

Follow the Money: Tracing Ancestors on the Move

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"Follow the Money" Approach

- When vital records do not exist or have significant gaps, we turn to financial records to learn more about our ancestors
- This approach can be used to track an individual's movements through a country or overseas
- It can help clarify relationships between families

Types of Records

Town Records

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Military Pension
and Bounty
Land Records

Probate Records

Tax Records

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Records

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Types of Town Records



Ear Marks and Cattle Marks



Pauper and Orphanage Records



Indenture Agreements



Town Payments



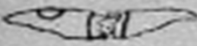
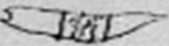
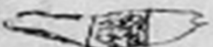
Mortgage Records



Dog Licenses

Ear Marks and Cattle Marks

- Owners mark their cattle and sheep with distinct patterns
 - Easily identify their own livestock and help prevent against theft
- The marks were submitted to the town clerk to be registered
- Marks could be passed down from father to son
 - Only one son could inherit the father's mark
- Registered marks could also be sold (part of the owner's estate)

	<p style="text-align: center;">134</p> <p>Joseph Joslin's mark for cattle and sheep is a half penny cut from the upper side of the near or left ear Entered February 10th 1837 by William M. Pingry <u>Town Clerk</u></p>
	<p>Dan Richardson's mark for cattle and sheep is a half penny cut from the end of the near or left ear. Entered February 10th 1837 by William M. Pingry <u>Town Clerk</u></p>
	<p>Hiram Stowell's mark for cattle and sheep is a half penny cut from the end of the right or off ear Entered February 18th 1837 by William M. Pingry <u>Town Clerk</u></p>

Cattle and Sheep Ear Marks – Waitsfield, Vermont
Town Records

Pauper and Orphanage Records

- Town officials were responsible for supporting the poor and orphaned children
- Guardians may be appointed to care for orphans who were heirs to property
- Orphaned children may be "bound out" to learn a trade or sent to an institution like an orphanage

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts D^o to the Town of
 Newburyport for the support of and supplies to sundry
 Paupers not belonging to this nor any other town in this
 Commonwealth from June 1st 1830 to July 1st 1831. inclusive.

Support.

For Ann Ryan	30 $\frac{1}{2}$	90 ^c	27 45
Mary Butterfield	30 $\frac{1}{2}$	do	27 45
Mary Bartlet	30 $\frac{1}{2}$	do	27 45
Moses Palef	8	do	7 20
John Lyons	30 $\frac{1}{2}$	do	27 45
John Campbell & wife	30 $\frac{1}{2}$	180	54 90
Ester Sparnes	30 $\frac{1}{2}$	90	27 45
Eben ^r Small	30 $\frac{1}{2}$	50	15 25
Mary Aiken	30 $\frac{1}{2}$	90	27 45
Two Children of Adam Lane	30 $\frac{1}{2}$	100	30 50
Christopher Grandner	7	90	6 30
James Hogan	30 $\frac{1}{2}$	50	15 25
Sam ^l Saltus	22	90	19 80
Mary Ann Aiken	30 $\frac{1}{2}$	90	27 45

Newburyport, MA Welfare Records

Indenture Agreements

- Legal contracts made between an indentured servant and an employer "master"
- Outlines the duration of servitude and the rules that servant and master will abide by

INDENTURE OF A GIRL, BOSTON, ABOUT 1701.

THIS INDENTURE Witnesseth that Mary Clifford, daughter of Stephen clifford late of Boston Deceased aged nineteen years of her own Free & Voluntary Will hath put her self Apprentice or Servant to John Pastre and Marget his wife and to their, assigns and with him or them after the manner of a Servant to Dwell and Serve from this present first day of August into the full End and Term of four years from thence next ensuing the Date hereof; by all which Term of four years the said Servant the said Mr or Mistris well and truly shall Serve their Secrets shall keep close their Command lawful and honest everywhere. She shall gladly do, hurt to her said M or M she shall not do, to the Value of Twelve pence by the year, but shall let if she may, or else Immediately admonish her said Master thereof; the Goods of her said Mr or Mrs she shall not Inordinately wast, nor them to anybody Lend, whereby her Mr may incur any hurt: Fornication in the House of her said Mr or else where, she shall not Commit: Matrimony she shall not Contract, without the Special License of her Sd Master. From the Service of her Mr day or night she shall not absent or prolong herself; but in all things as a good and faithful Apprentice or Servant, shall bear and behave her self toward her said Master and all theirs during the Term aforesaid; and the said John pastre and Marget his wife doe ingage the finding and providing of their said Servant Apparel, Meat, Drink and Bedding, and all other necessaries meet and convenient for a Servant, for and during the Term aforesaid; And at the Expiration of the abovesaid Term her said Master or Mrs shall give unto said Servant desent Apparel both of Linnen and Woolen In Witness whereof the Parties above mentioned for the true performance of the abovesaid Covenants & Agreements have Joyntly & Severally Interchanchably Set, their Hands & Seals to each Indenture being both of one Tenor & Form: And Date in Boston - this first - day of August in the first - Year of the Reign of Our Sovereign Lady &c And in the year of Our Lord one thousand Seven hundred. 1.

Boston Record Commissioners Report
Vol. 10, p. 151 (Archive.org)

Mortgage Records

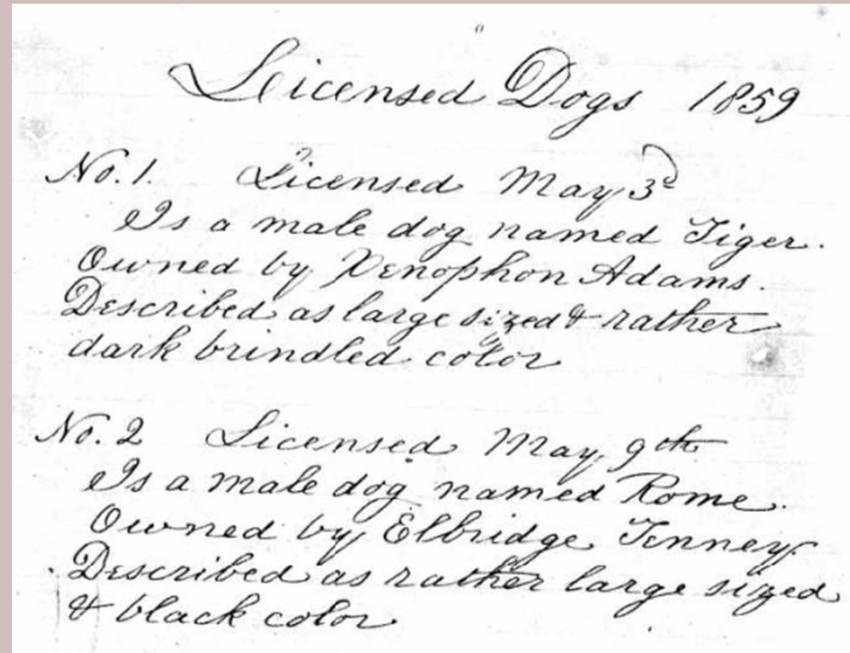
Moody Wright to Joseph^r M. Wright. Received May 3^d 1859. ²
at 30 minutes past Eleven o'Clock A.M.

Know all men by these presents, that I Moody Wright of Boylston
in the County of Worcester, in consideration of Eighty Dollars paid to me
by Joseph M. Wright of Boylston, County aforesaid, the receipt whereof I
do hereby acknowledge, do hereby grant, bargain, sell & convey unto the
said Joseph M. Wright, the following personal property, to wit:

one Pleasure Wagon, 1 Wheelbarrow, 1/2 dozen dining Chairs, 1/2 dozen others
poorer quality, 1 Rocking Chair, 1 Cooking Stove, 4 Feather beds with
the bed clothes, stands & cords, 1 Bureau, 3 Tables, 2 light stands, 1 Chest
with drawers, 2 Looking Glasses, 1/2 dozen kitchen Chairs, 1 Grindstone, & 1 Iron
bar. — To have & to hold the property aforesaid unto the said Joseph
M. Wright his Executors, Administrators & assigns forever,

Dog Licenses

- Dog Owner
- Year of license
- Name of dog
- Description of dog
- Alternative record to establish residency for a person within a town



Licensed Dogs 1859

*No. 1. Licensed May 3^d
Is a male dog named Tiger.
Owned by Penophon Adams.
Described as large sized & rather
dark brindled color*

*No. 2 Licensed May 9th
Is a male dog named Rome.
Owned by Elbridge Tenney.
Described as rather large sized
& black color*

Land Records

Census Documents

- Identify the occupation of your ancestor as well as the amount of real estate they owned
- Agriculture census schedules should be consulted if you have farmers in your family
 - Indicate the amount of land they owned

Value of Real Estate Owned



SCHEDULE I. — Free Inhabitants in *Lake Park Township* **in the County of** *Marion* **State of** *Iowa* **enumerated by me, on the** *10th* **day of** *September* **1850.** *Henry P. Schott* **Ass't Marshal.**

Dwelling-houses numbered in the order of visitation.	Families numbered in the order of visitation.	The Name of every Person whose usual place of abode on the first day of June, 1850, was in this family.	DESCRIPTION.			Profession, Occupation, or Trade of each Male Person over 15 years of age.	Value of Real Estate owned.	PLACE OF BIRTH. Naming the State, Territory, or Country.	Married within the year.	Attended School within the year.	Persons over 20 yrs of age who cannot read & write.	Whether deaf and dumb, blind, insane, idiotic, pauper, or convict.	
			Age.	Sex.	Color, (White, black, or mulatto.)								
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	
1	141	146	Willm Burggraaf	35	m		Laborer	120	The Netherlands			1	
2			Lyga Stek	30	f				ditto				
3			Jantje Burggraaf	$\frac{7}{12}$	f				Iowa				
4	142	147	Cornelis de Raadt	47	m		Farmer		The Netherlands			1	
5			Elisabeth van Meteren	44	f				ditto				
6			Jurpan de Raadt	24	m		Farmer		ditto				

1850 Census, Marion County, Iowa

Search > Census & Voter Lists

U.S., Selected Federal Census Non-Population Schedules, 1850-1880

Search Match all terms exactly

First & Middle Name(s) **Last Name**

Lived In **Day** **Month** **Year** **Location**

Any Event

Keyword
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Schedule Type

Enumeration **Day** **Month** **Year**

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Number of Acres of Land



OF THE PERSON WHO CONDUCTS THIS FARM.				ACRES OF LAND.				FARM VALUES.			FENCES.	LABOR.			
THE NAME.				IMPROVED.		UNIMPROVED.		Of farm, including land, fences, and buildings.	Of farming implements and machinery.	Of Live Stock.	Cost of building and repairing in 1870.	Cost of fertilizers purchased in 1870.	Amount paid for farm labor during 1870, including value of board.	Weeks hired labor in 1870 upon farm (and dairy) excluding house-work.	Estimated value of all farm productions (sold, consumed, or on hand) for 1870.
Order.	Rents for fixed money rental.	Rents for shares of products.	Tilled, including fallow and grass in rotation, (whether pasture or meadow.)	Permanent meadows, permanent pastures, orchards, vineyards.	Woodland and forest.	Other unimproved, including "old fields" not growing wood.	Dollars.								
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
William Marvona	/			37		33		1000	100	200					200
Quincy, Henry	/			30			20	1000	25	80					110
George, Abraham	/			45				900	30	326					330
Benjamin, William	/			20			5	250	10	75					100
David, John	/			20			20	450	50	200					126
John, John	/			24			40	650	50	300					250



1850 Non-Population Schedule,
Marion County, Iowa

Deeds

- Legal document transferring ownership of property from one person to another
 - Grantor = seller
 - Grantee = buyer
- Kept at the county level
 - Connecticut, Vermont, and Rhode Island are recorded at the town level



GRANTOR.	GRANTEE.	Vol.	Page.	Amount.	S.	T.	R.	Lot of Survey.	DESCRIPTION.	Mo. Da. Yr.
Adams Eli and Elizabeth	Clement Shockley	10	609	20				31	Charleston	1 30 1824
Adams or Elizabeth	Daniel Hunter	5	241	272				37	Ch. Deminta	11 16 1827
Adams Eli and Elizabeth	John Chand	Ch.	171	110				28	Ch. Charleston	3 6 1834
Adams Elizabeth	David Adams	D	539	600	14	2	9		Ch. S. 1/4 + Ch. E. 1/4	11 4 1834
Adams Eli and Elizabeth	James Murray	B	114	400	6	6	8		Ch. S. 1/4	1 23 1836
Adams Elizabeth	Jacob Blick	D	516	200	32	4	12		Sec. of E. 1/4 + Ch. S. 1/4	4 21 1840
Adams Eunice H.	Hiram Smart	F	65						Cover of Attorney	7 27 1840
Adams Eunice & Hyatt	Peter Sorensen	F	69						See Deed	10 1 1840
Adams Eli and Elizabeth	John L. Pierce	F	430	200				23	Sec. Charleston	10 21 1830
Adams Elizabeth	Jacob Blick	H	105	1021 ⁵⁸	32	4	10		Sec. Ch. E. 1/4	4 20 1841
Anderson Eliza W. & S.	Ellie M. Soms	C	58	1875				2, 3, 5 4, 3, 1	Springmans + Deminta	11 1 1843
Adams Elizabeth	Charles Strong	27	565	450				199	Ch. Deminta	10 15 1851
Ulrich Elizabeth	Alexander McBlair	31	134	350				15	Ch. S. Sours	6 12 1854
Adams Eliza	David Adams	32	406	1	14	4	9		S. E. 1/4	8 17 1855
Adams Eli H.	Samuel R. Dickson	35	185	2720				6348	Ch. Military	10 26 1857
Winn Elizabeth	Charles Agbette	41	332	2300				8	Ch. Deminta	4 14 1860
Adams Elizabeth	Mary James	45	600	150				13	Vienna	2 3 1868
Edgar Elizabeth	Joseph C. Bony	55	268	2500				1155	Ch. Bruners	11 11 1871
Ginsworth Mrs. S.	James A. Cashman	57	38	1600					See Deed	11 4 1872
Scherman Elizabeth	Amos Cole	58	72	1				8 234	Ch. Deminta	6 2 1878
Adams Elizabeth	Francis Johnston	70	7	4500	5	3	8		Ch.	4 5 1860
Adams Eleanor	Francis Johnston	70	9	1	5	3	8		Ch.	9 2 1878
Adams Eunice & Hyatt	Peter Sorensen	71	22						See Deed	10 1 1840

Clark County, Ohio Grantor and Grantee Index

Saul Henkle Recorder C.C.

Eli Adams et ux.

To
Clement Shockley } Deeds

This Indenture made and concludes

this 10 day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty four Between Eli Adams and Elizabeth his wife of the one part and Clement Shockley of the other part all of the County of Clark in the State of Ohio.

Witnesseth that the said Eli Adams and Elizabeth his wife for and in consideration of the sum of twenty dollars to them in hand paid the Receipt whereof they do hereby acknowledge and forever acquit and discharge the said Clement Shockley his heirs Executors & administrators from have granted, bargained, sold, enfeoffed, and confirmed and by them presents do grant, bargain, sell, enfeoff and confirm unto the said Clement Shockley his heirs and assigns forever all that lot number thirty one containing fifty rods of land more or less in the Town of Charleston in the said County and State. Together with all the improvements and appurtenances whatsoever to the said premises belonging or in anywise appertaining and the reversions remainders and profits thereof and all the estate Right title claim and demand of the said Eli Adams and Elizabeth his wife of and in the same. To have and to hold the lot hereby convey

Deed, Clark County Land Records

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If the deed sale is \$1, this
indicates a relationship
between both parties

H. S. & E. Adams }
 W. S. Deed }
 David Adams }

Know all Men by these presents, that we Harriet Adams,
 Levi Adams & Eliza Adams in consideration of the sum of one
 dollar in hand paid by David Adams, do hereby remise, release
 and forever quit claim unto the said David Adams his heirs
 and assigns forever all our title interest and estate legal and equitable in the fol-
 lowing premises, with the appurtenances thereto belonging, situate in the County
 of Clark and State of Ohio and described as follows, being the South East quarter
 of Section fourteen (14) Town four (4) Range nine (9) MRS. In testimony whereof
 we have hereunto set our hands and seals this seventeenth day of August eighteen
 hundred and fifty four,

Harriet Adams (Seal)
 Levi Adams (Seal)
 Eliza Adams (Seal)

signed sealed & acknowledged in presence of
 J. J. Snyder Samuel Parsons
 State of Ohio Clark County

Deed, Clark County Land Records

The Homestead Act

- Signed in 1862, this law allowed any American (including freed slaves) to purchase up to 160 acres of federal land
- Buyer was required to live on the land for five years and perform necessary upkeep and additions
- Civil War Union veterans could use time served in military towards the residency requirement

Locating Homesteading Files

- Use the Bureau of Land Management web site to search for land patents in the U.S.
- Land entry files can be obtained from the National Archives in Washington, DC
 - Homesteading files are starting to become available on Ancestry.com

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Names

Last Name: First Name: Middle Name:
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 search warrantees

Land Description

Township: --- ▼ / ▼Range: --- ▼ / ▼

Meridian: ----- Any Meridian ----- ▼

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- Hover your mouse over a field to get a brief description.
- Get detailed information by checking the [Glossary](#) in the Reference Center.
- For more tips and help, check out our [Patent Search Overview](#).

Miscellaneous

Land Office: ----- Any Land Office ----- ▼

Issue Date: -- ▼ to -- ▼ Document #: Militia: Indian Allot. #:

Tribe: ----- Any Tribe ----- ▼

Survey #: Geo. Name/
Mining Claim:

Authority: ----- Any Authority ----- ▼

Search Patents

Note: This site does not cover every state, but we do have [resource links](#) for most states.

<https://glorerecords.blm.gov/search/default.aspx>

Search > Wills, Probates, Land, Tax & Criminal

U.S., Homestead Records, 1863-1908

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First & Middle Name(s) **Last Name**

Birth **Day** **Month** **Year** **Location**

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Range

Land Office

Section

Township

Final Certificate Number

Application Number

Homestead Place **Day** **Month** **Year** **Location**

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Township and Range

Related data collections

[U.S., Indexed County Land Ownership Maps, 1860-1918](#)

This database contains approximately 1,200 U.S. county land ownership atlases from the Library of Congress' Geography and Maps division, covering the approximate years 1864-1918.

Some photos of county officers, land owners, and buildings or homes are also included.

[1870 United States Federal Census](#)

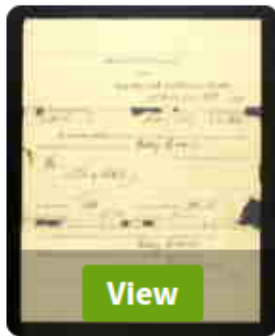
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Mary Crain

in the U.S., Homestead Records, 1863-1908



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Name:	Mary Crain
Age:	66
Birth Year:	1812
Birth Place:	Ireland
Final Certificate Date:	30 Nov 1878
Homestead Place:	Iowa, USA
Land Office:	Des Moines
Application Number:	6161
Section:	34
Township:	96 North
Range:	35 West

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Military Pension and Bounty Land Records

Revolutionary War Pension History

- 24 August 1780 – Congress passed an act to offer pensions to widows and orphans of Revolutionary War soldiers
- 1818 – Congress passed a resolution granting pensions to veterans who were not disabled but were having financial difficulties – lifetime pension
- 1832 – Full pay for life to officers and enlisted men who served 2+ years; partial pay for 6 months to 2 years
- Original files are kept at the National Archives, Washington D.C. (digitized and available on [Fold3.com](https://www.fold3.com))

Pension Roll of 1835

- In 1834/1835, the U.S. Senate passed a series of resolutions requiring a list be compiled of pensioners who were drawing pensions for service in the Revolutionary War
- Some War of 1812 veterans may be listed
 - Most appear in later pension rolls

Search > Military

U.S., The Pension Roll of 1835

Search Match all terms exactly

First & Middle Name(s) Last Name

	Day	Month	Year	Location
Birth	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
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	Day	Month	Year
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[U.S., Revolutionary War Pension and Bounty-Land Warrant Application Files, 1800-1900](#)

This data collection contains an estimated 80,000 application files from officers and enlisted men who served in the Revolutionary War in all branches of the American military: army, navy, and marines. The files that make up these records consist of 10" x 14" cards or 10" x 14" envelopes that can contain documents relating to an application for a pension or bounty-land warrant by a Revolutionary War veteran, his widow, or his heirs. The files can contain a wide

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Statement showing the Names, Rank, &c. of Invalid Pensioners residing in Cheshire county, in the State of New Hampshire.

NAMES.	Rank.	Annual allowance.	Sums received.	Description of service.	When placed on the pension roll.	Commencement of pension.	Laws under which they were inscribed, increased and reduced; and remarks.
Caleb Aldrich - -	Sergeant	60 00	1268 57	Col. Read's reg't	Aug. 25, 1794	Mar. 4, 1795	April 20, 1796.
Do	do	96 00	1122 89	do	do	Apr. 24, 1816	Increased by act April 24, 1816. Died January 4, 1828.
Theophilus B. Adams	Corporal	30 00	28 66	21st reg. U.S. inf.	Dec. 27, 1815	May 11, 1815	Acts military establishment.
Do	do	48 00	645 04	do	do	April 24, 1816	Increased by act April 24, 1816.
Do	do	72 00	135 00	do	do	Oct. 1, 1829	Increased. Died August 15, 1831.
Jared Ballow - -	Private	48 00	843 57	31st reg't U.S. inf.	Ap'l 12, 1820	Jan. 27, 1814	Acts military establishment.
Isaac Brown - -	do	96 00	1007 69	Read's reg't inf.	Oct. 4, 1823	Sept. 6, 1823	do
Samuel Basset - -	do	72 00	541 20	Steele's comp'y inf.	Sep. 11, 1826	Aug. 30, 1826	do
Nehemiah Brown - -	do	48 00	118 04	Parker's com. mf.	May 8, 1828	Ap'l 27, 1828	February 4, 1822.
James Blodgett - -	do	96 00	146 13	Massachusetts line	July 23, 1819	Aug. 27, 1818	March 18, 1818. Relinquished for the benefit of act March 18, 1818, and reinstated on invalid roll act May 1, 1820. Died August 19, 1826.
Do	do	64 00	413 48	do	Feb. 23, 1829	Mar. 4, 1820	
James Campbell - -	do	18 00	334 10	Cilley's N. H. reg't	do	Mar. 4, 1789	June 7, 1785.
Do	do	48 00	412 00	do	do	Sep. 25, 1807	June 7, 1785. Increased by act April 25, 1808.
Do	do	76 80	726 25	do	do	April 24, 1816	Increased by act April 24, 1816. Died October 12, 1825.
Lemuel Dean - -	do	30 00	392 91	Col. Nichol's reg't	Aug. 26, 1794	Sep. 4, 1794	April 20, 1796.
Do	do	60 00	507 89	do	-	Oct. 8, 1807	Increased.
Do	do	06 00	610 02	do	-	-	-

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Pension Roll of 1835, vol. 1 – Cheshire County, New Hampshire

Military Bounty Land

- Federal government provided bounty land for those that served in the following wars:
 - Revolutionary War
 - War of 1812
 - Mexican War
 - Indian Wars (1775-1885)
- Claimed by veterans or their heirs; many sold off their scrips for cash
- Applications recorded the veteran's age and residence at the time of application

U.S. War Bounty Land Warrants, 1789-1858

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Last Name

Year

Military

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Warrant Number

Year

Warrant Year

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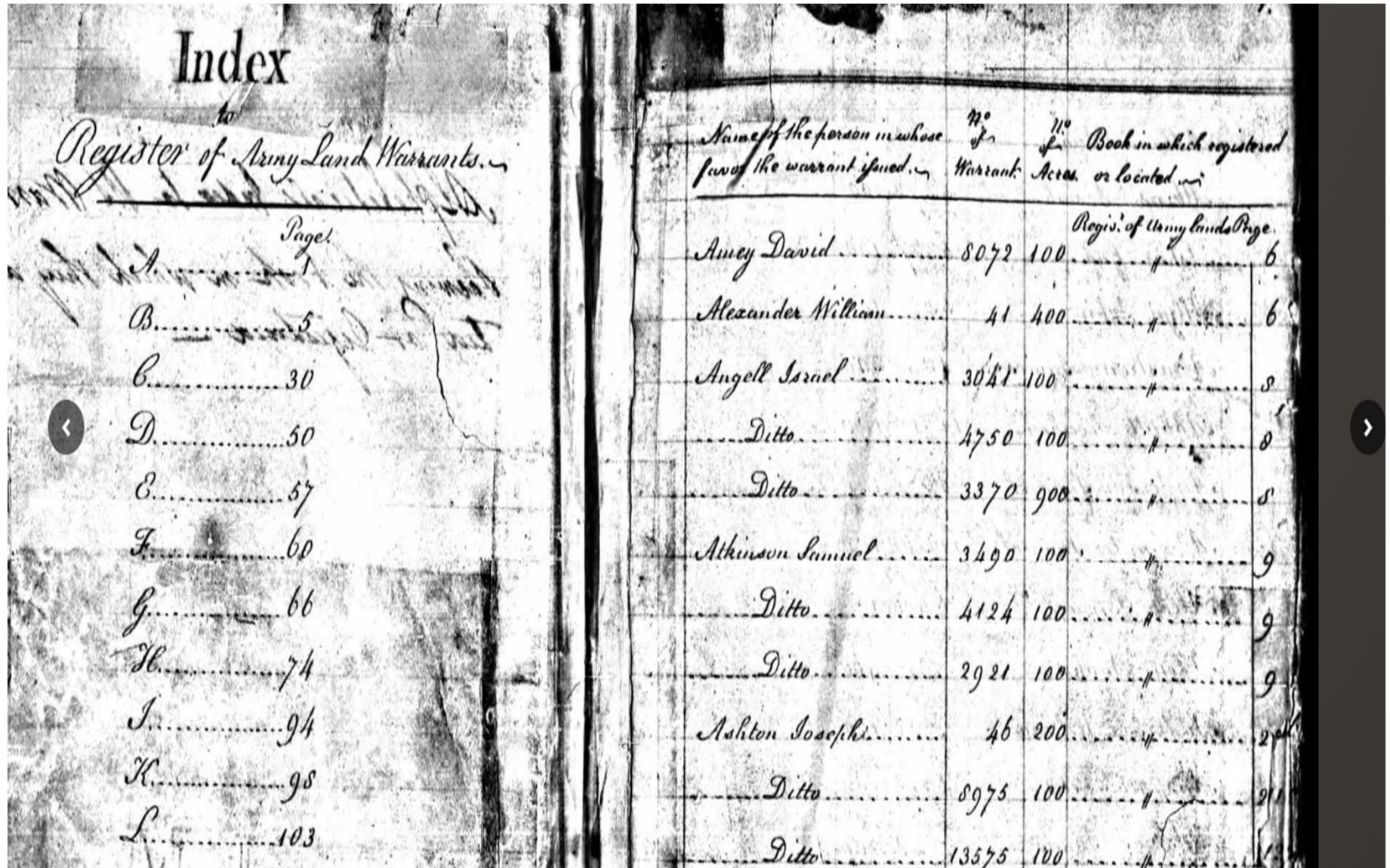
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U.S. War Bounty Land Warrants, 1788-1848 Index

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Army Land Warrants.

Registered under the Acts for regulating the Grants of Land, appropriated for Military Services, passed the 1st June, 1796, and the 2d March, 1799.

WHEN REGISTERED.	BY WHOM REGISTERED.	FOR WHOM REGISTERED, And in whose names Certificates given for Land Warrants, applied.	NUMBER of the Army Land Warrants.	NAME OF THE PERSON, In whose favor the Warrant issued.	RANK.	DATE OF WARRANT.	NUMBER of Acres in each Warrant.	Total Number of Acres registered since passage of said Acts.	Quarter Townships, for which Warrants are registered.	Number of the Certificates given for the Land Warrants, applied.	NUMBER IN THE LOTTERY.	DESCRIPTION OF the Quarter Townships, listed.					
												Range.	Township.	Lot.			
1800 February 10	Johnly Alacan	Johnly Alacan		Continued			3800										
			✓ 12754	James Britt	priv	belley 1793	100										
			✓ 12700	J. T. Mac Rie	"	2 Aug. 1796	100										
								4000	1	108	57	14	43				
1800 February 10	John Matthews	David Townsend, John Wanca, William Gustis															
		Samuel Adams	✓ 1697	Joseph Percott	Regulate	21 July 1795	300										
			✓ 1779	Joseph Fosdick	Cap.	2 Nov. "	300										
			✓ 126	Thomas Bayley	Serj.	16 Apr. 1794	200										
			✓ 109	Sam. Emery	"	2 June 1795	200										
			✓ 352	Jeremiah Hill	"	6 Nov. "	200										
			✓ 922	"	"	4 Jan. 1794	200										
			✓ 925	"	"	6 Nov. 1795	200										
			✓ 1184	William Hall	"	11 Oct. 1796	200										
			✓ 4539	Loring Kingman	priv	17 Aug. "	100										
			✓ 3959	John Kippler	"	"	100										
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U.S. War Bounty Land Warrants, 1789-1858 Register

United States Revolutionary War Pension and Bounty Land Warrant Applications, 1800-1900

Description

Pension and bounty land warrant application files of veterans and widows of veterans who served in the Revolutionary War. The files correspond to National Archive publication M804 Revolutionary War Pension and Bounty Land Warrant Application Files and contain applications and other documents in support of a claim. The index was created by Fold3.

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A L Stockbridge

United States Revolutionary War Pension and Bounty Land
Warrant Applications, 1800-1900

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Review and Attach Record

Veteran's Name:	John Stockbridge
Pensioner's Name:	Mary Stockbridge
State:	Massachusetts
Veteran's Military Service Branch:	Continental Mass.
Pension Number:	W 25075
Additional Name:	A H C Standish, A L Stockbridge, Amos G Draper, Carolina W D Rich, Emojene D Champine, F H Lucke, Frank C Griffith, Frank Carlos Griffith, H L Standish, Harriott L Standish, J G P Stokes, Lewis F Hobbs, V D Stockbridge
Affiliate Identifier:	19506707

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Revolutionary War Pension and Bounty Land
Warrant Application Abstract

& Albert are the only surviving children of John Stock-
 bridge, late of Byron in said County of Oxford deceased -
 and that Mary S. Sanborn, David P. Sanborn, & Ebenezer P.
 Sanborn, Paul Sanborn, George D. Sanborn, Hezekiah San-
 born, & Andrew N. Sanborn, & Sarah A. Sanborn, are
 the grand children of said John Stockbridge deceased -
 and that the above mentioned John Stockbridge, William
 Stockbridge, Edmund Stockbridge & Mary Albert - Mary
 S. Sanborn, David P. Sanborn, Ebenezer P. Sanborn, Paul
 Sanborn, George D. Sanborn, Hezekiah Sanborn, Andrew N.
 Sanborn, & Sarah A. Sanborn, are the only heirs at Law
 of the before mentioned John Stockbridge deceased - and
 that said John Stockbridge deceased, was a revolutionary pen-
 sioner of the United States, previous to his death.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand, &
 affixed the Seal of said County, this eighth day of

Pension file affidavit

War of 1812 Pension History

- 1871 Act – provided pensions to veterans who served at least 60 days or to their widows if they married before 1815
- 1878 Act – provided pensions to veterans or their widows, who served at least 14 days
- War of 1812 pensions are being digitized and uploaded to Fold3 (approximately 80% complete)
 - For files not online, use NATF-85 form to request from the National Archives, Washington DC



War of 1812 Pension Files

Records: 1,304,764 · Complete: 82%

People, Records, Places, Dates...



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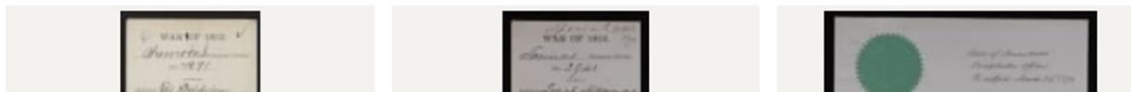
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DESCRIPTION

The first applications were based on disability or death of a soldier. Beginning in 1871, they were based on service. A veteran's pension file typically includes his rank, place of residence, age or date of birth, and time of service. A widow's application usually includes her place of residence, her maiden name, date and place of marriage, circumstances of her husband's death, and the names of children under 16.

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Civil War Pensions

- Federal pensions were granted to Union veterans and their surviving family (spouse, children, parents, dependents)
- Original files are kept at the National Archives, Washington D.C. (widow's pensions being digitized and added to Fold3)
 - Use NATF-85 form to make your request
- Confederate pensions were granted by the individual states
 - Link: <https://www.archives.gov/research/military/civil-war/confederate/pension>

U.S., Civil War Pension Index: General Index to Pension Files, 1861-1934

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- Beamenderfer, John H.--Bechtol, George
- Bechtol, Henry--Beekman, Arthur
- Beekman, Chancey--Bell, James R.
- Bell, James R.--Benford, John H.
- Benford, Joseph--Benning, John
- Benning, Charles--Bernard, Dennis
- Bernard, Dennis--Bettman, Alfred

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NAME OF SOLDIER: Adams Mason
Wescott Mace (alias)

NAME OF DEPENDENT: Widow,
Minor,

SERVICE: A. 50. U.S.C. Inf

DATE OF FILING.	CLASS.	APPLICATION NO.	CERTIFICATE NO.	STATE FROM WHICH FILED.
1891, April 21.	Invalid, Widow, Minor,	1016,694.	1011566	Ala

ATTORNEY:

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Civil War Pension Index Card

Probate Records

Testate vs. Intestate

Testate

- Will
- Codicil
- Letters of testamentary
- Inventory

Intestate

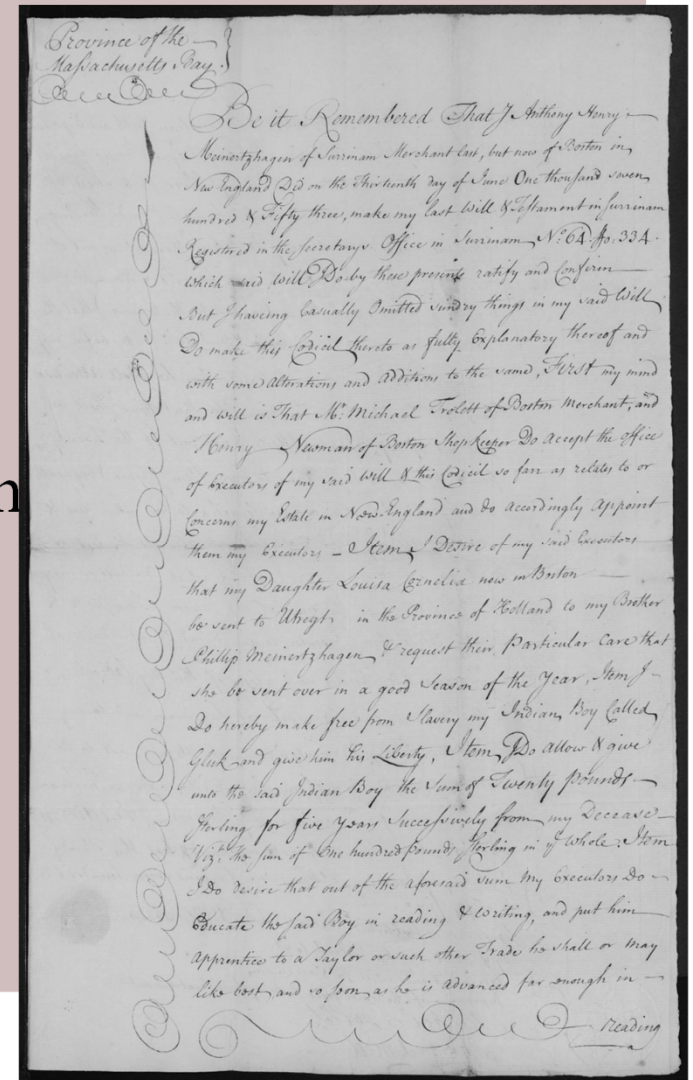
- Letters of Administration
- Inventory
- Guardianships
- Distributions

Wills

- A will is a legal document where property is transferred upon the party's death to family, friends, servants, business partners, and the community
- Kept at the county level where the deceased had their primary residence
- Wills can include the following:
 - Names of children (and their spouses)
 - Name of spouse
 - Names of grandchildren, nieces/nephews
 - Names of servants
 - Names of slaves

Codicils

- An addition or change to a will
- Common changes:
 - Add or remove heirs
 - Change distribution of estates
 - Acknowledge deaths of heirs in
 - Administrators of estate



But Having casually Omitted sundry things in my said Will
Do make this Codicil thereto as fully explanatory thereof and
with some Alterations and Additions to the same, First my mind
and will is That Mr: Michael Trolett of Boston Merchant, and
Henry Newman of Boston Shopkeeper Do accept the office
of Executors of my said Will & this Codicil so far as relates to or
Concerns my Estate in New-England and do accordingly Appoint
them my Executors - Item I Desire of my said Executors
that my Daughter Louisa Cornelia now in Briton
be sent to Utrecht in the Province of Holland to my Brother
Phillip Meinertzhagen, I request their Particular Care that
she be sent over in a good Season of the Year, Item I
Do hereby make free from Slavery my Indian Boy Called
Gluk and give him his Liberty, Item Do allow & give
unto the said Indian Boy the Sum of Twenty pounds -

Codicil, Henry Meinertzhagen, Suffolk
County, Mass. Case 10998

Why isn't someone mentioned in a will?

- Deceased
- Moved away
- Already received their inheritance
- Not yet born/considered a minor when the will was written
- Estrangement

Inventories

- A list of the deceased's belongings and property was taken and distributed to heirs
 - Keep note of the persons who took the inventory - they may be family or close friends/business partners

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IN THE U. S. COMMISSIONER'S COURT FOR THE TERRITORY OF ALASKA
DIVISION NUMBER ONE

Before FRANK H. B. RICHARDS, Commissioner and ex-Officio
Probate Judge Sitka Precinct

IN THE MATTER OF
THE ESTATE OF
LLOYD R. WILLIAMSON

INVENTORY AND APPRAISEMENT.

Real Property: None

Personal Property:

Cash in The First Bank of Sitka derived from savings account in said bank	\$ 108.99
Cash derived from account in First National Bank of Ketchikan	1,315.65
Pontiac automobile No. C-6HA5946, engine no. 6-702589, model 1940 club coupe for which Territory of Alaska certificate of ownership no. 23986-A has been issued	600 ⁰⁰
59 crab pots situated at Sitka @4 ⁰⁰	236 ⁰⁰
TOTAL	2,260 ⁶⁴

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA)
TERRITORY OF ALASKA) ss.

We, the undersigned, appraisers of the estate of Lloyd R. Williamson, being first duly sworn according to law depose and say:

Letters of Administration

- Issued if an individual died intestate
- The court appoints an administrator/trix
 - Distributes the estate of the deceased
 - If the deceased is married, typically the widow/widower

To Samuel Hollen Esq. Judge of Probate for the County of Essex.
Sir I hereby certify your Hon^r that I refuse to take Administration of the Estate of my late Husband Joseph Knight of Ipswich Merchant^{decd} & pray that your Hon^r would grant the same to Capt. Abraham Wheelwright of Newburypt I as in duty bound shall ever pray
Ipswich Nov^r 28th 1798. Betsey Knight

The subscriber Father-in-law to s^d Deceased,
do signify to your Hon^r his acquiescing in y^e above prayer.
Rowley 28 Nov. 1798 Nath^l Cogswell

Letters of Administration – estate of Joseph Knight, Essex County Mass, Case 16001

Accounts

- List of debts owed to the estate
- List of debts the estate owes to others
- Published in newspapers

Why look at accounts?

- Hint at status of ancestor
 - Do they owe a lot of money?
 - Are they lending money frequently?
 - Do the debts add up to more than the value of the estate?
- Potential family and associate connections
 - Extended family
 - Business associates



Charles Cutler's notes & amt. to Nov. 1847. \$384.75
" " " a/c ----- 5.58
Loring of Pierce's note & amt to Nov 1847. 132.60
" " " a/c ----- 7.52

List of Debts, Leonard Cutter,
Suffolk County, Mass. Case 34906

Distributions

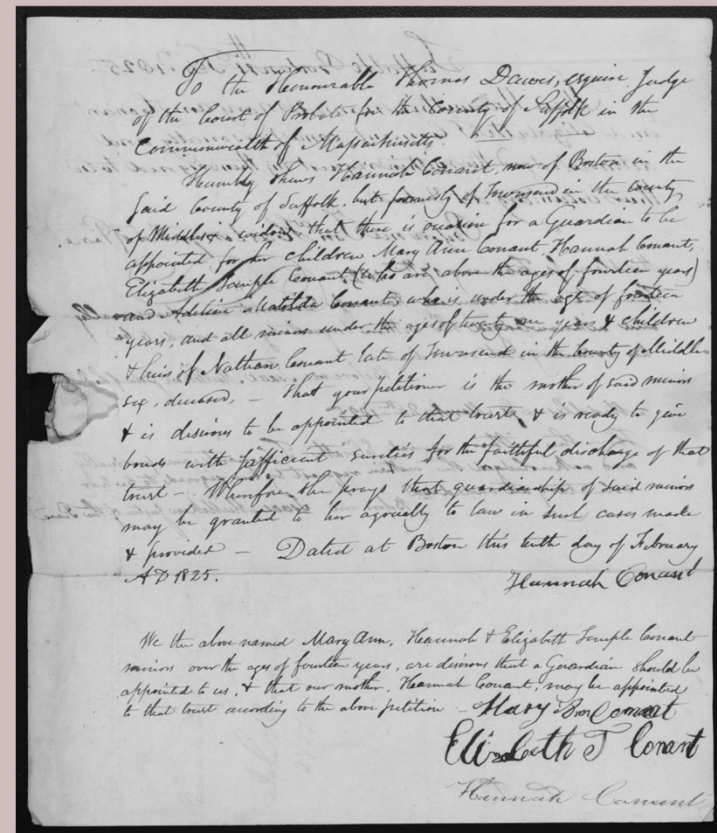
- Dividing an estate among heirs
- Occurs after bills are paid and debts collected
- Heirs (children, widow, etc.) mentioned in distribution
- Genealogical importance:
 - List of children if vital records aren't available
 - Married names of daughters
 - Children of deceased heirs

of Ipswich in said county, merchant, deceased, ...
Whereas by your account of administration of said estate, this day settled and
allowed, it appears that there is now remaining in your hands the sum of four
hundred ninety one dollars seventy seven cents and a half, being the balance
of said account, to be distributed among the heirs of said intestate, agreeably to
law: You are therefore hereby ordered and directed to pay and distribute
formerly Elizabeth Knight, who was the widow of said intestate, the sum of one hundred sixty three dollars
and to
the said sum, as follows, viz. to Elizabeth Young, Henry B. Knight,
Frederick Knight and Antonio Knight, children of said intestate, each
the sum of one hundred ~~twenty two~~ ^{nine} dollars ~~four~~ ^{eight} cents, as their
distributive shares of said balance, taking their receipts for the same;
all to be still held, so far as their said shares will extend, to pay their rateable
parts of what further debts and charges shall hereafter arise against said

Order Distribution, Joseph Knight estate,
Essex County, Mass, Case 16001

Guardianships

- Appointed for minor children
 - Males: under 21
 - Females: under 18
- Guardians protected the inheritance of minor heirs to an estate
 - Can provide financial support
- After minor becomes of age, the guardian is released
 - Guardian would then make an account of compensation



To the Honourable *Thomas Daves* Esquire,
Judge of the Court of Probate for the County of Suffolk, in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts,
HUMBLY shews, *Hannah Conant* of
Boston
in said County *Suffolk*, *widow* that there is occasion for a Guardjan
to be appointed for *Mary Ann Conant*, *Hannah*
Conant, *Elizabeth Temple Conant*, who are
~~under~~ *above* the age of *fourteen* years and *Adeline*
Margilda Conant, who is under the age of
fourteen years
minor and children of *Nathan Conant*
formerly of *Townsend* in the County of *Middlesex*
deceased,

Guardian Bond, Suffolk County,
Mass.. Case 27577

We the above named Mary Ann, Hannah & Elizabeth Temple Conant
minors over the ages of fourteen years, are desirous that a Guardian should be
appointed to us, & that our mother, Hannah Conant, may be appointed
to that trust according to the above petition - Mary Ann Conant
Elizabeth T Conant
Hannah Conant

Guardian Petition, Suffolk

County, Mass. Case 27575

Tax Records

Poll Tax

- Tax levied as a prerequisite to voting
- Massachusetts was the first to enact the poll tax in 1646, followed by New Haven in 1649
- Re-introduced in the South after the Civil War to disenfranchise African Americans from voting
 - "Grandfather clause" for poor white Americans
- Abolished in 1964 when 24th Amendment was passed

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RECORD OF WOMEN POLL TAXPAYERS,

8076 MARSHALL & BRUCE CO., NASHVILLE

NAME	YEAR REGISTERED	AGE	THESE COLUMNS SHOW												
			1920	1921	1922	1923	1924	1925	1926	1927	1928	1929			
<i>Turden, Mrs Alice (m)</i>	<i>OVER AGE in 1920 - (54 yrs of age)</i>	<i>9-2-1913</i>													
<i>Davis, Mrs Mary Lamar (O.W. Davis jr.)</i>	<i>10-2-1939</i>	<i>9-2-1913</i>													
<i>Penning Deming Mrs Madolyn Barber</i>	<i>1935</i>	<i>2-22-1918</i>													
<i>Dozier Miss Mylra</i>	<i>7-11-41</i>	<i>12-25-14</i>													
<i>Dunn Mrs Charles E. jr (Edna Benton)</i>	<i>11-4-47</i>	<i>6-18-1920</i>													
<i>Doherty, Mrs Eliza A (widow of Jas P)</i>															
<i>Dudley, Mrs Mary Riley (Mrs S. H.)</i>	<i>1-29-1942</i>	<i>11-27-1870</i>													
<i>Daniel, Miss Avalon Earle</i>	<i>10-1-1943</i>	<i>7-21-1921</i>													
<i>Dill, Mrs. Aline Branscomb (Charles L.)</i>	<i>1-26-1942</i>	<i>7-13-1905</i>													
<i>Dixon, Mrs Ruby Caldwell (Raymond E)</i>	<i>10-28-37</i>	<i>12-26-1911</i>													
<i>Dee, Miss Ann Louise (US Navy)</i>	<i>11-1-43</i>	<i>8-24-1922</i>													

Handwritten notes in the table:
 - *Frank X room #4 Valley Creek*
 - *married*
 - *21 yrs June 1941*
 - *should have been on this book.*
 - *ON QUALIFIED LIST, 1940*
 - *OVER AGE*
 - *21 yrs July - 1942.*
 - *Pd in Jefferson Co 1929 thru 1931*
 - *Pd - Tuscaloosa 1932 thru 1935*
 - *21 yrs Feb - 1932*
 - *dec 1933 + etc.*
 - *21 yrs Aug 1943*
 - *Seaman USNR Left 11-2-43*

Women Poll Taxpayers, Dallas County, Alabama

Taxes on Real and Personal Estates

- Tax rolls may detail the type of structures they have on estate (house, farm, mill, etc.)
- Tax rolls are a great census alternative. They can help you recreate the community they were living in.

Names of Proprietors	Description of Real Estate	Value of Real Estate		Value of Personal Estate	Tax to be Paid Thereon	
		1799	1800		1799	1800
Bartholomew Payne	House & Farm	2781		366	3	14
Benjamin Dehanneter	House & Farm	2393	75	259	2	65
Wm - Denton	do - do	625	62	69		69
David & E. Budge	do - do	256		64		32
Benjamin Hilditch	do - do	3562	50	454	4	1
Benajah Thompson	do - do	225		154		37
Wm & Benjamin	do - do	863	75	612	1	47
Wm - Horrich	do - do	4895		197	6	89
Ciprianus Crosby	do - do	1862	50	740	2	21
Conrad Ferguson	do - do	2150		360	2	51
Cyrus M. W. Masler	do - do	2001	50	175	3	5
Clark Douray	do - do	584		70		65
Christopher Mosher	do - do	368		32		10
Calvin Dale				60		6
Gabriel Denton	do - do	3000	75	211	3	29
Cornelius Dase	do - do	1901	25	156	2	13
Daniel Denton	do - do	3370		401	3	77
David Collins	do - do	6577	50	6012	12	52
David Russell	do - do	1535		320	1	80
David Zinn	do - do	3110	75	941	4	5
David Denton	House & Farm	625	62	105		70
Dakin Gales	do - do	5027	50	257	5	20
David Palmer	do - do	1320		210	1	53
Domick Van Lusen	do - do	100		74		17
Eliza Bartow	do - do	3020	75	446	4	32
David Hamlin	do - do	1990		277	2	25
Daniel Mason	do - do	720	75	72		80
Dan Webster	do - do	1135	25	337	1	47
David Furdall	do - do	560	75	60		62
David Sombayn	do - do	2329	50	336	2	66
Douglas Clark				126		12
David Hamlin - do				51		5
David P. Dent	do - do	939		82		99

Names of Proprietors	Description of Real Estate	Value of Real Estate		Value of Personal Estate	Tax to be Paid Thereon	
		1799	1800		1799	1800
David Morgan				60		6
David Smith	House & Farm	404	25	77	1	6
Daniel Clark	do - do	2201	25	123	2	40
Ebenezer Keene	do - do	2025		219	2	23
Eljah Smith 2	do - do	2135	50	851	2	98
Ephraim Ford	do - do	975		106	1	6
Ephraim Smith	do - do	1749		132	1	80
Eljah Bryan				210		21
Ebenezer Park	do - do	319				31
Ernest Goodrich	do - do	562	50	80		64
Ethiand Peck				230		23
Elisha Adams	do - do	1837	50	264	2	10
Ebenezer Hamner				50		5
Elias Steward	do - do	1072	75	174	2	4
Ephraim Ford do				565		56
Ethan Goodrich	do - do	2731	25	2950	6	60
Ezra Bryan	do - do	2520		163	2	69
Ezra Clark	do - do	4561		571	5	13
Elihu Payne	do - do	3330		152	3	40
Edmund Barber	do - do	4962	50	846	5	80
Eleathan Tyler				135		13
Elisha Massey				219		21
Edward Pover	" - do	450				45
Ebenezer Yarrington				50		7
Eli Hutchinson				320		32
Eljah Smith 1	do - do	1962	50	84	2	4
Edward Hyslop	" - do	900				90
Eljah Roe	do - do	1531	25	160	1	67
Ezra Thompson	" - do	1100				110
Eljah Clark				48		7
Ellis Conner				90		9

New York, Tax Assessment Rolls of Real and Personal Estates, 1799-1804

IRS Tax Assessment Lists

- 1 Jul 1862 – Bureau of Internal Revenue was created (later renamed to Internal Revenue Service)
- The United States was divided into collection districts
- Two lists created
 - A list of names of individuals subject to taxation who lived in the division
 - A list of names of individuals who lived outside the division but were owners of property in the division

LIST OF PERSONS in Division No. One of Collection District No. Four of
 and the amount thereof as assessed by W. C. Felch,

Assistant Assessors must be particular to enter in this list, under the proper head, the names of parties,

NO. OF LINE.	186 .			DESCRIPTION.		
	DATE.	NAME.	LOCATION.	QUANTITY:	ARTICLE OR OCCUPATION.	RATE.
1		Anthony James	Los Angeles		Painting	
2		Arnold Jacob	"	65	Hogs	10
3		Aitken	"		Marble Work	
4		Ames Henry	"		Wright	
5		Armstrong Thos	"		Saddling	
6		"	"		Penalty	
7		Anderson Robt	"		Iron Work	
8		"	"		Penalty	
9		Badger Geo W.			Auction Sales	
10		Billings E S			Soda Water	
11		Breuner J D			Cabinet Work	


U.S. IRS Tax Assessment Lists, 1862-1918 (California)

Employment Records

United States, Panama Canal Zone, Employment Records and Sailing lists, 1905-1937

Index and images of employee records (service history cards), sailing lists of contract laborers, and employee identification records (metal check cards and applications). This collection corresponds to NARA Record Group 185, Records of the Panama Canal, 1848-1999. Index to applications for Photo Metal Checks, 1918-1919 courtesy of the National Archives.

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Name Aaron, Harry,		LEGAL RESIDENCE				
		State <i>Illinois</i>	County <i>Cook</i>	Cong. Dist.		
Department Engineering	Division <i>Chief Engineer</i>		Where located			
Entered on duty	Sailed <i>NOV^a 8 1912</i>	Date of appointment Nov. 4, 1912.	Date of oath <i>Nov. 6, 1912.</i>	Reported for duty on Isthmus <i>Nov. 15, 1912.</i>		
Position WIREMAN (MOTOR & CONTROL)	How selected R. L. Smith & Manley		Where app't'd U. S.	Age <i>33</i>		
Place of birth <i>New York</i>		Home address <i>7115 Eggleston Ave., Chicago, Ill.</i>				
Salary 65¢ Hour	Remarks					
File No. <i>22155</i>	Authority <i>11/30/12.</i>					
CHANGES IN STATUS						
Date	Salary	Position	Department	Division	Where located	Authority
<i>Sept. 26/13</i>		<i>Resigned.</i>				<i>11/4/13.</i>

Panama Canal Service Record Card

Railroad Records

- Pensions granted by the U.S. Railroad Retirement Board starting in 1934
 - Ancestry.com has the Pension Index for 1934-1987
 - Original claim files can be obtained from the National Archives, Atlanta, Georgia
- Each railroad company has their own archives, which include employee records

U.S., Railroad Retirement Pension Index, 1934-1987

Search Match all terms exactly

First & Middle Name(s)

Last Name

	Day	Month	Year
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Name: J Adams

Birth Date: Jul 1902

Death Date: 1940

Claim ID: D035136

U.S. Railroad Retirement Pension
Abstract



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The National Archives at Atlanta has received approximately 54,000 cubic feet of Railroad Retirement Board (RRB) Inactive Claims Folders from the National Archives Great Lakes Region.

The information found within these records will be of interest to genealogists and historical researchers. The U.S. Railroad Retirement Board administers a Federal retirement benefit program covering the nation's railroad workers. The Inactive Claim Folders deal primarily with the administration and payment of these benefits. We will provide information on deceased persons for the purpose of genealogical or historical research. However, we will not release information on a person who is still living without the written consent of that person.

The Railroad Retirement Board continues to retain ownership of claim files deemed to be active. Records transferred to NARA have been inactive for at least seven years. If you are looking for information in your own claim file, or are researching someone whose file may have been recently active (claims filed, payments made, etc), you should begin by contacting the Railroad Retirement Board (<https://www.rrb.gov/index.php/Resources/Genealogy> or (877) 772-5772).

The RRB Inactive Claims Folders are limited to individuals who worked in the rail industry after 1936. Please do not contact us with requests for records before that date. We do not have that information, nor do we generally have any pertinent records for an individual whose rail service was performed on a casual basis and/or was of short duration. Also, the claim folders are only on persons whose employers were covered under the Railroad Retirement Act. Employers such as streetcar, interurban, or suburban electric railways are not covered under this Act.

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Fee:

Based on information provided by the researcher, staff from the National Archives and Records Administration will attempt to confirm if a claim folder exists. If a claim folder does exist, NARA will provide a cost estimate for copying based on the National Archives fee of \$0.80 per page (full schedule is available at: <http://www.archives.gov/research/order/fees>).

What We Need:

Please provide as much of the following information about the claimant or pensioner as possible:



- First Name, Middle Name/Initial, Last Name
- Railroad Retirement Board Claim Number
- Social Security Number
- Year of Birth
- Year of Death

Where to Send Requests:

National Archives at Atlanta
5780 Jonesboro Road
Morrow, Georgia 30260
Email: atlanta.archives@nara.gov

Sample Railroad Retirement Board Files:

To help clarify the type of information found within a RRB file, please view the following sample files:

- [Full Version of RRB File](#)  for Edward Hoff
- [Abbreviated Version of RRB File](#)  for Edward Hoff

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FORM APPROVED BUDGET BUREAU NO. 70-1143.6 FORM NO. AA-17 (1-61) UNITED STATES OF AMERICA RAILROAD RETIREMENT BOARD

ENTER EMPLOYEE'S RRB CLAIM NO. (IF NONE OR UNKNOWN, MAKE NO ENTRIES IN THIS SPACE)

APPLICATION FOR WIDOW'S OR WIDOWER'S INSURANCE ANNUITY

(THIS MAY ALSO BE CONSIDERED AN APPLICATION FOR ANY INSURANCE BENEFITS PAYABLE UNDER TITLE II OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT, AS AMENDED)

ALL ITEMS REQUIRING AN ANSWER MUST BE ANSWERED OR MARKED "UNKNOWN." RETURN THIS FORM TO THE RAILROAD RETIREMENT BOARD.

DO NOT WRITE IN THIS SPACE
 OFFICIALLY FILED 251
 Date June 14, 1964
 By Edwin A. Madhury
 Jersey City Field Office

I, Eleanor Margaret Hoff, hereby apply for any annuities or lump sums payable to me under the provisions of the Railroad Retirement Act, as amended.

INFORMATION ABOUT DECEASED EMPLOYEE

1. Name: Edward George Hoff (PRINT FIRST - MIDDLE - MAIDEN LAST NAME IF FEMALE - LAST NAME) 715-14-5137 (SOCIAL SECURITY ACCOUNT NO.)

2. Date and place of birth: Feb. 24, 1888 (MONTH - DAY - YEAR) Hoboken (CITY OR TOWN) New Jersey (STATE OR FOREIGN COUNTRY)

3. Date and place of death: June 5, 1964 (MONTH - DAY - YEAR) Tampa (CITY OR TOWN) Florida (STATE OR FOREIGN COUNTRY)

4. In what State or foreign country did the deceased employee have his fixed, permanent home when he died?
Florida

5. Was the deceased employee survived by:

(a) An unmarried child under age 18? No (YES OR NO) If "Yes," give name and address of such child:

(b) An unmarried child, age 18 or older, who is unable to engage in any regular employment because of a disability which began before age 18? No (YES OR NO) If "Yes," give name and address of such child:

6. (a) Did the deceased employee serve in the active military or naval service of the United States after September 7, 1939? No (YES OR NO) If "Yes," answer (1), (2), and (3) below:

(1) Give: _____ (BRANCH OF SERVICE) _____ (DATE OF ENTRY)
 _____ (PLACE OF ENTRY) _____ (DATE OF DISCHARGE) _____ (PLACE OF DISCHARGE)
 _____ (MILITARY ORGANIZATION OR VESSEL AT TIME OF DISCHARGE) _____ (SERIAL NO. - IF NONE, GIVE RANK)

(2) Was the deceased employee receiving a monthly benefit from any Federal agency other than the Railroad Retirement Board? _____ If "Yes," give name of agency: _____

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8. Did the deceased employee receive income, as a self-employed person (whether as sole owner or partner), from a trade or business during the year in which he died or during the 2 years preceding the year of his death? No
(YES OR NO)

If "Yes," give the following information:

(a) Kind of trade or business: _____

(b) Period of self-employment: From _____ to _____

9. Give the following information about *each* marriage of the deceased employee, including the marriage in effect at the time of his death:

DATE OF MARRIAGE (MONTH-DAY-YEAR)	TO WHOM MARRIED	PLACE OF MARRIAGE (TOWN OR CITY) (COUNTY) (STATE OR FOREIGN COUNTRY)	HOW MARRIAGE ENDED (DEATH, DIVORCE, ANNULMENT)	MARRIAGE ENDED (MONTH-DAY-YEAR) (PLACE)
<u>about 1914</u>	<u>Mamie Merda</u>	<u>Easton</u> <u>Washington Pa</u>	<u>Sept 27, 1917</u> <u>death</u>	<u>Sept 27, 1917</u> <u>Easton Pa</u>
<u>Jan 28, 1930</u>	<u>Eleanor M. Lach</u>	<u>Marble Cliff, Parkersburg W. Va</u> <u>Essex New Jersey</u>	<u>death</u>	<u>June 5, 1967</u> <u>Orange Florida</u>

INFORMATION ABOUT APPLICANT

10. If you are the employee's widow, give your full maiden name: Eleanor Marguerite Lach

11. Your date and place of birth: Nov. 19, 1897 Allentown Lehigh Pa.
(MONTH-DAY-YEAR) (TOWN OR CITY) (COUNTY) (STATE OR FOREIGN COUNTRY)

12. Were you married before your marriage to the deceased? No If "Yes," give the following information about each of your previous marriages:

DATE OF MARRIAGE (MONTH-DAY-YEAR)	TO WHOM MARRIED	PLACE OF MARRIAGE (TOWN OR CITY) (COUNTY) (STATE OR FOREIGN COUNTRY)	HOW MARRIAGE ENDED (DEATH, DIVORCE, ANNULMENT)	MARRIAGE ENDED (MONTH-DAY-YEAR) (PLACE)

13. Was your marriage to the deceased employee performed by a clergyman or authorized public official? No
(YES OR NO)

If "No," explain: This was a common law marriage

14. Have you remarried since the death of the deceased employee? No If "Yes," when did you remarry?
(YES OR NO)

15. Were you and the deceased employee living together at the same address when the deceased employee died?
Yes If "No," answer (a), (b), and (c):
(YES OR NO)

Annuity Application Cont'd

(12-21-08-20M-S-6025) Form 2331

NAME Paul Geldner
[EMPLOYEE MUST SIGN IN INK]

SHOP Copper OCCUPATION Coppersmith

RATE 40¢ per hour

DATE EMPLOYED January 27th - 1910 ADDRESS 716 - 2nd Street

DATE OF BIRTH April 18 - 1866

REFERENCE TO PREVIOUS EMPLOYMENT _____

DATE OF LEAVING 6-18-10 CAUSE Laid off

APPROVED: [Signature] G. Baumann
FOREMAN

M. M. OR M. C. R.

Southern Pacific Railroad Employee Record Card

Review

1. Our ancestors left behind records with each financial transaction they participated in
2. Records are located in a variety of repositories
3. Multiple records need to be consulted to understand more of your ancestor's story

QUESTIONS?



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