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Colonial Period thru 1850s

- Community home
- Jails
- Almshouse or Poorhouse
 - First an extension of the church, later the town/city, or state (Boston first in 1622)
 - All persons who lived in poverty:
 - widows
 - orphans
 - alcoholics
 - persons with physical or mental disabilities

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Mid-19th Century

- Huge effort to categorize and arrange individuals, with a focus on rehabilitation:
 - Penitentiaries (1829, Philadelphia, Penn.)
 - Public schools (1839, Lexington, Mass.)
 - Orphanage (1729, Natchez, Miss.)
 - School for the deaf (1817, Hartford, Conn.)
 - School for the blind (1829, Watertown, Mass.)
 - Asylum for mentally-ill (1752, Philadelphia, Penn.)
 - Hospitals (1736, New York City)

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Early 20th Century

- Placement became more permeant
 - Rehabilitation is less-possible
- Eugenics on the rise
- Xenophobia on the rise
 - Immigration act of 1907 and 1924
- Binet-Simon test
 - Precursor to IQ test

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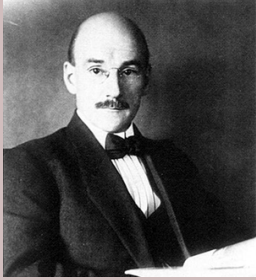
Immigration Act of 1907

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Idiots, imbeciles, and feeble-minded persons • Epileptics • Insane persons • Paupers • Professional beggars • Persons afflicted with tuberculosis or “with a 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> loathsome or dangerous contagious disease” • Persons who have been convicted of a felony or crime or “misdemeanor involving moral turpitude” • Polygamists • Anarchists
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Henry Goddard

- 1866-1957
- Head of research at the Vineland Training School in New Jersey
- Translated the Binet-Simon test
 - “idiots” had a mental age equal to or less than 2 years old
 - “imbeciles” had a mental age of 3-7 years
 - “morons” had a mental age of 8-12 years



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Mid/Late 20th Century

- Deinstitutionalization
 - Return to home care
 - Parole
- Education
 - Public perception
 - Specialized fields
- Parent groups demanded change
 - Rehabilitation
 - Improved conditions and better staffing

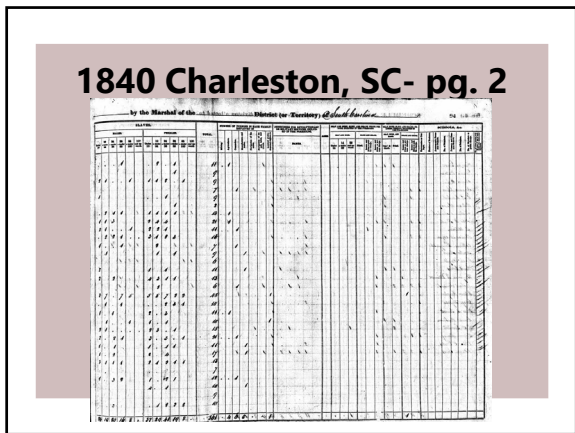
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Some records to examine for clues

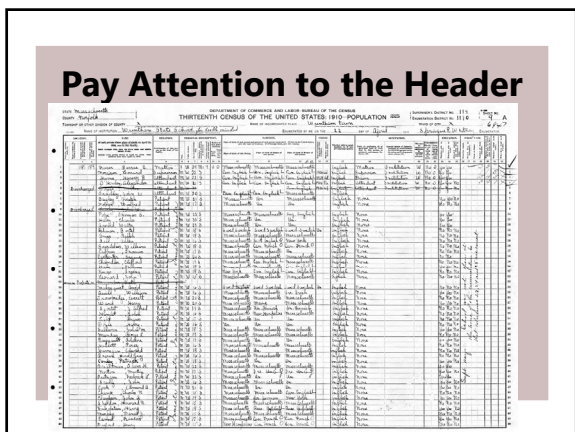
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Non-Population schedules and special censuses

- Agricultural Schedules
- Defective, Dependent, and Delinquent Classes
- Industry and Manufacturing Schedules
- Mortality Schedules
- Slave Schedules
- Social Statistics Schedules
- Business Census (1935)
- Union Veterans and Widows Schedules
- Indian Census Rolls, 1885-1940
- Special Census on Deaf Family Marriages and Hearing Relatives, 1888-1895
- And many others...

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1880- Defective, Dependent, and Delinquent Classes

- This schedule included different forms to enumerate the following classes of individuals:
 - Insane
 - Idiots
 - Deaf-mutes
 - Blind
 - Paupers and indigent persons
 - Homeless children
 - Prisoners

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Insane

Insane

PRELIMINARY SCHEDULE No. 1.—INSANE Inhabitants in the County of Middlesex, State of Massachusetts, enumerated by me June, 1880.

Lowell, John M. Hartley

Name	Address	Sex	Age	Color	Profession, Occupation, or Trade	Education	Married	Value of Real Estate	Value of Personal Estate	Value of Real Estate and Personal Estate	Place of Birth	Year of Immigration	Year of Arrival in this Country	Year of Arrival in this State	Year of Arrival in this Town	Year of Arrival in this Family	Year of Arrival in this Household	Year of Arrival in this Room	Year of Arrival in this Building	Year of Arrival in this Block	Year of Arrival in this Ward	Year of Arrival in this Precinct	Year of Arrival in this District	Year of Arrival in this County	Year of Arrival in this State	Year of Arrival in this Country	Year of Arrival in this World	
Charles A. Quirk	Lowell, Mass.	M	25	W	Insane						Lowell, Mass.																	
John M. Hartley	Lowell, Mass.	M	25	W	Insane						Lowell, Mass.																	

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Insane

- Name of person
- Residence when at home (city and county)
- Paying or ward of state
- Form of disease (diagnosed by medical professional)
- Mental history (duration, number of attacks, age at first attack)
- Restraint or seclusion (date of discharge)
- Ever institutionalized? If so, where?

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Resources

THE PORTABLE GENEALOGIST 5

Using the Federal Census: 1790-1840


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Using the Federal Census: 1850-1900

The Federal Census

Moving Beyond the Population Schedule

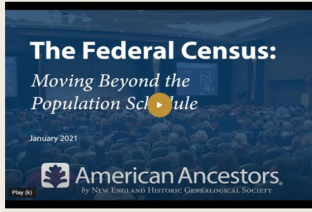
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20th Century Passenger Lists

- U.S. Government printed blank passenger lists and distributed to ships companies
- Completed at port of departure
- Headings in English, but remainder could be in native tongue (especially names)
- Ship's purser would complete



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Ambrosi Family- S.S. Verona, 1914 (first page)

LIST OR MANIFEST OF ALIEN PASSENGERS FOR THE UNITED STATES

S.S. *Verona* sailing from *Genoa, Italy* 29 December 1914

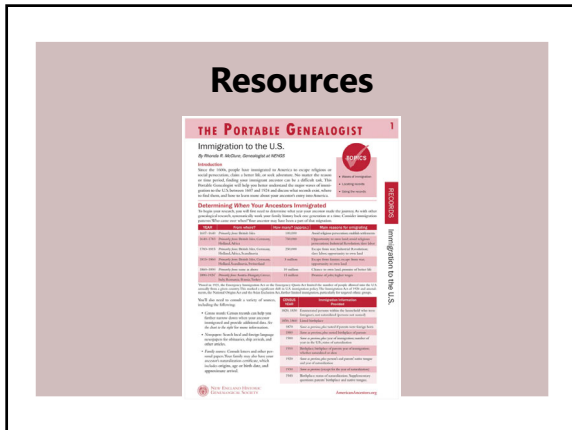
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2	<i>Ambrosi, Maria</i>	<i>32</i>	<i>F</i>	<i>Wife</i>	<i>High School</i>	<i>Catholic</i>	<i>Merchant</i>	<i>Italy</i>	<i>Italy</i>	<i>1914</i>	<i>Italy - Genoa</i>
3	<i>Ambrosi, Giuseppe</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>M</i>	<i>Son</i>	<i>Elementary</i>	<i>Catholic</i>	<i>Merchant</i>	<i>Italy</i>	<i>Italy</i>	<i>1914</i>	<i>Italy - Genoa</i>
4	<i>Ambrosi, Rosa</i>	<i>8</i>	<i>F</i>	<i>Daughter</i>	<i>Elementary</i>	<i>Catholic</i>	<i>Merchant</i>	<i>Italy</i>	<i>Italy</i>	<i>1914</i>	<i>Italy - Genoa</i>
5	<i>Ambrosi, Antonio</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>M</i>	<i>Son</i>	<i>Elementary</i>	<i>Catholic</i>	<i>Merchant</i>	<i>Italy</i>	<i>Italy</i>	<i>1914</i>	<i>Italy - Genoa</i>
6	<i>Ambrosi, Lucia</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>F</i>	<i>Daughter</i>	<i>Elementary</i>	<i>Catholic</i>	<i>Merchant</i>	<i>Italy</i>	<i>Italy</i>	<i>1914</i>	<i>Italy - Genoa</i>
7	<i>Ambrosi, Francesco</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>M</i>	<i>Son</i>	<i>Elementary</i>	<i>Catholic</i>	<i>Merchant</i>	<i>Italy</i>	<i>Italy</i>	<i>1914</i>	<i>Italy - Genoa</i>
8	<i>Ambrosi, Maria</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>F</i>	<i>Daughter</i>	<i>Elementary</i>	<i>Catholic</i>	<i>Merchant</i>	<i>Italy</i>	<i>Italy</i>	<i>1914</i>	<i>Italy - Genoa</i>

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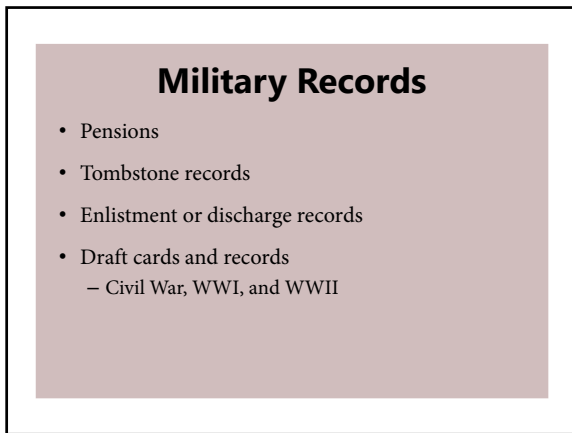
Information included

- Name
- Age
- Sex
- Martial status
- Occupation
- Literacy
- Nationality
- Race or people (1903)
- Last permanent address
- Name and complete address of nearest relative or friend in country whence alien came (1907)

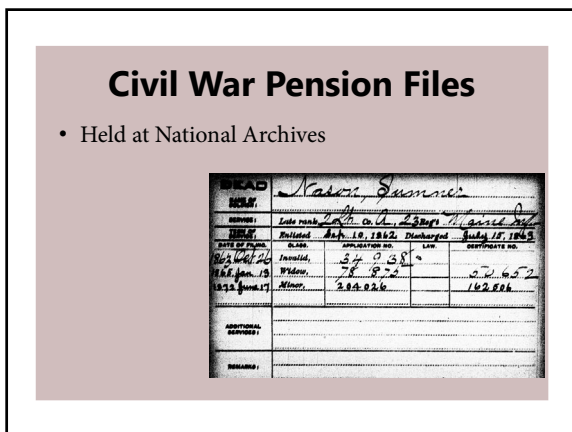
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Invalid Pension

NAME: <i>Warren, Alphonso F.</i>				
SERVICE: <i>Late rank, Misc. Co. 6, 23 Regt Maine Inf.</i>				
STATUS: <i>Enlisted</i> 1 <i>Discharged</i> 1				
DATE OF FILING	CLASS	APPLICATION NO.	LAW	CERTIFICATE NO.
<i>June 23</i>	<i>Invalid</i>	<i>516,276</i>		<i>300,268</i>
	<i>Widow</i>			
	<i>Minor</i>			
ADDITIONAL SERVICES:				
REMARKS:				

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Widow

NAME: <i>Blake, Edmund</i>				
SERVICE: <i>Late rank, Co. B, 20 Regt Maine Inf.</i>				
STATUS: <i>Enlisted</i> 1 <i>Discharged</i> 1				
DATE OF FILING	CLASS	APPLICATION NO.	LAW	CERTIFICATE NO.
<i>1887 June 16</i>	<i>Invalid</i>	<i>635,819</i>	<i>790</i>	<i>467,328</i>
<i>1892 Apr 30</i>	<i>Widow</i>	<i>918,911</i>	<i>a</i>	<i>692,849</i>
	<i>Minor</i>			
ADDITIONAL SERVICES: <i>A. S. Merc. Inf.</i>				
REMARKS:				

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Mother or Father's Pension

NAME: <i>Wheeler, Silman</i>				
SERVICE: <i>Late rank, Co. B, 20 Regt Maine Inf.</i>				
STATUS: <i>Enlisted</i> 1 <i>Discharged</i> 1				
DATE OF FILING	CLASS	APPLICATION NO.	LAW	CERTIFICATE NO.
	<i>Invalid</i>			
	<i>Widow</i>			
	<i>Minor</i>			
<i>172 Oct 29</i>	<i>Mother</i>	<i>206,011</i>		<i>165,304</i>
ADDITIONAL SERVICES:				
REMARKS:				

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Invalid, Widow, and Minor Child

NAME: <i>Nason, Sumner</i>				
RANK: <i>1st Lt. Co. A, 23rd Regt. Mass. Inf.</i>				
DATE OF BIRTH: <i>Sept. 19, 1892</i> Discharged: <i>April 18, 1915</i>				
DATE OF FILING	CLASS	APPLICATION NO.	LAW	CERTIFICATE NO.
<i>Oct. 26</i>	<i>Invalid</i>	<i>34 938</i>		
<i>1st Jan. 15</i>	<i>Widow</i>	<i>78 975</i>		<i>20652</i>
<i>1912 June 17</i>	<i>Minor</i>	<i>204926</i>		<i>162886</i>
ADDITIONAL SERVICES:				
REMARKS:				

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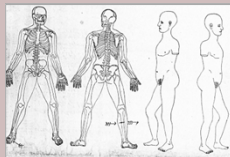
Typical Pension file papers



- Declaration for pension and pension application
- Certificate of disability
- Surgeon's certificate with disability description (form and sketch)
- Questionnaires (Form 3-447 used before 1902; Form 3-389; widow questionnaire)
- Affidavits (for and against the pensioner)
- Correspondence
- Bills and receipts

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Surgeon's certificate



- Includes a form and sketch describing disability
- Form provides:
 - Date of examination
 - Name and rank of claimant
 - Claimant's post office address
 - Cause of disability
 - If a pensioner, the amount of pension
 - Claimant's statement
 - Full description of disabilities

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Draft Cards

- WWI-
 - 1917-1918 (men born between 1873 and 1900)
- WWII-
 - 1940-1947 (men born between 1898-1929)
 - 1942 (men born between 1877 and 1897)

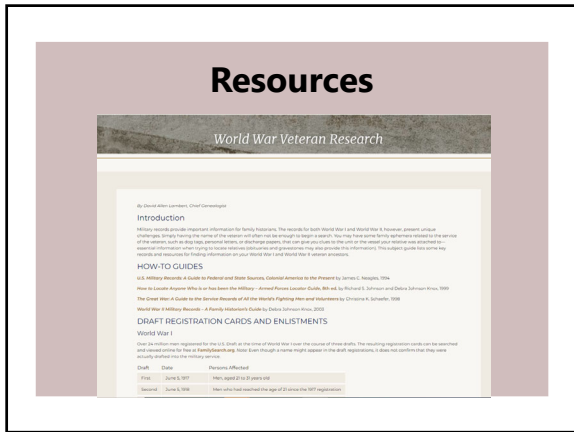
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WWI Draft Card

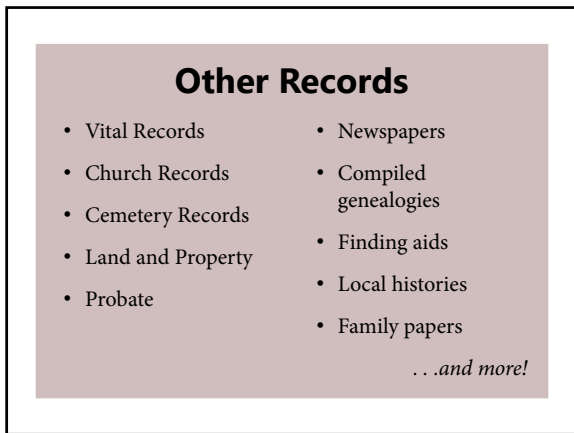
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WWII Draft Card

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Go-to Records

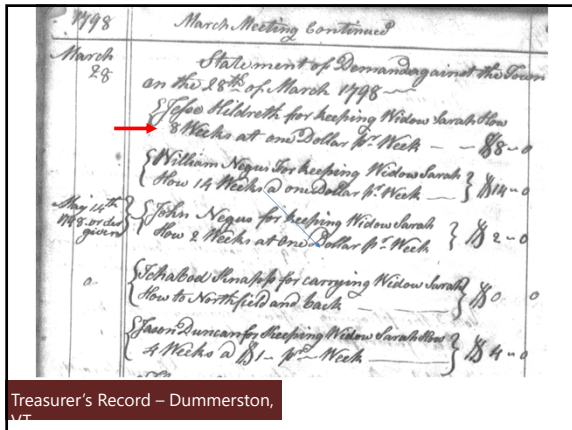
- Town Records*
 - New England
 - New York
 - Atlantic Canada
- Warnings Out records*
- Journals and diaries*
- Church records
- Almshouse and poorhouse records*

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Town Records

- Reimbursements to townspeople for services
- Payment to soldiers for service
- Best sources for the poor and women

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Warnings Out Records

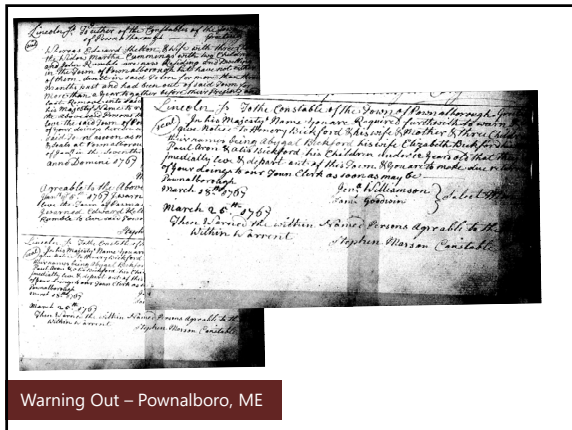
- Inhabitants of a community were responsible for each other
 - Conduct
 - Financial Support
- Warnings Out were a method of pressuring outsiders to leave town and settle elsewhere
 - Practical
 - Did not want to support outsiders

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Warnings Out

- Who was warned out?
 - Outsiders
 - Impoverished
 - Those without family support

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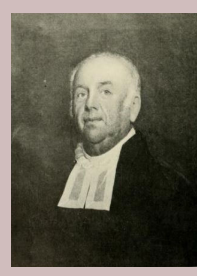
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Diaries and Day Books

- Diaries and Day Books can reveal information about the greater community
- Birth, death, and marriage information
- Biographical information
- Movements of neighbors, including warnings out
- Notable events

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Rev. William Bentley



- Born in Boston in 1759
- Graduated from Harvard in 1777
- Pastor of the East Church in Salem, 1783-1819
- Prolific diarist

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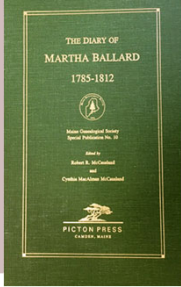
102 DIARY OF [1788

July 1. died Female Goldsmith.
 July 6. Widow Ellen Murray, death of Husband, & Son at Sea. Widow Mary Rocket & children, death of her Mr. Murray.
 Barnabas Herrick & wife, death of her Mr. Murray. (28) William as Kense & wife, delivery & Son at Sea. Nath: Babchelor & wife, delivery, Rhoda at Sea. Read the Brief in favor of the Society for propagating the Gospel.
 July 15. Kose, R. Duns & Son, death widow of youngest child, and returns from Sea. James Kimball, Murder of B. N. C. Webb, by Frinton, May 20. Frinton executed at Charlestown. Capt Patterson bought Harbors House in Dury's lane, back of Milletta. Sailed in ship from Boston, July 12, Capt Patterson for West India. The Board in favor of the Society for prop. Gospel obtained a Contribution amounting to 13 dollars.
 [28] July 14. A young man (from the press, & brand himself. He aggressive of my O. Patten, & therefore, tion from me. I carried to him 17 the services gratis.
 July 20. John Andrew & wife, dead Webb, death of Brother N. C. Webb & on an open street between them. 73 Mr Cox was dismissed from the now changed into quite different hands.
 July 19. Capt E. Allen, for Capt J. Collins from Jamaica, in a No Reason for dismissing Mr Cox from
 1. That Mr Cox did not consider it raters, as a positive agreement, but in terms, to which the directors consented three months.
 2. That Mr Cox did not approve of the Directors, & that subordinate agree.
 3. That he disapproved of the out-put.
 4. That he wrote a letter to the Directors, & that subordinate agree.
 5. Because under the resignation of the Directors, he took the authority upon which he had proceeded, & (11) offered to acknowledge any error of which he might be convicted, & lastly, because he must have been addicted to different conduct to an afternoon
 actors of the age, to a celebrated M^r Balch, whose good sense distinguished him in his ministerial character in his own generation, & makes him venerable to posterity. He is above 80 years of age, & has been past his public labours for 15 years. His wife is blind & deaf, but an uncommon share of cheerfulness falls to the good man's lot. M^r Dutch his colleague was at the house, when we visited. We then went for the Upper Parish. The river was frozen & there was an excellent path from Russel ferry to Haverhill, but it being near night, [28] & very cold we kept on Bradford side & put up at Rev^d M^r Allen's. He addressed the eldest daughter of D^r Elliot of Boston who died before his settlement, & is now married to a M^r Kent, many years older than himself. They have one child & are very hospitable. Haverhill is an agreeable Town on the opposite side of the river, which side being lower than on Bradford side, gave us a good view over the river. After breakfast we proceeded to Andover. There was a lecture appointed at M^r

Diary of Rev. William Bentley, 1785

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Martha Ballard



- Born in Oxford, Massachusetts in 1735
- Settled in Hallowell, Maine
- Midwife
- Diary spans from 1785-1812

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698 MARTHA BALLARD'S DIARY

Heartwel here. Son Jona had a load hay brot to the Bam.

9 4 Clear and warm. my Husband & I were awake at 3h y^r morn by me Heartwel and Gillbard who brot us y^r horrible tydings that Cap^t Purington had murdered all his famely Except his Son James who must have Shared the Same fate had he not been So fortunate as to make his Escape after an attempt was made to take his life. he was wounded with an ax, he fled in his Shirt only and alarnd mr Wiman of y^r horrid Scein, who immediately ran to Son Jonas. they two went to hous where the horrid Scein was perpetrated my Son went in and found a Candle which he lit and to his great Surpris Said Purington, his wife & Six Child^r Corps^s and Martha, he perceived his life remaining, who was removed to his house. Surgical aid was immediate Calld and Shee remains alive as yet. my husband went and returned before Sun rise, when after taking a little food he and I went on to the hous, ther to behold y^r most Shocking Scein thal was Ever Seen in this part of y^r world may an infinitely good God grant that we may all take a suitable note of th horrid deed, learn wisdom there from. the Corps were removed to his But where they ware washt and Laid out Side by Side. a horrid Spectacle whit many hundred persons Came to behold. I was there till near night when Sc^t Jon^s Conducted me to his hous and gave me refreshment. the Collins ware brot and y^r Corps Carried in a Waggon & Deposited in Augusta meeti hous. at the hous of Capt Purington to behold A Dreadful Scein instead. his Silf & wife & Six of his Child^r all Dead Corps.

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Institutional Records

- Almshouse
- Poorhouse
- Records of the Overseers of the Poor

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Overseers of the poor

CHILDREN BOUND OUT 1756 – 1790

This list of children who were indentured as apprentices and/or servants is transcribed from a manuscript that was included in Admissions Register 1 (Overseers, Box 8 Folder 1). These children were wards of the Overseers under various legislative acts (the complete documentation of this aspect of the Overseers' mandate is contained in Townes). The list below runs from April 1756 to February 1790, while Townes's list is from 1734 to 1805. (The dates refer to the date when the child was "bound out", that is, the start of the term of service.) Townes worked from the original indenture records in the possession of the City of Boston. Because Townes worked from the full indenture manuscripts, he was able to note the occupational terms of the service and the location of the master; in all cases, here, most of the clerks provide locations, but not all do, and none of the clerks identify the nature of the service or the track of the apprenticeship. Most of the names below can be found in Townes's list, but some are not, which suggests that some indenture forms did not survive. Thus, Townes's numbers are slightly lower than the ones listed here for child indentures. The eleven hundred original printed indenture forms cited, abstracted and listed by Townes were found in the Boston City Clerk's office in six volumes and subsequently microfilmed for the Institute of Early American History and Culture, Williamsburg, Va. See Townes 417, n. 1, and 434. The originals are now in the Boston Public Library, Rare Books and Manuscripts.

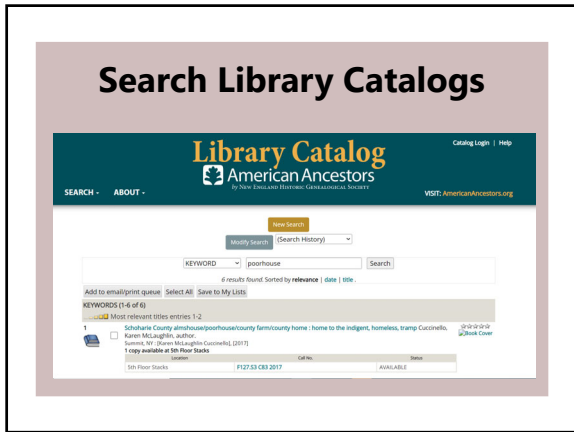
19460	Childrens Names	when Bound	to Whom	when Free
	Anthony Frazier	April 21st. 1756	Jacob Yeaton	Septemr. 3d. 1770
	William Thomas	May 11th. 1756	Joseph Johnston	Octo. 6. 1776.
	Isaiah Thomas	June 4th. 1756	Zechariah Fowle	Janua. 8. 1769
	James Gordon	June 18th. 1756	Robert McClure	April 25 1767
	Eliak. Manning	June 18th. 1756	John Tibbon	Novemr. 15. 1768

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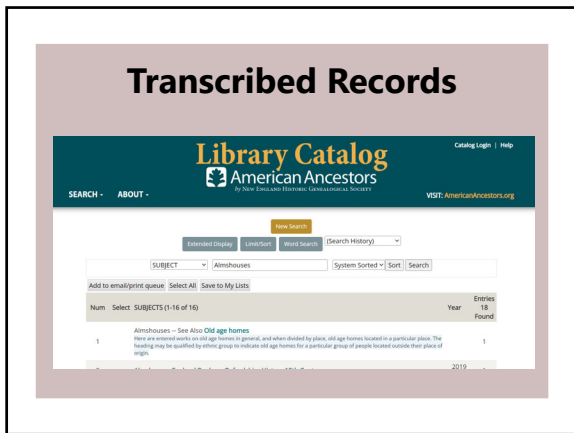
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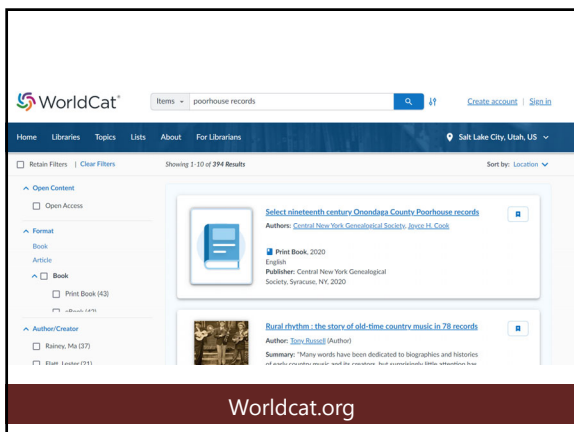
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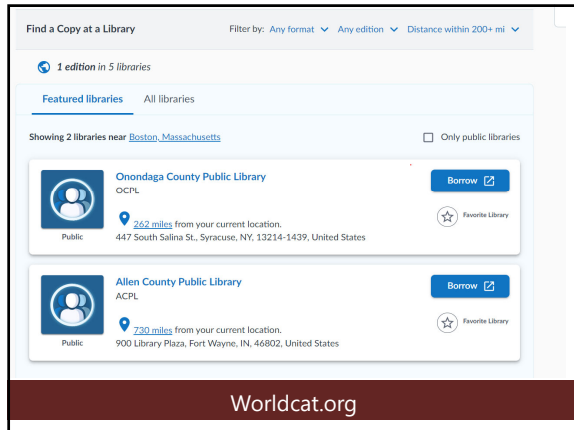
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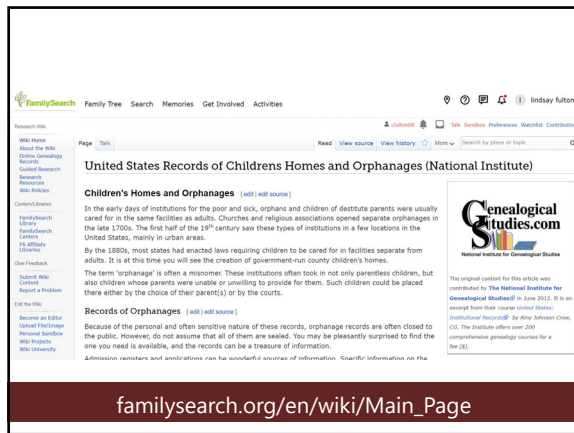
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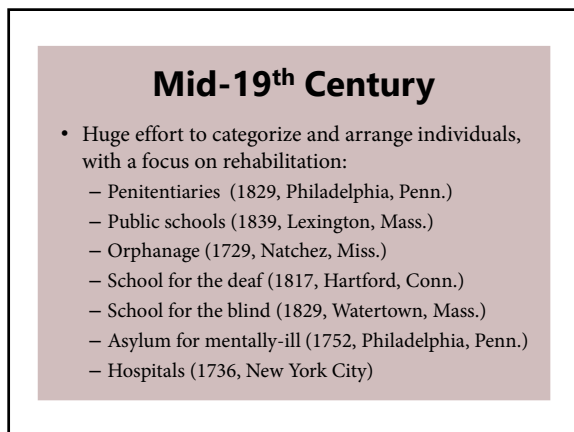
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Go-to Records

- Institutional records (public and private)*
- Professional Associations
 - Meeting minutes
 - Reports
- Annual reports
- Journals and diaries
- Newspapers*

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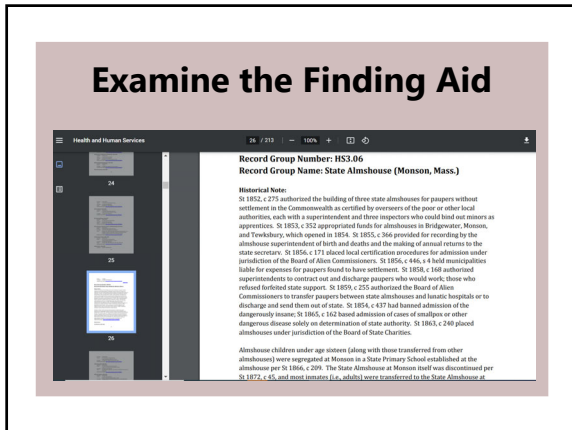
Private Institutions

- Church or non-profit?
- Is it still functional?
- Does the organization have an archives?
 - Catholic dioceses
 - Jewish Museum of Maryland

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The screenshot shows the website for the Archives of the Archdiocese of Baltimore. At the top left is the Archdiocese of Baltimore logo. To its right is a navigation menu with links: ABOUT US, PARISHES, SCHOOLS, MINISTRIES, VOCATIONS, GIVING, and PROMISE TO PROTECT. Below the navigation is a dark blue header with the text "Archives of the Archdiocese of Baltimore". Underneath is contact information: "Associated Archives at St. Mary's Seminary & University, 5400 Roland Avenue, Baltimore, MD 21210, Phone: 410-864-4074, Fax: 410-864-3690, Email: archives@stmarys.edu". At the bottom left, there is a red button labeled "Contact page".

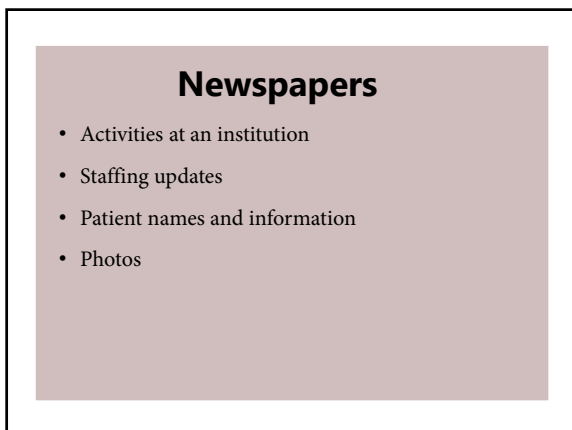
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Newspaper Databases

- Genealogybank.com
- Newspapers.com
- Newspaper Archive
- 19th Century Newspapers
- America's Historical Imprints
- Chronicling America (Library of Congress)

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ELIZABETH LOWELL, minor, of
Hallowell. Petition for commitment
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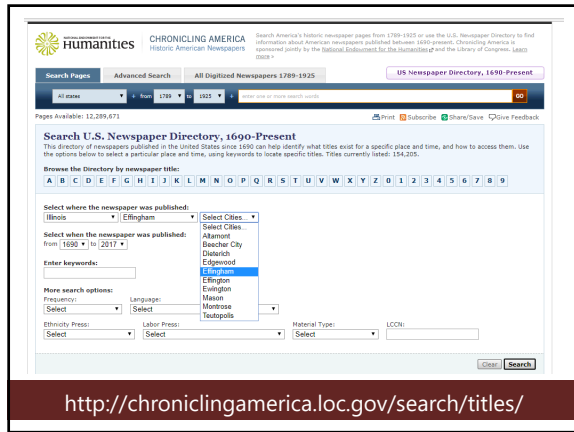
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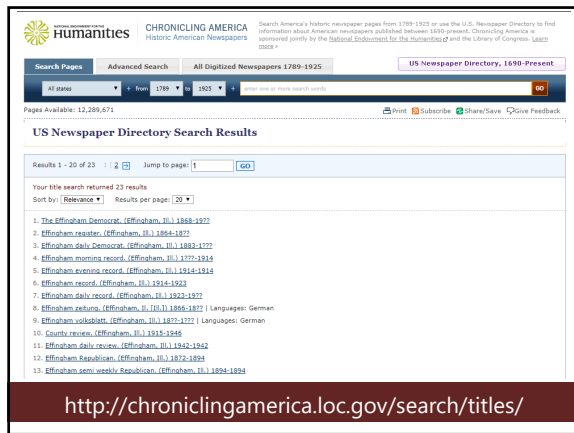
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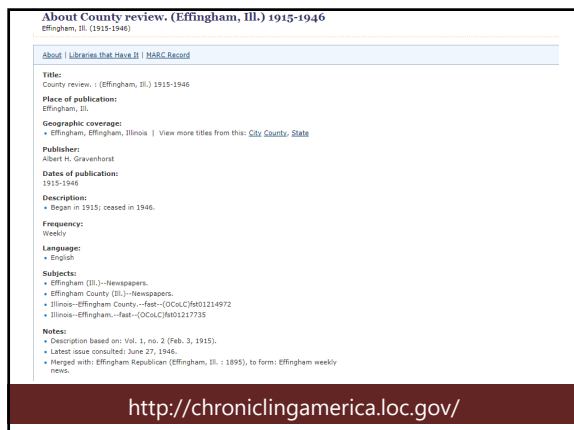
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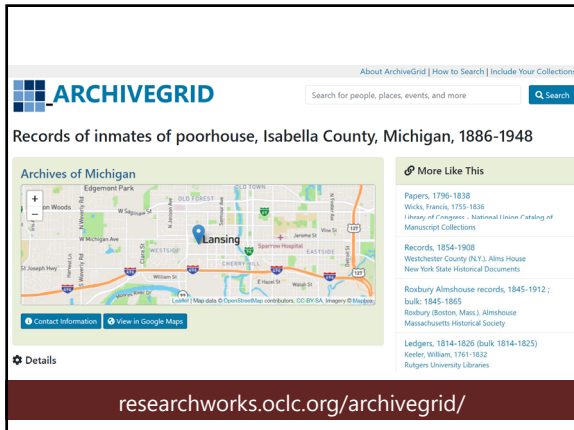
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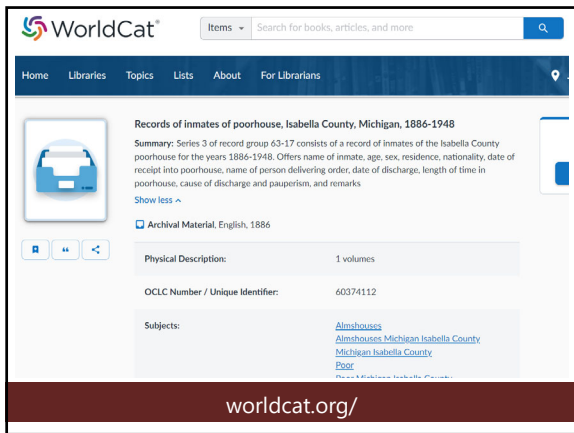
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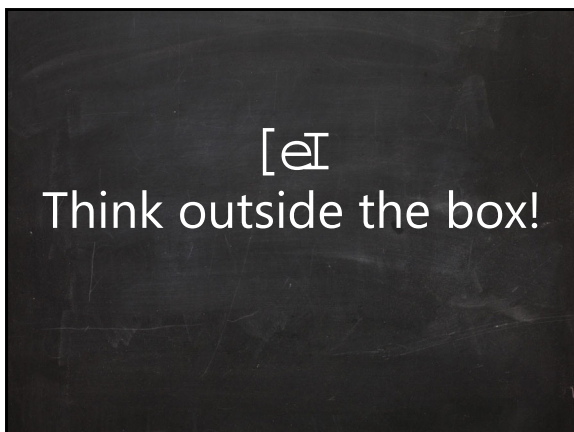
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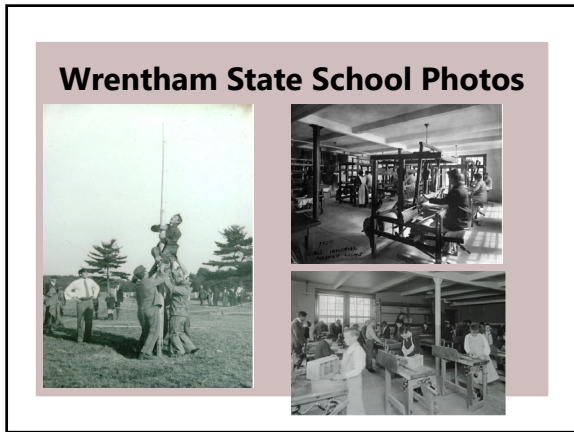
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