

# Tracing Female Ancestors in America

*Class 3: Researching Women  
in the Archives*

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# Meet today's presenter



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# OVERVIEW

- **Presentation (60 mins.)**
  - Types of materials
  - Using manuscripts at NEHGS
  - Locating archival collections
- **Q&A (30 mins.)**



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# Define your Research Goal

What are your objectives?



- Looking for birth, marriage or death information?
- Determine a maiden name?
- Identify parents or other female relatives?
- Add context to your female ancestor's life?

Bryant and Taggart Family Papers, Mss 1148

# Think Outside the Box

- Think about the types of records you'll need
- Who would have created such a record?
- How do I go about finding it?
- Look for material created by others



Joyce Grubaugh Holbrook  
Collection, Mss 1230

# Gather Information on Your Ancestor

Huldah (Peaslee) Chase , 1776-1854				
Places Associated	Surnames Associated	Religion	Ethnicity	Societies
Seabrook/ Pittsfield, NH	Chase		English	
Salem, MA	Locke		English	
NH, Salem, MA	Bousley		English	

Gathering information on your ancestor will help to identify potential archives that could help you find more information

# Archives

- Unpublished
- One of a kind, unique
- Lack bibliographic features
- Organized by person, organization or govt. body
- Closed stacks, staff retrieves
- High security



# Unpublished Materials in Archives

- Diaries/Letters/Personal Papers
- Photographs/Postcards/Scrapbooks
- Material Culture (samplers, quilts, clothing, etc.)
- Business/Society/Organizational papers
- Social Club Records/ School Yearbooks, etc.
- Video and Audio files
- Oral histories
- Genealogical Research Papers

# Where to Find Archives

## Cultural Institutions

- Libraries
- Museums
- Historic Houses
- Historical Societies
- Genealogical Societies

## Other Locations to Consider

- Colleges
- Government Facilities
- Corporations
- Religious Institutions
- Social Clubs
- Personal Collections

# Manuscripts at NEHGS

## Most popular

- Bible and family records
- Cemetery transcriptions
- Church records
- Town records
- Unpublished genealogies

## Collections

- Genealogical research
  - Client research
  - Surname
  - Geographic
  - Ethnic
- Personal and Family papers
  - Letters
  - Diaries
  - Photos
  - School and business records
  - Genealogical research

# Seeking names and dates

# Filling in the blanks

**PEDIGREE CHART**

Chart no. 1

NO. 1 ON THIS CHART \_\_\_\_\_  
IS THE SAME AS NO. \_\_\_\_  
ON CHART NO. \_\_\_\_\_

**2 William Sayers Crawford**  
B: 1883  
P: Montgomery Co., Virginia  
M: 1909  
P: Virginia  
D: 1966  
P: Pulaski, Virginia

**4 William H. Crawford**  
B: 29 Dec 1855  
P: Montgomery Co., Virginia  
M: 1866  
P:  
D: 21 Mar 1926  
P:

**8 Thomas S. Crawford**  
B: 23 Sep 1815  
P: Botetourt, Virginia  
M: 9 Nov 1832  
P: Montgomery Co., Virginia  
D:  
P:

**16 William Crawford**  
B: 1792  
M: 1814/1816  
D: 9 Apr 1868

**17 Elizabeth Jane Smith**  
B: 1792  
D: 1835/1858

**18**  
B:  
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**19**  
B:  
D:

**20 James Albright**  
B:  
M:  
D:

**21**  
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D:

**3 Lillian Minnick**  
B: 1885  
P: Montgomery Co., Virginia  
D: 1968  
P: Pulaski, Virginia

**5 Deborah Frances Albright**  
B: 20 Feb 1845  
D:  
P:

**7 Mamie**  
B:  
P:  
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P:

**10 Gasper Albright**  
B: 1800  
P: Montgomery Co., Virginia  
M: 9 Dec 1826  
P: Montgomery Co., Virginia  
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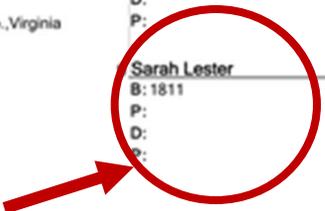
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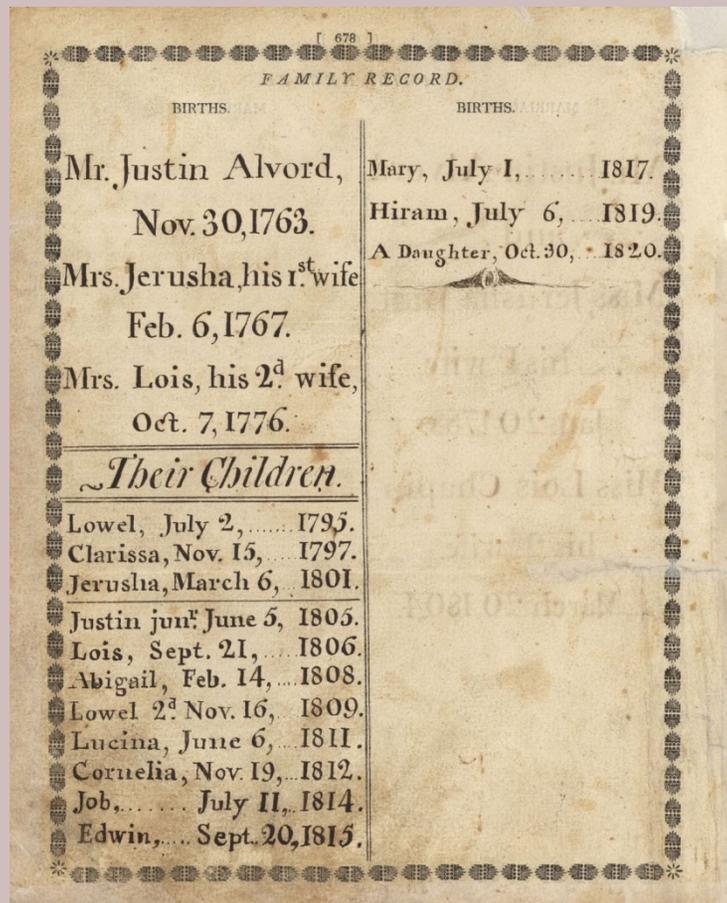
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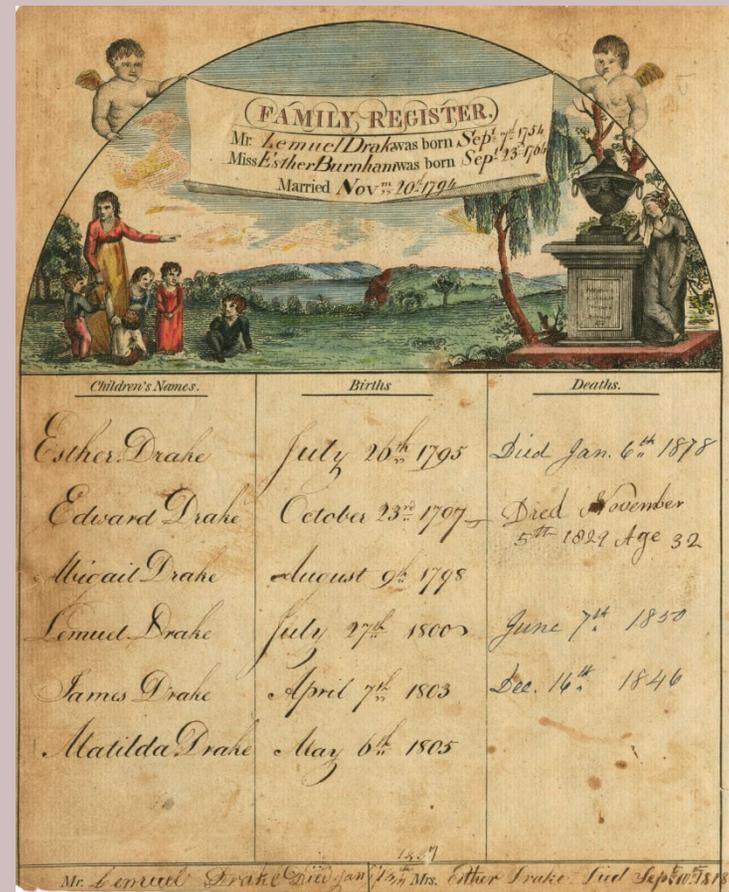
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# Bible and Family Records



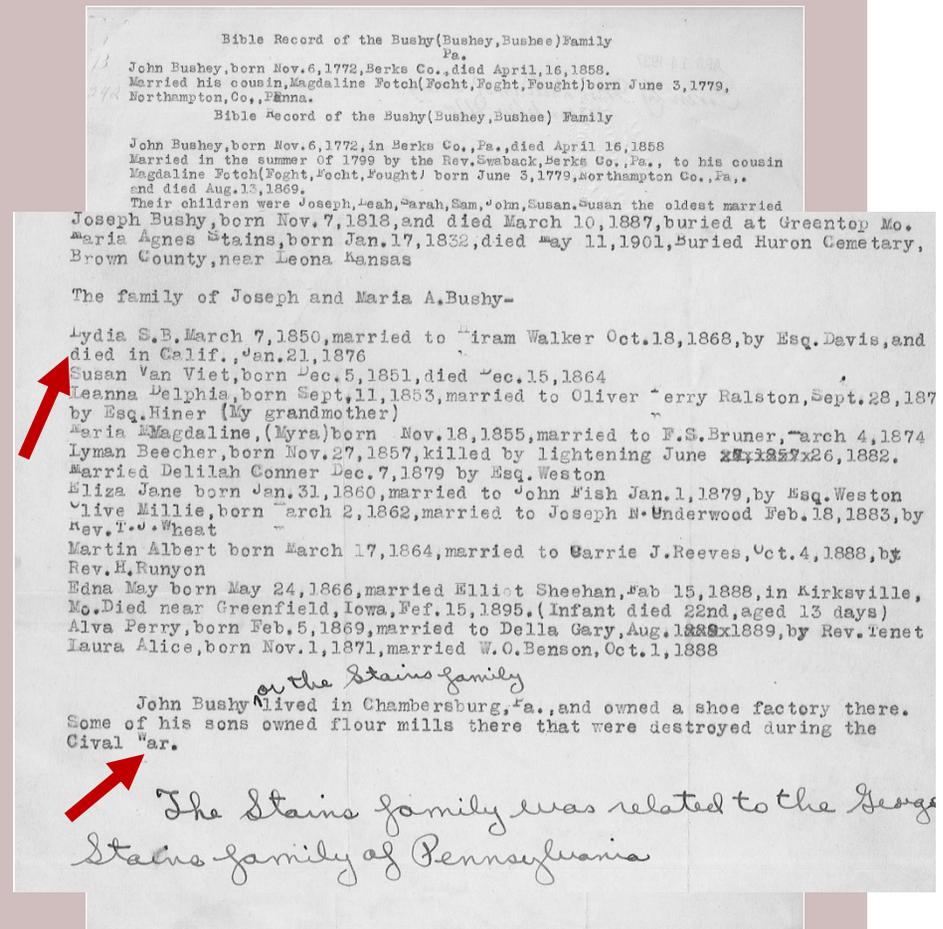
Bible record for the Justin Alvord family, Mss C 211



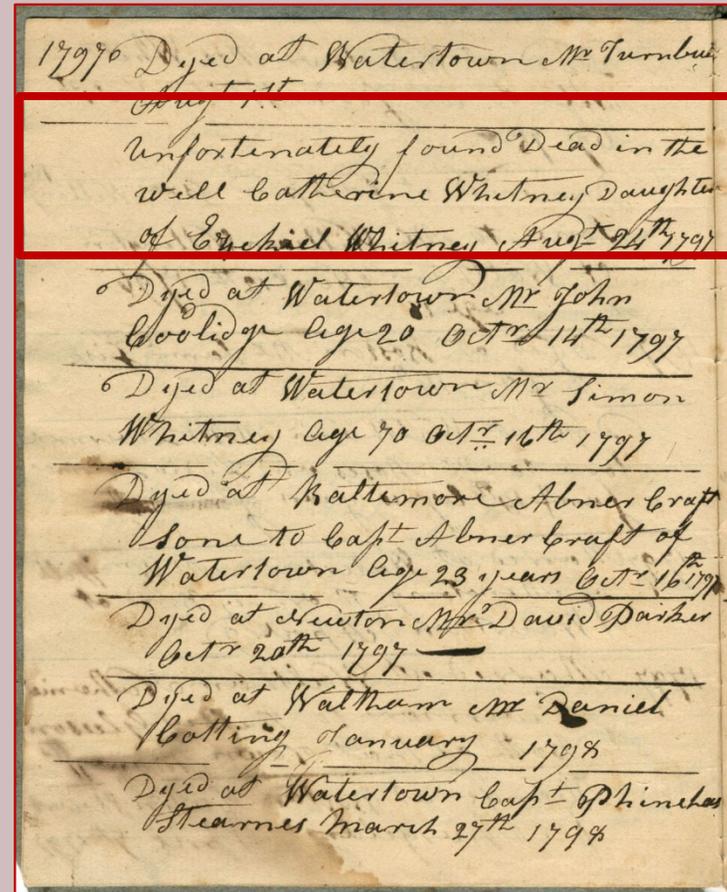
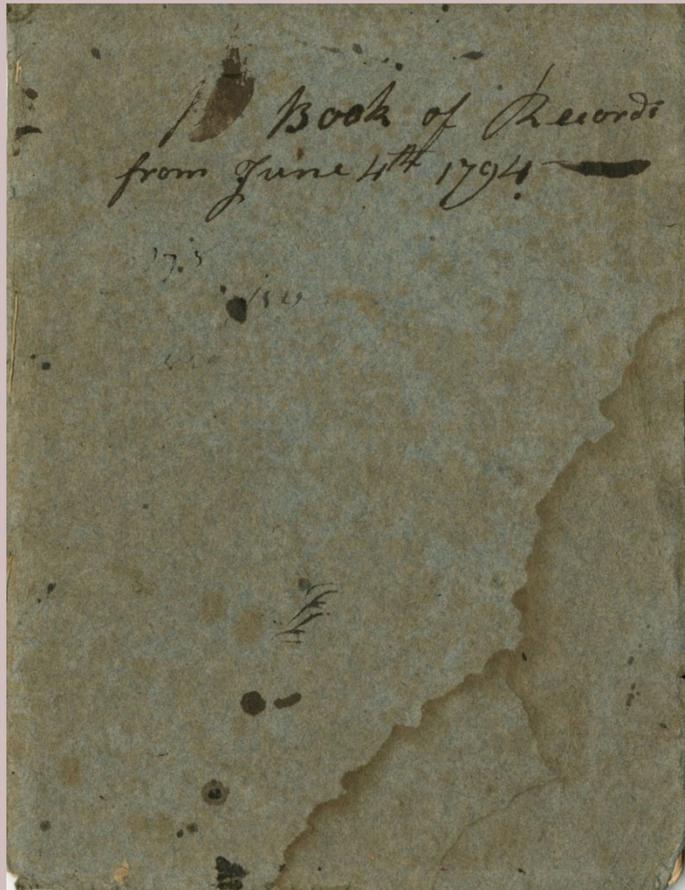
Lemuel Drake family register, Mss A 8897

# Bible records

- Can record place of birth
  - Trace migration patterns of the family
- Identifies other family members
  - Widen focus of research
- Other information
  - Obituaries

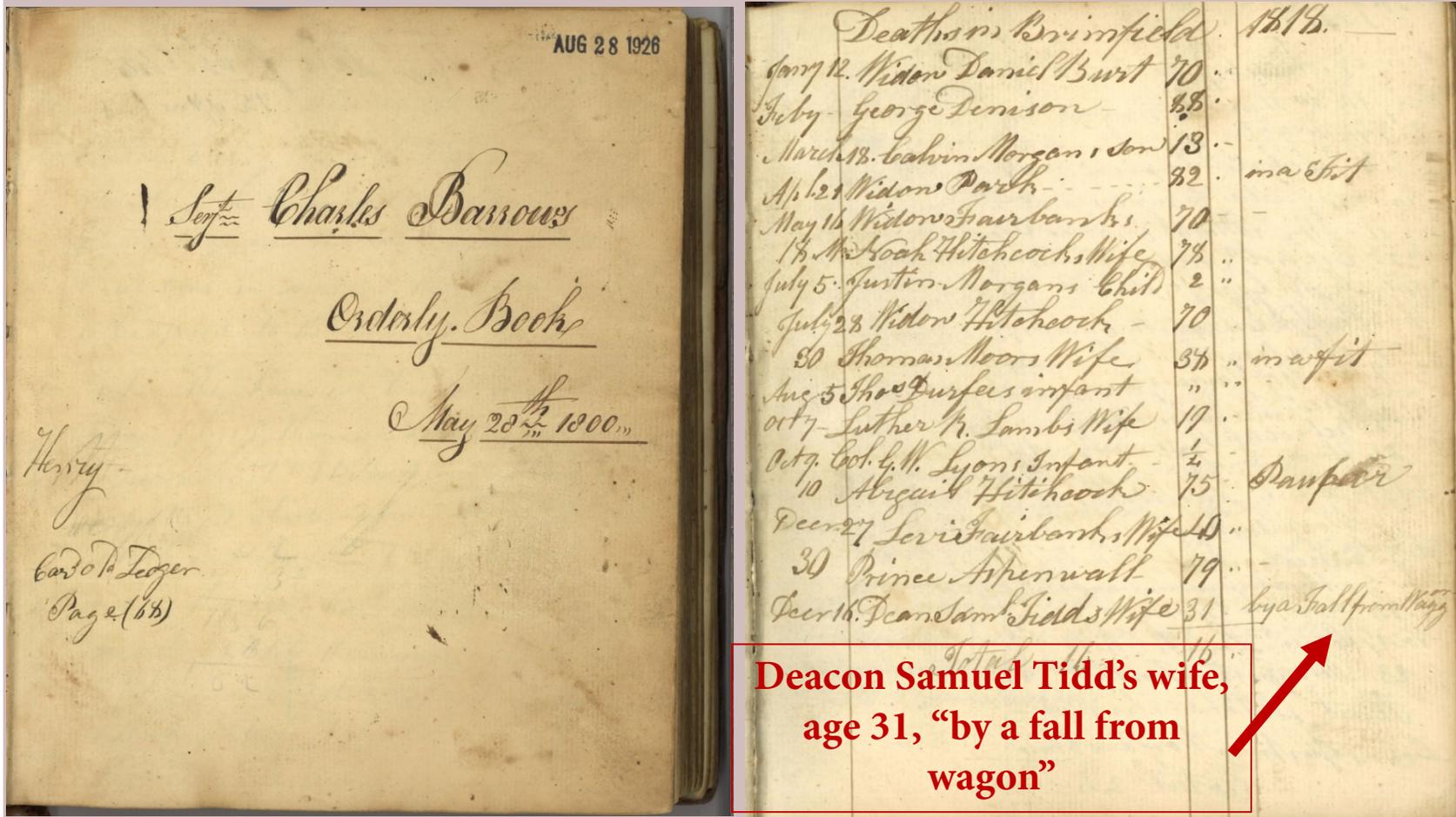


# Town Records



Book of Records by David Livermore (1769-1827) of Watertown, Mass., Mss A 8100

# Orderly Book with deaths for Brimfield, Mass. 1817-1821, 1827-1834



Sgt. Charles Barrows Orderly Book, 1800-1835, Mss A 1932

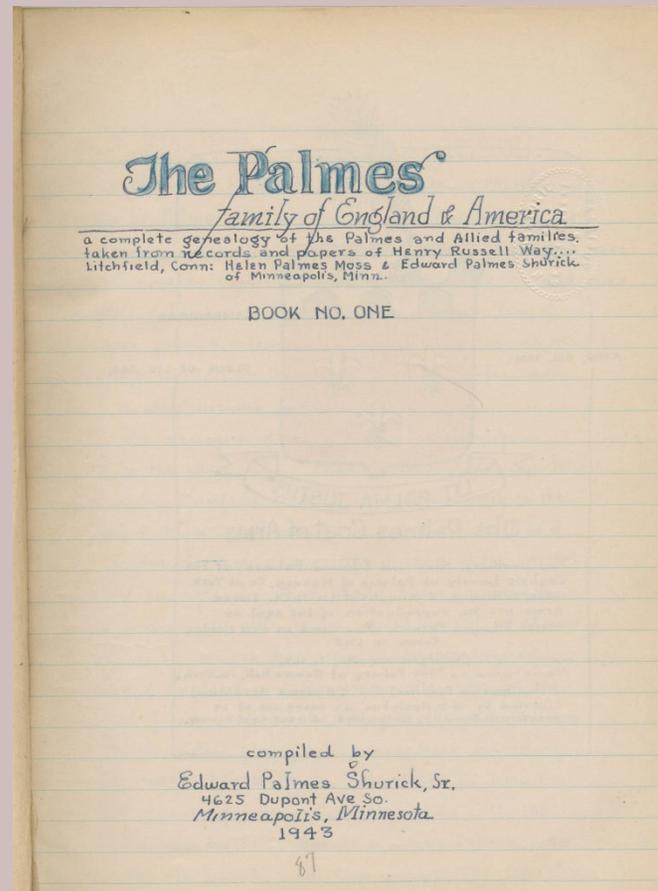
# Marriage Intentions Cornish, New Hampshire

Cornish Feb: 25<sup>th</sup> 1788  
This may certify whom it may concern that  
Mr Chester Chapman of Plainfield and  
Mrs Ruth Gerrard of Cornish are lawfully  
published  
pr Caleb Clark J. Clerk

Joshua Wyman Wellman Papers 1720-1918,  
Mss 381

# Unpublished Genealogies

- No published book on your family history?
- At NEHGS:
  - New England core strength
  - Northeast and Midwest research
  - Atlantic Canada



**Using unpublished  
genealogies:  
Who is Sarah  
(Chubbuck) Parker's  
father?**

# “Seeking Sarah Chubbuck, the Ultimate Brick Wall”

- Sarah Chubbuck born circa 1793
- “Born in Mass.” from 1850 census La Salle County, Illinois
- Marries Abraham Parker in 1811 at New Bedford, Mass.
- Researcher has identified several candidates for Sarah’s father

CHUBBUCK FAMILY  
in  
NORTH AMERICA

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*(Canton, Mass.; The Author, 1997)*

# Samuel Chubbuck of Abington, Mass. and Vermont

1290

Samuel<sup>6</sup> (*Ensign<sup>5</sup>, Ensign<sup>4</sup>, John<sup>3</sup>*) CHUBBUCK, res Lyndeborough /  
Catherine (Cata) LYND, res Lyndeborough  
m 29 Sep 1791 by Rev Samuel Goodridge

VT, Lyndeborough

VVT

09 Aug 1793 Sally<sup>7</sup> [see 1827 + 1837]  
btw 1794-1800 male<sup>7</sup>  
24 Dec 1799 Samuel W<sup>7</sup> m [ca 1824]  
19 Feb 1802 Rachel<sup>7</sup> m ca 1842  
btw 1802-1804 male<sup>7</sup>  
\_\_ Jun 1804 Electa<sup>7</sup> m 1824  
btw 1804-1810 male<sup>7</sup>

VT, Windsor, Weston

VVT,IVT

VT, Windsor, Weston

C20

VT, Windsor, Weston

VVT,IVT,C20

VVT,IVT,MSD,C20

C20

NY, Madison, Eaton

C20,BRE

C20

He b bef 1770 and d 1835.  
Occupation: 4 eng in agriculture (1820)  
She b bef 1770

C20,DAR,C30

C20

Residence: Weston VT (1802), Eaton, Madison co NY (1820,1830)

C20,C30

Samuel Chubbuck of Peterborough [NH] bought 100 acres in Landgrove VT in Apr 1792. Many people from Hillsborough co NH bought land in Landgrove about this time, as the sons of the original settlers (the 25 yrs prior to Revolutionary war) of Hillsborough co needed farm land. Some bought land on speculation and did not live on it.

C20,C30

"In 1802 the Village District voted 'to build a schoolhouse 26' x 24' the ensuing year and set it in the cove of the hills near the bridge on the road between Asa Gilmore and Samuel CHUBBUCK.'" WES

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[In the 1820 census there is 1 male 10-16, 1 16-18, 2 18-26, 1 female <16, 1 16-26. He and his wife are over 45 and there is another female over 45. In the 1830 census there is 1 female btw 20-30 and 1 male btw 5-10, evidently dau and g-son. He and his wife are both over 60.]

C20,C30

... Dan RUSSELL of Tolland CT  
m 21 Nov 1791

CHU

# Ensign Chubbuck, father of Samuel

- Family origins in Abington, MA
- Settler in Hillsborough Co., NH
- Tavern keeper in NH
- Some Hillsborough Co. settlers remove to Landgrove, VT

12 Feb 1758 Ebenezer CHUBBUCK admitted to First Church, Warcham MA FCW  
 [This could be either Ebenezer<sup>1</sup> or Ebenezer<sup>2</sup>. Note, however, that it occurs only 2 months prior to the baptism of the oldest two children of Ebenezer<sup>2</sup>.]

1758

Nathaniel CHUBBUCK enlisted 13 Apr 1758 and was discharged 12 Nov 1758 from 4th Reg., 9th Company, Capt Samuel Elmore of Sharon CT. He enlisted again 16 Apr 1759 and was discharged 02 Dec 1759 from 3rd Reg., 7th Company, Col David Wooster, Capt Samuel Elmore of Sharon CT. Again he enlisted 06 Apr 1761 and was discharged 02 Dec 1761 from 2nd Reg., 10th (or 9th?) Company, Col Whiting, Capt Samuel Elmer(s). There is no indication of a place of abode. CHS

1759

John<sup>1</sup> (John<sup>1</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>, Thomas<sup>1</sup>) CHUBBUCK of Abington /  
 Lydia CROOKER of Pembroke  
 m 12 Nov 1759 [2nd m? - see 1759] MA, Plymouth, Pembroke + Abington IMA, AB, PEM, WLC

1760

Mrs Betty CHUBBUCK of Pembroke /  
 Isaac PERRY [of Scituate]  
 p 16 Feb 1760 MA, Plymouth, Scituate SCI, WLC

[See ca 1802 for the death of an Elizabeth Chubbuck, widow, in Pembroke. Note that there is only a publication of this Chubbuck/Perry marriage extant, so the marriage may have never occurred.]

1761

Ensign J<sup>r</sup> (Ensign, Insigne) (Ensign<sup>1</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>) CHUBBUCK /  
 Sarah TIRRELL (TERRILL, TIRRELL)  
 m 11 Jun 1761 MA, Plymouth, Abington IMA, AB, WLC, DAR

29 (27) Sep 1762	Sarah <sup>1</sup> [see 1785]	MA, Plymouth, Abington	VNH, IMA, INH
02 Dec 1764 (1767)	Elijah <sup>1</sup> (Eligah)(bp 19 Jan 1777)(m ca 1787)	MA, Plymouth, Abington	VNH, IMA, AB, INH
17 Feb 1767	Jerusha <sup>1</sup>	MA, Plymouth, Abington	VNH, IMA, INH, C20
28 Aug 1768	Samuel <sup>1</sup> [see 1791]	MA, Plymouth, Abington	VNH, IMA, INH
16 Oct 1770	Job <sup>1</sup> [m ca 1793]	MA, Plymouth, Abington	VNH, IMA, INH
09 Jul 1774	Hosca <sup>1</sup> (bp 14 Aug '74 Abington)	MA, Plymouth, Abington	IMA, AB, INH
01 Jan 1777	Hosca <sup>1</sup> (or 1770) [see 1799]	NH, Hillsboro, Bedford	VNH, INH, C20
03 May 1779	Susay <sup>1</sup>	NH, Hillsboro, Bedford	VNH, INH, C20
16 Sep 1781	Molly <sup>1</sup>	NH, Hillsboro, Bedford	VNH, INH, C20
btw 1780-1790	male <sup>1</sup>		C20

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 BED, on p 259, indicates that Ensign CHUBBUCK was one of five chosen to be a committee to regulate the prices of all articles sold. This was in response to the steady devaluation of colonial money ca 1780. BED, on p 82, indicates that town meetings early in the 19th century sometimes adjourned temporarily to Ensign Chubbuck's tavern. BED, on p 260, states, "One of the earliest and most popular taverns, west of the River Road, was Ensign Chubbuck's [map ref given]. He called it the Globe; it was so near the center of town that during town meetings the citizens often took a break and adjourned to Ensign Chubbuck's for refreshment." It continues, "The original buildings are long since gone [1971], but for many years the area was called Globe Hill." BED, on p 327, says that Chubbuck had a mill on Riddle Brook, but that was gone before 1900. BED2, on p 244, states that it was about 1 mile above the MacAlester mill, and that "the cellar of the Chubbuck house and the dam and mill way of the mill are now [1903] visible. The farm has grown up to wood-lot and pasture." It also states that "Mr Chubbuck's granddaughter, Emily, achieved some fame as an authoress, under the nom de plume of Fanny Forrester, and afterwards became the third wife of the missionary Adoniram Judson."

BED-1, on p 127 lists "Emigrant" [Ensign?] Chubbuck as one of about eight men who served in the American Revolution. On p 130 and 356 his name is absent from a list of about 100 signatures in support of taking arms against Britain and her loyalists. This document was made after 14 March 1776 and the Chubbucks may not yet have been residents of Bedford. On p 180 it claims that the "Chubbucks Mills" were not far from the "James Gilmore Mill" but of which were not extant in 1850. On p 188: "Simson Chubbuck, grandfather of Fanny Forrester, now Mrs Judson, lived on what is known as the Chubbuck place, south of the Bancroft

# What have we learned

- Provides clues not necessarily the answers!
- The compiled research assists in identifying potential candidates for Sarah's father
  - Learn migration patterns of Samuel Chubbuck and family
    - Abington, MA to Vermont via NH and onto NY
- Identifies additional resources for further research
  - Land records
- Weakness – No key to abbreviated sources

# QUESTIONS?

# Genealogical Research Collections

- Types of Collections
  - Surname
  - Place
  - Client research
  - Ethnic groups
- Strengths and weaknesses
  - Original documents/letters
  - Extensive research of families
  - Transcription errors
  - Personal recollection may contain errors



Image from Inman Collection  
SG INM 1 [228]

Tip

Trace Surnames and  
Place names

# Surnames

- Follow the men!
- Search for collections with associated surnames
- Use our library catalog
  - Use keyword search feature



Image from Brotherton Indian Collection  
(Rudi Ottery Papers), Mss 395



# Genealogical correspondence

## Letter dated 18 Dec 1890

“Mrs. Lemuel Wheeler  
[Anna Ames], dying as  
she did in the Hardwick  
[Mass.] poor-house, had  
no grave-stone to mark  
the place of her burial...”

Anna (Ames) Wheeler,  
c.1773-1846

Sixth / Ames  
John # 38  
Springfield, Dec. 18<sup>th</sup>/90  
Dear Dr. Angel Ames,  
Your kind long looked for me  
just at hand, and I improve this first opportunity  
to give expression <sup>to my</sup> regret that you have not fully re-  
covered from your illness, and also to my congratulation  
that you succeeded in obtaining further genealogical  
information. Hope you will have strength given you  
to finish your invaluable work before called home.  
Mrs. Lemuel Wheeler, dying as she did in the Hardwick  
poor-house, had no grave-stone to mark the place of  
her burial - but the record that I have gives it <sup>(in part)</sup> as Oct.  
2<sup>nd</sup> 1768. My grand father & wife were buried <sup>in</sup> a old burying  
ground in the immediate neighborhood of their home,  
without any grave-stones, at least there has been none  
since my remembrance - and is now a cow-pasture. There  
is no church records of them that I can learn. I think  
they must have been married before coming to Barre.  
I can give you no information in regard to his being a  
revolutionary soldier.  
With my best regards to you and yours, I am, as ever,  
Yours truly,  
N. E. Ames

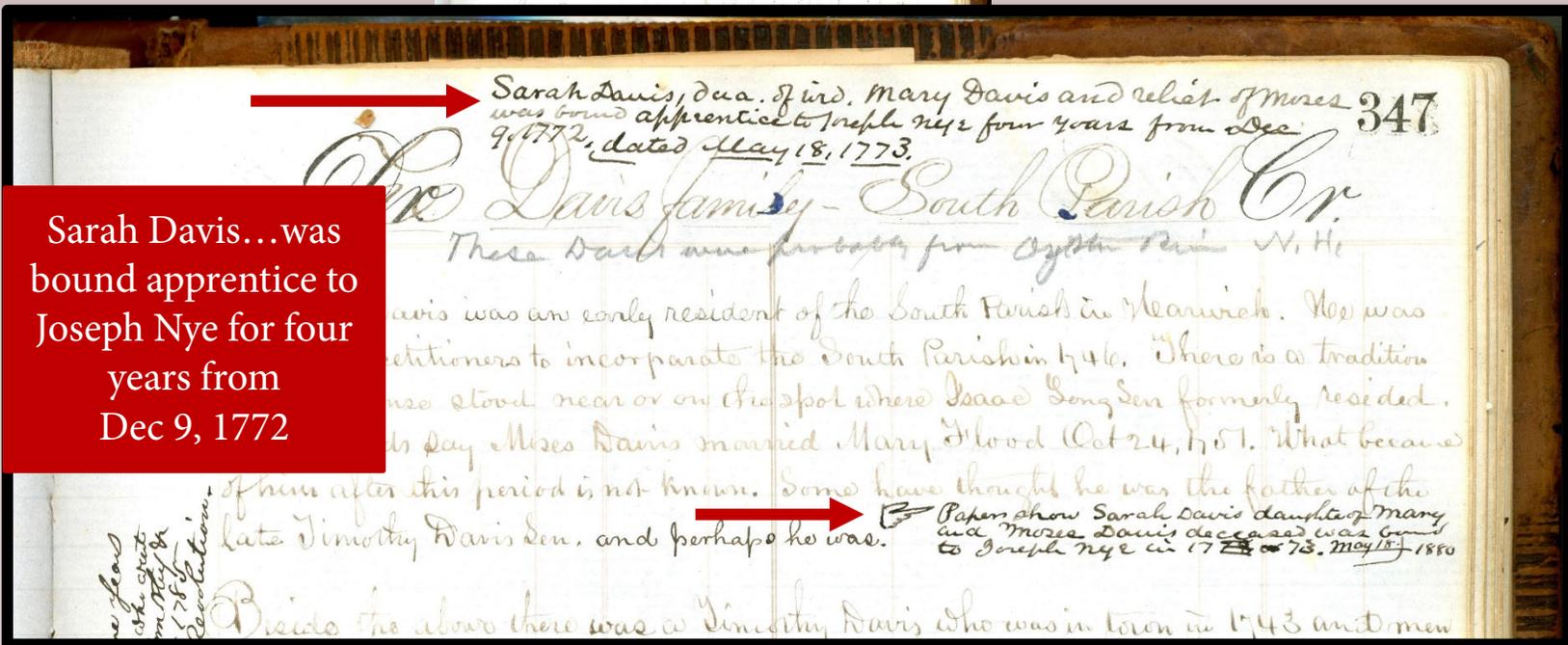
# Geographic Locations

- Look for materials specific to a locality
- Collections of note at NEHGS:
  - Josiah Paine - Harwich, MA families
  - Gilbert Doane - Families of Fairfield, VT
  - Wayne Charles Hart - Farmington, CT

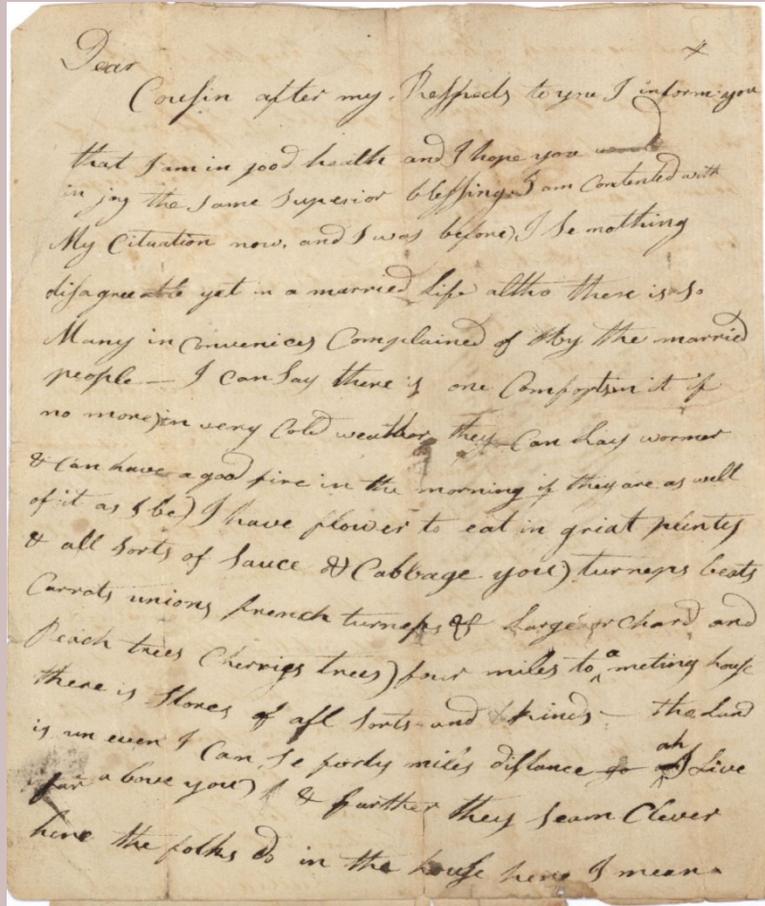


Image from Bertrand Chapman Family Papers, Mss H 30 (of Springfield, VT)

# Moses Davis Family of Harwich, MA



# Albert Dunham Papers



Dear Cousin after my respects to you I inform you  
that I am in good health and I hope you would  
in joy the same Superior blessings I am contented with  
My Situation now, and I was before, I be nothing  
disagreeable yet in a married life altho there is so  
Many in America Complaind of by the married  
people - I can say there is one Complaint it is  
no more in very cold weather they can lay warm  
& can have a good fire in the morning if they are as well  
of it as I be) I have flower to eat in great plenty  
& all sorts of Sauce & Cabbage yore) turneps beets  
Carrots various french turneps & larger chard and  
Peach trees (Cherries trees) four miles to a meeting house  
there is Stones of all sorts and shiners - the land  
is an even I can go forty miles distance to live  
far a base you) & further they seem Clever  
here the folks do in the house here I mean

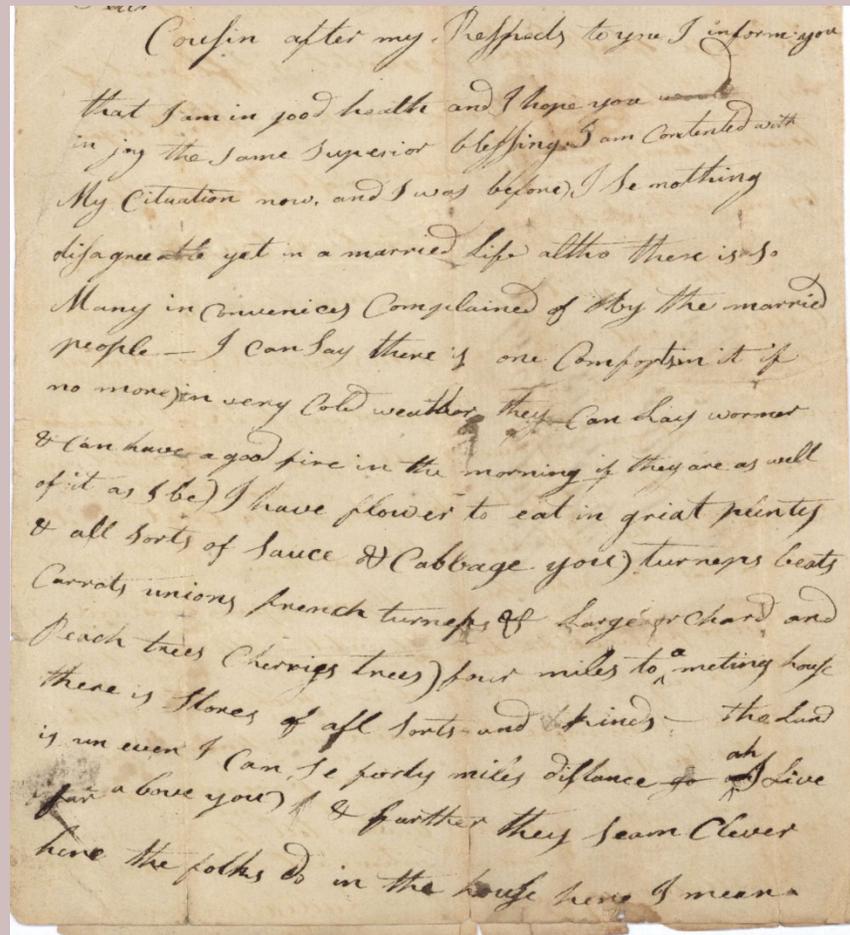
- Descendants of John Dunham of Plymouth
- Genealogies, correspondence
- Albert Dunham's personal papers
  - Descriptions by female relatives documenting early life in Brattleboro, VT

Albert M. Dunham papers, 1733-1984, Mss 90

# Albert Dunham Papers

“Dear Cousin,  
...I inform you I am in  
good health..”

Letter to Esther (Barrows)  
Dunham of Hillsborough  
from Lydia Carpenter,  
Brattleboro, VT  
(late 18<sup>th</sup> century)



Cousin after my respects to you I inform you  
that I am in good health and I hope you  
in joy the same Superior blessings I am contented with  
My Situation now, and I was before, I be nothing  
disagreeable yet in a married life altho there is so  
Many in (various) Complaines of they the married  
people - I can say there is one Compton it if  
no more in very cold weather they can have worst  
& can have a good fire in the morning if they are as well  
of it as I be) I have flowers to eat in great plenty  
& all sorts of Sauce & Cabbage you) turneps bests  
Carrots unions French turneps & Large Orchard and  
Peach trees (Cherries trees) four miles to a meeting house  
there is Stones of all sorts and Springs - the land  
is an even I can be forty miles distance for <sup>as</sup> I live  
for a house you) & further they seem Clever  
here the folks do in the house here I mean

# Women Record Keepers

- Winifred Lovering Holman, 1899-1989
  - Focused on Early New England and mostly traced male line

An intensive search has been made in Massachusetts and Connecticut records, as also some search in New Hampshire records, for the birth, birthplace and parentage of Mary Hunt, wife of Rice Wheeler and with a negative result. Therefore these notes are presented to the public with the hope that some other descendant, or interested person, may be able to help the compiler. Any suggestions, corrections or additions will be welcome. At the conclusion of this account will be found a list of the principal authorities consulted as of January 1946.

Strangely enough, only a few Mary ( Polly or Molly ) Hunts, were \* Josiah Wheeler was a "Mayflower Descendant," see pages 13. \*\*From William Combs' copy of Death Records kept by Tyler Burroughs as given in the Warren Vital Records.

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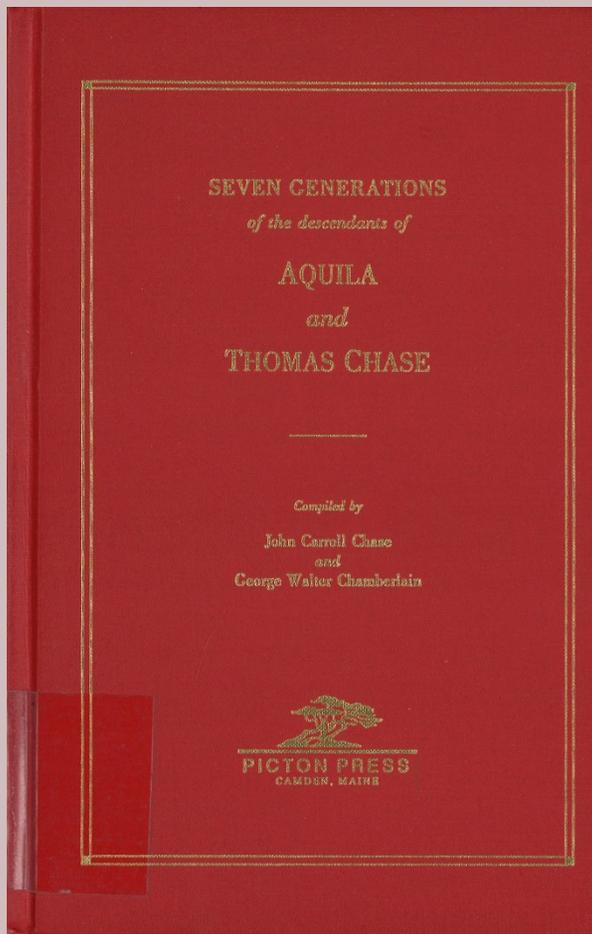
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Mary (Hunt) Wheeler Mss A 5340

**Example:**  
**What happened to**  
**Huldah (Peaslee)**  
**Chase?**

# Simon Chase and Huldah Peaslee



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LT. SIMON<sup>6</sup> CHASE (Nathaniel,<sup>5</sup> Jonathan,<sup>4</sup> John,<sup>3</sup> John<sup>2</sup>), born in N. H. (probably in Epsom), 19 Apr. 1774 or 1775; died at the battle of Plattsburgh, N. Y., 11 Sept. 1814. He married about 1794, HULDAH PEASLEE who was born in Seabrook, N. H., 16 Apr. 1776; died in Salem, 5 Dec. 1854. They lived in Pittsfield, N. H., and later in Lynnfield. He served as Lieutenant in the War of 1812;

Children, born in Pittsfield:

1761. ELIJAH,<sup>7</sup> b. 29 Jan. 1795; m. 6 May 1819, Sarah Elliott of Newburyport, b. 2 Sept. 1793; d. 16 June 1870. He lived in Pittsfield.  
ELISABETH, b. 11 May 1796; m. 23 Dec. 1818, David Locke of Epsom.
1762. THEOPHILUS, m. Oct. 1823, Elizabeth Carter of Manchester, N. H.
1763. JOSEPH, m. Rebecca Barker of Saco, Me. He was "killed while blasting a rock in Wiscasset, Me., 1824, and left a widow and one daughter." (Letter of his brother Nathaniel Chase, dated at Salem, 1 June 1883.)
1764. NATHANIEL, b. 7 Nov. 1801; m. (1) 11 Aug. 1826, Elisabeth Thomas; m. (2) 19 Jan. 1844, Elisabeth<sup>8</sup> Chase (David<sup>9</sup>) (Family 1781).  
MARY P., b. 26 Mar. 1806; m. 15 Dec. 1828, Jonathan Stoning of Weare, N. H.  
LUCINDA, b. 8 [25 ?] 1808 or 9; m. 16 June 1829, Joseph Bursley of Lynn.  
NANCY, b. 28 Feb. 1810; m. 1 Nov. 1832, George Stoning, b. 8 Aug. 1808, in Weare, N. H.; living in Orange, Vt., in 1874.  
SARAH, b. 10 Feb. 1812; m. Bradford Lord of Lynn.
1765. WARREN, b. 5 Jan. 1813; m. 5 Jan. 1837, Mary P. White of Newport, N. H. He published his autobiography entitled, *Life Line of the Lone One* in Boston, 1861, a book of 310 pages.

1850 United States Federal Census for Huldah Chase  
Massachusetts > Essex > Salem Ward 3

Household	Family No.	Name	Age	Sex	Color	Profession	Real Estate	Distances	Married/Unm.	Color	Condition
		Sarah	4	f							27
		Mary	2	f							28
222	351	Joseph Bousley	45	m		"		✓	N.H.	✓	29
		Lucinda	42	f				✓		✓	30
		Joseph	19	m		Seaman			Map		31
		Sarah	17	f							32
		Charles	15	m							33
		George	10	m							34
		Natal	8	m							35
		Theophilus	4	m							36
		Nathl. Chase	49	m		Carpenter		✓	Vt	✓	37
		Eliz <sup>th</sup>	43	f				✓	N.H.	✓	38
		John	2	m					Map		39
		Nathl	3	m							40
		Huldah	77	f				✓	N.H.	✓	41
		Mard	28	m		"		✓		✓	42

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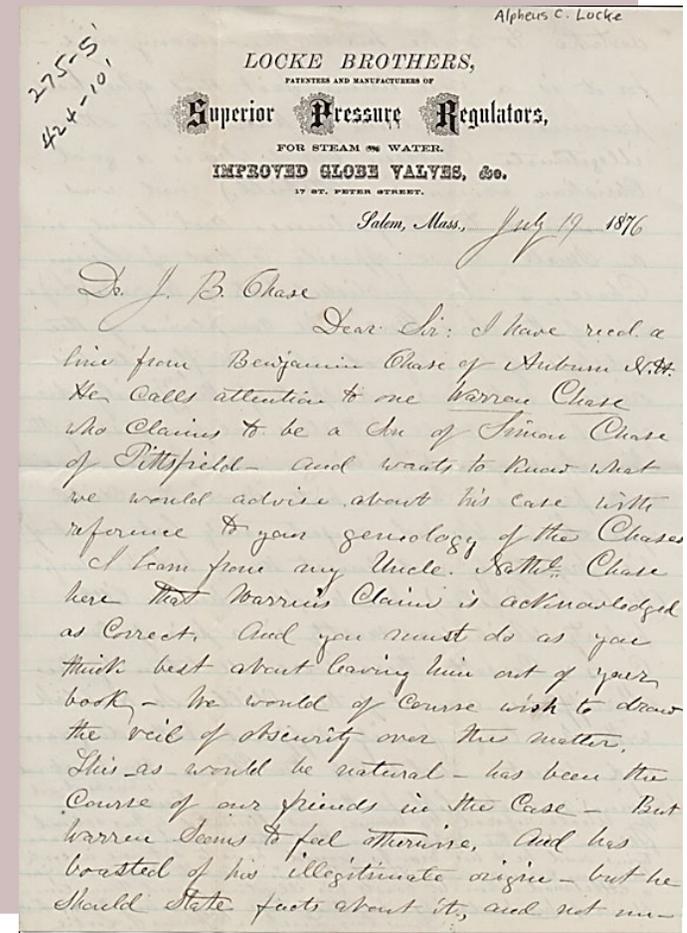
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Huldah Chase 1850 Census, Salem, Mass.

# “ . . . wish to draw the veil of obscurity over the matter”

- Prior to marriage, Simon loses most of property due to “dishonest man”
- Huldah loses all possessions “taken by Sheriff”
- “Suffered disgrace and want”

Chase Collection, 1639-1947, Spec. Col. 11 4C A



# Analysis

## Strengths

- Knowledge of family history by researcher
- Knowledge of archivist of the collection
- Information in letters directly from family members

## Weaknesses

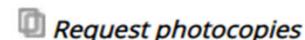
- Description in catalog record
- Not able to use Chase family letters for early descendants of Aquila Chase (17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>)
- Not every family wrote letters

**Author** Chase, George B. (George Bigelow), 1835-1902.

**Title** Chase Collection, 1639-1947. [manuscript]

**Rating** ★★★★★

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Location	Call No.	Status
Manuscripts	Spec. Col. 11 C 4a	AVAILABLE

**Description** 9 linear ft.

**Summary** Chase genealogical materials generated between 1847 and 1889 and records kept by the Chase-Chace Family Association from the year of its origin, 1899, to the year it became defunct, 1947. The first group of genealogical papers in the collection consists of Benjamin Chase's (1799-1889) correspondence. These letters, written between 1847 and 1887, were used by Chace in the course of his research on his Chase genealogy appearing in his book "History of Chester, N.H.: 1719-1869",

published in 1869. The second group of genealogical papers is the correspondence and notes of John B. Chace (1816-1881), George B. Chase (1835-1902), and James F. Chase (d. 1923). Written between 1870 and 1889, the letters were used in Chase genealogical works to which these three mutually contributed. The records of the

Chase-Chace Family Association consists of administrative and activity records, followed by misc. genealogical papers, circulars and newspaper articles on the Chace family.

**Note** George Bigelow Chase was born 1 Oct 1835 in Boston MA. He became a member of NEHGS in 1869 and a Life Member in 1870.

**Finding Aids** Unpublished register in the library.

**Added Author** Chase, Benjamin, 1799-1889.  
Chase-Chace Family Association.

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Tip

Chat up the  
archivist!

Tip

Identify records of  
Clergy, Justices of the  
Peace, or Physicians

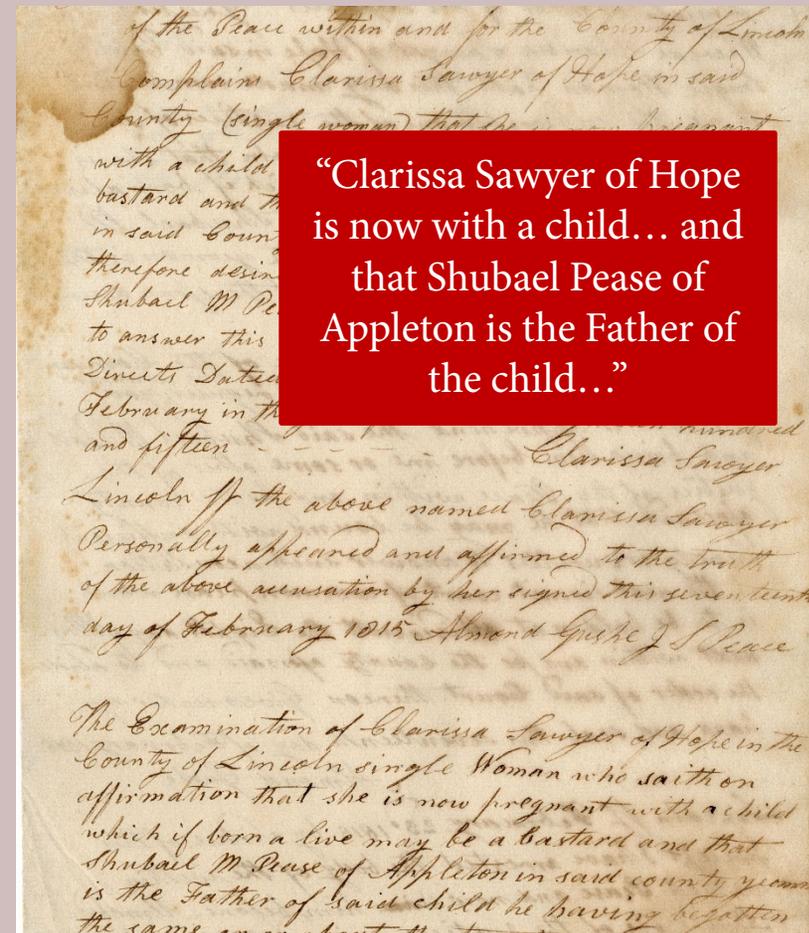
# Physician's records

Debt.		1710	
Mar. 15	To Dressing his sore finger	00	2 00
Apr. 7	To Bleeding his wife	00	1 00
6	To a visit, 6. with a dose of Pill. coch. for his wife	00	2 00
10	To Medicamen. ad Verm. 3. 6. with a large vial	00	3 00
Ditto	Pillul. ando. for his daughter	00	0 09
Aug. 24	To ol. Guai. for himself	00	0 06
14	Ditto	00	0 04
20	Ditto	00	0 09
Ditto	Ditto	00	0 06
Sep. 2	To a visit to his house and drawing a tooth for him	00	0 10
1710			
Mar. 16	To a visit 6. with an epispastick Empl. for his daughter Dorcas A	00	0 10
30	To Aqua Ther. for Ditto	00	1 06
Apr. 2	To anoding pills for Ditto	00	0 09
6	To a visit 6. with Phlebot. 3	00	1 06
7	To Ditto	00	1 06
10	To Rub. ad vomit	00	1 06
Ditto	To a visit 6. with a Med. ad Convuls. 4	00	1 06
14	To Vinum Emet. for his daughter By his wife	00	1 06
18	To Lig. Medic. for Ditto By my self	00	2 06
Ditto	To Conserv. Emanac. for Ditto By my self	00	2 00
27	To a visit and Ditto 3. with Radix Pulegii, 2. 6. a vial 3	00	3 09

- Account book of Rev. Samuel Wigglesworth, 1710-1768 (Mss A 1044)
- Practiced medicine in Ipswich, MA 1710-1712
- Accounts mention treatment of females in household

# Almond Gushee (1773-1859), Justice of the Peace

- Resided Hope, Maine
  - Heard cases in his home
- Court cases 1800-1815
- Four bastardy cases among papers
  - All women residents of Hope, Maine
  - All name the fathers of the children
  - Court order for the accused to appear before judge



Tip

Don't overlook  
Overseers of the Poor  
Records



City of Boston Archives and Records Management Division

## Guide to the Temporary Home for Women and Children records

Finding aid prepared by Kristen Swett

This finding aid was produced using the Archivists' Toolkit

With funding from a grant from the National Historical Publications and Records Commission (NHPRC)

**Repository:** City of Boston Archives and Records Management Division  
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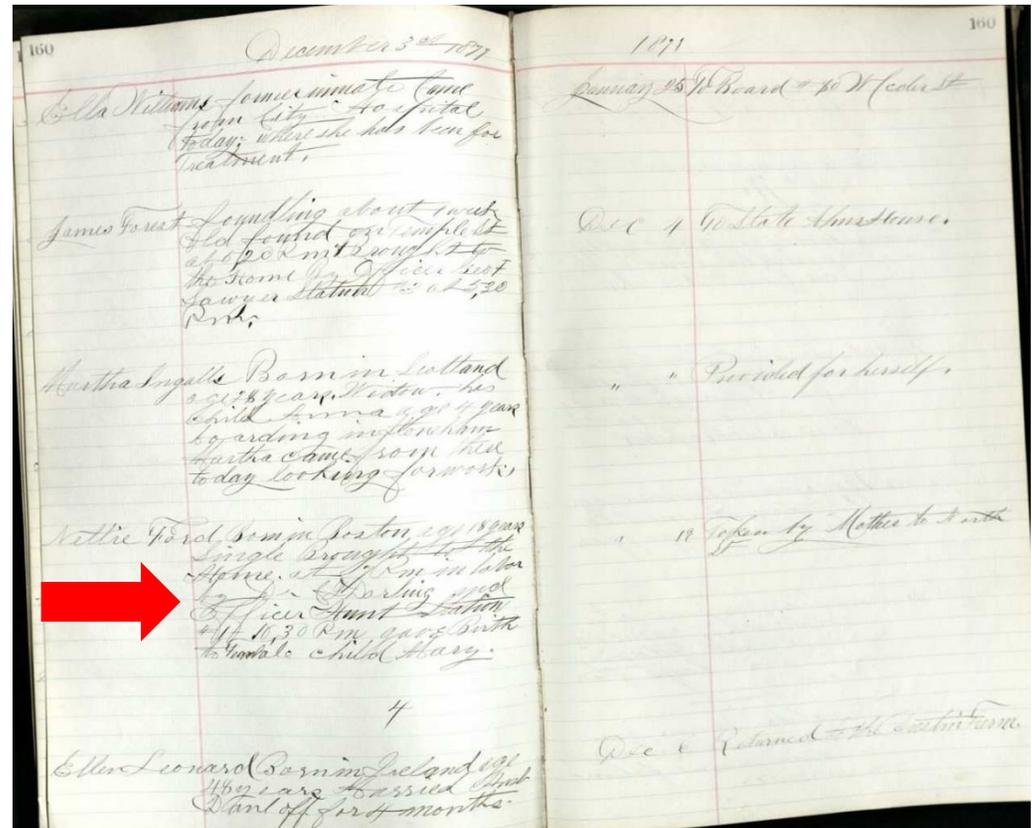
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### Historical note

The Overseers of the Poor in the Town of Boston, a corporation established in 1772 by Act of the Legislature, were succeeded in 1864 by the Corporation called "Overseers of the Poor in the City of Boston," consisting of twelve residents of Boston. In 1921, the name of the Board was changed to Overseers of the Public Welfare. In 1954, the official name of the department was changed to the Welfare Department. The Welfare Department was abolished as a municipal agency by Chapter 658 of the Acts of 1967.

In 1857, the Board of Directors of Public Institutions was established, and superseded the annual committees which formerly had management of those institutions. The almshouse was removed to Deer Island. This change left the Board of Directors, the Overseers of the Poor, and others without any place where they could provide for such persons as came to their hands between two o'clock (the hour of sailing of the steamer) one day, until two o'clock the next day. To supply this want the Board of Directors, Overseers of the Poor, Police etc. made



Nellie Ford, age 18 yrs., admission record, 3 December 1877 and gave birth to a child Mary, *Records of the Temporary Home for Women and Children: Series I – Registers of Inmates Admitted, 1857-1993 with Gaps*, available at the City of Boston Archives, West Roxbury, Massachusetts.

Overseers of the Records for the city of Boston, Mass.

# QUESTIONS?

# Personal and Family Papers at NEHGS

# Using Personal and Family Papers

- Types of materials
  - Original records
    - Bible and family records
    - Correspondence
    - Diaries/scrapbooks/photos
    - School and business records
  - Genealogical research
- Strengths and weaknesses
  - Everyday life and work
  - Insight into women's lives
  - Eyewitness accounts to historical events
  - Records related to only that family

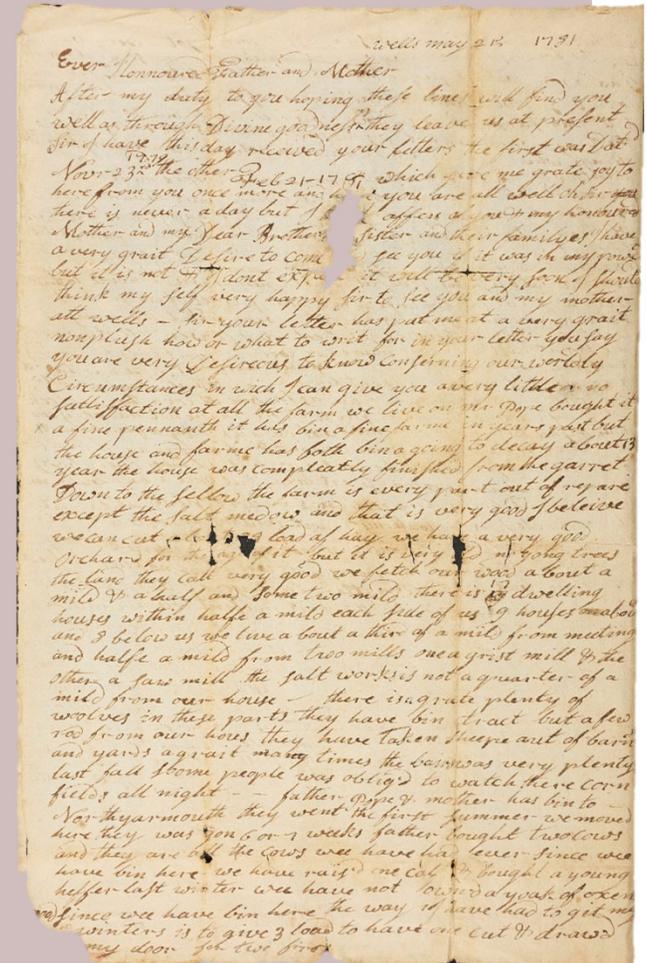


Photo of Elenore Filmore from the  
Marjorie Stewart Papers

# Life in the Maine wilderness

- 1781 letter to ‘Honnored Father and Mother’ from Olive (Hovey) Pope (1746-1829)
- Arrival in Wells, ME struggles with farm
- Husband away serving in Revolutionary War

Ivory Hovey Family Papers, 1732-1798, Mss 68





Finding Aid for Ivory Hovey Papers

Location	Call No.	Status
NEHGS Database	<a href="#">Mss 68</a>	AVAILABLE
<a href="#">Click here to search online database</a>		
Manuscripts	<a href="#">Mss 68</a>	AVAILABLE

**Description** 28 items.

**Summary** Correspondence, sermons, ecclesiastical council decisions, church records, vital records, and other papers, relating to family affairs and Hovey's congregations. Includes letters from his sons, Dominicus (b. 1740), Ivory III (b. 1748), and Samuel (b. 1750), written from Massachusetts and New York during the Revolution, describing the evacuation of New York (1783), Siege of Boston (1775-1776), reading of the Declaration of Independence to troops in New York, and the American retreat from Ticonderoga; letter (1781) from his daughter, Olive (Hovey) Pope (b. 1746), of Wells, Me., detailing wilderness **life**; notations of marriages and baptisms performed by Hovey in Plymouth; and records and registers of First Congregational churches in Mattapoisett and New Bedford, Mass., Second Congregational Church in Plymouth, and United Church of Christ, Little Compton, R.I. Other persons represented include Othnaiel Campbell, Israel Cheever, Hovey's father, Ivory Hovey (1682-1759), Jonathan Moore, and Chandler Robbins.

**Cite As:** Ivory Hovey papers (Mss 68). R Stanton Avery Special Collections, New England Historic Genealogical Society.

**Note** Additional Hovey family papers (1734-1901) are held by Pilgrim Society, Plymouth, Mass.



Catalog record, Ivory Hovey papers, Mss 68

# Phyllis Gillingham Hansen Papers



Gillingham women 1950's,  
Richland Co., Wisconsin

- Descendants of Yeamons Gillingham (d. 1722) Frankford, PA
- Correspondence, genealogies, charts
- Recollections by female relatives

# Hardinge Family Papers

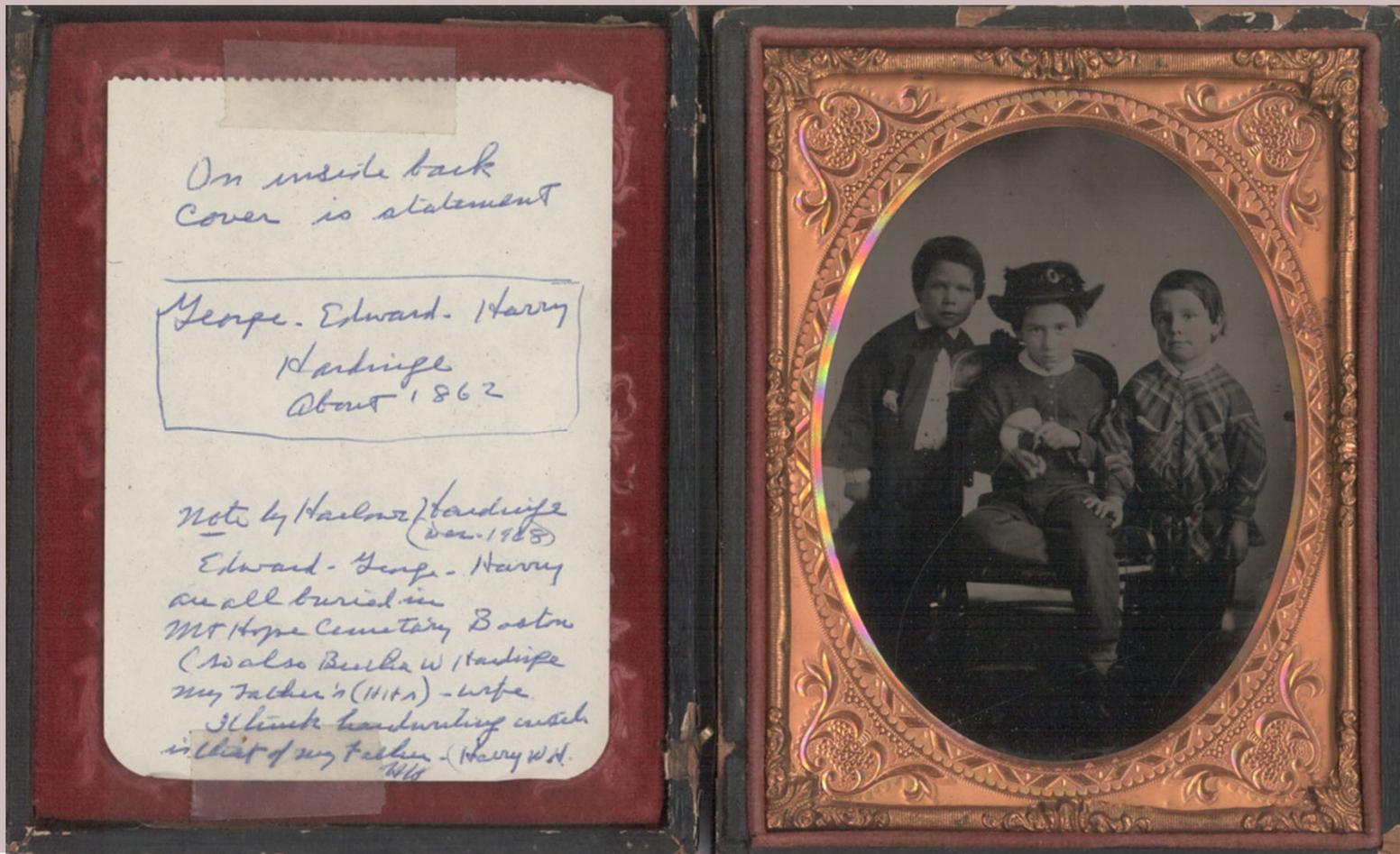
- Sarah Ann Lillie (Bumstead) (Hardinge) Daniels (1824-1913)
- Abandoned by first husband, later divorced
- Takes odd jobs, moves frequently
- Becomes artist and patent holder to Pearletta Pictures process



Pearletta finish of Molly Fancher, the "Brooklyn Enigma"

# “My Three Little Texans”

(taken about 1862)



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Cover is statement

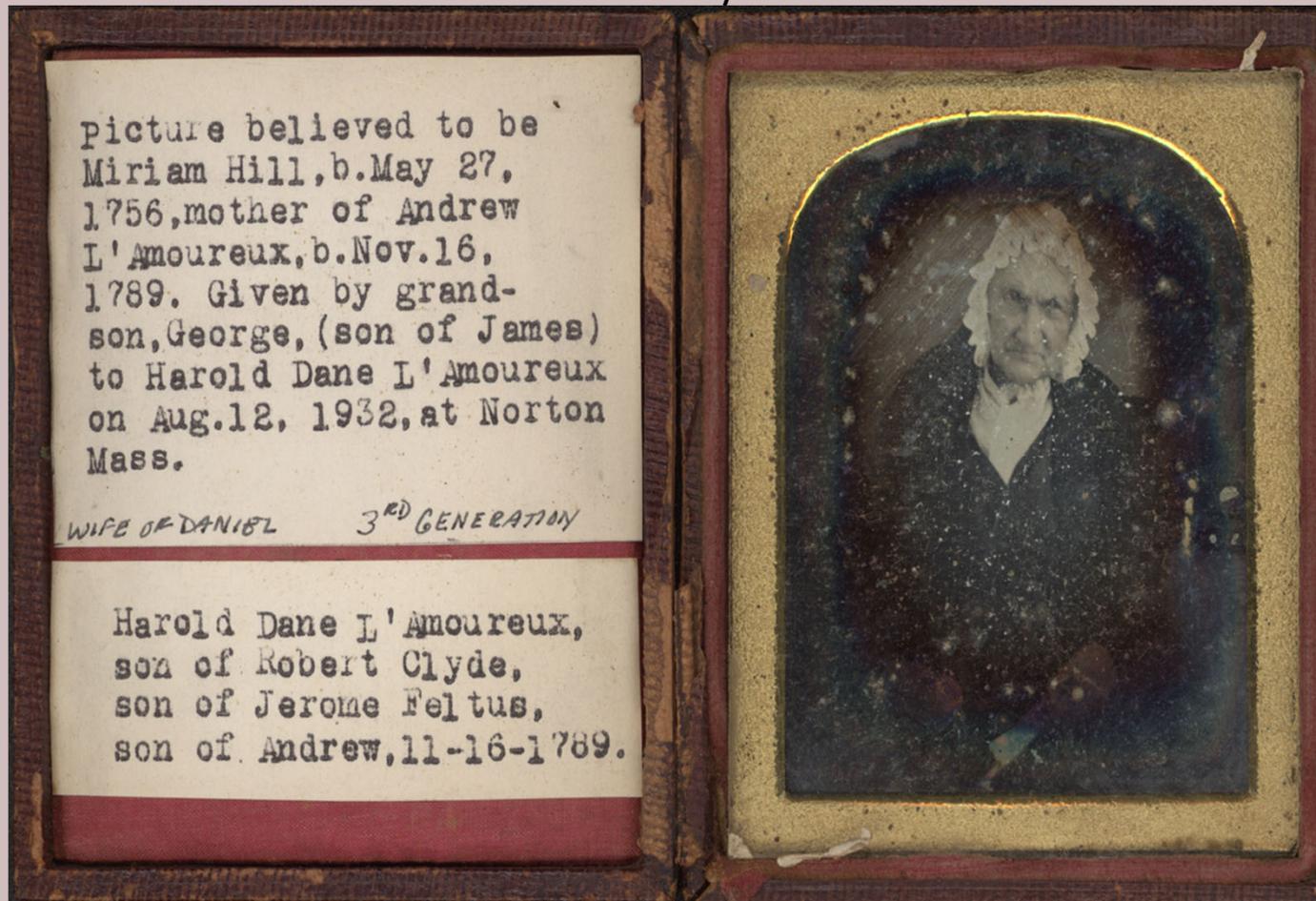
George - Edward - Harry  
Hardinge  
About 1862

Note by Harlowe Hardinge  
(died 1928)  
Edward - George - Harry  
are all buried in  
Mt Hope Cemetery Boston  
(so also Beulah W Hardinge  
my father's (H.H.'s) - wife.  
I think handwriting correct  
is that of my father - Harry W.H.  
1911

Hardinge Family Collection, 1787-1999, Mss 1050

# Family Papers - Photographs

L' Amoureux Family Collection





# Women at Work



“Aunt Susie in the middle, Ann Arbor, MI” Betty Lou Morris Papers

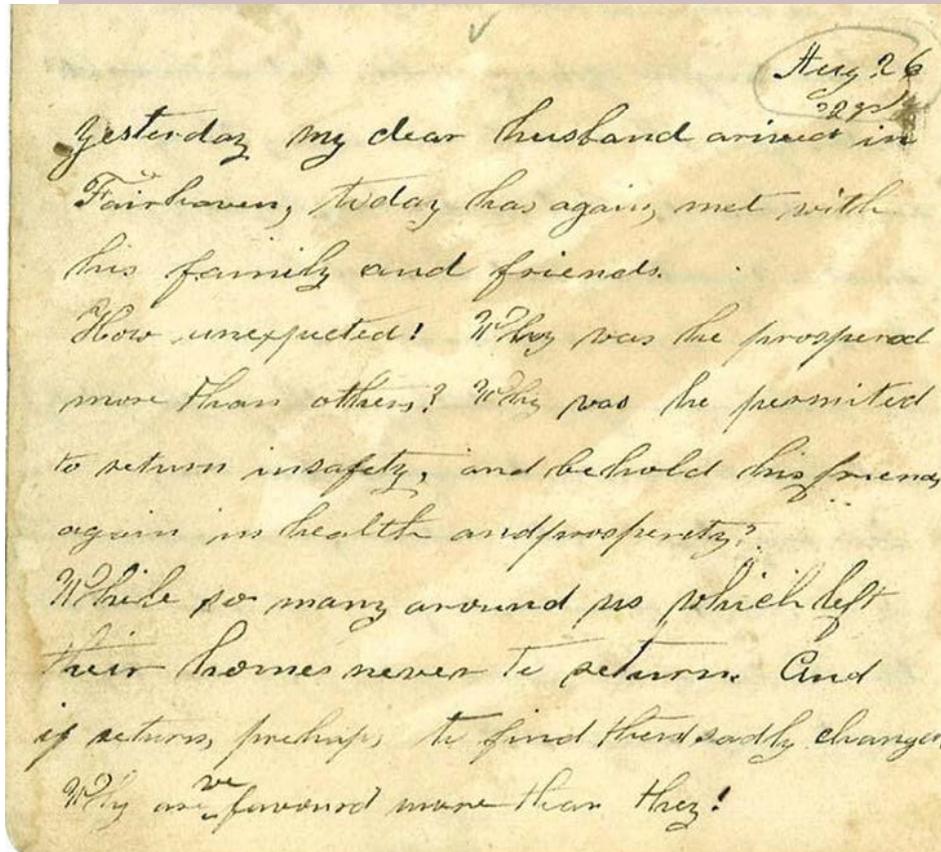
# Smith College Class of 1895 Basketball Team



Hinckley Family Papers, 1796-1956, Mss 1063

# What was life like...?

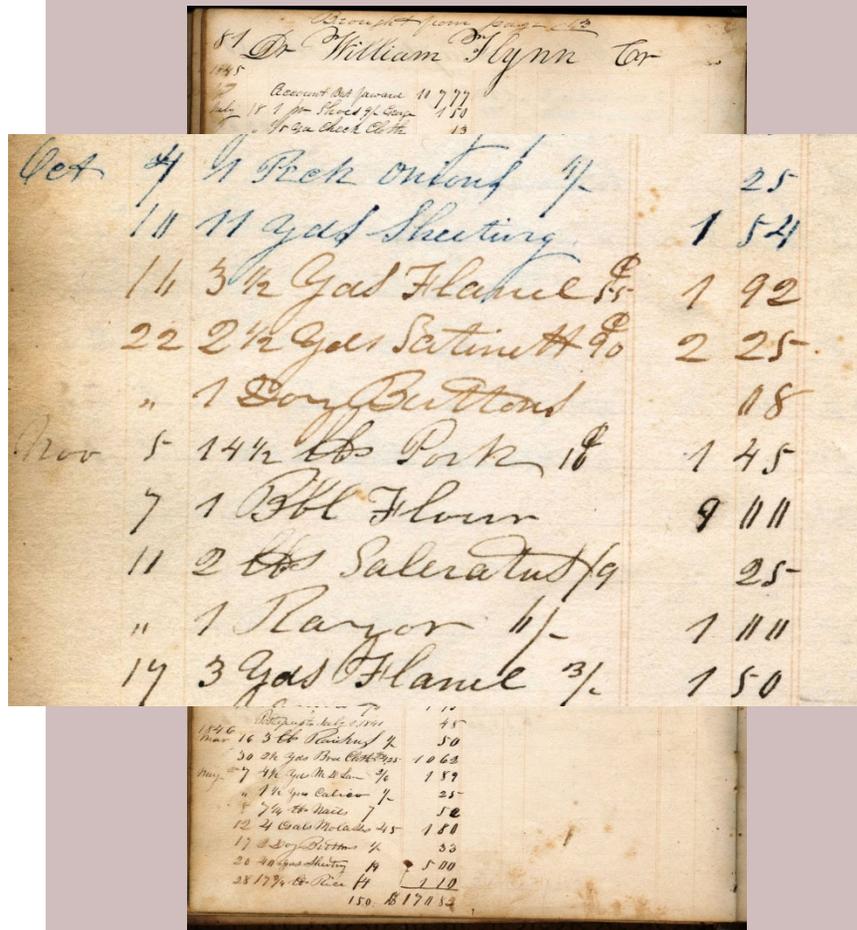
# Diaries



“Why was he permitted to return in safety, and behold his friends again in health and prosperity? While so many around us which left their homes never to return...”

Diary of Deidamia (Bourne) Swift, (1812-1888) Mss 658

# General Store, Cherryfield, Maine for the Year 1845



- Account under male names (William Flynn)
- Purchasing household items such as flour, ginger, 3 yds. of flannel, etc.
- Only widows listed separately
- Places ancestor in specific place at specific time

Account book for William Burnham & Sons, 1844-1849, Mss 465

# Katie McDonald

from Boston Police 1896 Mug book, Mss A 764



3833.

Name, *Katie McDonald*  
Alias, *Panel worker.*  
Crime, *Panel worker.*  
Age, *27* Comp., *Dark*  
Height, *5-7 1/4* Weight, *140*  
Hair, *Blk* Eyes, *Blue*  
Nose, \_\_\_\_\_ Face, \_\_\_\_\_  
Born, *Novel Scotia.*  
Married, *No.*  
Trade, *Cook*  
Date of Arrest, *Mar 4/96*  
Officer, *Dushy, Div 4*  
Remarks, \_\_\_\_\_

# Materials made by women

# Scrapbooks, Autograph, and Friendship Books

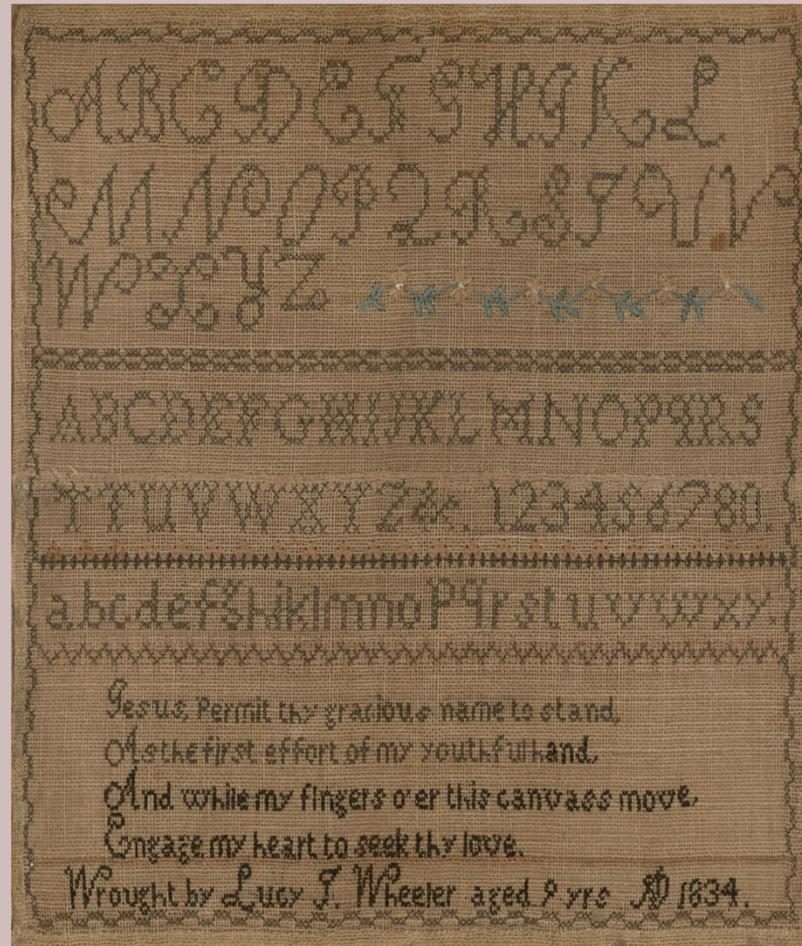
Friendship book of hair weavings given to Helen Marion Adams of Fair Haven, VT.,  
Mss A 130



# Samplers

**Lucy J Wheeler  
Aged 9 yrs  
1834**

Wheeler family sampler



# QUESTIONS?

# Accessing manuscript materials at NEHGS

# NEHGS Library Catalog

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  - Our Research Library
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  - Wyner Family Jewish Heritage Center
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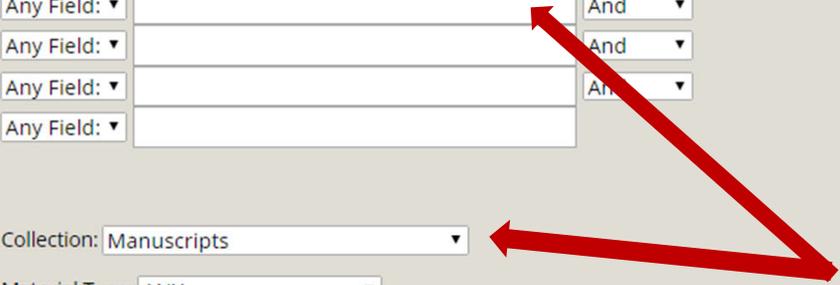
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Class 3: Tracing Female Ancestors in America

Title <b>Jane Hutchinson Burkett Wiley Collection, 1798-1935 (bulk 1880-1920)</b>			
Rating ☆☆☆☆☆			
Permanent link to this record			
SHARE [social media icons]			
Location	Call No.	Status	
Manuscripts	<b>Mss 1107</b>	AVAILABLE	
<b>Description</b>	4 boxes (2.6 linear ft.)		
<b>Summary</b>	<p>Collection consists primarily of photographs with some family charts, miscellaneous papers, a pocket diary and a family scrapbook. The family scrapbook, kept by Jane H. (Burkett) Wiley, is the centerpiece of the collection as it reflects Jane's interest in family history and provides genealogical information about the ancestry and descendants of the Wiley and Burkett families of Connecticut. In addition to some family history, the scrapbook contains identified photographs of members of the Burkett and Wiley families as well as several allied families including Griswold and Marsh. There is a single tintype of Eleazar Hamilton Loomis, b 29 Aug 1841. The scrapbook, also, has newspaper clippings, many of which are birth, marriage and death announcements, poems and clippings of genealogical columns from possibly the Boston Evening Transcript. The scrapbook also has a piece of the wedding dress worn by Miranda (Griswold) Wiley at her 1844 wedding to William Henry Wiley. Jane (Burkett) Wiley was also interested in her English lineage and the scrapbook contains several published pamphlets and photographs of ancestral churches and homes in England as well as some references and illustrations to the Griswold Coat of Arms. The photographs in the collection consist of tintypes, cartes-de-visite and cabinet cards of the Burkett and Wiley families with one tintype of Hiram Hart, Jane's maternal grandfather. Several of the photographs were removed from a fragile photo album. A preservation photocopy of the album has been made showing the original order of the photos prior to removal. Other items of note are the 1875 pocket sized notebook belonging to Jane's mother, Emily Woodford (Hart) Wiley, where she outlines instructions for the settlement of her estate after her death, and the 1798-1799 accounts payable receipts belonging to Capt. John Marsh regarding the sale of the Brig Lillie Sarah to Joseph Bulkeley. Among the three ephemera items is a billfold belonging to Hiram Hart, Jane's maternal grandfather.</p>		
<b>Cite As:</b>	Jane Hutchinson Burkett Wiley Collection, Mss 1107. R. Stanton Avery Special Collections.		
<b>Note</b>	Jane Hutchinson (Burkett) Wiley b 9 July 1859 Hartford, Connecticut; d 25 December 1934 Hartford, Connecticut; m 19 October 1880 Lyman Augustus Wiley. Jane and Lyman lived in Hartford Connecticut where their first child, Lillian Howard Wiley was born in 1881. The family then moved to Chicago, Ill. in the late 1880's. Their son, Ralph Burkett Wiley, was born at Chicago in 1894. By 1920, the Wileys had moved back to Hartford where Lyman died on 26 June 1930. Both are buried at Cedar Hill Cemetery, Hartford.		
<b>Finding Aid</b>	Unpublished guide to the collection available in the library.		
<b>Subject</b>	<p><b>Wiley, Jane Hutchinson Burkett, 1859-1934.</b>  <b>Wiley, Lyman Augustus, 1857-1930.</b>  <b>Smith, Lillian Howard Wiley, 1881-1918.</b>  <b>Wiley, Ralph Burkett, 1894-1934.</b>  <b>Burkett, Ralph, 1825-1873.</b>  <b>Burkett, Emily Woodford Hart, 1822-1898.</b>  <b>Hart, Hiram, 1791-1822.</b>  <b>Smith, Felix Harold, 1884-1967.</b>  <b>Smith, Felix Harold, jr., 1913-2011.</b>  <b>Marsh John, 1753-1816.</b></p>		
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**Wiley, William Henry, 1821-1892.**  
**Wiley, Miranda Griswold, 1826-1913.**  
**Bulkeley, Joseph.**  
**Kregg, Charles P.**  
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**Griswold family.**  
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**Goodrich family.**  
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**North family.**  
**Winchell family.**  
**Judd family.**  
**Bishop family.**  
**Tungsten Mining Company.**  
**Lillie Sarah (Brig)**  
**Influenza Epidemic, 1918-1919.**  
**World War, 1914-1918.**  
**Connecticut – Genealogy.**  
**Hartford (Conn.) – Genealogy.**  
**Hartford (Conn.) – History.**  
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**Genre**

Photographs.  
Tintypes.  
Cartes-de-visite.

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Unidentified young girl from  
Garret L. Bergen Papers, Mss C 1537



Ella (Davis) Isaacs, second left, with the University of Cincinnati basketball players from the senior class of 1908. From the the Davis and Isaacs papers, P-936, Wyner Family Jewish Heritage Center. [View](#)

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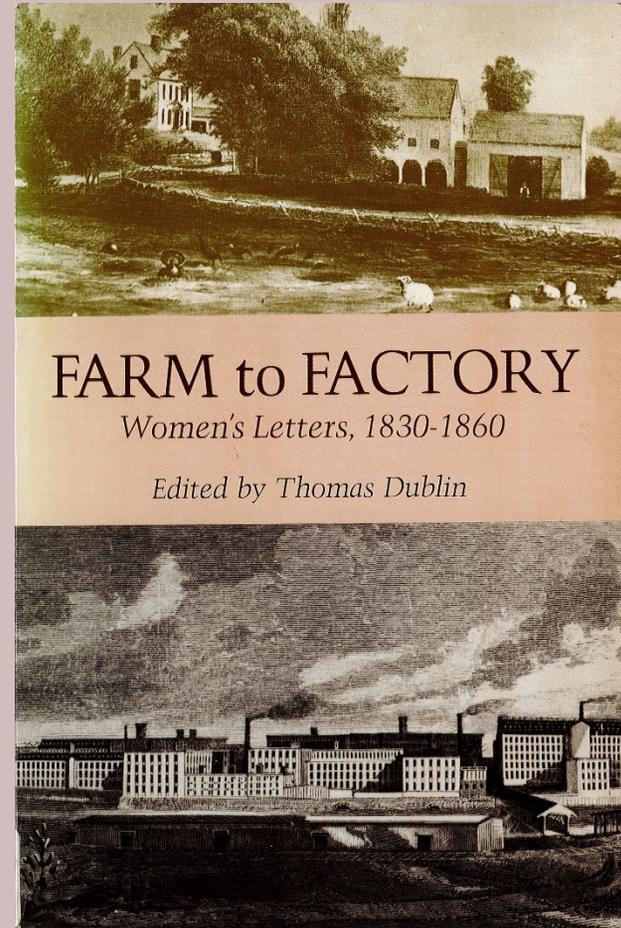
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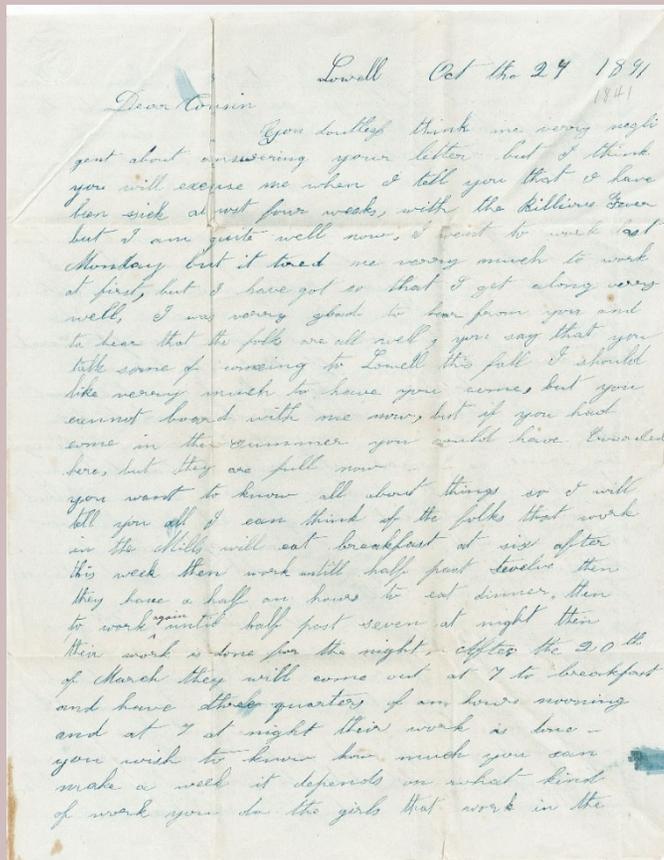
Consult secondary  
sources

# Published sources

- Examine sources used by authors
- Research for *Farm to Factory*
  - New Hampshire Historical Society
  - Merrimack Valley Textile Museum
  - University of Massachusetts [Lowell, Mass.]
  - Haverhill [Mass.] Public Library



# Female worker at textile mills



Lowell Oct the 24 1841  
Dear Cousin  
You doubtless think me very neglect-  
ful about answering your letter but I think  
you will excuse me when I tell you that I have  
been sick almost four weeks, with the bilious fever  
but I am quite well now, I went to work last  
Monday but it tired me very much to work  
at first, but I have got so that I get along very  
well, I was very glad to hear from you and  
to hear that the folks are all well, you say that you  
talk some of moving to Lowell this fall I should  
like very much to have you come but you  
cannot board with me now, but if you had  
come in the summer you could have boarded  
here, but they are full now  
you want to know all about things so I will  
tell you all I can think of the folks that work  
in the Mills will eat breakfast at six after  
this week then work untill half past twelve then  
they have a half an hour to eat dinner, then  
to work untill half past seven at night then  
then work is done for the night, after the 20<sup>th</sup>  
of March they will come out at 7 to breakfast  
and have three quarters of an hour sewing  
and at 7 at night their work is done -  
you wish to know how much you can  
make a week at different or what kind  
of work you see the girls that work in the

“Dear Cousin,  
...I will tell you all I can of the  
folks that work in the Mills...we  
eat our breakfast at six and work  
till half past twelve...”

Letter by Charlotte ?, 1841 Oct 24, Lowell,  
Mass. to Ellen Chapman, NH



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Originally housed in one of the rooms of the Schenectady History Museum, The Grems-Doolittle Library was expanded through a 3,000-square-foot addition to the building at 32 Washington Avenue in 1991. The library collects, preserves, and makes available materials that document the people, places, and history of Schenectady County and its environs.

Library holdings include books pertaining to local history, genealogies and family histories, periodicals, oral histories, diaries, newspapers, yearbooks, wills, naturalization records, maps, photographs, personal and family papers, and records of Schenectady County schools, businesses, churches, and other organizations. Guides to a number of our [collections](#) are available on our website. Our [Grems-Doolittle Library Collections Blog](#) also features highlights from some of our collections.

We invite you to [visit](#) us at 32 Washington Avenue in the Stockade Historic District in Schenectady. Visitors of all ages are welcome, and the library is staffed to help researchers find material on a variety of local history and genealogical research topics. Our [Guide for Researchers page](#) provides some basic information about using our library. Can't stop by? You can make a request for our staff and volunteers to conduct research on your behalf — visit our [Research Requests page](#) to find out more.



Local Library Archives (ex: <http://schenectadyhistorical.org/>)

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### Introduction

Current discovery methods for American archival and manuscript (AM) collections rely on four national databases, WorldCat, ArchiveGrid, Archive Finder and SNAC, to which repositories report their holdings in the form of 1) catalog records (similar to library catalog records for books) and 2) finding aids (typically collection summaries and detailed inventories listing the folders in a collection). Most AM catalog records are accessible via the four major databases. There are also numerous state and regional databases which typically offer full text searches of finding aids, many of which, but not all, are linked from or searchable in the national databases. Not all repositories report their records at all, and many finding aids exist only in paper in their home repositories. This system has evolved since the inception of the National Union Catalog of Manuscript Collections (NUCMC) in 1959. Alongside of this system there exist

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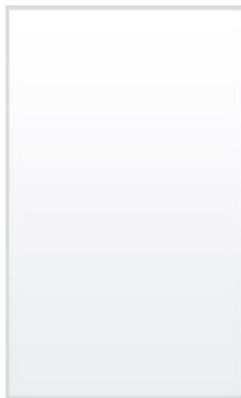
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Edition/Format: Archival material : English

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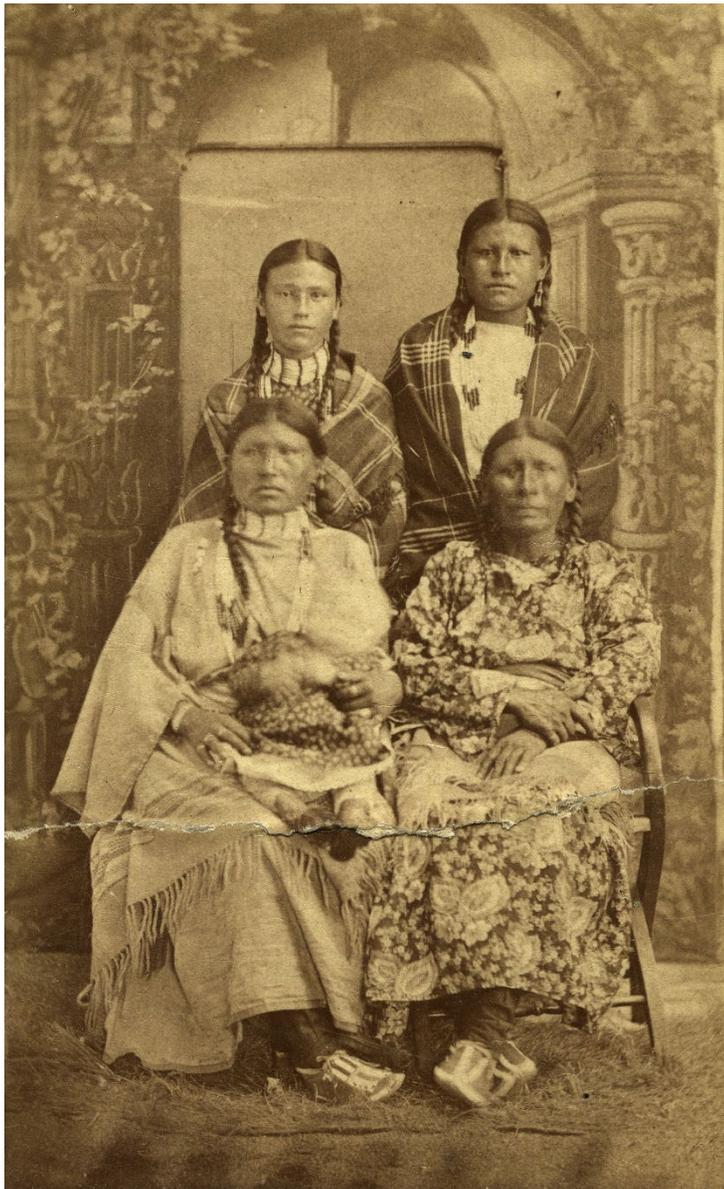
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Tip

Search for Women-  
Focused, Ethnic, or  
Religious Archives



## The Heard Museum Archives RC5.2:RC5(2):18

### Object Description

**Rating** ★★★★★ Based on 0 rating(s)

**Title** Bell Pank and Sama

**Creator** Cosand & Mosser (photographer)

**Subjects (Controlled)** Photographs  
Women  
Children  
Moccasins  
Cosand & Mosser

**Subjects (Uncontrolled)** Photographs; Women; Children; Studio portrait; Moccasins; Cosand & Mosser

**Description** Studio portrait of four women, one of them probably holding a baby which is blurred from motion. The woman seated on the lower right appears to be in her fifties or sixties and has long braided hair and a patterned dress. The woman seated on the lower left appears to be in her thirties and has long braided hair and is wearing a hairpipe choker necklace. She is wearing a fringed blanket around her lower body and appears to have a baby on her lap. The girl standing in the upper right appears to be in her late teens, has long braided hair and is wearing a long beaded necklace. The girl standing in the upper left appears to be about twelve and is wearing a hairpipe choker necklace. It is likely this is a family group. The original is 2½x4 inches albumen photographic print, on back of print is title written in ink and printed "Cosand & Mosser, Photographers, Caldwell, Kas." This file shows a scan of the photograph and an image desaturated in Photoshop.

**Contributed information** Susie Archbell, Kitty Hawk, NC sent the following information in April 2015: "This is a photo of Cheyenne Belle or Vehoo-Kis-a-ee, my great great grandmother. Most likely the woman sitting in front of her is her mom, Making Out the Road aka Roadmaker. Making Out the Road was married several times. Her first husband was Kit Carson, but she was his second wife. Later around 1860, she married Charles Rath and they had one child which was Cheyenne Belle. Cheyenne Belle married a soldier from Ft Reno in OK named Michael Balenti (Sr); and their first born son was William Balenti who is my Great Grandfather or my Mom's Mom's father. The other women may be Cheyenne Belle's half sister, Mandy Shaking Herself Whitewolf (Mandy's father was Wolf Man) and Cheyenne Belle's mom's mom Sage Woman. Sage Woman was married to Yellow Shirt and she is either a sister (half sister) or cousin to Owl Woman, daughter to Chief White Thunder and Rail Woman. Owl Woman was the wife of William Bent and mother of George Bent of the Bent Ft era. I am so grateful to have found this photo. I have placed the National Archives' newspaper photo of Cheyenne Belle and Ada Bent next to the Heard Museum digital photo."

**Type** Image

**Material collection** Trustrim Connell collection of Native American Portraits, Camps, and Agencies, ca. 1865-ca. 1895 (RC5)

Museum Archives (ex: [heard.org/library/archives/](http://heard.org/library/archives/))



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## Women's History and Resource Center

Founded in 1984, the Women's History and Resource Center collects, preserves, interprets, and promotes the history of the GFWC and women volunteers. The WHRC documents the social and political contributions of GFWC clubwomen from 1890 to the present through the GFWC archives, related special collections, and publications.

### WHRC Online Catalog

The WHRC online catalog currently provides access to a growing body of information and images related to GFWC's history, including archival material, photographs, publications, art, and artifacts. Tips for searching are available by clicking the *Help* button on the search screen. To avoid too many hits, leave out *GFWC* when searching for names of clubs and state federations. Watch for catalog updates as new material is added.

[Search the Collections](#)

### Blog

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[Volunteers in Action: GFWC West Virginia; GFWC Colorado Valleys District; GFWC Progress Club of Las Cruces; GFWC-Battle Ground](#)

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### Featured Member



# Women's organizations (ex: [www.gfwc.org](http://www.gfwc.org))

# Putting it all Together

## Identify

Identify Archives that may have records that could reveal more about your ancestor's life.

## Consider

Consider a variety of different types of archival material (letters, oral histories, photographs, material culture, etc.)

## Utilize

Utilize records of other's whose lives may have been similar to learn more about the world of your ancestor.

# QUESTIONS?

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*research@nehgs.org*

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