



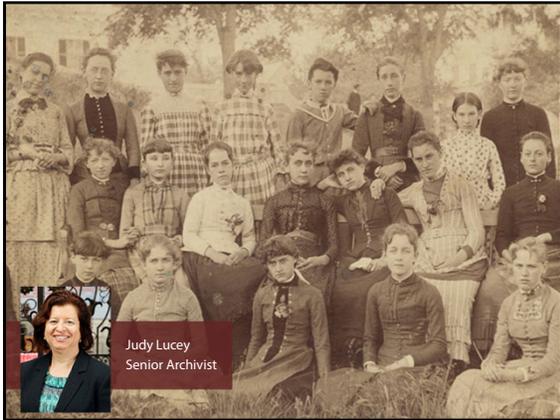
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Define your Research Goal
What are your objectives?



- 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

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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

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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

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Archives

- Unpublished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



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Unpublished Materials in Archives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

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Where to Find Archives

Cultural Institutions	Other Locations to Consider
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Libraries• Museums• Historic Houses• Historical Societies• Genealogical Societies	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Colleges• Government Facilities• Corporations• Religious Institutions• Social Clubs• Personal Collections

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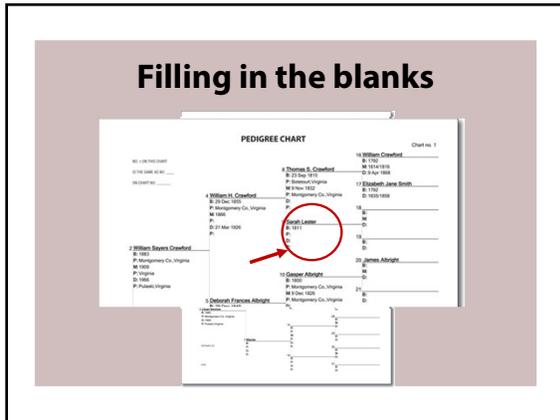
Manuscripts at NEHGS

Most popular	Collections
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Bible and family records• Cemetery transcriptions• Church records• Town records• Unpublished genealogies	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Genealogical research<ul style="list-style-type: none">– Client research– Surname– Geographic– Ethnic• Personal and Family papers<ul style="list-style-type: none">– Letters– Diaries– Photos– School and business records– Genealogical research

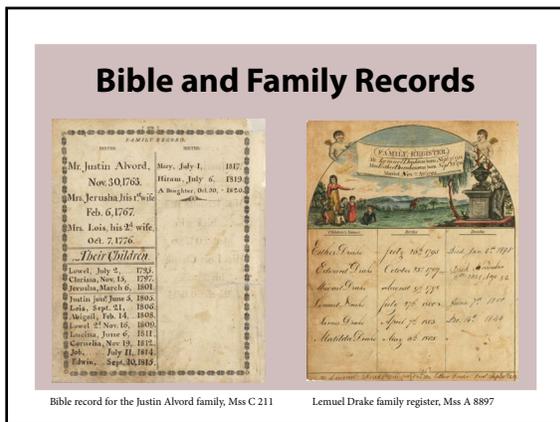
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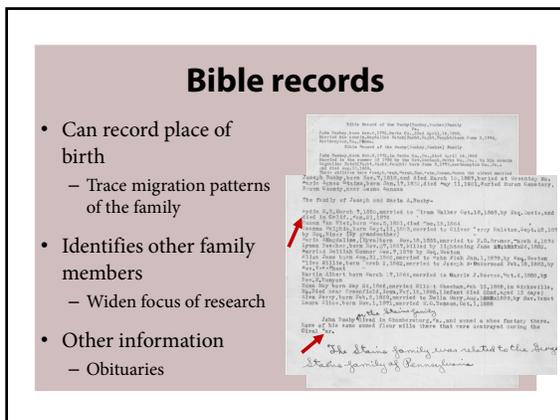
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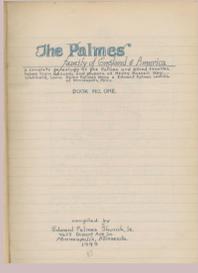
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Unpublished Genealogies

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



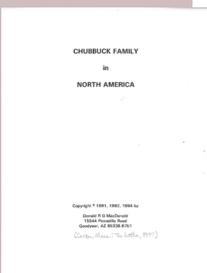
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**Using unpublished genealogies:
Who is Sarah
(Chubbuck) Parker's
father?**

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“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



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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
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Surnames

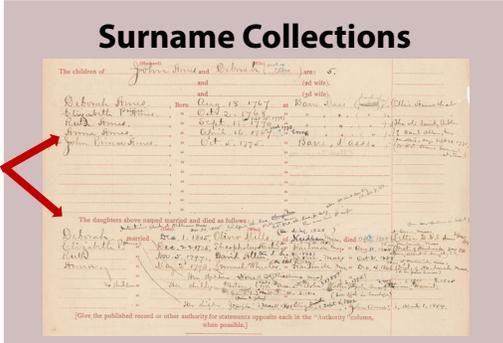
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 - Use keyword search feature



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

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Surname Collections



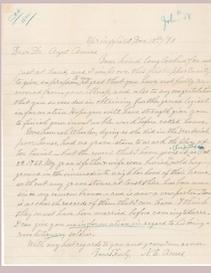
Azal Ames Papers, SG AME [214], tracing Desc. of William Ames, Braintree, Mass.

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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



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Geographic Locations

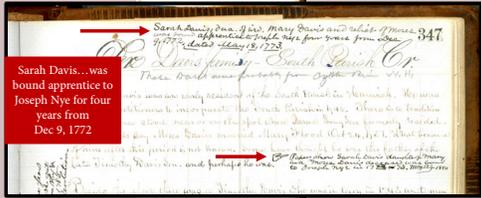
- Look for materials specific to a locality
- Collections of note at NEHGS:
 - Josiah Paine - Harwich, MA families
 - Gilbert Doane - Families of Fairfield, VT
 - Wayne Charles Hart - Farmington, CT



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

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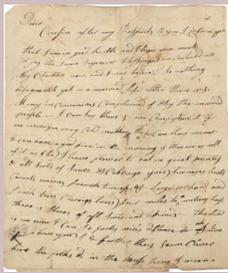
Moses Davis Family of Harwich, MA



Sarah Davis...was bound apprentice to Joseph Nye for four years from Dec 9, 1772

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Albert Dunham Papers



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

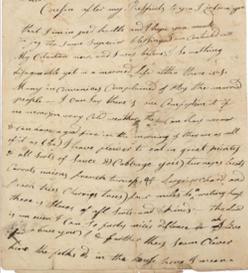
Albert M. Dunham papers, 1733-1984, Mss 90

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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 18th century)



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Women Record Keepers

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



Mary (Hunt) Wheeler Mss A 5340

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Example: What happened to Huldah (Peaslee) Chase?

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Analysis

<p>Strengths</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Knowledge of family history by researcher • Knowledge of archivist of the collection • Information in letters directly from family members 	<p>Weaknesses</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Description in catalog record • Not able to use Chase family letters for early descendants of Aquila Chase (17th and 18th) • Not every family wrote letters
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Author Chase, George B. (George Bigelow), 1835-1902.
 Title Chase Collection, 1639-1947. [manuscript]
 Rating

[Permanent link to this record](#)

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 Chase in the course of his research on his Chase genealogy appearing in his book "History of Chester, N.H., 1719-1869".
 Identified in 1899. This section group of genealogical papers is the correspondence and notes of John B. Chace (1816-1881), George B. Chace (1835-1902), and James F. Chace (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 Chase 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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Identify records of
Clergy, Justices of the
Peace, or Physicians

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Physician's records

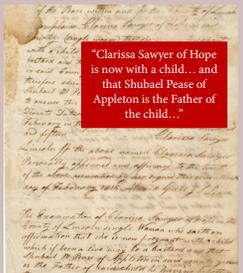


- Account book of Rev. Samuel Wigglesworth, 1710-1768 (Mss A 1044)
- Practiced medicine in Ipswich, MA 1710-1712
- Accounts mention treatment of females in household

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**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



"Clarissa Sawyer of Hope is now with a child... and that Shubael Pease of Appleton is the Father of the child..."

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The image shows a screenshot of a website titled "Guide to the Temporary Home for Women and Children records". It includes a table of contents and a series list. A red arrow points from the "Series List" section to a specific entry in a handwritten document image shown on the right. The document image shows a page with cursive handwriting, likely an admission record for Nellie Ford.

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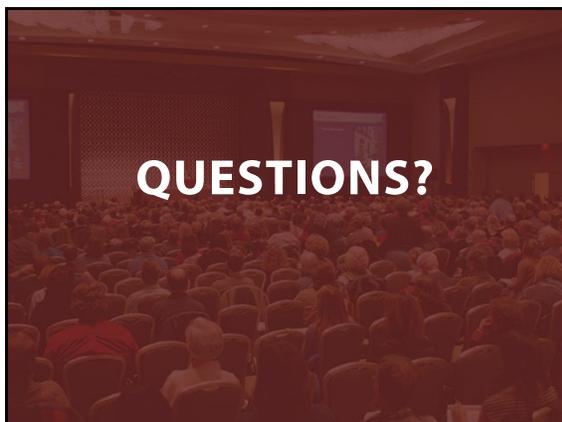
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The Overseers of the Poor in the Town of Boston, a corporation established in 1713 by Act of the Legislature, was reorganized in 1822 by the Corporation which "Organized the Poor in the City of Boston," consisting of twelve overseers of the poor. In 1827, the office of the Poor was merged with the office of the Public Welfare. In 1853, the official name of the corporation was changed to the "Boston Overseers of the Poor, Welfare and Charitable Institutions." The Welfare Department was established as a separate agency by Chapter 107 of the Acts of 1907.

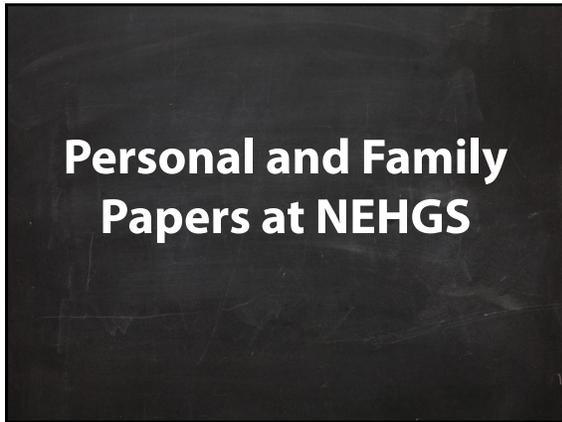
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Overseers of the Records for the city of Boston, Mass.

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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

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Life in the Maine wilderness

- 1781 letter to "Honored 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

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Finding Aid for Ivory Hovey Papers

Location	Call No.	Status
NEHGS Database	Mss 68	AVAILABLE
Click here to search online database		
Manuscripts	Mss 68	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 II (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 Othniel 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

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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

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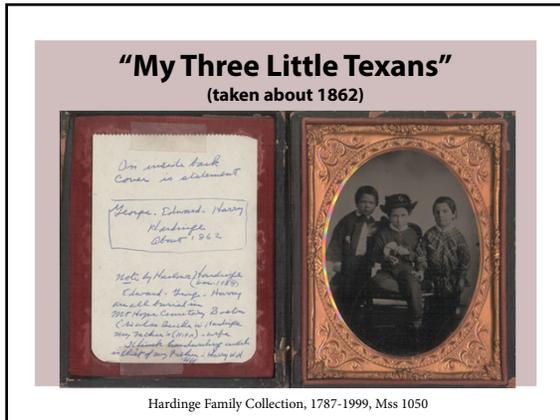
Hardinge Family Papers

- 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

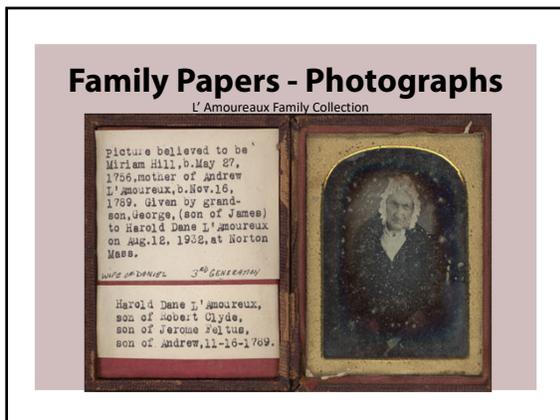


Pearletta finish of Molly Fancher, the "Brooklyn Enigma"

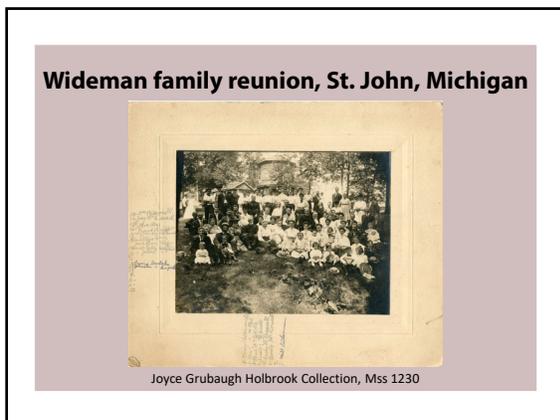
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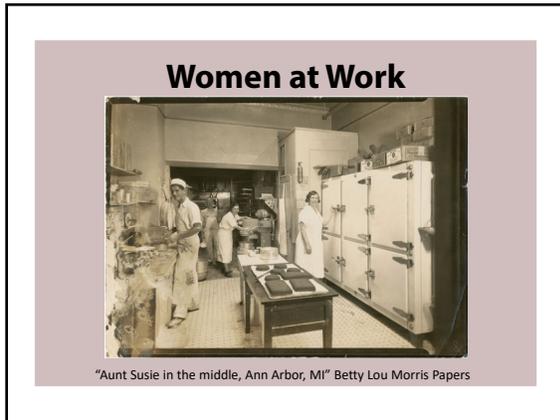
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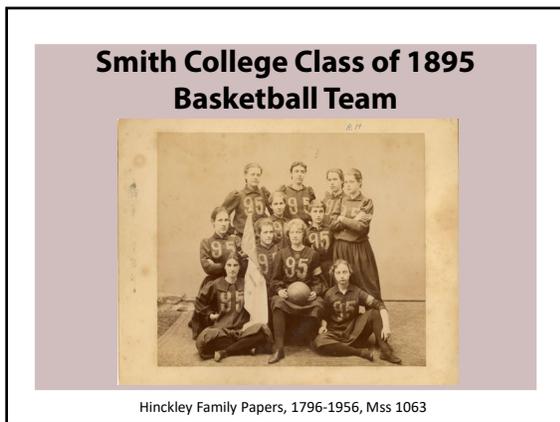
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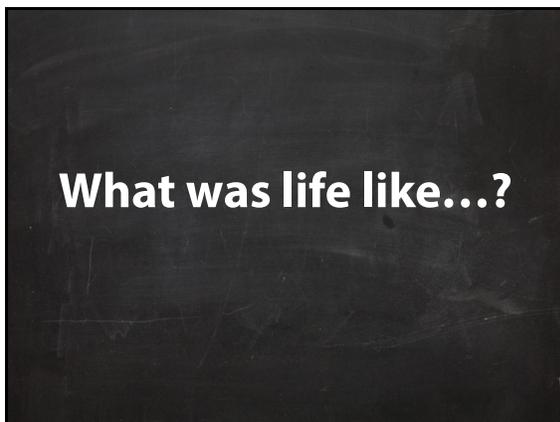
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Diaries

“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

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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

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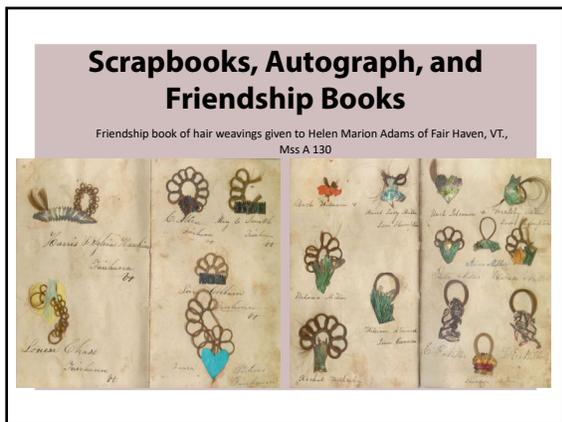
Katie McDonald

from Boston Police 1896 Mug book, Mss A 764

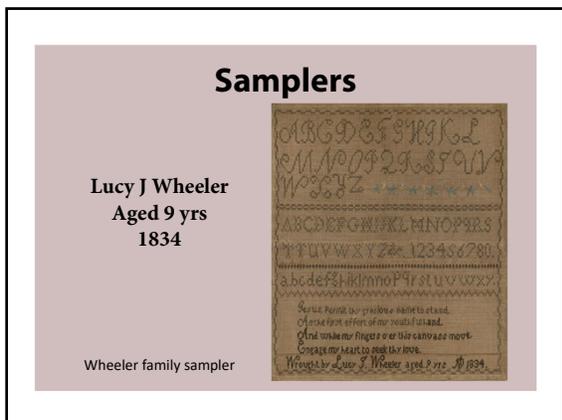
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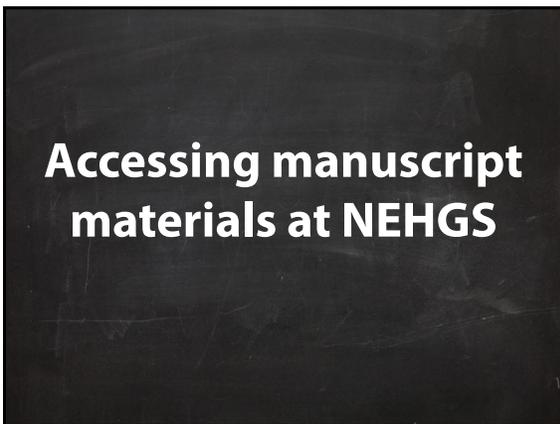
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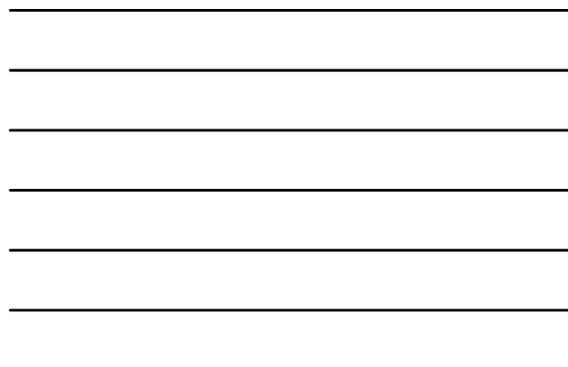
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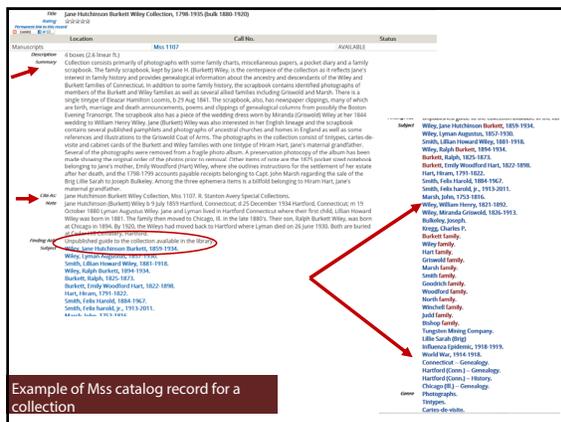
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Digital Library and Archive

- An online "virtual" library & archives for any type of researcher
- Browsable materials & some with searchable transcriptions
- Materials *not* indexed like a genealogical database



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

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Ella (Daisy) Haas, second left, with the University of Oklahoma basketball players from the senior class 1908. From the Davis and Haas Papers, P. 938, Wyner Family Jewish Heritage Center.

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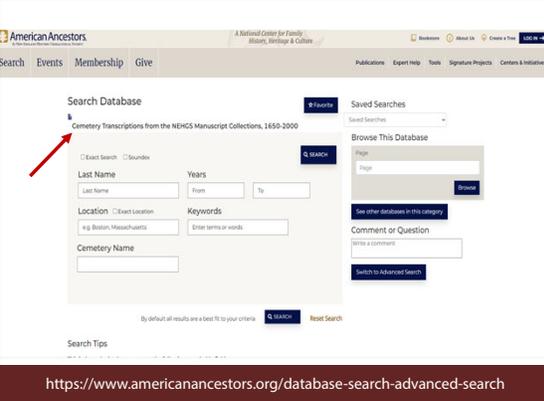
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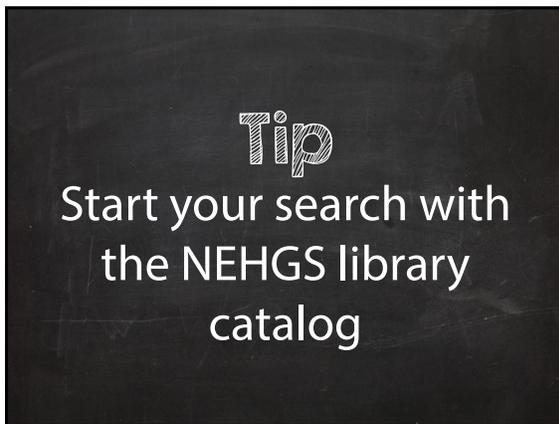
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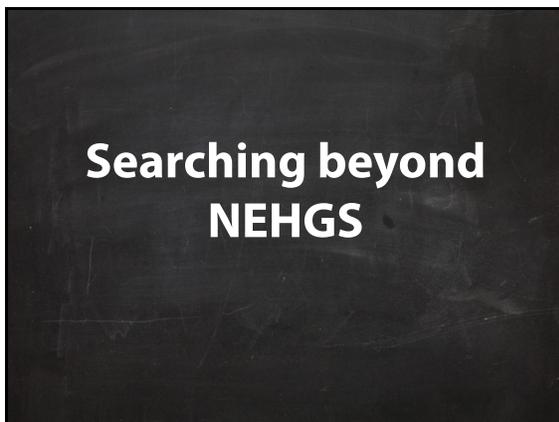
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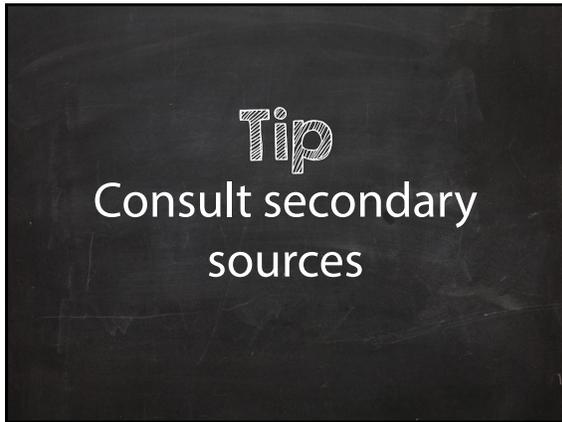
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 - Merrimack Valley Textile Museum
 - University of Massachusetts [Lowell, Mass.]
 - Haverhill [Mass.] Public Library

 A small image of the book cover for "FARM to FACTORY: Women's Letters, 1830-1860" edited by Thomas Dublin. The cover features a photograph of a rural farm scene and a photograph of a textile mill.

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Female worker at textile mills

 A snippet of a handwritten letter on aged paper, showing cursive handwriting.

“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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Library Research Guide for Finding Manuscripts and Archival Collections

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Editorial: Archival material - English

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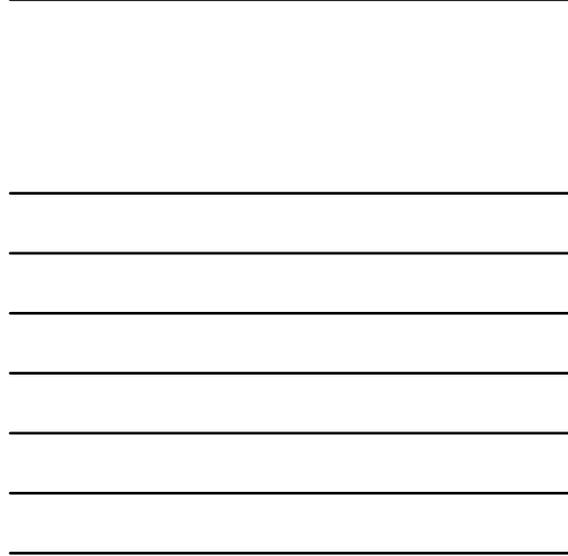
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Putting it all Together

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.

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Thank you for registering for the online course, Tracing Female Ancestors in America!

Women make up 50% of your ancestry, yet their lives, experiences, and even complete names are all too often forgotten by written history. This course will help you reclaim their stories by providing resources and strategies for finding maiden names, discussing women's legal rights through history as they pertain to genealogical documents (such as land and probate records, voting lists, naturalization, etc.), uncovering material and written culture left behind, and using mitochondrial DNA to trace maternal lines. .

This course includes four 90-minute classes; exclusive access to handouts and recordings of each presentation; and in-depth q&a sessions with the instructors.

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If you are unable to attend a live session, you will be able to watch a recording posted below.

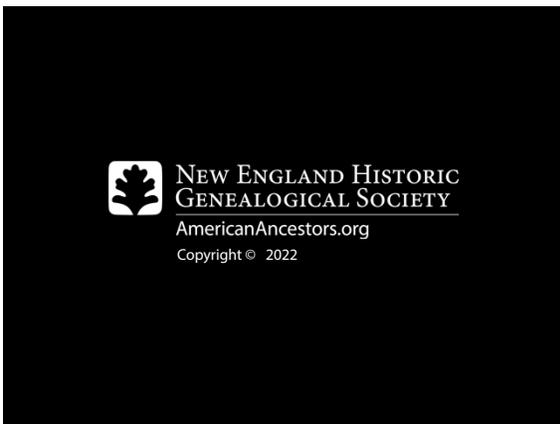
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