

Building Your Genealogical Skills

Class 2: Researching

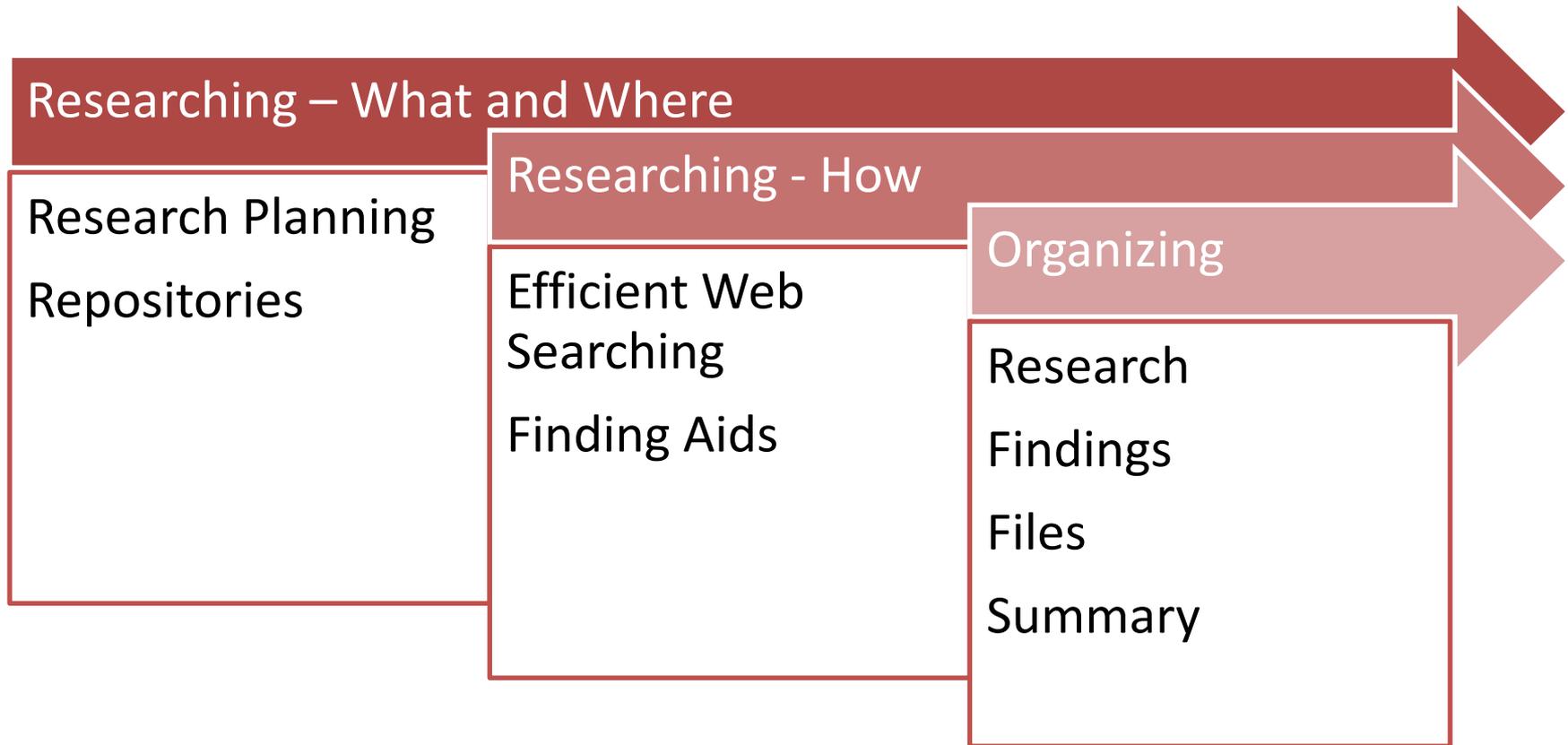
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Session #2 Roadmap



But First. . .

Homework Review

Question	Records	Repository
Francis X Gartland, where was he born between 1855, 1860, NJ, Philadelphia, Ireland	Birth record, baptismal record	Catholic church records, Philadelphia, 1860 or 1870 census
James Clark and first marriage, Della Minette Kline, when and where did they divorce? Erie New York? Turn of 20 th century?	Town records , marriage records	Ancestry, online sources.
Thomas Smyth, when did he arrive (NYC??), 1850's and where is he from in Ireland?	Birth in Ireland, immigration, passenger lists.	Catholic church records in Ireland --
Eliza Thomas, where was she born in Wales or Cornwall, 1838	Parish records, Methodist church – Welsh	Online – Welsh archives and other online sources

Recap

Steps for Researching Your Family

Step 1

- Identify what you know

Step 2

- Decide what you want to learn (Research goal)

Step 3

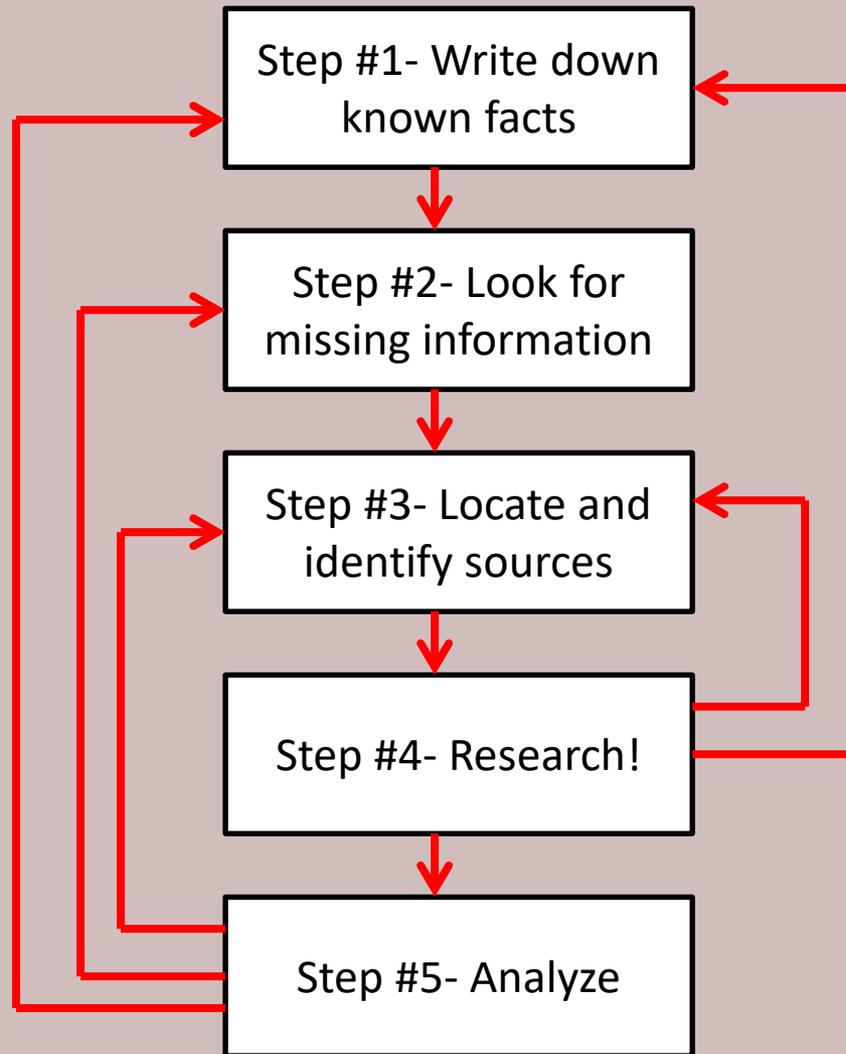
- Identify and locate your sources

Step 4

- Research!

Step 5

- Analyze



This Class - Focus on Step 4: Research!

Step 4: Research!

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

What: Researching Planning

Make a Plan

- What do you want to learn? (Goal)

Step 1 

- What do you already know?

Step 2 

- Do your background homework

Step 3 

- Create your plan

Step 4 

- Execute and fine tune your plan

Step 5 

Creating Good Research Questions

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



What Do You Already Know?

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



Who Are the Parents of Elizabeth Harris?

Research Subject:

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

Names and birthdates of children:

- Silas b. ca 1779
- Electa b. ca 1781
- Sarah b. ca 1782

Additional Information

What is Known About the Question?

Research Question:

Who are the parents of Elizabeth Harris?

What Is Known About the Question?

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

Background Homework



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



Hypothesis Example

What is the Working Hypothesis?

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

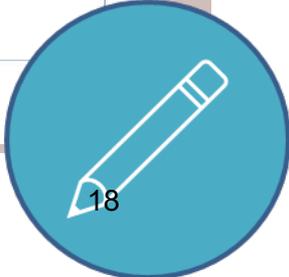
Put it Together and Create the Plan

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

Research Plan Template

Research Subject:									
Name:	Birth and place:	Marriage and place: Name of spouse:	Death and place:						
Names and birthdates of children:									
Additional Information									
Research Question:									
What Is Known About the Question?									
Fact	Source of Fact:								
Record Dates ¹									
Place	Formed	Birth	Marriage	Death	Court	Land	Probate	Census	Record Loss
What is the Working Hypothesis?									
1.									
2.									
3.									
Which Records Will I Need?									
Record	Purpose		Source/Repository						
Search Strategy:									

¹ Use Family Search Research Wiki to copy and paste dates for County record dates



Which Records (Basic)

Which Records Will I Need?

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

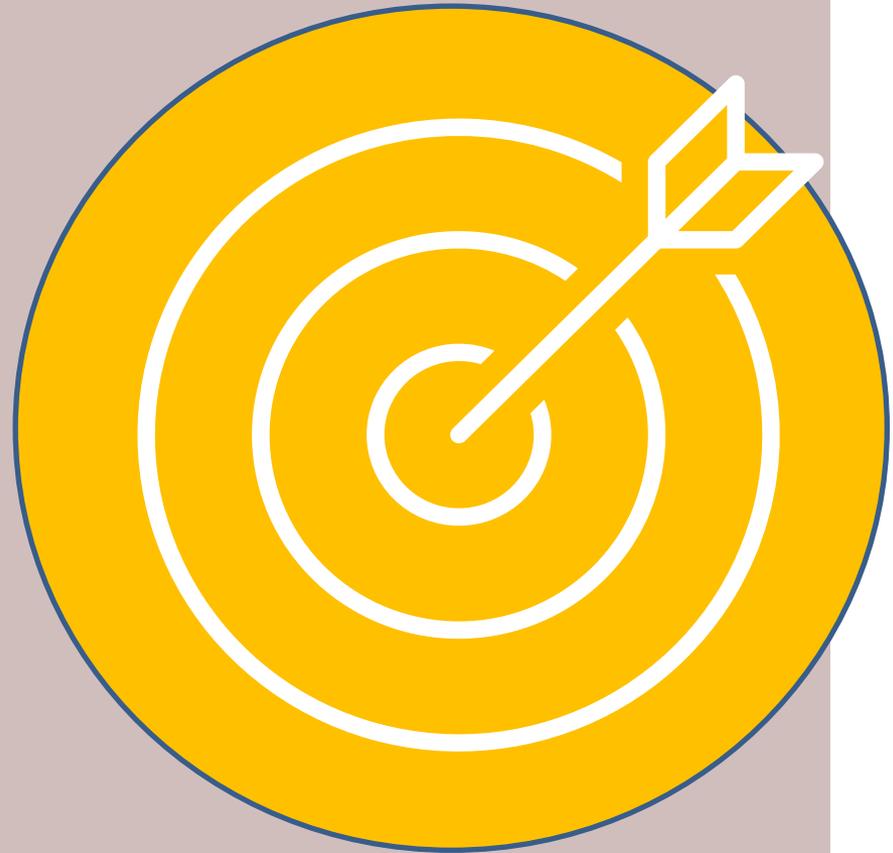
Which Records (Advanced)

Which Records Will I Need?

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

Keep a Research Log

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



What to Fill In Before Viewing a Record

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



Person

Research Log

Repository: Henry D. Clark

Date: June 20, 2021

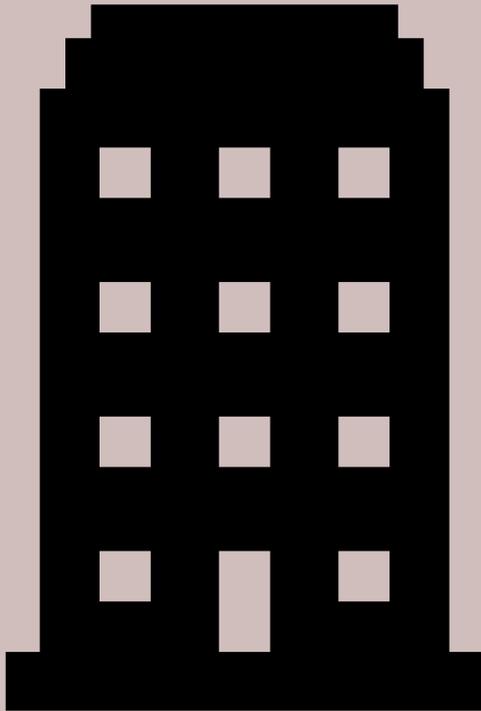
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NYGB: South Reformed Dutch Church (in Garden Street to 1835, in Murray Street 1837-48), 1812-1853	https://www.newyorkfamilyhistory.org/online-record/s/new-york-county-religious-records/635-021/65	Baptism of Henry D. Clark	
NYGB: Christ Protestant Episcopal, 1793-1848, vol. 1	https://www.newyorkfamilyhistory.org/online-record/s/new-york-county-religious-records/635-017/11	Baptism of Henry D. Clark	

Cut and Paste From Your Research Plan to Start Your Log!

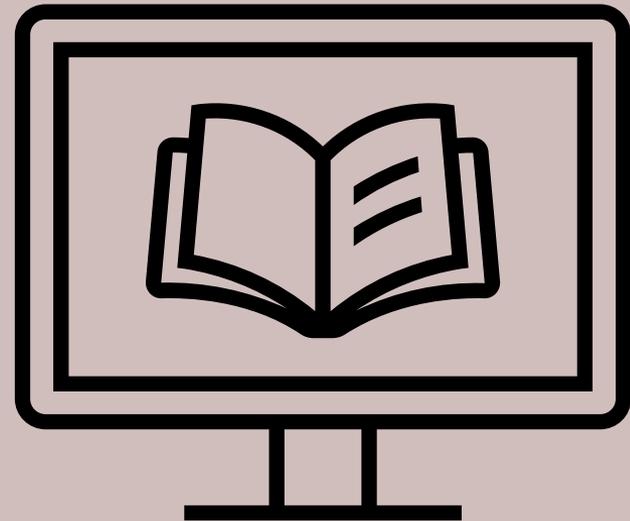
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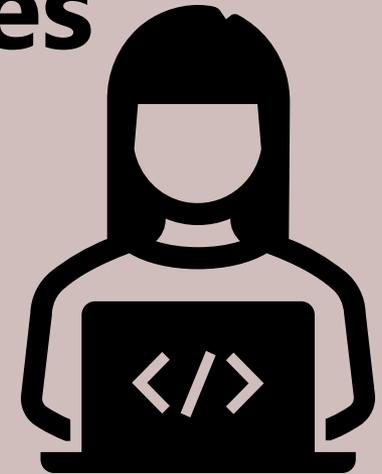


Selected Types of Brick-and-Mortar Repositories

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

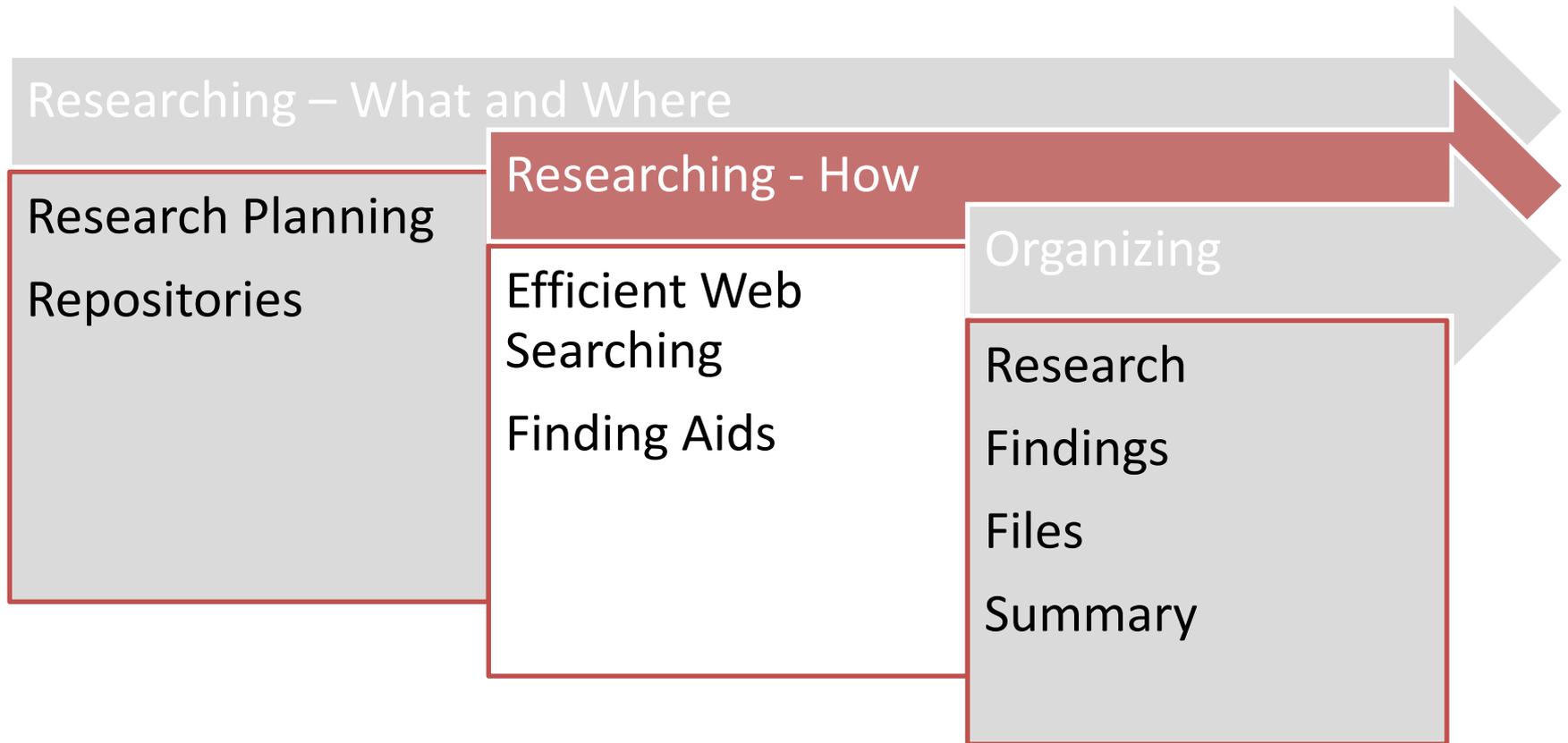
Online Repositories

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



QUESTIONS?

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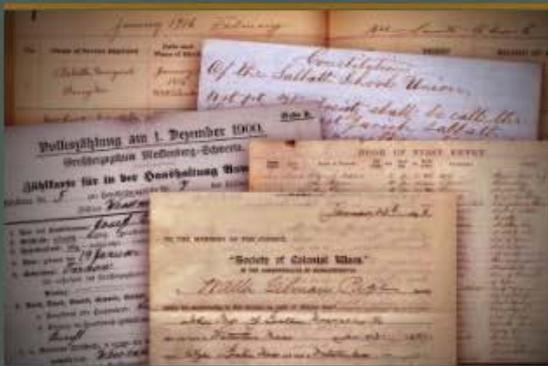
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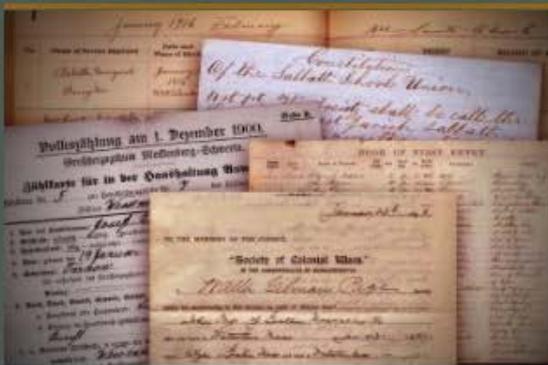
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KEY TO THE NAMES OF PERSONS

OCCURRING

In the Early Dutch Records of Albany and Vicinity

PREFACE.

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

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

It was not uncommon for the same individual to have two or more surnames and to use them indifferently. Jan Barentse Wemp (Wemple) was sometimes called Foest; he had a mill on the Pousden-kil which perhaps derived its name from him rather than from the Dutch word poosten. After his death in 1700 his widow Marieke Myndertse married Sweer Teunisse. He had two surnames, Van Velsen and Van Westbroeck. Jan Fort of Niskayuna had the following aliases: Jan La Fort, Jan Vandervert and Jan Libbertos.

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

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

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

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

The following list is intended to serve as a key to such surnames as are occasionally or almost constantly omitted in the ancient Dutch records of Albany and Schenectady. It is so nearly full as the compiler, after a somewhat careful reading of these documents, can make it. The names of persons without surnames, or if having them were not entered in those records, will not of course be found here; unfortunately these are somewhat numerous. Another embarrassment in the identification of persons arises from the fact, that some bear the same Christian name. When such cases occur in the following list, the dates annexed will sometimes aid in solving the difficulty. Thus the surname of Jacob Abrahamse, found in documents dating 1660-84, was Vreburg alias Kupper; in those of date 1700, it was Van Deusen. But where there is little or no difference in the dates this help fails, and all is left to conjecture.

J. P.

Schenectady, Oct. 18, 1870.

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Some of the most s

Great Valley Road

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

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3 Settlers and Records
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Historical Background

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

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

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

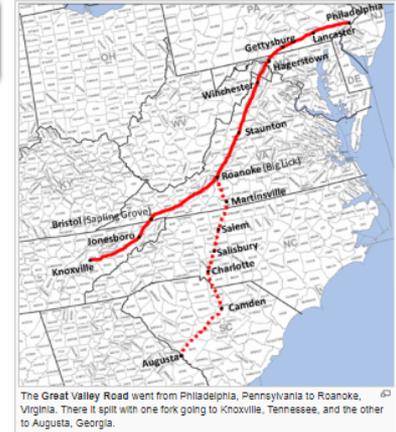
Route

(Northeast to Southwest)^[7]

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

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

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

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

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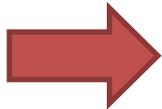
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Authors: [Danville \(Maine\). Town Clerk](#) (Main Author)

Format: Manuscript/Manuscript on Film

Language: English

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

Physical: on 2 microfilm reels ; 35 mm.

Notes

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

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

Indexes are found within some volumes.

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Subjects

Locality Subjects

[United States, Maine, Androscoggin, Auburn - Vital records](#)



Film/Digital Notes

Note	Location	Collection/Shelf	Film	DGS	Format
Records of births, marriages, deaths arranged by family, 1751-1834; marriages 1804-1824; intentions of marriage 1802-1836	Family History Library	United States & Canada 2nd Floor Film	10822 Item 1	7595342	
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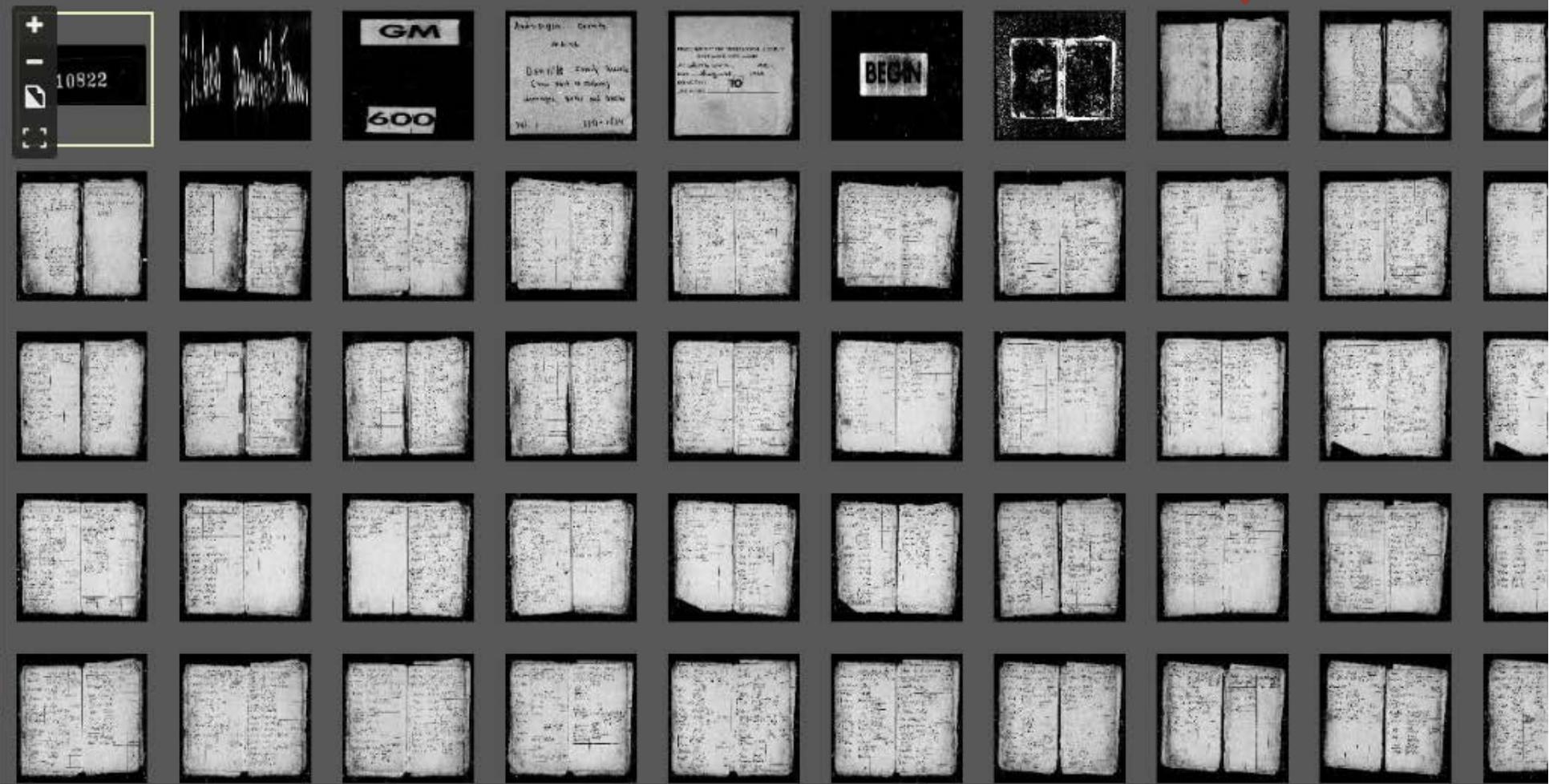
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Attach to Family

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FamilySearch Database Searching

Tip
Spelling DOES NOT
count – Sound does

Unique Family Search Features

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

Wildcards

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

Search Historical Records

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

[TIPS FOR EFFECTIVE SEARCHES](#)

First Names

Walter

Last Names

Mazdzer

Place

New Hampshire

Year

Birth or Death Year

SEARCH

MORE OPTIONS

FamilySearch Search Page – BASIC SEARCH



Filter Results (1,392)

PREFERENCES

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

Name

Events and Relationships

Walter Arthur Major

Principal
New Hampshire Deaths and Burials, 1784-1949

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

Father Marcellus Major
Mother Delphine Domony
Spouse Melvina Depathie



Walter L Major

Principal
United States Social Security Death Index

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

Advanced Search

Add Ancestor Information

Name + Alternate Name + Sex

First Names

Walter

Last Names

Mazdzer

REMOVE ANCESTOR'S NAME

Add Life Event

Any + Birth + Marriage + Residence
+ Death

Place

New Hampshire

Year (Range)

From

To

SEARCH

RESET

Results Page – Name, Birth, Residence



Filter Results (1,392)

PREFERENCES

- Collection
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- Name
- + Alternate Name
- + Sex

Alternate First Name

Alternate Last Name

REMOVE ANCESTOR'S NAME

First Names

Last Names

REMOVE ANCESTOR'S NAME

Add Life Event

SEARCH RESET

Alternate Name



Records Images Family Tree Genealogies Catalog Books Wiki



Filter Results (15,089)

[PREFERENCES](#)

Collection Sex Race Birth Marriage

Death Other Residence

Name

Events and Relationships

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Walter A Major

Principal
United States Census, 1930

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

Advanced Search

Add Ancestor Information

Name + Alternate Name + Sex

Alternate First Name

Alternate Last Name

[REMOVE ANCESTOR'S NAME](#)

First Names

Last Names

[REMOVE ANCESTOR'S NAME](#)

Add Life Event

Alternative Name Results Page



Records Images Family Tree Genealogies Catalog Books Wiki

Filter Results (15,089)

PREFERENCES

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

Name

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- Massachusetts, Index to Boston Passenger 6

APPLY COLLECTION FILTER

Filtering by Collection



Records Images Family Tree Genealogies Catalog Books Wiki

Filter Results (18)

PREFERENCES

Collection: Migration & Naturalization, New Hamp...

Collection: Migration & Naturalization, New Hamp...

Collection Sex Race Birth Other

Name

Events and Relationships

Waclaw or Walter Mozdzer or Masten

Principal New Hampshire County Naturalization Records, 1771-2001

Birth 5 May 1893 Lichacze, Jaroslaw, Podkarpackie, Poland

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

Spouse Antonina Mozdzer



Alice Mastine

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

Birth 1895

Spouse Wallace Mastine



Advanced Search

Add Ancestor Information

Name + Alternate Name + Sex

Alternate First Name

Alternate Last Name

Masten

REMOVE ANCESTOR'S NAME

First Names

Walter

Last Names

Mazdzer

REMOVE ANCESTOR'S NAME

Add Life Event

SEARCH

RESET

Results

Tip
Always look at the
original

ORIGINAL

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

PETITION FOR CITIZENSHIP

No. 4485

To the Honorable the Superior Court of New Hampshire at Nashua

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

on November 13, 1912, on the vessel Russia

as shown by the certificate of my arrival attached hereto.

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

The Republic of Poland

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

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

November 13, 1912 and in the County of Hillsborough

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

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Export search results into Excel



Records Images Family Tree Genealogies Catalog Books Wiki

EDIT SEARCH

Filter Results (55)

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

⚙️ PREFERENCES

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

Preferences

Format

- Fixed Table
- Data Sheet

CUSTOMIZE DATA SHEET

Language Options

- Translated Text
- Original Text

Export Search Results

- XLS
- XLSX
- CSV
- TSV
- ODS

Number of Results
100

EXPORT RESULTS

Mazdzer or Masten; New Hampshire or Vermont or New York

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Sample Search Result Export

Ancestry

Power Searching at Ancestry

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

All results for Michael D*Herty

Search Filters

Broad Exact

Michael

D*herty

Born: Prince Edward I...

Collection:

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

All Categories

- > Census & Voter Lists 5,000+
- > Birth, Marriage & Death 5,000+
- > Military 5,000+
- > Immigration & Emigration 5,000+
- > Directories & Member Lists 5,000+
- > Court, Land, Wills & Financial 5,000+
- > Dictionaries, Encyclopedias & Reference 207

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Records Categories

[Web: Prince Edward Island, Baptism Index, 1788-1943](#)
BIRTH, BAPTISM & CHRISTENING



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

[Web: Prince Edward Island, Baptism Index, 1788-1943](#)
BIRTH, BAPTISM & CHRISTENING

Name **Michael Dougherty**
Mother Sarah Flynn
Father Owen **Dougherty**
Birth 23 Apr 1864
Baptism 26 Jun 1864 Vernon River, Prince Edward Island, Canada

[Web: Prince Edward Island, Baptism Index, 1788-1943](#)
BIRTH, BAPTISM & CHRISTENING

Name **Michael Doherty**
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Baptism 19 Dec 1840 Prince Edward

Ancestry Results for Michael D*herty, born PEI

All results for Michael D*Herty

Search Filters

Broad Exact

Michael

D*herty

Born: Prince Edward I...

Collection:

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

- All Categories
- > Census & Voter Lists 9
 - > Birth, Marriage & Death 5
 - > Immigration & Emigration 1
- [Shortcut Keys](#)

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Records Categories

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Using Sliders to Focus Search



All Immigration & Emigration results for Michael D*Herty

Search Filters

Broad Exact

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Born: Prince Edward I...

Collection:

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

All Categories

- Immigration & Emigration
- Border Crossings & Passports

1

Results 1-1 of 1

Records Categories

 U.S., Records of Aliens Pre-Examined in Canada, 1904-1954
BORDER CROSSINGS & PASSPORTS

[View Image](#)

Name **Michael Doherty**
Birth abt 1907 Iona, Prince Edward Island
Arrival 2 Sep 1927
Other 2 Sep 1927

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of 1

Filter on Categories

MANIFEST		Part of	ST. JOHN NB		Date	9/2/27		Serial No.	
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3									
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Language or exemption		Race	Nationality		Last permanent residence (town, country, etc.)				
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16-5549									

Pre-Examination Manifest for Michael Doherty

Tip

Don't Forget the Card Catalog

Card Catalog

Searchable listing of all record collections

Title

Keyword(s)

Search or Clear All

Filter By Category

Birth, Marriage & Death	+1000
Census & Voter Lists	557
Court, Land, Wills & Financial	+1000
Dictionaries, Encyclopedias & Reference	+1000
Directories & Member Lists	+1000
Family Trees	4
Immigration & Emigration	529
Maps, Atlases & Gazetteers	195
Military	+1000
Newspapers & Periodicals	+1000
Pictures	40
Stories, Memories & Histories	+1000

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Title	Category	So
 U.S. WWII Hospital Admission Card Files, 1942-1954	Military	6
 Scotland, Ireland and Wales, Militia Attestation Papers, 1800-1915	Military	3
 Moers, Germany, Deaths, 1803-1986 (in German)	Birth, Marriage & Death	2
 New York State, Card Index to Supreme Court and Court of Chancery Documents, 1648-1848	Court, Land, Wills & Financial	7
 Milwaukee, Wisconsin, Births, 1839-1911	Birth, Marriage & Death	8
 Milwaukee, Wisconsin, Marriages, 1838-1911	Birth, Marriage & Death	6
 Milwaukee, Wisconsin, Deaths, 1854-1911	Birth, Marriage & Death	4
 Moers, Germany, Marriages, 1798-1935 (in German)	Birth, Marriage & Death	5
 Moers, Germany, Births, 1798-1907 (in German)	Birth, Marriage & Death	3
 UK, Officer Service Records, 1764-1932	Military	3
 Web: Japanese American Veterans Association Personnel	Military	2
 1801 Norway Census (in Norwegian)	Census & Voter Lists	8

Using the Card Catalog

Other Research Aids

Finding Aids

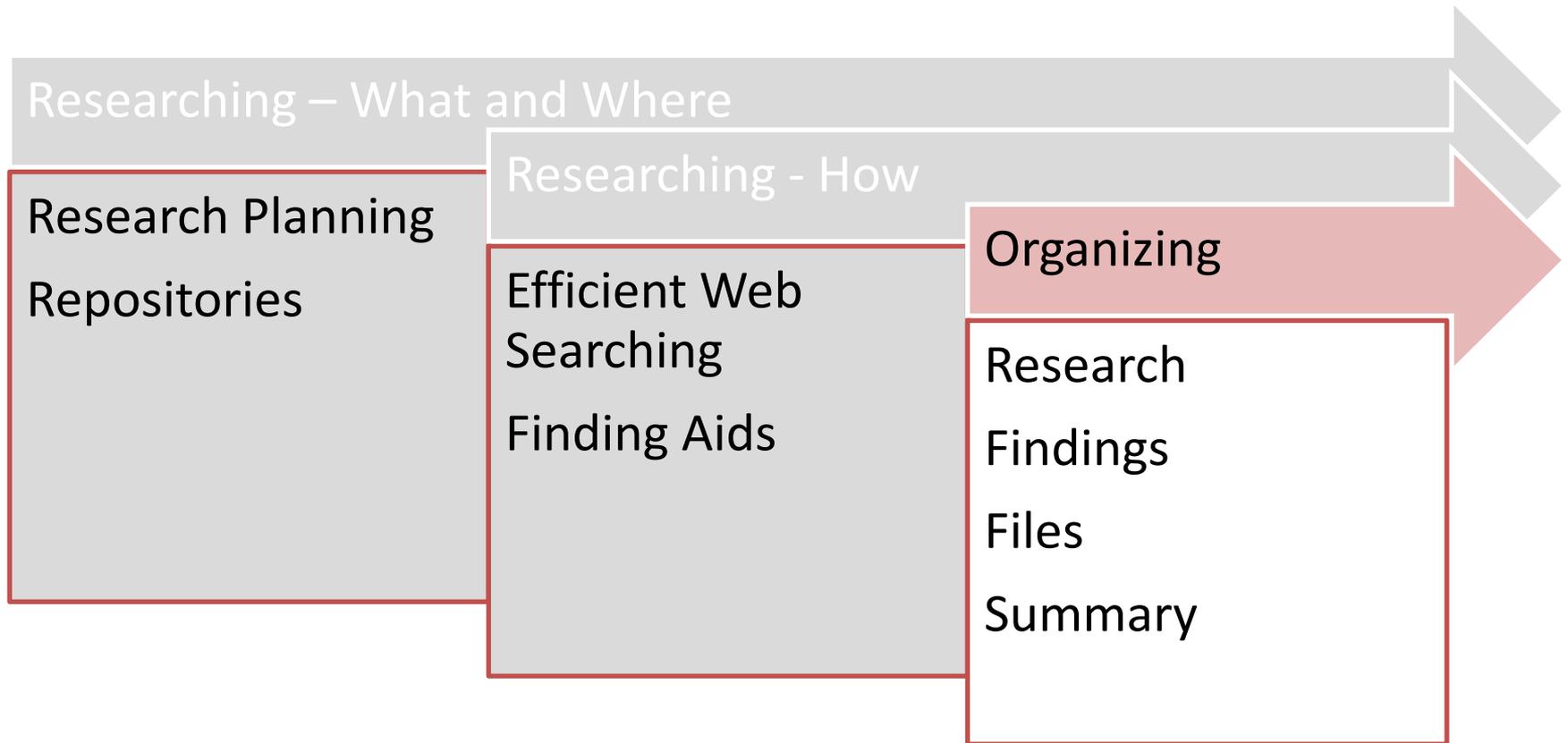
- Genealogist's Handbook for New England Research
- New York Family History Research Guide and Gazetteer
- County and town histories

Digital Book Sources

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

QUESTIONS?

Session #2 Roadmap



KIS: Rule #1 for Organizing

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

Organizing Your Research Process

Reminder – Use the Basic Tools!

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

Organizing Your Findings

Tasks Lists and To-Dos

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

Evernote or OneNote

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

What to Do With “Orphan” Documents?

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

Organizing Your Files

Paper Versus Digital Organization

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

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

FamilySearch.org Tips

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

Paper Choices

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

Paper System Color Coding

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

Digital File Organization Example

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

Sample Digital Structure

Family Structure

- Higgins
 - Higgins
 - John_1950
 - [List of Record Types]
 - John_1903
 - Patrick_1876
 - Crotty
 - Cassidy

Record Type Structure

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

File Naming

Who, When, What, Where

- HomerJacobJr-1837-will-MercerPA.jpg
- HomerJacob-1810-landsale-EmmitsburgMD.pdf
- HomerFred-1903-newspaper_death-GreenvillePA.pdf

Other Templates

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

Digital Tree – Lawthers Family

The screenshot shows a file explorer window with a folder tree on the left and a list of files on the right. The folder tree is expanded to show the 'Lawthers Family' folder, which contains subfolders for 'Chamberlain', 'Francouer', 'Lawthers', 'James - 1876', 'Robert - 1899', 'Robert - 1922', and 'Wallace'. The 'James - 1876' folder is further expanded to show 'Census', 'Immigration', 'Land', 'Military', 'Newspaper', 'Probate', and 'Vitals'. The 'Census' folder is selected, and the right pane displays a list of files with columns for Name, Date modified, Type, and Size.

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

Organizing Your Summary

Genealogical Numbering Systems

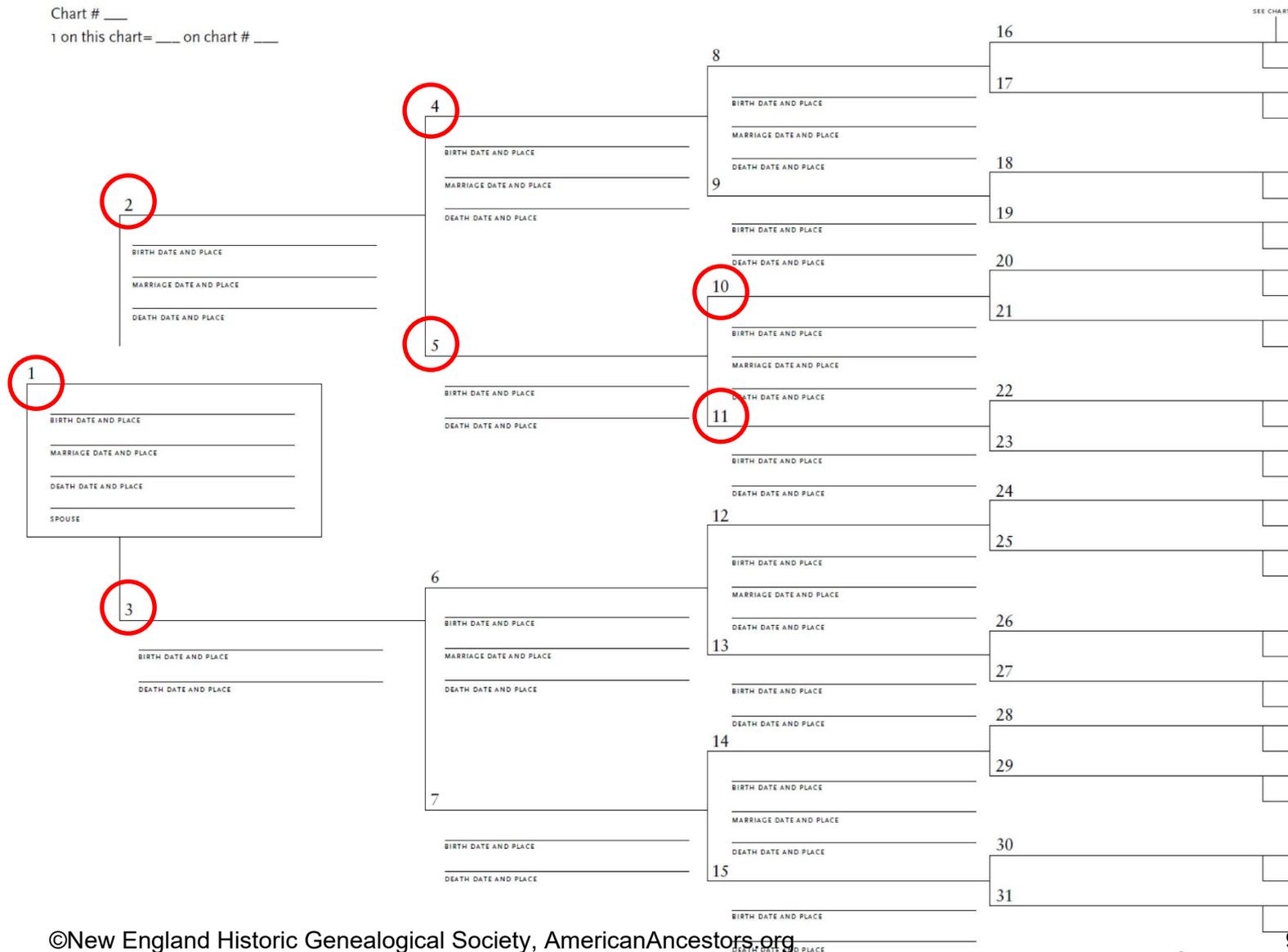
- Why bother?
 - You need to be able to use compiled genealogies
 - If you write your history for family, you will need to use a system to organize the presentation
- Numbering systems
 - Ahnentafel
 - Register
 - NGSQ/Modified Register

Ahnentafel

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



Chart # ____
1 on this chart = ____ on chart # ____



Register

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

Genealogical Summary

1. **HENRY¹ DISPAW/DESPER** was born say 1618 (assuming marriage at 25), and died in Lynn, Massachusetts, in October 1676.^[10] He married in Horsemonden, Kent, 10 April 1643, **HELEN JARRET**, who died probably prior to 1673 when her husband and son Henry, both potters, immigrated to Massachusetts.

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

Children of Henry¹ and Helen (Jarret) Dispaw/Desper, all baptisms in Horsemonden:

2. i. **HENRY² DISPAW**, b. ca. 1644; m. (1) _____; (2) **CATHERINE** _____.
- ii. **JOAN DISPAW**, bp. 13 Sept. 1646.
3. iii. **EDWARD DISPAW**, bp. 24 March 1649/50; m. **SARAH** _____.
- iv. **CHRISTOPHER DISPAW**, bp. 7 Feb. 1654.
- v. **WILLIAM DISPAW**, bp. 27 March 1657.

NGSQ (AKA Modified Register)

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

THIRD GENERATION

4. Theunis³ De Clark, son of Jacobus² DeClark (2), born May 20, 1708 at Tappan, christened there June 23, 1708.

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

Children of Theunis³ De Clark and Catherine Nax (christened at Tappan).

+12. Jacobus,⁴ born Oct. 20, 1733, chr. Oct. 21, 1733. Md. Jannetje Springstein.

13. Angenetje,⁴ born June 13, 1735, chr. July 13, 1735.

14. Matthys,⁴ born Sept. 30, 1737, chr. Oct. 23, 1737. Died young.

15. Matthys⁴ born Oct. 24, 1739, chr. Dec. 2, 1739.

Homework

Research Plan and Log

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

QUESTIONS?

Hire Research Services

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Chat with a Genealogist

AmericanAncestors.org/chat

THANK YOU!

AmericanAncestors.org/Education