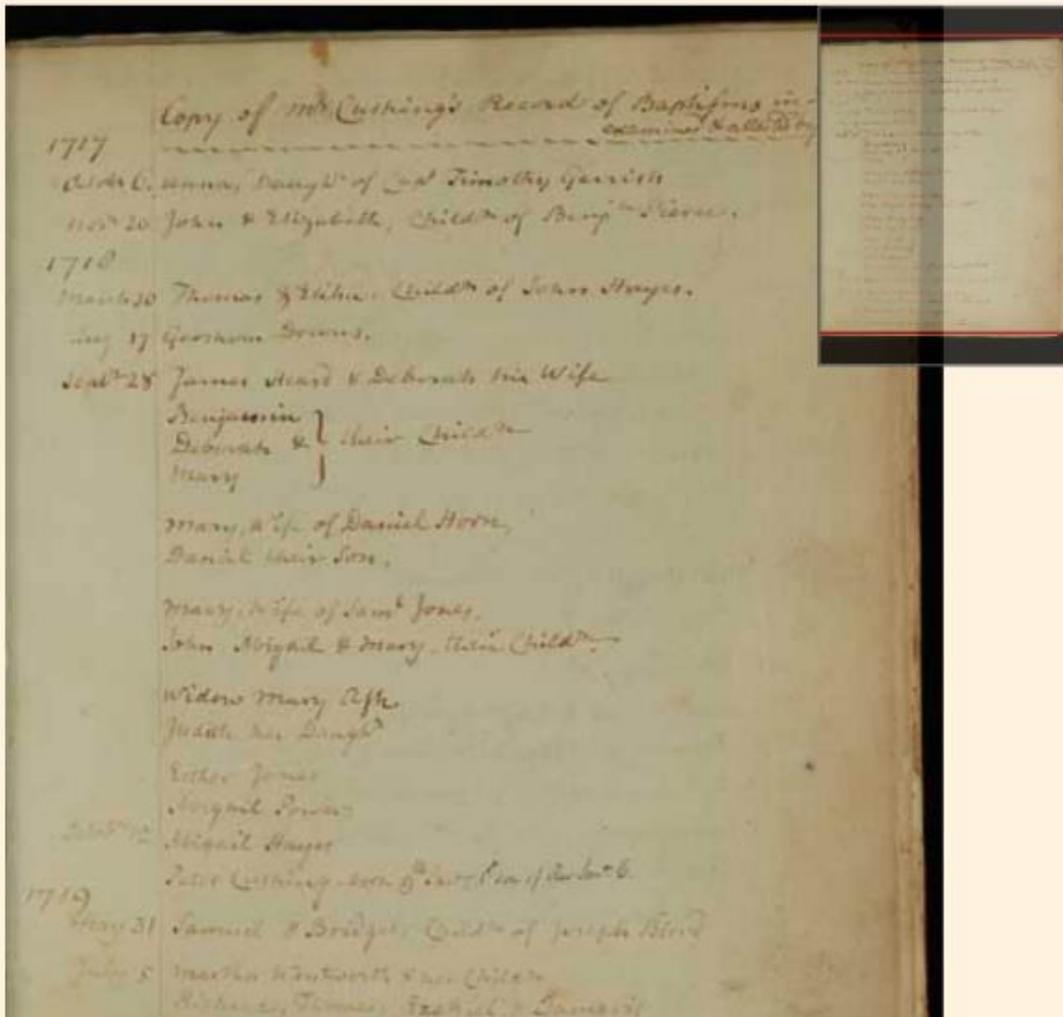
Church records, 1766-1829

Church records, 1831-1857

Jeremy Belknap correspondence, 1786

Letter of public assurance, 1639

Tax documents, 1781-1784



Dover, NH Records

Probate

Why Use Probate?

- Probate is the process of settling an estate after death
 - Many steps
 - Generates documents
- Use to:
 - Verify family relationships
 - Substitute when vital records are lacking
 - Approximate death dates
 - When a daughter was married by
 - When a wife was deceased by
 - Trace the origin of family items or property
 - Provide context of ancestor's life

Finding Probate

	Vital Records	Land	Probate
Connecticut	Town	Town	Probate Districts
Maine	Town	County	County
Massachusetts	Town	County	County
New Hampshire	Town	County	County
Rhode Island	Town	Town	Town
Vermont	Town	<i>It is complicated</i>	<i>It is complicated</i>

Colonial Vermont Probate

- No known probate records for Vermont prior to 1777
- May find probate in New York or New Hampshire records
 - From 1749, New Hampshire claimed Vermont
 - From 1764, New York claimed Vermont as part of Albany County
 - Cumberland County from Albany in 1766
 - Gloucester County from Albany in 1770
 - Charlotte County from Albany in 1772

Colonial Connecticut Probate

- New Haven Colony (to 1655) – Probate kept at town or colony
- Connecticut Colony
 - Particular Court (1639 - 1665) - Records transcribed and published
 - Court of Assistants (1665- 1711) – An appeals court, records transcribed and published
 - County Courts (1666 - 1855) - Handled probate for four original counties, Hartford, New London, New Haven, and Fairfield until 1698
 - 1698 Probate District system established
 - Original 4 county courts
 - 1719 – New Probate Court districts established

Estate of	Sears, Joshua	Incompetent	Insolvent	Minor
Attached		Insane	Legatee	Trust
Deceased				
Town	Norwalk		District	Fairfield
Date	1754	No.	5501	Deposited Dec. 9, 1929
.....	1 Wills and Codicils	Distributions	
.....	Bonds	Account of Administration	
.....	Applications and Petitions	Receipts	
.....	1 Inventories	Miscellaneous	
.....	Orders of Court	2 Total Documents *	
.....	Returns to Court			
Remarks				

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Connecticut Probate Index 1648-1881

Colonial Maine Probate

- Probate kept at COUNTY level
 - Cumberland Co. Probates destroyed by fire in 1907.
- FamilySearch.org has created an indexed collection of probate for 1760-1979
- Ancestry.com: All counties varied years 17th-20th Century
- Published Compilations
 - Sargent's *Maine Wills 1640-1760*, on www.AmericanAncestors.org
 - John E. Frost's, *Maine Probate Abstracts 1687-1800* were published in 1991 by Picton Press in two volumes

MAINE PROBATE ABSTRACTS

Volume 1
1687 - 1775

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John Eldridge Frost




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Curtis of York, yeoman, their gdn to act in their behalf [esp in their shares of the ests of mr & g fr] during their minorities; all, 27 Apr 1750. Wits: Mark Hunking, Mark Hunking, Jr.

8/60. **DOROTHY & SARAH LOVET**, of Scarborough. Gdnship (8.38). F12349. Ct appts York, 27 Apr 1750, Thomas Curtis of York, yeoman, gdn to Dorothy & Sarah Lovet, minors & chn of Dorothy Lovet, decd, who was dau of James Tyler, late of Scarborough, decd, to act in their behalf [esp in their shares of the est of mr & g fr] during their minorities.

8/61. **JOSEPH MITCHELL**, of Kittery. Quietus (8.39). F13276. Whereas John Mitchell of Wells, admor of the est of Joseph Mitchell, late of Kittery, yeoman, decd, has exh an inv & made up his accts, ct acquits & discharges him, York, 4 May 1750.

8/62. **JOSEPH HARMON**, of York. Accts (8.39). F8596. Mercy Harmon [now Frost]'s acct of costs & disbs as admx of the est of her former husb Joseph Harmon, late of York, mariner, decd: inv est appr £527/16/3 N.T., costs & disbs £154/16/6½. Att by Mercy Harmon Frost, admx, & all. £82/11/6 L.M., being

8/64. **NATHANIEL DRESSER**, of Scarborough. LA (8.40). F4699. LA gr York, 15 May 1750, to Elizabeth Dresser of Scarborough, wid, of the est of her husb Nathaniel Dresser, late of Scarborough, decd int, with t&p inv exh at or bef 15 Aug next, & a p&t acct at or bef 15 Dec 1750.

8/65. **WILLIAM VAUGHAN**, of Damariscotta. Accts (8.41). F19360. Elliot Vaughan's acct of costs & disbs as exor of the will of his br William Vaughan with addl assets of £174/10/0. Inv est appr £84 O.T., costs & disbs £6333/5/2, unpd claims against est £2767/10/5. Acct ment the mill earnings, proving the will in Boston, a suit of mourning for Mrs. Elizabeth Vaughan, & mourning gloves to brs & srs.

8/66. **NATHANIEL DRESSER**, of Scarborough. Inv (8.42). Accts (8.42). F4699. Inv of the est of Nathaniel Dresser, yeoman, decd, appr Scarborough, 7 Oct 1749, by John Bryant, George Libbey & Martyn Jose, at £107 O.T.; val att by apprs, Falmouth, 9 Oct 1749, & ext by Elizabeth Dresser, admx, York, 15 May 1750. Elizabeth Dresser's acct of costs & disbs as admx of the est of Nathaniel Dresser, late of Scarborough, decd, totalling £60/16/0; att & all, 15 May 1750.

8/67. **THOMAS DEARBON**, of Biddeford. Inv (8.43). F4214. Inv of the est of Thomas Dearbon, late of Biddeford, appr 14 May 1750, by Daniel Smith, John Smith & Joseph Poak, at £1025/10/0; ext att York, 15 May 1750 by Nathan⁷Swett,

Colonial Massachusetts Probate

- Probate at COUNTY level
- AmericanAncestors.org
 - Barnstable Abstracts 1685-1789;
 - File papers: Essex 1638-1881;
 - Hampshire 1660-1858;
 - Middlesex 1648-1871;
 - Plymouth 1686-1881;
 - Worcester 1731-1881.
 - And indexes for Norfolk, Suffolk and Worcester counties.
- Ancestry.com: All counties varied years 17th-20th centuries.
- FamilySearch.org: Use the catalog to search for probate records from your ancestor's county of death.

Colonial New Hampshire Probate

- Probate at COUNTY level
- Probates to 1771 are abstracted in the NH State Papers (vols. 31-39) including wills transcribed.
<http://sos.nh.gov/Papers.aspx>
- AmericanAncestors.org has microfilm at it's Boston Research Center for several counties
- FamilySearch.org has created an indexed collection of New Hampshire probate records – 1660-1973
- Ancestry.com's collection covers 1643-1982

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GODFREY DEARBORN 1680

HAMPTON

I Godfrey Dearbarne of Hampton in the Countenc of New Hampshier in New England Being aged and Inferme of Body
* * *

I Give and Bequeath Unto Dorothy Dearbarn my loveing wife for the terme of her life my Dwelling House & Barne & orchyard and the Use and Improvementt of all my land both Areable land pastuer & marsh land for her Comfortable subsistenc Duering the terme of Her life, and the use and Improvementt of all my moveables within Dores and withoutt Duering the terme of her life

Itt I Doe Give and bequeath Unto my Grand Child Ann Shatredg that now liveth with mee one two year old Heffer which she is to Receive att the End of Her time y^t she is to live with mee

Itt I Doe Give Unto my sone Thomas Dearbarne my Dark Browne horse which I Use to Rid on

Itt I Doe Give Unto my son Thomas and Henry Dearbarn all the Rest of my Cattle thatt shall Remaine att the Decease of the longest liver of mee or my wife Exeptiong Sheep and swine which are other wayes Disposed of

Itt my will and pleasure is thatt all the Sheepe and swine that shall Remaine att my wives Decease shall bee Equally Divided betwixt all my Grand Children y^t shall bee then living: and the Division to be made by my Executors & over seers

Itt I Doe Give and Bequeath Unto my Son John Dearbarn my House barne and house lott and all my land both Areable land pastuers medows & marshes and all Towne Rights and priveledges thereunto belonging and all my tooles and Carts & other Implements of Husbandry: and I Doe appointt my son John Dearbarne to bee my Exectuer to this my will and the Estate the which he is to Enter Upon and possesse att my wives Decease and to bee and Remaine to him and his Heires for Ever

Itt I Doe ordaine and Appointt my two Eldest sons Thomas Dearbarne & henry Dearbarne to bee my over seers to this my last will and testamentt whom I appointt to see to the managment

Colonial Rhode Island Probate

- Least centralized probate system – Records kept at TOWN level
- AmericanAncestors.org: microfilms of town probates for about half of Rhode Island towns
- AmericanAncestors.org: Index to Providence probate, 1646-1899
- FamilySearch.org: Search BY TOWN for probate records – will need to access through a Family History Center or Affiliate
- Ancestry.com: Varied material 17th-20th centuries.

Smith
cont.
Smyth

1830	William G. . .	guardianship	A5276
1811	William Henry .	guardianship	A4067
1812	William Henry .	administration	A4119
1891	William J. . .	depend't child	A17711
1899	William J. . .	administration	5131
1893	William J. B. . .	administration	1000
1896	William M. . .	will	A3431
1855	William R. . .	alien	A18329
1873	William T. . .	will	A10778
1889	William T. . .	guardianship	A16288

Smithers

1895	Ann	administration	2476
1895	Mary E. . . .	guardianship	2477

Smyth, see Smith

Snell

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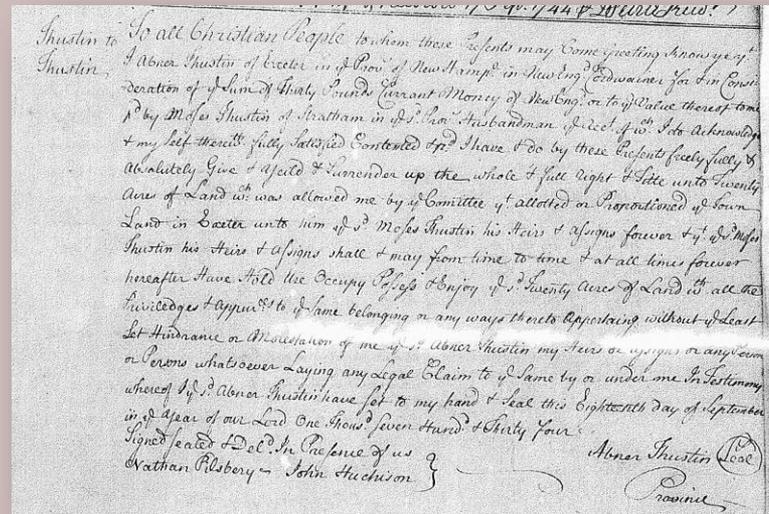
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1890	Elizabeth . . .	guardianship	A16834
1869	Florence E. . .	will	A9653
1890	Florence P. . .	guardianship	A16746
1822	George	will	A4703
1895	George W. . . .	will	2564
1890	Helen P. . . .	guardianship	A16746
1812	James	administration	A4147
1879	Jeanette M. . .	real estate .	A18705
1891	J. Lippitt . . .	administration	18
1851	John	administration	A6992
1848	John B. . . .	administration	A6656
1842	John C. . . .	guardianship	A6178
1879	John C. . . .	will	A12401
1852	John E. . . .	guardianship	A18245
1872	John L. . . .	guardianship	A10456
1873	John L. . . .	administration	A10555
1773	Joseph	will	A936
1884	Joseph G. . . .	administration	A13980
1830	Joseph Potang .	will	A5298
1801	Josiah	administration	A3558
1813	Josiah	administration	A4158
1888	Julia E. . . .	will	A15922

Land

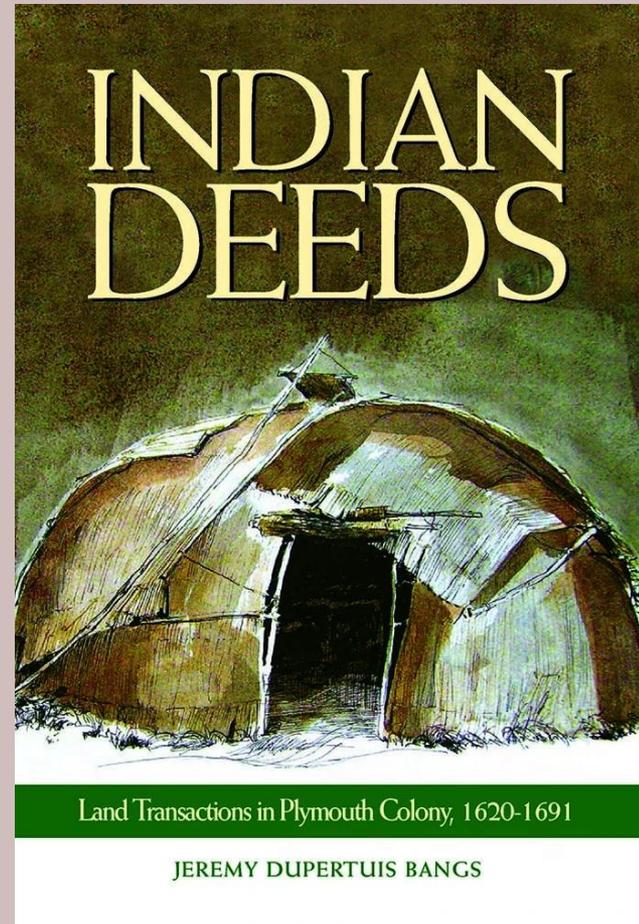
Why Use Land Records?

- Grantor (seller) can mention how he acquired the land
- Can sign his name with his wife
- Narrows down the chronology
- Land description can be compared to other deeds



First Land Records – Proprietors Records

- Initial transfer of land to Proprietors
 - From English Crown
 - From Native Tribes
- Found at:
 - Town Halls: Town clerk, tax office or assessor
 - County Registry of Deeds
 - Libraries and local historical Societies
 - Family Search microfilm or online
 - Published transcriptions of Proprietor records



First Land Transfers in Vermont

- New Hampshire Land Grants 1749-1764 - New Hampshire Provincial & State Papers, Volume 26
- New York Land Patents 1688-1786 – State Papers of Vermont, v. 7
- Post colonial records are at the town level



State Specific Subsequent Land Transfers

Deeds in Colonial Maine, New Hampshire and Massachusetts

- Organized by **COUNTY**
- Be aware of changing county boundaries
- Some early Maine deeds at the Massachusetts State Archives
- FamilySearch.org has created an indexed collection of Massachusetts land records
- Use the FamilySearch.org catalog to find Maine and New Hampshire records at the county level.

Using the FamilySearch.org Catalog

The screenshot displays the FamilySearch.org website interface. At the top, the navigation bar includes 'FamilySearch', 'Family Tree', 'Search', 'Memories', 'Indexing', and 'Activities'. A dropdown menu is open under the 'Search' button, listing options: 'Records', 'Images', 'Family Tree', 'Genealogies', 'Catalog' (which is highlighted), 'Books', and 'Research Wiki'. Below the navigation, a banner for 'TECH 2022: Largest family event. 100% Free.' is visible, along with a 'Register Now' button. The main content area shows a profile for 'Gaspard Eusebe Groulx' with details like '1828-Deceased • GMDZ-WYP' and a photo tag. Below this is a 'Marriage: Gaspard & Marguerite Groulx (Aumond)' entry with a handwritten document image. On the right side, the 'FamilySearch Catalog' section is shown, featuring a search box with 'United States, New Hampshire, Rockingham' entered. Search filters include 'Search by:' (Place, Surnames, Titles, Author, Subjects, Keywords), 'Search for:' (Call Number, Film/Fiche/Image Group Number (DGS)), and 'Availability' (Any, Online, Family History Center). 'Search' and 'Reset' buttons are at the bottom of the catalog section.

Using the Catalog (cont.)

▼ **United States, New Hampshire, Rockingham - Land and property (4)**

[Births, marriages, deaths, marriage intentions, earmarks, strays, 1670-1747](#)

Author: Massachusetts. County Court (Norfolk County); Massachusetts. County Court (Essex County)

[Deeds, 1770-1852; indexes to deeds, 1643-1882](#)

Author: Rockingham County (New Hampshire). Register of Deeds

[Moore family documents in Londondery, Grafton, Rockingham, and Hillsborough Counties, New Hampshire](#)

[Records of the county of Norfolk, in the colony of Massachusetts](#)

Author: Pulsifer, David, 1802-1894



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Grantor index, S-Z 1643-1814	Family History Library	United States & Canada 2nd Floor Film	16229	8204321	
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Grantor index, A-E 1813-1864	Family History Library	United States & Canada 2nd Floor Film	16233	7836205	
Grantor index, F-K 1813-1864	Family History Library	United States & Canada 2nd Floor Film	16234	8204320	



Deeds in Colonial Connecticut and Rhode Island

- Organized by TOWN
- Beware of changing town boundaries
- FamilySearch.org - use catalog to find town land records

▼ United States, Rhode Island, Washington, North Kingstown - Land and property (8)

[Deed records \(1879-1925\) and deed index \(1686-1902\) -- North Kingstown, R.I.](#)

[Add](#)

Author: North Kingstown (Rhode Island). Town Clerk

[Land evidence records 1686-1921](#)

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Author: North Kingstown (Rhode Island). Town Clerk

Town Records

New England's Unique Resource: Town Records

- Kept by Town Clerks
- Catalog of town activities
 - Births, marriage and deaths
 - Land transfers
 - Cattle ownership
 - Taxes
 - Other
- Even if your ancestor does not appear in the Town Vital Records, their presence in the community may be elsewhere in the books

Choosing Town Officers, 1754

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Drawn Joseph Philbrick William Moulton & John Taylor were chosen assessors for the town the ensuing year

The generation Luke & Giff generation Leitch were chosen to examine the select men through the ensuing year

Robert Moulton Isaac Johnson Moulton & Jonathan Moulton the third were chosen fighting men for the ensuing year

Noah Ward was chosen a scale of weights & measures for the town

Isabel Page Jeremiah Mayston & Nathaniel Batchelder were chosen fence viewers for the ensuing year

Jonathan Moulton Marcellus Clark both of James Leitch names were chosen assessors of bonds and Lumber

John Moulton & Benjamin Moulton were chosen to see the law (compiled with Richard Parsons and King's justice

Noted that the town will give John Moulton his vote the year that is past

Noted three hundred & sixty pound of tax for this year 1754 to the Honourable Mr. Ward's Office so as to make the thousand & twenty pound we agreed with him for when he shall have so good as it was then

Noted that the town will get Mr. Coffins House for him the ensuing year as they have done in past years

Noted that there shall be a contribution on the Government day in April for Mr. Coffin to support the monthly Lecturers

Noted that the Committee that found the bridge & barn that was broken down in shall have four pound of tax for these trouble

Noted that this present meeting shall be adjourned to the 4th day of April to three o'clock in the afternoon to meeting house

The freemen & inhabitants of the town met according to adjournment the 4th day of April, noted that this meeting shall be adjourned to Tuesday the 5th day of April to three o'clock in the afternoon to the meeting house

Gaber Smith Sgt. Capt. Jonathan Mayston James Leitch Philip Leitch and Thomas Page were chosen surveyors of High ways and bridges for the town for the ensuing year

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Province of New Hampshire

At a legall meeting of the freemen and inhabitants of the town of Hampton in the Province of New Hampshire held at the town meeting house in D. town on the 18th day of March 1755

1st Samuel Palmer Esq. was chosen moderator for this present meeting

2d Joseph Johnson and Nathaniel Lemery each of them were chosen Assistants for the ensuing year

3d Benjamin Dow Samuel Palmer Esq. Moses Perkins Samuel Dow and Noah Ward were chosen select men for the ensuing year

Jeremiah Moulton Philip Leitch and Capt. Nathaniel Drake were chosen assessors for the town the ensuing year

Richard Samborn Jonathan Mayston Junr James Philbrick were chosen fighting men for the town the ensuing year

Samuel Garland William Moulton Capt. Jonathan Moulton Jonathan Shaw and Capt. Nathaniel Drake were chosen surveyors of High ways and bridges for the town for the ensuing year

Jeremiah Mayston Jeremiah Leitch and Joseph Shaw were chosen fence viewers for the ensuing year

Noah Ward was chosen a scale of weights and measures for the town

Joshua Leitch & William Leitch were chosen assessors & searchers of leather for the ensuing year

Ezra Mayston & Daniel Philbrick were chosen to see the law compiled with Richard Parsons and King's justice

William Moulton & James Leitch were chosen assessors of bonds and Lumber

Noted Mr. Coffins salary as last year viz three hundred & sixty pound this present year to be of Hundred & twenty pound

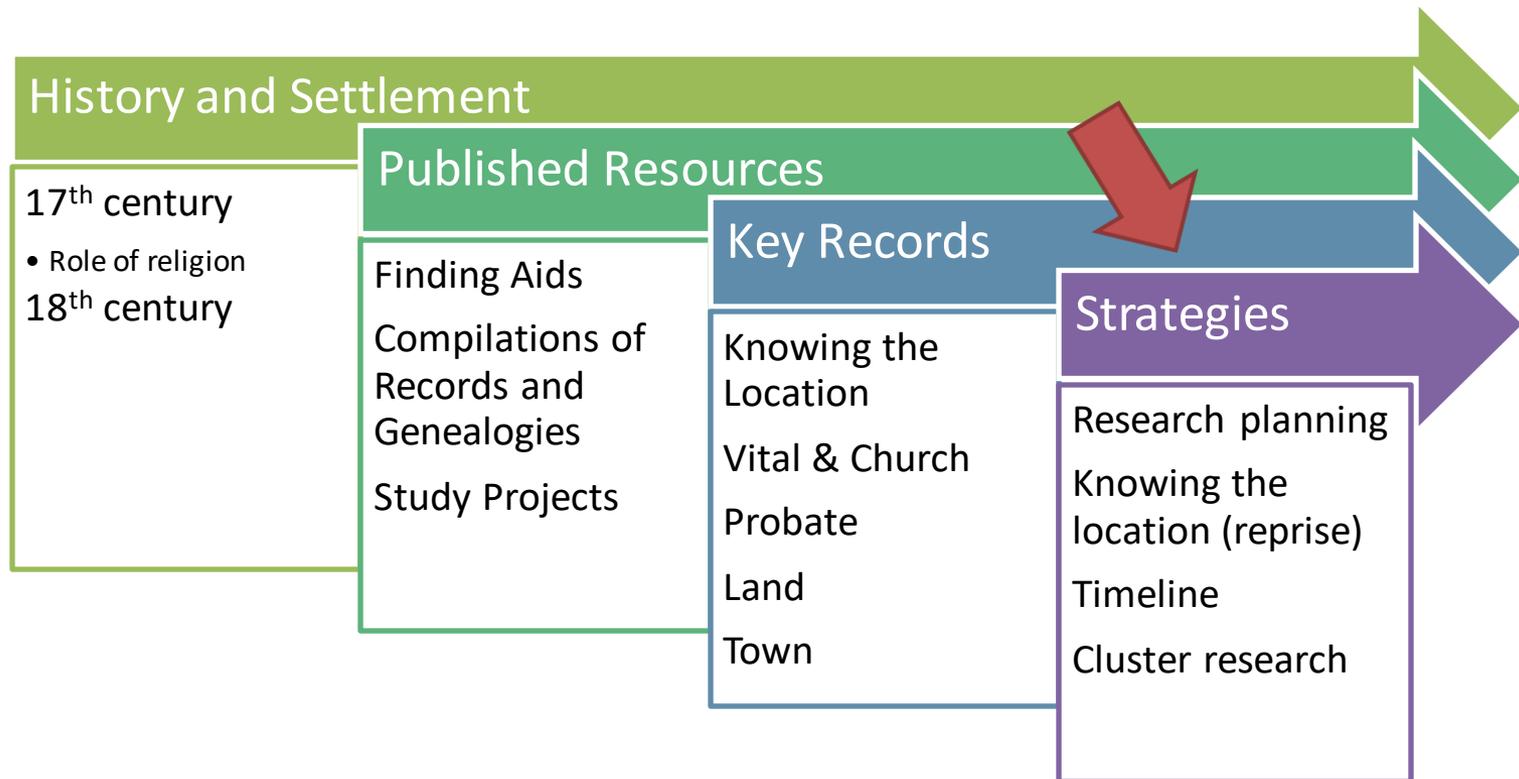
Noted that the town will get Mr. Coffins House for him the ensuing year as they have done in past years

Noted that any person that is kept to the minister's word shall have liberty to halt the work of the passage land to the minister unless the following Regullation viz that there be and hereby is liberty granted to get the wood for our minister from of some of our passage land so many years as the town shall see fit

That there be a rate list made as usual that it may be known

Choosing Town Officers, 1755

Session Roadmap

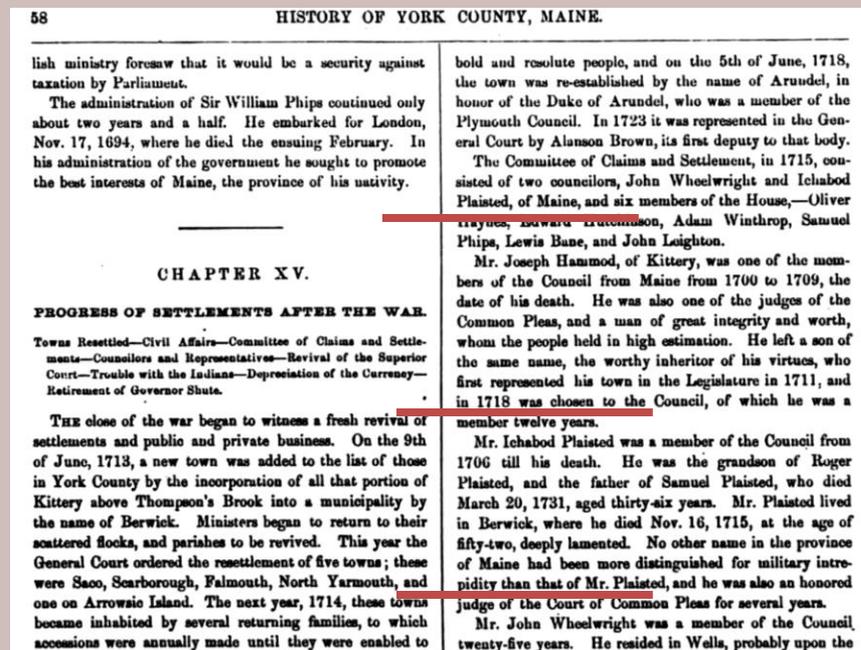


Researching Planning

- What do you know and how do you know it?
- What is the earliest documented record for your ancestor?
- Work from the known to the unknown
- Create your research questions. Always include a name, place and time period
 - You are looking for what event or fact for WHOM
 - WHERE will you look
 - WHEN will you look
 - Records are specific to locations and time periods

Make Use of Local Resources

- Local histories as finding aids
 - Hathitrust.org
 - Archive.org
 - Books.Google.com
- Local historical societies



Timelines

- Keep track of where your ancestor was at a specific point in time, e.g.
 - When did they leave their birth community?
 - When did they arrive in the new location
 - Because records are probably sparse, put every document you find into the timeline (vitals, land, county histories)
- Timelines help identify inconsistencies between records or between records and stories
- Timelines reveal gaps in research

FAN Club Research

- Also known as cluster research – researching the people around your ancestor
- FAN
 - Family and friends
 - Associates
 - Neighbors
- Helpful when
 - Records were scarce
 - Finding the origin of an immigrant ancestors
 - Separating the identities of people with the same name
 - Finding a maiden name
 - Burned county research

Summary

- The seeds for all states, except Vermont, were planted in the 17th century, mostly on the coast or along waterways.
- Vermont was claimed by Massachusetts, New Hampshire and New York before declaring independence in 1777; it became a state in 1791.
- Colonial-era resources are often in book format.
- Vital records in New England began at the town level when a town was formed or incorporated.
- Land and probate records may be kept at the town, county, or other jurisdictional level.
- Study and know the location where your ancestor lived: location is key to New England research!

THANK YOU!

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