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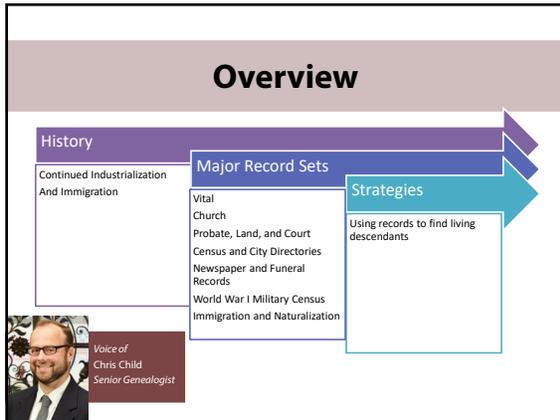
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**Changes in Population  
1900 - 2000**

- Population went of 908,420 to 3,405,565
- 1900 – 26.2% born outside U.S.  
– 42% of population in principle cities
- 2000 – 10.9% born outside U.S., of those 48.7% naturalized  
– 28.2% of population in ten largest cities

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### Data from the Census

- 1900/1910 – naturalization status of foreign-born aged 21 or older
- 1920/1930 – naturalization status of foreign-born people
- 1940 – citizenship status of foreign-born people
- 1950 – “Is he naturalized” asked of foreign-born people
- 1970-2000 – variation on citizenship question asked between 1 out of 5 to 1 out of 20 households

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### Connecticut’s Youngest City

- Settled in 1648 as “West Farms” in New Haven Colony
- In 1719, became the parish of West Parish within New Haven
- Attempted incorporation in 1784
- Joined forces with North Milford (part of Milford) to form Orange in 1822
- 1921 Split from Orange
- 1961 incorporated as a city



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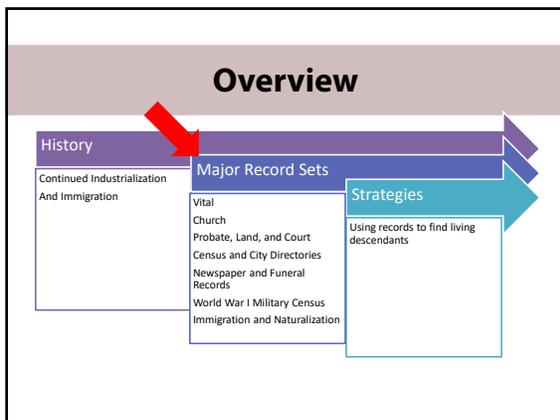
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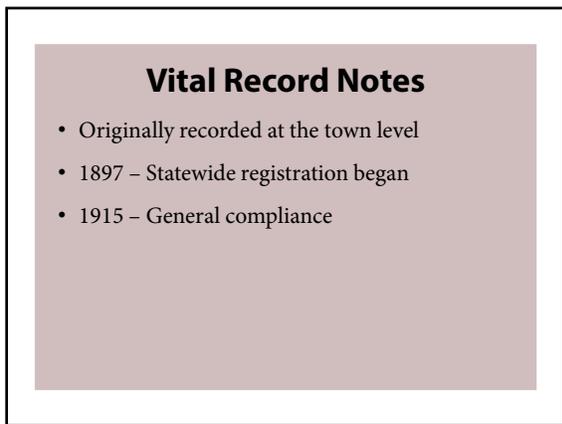
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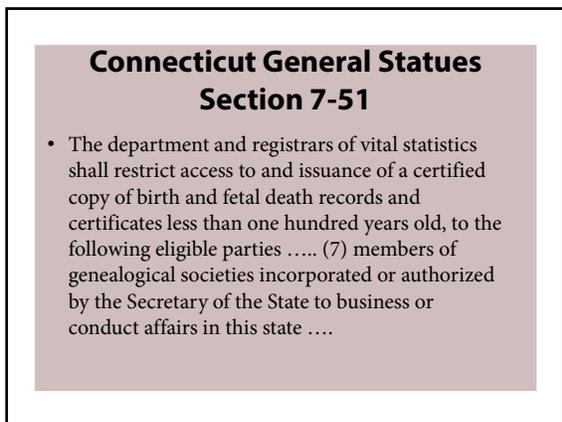
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**Earlier versions**

- 1971 act provided that members of “legally incorporated genealogical societies may have access to records”
- 1972 act changed age of majority from 21 to 18
- Public Act 96-258 deleted “legally incorporated” and added “incorporated or authorized to do business or conduct affairs in this state
- This language has remained the same since 1996

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**Approved Genealogical Societies (14)**

- Annual dues range from \$10-40
- Some have age restrictions
- Several publish their own genealogical journals
- Many have their own libraries
- Some are hereditary society, ethnic specific, and/or social clubs




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**What is not accessible to approved genealogists**

- Confidential Files relating to Adoption
- Paternity and Surrogacy Agreements
- Sex Amendments related to gender reassignment
- Social Security Numbers when they appear on records

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**Rights of Adoptees**

- Effective July 1, 2021, all Connecticut-born adoptees [18 and over] have unrestricted right to request and obtain their original birth certificates. The right also extends to the children and grandchildren of the adopted person.

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**Rights of Access**

- Any town hall during normal business hours
- By appointment at the State Vital Records Office in Hartford
- In either case, call ahead!



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**Planning a Trip to the Department of Health**

- Three-hour time slots
- Indexes from July 1, 1897 to December 31, 2001, for births, marriages, and deaths
- Microfilm Roll and frame number
- Indexes afterward accessible by DPH employees



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### Other 20<sup>th</sup>-Century Indexes

- 1897-2001 Marriage and Death Index available at Connecticut State Library Website (versions of this information on FamilySearch and Ancestry)
- Ancestry Marriage Index, 1959-2012
- Ancestry Death Index, 1949-2012
- Ancestry Divorce Index, 1968-1997

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### Ancestry Marriage Index

- Many first names are shortened to first five letters
- Some information, but not a complete abstract

**Kenne Gunderson**  
in the Connecticut, U.S., Marriage Index, 1959-2012

Detail	Source
Name:	Kenne Gunderson
Gender:	Male
Race:	White
Age:	22
Birth Year:	abt 1952
Residence Place:	Killingly Windham, Connecticut, USA
Marriage Date:	29 Jun 1974
Marriage Place:	Putnam, Windham, Connecticut, USA
Spouse:	Petri A Painter
Notes:	officiator Other Clergyman

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### Ancestry Death Index

- Likewise, many first names shortened to first wife letters and spouses' names shortened to first four letters
- Some information, but not a complete abstract

**Louis L Child**  
in the Connecticut Death Index, 1949-2012

Detail	Source
Name:	Louis L Child
Gender:	Female
Race:	White
Marital Status:	Widowed
Birth Date:	abt 1878
Residence:	Woodstock, Windham, Connecticut
Death Date:	18 Aug 1955
Death Place:	Putnam, Windham, Connecticut
Age:	77 Years
Spouse:	Chau
State File #:	13875

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### Town Clerk Vaults

- Vital Records Indexes
- Land Records
- Probate Records
- Church Records
- Miscellaneous Town Records



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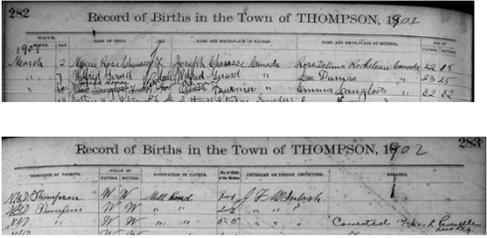
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### Vital Record Index



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## Tip

You can ask to look at the original certificate, often in the second locked area

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## 20<sup>th</sup>-Century Birth Records

- If born in a hospital in another town, usually on file in both town of birth and residence
- Number of other children and number alive

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## 20<sup>th</sup>-Century Marriage Records

- Usually on file where married and where parties reside (up to 3 places)
- Dates of birth added in the 1950s
- Birthplaces of parents added later

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## 20<sup>th</sup>-Century Death Records

- On file where person resided and died
- Birthplaces of parents

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**Church Records in the 20<sup>th</sup> Century**

- At the permission of the given religion
- Many kept at places of worship
- Many Catholic Records (baptisms, marriages, burials) transcribed, with limitations



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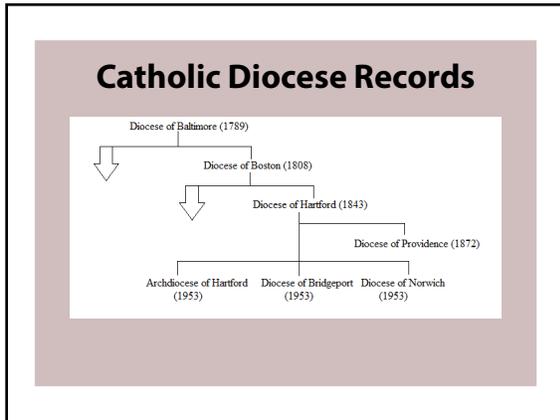
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### Actual Catholic Congregations

- Mass at Lebanon, 1780-1781
- Parish in Hartford founded in 1829
- Church of the Holy Trinity established in 1834

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### Will the diocese help you?

**General Information**

- The Archdiocesan Archives does not provide assistance with genealogy or family history.
  - Please reference webpage **Services #04** for a list of repositories and public resources that are able to assist and provide genealogy/ family history research.
- Sacramental Records are not created for purposes of genealogy, nor should they be used for such purposes.
  - In compliance with canons 486, 487, and 535 and Archdiocesan policy, Sacramental Records are privately created records of sacred origin. As such, Sacramental Records are reserved for religious and legal obligations only. Sacramental Records are created, maintained, and administered by the parishes and the parish priest acts as curator of the records.

[archdioceseofhartford.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/07/Document.03.JUL\\_bw\\_.pdf](http://archdioceseofhartford.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/07/Document.03.JUL_bw_.pdf)

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## What else you can do?

- Contact the local parish
- Search for transcribed records



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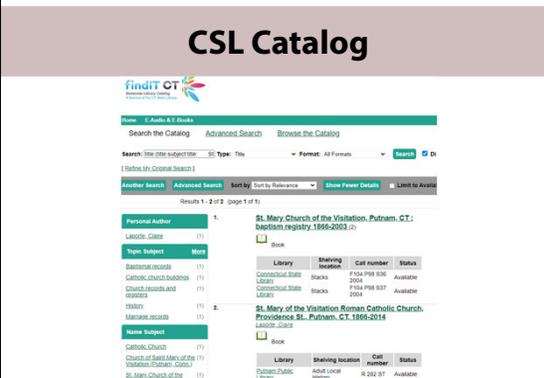
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## CSL Catalog



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## American-French Genealogical Society Publications

- (out of Woonsocket, Rhode Island)
- St. Joseph Church, North Grosvenordale (Thompson), CT, 1872-1990
- St. Mary of the Visitation (Putnam), 1866-2003



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## Marriages Elsewhere

Baptisms of St. Mary's Church, Putnam, CT: 1866 - 2003

**MILLER, Charles**  
 14 Jan 1866 Charles & Ann Miller  
 17 Sep 1888 August Althoff & Sarah Cavanaugh

**MILLER, Charles Frederick**  
 19 Aug 1891 Charles & Anna Terrell  
 06 Jun 1908 Alfred Proulx

**MILLER, Edith Frances Mary Johnson**  
 26 Oct 1889 (Worcester, MA) Edwin Elliot Johnson & Ida Mac Johnson  
 26 Apr 1934 Clarinda Broder

**MILLER, Edward Joseph**  
 27 Apr 1927 Joseph W. & Lena Hendrickson  
 15 May 1927 Leo Patrick Duffy & Emma Belanger Harquail

**MILLER, (Ellsworth) Andrew**  
 18 Dec 1909 Frank W. Miller & Albertine Bellevue  
 23 Oct 1936 Mr. & Mrs. Henry Bellevue

**MILLER, Ernest Edouard (twin)**  
 31 May 1916 Robert F. & Marion Levesonson  
 17 Jun 1936 George Montville & Viola Montville

**MILLER, Janet Lucille**  
 23 Mar 1935 Ellsworth & Lucille Langlois  
 07 Apr 1935 Theodore St. Pierre & Agnes St. Pierre  
 m. Richard N. Lucier (Lussier), 23 Mar 1954, The Cathedral Church, Baltimore, MD  
 m. Kenneth Roland Blackmer, 04 May 1981, St. Stephen, Quinebaug, CT

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## Josephs and Maries

- Joseph Aldo Adrien Verrette = Adrien Joseph Verrette
- Hormidas Joseph Ernest Labonte = Ernest Hormidas Labonte
- Joseph Leopold Paul Roy = Paul Leopold Roy

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## 20<sup>th</sup>-Century Probate and Land Records

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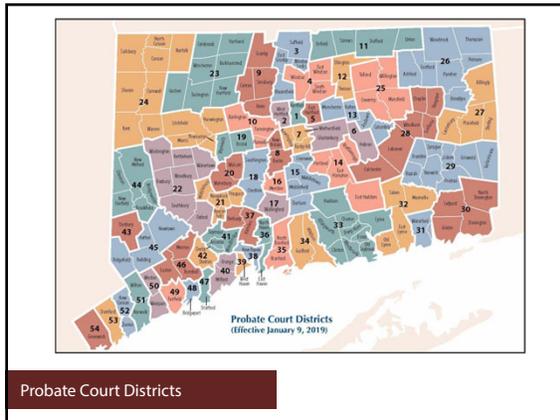
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**Probate Collection until 1948**

- In reality only goes until 1915, including probate files that dragged on until 1948
- Rest kept at probate court
- Often transcribed in town clerk vaults alongside vital and land records



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## General Considerations

- 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> court records can have limited access, often to attorneys or the parties involved
- Some information can be obtained online or requested
- <http://civilinquiry.jud.ct.gov/>

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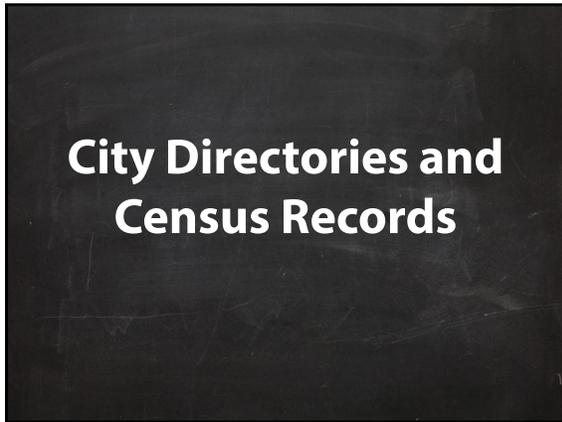
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### 20<sup>th</sup> Century City Directories

- CSL, CHS, FHL, Ancestry, Local Libraries
- By the early 1980, replaced by telephone books
- Various online directories in the 21<sup>st</sup> centuries

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### 21<sup>st</sup>-Century Online Directories

- Whitepages.com
- FamilyTreeNow.com
- U.S. Public Records
- Some subscription, some free

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### Eastern Pequots in 1930 census

Name	Age	Sex	Race	Birthplace	Father Birthplace	Mother Birthplace
William H. Jackson	11	M	Indian	North Stonington, Conn.	North Stonington, Conn.	North Stonington, Conn.
Elizabeth Plouffe	10	F	Indian	North Stonington, Conn.	North Stonington, Conn.	North Stonington, Conn.
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### Connecticut Indian Land Claims Settlement

- 1666- Connecticut General Assembly voted on 2,000-acre reservation in Ledyard for the "western Pequots" and 280 acres in North Stonington for the "eastern Pequots"
- By 1790- 2,000 acres reduce to 1,000
- 1855- state sold 800 of the remaining acres
- Elizabeth (George) Plouffe died in 1973, last resident on the 214-acre Pequot reservation, land passed back to the state
- Grandson Richard Hayward initially tried to claim the land for the family, later obtaining federal recognition as the Western Pequot tribe and reclaiming the 800 acres sold in 1855

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### Modern day usage

- From 1 member in 1973 to 32 by 1982, the Mashantucket Pequots now have 1,086 members, descending from eleven families on the 1900 census

State or Territory	Population
Alabama	1,000
Arizona	1,000
Arkansas	1,000
California	1,000
Colorado	1,000
Connecticut	1,000
Delaware	1,000
District of Columbia	1,000
Florida	1,000
Georgia	1,000
Idaho	1,000
Illinois	1,000
Indiana	1,000
Iowa	1,000
Kansas	1,000
Kentucky	1,000
Louisiana	1,000
Maine	1,000
Maryland	1,000
Massachusetts	1,000
Michigan	1,000
Minnesota	1,000
Mississippi	1,000
Missouri	1,000
Montana	1,000
Nebraska	1,000
Nevada	1,000
New Hampshire	1,000
New Jersey	1,000
New Mexico	1,000
New York	1,000
North Carolina	1,000
North Dakota	1,000
Ohio	1,000
Oklahoma	1,000
Oregon	1,000
Pennsylvania	1,000
Rhode Island	1,000
South Carolina	1,000
South Dakota	1,000
Tennessee	1,000
Texas	1,000
Utah	1,000
Vermont	1,000
Virginia	1,000
Washington	1,000
West Virginia	1,000
Wisconsin	1,000
Wyoming	1,000
Total	11,000

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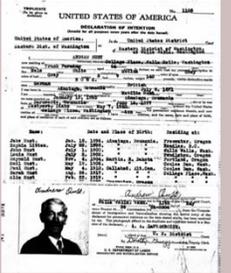






**More detailed after 1906**

- Date and place of arrival
- Current residence and occupation
- Physical description and later a photograph
- Date and place of birth
- Spouse and children



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**Other Miscellaneous Records**

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**Various Records**

- School Records
- Business Records
- Photograph Collections



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### School Records

- Varies by school
- Mostly kept by school's archives
- Yearbooks often in local libraries and sometimes online



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### U.S. School Yearbooks, 1900-1999

"Saul"—purposeful . . . quietly efficient . . . a thinker who acts . . . the gentle humorist . . . one-time trackster . . . a scholarly approach to success . . . insouciant optimism, a believer in hard work, and a debunker of faith in "breaks."

Class Country, 1, 2; Associate Editor of 1936 *Nature*; First Honor; Math Club; Science Club; Officers Club; Swimming, 1; *Gamps*; Board; Pen-craft—Managing Editor of *Pencraft*; *Zoology*; Junior Week Decoration Committee.

Large fund of common sense with a great desire for fun . . . many capabilities . . . independent but not dogmatic . . . popularity born of good humor and friendliness.

Soccer, 2, 3; Blue and White; Moderator; Block and Bridge; Lambda Gamma Delta; Junior Week Decoration Committee.

SAUL MENAS CHERNOFF 4811  
*Zoology*  
New Britain




HENRY THURSTON CHILD 241  
*Dairy Industry*  
Woodstock

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### Finding Photographs

- Within family trees / findagrave / other websites
- Promoting your research, contacting cousins
- DeadFred



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**Business Records**

- Manuscript Material
- The larger the business the more likely an archive might exist
- Often in private hands or discarded
- See town histories and sources consulted



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**The Collections Research Center at Mystic Seaport**

- Extensive Maritime records, 1720-present
- Connecticut Ship Database, 1789-1939
- American Whaling Voyages, 1688-1927



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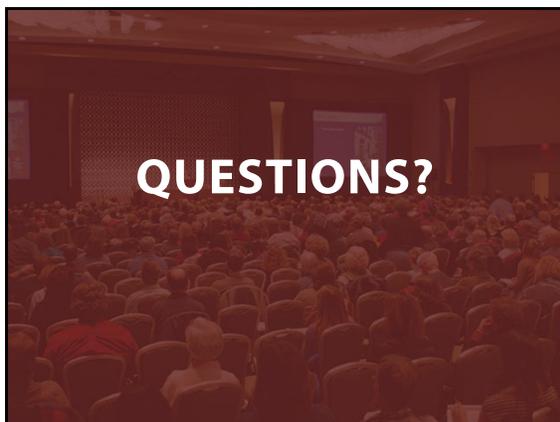
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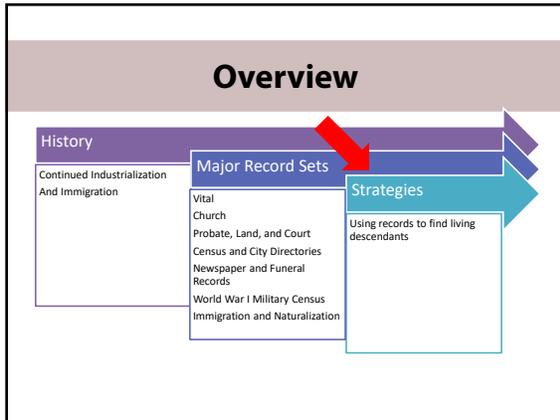
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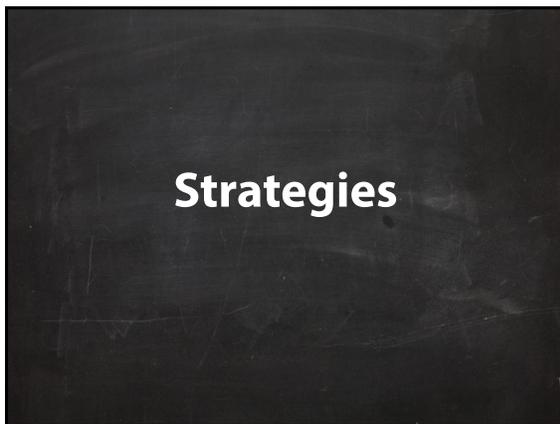
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**Tracing Descendants**

- Compiled genealogy of modern-day descendants of a given ancestor
- Seeing if distant cousins have any relics of your common ancestors
- Descendants needed for a DNA study

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### Marriages up to 2001 (Bride)

**Marriage Records up to 2001**

Print Excel CSV Copy

Show 10 entries Search:

Groom First Name	Groom Last Name	Bride First Name	Bride Last Name	Date Married	City Married
Groom First Name	Groom Last Name	Bride First Name	CHILD	Date Married	Woodstock
DANIEL	WILLIAMS	MARY	CHILD	1927-06-25	WOODSTOCK
HENRY	YOUNG	FLORENCE	CHILD	1930-03-15	WOODSTOCK
SIGFIELD	COLLINS	EVELYN	CHILD	1935-08-24	WOODSTOCK
DONALD	FRENCH	BEATRICE	CHILD	1936-09-03	WOODSTOCK
ALFRED	WILLIAMS JR	ROSANNA	CHILD	1939-04-07	WOODSTOCK

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### Marriages up to 2001 (Grooms)

**Marriage Records up to 2001**

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Groom First Name	Groom Last Name	Bride First Name	Bride Last Name	Date Married	City Married
Henry	CHILD	Bride First Name	Bride Last Name	Date Married	Woodstock
HENRY	CHILD	ELIZABETH	HELMAN	1941-04-16	WOODSTOCK
HENRY	CHILD	JOSEPHINE	CHILD	1946-05-25	WOODSTOCK

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### Deaths to 2001

**Death Records up to 2001**

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First Name	Last Name	Date	City
Harriet	CHILD	Date	City
HARRIET	CHILD	1925-03-11	MANSFIELD
HARRIET	CHILDS	1907-02-01	MIDDLETOWN
HARRIET	CHILDS	1918-10-08	WALLINGFORD
HARRIET	FAIRCHILD	1922-03-23	DERBY
HARRIET	FAIRCHILD	1928-01-27	STRATFORD

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### Social Security Death Index

Name:	William Child
Social Security Number:	048-36-6467
Birth Date:	12 Sep 1880
Issue Year:	1962
Issue State:	Connecticut
Last Residence:	02557, Oak Bluffs, Dukes, Massachusetts, USA
Death Date:	Dec 1971

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### Newspapers.com

- Obituaries in Florida and Connecticut
- Two daughters and their residences
- 8 grandchildren
- Several great-grandchildren

WILLIAM C. CHILD  
WOODSTOCK. — William C. Child, 91, of Danville, Fla., a former Woodstock resident, died Sunday after a brief illness.

He was born in Woodstock and moved to Florida 10 years ago. He was a retired dairy farmer. During the time he lived in Woodstock, he belonged to the Israel Putnam Lodge of Masons, was a past master and 24-year member of the Sunnyside Group; he was past president and honorary director of Woodstock Agricultural Society, and active member of the First Congregational Church, Woodstock Hill, where he was a deacon of the church.

He leaves his wife, Hazel B. Child of Danville, Fla., two daughters, Mrs. Betty D. Young of Woodstock, and Mrs. A. Nelson Williams Jr. of Seawee, Tenn., eight grandchildren, and several great-grandchildren.

A memorial service will be Wednesday at 2 p.m. at the First Congregational Church, Woodstock Hill. Burial will be at the convenience of the family. The family requests flowers be omitted but memorial contributions may be made to the First Congregational Church, Woodstock Hill.

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### Back to Social Security Death Index

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### Daughter's Obituary

- Names brother and sister and their residences
- Names children and spouse, and grandchildren, all with residences
- Can contact now on public record searches

**POBIE**, Elizabeth H. Child, 58, of 6607 SW 2nd Street, Pembroke Pines, died Thursday morning in a Hollywood hospital. Born in Springfield, Mass., and came to Boynton Beach in 1957 from Philadelphia. Came to Pembroke Pines in 1958 from Boynton Beach. Past president of the Broward County Council of Parents and Teachers, past president of the Pembroke Pines P.T.A. Survived by son William C.; daughter Mrs. Jack E. (Virginia) Thain of Rutland, Vt.; three sisters; one brother. Memorial services will be conducted later in Woodstock, Conn. Local arrangements by BLACKBURN FUNERAL HOME.

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### Two other grandchildren

- Two children identified in son's widow's obituary in 1973

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Birth Date: 26 Jul 1916	
Issue Year: Before 1951	
Issue State: New Hampshire	
Death Date: Sep 1970	

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### FamilyTreeNow

**Full Name:** William C Child Jr  
**From:** Apr 1951  
**Age:** 70

View Full Background Report [Ad]

Associated Names		Possible Relatives		
84 Child		Name	Age	Born
<p>Way more information on William Child at TruePeopleSearch.com</p>		Jay C Child	69	Apr 1952
<p><b>Current &amp; Past Addresses</b></p> <p>Webster, MA 01570 <input type="button" value="View"/></p> <p>Woolhamer County                  Current Address                  PO Box 39, Woodstock, CT 06081 <input type="button" value="View"/></p> <p>Woolham County                  (Nov 2009 - Aug 2020)                  79 Mechanics St, Petham, CT 06260 <input type="button" value="View"/></p> <p>Woolham County                  (Jan 2009 - Sep 2016)</p>		Carole Topol Orland	69	Dec 1952
		Cathy E Child	37	Oct 1984
		Christopher C Child	41	Nov 1980
		J Child		1952
		Katherine Joy Child		1988

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**Current and past addresses**

- Emails
- Phone numbers
- Try to verify elsewhere before making contact




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**Review**

1. The 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> century have the most detailed records, but access to them can sometimes be a hurdle
2. Newspapers, funeral, and other records allow for a more complete biographies of relatives for later generations

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**QUESTIONS?**

**Hire Research Services**  
*research@nehgs.org*

**Chat with a Genealogist**  
*AmericanAncestors.org/chat*

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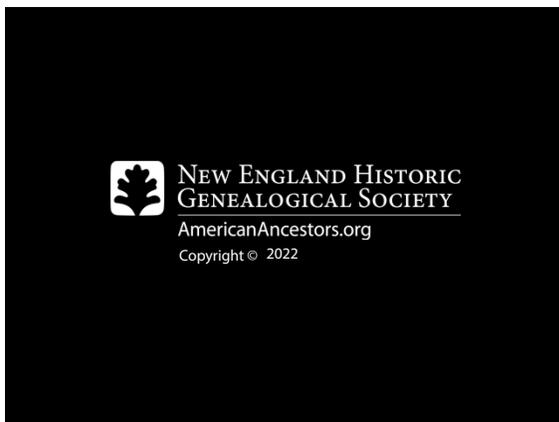
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