

Building Your Genealogical Skills

Class 1: The Basics

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Course Overview

Session 1

The Basics:

Steps, forms, genealogical conventions, sources of genealogical information

Session 2

Researching:

Research strategies and organizing what you find

Session 3

Analyzing and Beyond:

Evaluating the evidence and developing genealogical proof

Session Roadmap

What is Genealogy?



Steps for Researching



Focus on step three: sources

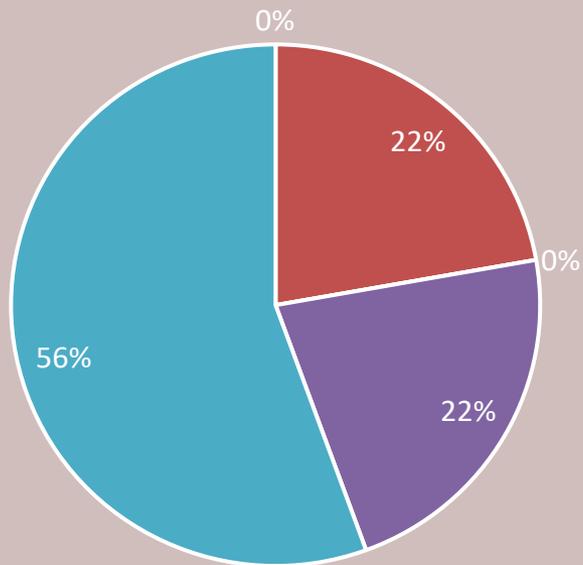


Homework

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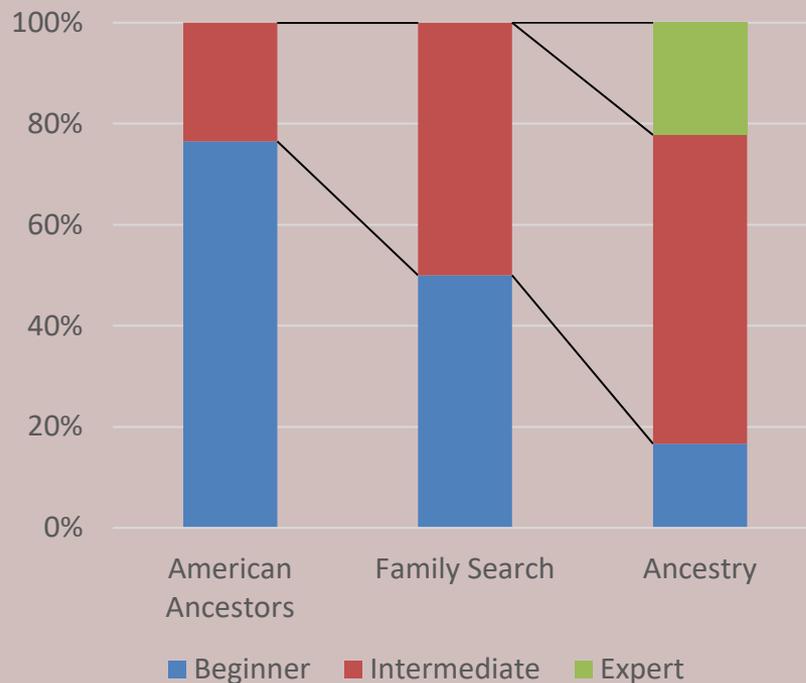
Pre-Course Survey Results

How long have you been researching your family history?



- LT 1 year
- 2-5 years
- 5-10 years
- 11-20 years
- 20+ years

How do you rate your level of experience with genealogical websites?



Pre-Course Survey Goals

- Develop research skills
- How to become a better (more efficient) searcher
- Learn how to cite/document sources
- Learn to develop and use a research plan
- How to verify ancestors
- How to scale brick walls

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What is Genealogy?

ge·ne·al·o·gy (jēnē'äləjē)

- Study of a line of descent from an ancestor
- Study of families and their history
- An account of origins
- Stems from ancient Greek
 - *Genea* meaning generation
 - *Logia* meaning telling or discourse or study of

Why should we study our Family history?

Connect to History

- Window into the past – learn about new people and new places
- Connect your family story to notable events in history



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Genealogical Research Method

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

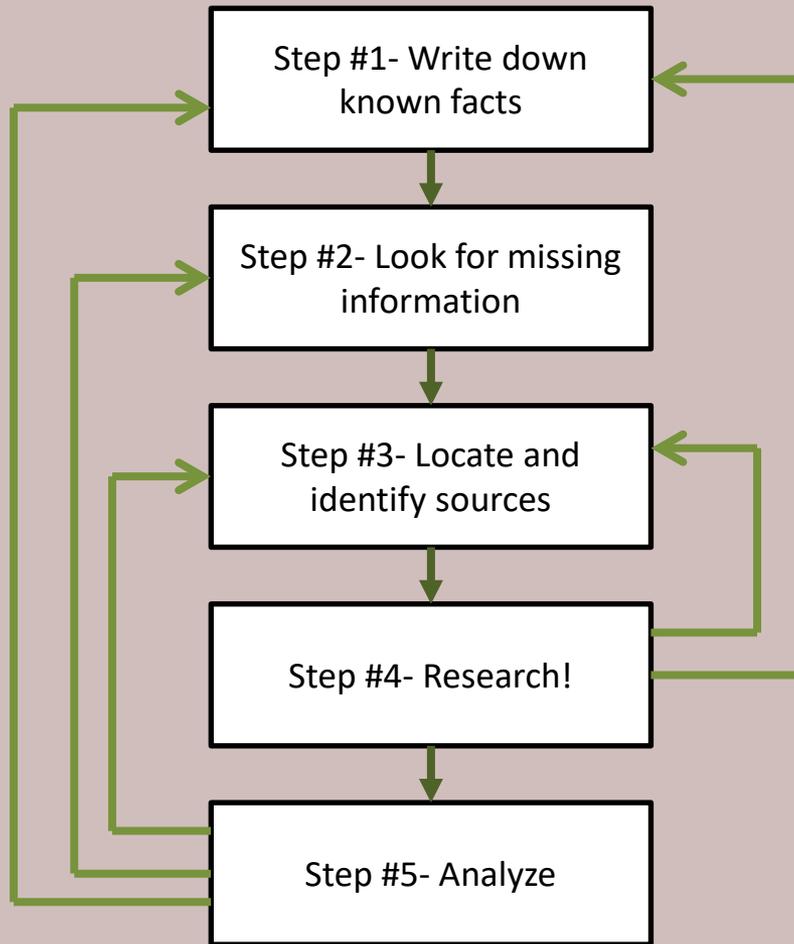
Step 4

- Research!

Step 5

- Analyze

Rinse and Repeat



Rule # 1:

Work from the known
to the unknown

Step 1: Identify What You Know

- Interview yourself
- Talk to relatives—What do they know? What family stories were they told?
- Record data using a family group sheet, chart, or genealogical software

Example: Family Interview Questions

- Where did you live when you were growing up?
- How did your family come to live there?
- Were there other family members in the area? What were their name?
- What was your family religion?
- What family stories have you heard about your parents? Your grandparents? More distant relatives?
- What stories have you heard about the European (or other) origins of your family members and their immigration to America?

Rule # 2: Write It Down

The Essential Toolkit

- Notebook – paper or Evernote or One Note
- Pedigree chart
- Family Group Sheet
- Research Plan
- Research Log
- Genealogical software program (optional)

Tip

Always Use Pencil!!

Download Templates and Charts

Free Resources from NEHGS

Education

Learning Resources

Watch

Read

Download

Online Programs

Research Tours & Programs

Events and Programs

Register for a FREE Guest account to access forms, templates and other tools to help organize and present your family history research. **More about Guest benefits.**

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-  Access to all 1+ billion records on AmericanAncestors.org
-  Quarterly delivery of the member magazine, *American Ancestors*
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-  Free admission to NEHGS's library including special collections and manuscripts
-  Member-only online courses
-  NEHGS's weekly e-newsletter *The Weekly Genealogist*

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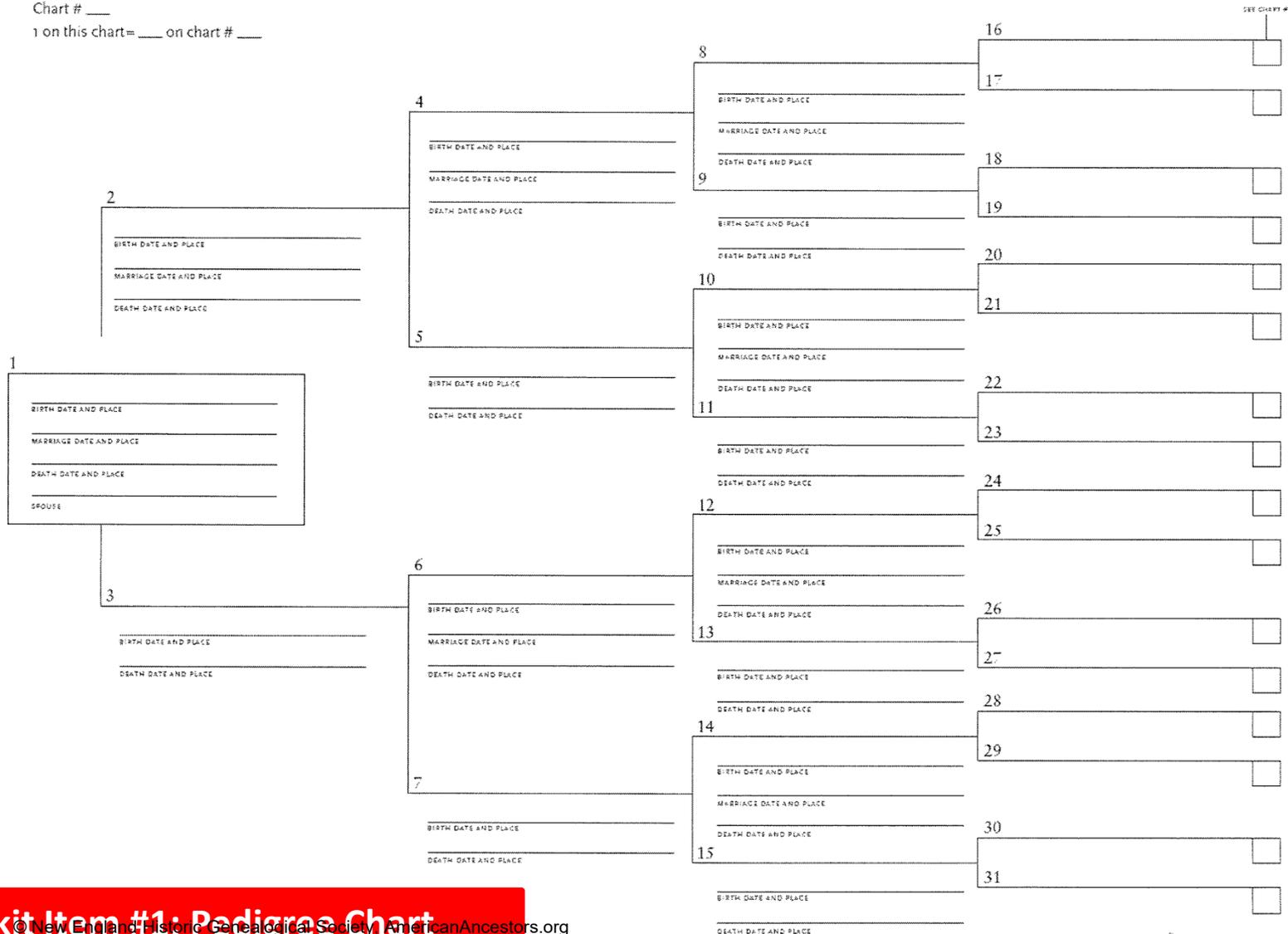
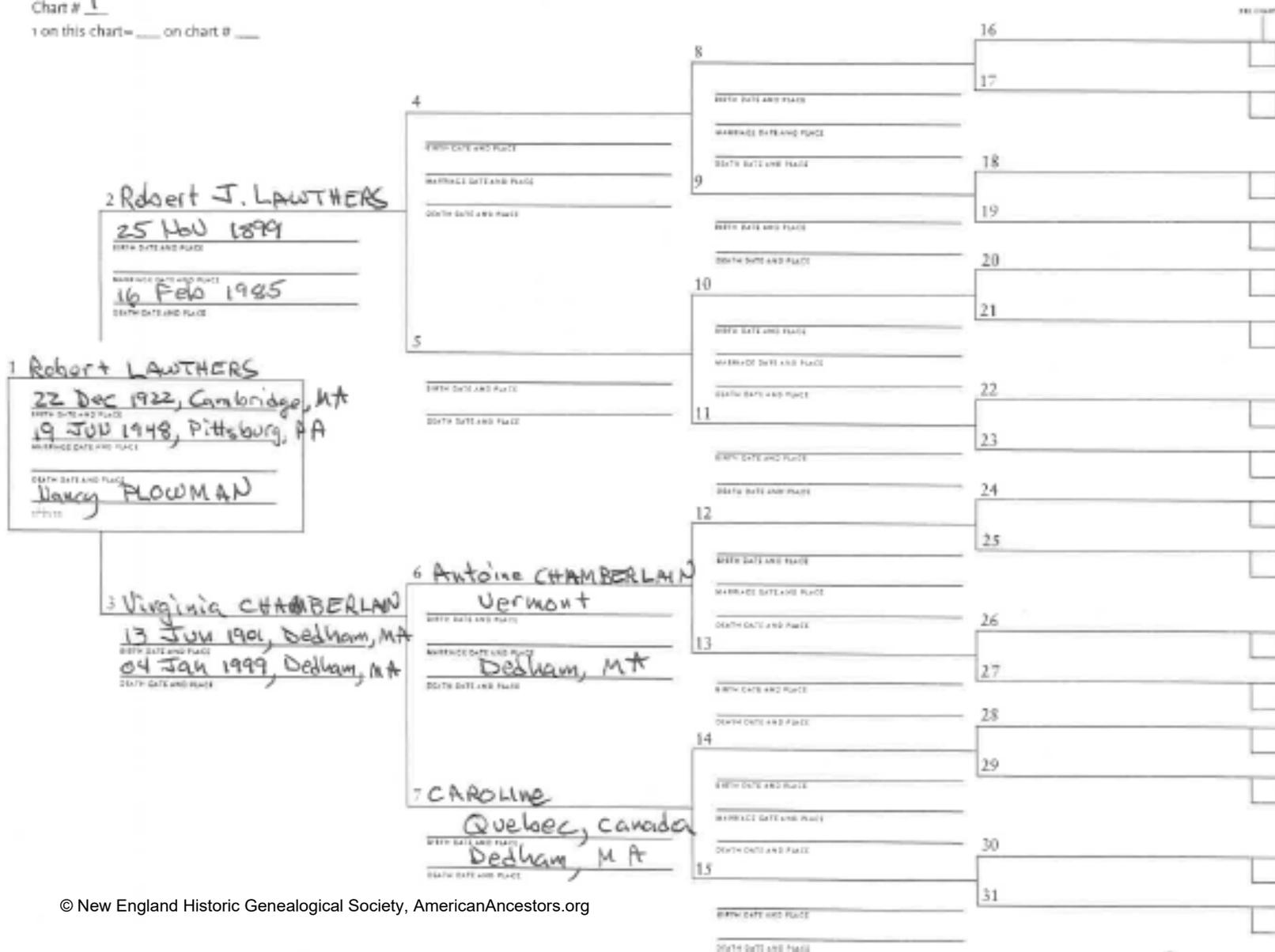




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Family Group Sheet

Write dates as Day, Month, Year
example: 1 Jan 1904

Father	Given Name(s)		Last Name	
	Born	Place		
	Died	Place		
	Married	Place		
	Father's Father <i>(first, middle, last)</i> Father's Mother <i>(first, middle, maiden)</i> Other Marriages <i>(first, middle, last)</i>			
Mother	Given Name(s)		Last Name	
	Born	Place		
	Died	Place		
	Mother's Father <i>(first, middle, last)</i> Mother's Mother <i>(first, middle, maiden)</i> Other Marriages <i>(first, middle, last)</i>			
	Child #1	Sex	Given Name(s)	Last Name
Born		Place		
Died		Place		
Spouse <i>(first, middle, last)</i>		Place		
Married		Place		
Child #2	Sex	Given Name(s)	Last Name	
	Born	Place		
	Died	Place		
	Spouse <i>(first, middle, last)</i>	Place		
	Married	Place		
Child #3	Sex	Given Name(s)	Last Name	
	Born	Place		
	Died	Place		
	Spouse <i>(first, middle, last)</i>	Place		
	Married	Place		



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Father <i>(first, middle, last)</i>		
Mother <i>(first, middle, Maiden)</i>		
Sex	Given Name(s) Last Name	
Child #4	Born Place	
	Died Place	
	Spouse <i>(first, middle, maiden)</i>	Place
	Married	Place
	Sex	Given Name(s) Last Name
Child #5	Born Place	
	Died Place	
	Spouse <i>(first, middle, maiden)</i>	Place
	Married	Place
	Sex	Given Name(s) Last Name
Child #6	Born Place	
	Died Place	
	Spouse <i>(first, middle, last)</i>	Place
	Married	Place
	Sex	Given Name(s) Last Name
Child #7	Born Place	
	Died Place	
	Spouse <i>(first, middle, last)</i>	Place
	Married	Place
	Sources of information	

Family Group Sheet

Write dates as Day, Month, Year
example: 1 Jan 1904

Father	Given Name(s)	Robert Joseph	Last Name	LAWTHERS
	Born	25 Nov 1899	Place	
	Died	16 Feb 1985	Place	
	Married		Place	
	Father's Father (first, middle, last)	?		
	Father's Mother (first, middle, maiden)	?		
	Other Marriages (first, middle, last)			
Mother	Given Name(s)	Virginia	Last Name	CHAMBERLAIN
	Born	13 Jun 1901	Place	Dedham, Norfolk County, MA
	Died	04 Jan 1999	Place	" " " "
	Mother's Father (first, middle, last)	Antoine CHAMBERLAIN		
	Mother's Mother (first, middle, maiden)	Caroline ?		
	Other Marriages (first, middle, last)			
Child #1	Given Name(s)	Robert	Last Name	LAWTHERS
	Born	22 Dec 1922	Place	Cambridge, Middlesex County, MA
	Died		Place	
	Spouse (first, middle, last)	Nancy Carrington FLOWMAN		
	Married	19 Jan 1948	Place	Pittsburgh, PA
Child #2	Given Name(s)	David	Last Name	LAWTHERS
	Born	28 Feb 1927	Place	Boston, Suffolk County, MA
	Died		Place	
	Spouse (first, middle, last)	Paula ?		
	Married		Place	
Child #3	Given Name(s)	Michael	Last Name	LAWTHERS
	Born	20 Aug 1932	Place	Cambridge, Middlesex County, MA
	Died		Place	
	Spouse (first, middle, last)	Sarah Dorion		
	Married	31 Aug 1957	Place	Maine

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example: 1 Jan 1904

Father		Mother	
Given Name(s)		Given Name(s)	
Last Name		Last Name	
Born		Born	
Place		Place	
Died		Died	
Place		Place	
Spouse (first, middle, maiden)		Spouse (first, middle, maiden)	
Married		Married	
Place		Place	
Sex		Sex	
Given Name(s)		Given Name(s)	
Last Name		Last Name	
Born		Born	
Place		Place	
Died		Died	
Place		Place	
Spouse (first, middle, maiden)		Spouse (first, middle, maiden)	
Married		Married	
Place		Place	
Sex		Sex	
Given Name(s)		Given Name(s)	
Last Name		Last Name	
Born		Born	
Place		Place	
Died		Died	
Place		Place	
Spouse (first, middle, last)		Spouse (first, middle, last)	
Married		Married	
Place		Place	
Sex		Sex	
Given Name(s)		Given Name(s)	
Last Name		Last Name	
Born		Born	
Place		Place	
Died		Died	
Place		Place	
Spouse (first, middle, last)		Spouse (first, middle, last)	
Married		Married	
Place		Place	
Sources of information			
1) Interview, Robert Lawthers			
2) "Maine Marriages" - Ancestry (www.ancestry.com); record for Michael Lawthers			
3) Social Security Death Index			

Record the Information As You Go

- Keep a “working draft”
- Use the forms
 - Tree/pedigree chart
 - Pen/paper
 - Online (AnceTREES, Ancestry.com, FamilySearch.org)
 - Software (FamilyTreeMaker, RootsMagic, Legacy Family Tree)
 - Family group sheet
 - Interview form/family questionnaire
 - Save original images/Documents



Genealogical Recording Conventions: Names

- Write surnames in all CAPITAL LETTERS
- Record a woman with her maiden name
- When the maiden name is unknown use:
 - [--?--] can be used
 - MNU
 - Just the given name

Genealogical Recording Conventions: Dates

- Records dates as DD-MMM-YYYY (e.g. 23 MAR 1823)
- Note: Some journals use the date written out in letter form – March 23, 1823
- DON'T:
 - Use slash marks: 3/12/1823
 - Use a two-digit year: 3/12/23

Genealogical Recording Conventions: Places

- Note smallest to largest geographic division (e.g. Orleans, Orange County, Indiana)
- For outside the U.S.:
townland/parish, county, country
- Be sure to identify counties
- Use a consistent style

Step 2: Decide What You Want to Learn

- Examine the information you have
- What is missing?
- What individuals or families intrigue you the most?
- Create a list of questions or objectives to research

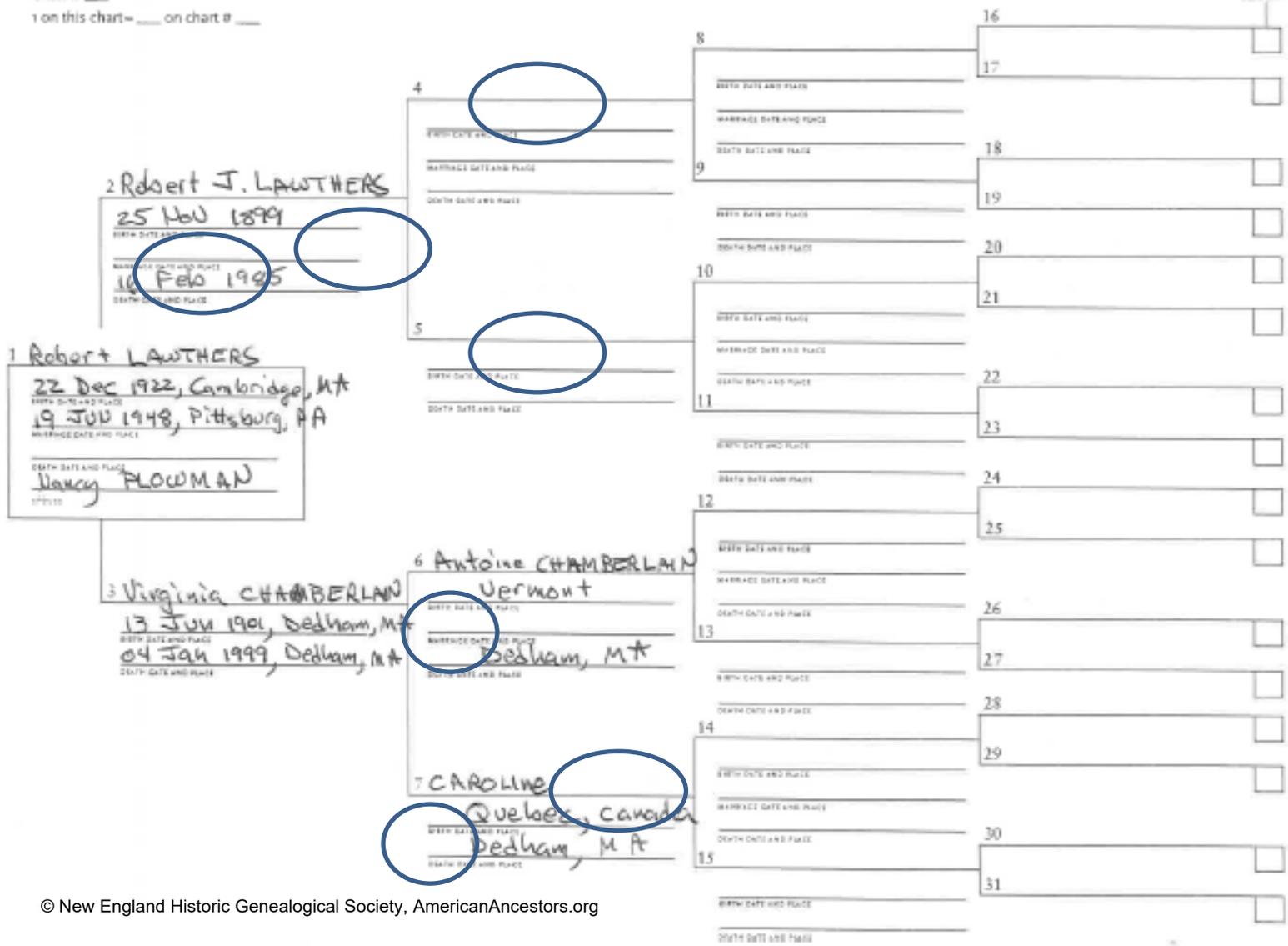


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Typical Genealogical Questions

- Genealogical Data
 - Identity
 - Events
 - Relationships
- For example:
 - Who are the parents?
 - What is the date or place of birth?
 - What is the date or place of marriage?
 - What is the date or place of death?
 - What is the spouse's name, or maiden name?
 - Who are the siblings?

Tip

Start slowly. Don't rush to answer all your questions at once.

Don't skip generations in planning your research; it only leads to misattributed people.

Toolkit Item #3: Research Plan

- Research Plan: A roadmap for research
- Basic Components:
 - Good research question
 - What is already known about the question
 - List of potential records
 - List of repositories



Tip

Anchor your research
to a *Time*, a *Place* and
a *Name*

Step 3: Identify and Locate Your Sources

- Educate yourself – what types of records will supply the information you need?
- Make a list of records that will aid in your specific research
- Find resources in brick-and-mortar repositories and online repositories
- Map out your plan of action
- Don't forget the "Family Archives!"

Records

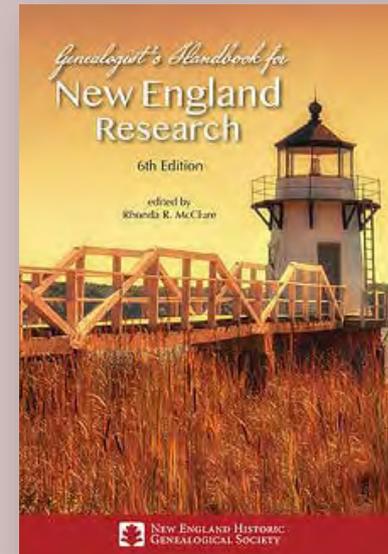
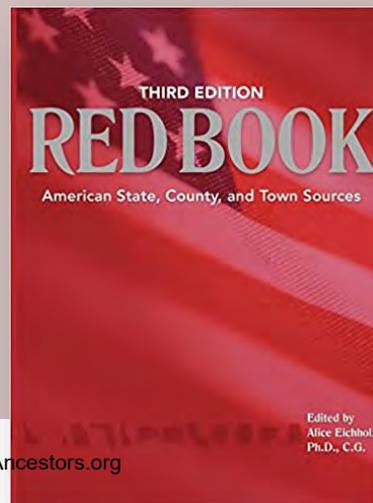
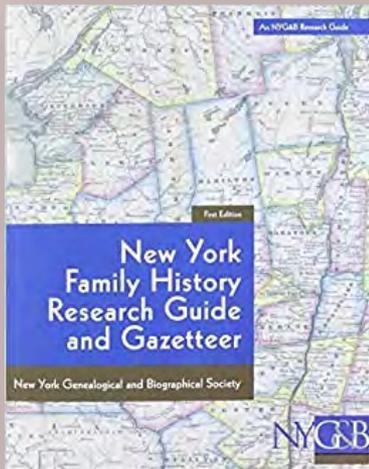
Information Needed	Search These Records First	Then Search These Records
Age	Census, Vital Records, Church Records, Cemeteries	Military Records, Taxation
Birth date and place	Vital Records, Church Records, Town Records	Cemeteries, Newspapers, Bible Records
Marriage date and place	Vital Records, Church records, Newspapers	Military Records, Probate Records, Naturalization, Bible Records
Death date and place	Vital Records, Cemeteries, Probate Records, Newspapers	Bible Records, Military Records
Parents' names	Vital Records, Census, Probate Records, Newspapers, Published Genealogies	
Maiden name	Vital Records, Newspapers	Cemeteries, Military Records, Probate Records

More Records

Information Needed	Search These Records First	Then Search These Records
Immigration date	Census, Immigration, Naturalization	Newspapers, Biographies
Country of foreign birth	Naturalization Records, Vital Records, Census	Military Records, Vital Records, Newspapers
Foreign birth location	Vital Records, Published Genealogies, Biographies, Naturalization, Immigration, Census	Vital Records, Newspapers, History, Emigration and Immigration
Places family has lived	Census, Land, Local Histories, Directories	Military Records, Taxation, Obituaries

Use Finding Aids/ Research Guides

- Determine when record-keeping began
- Determine what repositories hold records
- Understand unique record types



Step 4: Research!

- Begin answering your questions
- General principles
 - Consult multiple sources
 - Gather as many records about a family or individual that you can find
 - Track your work!

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
DIVISION OF VITAL STATISTICS

1 PLACE OF BIRTH
County of Bristol City or Town of New Bedford

2 FULL NAME OF CHILD Robert Morris

3 Sex of Child M 4 Twin, triplet or other? XXXXXX 5 Born alive XXXXXX 6 Date of birth August 27, 1924

7 FATHER: FULL NAME _____ RESIDENCE No. _____ St. _____ (City or town) _____
8 MOTHER: PRESENT NAME AND MAIDEN NAME Mary A. Morris RESIDENCE No. Smith Place St. _____ (City or town) Cohasset, Mass.

9 COLOR OR RACE _____ AGE _____ YEARS 10 COLOR OR RACE W AGE 15 YEARS

11 BIRTHPLACE _____ (City or town) _____ (State or country) 12 BIRTHPLACE Cohasset, Mass. (City or town) _____ (State or country)

13 OCCUPATION _____ 14 OCCUPATION Student

15 Signature of Attendant at birth G. G. Pearce (Name) Physician (Physician, parent or other, etc.)
Address No. 18 Seventh St. New Bedford (City or town)

Dated August 29, 1924 (Month) (Day) (Year) Did above-named personally attend the birth? Yes

16 Received at office of city or town clerk August 29, 1924 (Month) (Day) (Year)

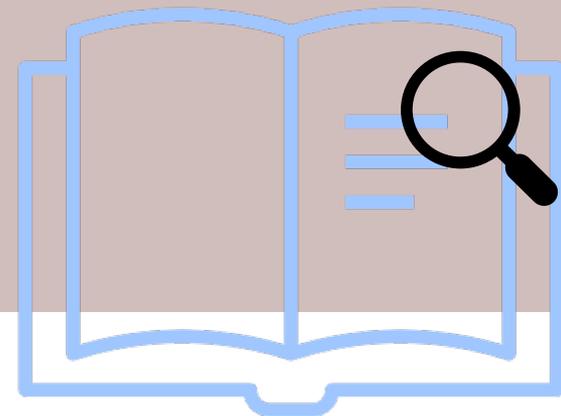
17 A true copy. Attest: Rodolphus A. Swan (Signature) REGISTERAR

Toolkit Item #4: Research Logs

- Keep track of what you have researched
- Categories of research logs
 - Person
 - Place
 - Family
 - Event
 - Repository
 - General
- What to include on a research log
 - Date of search
 - Source searched
 - Search objective
 - Search string
 - Results of search

Step 5: Analyze

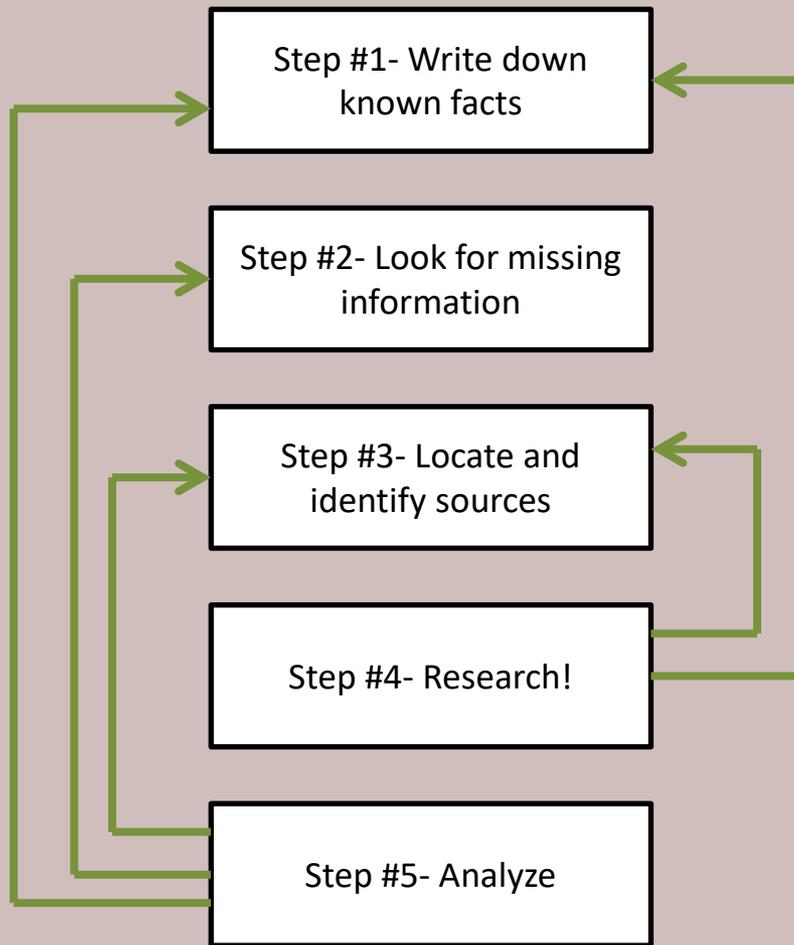
- Don't just read, examine
 - Does the record bring up new questions?
 - How accurate is the record?
 - How accurate is the source?
- Record the information you have
- Record the sources you use



Principles of Analysis

- Are you looking at a original or derivative source?
- When was the record created, i.e. how soon after the event it is capturing?
- Who created the record? A participant? Someone else?
- Who provided the information?
- Which information is primary (firsthand knowledge) and which is secondary (secondhand knowledge)
- What information do I need to capture for a citation?

Rinse and Repeat



Genealogical Proof Standard

- Reasonably exhaustive research
- Complete, accurate citations to the source or sources of each information item
- Tests—through processes of analysis and correlation—of all sources, information items, and evidence
- Resolution of conflicts among evidence items
- A soundly reasoned, coherently written conclusion.

Why Bother With A Proof Standard?

- Guides your evaluation of evidence
- Provides a framework for putting together a credible argument for a genealogical fact, e.g. who are the parents of Jacob Homer?
- Helps you feel secure with your conclusions, especially when your only evidence is indirect.

Let's Review

1. Rule #1 – Start with what you know and work backwards
2. Rule #2 – Write it down
3. Use the tools: Pedigree Chart, Family Group Sheet, Research Log
4. Be systematic
 - a) Identify what you know
 - b) Decide what you want to learn
 - c) Identify sources
 - d) Research
 - e) Analyze

Questions?

Session Roadmap

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Steps for Researching

Focus on step three: sources

Homework

A Focus on Step Three

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

How can we locate missing information?

Tip

Educate Yourself About Records and Sources

Definitions: Sources and Records

- A **source** is a coherent collection of **records** created by a single jurisdiction or a single author for a defined purpose.
- A **record** is that portion of a **source** which pertains to a single event.

Robert Charles Anderson, *Elements of Genealogical Analysis* (Boston: NEHGS, 2014) p. 1

Sources and Records

Source: US Federal
Census.

Record ?

Source: Church
Register.

Record ?

Source:
Cemetery.

Record ?

Source: County
Court House.

Record ?

Standard Records and Sources

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COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
BUREAU OF VITAL STATISTICS
CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

File No. **19393**
Registered No. **897**

MARGIN RESERVED FOR BINDING
WRITE PLAINLY WITH UNFADING INK—THIS IS A PERMANENT RECORD
N. B.—Every item of information should be carefully supplied. AGE should be stated EXACTLY. PHYSICIANS should state CAUSE OF DEATH in plain terms, so that it may be properly classified. Exact Statement of OCCUPATION is very important. See instructions on back of certificate.

1. PLACE OF DEATH:
(a) County Allegheny
(b) Township _____
(c) Borough _____
(d) City Pittsburgh
(e) Name of hospital or institution SCHENLEY APARTMENTS
(If not in hospital or inst. write street number or location)
(f) Length of stay: _____
In hospital or inst. _____ (g) In this community _____

2. USUAL RESIDENCE OF DECEASED:
(a) State Penna. (b) County Allegheny
(c) City or town Pittsburgh
(If outside city or town limits, write RURAL)
(d) Street No. 4000 Fifth Avenue
(If rural give location)
(e) If citizen of foreign country, name country _____

3. (a) FULL NAME MAUDE BELL PLOWMAN
3. (b) If U. S. Veteran, complete reverse side of certificate _____ 3. (c) Social Security No. None
5. Color or _____ 6. (a) Single, widowed, married, divorced, Widowed
4. Sex F race W
6. (b) Name of husband or wife George Taylor Plowman 6. (c) Age of husband or wife if alive _____ years
7. Birth date of deceased May 30 1874
(Month) (Day) (Year)

MEDICAL CERTIFICATION
20. Date of death: Month Feb. day 5
year 1947 hour 11 PM minute 58
21. I hereby certify that I attended the deceased from Jan 24, 1947, to Feb 5, 1947
that I last saw her alive on Feb. 5, 1947
and that death occurred on the date and hour stated above.

Immediate cause of death
Cerebral hemorrhage
Left Hemiplegia
Due to Hypertension
Due to (from history)
Other conditions X
(Include pregnancy within 3 months of death)
Major findings: 930
Of operations X
Of autopsy X 102

DURATION
12 days
yes
PHYSICIAN
Underline the cause to which death should be charged statistically.

8. AGE: Years 72 Months 8 Days 5 If less than one day _____ hr. _____ min.
9. Birthplace Turkey
(City, town, or county) (State or foreign country)
10. Usual occupation Retired
11. Industry or business _____
12. Name Rev. Newton Hervey Bell
13. Birthplace Iowa
(City, town, or county) (State or foreign country)
14. Maiden name Emma Hall Curtis
15. Birthplace New York
(City, town, or county) (State or foreign country)
16. (a) Informant's own signature Jenifer Plowman (Rel)
(b) Address Schenley Apts., Pittsburgh, Penna.
17. (a) Cremation (b) Date thereof 2-10-47
(Burial, cremation, or removal) (Month) (Day) (Year)
(c) Place Homewood County Allegheny state Penna.
18. (a) Signature of funeral director A. I. Duffendaffer
(b) Address H. SAMSON, Inc., 537 Neville St.
19. (a) FEB 7 1947 (b) [Signature]
(Date received local registrar) (Registrar's signature)

22. If death was due to external causes, fill in the following:
(a) (Probably) Accident, suicide, or homicide (specify) _____
(b) Date of occurrence _____
(c) Where did injury occur? X
(City or town) (County) (State)
(d) Did injury occur in or about home, on farm, in industrial place, in public place? X
(Specify type of place)
While at work? X (e) Means of injury _____
23. Signature J. J. Schull (M. D. or other)
Address Schenley apts Date signed 2/4/47

Child's Name *Mary Batchelder*
 Date of Birth *22nd of June, 1743*
 Place of Birth

Sex *F* Color

Living or Stillborn

No. of Child, 1st, 2d, etc.

Father's Name *Nathaniel Batchelder*
 " Birthplace

" Color Age

" Residence

" Occupation

Mother's Maiden Name *Anna*
 " Birthplace

" Color Age

" Occupation

Name and Address of Physician (or other person) reporting said birth.

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

I hereby certify that the above birth record is a correct transcript as
 required by Chap. 21, Session Laws, 1905.

Horace M. Lane
 Clerk of *Hampton*
 Date *Aug. 22, 1906*

BIRTH-FEMALE

Name of Child *Chamberlain, Calista M.* | *094*
 Color No. of Child of Mother

Date of Birth *1859* Month *Nov* Day *26*
 Maiden Name of Mother *Helen*
 Mother's Birthplace *Nelson - N.H.* Age

Mother's Residence *Dist 2*
 Full Name of Father *Dana Chamberlain*
 Father's Birthplace *Guilford* Age

Father's Occupation *Labour*
 Condition of Child as to Live or Still Birth Live Still
 If Still Birth the Cause

Name of Informant

Town *Brattleboro* Town Clerk

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BIRTHS REGISTERED in the town of Brookline for the Year eighteen hundred and ninety-nine.

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No.	BIRTH.	RECORD.	SEX AND COLOUR (if other than white).	AGE AND CONDITION (as Birth, etc.)	PLACE OF BIRTH.	NAMES OF PARENTS. (Give MAIDEN name of mother.)	RESIDENCE OF PARENTS.	OCCUPATION OF FATHER.	PLACE OF BIRTH OF FATHER.	PLACE OF BIRTH OF MOTHER.
452	Dec. 9	1899	Female		26 Northbrook Ave.	Joseph and Mary Howard	26 Northbrook St.	Mariner	P.O. I.	P.O. I.
453	Dec. 10	1900	Female		478 Beacon Street	Wallace and Etta Barnett	1453 Beacon St.	Druggist	Charlotte, N.C.	Albany, N.Y.
454	Dec. 11		Female		22 Hayes Street	Thomas and Alice F. Burt	22 Hayes St.	Lawyer	Savannah, Ga.	Newton
455	Dec. 11		Female		16 Chestnut St.	Geo. W. and Cora K. F. Keam	16 Chestnut St.	Foodman	Ireland	Ireland
456	Dec. 11		Female		25 Flora Street	Patrick and Catherine McCartaghy	25 Flora Street	Laborer	Ireland	Ireland
457	Dec. 13	Cor. 11-12-14-42	Female		22 Perry Street	Thomas and Louisa Fraser	22 Perry Street	Carpenter	Great Britain	Great Britain
458	Dec. 13		Female		11 Concord St.	Therese and Cecelia Tiernan	11 Concord St.	Laborer	Ireland	Ireland
459	Dec. 13		Female		497 Howard St.	Etta W. and Ada May Fox	497 Howard St.	Salesman	East Boston	East Bradford, Mass.
460	Dec. 14		Female		24 Walter Ave.	Louis and Mary Krupp	24 Walter Ave.	Engineer	Ireland	Ireland
461	Dec. 15		Female		Tweedall Place	Kornelius J. and Mary Malone	Tweedall Pl.	Bookman	Ireland	Ireland
462	Dec. 15		Female		73 Pearl Street	Thomas and Margaret Murphy	73 Pearl Street	Teamster	Ireland	Ireland
463	Dec. 16		Male		67 Washington St.	George F. and Sarah Bell	67 Washington St.	Superintendent	Le Sueur, Minn.	Turkey, Asia
464	Dec. 18		Male		422 Doyle St.	Thomas and Harriet L. Kelly	422 Doyle St.	Clerk	Clinton	Boston
465	Dec. 18		Male		96 Brook Street	Harry C. and Martha Durbin	96 Brook St.	Fireman	Manchester, Mass.	Spurwick
466	Dec. 18		Male		4 Kears Road	James and Catherine J. Joss	4 Kears Road	Bookman	Ireland	Ireland
467	Dec. 19	corr.	Male		57 Walter Ave.	John and Mary McMichael	57 Walter Ave.	Laborer	Ireland	Ireland
468	Dec. 22		Female		52 Pearl Street	Patrick and Catherine Moran	52 Pearl St.	Laborer	Ireland	Ireland
469	Dec. 23		Female		Doyle St.	John W. and Mary A. Watson	Doyle St.	Fireman	Newton	Ireland
470	Dec. 25		Male		100 Ridgway St.	William and Margaret Hillan	Ridgway St.	Bookman	Ireland	Ireland
471	Dec. 25		Female		Harvard Place	Peter H. and Catherine Quells	Harvard Pl.	Bookman	Scotland	Chamfield, N. H.
472	Dec. 25		Male		29 Doyle St.	Joseph and Mary F. Richards	29 Doyle St.	Electrician	Brookline	Charleston
473	Dec. 25		Male		18 Beckett Street	John and Annie Duff	18 Beckett Street	Writer	Ireland	Ireland
474	Dec. 25	corr.	Female		9 Kensington Dr.	William and Ann M. Baxter	9 Kensington Dr.	Painter	England	England
475	Dec. 30		Female		30 Dover St.	James C. and Mary Lehmann	30 Dover St.	Merchant	New York	Brookline, N. Y.
476	Dec. 30		Female		102 Doyle St.	John and Catherine	102 Doyle St.	Bookman	Massachusetts	P.O. I.

462 Dec. 15 Coable F 73 Pearl Street Thomas and Margaret Murphy 73 Pearl Street
 463 Dec. 16 Edward Grosvenor Thorman M 67 Washington St. George F. and Sarah Bell 67 Washington St.
 464 Dec. 18 Thomas Kelly M 422 Doyle St. Thomas and Harriet L. Kelly 422 Doyle St.

673 Washington St. Superintendent Le Sueur, Minn. Turkey, Asia

Rev. Daniel of Grafton and Deborah [d. David c.R.] Hall, May 9, 1776.

GROUT, Betsy of Westborough and Jonas Gale Jr., Nov. 1, 1795. In Westborough.

Jonathan and Sarah De Wolf, Nov. 13, 1811.

Martha, resident in Shrewsbury, and Charles Roberts, Nov. 27, 1744. In Shrewsbury.*

GROVER, Almira H. [of Richmond, N.H., in int.] and Caleb Chase. Sept. 1. 1840.

GROSVENOR, Asa of Pomfret and Hannah Hall, April 24, 1766.*

Chloe of Pomfret, Ct. and Joseph Hall, int. Sept. 4, 1785.

Rev. Daniel of Grafton and Deborah [d. David c.R.] Hall, May 9, 1776.

Phebe D. and William Newton Jr. of Millbury, int. Aug. 20, 1827.

GUNN, Samuel H. of Mendon (s. Justin and Saphronia, a. 20)

Vital Records Caveats

- Birth, marriage, and death records
- Often provide the names of the individual's parents and/or spouse
- Depending on the state, records may be held on the state, county, and/or town/city level
- Privacy restrictions may limit access

Vital record substitutes

- VRs are not widely available until late-19th/20th century records
 - Exceptions: New England, NYC, New Orleans
- Use substitute records when VRs don't exist
 - Church records (baptism, marriage, burial)
 - Cemetery transcriptions and records (birth, death/burial)
 - Newspapers (birth and marriage announcements, obituaries)
 - Probate records (death)



194 RECORDS OF THE OLD SOUTH CHURCH IN BOSTON

	Sarah, of Daniel & Mary Haden
June 10	Abigail, of Nathan & Mary Foster
	Jeremiah, of Joseph & Sarah Belknap
	Abigail, of Josiah & Abigail Waters
	Ann, of James & Ann, Negroes
17	Susanna, of Thomas & Elisabeth Dawes
July 8	William, of Cary & Mehetabel Harris
15	John, of John & Mary Dinsdall
22	Benjamin-Belcher, of Isaac & Hannah Casno
	Nathanael, of Josias & Sarah Norrage
	James & Benjamin, of John & Hannah Allen
29	Mary, of Josiah & Ann Torrey
Aug ^t 5	Eleazer, of Reuben & Hannah Higgins
	George, of John & Ruth Roulstone
19	Clement, of Joseph & Susanna Jackson
Aug ^t 26	Mary, of William & Mary Pitman
Sept ^r 2	Ann, of John & Jane Doane
	Mary, of Silas & Hannah Ivory
	Ann, of Bartholomew & Elisabeth Kenny
23	John, of John & Dorcas Brewer
	Joaña, of Prince & Mary Winborn
30	Henry, of John & Ann Crumpston
Oct ^r 7	Charlotte, of Benjamin & Margaret Green
	Baker, Negro Servant to M ^r Joseph Jackson
21	Abigail, of Moses & Elisabeth Peck
28	Mary, of Robert & Lydia Price
	Peter, of Isaac & Elisabeth Vergoose
Nov ^r 4	Mary, of Peter & Hannah Roberts
	Susanna, of William & Susanna Breed
Dec ^r 2	Benjamin, of Isaac & Sarah Walker
	Robert, of William & Rebecca Homes
9	Sarah, of Michael & Mary Row
16	Daniel, of George & Abigail Hewes
30	Moses & Benjamin, of Moses & Mary Eayres

1744/5

Jan ^y 6	William, of Abraham & Mehetabel Tuckerman
13	Mary, of Luke & Mary Roberts
27	Jonathan-Clarke, of Ezekiel & Jane Lewis
Feb ^r 10	John, of David & Sarah Jeffries
Feb ^r 10	Sarah, of John & Sarah Hunt
	John Hunt Jun ^r
	Mary, of Samuel & Mary Hallowell
	John, of Thomas & Sarah Foster



Cemetery and Burial Records

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West Section St. Mary's Cemetery

Heffernan.

Saunders, Thomas, born Jan. 10, 1831, died June 3, 1916.

Saunders, Julia Sherman, wife of Thomas, died Sept. 26, 1869.

Clarkin, John, born 1838, died 1882.

Clarkin, Mary McCall, wife of John, born 1837, died 1917.

McCall, Susan, born 1840, died 1910.

McCarthy, Johannah Mulcehy, wife of James, died Nov. 11, 1888 age 43 yrs.

McCarthy, Seven Children.

McMullen, Mary E. born 1872, died 1899.

McMullen, Michael, born 1876, died 1898.

McMullen, Michael, born 1842, died 1911.

McMullen, Mary Moore, wife of Michael, born 1841, died 1911.

Moore, Catherine, born 1844, died 1874.

Moore, John, born 1838, died 1911.

Driscoll, Jeremiah, born 1865, died 1927.

Driscoll, Mary Doyle, wife of Jeremiah, died 1922.

Driscoll, Timothy, born 1858, died 1934.

Driscoll, Mary Enright, wife of William, died Mar. 15, 1881 age 60 yrs.

Farrelly, John J. born Feb. 2, 1855, died Feb. 4, 1925.

Farrelly, Mary D. born Mar. 25, 1858, died Dec. 24, 1926.

Magner, Edward F. born 1869, died 1923.

Sheehan, Daniel, born 1835, died 1919.

Sheehan, Ellen Buckley, wife of Daniel, born 1838, died 1908.

Sheehan, Timothy Francis, son of Daniel & Ellen B. born 1868, died 1871.

Sheehan, Cornelius, son of Daniel & Ellen B. born 1877, died 1878.

Sheehan, Julia A. daughter of Daniel & Ellen B. died May 28, 1925.

Fagan, Bernard, died Sept. 29, 1899 age 74 yrs.

Fagan, Elizabeth, wife of Bernard, died Apr. 12, 1872 age 33 yrs.

Fagan, Ellen, daughter of Bernard & Elizabeth, died Oct. 16, 1872 age 1 yr. 4 mos.

BLAMES COMPANY.

Meadville Paper Thinks Creston Accident Due to Company's Unreasonableness.

The Meadville Tribune in a very lengthy article takes the Erie railroad to task, using the recent boiler explosion at Creston as a text. Judgment from the article would judge that to travel on the Erie is a hazardous undertaking, that the boilers were all ready to blow up, bridges to collapse and what not. Among the references of local interest are these:

The condition of the Erie track in certain places is also being discussed by the men who ride over it, and the stretch between Stony Point and Greenville is declared to be unsatisfactory, especially on the curves. An order is said to have been up for some time forbidding all trains to run any of the curves along that stretch faster than 45 miles an hour.

Engineers and firemen claim that engines are sent out without being properly inspected, and that the reason is that they will not bear inspection. They point to the fact that the Erie has borrowed about a dozen engines from the Bessemer as another proof of the condition of the Erie's motive power.

Among the particular happenings which have been earnestly discussed by running men was an accident which happened to engine 536, drawing passenger train 10, a few days ago. The train was between Transfer and Shenango, when one of the rivets blew out of a patch over the boiler—and the engine was out. It

THE DEATH ROLL.

James C. Graham.

James C. Graham, Crawford county, was found dead in the little hut he called his home, west of Center ville, on Wednesday morning. Neighbors saw him about the place on Tuesday evening, and the physician who was summoned pronounced his death due to natural causes.

Mr. Graham has been, in his day, one of the best-known men in Crawford county. On May 7, 1872, he was elected superintendent of the public schools of Crawford county, and was re-elected in '73 for another three-year term, from which he retired with an honorable record. He served 17 years as principal of the Meadville schools. He was never married, and being of a rather eccentric turn in his later years, he followed somewhat the life of a recluse, living alone.

Mrs. August Kuntze.

Mrs. August Kuntze, who lived west of town, died on Thursday evening, January 12, 1905. Mrs. Kuntze was taken ill about a week before and was not thought to be in a serious condition, but grew worse rapidly on Thursday. Mrs. Kuntze was aged 62 years.

Mrs. Sarah Stinson.

Mrs. Sarah Stinson died, Friday morning, at 6 a. m., at her home on North Main street, aged 71 years and 9 months, after an illness of about a year. Before her death she made an unusual request—that an autopsy be performed and the exact nature of her illness determined. This wish

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REBUK.

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HAVE YOU A SORE THROAT?

Don't let it run on—it may prove dangerous. Go to your druggist and ask for

TONSILINE.

TONSILINE is the greatest throat remedy on earth. Tonsiline not only cures sore throats of all kinds, very quickly, but is a positive, never-failing and speedy cure for Sore Mouth, Hoarseness and Laryngitis.

Use the stick in time. Don't neglect to use it. 25 and 50 cents at all druggists.

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Mrs. Stinson's maiden name was Beatty and she was a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Francis Beatty, and born near Hadley. In 1857 she was married to John W. Stinson. She was one of the best-known and most highly respected ladies of the community. In religious faith she was a member of the Presbyterian church. Four daughters survive her: Mrs. De Ette Taylor, Cambridge Springs; Anna, Mrs. Charles Austin, Amelda, Mrs. L. D. Artherholt, of Greenville, and Mrs. Jennie Homer, of Cleveland; also a stepson, W. C. Stinson, of Minneapolis.

Tip

Use Census to Anchor Your Ancestor to a Place and Time

Tips about the census

Census Taker

- Didn't have to talk to anyone in the house
- Could talk to a neighbor if no one home
- What we view are copies of originals
- Families were not asked to spell their name

Knowing the Family

- 1790–1840: lists only the name of the head of the household
- 1850–1870: lists everyone in household, but not how they are related

Generally, can assume people in same household are family

- 1880–1940: relationships listed

Using Census Records

- Try and locate the family in each census record, working backwards in to (1940 to 1930 to 1920, etc.)
- Mistakes/errors are relatively common
 - Give leeway when it comes to ages and spellings
- Use occupation to help confirm the identity
- Look at surrounding families as possible relatives and associates
- Blank census forms available from NARA at <https://www.archives.gov/research/genealogy/charts-forms>

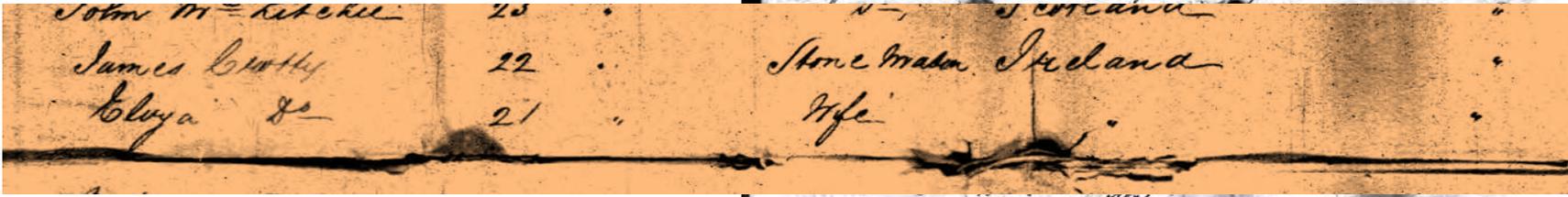
Immigration Records

DISTRICT OF NEW YORK—PORT OF NEW YORK.

I, *Samuel Gorton* do solemnly, sincerely and truly *swear* that the following List or Manifest of Passengers, subscribed with my name, and now delivered by me to the Collector of the Customs for the District of New York, contains, to the best of my knowledge and belief, a just and true account of all the Passengers received on board the *Ship Fidelic* whereof I am Master, from *Liverpool* So help me God.

Sworn to this *51st day of May 1857*
 Before me *John W. Kitchell*
 Notary Public
 List or Manifest OF ALL THE PASSENGERS taken on board the *Ship Fidelic*
 is Master, from *Liverpool* burthen *10* *10* *20* whereof tons.

NAME	Age		SEX	OCCUPATION	The country to which they severally belong	The country to which they intend to remove immediately	Died on the Voyage
	Years	Months					
<i>Robert Gardner</i>	<i>45</i>			<i>gentleman</i>	<i>Scotland</i>	<i>England</i>	
<i>Mary Davis</i>	<i>21</i>				<i>Ireland</i>	<i>United States</i>	
<i>Thomas Hunt</i>	<i>50</i>			<i>Farmer</i>			
<i>Lisa D.</i>	<i>30</i>			<i>Wife</i>			
<i>John Stephenson</i>	<i>40</i>			<i>Paint Merchant</i>			
<i>Olga D.</i>	<i>40</i>			<i>Wife</i>			
<i>Jane Jeffries</i>	<i>40</i>						
<i>William D.</i>	<i>23</i>						
<i>Charles Higgins</i>	<i>23</i>			<i>Draper</i>			
<i>John W. Kitchell</i>	<i>23</i>			<i>D.</i>	<i>Scotland</i>		
<i>Jane Cook</i>	<i>22</i>			<i>Wife</i>	<i>Ireland</i>		
<i>Olga D.</i>	<i>21</i>			<i>Wife</i>			



<i>Olga Bonnyford</i>	<i>20</i>						
<i>William Colver</i>	<i>20</i>			<i>Student</i>			
<i>Arthur Nelson</i>	<i>37</i>			<i>Farmer</i>			
<i>Lionel Holston</i>	<i>50</i>			<i>Tailor</i>	<i>England</i>		
<i>Jessie D.</i>	<i>56</i>			<i>Wife</i>			
<i>Robert D.</i>	<i>14</i>						
<i>Abraham Harris</i>	<i>16</i>						
<i>Lawrence Dutton</i>	<i>17</i>			<i>Farmer</i>	<i>Ireland</i>		
<i>Margaret D.</i>	<i>30</i>			<i>Servant</i>			
<i>Abraham Lindholm</i>	<i>24</i>			<i>Engineer</i>	<i>England</i>		
<i>John Beard</i>	<i>32</i>			<i>Farmer</i>			
<i>Jane M. Gully</i>	<i>31</i>			<i>Wife</i>	<i>Ireland</i>		
<i>Edwin Archdeacon</i>	<i>23</i>						
<i>Margaret M. Gully</i>	<i>30</i>						

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Family Name

Given Name or Names

CROTTY

JAMES

Title and Location of Court

SUPERIOR COURT, NEW YORK COUNTY.

Date of Naturalization

Volume or Bundle No.

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Address of Naturalized Person

FORDHAM WESTCHESTER CO. N.Y.

Occupation

Birth Date or Age

Former Nationality

LABORER

—

SEETHER

Port of Arrival in the United States

Date of Arrival

STON

Names, Addresses and Occupations of Witnesses To Naturalization

1	PATRICK CROTTY	FORDHAM	✓
2	CONSTABLE	WESTCHESTER CO NY	

1509

No. 33607

TRIPPLICATE
(To be given to
declarant)

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

DECLARATION OF INTENTION (Invalid for all purposes seven years after the date hereof)

In the County of Gloucester at Salisbury, Mass.

I, ARMA MAKI
 now residing at 68 Blynnan Ave.
 occupation domestic, aged 42 years, do declare on oath that my personal description is:
 Sex female, color white, complexion medium, color of eyes grey
 color of hair brown, height 5 feet 2 inches; weight 150 pounds; visible distinctive marks
none
 race Finnish; nationality Finnish
 I was born in Kangasniemen, Finland, on Dec. 15, 1895
 I am married. The name of my wife or husband is Emil Maki
 we were married on Apr. 15, 1916 at Lanesville, Mass.; she or he was
 born at Sarijardi, Finland, on July 18, 1895
 at New York, N.Y., on Apr. 15, 1914, entered the United States
 resides at parts unknown, I have 2 children, and the name, date and place of birth,
 and place of residence of each of said children are as follows: Doivo E. born June 8, 1919 in Amesbury
Mass.; Ann E. born Nov. 15, 1922 in Salisbury, Mass. Both reside at
Gloucester, Mass.

No 168592



Subscribed and sworn to before me in the form of oath shown above in the office of said Court, at this day of OCT 15 1938, anno Domini, 1938.
 Certification No. 24125 from the Commissioner of Immigration and Naturalization showing the lawful entry of the declarant for permanent residence on the date stated above, has been received by me. The photograph affixed to the duplicate and triplicate hereof is a likeness of the declarant.

By Arma Maki Clerk of the Court.
 By [Signature] Deputy Clerk.

Form 2302-L-A
 U. S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR
 IMMIGRATION AND NATURALIZATION SERVICE

Military Records



REGISTRATION CARD

SERIAL NUMBER **7827** ORDER NUMBER **A5239**

1 **WARREN STINSON HOMER**
(First name) (Middle name) (Last name)

2 PERMANENT HOME ADDRESS:
1544 E. 120th Cleveland Cuy Ohio
(No.) (Street or R. F. D. No.) (City or town) (County) (State)

Age in Years **3** Date of Birth **18 March 31 1900**
(Month) (Day) (Year)

RACE

White	Negro	Oriental	Indian	
			Citizen	Non-citizen
5 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	6	7	8	9

U. S. CITIZEN

Native Born	Naturalized	Citizen by Father's Naturalization Before 70--cent's Majority	Declarant	Non-declarant
10 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	11	12	13	14

15 Is not a citizen of the U. S., of what nation are you a citizen or subject?

16 PRESENT OCCUPATION **Student** 17 EMPLOYER'S NAME **Dartmouth College**

18 PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT OR BUSINESS: **Hanover Grafton NH**
(No.) (Street or R. F. D. No.) (City or town) (County) (State)

NEAREST RELATIVE Name **H. V. CANNON Guardian**
 Address **1412 Williamson Bldg. Cleveland Ohio**
(No.) (Street or R. F. D. No.) (City or town) (County) (State)

I AFFIRM THAT I HAVE VERIFIED ABOVE ANSWERS AND THAT THEY ARE TRUE
 P. M. G. O. **Warren S. Stinson**
 Form No. 1 (Red) 02-021 (Signature or mark) (OVER)

REGISTRAR'S REPORT 64-2-17 C

DESCRIPTION OF REGISTRANT

HEIGHT		BUILD			COLOR OF EYES	COLOR OF HAIR
Tall	Medium	Short	Slender	Medium	Stout	
21	22 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	23	24	25	26	27. Blue 28. Light

29 Has person lost arm, leg, hand, eye, or is he obviously physically disabled?
 (Specify.)

30 I certify that my answers are true; that the person registered has read or has had read to him his own answers; that I have witnessed his signature or mark, and that all of his answers of which I have knowledge are true, except as follows:

Robert S. Glenn
(Signature of Registrar)

Date of Registration **9/12/18**

LOCAL BOARD
 FOR DISTRICT NO
 CENTRAL ARMORY
 OF CLEVELAND, O.
 (STAMP OF LOCAL BOARD)

(The stamp of the Local Board having jurisdiction of the area in which the registrant has his permanent home shall be placed in this box.)

02-021 (OVER)

Military Records – Draft Card

To the Honorable the Senate and House of Representatives
of the United States of America, in Congress assembled.

The Petition of Hannah Hampton, of Logan County,
Kentucky, respectfully represents:

That your Petitioner is the
Widow of Joel Hampton, who was a soldier in the Revolutionary War
and died on the 20th day of August 1832; that your Petitioner was
married to her said Husband on the 14th of November 1783; that
she believes her said husband was ignorant of the Pension Laws;
that as soon as she was informed that there were laws to provide
for her, she applied to a person to prepare her application, but
as she never saw that person afterwards she delayed until the
month of February 1846, when she met with another person who
prepared her papers and sent them to the Pension Office; that
your Petitioner believes from conversations of her husband before
and after their marriage and so short a time after the War, that
he served several tours of three months each, most probably in
the Militia; but as your Petitioner never was acquainted with the
peculiar technicalities of the different terms "Militia", "State Troop",
"Continental." &c. and as she has no records of dates she cannot

Probate and Land

In the name of God amen I Jacob Humer of
Frederick County in the province of Maryland, being thro' the abundant mercy
and goodness of God, tho' weak in body, yet of a sound and perfect Understanding
and memory do constitute this my Last Will and Testament, that is to say
First and principally of all I recommend my Soul into the hands of God
(that

that give it, nothing doubting, but at the general resurrection, I shall
receive the same again, and as touching my worldly estate, whereunto it hath
pleas'd God to bless me with in this life, I give and dispose of in the following
manner. I first give and bequeath to my two sons namely John
and Jacob Humer to them and their Heirs forever. All that Tract or parcel
of Land called the Newway on peace, containing one hundred and Forty Four
acres, and that to be equally divided between them both, as follows, my son John
to have his part adjoining a tract of Land called Turkey Thicket, now in the
possession of Henry Criss and my son Jacob, to have the remainder part, adjoining
a tract of Land called Black Walnut Bottom. Also I give and bequeath to
my aforesaid two sons, one other tract of Land called Choice tho' not yet divided
and I desire the said land to be divided as follows, my son Jacob to have
thirty acres adjoining his part of the afo' Newway on peace, and my son John
to have the remainder part let there be more or less, and the money that is
to be paid on the afo' Tract of Land called Choice, I desire my son John and

Jacob to pay it in equal proportion as the land is divided. Item I give and
bequeath to my children, Mary, Elizabeth, Eve, John, and Jacob, All my
moveable affects, and that equilly divided amongst them all and

read, publish'd, pronounced and declared
by Jacob Humer to be his last Will and
Testament, in the presence of Mr. _____
Esq. Michael Traylor, George Adams
Frederick County January 6. 1778. Then came Jacob Humer and _____
(wrote)

Probate Boilerplate

- “In the name of God, Amen I [name] of [County] in [State/Province] being thro’ the abundant mercy and goodness of God, tho weak in body, yet of a sound and perfect understanding and memory do constitute this my Last Will and Testament....”
- “Then came [name 1] and [name 2] the subscribing witnesses to the Last Will and Testament of [name] late of [place name] deceased and made under oath on the Holy Evangels of God that they did see the testor therein named sign and seal this will.....”

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 ... and the Reversions and Remainders hereof and
 profits thereof; and also all the estate right title interest property claim and demand
 whatsoever of them the said Jacob Hammer and Hanna his wife excepting as above
 excepted in Law or equity or otherwise howsoever of in and to the same: To have and
 to hold the said described tract of land with the exceptions hereunto made and
 promises hereby granted or intended to be with the departure hereof
 unto the said Rachel Hammer & Hanna Hammer their heirs and assigns forever
 to and for the only proper use benefit and behoof of them the said Rachel Hammer
 and Hanna Hammer their heirs and assigns forever. And the said Jacob Hammer
 and Hanna his wife doth Covenant promise and agree to and with the said Ra-

(Macedon County) The first day of November in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hun-
 dred and thirty personally appeared before me the subscriber a justice of the peace
 in said County the above named Jacob Hammer and Hanna his wife and acknowledged
 signed the above Indenture to be their act and deed and desired the same as such
 might be recorded accorded according to Law. The said Hanna being of law-
 ful age and by me examined separat and apart from her said husband and made
 acquainted with the full contents of the foregoing Indenture said she did voluntarily &
 of her own free will and accord sign seal & at her act and deed deliver the said Indenture
 without coercion or compulsion of her said husband In Testimony whereof I
 have hereunto set my hand & seal of office at Salem the day above written.

Recorded November 29th 1830
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 Recorded November 29th 1830 John Reed

Other Sources of Information

- Finding Aids
 - Published genealogies
 - Town and county histories
- Census substitutes
 - Tax records
 - City directories
- Town records,
- And more!

THE WILLIAM WARD GENEALOGY

THE HISTORY OF
THE DESCENDANTS OF WILLIAM WARD
OF SUDBURY, MASS., 1638-1925

BY
CHARLES MARTYN

Author of
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the first Commander-in-Chief
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THE THIRD GENERATION

238. **THOMAS**, born September 7, 1700, married March 29, 1727, **ANNA WILSON** of Lancaster, Mass. At the time of their marriage he was a resident of Shrewsbury and they set up their home in the North Parish.

CHILDREN: Levi,² Amariah, Anna, Solomon, Mary, Sarah.

239. **OBADIAH**, born January 6, 1702, married **ABIGAIL** ———. They lived first in Marlborough, later in Shrewsbury, Mass.

CHILDREN: Phineas,² Abigail, Marshall, Ruth, Jonas, John.

240. **PERRE**, born September 18, 1704, married June 10, 1729, in Westborough, Mass., **SIMEON WILLARD** of Grafton, Mass.

241. **ABNER**, born March 21, 1708, died July 30, 1750, in Westborough, Mass. He married March 29, 1731, in Westborough, **VASHTI EAGER**.

CHILDREN: Alphaea,² Abner, Sylvanus.

242. **PERRIS**, born April 19, 1713, died October 10, 1746, in Westborough, Mass. She married December 23, 1731, in Westborough, **ELSAZER RICE**. He survived her.

CHILDREN: Hephzibah,² Zerviah, Timothy, Francis.

243. **DAVID**, born September 26, 1714.

82. **OLIVER WARD**,² born 1685 in Marlborough, Mass., married February 2, 1709, in Sudbury, Mass., **HANNAH BRIGHAM**, born March 27, 1683, in Marlborough, daughter of John and Sarah Brigham.

They lived for some years in what is now the westerly part of Northborough, Mass., near the head of "Cold Harbor" meadow, on the place afterwards occupied by Jotham Bartlett. In Massachusetts Archives, 71:454, is his damage claim for a horse wounded in a fight with Indians near Lancaster in August 1708. About 1716 he moved to the section which became Westborough in the following year, as noted also under Increase Ward (76). In 1736 he was a selectman in Grafton, Mass.

Children, born in Marlborough:

244. **DINAR**,⁴ born December 26, 1709.

245. **EXPERIENCE**, born September 25, 1711, married April 26, 1733, in Westborough, Mass., **JESSE SMITH** of Lexington, Mass., born April 1, 1711, son of John and Mary Smith.

246. **THANKFUL**, born May 9, 1713, married January 18, 1736, **ZERADIAH SMITH**.

247. **DEBORAH**

248. **HANNAH**
249. **SARAH** } triplets, born January 15, 1715, died in infancy.

83. **WILLIAM WARD**,² born May 27, 1680, in Marlborough, Mass., died January 9, 1767, in Southborough, Mass. He married (1) **JANE CLEVELAND** of Boston, born about 1681, died April 12, 1745, in Southborough, daughter of Samuel and Jane (Keyes) Cleveland, and granddaughter of Moses Cleveland, from England about 1635.

He married (2) October 18, 1758, in Westborough, Mass., Mrs. **SARAH SMITH**.

He was a noted surveyor and was often employed by the proprietors of new townships to lay out their house-lots and subsequent divisions of common lands, thereby becoming a proprietor in many of the new towns, and an extensive landholder. He was, further, awarded 1000

HISTORY

OF

MERCER COUNTY,

PENNSYLVANIA.

ITS PAST AND PRESENT.

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1878. They reared eight children: Samuel, Abraham K., John, Maria, Lina, Marvin, Matsum and Ann, all residents of the county except Samuel, who lives in Michigan. Abraham K. was reared in his native township and married June 10, 1840, Mrs. Sarah Smith, nee Lawton, a native of Yorkshire, England, who has borne him five children: Silas, Catharine (wife of Oscar Broadway), Peter, Daniel and Anna S., all living. Politically Mr. Harnitt is a staunch Democrat, and one of the oldest native residents of the township.

Jacob HANSEPLAG, farmer, post-office Greenville, was born in Centre County, Penn., October 21, 1800. His grandfather, Henry Hansoplag, emigrated from Germany to America during the Revolution, and after the war married a Miss Sisson, of Union County, Penn. His father, Jacob Hansoplag, was born in Union County July 10, 1790; these grew up and married Anne Leuty, a native of the same county. They afterward removed to Centre County, where Jacob operated a tannery and brewery. In the fall of 1834 they removed to West Salem Township, Mercer County, and reared six children: George K., deceased; Elizabeth, wife of Jonathan Showers; Jacob, Maria, widow of William Dillon; John H. and Daniel. They settled in the forests of West Salem, in a hewed log house which Mr. Hansoplag erected after coming. The mother died in 1871, and her venerable husband, at the ripe old age of ninety three years, resided on the old homestead, peacefully awaiting the call to join her in that home beyond the grave until his death August 7, 1898. Both died in the faith of the Evangelical Association, of which church they were members many years. Politically he was a Republican. Our subject has resided in West Salem since the fall of 1834. He learned the shoemaker's trade, which he followed at Mayville for twenty years, but since the spring of 1892 he has been engaged in farming. In the fall of 1892 he was drafted, and enlisted in Company D, One Hundred and Sixty-ninth Regiment, Pennsylvania Militia, and served nine months. Mr. Hansoplag was married in April, 1855, to Mary Ann, daughter of Jeffrey and Ann (Marford) Buntley, of West Salem Township. She was a native of Mercer County, and reared nine children: Elizabeth, wife of Charles Duff; Emma, wife of Squire Jewell; Eliza E., Armistia, Ida, Charles, Edin, Rachel and Lucinda, all of whom are living. Mrs. Hansoplag died in the Baptist faith May 7, 1873. Our subject is a Republican, and one of the well known citizens of the township.

THE HERRMAN FAMILIES.—Jacob Herrman, a native of Germany, and a Revolutionary soldier, was one of the early settlers of West Salem Township. He grew up in Maryland, and was twice married. His first wife was Mary Suter, who bore him three sons and four daughters: John, Joseph, Jacob, Polly, Lena, Susan and Elizabeth. The mother died in Maryland, and he married Mrs. Hannah (Beck) Schaffer, and with two sons, John and Jacob, and his four daughters, by his first marriage, immigrated to Mercer County in 1800 (Joseph remaining in Maryland), where he purchased and settled on a tract of land partly lying within the present limits of Greenville. Two daughters, Hannah and Rachel, were born of his second marriage. His cabin stood on the west side, where Samuel West now lives. The parents both spent the balance of their lives on this farm, upon which they were interred. John, the oldest son, married Catharine Harsh, in Maryland, and after coming to Mercer hunted at the Big Bend, in Delaware Township, where his father purchased him 100 acres. He died there, and his sons still live on the old homestead.

Joseph, the second son, was born in Maryland May 13, 1791, then learned the shoemaker's trade, and came to West Salem Township about two years after the rest of the family. He married Magdalena Everhart, who was born

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Clark Catharina, wid. Edward, h 201 W. 25th
 Clark Catharina, wid. George, h 840 W. 25th
 Clark Catharina, wid. Isaac J. a 87 Crosby
 Clark Catharina, wid. Jas. sewing, h r 175 First av.
 Clark Catharina, wid. Patrick, h 593 Grand
 Clark Cath. wid. Patrick, washing, h 553 W. 44th
 Clark Catharina, wid. Richard W. h 120 Cannon
 Clark Catharine B. school, h 129 W. 45th
 Clark Charles, bdgh. h 8 Laight
 Clark Charles, broker, 50 Wall, h 18T Livingston, B'klyn
 Clark Charles, carpenter, h 75 First
 Clark Charles, clerk, h 31 W. 14th
 Clark Charles, driver, h 122 Columbia
 Clark Charles A. glass, 17 Barclay, h 208 E. 15th
 Clark Charles A. marshal, Seventh av. c. W. 22d, h 213 Ninth av.
 Clark Charles E. jeweler, 35 John, h 154 E. 31st
 Clark Charles H. provins, 149 Elizabeth, h 87 E. 4th
 Clark Chas. Hallett, 23 Beaver, h 150 Hicks, B'klyn
 Clark Charles Henry, mer, 170 E. 18th
 Clark Charles N. calker, h 120 Cannon
 Clark Charles S. crockery, 417 G'wich
 Clark Charles S. hats, 118 Nassau, h B'klyn
 Clark Chas. V. clerk, 86 B'way, h 271 Union, B'klyn
 Clark Charles W. carman, h 222 W. 18th
 Clark Charles W. prints, 83 Nassau
 Clark Christina, wid. John D. milliner, 629 B'way, h 50 King
 Clark Christopher, liquors, 64 Jackson & 95 Market, h 212 Madison
 Clark Cornelia G. dressmkr, h 203 W. 40th
 Clark Cornelius, physician, h 235 E. 30th
 Clark Cornelius, phanomkr, h 108 E. 19th
 Clark Cyrus, h 10 E. 41st
 Clark Daniel, brick, Pier 43 N. E. h 19 King
 Clark Daniel, smth, h 379 Water
 Clark Daniel D. carman, h 71 Jane
 Clark Daniel P. strawgls, 380 B'way, h 444 W. 23d
 Clark Daniel S. binder, h 138 Third av.
 Clark Darius, drugs, 149 Chambers, h St. James h.
 Clark David, carpenter, h 483 E. Houston
 Clark David, painter, 256 South, h B'klyn
 Clark David H. butcher, 301 Wash. mkt, h Crook's h.
 Clark David R. butcher, 215 Wash. mkt, h 261 Seventh
 Clark David W. furs, 42 Maiden la.
 Clark Dewitt C. h 25 W. 10th
 Clark Eaton P. hardware, 207 Bowery, h 321 E. 4th
 Clark Ebenezer, clerk, h 178 W. 18th
 CLARK EDEN P. hardware, cutlery, mechanics' tools, paints, oils, glass, &c. 207 Bowery, h 321 E. 4th
 Clark Edward, (col'd), engineer, h r 240 Delancey
 Clark Franklin, seaman, h 148 Hammond
 Clark Franklin, u. a. a h r 69 Green
 Clark Frazer, shoemkr, h r 68 Sheriff
 Clark Frederica I. wid. Isaac, shoes, 80 Bleecker
 Clark Frederick, clerk, h 169 W. Houston
 Clark Frederick, furniture, 83 Liberty & r 85 Varick, h N. J.
 Clark Frederick C. grocer, 60 Broad, h 5 Irving pl. B'klyn
 Clark Frederick H. dentist, h 23 University pl.
 Clark Garret D. h 24 Mansfield pl.
 Clark George, h 102 E. 14th
 Clark George, blindmkr. h 32 Downing
 Clark George, editor, 95 Nassau, h 66 President, B'klyn
 Clark George, grocer, 104 Murray, h 188 Tenth
 Clark George, liquors, 142 Mercer, h 229 Spring
 CLARK GEORGE A. & BROTHERS, spool cotton, 85 & 90 Reade, h N. J.
 Clark George C. agent, h 267 Grand
 Clark George E. shoes, 43 Cortlandt, h B'klyn
 Clark George F. u. a. a. h 392 Third
 Clark George H. hats, 330 B'way, h 85 W. 45th
 Clark George H. printer, 219 Canal
 Clark George W. calker, h 350 Third
 Clark George W. harnessmkr, h 7 Hester
 Clark George W. rags, 29 Howard, h 314 Bowery
 Clark George W. sashmkr. h 185 Sixth
 Clark George W. seaman, h 283 Seventh
 Clark Gilbert, h 401 E. 16th
 Clark Harriet L. wid. William, h 210 E. 53d
 Clark Henry, boots, 2 Cath. st.
 Clark Henry, cabinetmkr, h 44 Grand
 Clark Henry, carpenter, h 19 Fifth
 Clark Henry, carpenter, h 86 Hester
 Clark Henry, laborer, h 305 W. 23th
 Clark Henry, liquors, 189 Laurens
 Clark Henry (col'd), walter, h r 25 Laurens
 Clark Henry D. clocks, 325 Hudson, h 209 W. 20th
 Clark Henry D. engineer, h 399 Eighth av.
 Clark Henry D. pictures, 235 Hudson
 Clark Henry E. imp. 122 Donne, h West Point
 Clark Henry E. produce, 221 W. Wash. mkt, h 141 Christopher
 Clark Henry H. clerk, h 23 Mansfield pl.
 Clark Henry I. banker, 63 Wall, h N. J.
 Clark Henry W. lawyer, 111 B'way
 Clark Henry W. tailor, 742 B'way, h W. 93d n Fourth av.
 Clark Home, shoemkr, h r 280 W. 40th
 Clark Horace F. lawyer, 65 Wall, h 10 E. 22d
 Clark Hosea F. agent, 51 Cortlandt, h N. J.
 Clark Hoses H. boatman, h 405 W. 25th
 Clark Hugh, liquors, 146 Sixth av.

	Town	School	Highway	County
Elisha Alexander	3.6	5	1.8	2
Beth Symon	6.0	10.0		1.1
Sam Symon	1.0.0	1.8.0		2.1
Elisha Smith	6.0	10.0		1.1
(207) David Wright	6.0	10.0	10.0	1.1
Elijah Stebbins	1.0.0	1.8.0	1.8.0	2.1
(210) Jacob Ems	4.2	7.2	7.2	3
Joseph Clark	7.2	1.0.2	1.0.2	1.3
Abel Fletcher	11.0	1.6.1	1.6.1	2.1
unimproved lands of non residence				County
Wm Gibbs				5.7
Wm Powe				1.3
Simon Willard				0.3
Nath ⁿ Willard Hens				1.3
Do ^r : Stevens				0.2

Cobhy of the Town School Highway & County
Tax for the year 1797

Attect Cyrus Shattuck Town Clerk

1798 At a legal meeting held by the inhab-
itants of the Town of Hinsdale On Tuesday
the 13th Day of March 1798 at nine O'clock
in the forenoon

1 Voted & Chose Hollis Taylor Moderator
Voted & Chose Cyrus Shattuck Town Clerk
Voted Cyrus Shattuck Edmund Gustin &
Beth Hooker Selectmen and Assessors
Voted Cyrus Shattuck Town Treasure
Voted Elisha Stebbins Dennis Darling
Josiah Moore Benj Stone Benj Sanger &
Philip Barret Highway Surveyors
Voted Nathan Thomas Jr Remembrance Wright
Iris Barret Nathaniel Sanger & Josiah Moore
Hogrevers

Voted Elded Evans & Stephen Coze Fence
Viewers & Field Drivers
Voted Benj Sanger Culler of lumber & leader
of Wrights and measure
Voted & Chose Benj Stone & Abraham Wheeler
Pything men
Turn to next page

Votes for Governor

John Taylor Gillman Esq. 24 Votes

Votes for Councilor

Sam^l Stevens Esq. 38 Votes

Votes for District Senator

George Aldridge Esq. 23 Votes

Daniel Hawthorne Esq. 17 Votes

Votes for County Register

Benjamin Bellows Esq. 24 Votes

Voted Beth Hooker Representative to Represent
the Town in the Gen^l Court of New Hampshire
the present year

Voted that the road leading from Billy
Burnams house by Hows Saw mill through
Pho^s Butlers land as has been laid out by
the Town that instead of an Open Road be
the sd Butler is to keep good sufficient
gate the present year or so long as the
Town shall think bet

Voted to Raise Fifty pounds for schooling
Voted to Raise sixty pounds to repair the
Highways

Voted to raise Forty pounds to Defray Town
Charges

Voted to give Otis Doolittle seven pounds
Fifteen shillings to provide and Take

Review

1. Key Records include
 - a) Vital Records
 - b) Census Records
 - c) Passenger Records
2. May Need Vital Record Substitutes
 - a) Church Records
 - b) Newspapers
3. Census Substitutes
 - a) City Directories
 - b) Tax Records

Next Time: Power Online Searching



- Getting the most from the Big Three

Next Time: How To Organize?

- Organize your research
- Organize your findings
- Organize your files
- Genealogical numbering systems

Session Roadmap

What is Genealogy?



Steps for Researching



Focus on step three: sources



Homework

Scavenger Hunt

Clue	Answer	Website	Data base	Finding Clues
<p>1. Where was the future writer Laura Ingalls Wilder living in 1870? Give the town, county and state. Hint: The spelling of surname is incorrect on the 1870 census. To do this search efficiently, you will also need to find where and approximately when she was born, using a non-genealogical source.</p>				
<p>2. According to the 1900 census, how many children did Laura Ingalls Wilder give birth to? How many are still living? Hint: You need to look at the original image of the census return.</p>				
<p>3. Jenny Homer died in Cleveland Ohio before 1920. What was her date of death?</p>				
<p>4. Robert J. Lawthers attended what Boston-area educational institution? Hint: You will need to use a military-related database.</p>				
<p>5. When and whom did the artist William Merritt Chase marry in New York City?</p>				

QUESTIONS?

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