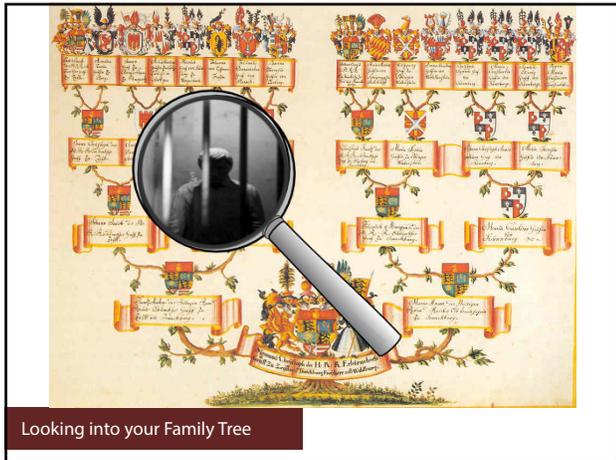
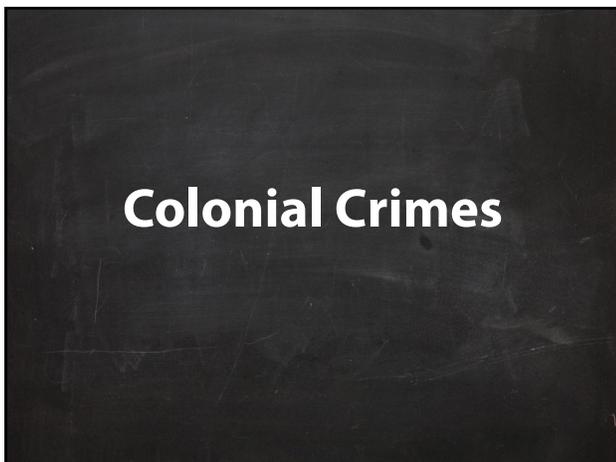




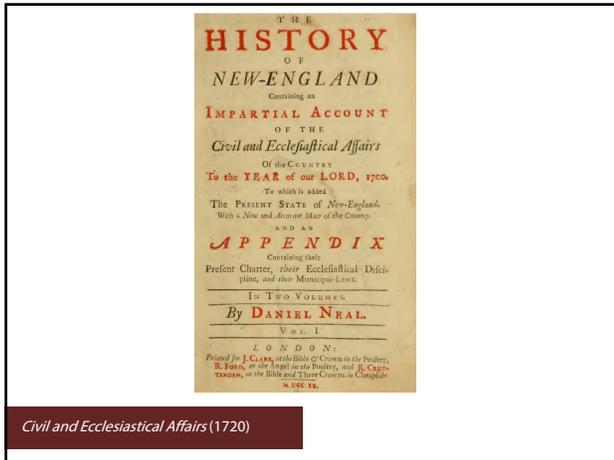
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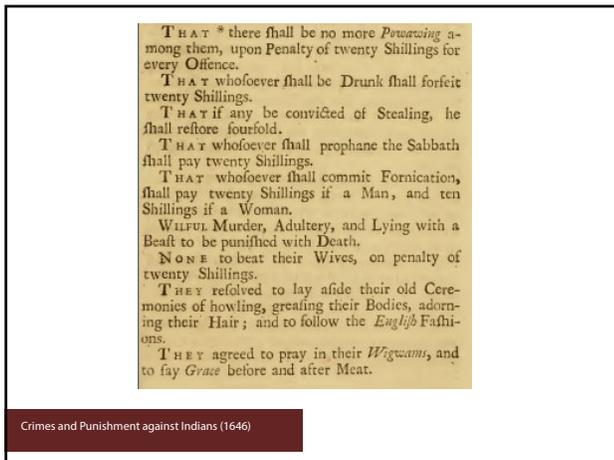


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Civil and Ecclesiastical Affairs (1720)

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Crimes and Punishment against Indians (1646)

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Crimes

- **Adultery:** "If any Person commit Adultery with a marry'd Woman, Maid, or Woman espoused, both Man and Woman shall be put to Death"
- **Apparel:** "All persons not worth 200 £, wearing Gold or Silver Lace, or Buttons, or Bone-Lace, above 2 s. per Yard, or Silk Hoods, or Scarfs, may be presented by the Grand-Jury, and shall pay 10 s. for every Offence"

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Crimes

- **Bastardy:** “The Father of a Bastard convict shall maintain it, or allow the Mother what the Court thinks fit The Oath of the Woman alone makes him liable to this charge...”
- **Bestiality:** “If a Man or Woman lye with a Beast, the Beast to be slain and buried, and the Person put to Death”

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Crimes

- **Blasphemy:** “Blasphemy against the Holy Name of God, the Father, Son, or the Holy Ghost, either in Express Words, or by an obstinate Denial of the true God and his Worship, shall be punishd with Death”
- **Breach of the Peace:** “If one Man beats or hurts another, he shall pay to him, or the county, or both, what the proper Judge determines, who may fine him according to the circumstance of the Offence”

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Crimes

- **Burglary or Robbery:** “Burglary and Robbery on the Highway shall be punishd for the first Offence, with burning in the Forehead, with the Letter B: and the Loss of an Ear, if on the Sabbath; for the second, with Burning and Whipping; and the Loss of t'other Ear, if on the Sabbath; for the third, with Death”

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Crimes

- **Children:** “All Parents to teach their Children to read, and all Masters to acquaint their Families with the capital Laws, on Penalty of 20 s. and the catechise them once a Week”
- “Tis Death for any Child, above 16 Years of Age, and sound understanding, to strike, or curse his Parent, unless provokd by extreme correction, or in their own Defence”

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Crimes

- **Surgeons and Midwives:** “No Surgeon, Midwife, or Physician, shall practice on any, without consent of the Person, or nearest Relation”
- **Condemned Persons:** “None to be executed ‘till 4 Days after condemnation, but in case of martial Law, or some special cause, nor to remain unburied 12 Hours, but in case of Anatomy”

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Crimes

- **Conspiracy:** “Conspiracy against the Commonwealth, by attempting an Invasion, Insurrection, Rebellion or by attempting to seize any Towns or Forts, to be punishd with Death”
- **Cruelty:** “No Court can punish with above Forty Stripes” “No man must correct any under him with Cruelty or be cruel to a Beast”

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Crimes

- **Dancing:** "No Dancing in Publick Houses, on Penalty of 5 s."
- **Fisherman:** "Fisherman disobeying Orders, or getting drunk, to pay the first Offence 20 s, for the second 40 s. and to be imprisoned three months for the third"
- **Fornication:** "Punish'd by compelling Marriage, Fines, or as the Court sees fit"

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Crimes

- **Galloping Horses:** "No one to gallop a Horse in Boston, on Penalty of 3 s. 4 d."
- **Shuffleboard:** "No playing of Shuffleboard or Bowls at a Public House, on Penalty of 20 s. to the Master, and 5 to the Player"
- **Idle Persons:** "Idle are to be Presented and punish'd as the Court sees fit"

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Crimes

- **Manslaughter:** "If any one shall kill another in defending himself, or one who attempts to rob, or murder, or break into a Dwelling House, he shall be blameless"
- **Marriage:** "None are to be marry'd till it has been publish'd in the Meeting, where they dwell three Times, or affix'd to the Meetinghouse Doors for 14 Days"

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Crimes

- **Murder:** “Wilful Murder is punish’d with Death”
- **Rape:** “Rapes are punish’d with Death, or some grievous Punishment the Court appoints instead of it”
- **Self Murder:** “All Self-murthers must be buried in the High way, with a Load of Stones on their Grave”

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Criminal Case Research

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Criminal Cases

- **Misdemeanor Crime:** The lesser of Criminal cases which punishment was a fine or a varied length of confinement.
- **Felonies:** These rank as the most severe crimes including murder, rape, and robbery. These crimes had longer confinement and occasionally the sentence of death was handed out.

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Records

- **Docket Books:** these volumes serve the court with an abbreviated chronological list of prosecuted criminal cases
- **Record Books:** more detailed than Docket Books; Records books often contain transcriptions of the Case File Papers
- **Case File Papers:** individual papers associated with each criminal trial; serve to offer the greatest narrative of the case

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Criminal Case File Papers

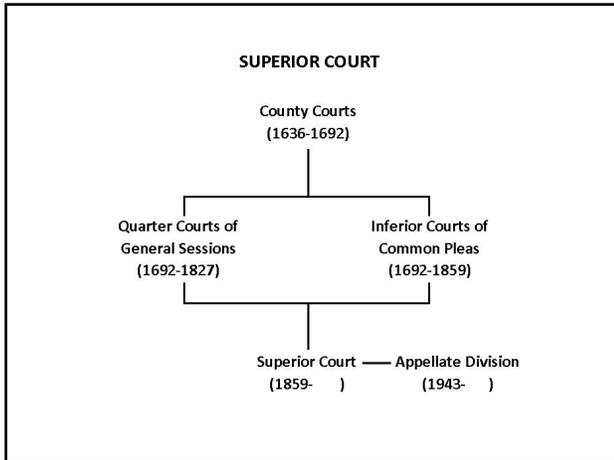
- Warrant for Arrest
- Indictment
- Sentencing Documents
- Mittimus (court order for delivery to prison or gallows, etc.)



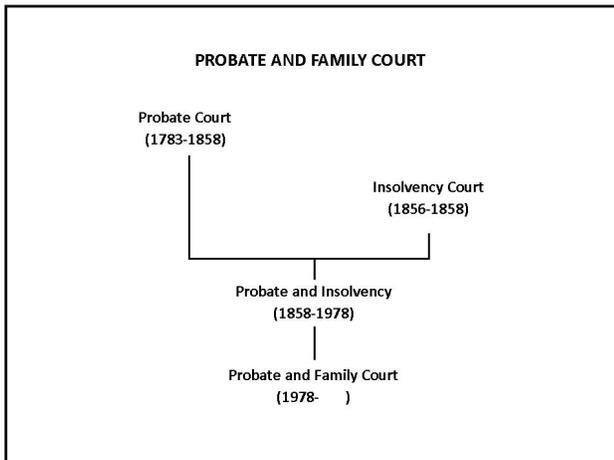
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Searching Early Court Records (Massachusetts)

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Quarterly Courts

- An inferior court to handle criminal misdemeanors and civil matters dealing with small sums
- Existed in the 17th century and were replaced by the county courts
- Some have been published such as the Quarterly Courts of Essex County; also recorded vital records such as births and marriages

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Researching Crimes and Criminals in Colonial America

Court of Assistants 1630-1692

- Tried Jury-heard cases
- Court of Assistants heard appeals from lower courts

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RECORDS
OF THE
COURT OF ASSISTANTS
OF THE
COLONY
OF THE
MASSACHUSETTS BAY
1630-1692
VOL. III. PRINTED UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF
JOHN F. CRONIN
CLERK OF THE SUPREME JUDICIAL COURT
VOL. III.
BOSTON
PUBLISHED BY THE COUNTY OF SUFFOLK
1928

192 RECORDS OF THE COURT OF ASSISTANTS
We find this bill and leave it to
under trial! James Estrell
in the name of the rest.
We find her guilty of being in bed with Peter Turpin The Deane
foreman.
On further going out y^e Jury returned a special verdict i^e if by law
Elizabeth Hudson being in bed wth Peter Turpin be adultery we find
her Guilty; If by law Richard Hudson being in bed wth Peter Turpin
be not adultery we find her not guilty The Deane foreman.
[Third paper]—Elizabeth Hudson wife of Nathaniel Hudson is in-
dicted by the name of Elizabeth Hudson for not having the honor of God
before her eyes & being indicted by the chief and by or about the last
week in December last by in bed wth Peter Turpin & Covert Adultery
wth him y^e said Turpin as by the evidence now fully Apparey Contrary to
the peace of our Sovereign Lord y^e King his Crown & dignity & the whole-
some laws of this Jurisdiction in that case made & provided.
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under trial! James Estrell
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y^e name of y^e rest.
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Adultery we find her Guilty
If by law Elizabeth Hudson being in bed with Peter Turpin be not
adultery we find her not guilty The Deane foreman
A Special verdict
If by law Richard Hudson being in bed with Peter Turpin be Adul-
tery we find her guilty
If by law Richard Hudson being in bed with Peter Turpin be not
Adultery we find her not guilty The Deane foreman.
[Fifth paper] Elizabeth Hudson do the Court doeth now give to
be by the said Court or his order on y^e next lecture day presently
after the lecture ended to the Gallies & there by y^e execution of law

Records of the Court of Assistants

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Court of Common Pleas 1685-1870s (Civil Cases)

- In 1821 this court became a mid-level court for criminal and civil cases
- After 1821 smaller police courts, justices of the peace-held trials, and municipal courts were created for small matters; lasted until 1870s when replaced by District Courts

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Court of General Sessions of the Peace (1685)

- Worcester General Sessions of the Peace - 1733

1733-1 Worcester County, Massachusetts. 71

Peter Corty of Leicester in y^e County of Worcester husbandman being bound over to this Court by way of Recognizance To answer To his presentment by y^e Grandjury for profane Swearing &cI came into Court & pleaded Guilty Its therefore ordered by the Court that he pay as a fine To our Lord the King five Shillings & Costs, & stand Committed till Sentence is performed which he paid in Court and was Dismissed

William M^{ch} Mitchell & Margaret his wife of Woodstock In y^e County of Worcester came into Court and Complained of themselves for being Guilty of y^e Crime of fornication before marriage, were find Each Thirty Shillings To our Lord y^e King & Costs which they paid & were Dismissed

Alexander Turner of Worcester & Mary his wife came into Court and complained of themselves for being Guilty of y^e Crime of fornication before marriage, were find To our Lord y^e King the Sum of Thirty Shillings, Lieh & Cost, which they paid & were Dismissed

Solomon Johnson of Leicester in y^e County of Worcester Gent being presented by the Grandjurors for being drunk &cI, came into Court & put himself on Tryall and was acquitted paying Cost which he paid & was Dismissed

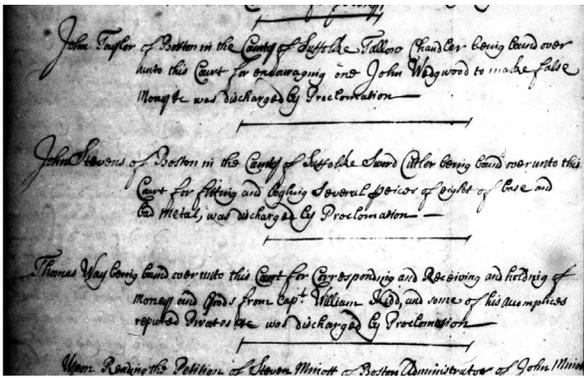
Phillip Chase of Worcester In y^e County of Worcester husbandman being presented by the Grandjurors for Waking unnecessarily on the Lords day &cI came into Court & put himself upon Tryall by the Court & was acquitted paying Cost

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Superior Court of Judicature 1692-1780

- Highest Trial and Appeals Court
- Capital Criminal Trials (Salem Witchcraft Trials)
- Matters regarding Equity
- Larger Civil Cases
- After the Revolutionary War this became the Supreme Judicial Court of Massachusetts

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Superior Court

- Civil and Criminal Cases
- Juvenile
- Law and Equity
- Mittimuses
- Divorces
- Jury Lists
- Prison Records
- Murder Indictments
- Bastardy Bonds
- Venires

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Supreme Judicial Court (1780-)

- Records on file at the Massachusetts State Archives
- These records and those of the earlier courts are under the jurisdiction of the SJC Archivist
- Decisions of the SJC since 1804 are published in a series called *Massachusetts Reports*

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The screenshot shows the FamilySearch.org search interface. The search term 'criminal court records' is entered in the search box. The results list includes:

- Circuit Court records (Cross County, Arkansas), 1872-1888
- Criminal Court records (Hawkins County, Tennessee), 1799-1930
- Court records, criminal, 1852-1859
- Criminal court records, 1876-1883
- Law and order in Clark County, Arkansas, 1879-1911 ; index to circuit court records (criminal)
- Maine, Cumberland; Superior Court civil and criminal records, 1868-1949
- Maine, Franklin County, Supreme Judicial Court; criminal records, 1859-1927
- Maine, Superior Court (Cumberland County); Maine State Archives
- Maine, Supreme Judicial Court (Franklin County); Maine State Archives
- Ohio, Guernsey County, criminal court records, 1879-1930
- Ohio, Probate Court (Guernsey County); Ohio Genealogical Society, Guernsey County Chapter

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Town Records

The case of Martha (Parker) Horsly

- **December 11, 1677:** The same day Goodwif **Horsley** was called before the Select men and admonished Concerning her entaining p'sons at her hous and warned against it for future.
- At a meeting of the Select men the 17 12 [17 December 1678] at the hous of Lifnt Capen **John Parker** Came and Engaged to secuere the secuere the towne of Dorchester in behalf of his daughter **Martha Horsley** if she might be let out of the house of Correction, which engagement is one file.

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Martha Parker (1649)

Martha Parker
 Born 1 Mar 1649 in Cambridge, Middlesex, Massachusetts Bay Colony
 Daughter of [John Parker](#) and [Joseph Parker](#)
 Sister of [John Parker Sr.](#), [Thomas Parker](#), [Sarah Parker](#), [Jonathan Parker](#) and [Lydia Parker](#)
 Wife of [James Horsley](#) — married [date unknown] [location unknown]
 Mother of [James Horsley](#)
 Died [date unknown] [location unknown]
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Biography

Martha was born in 1649.

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Warnings Out

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

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Warning Out – Pownalboro, ME

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Early Newspapers

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B O S T O N .

On Wednesday Evening last an Indian Fellow belonging to Mr. Howard of Bridgewater, was committed to our Goal for barbarously murdering one Mr. Rogers of Pembroke, by stabbing him with a Knife in his Breast, the day before, of which Wound he dy'd in a few Minutes. Mr. Rogers had taken up the said Indian as a Runaway from his Master, and conveying him home, when the horrid Fact was committed. Mr. Rogers was a Widower, and has left three Children. The Man that struck the Woman with an Iron Spade, (as mention'd before) at Rhode-Island, has had his Trial, was found guilty of murder, and receiv'd Sentence of Death.

New-England Weekly Journal, 18 Sept. 1732

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Last Tuesday were committed to his Majesty's Gaol in this Town, Elizabeth Ames, of Boxford, and her Son, Jonathan Ames, jun. both of whom on Examination, gave great Occasion to conclude that they were concerned in poisoning the Wife of said Jonathan Ames, of which we gave an Account in our last Paper.

Boston News-Letter, 3 August 1769

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JOHN ALLEN of St George's Great Island, on the 19th Day of August 1770, about Midnight, being a lawful Prisoner upon the Execution of Thomas Flucker, Esq; in the Custody of Moses Copeland, a Deputy-Sheriff of the County of Lincoln, was rescued by a Number of Persons who riotously assembled together, and broke open the Dwelling-House of the said Moses in order to effect it: All Persons are therefore requested to be aiding and assisting in retaking said Escaper: And whoever shall retake said Allen, and cause him to be committed to his Majesty's Gaol in Pownalborough, shall have a Reward of TEN Dollars, and his necessary Charges paid him.

St. George's, Sept. 5. 1770. **MOSES COPELAND,**
Deputy-Sheriff.

Boston News-Letter, 4 Oct. 1770

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RAn-away on the second of this Instant *July*, from his Master Mr. *George Tilly*, Shop-keeper in Kingstreet *Boston*, a Negro Man-Servant named *Coffee*, about 35 Years of Age, of middling Stature. He had on when he went away, a Cotton and Linnen Shirt, *Oznabrigs* Frock & Trousers, Old Shoes, a pretty good Hat, Speaks good English, and has had the Small Pox. Whoever shall take up the abovesaid Runaway, and him convey to his abovesaid Master, shall be well rewarded for their Pains and Trouble, & all necessary Charges.

New England Journal, 15 July 1734

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RAn-away from his Master *William Pepperil Esq.* at *Hickory*, in the Province of *Maine*, a Negro Man Slave named *Peter*, aged about 20, speaks good English, of a pretty brown Complexion, middle Stature, has on a mixt gray home-spun Coat, white home-spun Jacket and Breeches, French tall Shoes, sad coloured Stockings, or a mixt worsted pair, and a black Hat. Whoever shall take up said Negro, and bring or convey him safe to his said Master, or secure him and send notice of him either to his Master, or to *Andrew Belcher Esq.* at *Boston*, shall be well rewarded for his pains, and all reasonable charges paid besides.

Lately Deferted Her Majesties Service in the Provinces of *Maine*, an Indian Man (under the Command of Capt. *Joseph Brown*) named *Isaac Pinnatich*, was seen at *Newbury*, in Company with the above Runaway Negro; he is a short Fellow not very thick, speaks very good English, he liv'd formerly with Mr. *Samuel Thacker* of *Hingham*; he has on English Cloaths, a sad coloured old coat, or else a new light coloured druggert Coat, with buttons, holes and lining of black, black breeches, gray yarn Stockings, a black hat almost new. Whoever shall apprehend said Indian, and him convey to his said Captain, or to *Andrew Belcher Esq.* at *Boston*, shall have a sufficient reward besides his Charges.

AT the Desire of several Gentlemen, Merchants and others...

Boston News-Letter, 17 Dec. 1705

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On *Fryday* was carried to the Place of Execution seven Pirates to be Executed, viz. *Capt. John Quelch*, *John Lambert*, *Christopher Scudamore*, *John Miller*, *Erasmus Peterson*, *Peter Roach* & *Francis King*; all of which were Executed, excepting the last named, who had a Reprieve from His Excellency. And notwithstanding all the great labour and pains taken by the Reverend Ministers of the Town of *Boston*, ever since they were first Seized and brought to Town, both before and since their Tryal and Condemnation, to instruct, admonish, preach and pray for them; yet as they led a wicked and vitious life, so to appearance they dyed very obdardately and impenitently, hardened in their Sin.

Boston News-Letter, 3 July 1704

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1763] DIARY OF SAMUEL SEWALL. 111

July, 2^d Lords Day, Madam Paige is buried from her own house, where Mrs. Perry is Tenant, between 6 and 7. p.m. Brevets Lt. Gov^r Povey, Usher; Sewall, Addington; Col. Phillips, Foxcroft, Rings and Scarves. The Tomb was near Messengers. The Gov^r, his Lady and family there. Note. By my Order, the diggers of M^r Pelges Tomb dug a Grave for Lambert, where he was laid in the Old burying place Friday night about midnight near some of his Relations: Body was given to his Widow. Son and others made Suit to me.¹

July, 3, *Feira Secunda*, I read the three first sheets of the Trial of the Pirats. July, 4. Sent David to Cambridge with Joseph's cloths. July 15. *Feira quarta*. Last night very refreshing Thunder shower. Rains this morning. Goe to Cambridge with Mr. Tho. Beadle in Stockman's Calash. Spent the forenoon in the Meetinghouse. Waited on the Gov^r from Dinner Time till the last Question: Then follow'd the Gov^r in. Mr. Gibbs² was holding the last Question. Dr. Duffier³ rose up and in very fluent good Latin ask'd Leave, and made an oration; and then took Leave again with Commendation of the Respondent. Came home with Col. Townsend.

Mr. Dudley⁴ made a good Oration in the morning. men-

¹ They had many occasional Exhortations: The exhortation of the ministers on the scaffold is given, and the prayer of one of them, of considerable length, is reported verbatim. In Captain Quilch's dying speech, there appears one of the legends to which Sewall alludes, though he turned the hypocrites to lawyers "how they brought Mossey into New England to be hang'd for \$17." — *See*.

² We do not know why Lambert should thus have been allowed burial apart from the other pirats. He may have had respectable connections here. — *See*.

³ Perhaps Hezekiah Gibbs, who graduated in 1685. — *See*.

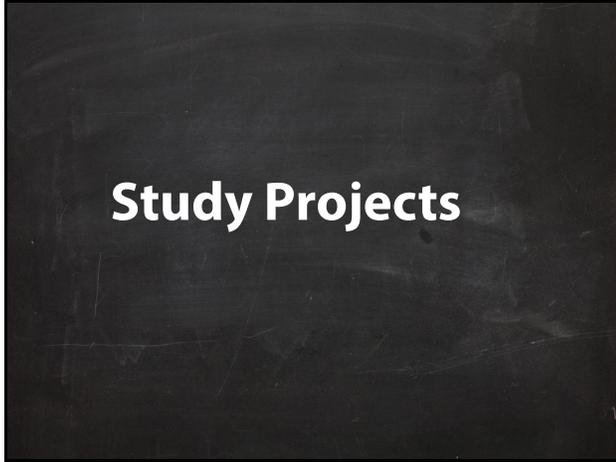
Samuel Sewall's Diary

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King's Chapel Burying Ground

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Great Migration Project Study 1620-1635

JOHN BILLINGTON

ORIGIN: Unknown
MIGRATION: 1620 on *Mayflower*
FIRST RESIDENCE: Plymouth

ESTATE: In the 1623 Plymouth land division John Billington received three acres as a passenger on the *Mayflower* [PCR 12:4]. In the 1627 Plymouth cattle division John Billington Senior, Hellen Billington and Francis Billington were the eleventh through thirteenth persons in the seventh company, and John Billington [Jr.] was the tenth person in the ninth company [PCR 12:11, 12].

BIRTH: By about 1582 based on estimated date of marriage.
DEATH: Hanged September 1630 at Plymouth [Bradford 234; WJ 1:43].
MARRIAGE: By about 1607 Elinor ____; she married (2) between 14 and 21 September 1638 Gregory Armstrong and was living as late as 2 March 1642/3 [MF 5:34].
CHILDREN:

- i JOHN, b. say 1604; d. Plymouth between 22 May 1627 and September 1630.
- ii FRANCIS, b. about 1606 (deposed 10 July 1674 '68 years of

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Great Migration Project Study 1620-1635

ANTHONY MORSE

ORIGIN: Marlborough, Wiltshire.
MIGRATION: 1635 on the *James* (on or about 5 April 1635, "Anthony Morse" and "William Morse," of "Marlborough, shoemakers," were adjacent entries in the passenger list of the *James*, about to set sail from Southampton for New England [Drake's Founders 56]).
FIRST RESIDENCE: Newbury.

OCCUPATION: Shoemaker [Drake's Founders 56]. On 30 March 1669, Percival Lowell and John Webster deposed about an event that took place "near Anthony Morse's shop" [EQC 4:127].
CHURCH MEMBERSHIP: Admission to Newbury church prior to 25 May 1636 implied by freemanhip. In the 1669 dispute between the Rev. Thomas Parker and Mr. Edward Woodman, Anthony Morse took the side of Woodman [EQC 4:359]. As a result, he was fined 13s. 6d. [EQC 4:366-67].
FREEMAN: 25 May 1636 (as "Anthony Morse," third in a sequence of three Newbury men) [MBCR 1:27].

On 31 May 1649, "Anthony Mose of Newbery [was] fined for digging a pit, a child being drowned in it" [EQC 1:168]. On 26 March 1650, "Anthony Mose [was] fined five pounds for digging a pit and not filling it up, whereby a child was drowned. Respited until next court" [EQC 1:188]. On 24 September 1650, "Anthony Mose had part of his fine respited" [EQC 1:200].

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Ipswich Quarterly Court

200 IPSWICH QUARTERLY COURT [Sept.

Humph. Broadstreet and John Broadstreet had their bond of good behavior discharged.

John Heedman and Henry Lenord bound for the former's appearance at the next court at Salem.

Larence Turner attached Henry Lenord, but did not enter the writ. Anthony Mose had part of his fine respitted.

John Tillison fined for his many offences, and bound to good behavior. Tho. Colman and John [Willm.—*Waste Book.*] Tittman, sureties.

[Wit in case of Jo. Tillison: Mr. John Spencer, Nicolas Noice, Richard Browns, Tho. D—— and Robt. Leng, who said that the elders would transgress for a morsel of bread.—*Waste Book.*]

Mr. Henry Sewall fined and to make humble acknowledgment in the church of Rowly in one month and to pay twelve shillings to Math. Boyce.*

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Ipswich Quarterly Court



*Henry Sewell, sr., of Rowley was presented, 10 : 8 mo : 1650, for disturbance in the time of the public ordinances. Wit : Ezekiel Rogers and Lt. Remington. Also presented for doing violence upon the son of William Acey of Rowley and drawing blood. Wit : the mother and sister of the child.

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Ipswich Quarterly Court

Town of Ipswich, presented* for defect in the pound, now made sufficient, was discharged.

Town of Ipswich, presented 10 : 8 : 1650, for defect in the highway,† now mended, was discharged, paying the fees of court.

Martha, wife of Joseph Fowler, fined for lying.‡

Alexander Knight fined for lying. Wit : James How.§

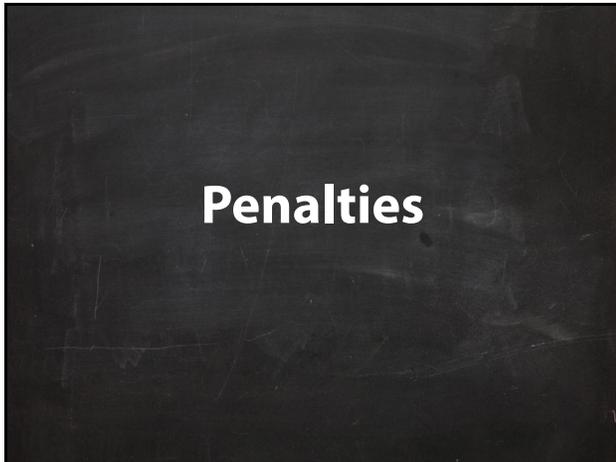
Job Bishop fined or to be whipped for suspicion of fornication.¶

Ed. Gillman, sr., bound to answer his son, John Gillman's presentment. John Gillman was discharged.‡

Frances Uselton fined or to be whipped on his presentment. Jo. Knight promised to pay the fine.**

Theophilus Salter fined for lying in 1650 and 1651, and to acknowledge his offence of encouraging to steal apples.††

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Plymouth Colony Courts 1630s

- **Stealing:** Whipping or Burn on the Shoulder
- **Fornication:** Whipping or sit in the stocks
- **Drunkenness:** Fines or Whipping
- **Tobacco Smoking:** Fines
- **Lord's Day Violations:** Fines or Whipping
- **Lewd behavior:** Whipping or Banishment

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Thomas Lucas of Plymouth

Offences between 1658-1675

- Excessive drinking
- Abusive behavior towards his wife and neighbors at various times.
- Swearing and breaking the King's Peace
- Found at the home of his neighbor's wife on the Lord's Day
"being found drunke att the same time under a hedge, in uncivell and beastly manor"

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Suffolk County Court 1670s

- **Stealing:** Fines, Whipping or Restitution
- **Fornication:** Fines or Whipping
- **Burglary:** Whipping or Branding
- **Drunkenness:** Fines or Whipping
- **Attending a Quaker Meeting:** Fines
- **Runaway Servants:** Fines or Whipping

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Prison Records

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New England Prisons (1700)

- Malefactors are to be convey'd to Prison at their own Charge, if they are able to bear it.
- County Court is to appoint a House of Correction in Every County, and a Master for it
- Selectmen are to provide Materials for Work, the Profit is the Master's, he allowing to the Offenders mean Food, or half what they earn
- Everyone must be whipp'd at his Entrance, under 10 Stripes, and then employ'd by Task till discharg'd

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Researching Crimes and Criminals in Colonial America

Name	Time of arrival	Where sent	What country	Term of time	Expirate	Employed	Other
Nathl Pampjar	May 20 1779	Sgt. Richard Plymouth	1 year	May 20 1780			
John Conolly	25 -	do	Worcester	3 years	25 1781		
Samuel O. Seal	June 19	Sgt. John's Middlesex	1 year	June 19 1780			
Samuel Sample	20	Sgt. Richard Essex	not a term		(Aug 20 1780)		
Michael Keys	do	do	do	3 years	June 20 1781		
Robert Howace	do	do	do	3 years			Apr 20 1781
Samuel Webber	do	do	do	3 years	June 20 1781		
Edward Johnson	Aug 10	Gen. Council Middlesex	not a term		(Aug 20 1780)		
David Barr	Apr 23	Gen. Council Middlesex	7 years	Apr 23 1781			
John West	do	do	do	do			(Aug 20 1780)
Edward Brooks	Aug 20	do	Suffolk	9 months	Nov 20 1780		

Castle Island Prison Records (1785-1798)

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Charlestown State Prison (1805-1930)

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Entries of Convicts received into the STATE PRISON, in										Charlestown, Massachusetts, in the Year 1805.									
Name	Age	Color	Height	Build	Complexion	Hair	Eyes	Markings	Remarks	Where Sent	When Received	When Dismissed	Time of Confinement	Where Employed	When Dismissed	Remarks	Where Employed	When Dismissed	Remarks
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Charlestown Prison Register (1805)

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Salem Witchcraft Trial

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Before the Salem Witchcraft Hysteria

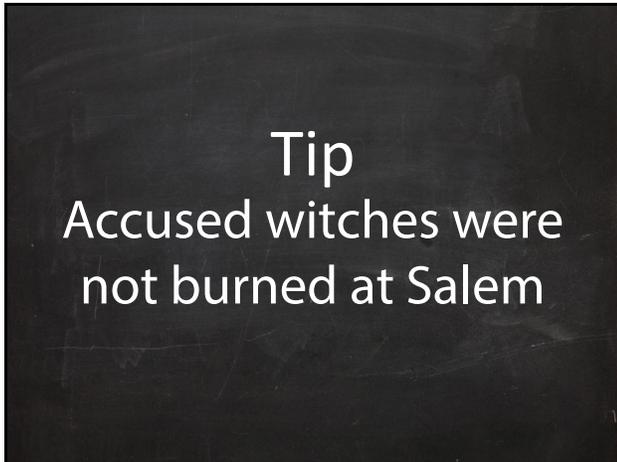
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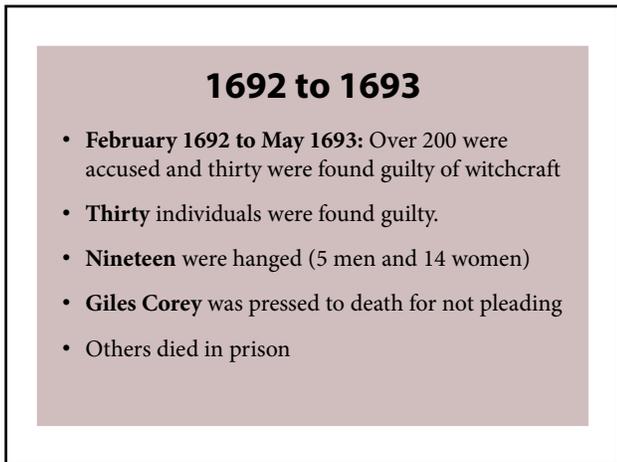
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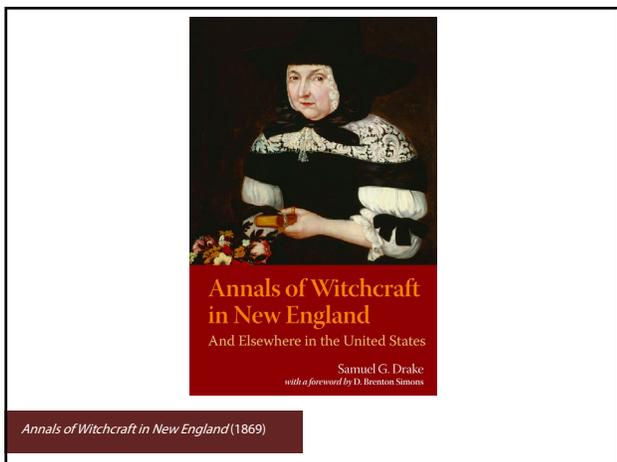
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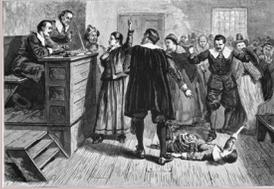


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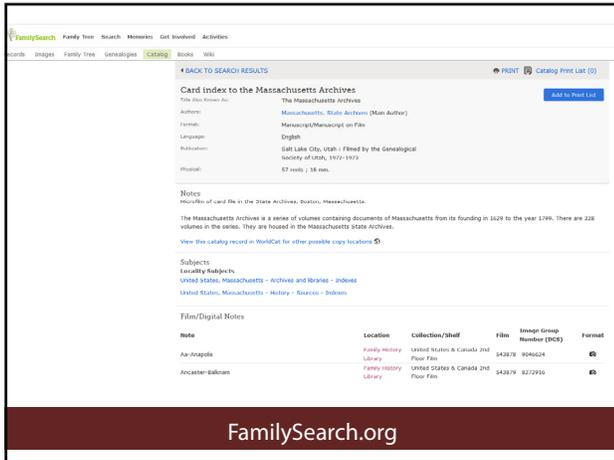
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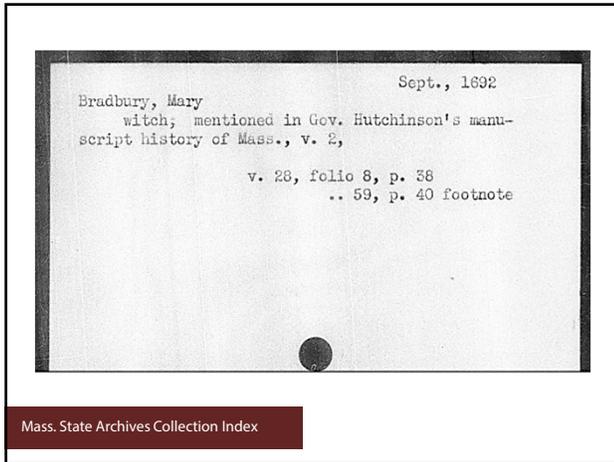
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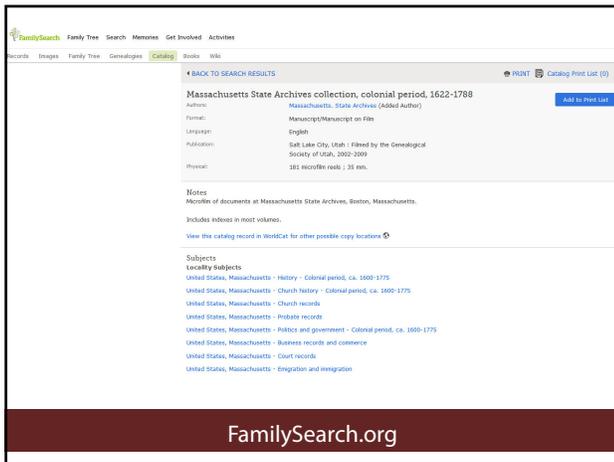
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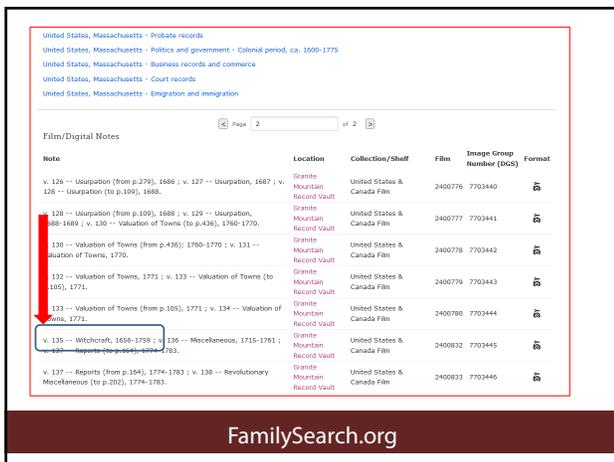
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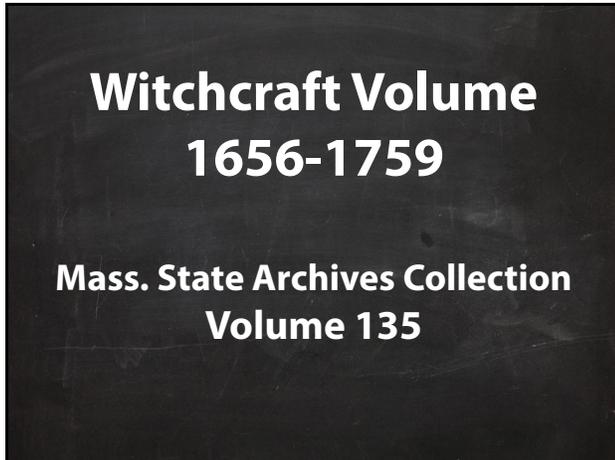
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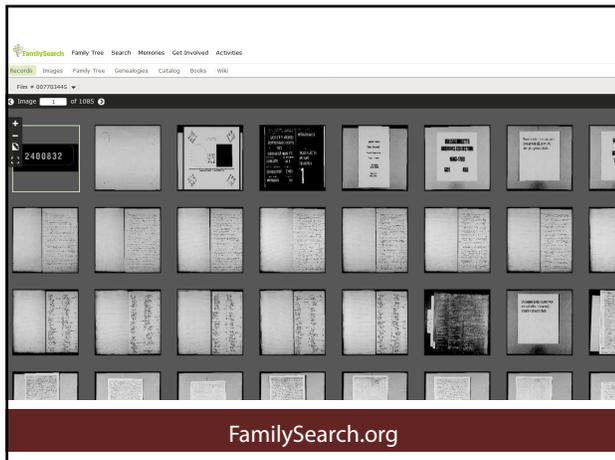
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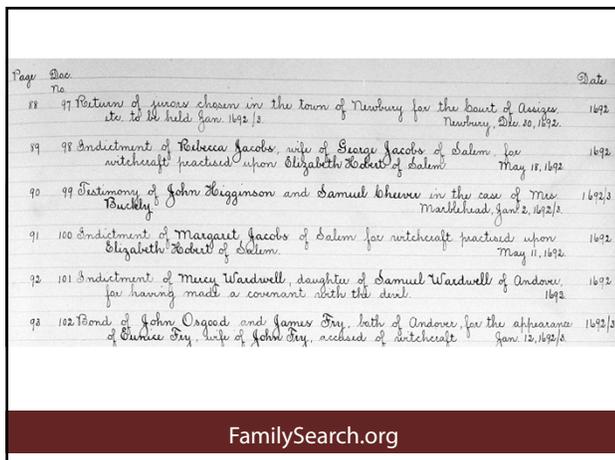
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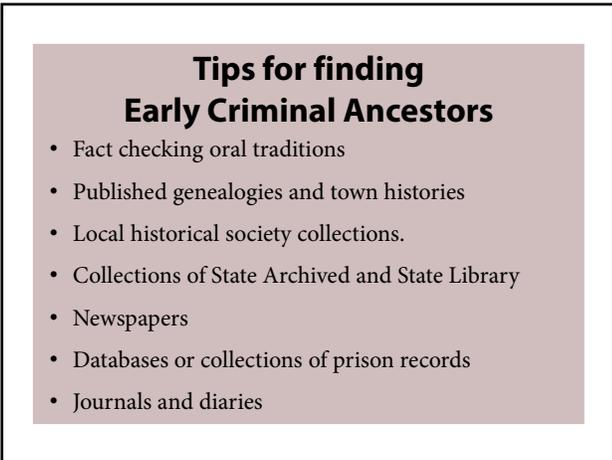
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