

# Building Your Genealogical Skills

## *Class 1: The Basics*

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# Course Overview

## Session 1

### **The Basics:**

Steps, forms, genealogical conventions, sources of genealogical information

## Session 2

### **Researching:**

Research strategies and organizing what you find

## Session 3

### **Analyzing and Beyond:**

Evaluating the evidence and developing genealogical proof

# Session Roadmap

What is Genealogy?



Steps for Researching



Focus on step three: sources

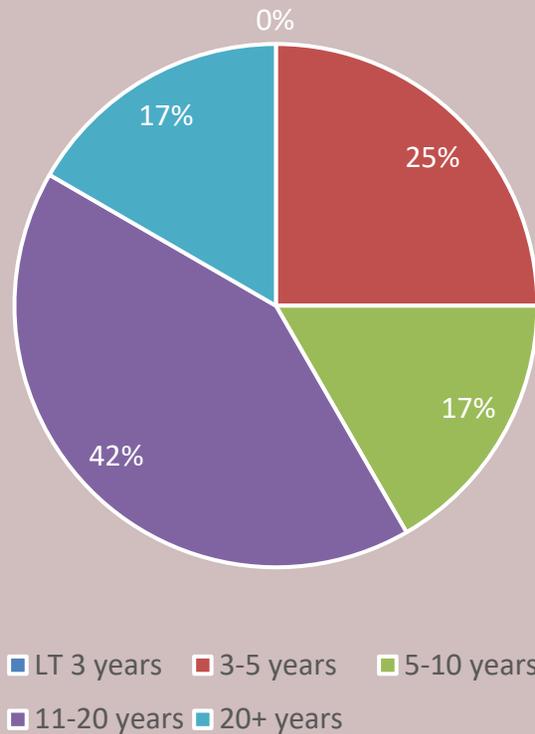


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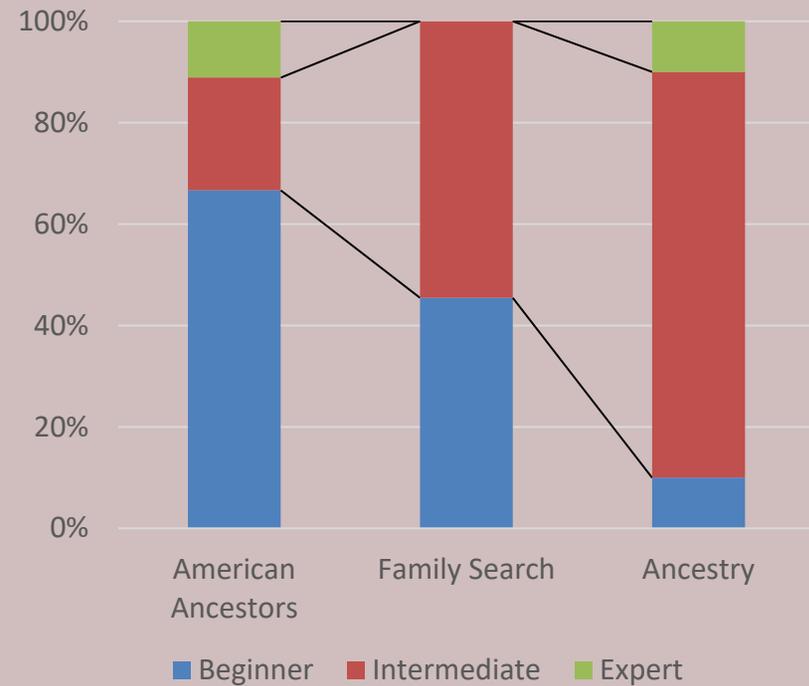
**But first. . .**

# Pre-Course Survey Results

How long have you been researching your family history?



How do you rate your level of experience with genealogical websites?



# Pre-Course Survey Goals

- How to become a better, and more efficient, researcher
- How to organize and keep track of research
- How to make the most of online sources
- Learn how to cite/document sources
- How to breakdown barriers and brick walls
- How to get the most out of in-person visits to archives
- How to find out about actual individuals

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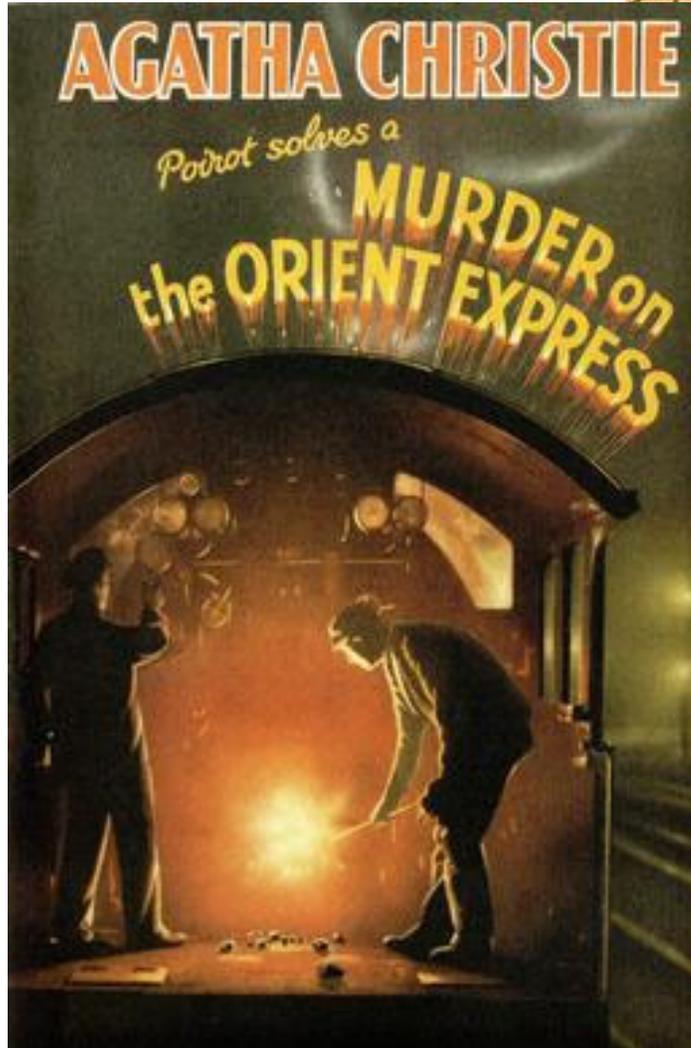
# What is Genealogy?

ge·ne·al·o·gy (jēnē'äləjē)

- Study of our ancestors - our parents, their parents, siblings and so on
- More than names and dates - stories and how our families fit into history
- Stems from ancient Greek
  - *Genea* meaning generation
  - *Logia* meaning telling or discourse or study of

Why should we study our  
Family history?

## Detective Work



OR



**Jigsaw Puzzle**

# Connect to History

- Window into the past – learn about new people and new places
- Connect your family story to notable events in history



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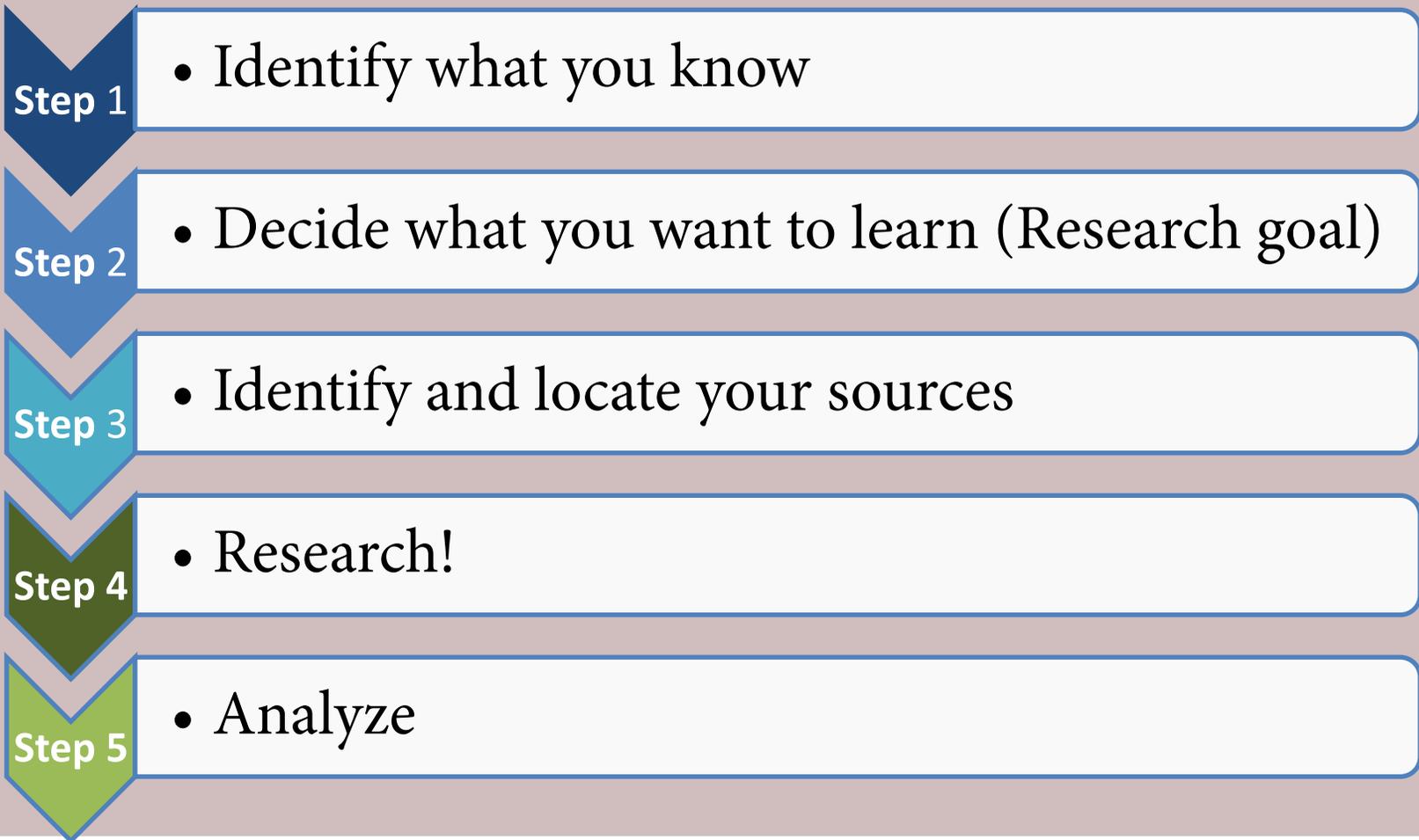
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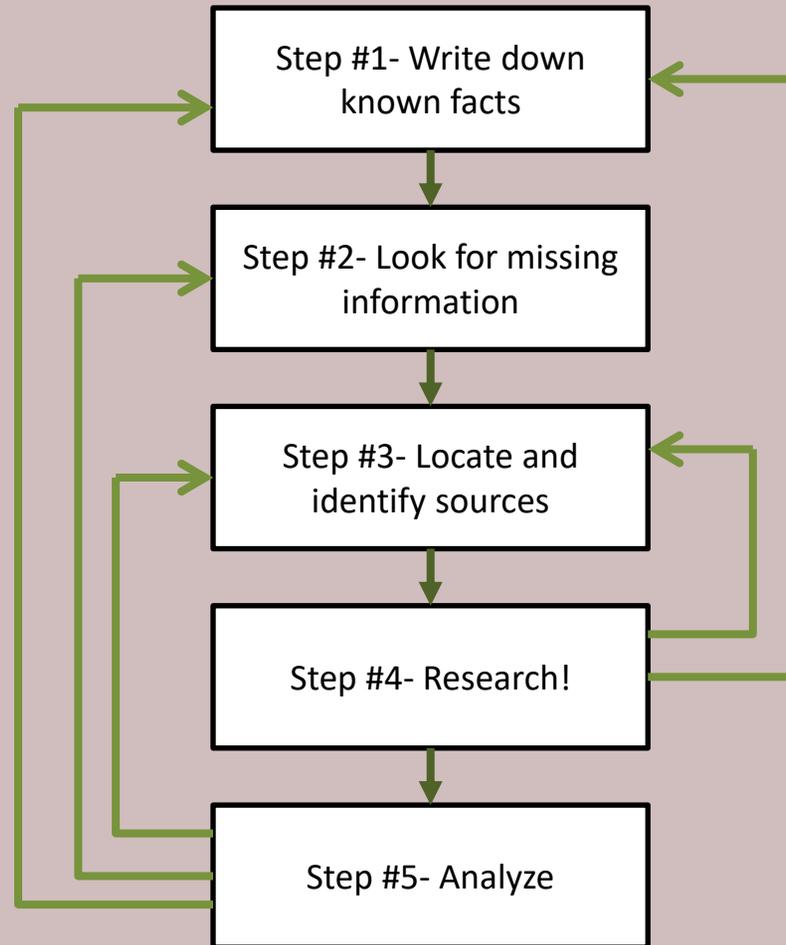
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# Genealogical Research Method

# Steps for Researching Your Family



# Rinse and Repeat



Rule # 1:

Work from the known  
to the unknown

# Step 1: Identify What You Know

- Interview yourself
- Talk to relatives—What do they know? What family stories were they told?
- Record data using a family group sheet, chart, or genealogical software

# Example: Family Interview Questions

- Where did you live when you were growing up?
- How did your family come to live there?
- Were there other family members in the area? What were their names?
- What was your family religion?
- What family stories have you heard about your parents? Your grandparents? More distant relatives?
- What stories have you heard about the European (or other) origins of your family members and their immigration to America?

Rule # 2:

Write It Down

# The Essential Toolkit

- Notebook – paper or Evernote or One Note
- Pedigree chart
- Family Group Sheet
- Research Plan
- Research Log
- Genealogical software program (optional)

Tip

Always Use Pencil!!

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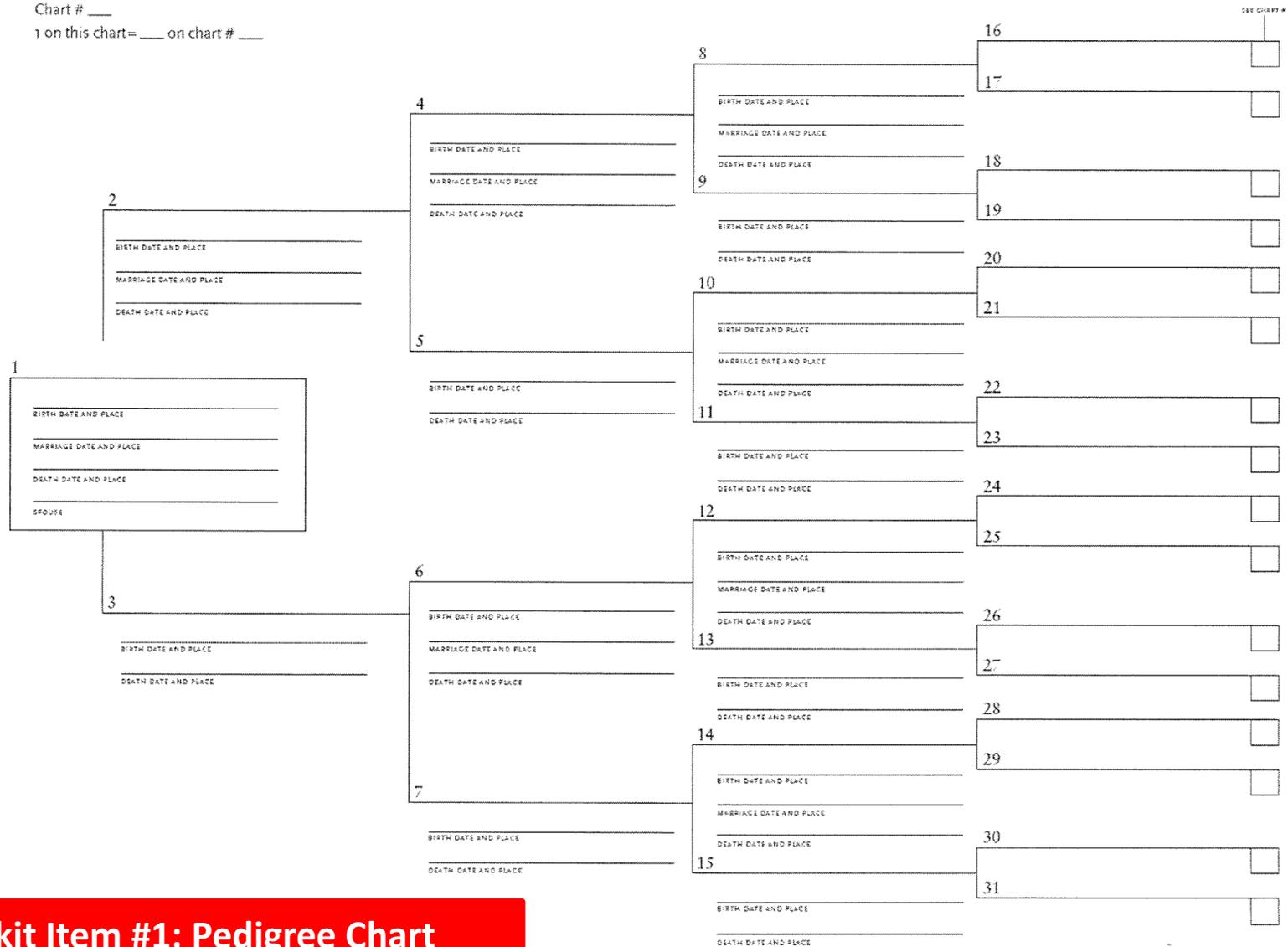
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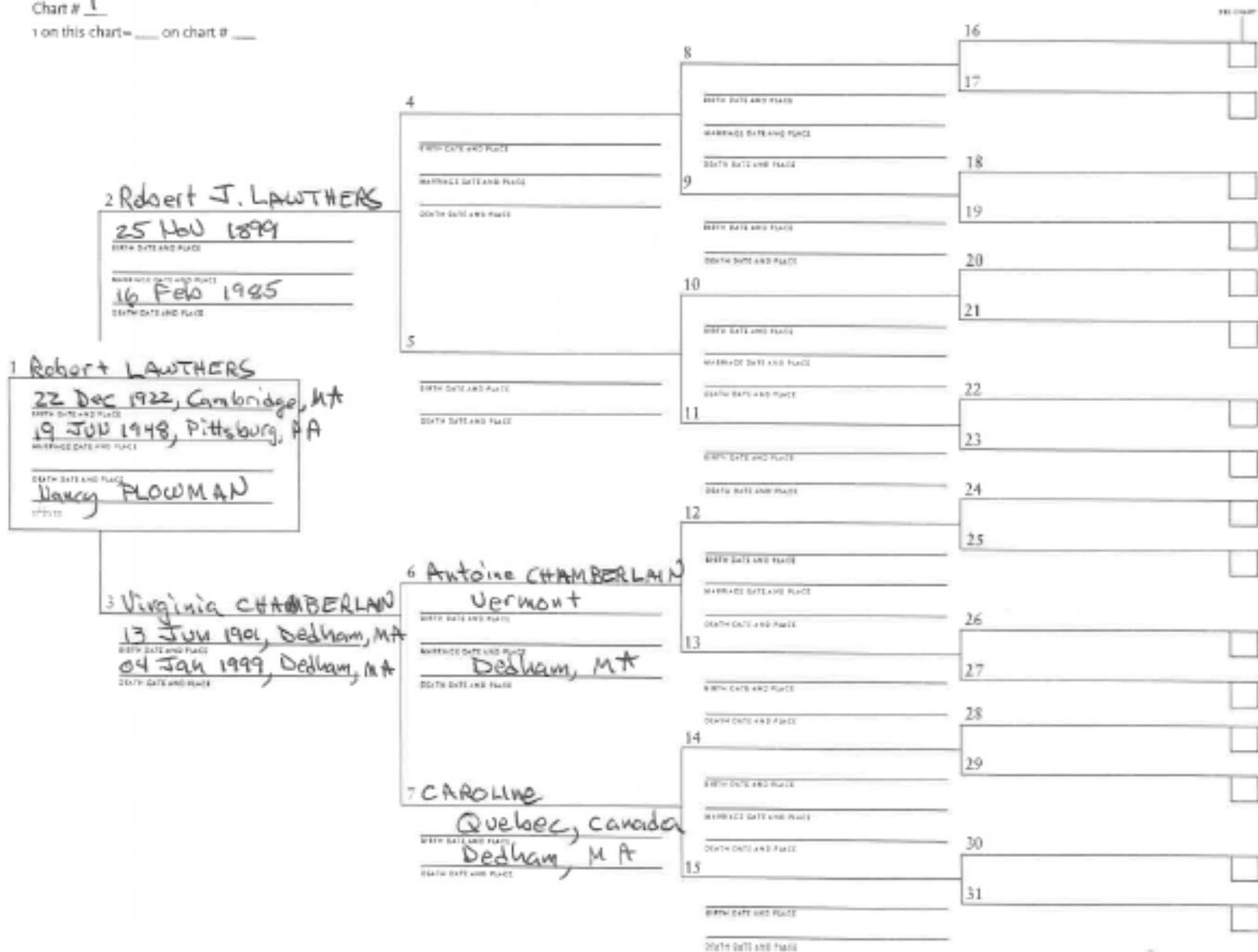


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**Toolkit Item #1: Pedigree Chart**

Chart # 1  
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## Family Group Sheet

Write dates as Day, Month, Year  
example: 1 Jan 1904

<b>Father</b>	Given Name(s)			Last Name	
	Born	Place			
	Died	Place			
	Married	Place			
	Father's Father <i>(first, middle, last)</i> Father's Mother <i>(first, middle, maiden)</i> Other Marriages <i>(first, middle, last)</i>				
<b>Mother</b>	Given Name(s)			Last Name	
	Born	Place			
	Died	Place			
	Mother's Father <i>(first, middle, last)</i> Mother's Mother <i>(first, middle, maiden)</i> Other Marriages <i>(first, middle, last)</i>				
	<b>Child #1</b>	Sex	Given Name(s)		
Born		Place			
Died		Place			
Spouse <i>(first, middle, last)</i>				Place	
Married				Place	
<b>Child #2</b>	Sex	Given Name(s)			Last Name
	Born	Place			
	Died	Place			
	Spouse <i>(first, middle, last)</i>			Place	
	Married			Place	
<b>Child #3</b>	Sex	Given Name(s)			Last Name
	Born	Place			
	Died	Place			
	Spouse <i>(first, middle, last)</i>			Place	
	Married			Place	



## Family Group Sheet

Write dates as Day, Month, Year  
example: 1 Jan 1904

Father <i>(first, middle, last)</i> Mother <i>(first, middle, maiden)</i>					
<b>Child #4</b>	Sex	Given Name(s)			Last Name
	Born	Place			
	Died	Place			
	Spouse <i>(first, middle, maiden)</i>			Place	
	Married			Place	
<b>Child #5</b>	Sex	Given Name(s)			Last Name
	Born	Place			
	Died	Place			
	Spouse <i>(first, middle, maiden)</i>			Place	
	Married			Place	
<b>Child #6</b>	Sex	Given Name(s)			Last Name
	Born	Place			
	Died	Place			
	Spouse <i>(first, middle, last)</i>			Place	
	Married			Place	
<b>Child #7</b>	Sex	Given Name(s)			Last Name
	Born	Place			
	Died	Place			
	Spouse <i>(first, middle, last)</i>			Place	
	Married			Place	
Sources of information					

# Toolkit Item #2: Family Group Sheet



## Family Group Sheet

Write dates as Day, Month, Year  
example: 1 Jan 1904

<b>Father</b>	Given Name(s)	Robert Joseph	Last Name	LAWTHERS
	Born	25 Nov 1899	Place	
	Died	16 Feb 1985	Place	
	Married		Place	
	Father's Father (first, middle, last)	?		
	Father's Mother (first, middle, maiden)	?		
Other Marriages (first, middle, last)				
<b>Mother</b>	Given Name(s)	Virginia	Last Name	CHAMBERLAIN
	Born	13 Jun 1901	Place	Dedham, Norfolk County, MA
	Died	04 Jan 1999	Place	" " " "
	Mother's Father (first, middle, last)	Antoine CHAMBERLAIN		
	Mother's Mother (first, middle, maiden)	Caroline ?		
	Other Marriages (first, middle, last)			
<b>Child #1</b>	Given Name(s)	Robert	Last Name	LAWTHERS
	Born	22 Dec 1922	Place	Cambridge, Middlesex County, MA
	Died		Place	
	Spouse (first, middle, last)	Nancy Carrington FLOWMAN		
	Married	19 Jan 1948	Place	Pittsburgh, PA
<b>Child #2</b>	Given Name(s)	David	Last Name	LAWTHERS
	Born	28 Feb 1927	Place	Boston, Suffolk County, MA
	Died		Place	
	Spouse (first, middle, last)	Paula ?		
	Married		Place	
<b>Child #3</b>	Given Name(s)	Michael	Last Name	LAWTHERS
	Born	20 Aug 1932	Place	Cambridge, Middlesex County, MA
	Died		Place	
	Spouse (first, middle, last)	Sarah Dorian		
	Married	31 Aug 1957	Place	Maine



## Family Group Sheet

Write dates as Day, Month, Year  
example: 1 Jan 1904

<b>Child #4</b>	Given Name(s)		Last Name	
	Born		Place	
	Died		Place	
	Spouse (first, middle, maiden)			
	Married		Place	
<b>Child #5</b>	Given Name(s)		Last Name	
	Born		Place	
	Died		Place	
	Spouse (first, middle, maiden)			
	Married		Place	
<b>Child #6</b>	Given Name(s)		Last Name	
	Born		Place	
	Died		Place	
	Spouse (first, middle, last)			
	Married		Place	
<b>Child #7</b>	Given Name(s)		Last Name	
	Born		Place	
	Died		Place	
	Spouse (first, middle, last)			
	Married		Place	
Sources of information				
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Interview, Robert Lawthers</li> <li>2) "Maine Marriages" - Ancestry (www.ancestry.com); record for Michael Lawthers</li> <li>3) Social Security Death Index</li> </ol>				

# Record the Information As You Go

- Keep a “working draft”
- Use the forms
  - Tree/pedigree chart
    - Pen/paper
    - Online (AncesTREES, Ancestry.com, FamilySearch.org)
    - Software (FamilyTreeMaker, RootsMagic, Legacy Family Tree)
  - Family group sheet
  - Interview form/family questionnaire
  - Save original images/Documents



# Genealogical Recording Conventions: Names

- Write surnames in all CAPITAL LETTERS
- Record a woman with her maiden name
- When the maiden name is unknown use:
  - [--?--] can be used
  - MNU
  - Just the given name

# Genealogical Recording Conventions: Dates

- Records dates as DD-MMM-YYYY  
(e.g. 23 MAR 1823)
- DON'T:
  - Use slash marks: 3/12/1823
  - Use a two-digit year: 3/12/23

# Genealogical Recording Conventions: Places

- Note smallest to largest geographic division (e.g. Orleans, Orange County, Indiana)
- For outside the U.S.:  
townland/parish, county, country
- Be sure to identify counties
- Use a consistent style

## Step 2: Decide What You Want to Learn

- Examine the information you have
- What is missing?
- What individuals or families intrigue you the most?
- Create a list of questions or objectives to research



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Chart # 1  
1 on this chart = \_\_\_\_ on chart # \_\_\_\_

Genealogical chart form with handwritten entries and blue circles highlighting specific fields.

**1 Robert LAWTHERS**  
22 Dec 1922, Cambridge, MA  
19 JUL 1948, Pittsburg, PA  
Nancy FLOWMAN

**2 Robert J. LAWTHERS**  
25 Nov 1899  
16 Feb 1985

**3 Virginia CHAMBERLAN**  
13 Jun 1901, Dedham, MA  
04 Jan 1999, Dedham, MA

**6 Antoine CHAMBERLAN**  
Vermont  
Dedham, MA

**7 CAROLINE**  
Quebec, Canada  
Dedham, MA

Birth, Marriage, and Death date and place fields are present for each individual. Blue circles highlight the birth date and place, marriage date and place, and death date and place for several individuals.

# Typical Genealogical Questions

- Genealogical Data
  - Identity
  - Events
  - Relationships
- For example:
  - Who are the parents?
  - What is the date or place of birth, marriage or death?
  - What is the spouse's name, or maiden name?
  - Who are the siblings?
  - Where did the family come from

# Tip

**Start slowly.** Don't rush to answer all your questions at once.

**Don't skip generations** in planning your research; it only leads to misattributed people.

# Toolkit Item #3: Research Plan

- Research Plan: A roadmap for research
- Basic Components:
  - Good research question
  - What is already known about the question
  - List of potential records
  - List of repositories



Tip

Anchor your research  
to a *Xm̄q̄ i*, a *T̄p̄eḡi* and  
a *R̄eq̄ i*

## Step 3: Identify and Locate Your Sources

- Educate yourself – what types of records will supply the information you need?
- Make a list of records that will aid in your specific research
- Find resources in brick-and-mortar repositories and online repositories
- Map out your plan of action
- Don't forget the “Family Archives!”

# Standard Genealogy Records

- Census
- Vital Records
- Church and Cemetery Records
- Military Records
- Land
- Probate
- Passenger and Immigration Records
- Newspapers
- Counties Histories

# Records

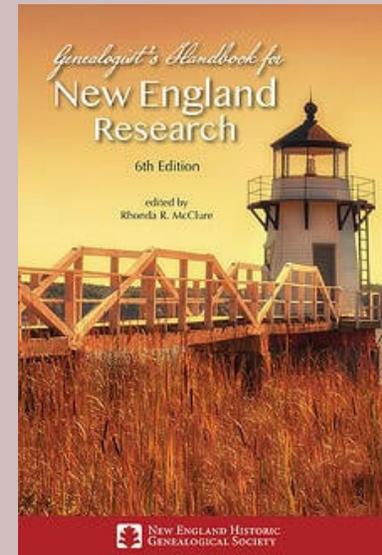
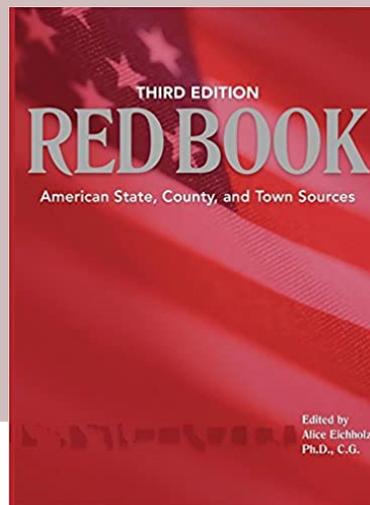
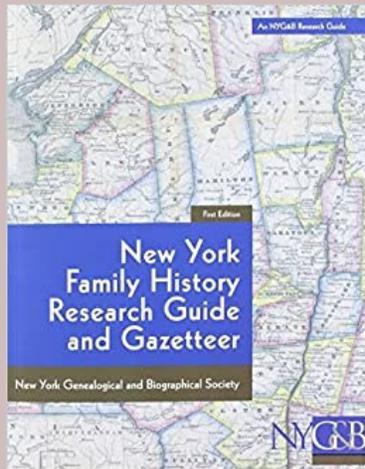
Information Needed	Search These Records First	Then Search These Records
Age	Census, Vital Records, Church Records, Cemeteries	Military Records, Taxation, Bible Records, Town Records, Emigration and Immigration
Birth date and place	Vital Records, Church Records, Census (for place), Town Records	Cemeteries, Bible Records, Newspapers
Marriage date and place	Vital Records, Church Records, Census, Newspapers, Bible Records	Military Records, Probate Records, Naturalization
Death date and place	Vital Records, Church Records, Cemeteries, Probate Records	Newspapers, Bible Records, Military Records, City Directories
Parents' names	Vital Records, Census, Probate Records, Newspapers, Published Genealogies, Local Histories	Emigration and Immigration, Bible Records
Maiden name	Vital Records, Church Records, Newspapers, Bible Records	Cemeteries, Military Records, Probate Records, Town Records

# More Records

Information Needed	Search These Records First	Then Search These Records
Immigration date	Census (year only), Immigration, Naturalization	Newspapers, Biographies
Country of foreign birth	Naturalization Records, Census, Church Records, Vital Records, Emigration and Immigration	Cemeteries, Military Records, Newspapers, Local Histories
Foreign birth location	Vital Records, Emigration and Immigration, Census, Published Genealogies, Local Histories, Naturalization	Newspapers, Church Records, Military Records
Places family has lived	Census, Land, Local Histories, City Directories, Vital Records	Newspapers, Taxation, Military Records, Probate Records

# Use Finding Aids/ Research Guides

- Determine when record-keeping began
- Determine what repositories hold records
- Understand unique record types



# Step 4: Research!

- Begin answering your questions
- General principles
  - Consult multiple sources
  - Gather as many records about a family or individual that you can find
  - Track your work!

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY  
DIVISION OF VITAL STATISTICS

369  
New Bedford  
(City or town)

1 PLACE OF BIRTH  
County of Bristol

City or Town of New Bedford No. 449 Chancery St., 2 Ward  
(If birth occurred in a hospital or institution, give its NAME instead of street and number)

2 FULL NAME OF CHILD Robert Morris (If child is not yet named, make supplemental report, as directed)

3 Sex of Child M 4 Twin, triplet or other? XXXXXX 5 Born alive XXXXXX 6 Date of birth August 27, 1924  
(Answer only in event of plural births) (Month) (Day) (Year)

7 FATHER  
FULL NAME  
8 MOTHER  
PRESENT NAME AND MAIDEN NAME Mary A. Morris

9 RESIDENCE No. \_\_\_\_\_ St. \_\_\_\_\_  
(City or town)

10 RESIDENCE No. Smith Place St. \_\_\_\_\_  
Cohasset, Mass.  
(City or town)

11 COLOR OR RACE \_\_\_\_\_ AGE \_\_\_\_\_ YEARS  
12 COLOR OR RACE W AGE 15 YEARS

13 BIRTHPLACE \_\_\_\_\_ (City or town) (State or country)  
14 BIRTHPLACE Cohasset, Mass. (City or town) (State or country)

15 OCCUPATION \_\_\_\_\_  
16 OCCUPATION Student

17 Signature of Attendant at birth G.G. Pearce Physician  
(Name) (Physician, parent or other, etc)

Address No. 18 Seventh St., New Bedford  
(City or town)

Dated August 29, 1924 Did above-named personally attend the birth? Yes  
(Month) (Day) (Year)

18 Received at office of city or town clerk August 29, 1924  
(Month) (Day) (Year)

19 A true copy. Attest: Rodolphus A. Swan REGISTRAR

# Toolkit Item #4: Research Logs

- Keep track of what you have researched
- Categories of research logs
  - Person
  - Place
  - Family
  - Event
  - Repository
  - General
- What to include on a research log
  - Date of search
  - Source searched
  - Search objective
  - Search string
  - Results of search

# Research Log

## RESEARCH LOG

Repository: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

<b>Source Information</b> <small>(title, author, publisher, publication date, etc.)</small>	<b>Call Number</b> <small>(film number, URL, etc.)</small>	<b>Objective</b>	<b>Results</b>

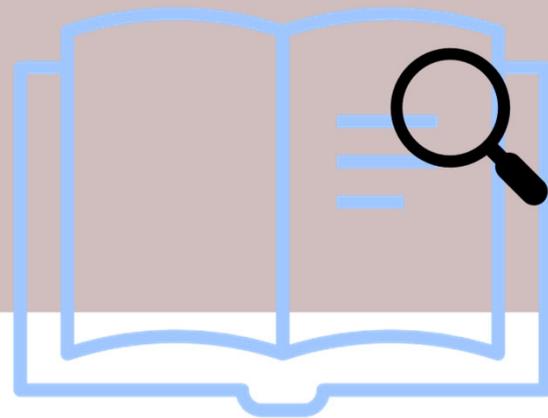


# Excel Spreadsheet

Source	Repository	Objective	Time Period	Location	Type of Record	Finding	Notes	Citation
<b>Vital Records</b>								
<b>Census Records</b>								
1880 U.S. Federal Census	FHL	Crotty Family	1880	Eastchester		James, Elizabeth, Marcella, John, James, Jane, Thomas		"1880 U.S. Federal Census," Eastchester, Westchester, New York, population schedule, ED 95, page 25, family 233, household of James Crotty; online images viewed at <i>Ancestry</i> (ancestry.com : viewed 4 Feb 2008), citing NARA microfilm T9, roll 945.
1850 U.S. Federal Census	FHL	James Crotty	1850	New York		James, Eliza, Ellen	Ellen is 6 mos old, so she was born Feb 1850	"1850 U.S. Federal Census," New York (Ward 17), New York, Population Schedule, Page 274b, household of James Crotley; online image viewed at <i>Ancestry</i> (ancestry.com : viewed 4 Feb 2008) citing NARA microfilm M432, Rool 556
1860 U.S. Federal Census	FHL	James Crotty	1860	Eastchester		James Eliza, Ellen, John, James, Jane, Mary, Ellen	Ellen the elder is 76 years old, born in Ireland	"1860 U.S. Federal Census," Eastchester, Westchester, New York, Population Schedule, Page 89, household of Jas Crotty; online image viewed at <i>Ancestry</i> (ancestry.com : viewed 4 Feb 2008) citing NARA microfilm M653
1870 U.S. Federal Census	FHL	James Crotty	1870	Eastchester		James, Eliza, Marella, John, James, Jane, Thomas	Mary appears to have died	"1860 U.S. Federal Census," Eastchester, Westchester, New York, Population Schedule, Page 276b, household of James Crotty; online image viewed at <i>Ancestry</i> (ancestry.com : viewed 4 Feb 2008) citing NARA microfilm M593, roll 1114
<b>Cemetery Records</b>								
<b>Probate/Wills</b>								
<b>Newspapers</b>								
<b>Published Genealogies</b>								
<b>City Directories</b>								

# Step 5: Analyze

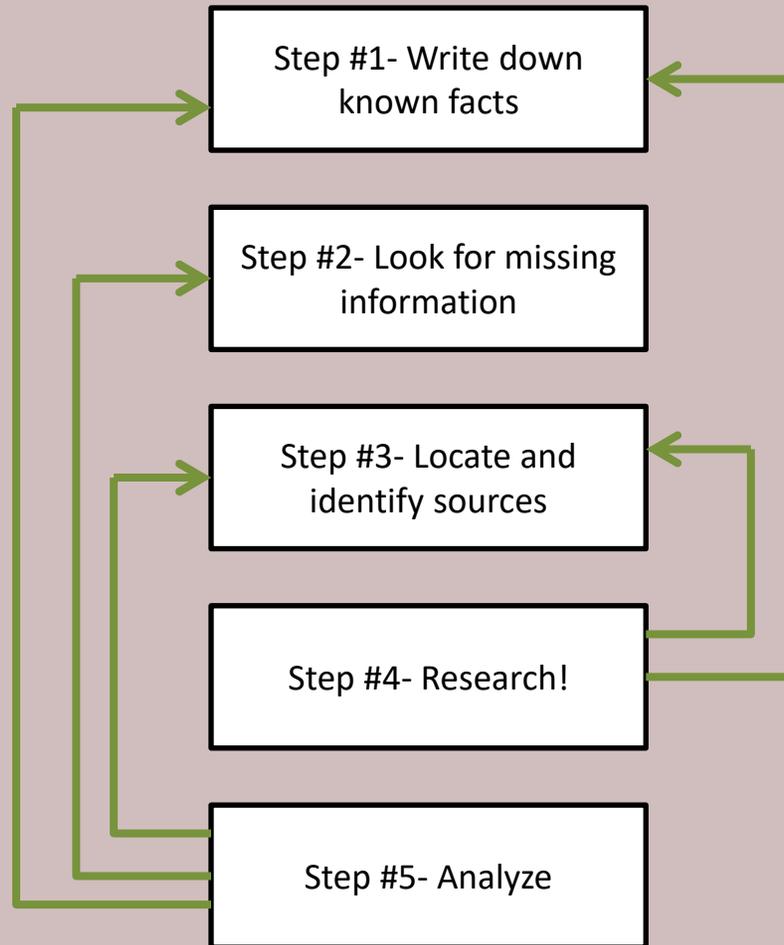
- Don't just read, examine
  - Does the record bring up new questions?
  - How accurate is the record?
  - How accurate is the source?
- Record the information you have
- Record the sources you use



# Principles of Analysis

- Are you looking at a original or derivative source?
- When was the record created, i.e. how soon after the event it is capturing?
- Who created the record? A participant? Someone else?
- Who provided the information?
- Which information is primary (firsthand knowledge) and which is secondary (secondhand knowledge)
- What information do I need to capture for a citation?

# Rinse and Repeat



# Genealogical Proof Standard

- Reasonably exhaustive research
- Complete, accurate citations to the source or sources of each information item
- Tests—through processes of analysis and correlation—of all sources, information items, and evidence
- Resolution of conflicts among evidence items
- A soundly reasoned, coherently written conclusion.

<http://www.bcgcertification.org/resources/standard.html>

# Why Bother With A Proof Standard?

- Guides your evaluation of evidence
- Provides a framework for putting together a credible argument for a genealogical fact, e.g. who are the parents of Jacob Homer?
- Helps you feel secure with your conclusions, especially when your only evidence is indirect.

# Let's Review

1. Rule #1 – Start with what you know and work backwards
2. Rule #2 – Write it down
3. Use the tools: Pedigree Chart, Family Group Sheet, Research Log
4. Be systematic
  - a) Identify what you know
  - b) Decide what you want to learn
  - c) Identify sources
  - d) Research
  - e) Analyze

Questions?

# Session Roadmap

What is Genealogy?



Steps for Researching



Focus on step three: sources



Homework

# A Focus on Step Three

Step 1

- Identify what you know

Step 2

- Decide what you want to learn (Research goal)

Step 3

- Identify and locate your sources

Step 4

- Research!

Step 5

- Analyze

How can we  
locate missing  
information?

Tip

# Educate Yourself About Records and Sources

# Definitions: Sources and Records

- A **source** is a coherent collection of **records** created by a single jurisdiction or a single author for a defined purpose.
- A **record** is that portion of a **source** which pertains to a single event.

Robert Charles Anderson, *Elements of Genealogical Analysis* (Boston: NEHGS, 2014) p. 1

# Sources and Records

Source: US Federal  
Census.

Record ?

Source: Church  
Register.

Record ?

Source:  
Cemetery.

Record ?

Source: County  
Court House.

Record ?

# Key Records for Genealogical Research

- Vital Records
- Vital Record substitutes
  - Church records
  - Cemetery records
  - Newspapers
  - Probate
- Census
- Immigration and naturalization
- Military
- Probate
- Land

# Vital Records



Child's Name *Mary Batchelder*  
 Date of Birth *22<sup>d</sup> of June, 1743*  
 Place of Birth.....  
 Sex *F* Color.....  
 Living or Stillborn.....  
 No. of Child, 1st, 2d, etc.....  
 Father's Name *Nathaniel Batchelder*  
 " Birthplace.....  
 " Color..... Age.....  
 " Residence.....  
 " Occupation.....  
 Mother's Maiden Name *Anna*  
 " Birthplace.....  
 " Color..... Age.....  
 " Occupation.....  
 Name and Address of Physician (or other person) reporting said birth.  
 .....

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

*I hereby certify that the above birth record is a correct transcript as required by Chap. 21, Session Laws, 1905.*

*Horace M. Lane*  
 Clerk of.....  
*Hampton*  
 Date.....  
*Aug. 22, 1906*

BIRTH-FEMALE

Name of Child *Chamberlain, Calista M.* No. *094*  
 Color..... No. of Child of Mother.....  
 Date of Birth *1859* Month *Nov* Day *26*  
 Maiden Name of Mother *Helen*  
 Mother's Birthplace *Nelson - N.H.* Age.....  
 Mother's Residence *Dist. 2*  
 Full Name of Father *Dana Chamberlain*  
 Father's Birthplace *Guilford*  
 Father's Occupation *Farmer* Age.....  
 Condition of Child as to Live or Still Birth  Live  Still  
 If Still Birth the Cause.....  
 Name of Informant.....  
 Town *Brattleboro* Town Clerk.....

## Vital Records – pre 1906

BIRTHS REGISTERED in the town of Brookline for the Year eighteen hundred and ninety-nine.

No.	DATE OF BIRTH.	DATE OF RECORD.	NAME AND SURNAME OF THE CHILD, AND COLOR (if other than white).	SEX AND COLOR (as before)	PLACE OF BIRTH.	NAMES OF PARENTS. (Give MAIDEN name of mother.)	RESIDENCE OF PARENTS.	OCCUPATION OF FATHER.	PLACE OF BIRTH OF FATHER.	PLACE OF BIRTH OF MOTHER.
452	Dec. 9	1899	Mary Howard Waldron	F	26 Winthrop St.	Joseph and Mary Howard	26 Winthrop St.	Mariner	P. S. I.	P. S. I.
453	Dec. 10	1900	Elizabeth Janet Bennett	F	1403 Beacon St.	Wallace and Ethel Bennett	1403 Beacon St.	Druggist	Charlotte, N. C.	Albany, N. Y.
454	Dec. 11		Clark Beaulieu	M	22 Hayes St.	Norman and Alice F. Burt	22 Hayes St.	Lawyer	Savannah, Ga.	Newton
455	Dec. 11		Mary Kamm	F	116 Belmont St.	Geo. W. and Sarah K. Kearn	116 Belmont St.	Fireman	Ireland	Ireland
456	Dec. 13		Catherine Kennedy	F	25 Flora Street	Patrick and Catherine McLaughlin	25 Flora Street	Laborer	Ireland	Ireland
457	Dec. 13	Cor. 402	M. Keegan	F	22 Army Street	James and Louisa Fraser	22 Army Street	Carpenter	Gate Dretton	Kora Scotia
458	Dec. 13		Thomas Francis McManus	M	11 Emerald St.	Terkin and Rosanna Tiernan	11 Emerald St.	Laborer	Ireland	Ireland
459	Dec. 13		Harold Irving Burhouse	M	297 Harvard St.	Edw. W. and Edy May Fox	297 Harvard St.	Salaman	East Boston	East Bradford, Mass.
460	Dec. 14		J. Kelly	F	24 Walter Ave.	Louis and Mary Griffin	24 Walter Ave.	Fireman	Ireland	Ireland
461	Dec. 15		Elizabeth Huntington	F	Tendall Place	Cornelius and Mary Hallane	Tendall Pl.	Bookman	Ireland	Ireland
462	Dec. 15		Coable	F	73 Pearl Street	Thomas and Margaret Murphy	73 Pearl Street	Farmer	Ireland	Ireland
463	Dec. 16		Edward Grosvenor Thorman	M	67 Washington St.	George F. and Sarah Bell	67 Washington St.	Superintendent	Le Sueur, Maine	Turkey, Asia
464	Dec. 18		Thomas Kelly	M	422 Doyleton St.	Thomas and Harriet L. Kelly	422 Doyleton St.	Clerk	Clinton	Boston
465	Dec. 18		Russell Elliot Smith	M	96 Brook Street	Harry E. and Martha Durhan	96 Brook St.	Fireman	Manchester, Mass.	Spurwick
466	Dec. 18		Ellen Walsh	F	44 Ward Road	James and Catherine J. Fox	44 Ward Road	Bookman	Ireland	Ireland
467	Dec. 19	corr.	Thomas Linsley	M	57 Walter Ave.	John and Mary McKeel	57 Walter Ave.	Laborer	Ireland	Ireland
468	Dec. 22		Donohue	F	52 Pearl Street	Patrick and Catherine Moran	52 Pearl St.	Laborer	Ireland	Ireland
469	Dec. 23		Maria Elizabeth Keegan	F	Doyleton Street	John and Mary A. Keegan	Doyleton St.	Fireman	Newton	Ireland
470	Dec. 25		William Christopher Thorman	M	14 Ridgway St.	William and Margaret Hillane	Ridgway St.	Bookman	Ireland	Ireland
471	Dec. 25		Carol Collette	F	Harvard Place	Peter H. and Catherine Quella	Harvard Pl.	Bookman	Portland	Mainfield, N. H.
472	Dec. 25		Richard Huntington	M	297 Doyleton Street	Joseph and Mary F. Richards	297 Doyleton St.	Electrician	Brookline	Charlestown
473	Dec. 25		Thomas	M	18 Beate Street	John and Annie Duff	18 Beate Street	Writer	Ireland	Ireland
474	Dec. 25	corr.	James Louis Smith	F	9 Herquon St.	William and Ann McRister	9 Herquon St.	Painter	England	England
475	Dec. 30		James Duane	M	30 Dover St.	James and Mary Lehmann	30 Dover St.	Merchant	New York	Brooklyn, N. Y.
476	Dec. 30		M. Kormach	M	152 Doyleton St.	John and Catherine	152 Doyleton St.	Architect	Massachusetts	P. S. I.

462	Dec.	15		F	Coable	73 Pearl Street	Thomas and Margaret Murphy	73 Pearl Street		
463	Dec.	16		M	Edward Grosvenor Thorman	67 Washington St.	George F. and Sarah Bell	67 Washington St.		
464	Dec.	18		M	Thomas Kelly	422 Doyleton St.	Thomas and Harriet L. Kelly	422 Doyleton St.		

673 Washington St. Superintendent Le Sueur, Maine. Turkey, Asia

Rev. Daniel of Grafton and Deborah [d. David c.R.] Hall, May 9, 1776.

**GROUT**, Betsy of Westborough and Jonas Gale Jr., Nov. 1, 1795. In Westborough.

Jonathan and Sarah De Wolf, Nov. 13, 1811.

Martha, resident in Shrewsbury, and Charles Roberts, Nov. 27, 1744. In Shrewsbury.\*

**GROVER**, Almira H. [of Richmond, N.H., in int.] and Caleb Chase, Sept. 1, 1840.

**GROSVENOR**, Asa of Pomfret and Hannah Hall, April 24, 1766.\*

Chloe of Pomfret, Ct. and Joseph Hall, int. Sept. 4, 1785.

Rev. Daniel of Grafton and Deborah [d. David c.R.] Hall, May 9, 1776.

Phebe D. and William Newton Jr. of Millbury, int. Aug. 20, 1827.

**GUNN**, Samuel H. of Mendon (s. Justin and Saphronia, a. 20)

# Vital Records Caveats

- Birth, marriage, and death records
- Often provide the names of the individual's parents and/or spouse
- Depending on the state, records may be held on the state, county, and/or town/city level
- Privacy restrictions may limit access

# Vital record substitutes

- VRs are not widely available until late-19<sup>th</sup>/20<sup>th</sup> century records
  - Exceptions: New England, NYC, New Orleans
- Use substitute records when VRs don't exist
  - Church records (baptism, marriage, burial)
  - Cemetery transcriptions and records (birth, death/burial)
  - Newspapers (birth and marriage announcements, obituaries)
  - Probate records (death)



# Church Records

194      RECORDS OF THE OLD SOUTH CHURCH IN BOSTON

- Sarah, of Daniel & Mary Haden
- June 10 Abigail, of Nathan & Mary Foster
- Jeremiah, of Joseph & Sarah Belknap
- Abigail, of Josiah & Abigail Waters
- Ann, of James & Ann, Negroes
- 17 Susanna, of Thomas & Elisabeth Dawes
- July 8 William, of Cary & Mehetabel Harris
- 15 John, of John & Mary Dinsdall
- 22 Benjamin-Belcher, of Isaac & Hannah Casno
- Nathanael, of Josias & Sarah Nottage
- James & Benjamin, of John & Hannah Allen
- 29 Mary, of Josiah & Ann Torrey
- Aug<sup>t</sup> 5 Eleazer, of Reuben & Hannah Higgins
- George, of John & Ruth Roulstone
- 19 Clement, of Joseph & Susanna Jackson
- Aug<sup>t</sup> 26 Mary, of William & Mary Pitman
- Sept<sup>r</sup> 2 Ann, of John & Jane Doane
- Mary, of Silas & Hannah Ivory
- Ann, of Bartholomew & Elisabeth Kenny
- 23 John, of John & Dorcas Brewer
- Joafia, of Prince & Mary Winborn
- 30 Henry, of John & Ann Crumpston
- Oct<sup>r</sup> 7 Charlotte, of Benjamin & Margaret Green
- Baker, Negro Servant to M<sup>r</sup> Joseph Jackson
- 21 Abigail, of Moses & Elisabeth Peck
- 28 Mary, of Robert & Lydia Price
- Peter, of Isaac & Elisabeth Vergoose
- Nov<sup>r</sup> 4 Mary, of Peter & Hannah Roberts
- Susanna, of William & Susanna Breed
- Dec<sup>r</sup> 2 Benjamin, of Isaac & Sarah Walker
- Robert, of William & Rebecca Homes
- 9 Sarah, of Michael & Mary Row
- 16 Daniel, of George & Abigail Hewes
- 30 Moses & Benjamin, of Moses & Mary Eayres

1744/5

- Jan<sup>ry</sup> 6 William, of Abraham & Mehetabel Tuckerman
- 13 Mary, of Luke & Mary Roberts
- 27 Jonathan-Clarke, of Ezekiel & Jane Lewis
- Feb<sup>r</sup> 10 John, of David & Sarah Jeffries
- Feb<sup>r</sup> 10 Sarah, of John & Sarah Hunt
- John Hunt Jun<sup>r</sup>
- Mary, of Samuel & Mary Hallowell
- John, of Thomas & Sarah Foster



## Cemetery and Burial Records

414-3 #291  
St. Mary's Cemetery

West Section

Heffernan.

Saunders, Thomas, born Jan. 10, 1831, died June 3, 1916.

Saunders, Julia Sherman, wife of Thomas, died Sept. 26, 1869.

Clarkin, John, born 1838, died 1882.

Clarkin, Mary McCall, wife of John, born 1837, died 1917.

McCall, Susan, born 1840, died 1910.

McCarthy, Johannah Mulcehy, wife of James, died Nov. 11, 1888 age 43 yrs.

McCarthy, Seven Children.

McMullen, Mary E. born 1872, died 1899.

McMullen, Michael, born 1876, died 1898.

McMullen, Michael, born 1842, died 1911.

McMullen, Mary Moore, wife of Michael, born 1841, died 1911.

Moore, Catherine, born 1844, died 1874.

Moore, John, born 1838, died 1911.

Driscoll, Jeremiah, born 1865, died 1927.

Driscoll, Mary Doyle, wife of Jeremiah, died 1922.

Driscoll, Timothy, born 1858, died 1934.

Driscoll, Mary Enright, wife of William, died Mar. 15, 1881 age 60 yrs.

Farrelly, John J. born Feb. 2, 1855, died Feb. 4, 1925.

Farrelly, Mary D. born Mar. 25, 1858, died Dec. 24, 1926.

Magner, Edward F. born 1869, died 1923.

Sheehan, Daniel, born 1835, died 1919.

Sheehan, Ellen Buckley, wife of Daniel, born 1838, died 1908.

Sheehan, Timothy Francis, son of Daniel & Ellen B. born 1868, died 1871.

Sheehan, Cornelius, son of Daniel & Ellen B. born 1877, died 1878.

Sheehan, Julia A. daughter of Daniel & Ellen B. died May 28, 1925.

Fagan, Bernard, died Sept. 29, 1899 age 74 yrs.

Fagan, Elizabeth, wife of Bernard, died Apr. 12, 1872 age 33 yrs.

Fagan, Ellen, daughter of Bernard & Elizabeth, died Oct. 16, 1872 age 1 yr. 4 mos.



# Census Records

Tip

Use Census to Anchor Your  
Ancestor to a Place and  
Time





SCHEDULE I. Free Inhabitants in the City of Burlington in the County of Red River State of Iowa enumerated by me, on the 5 day of Nov 1850. John Bull Ass't Marshal

1	2	3	4			7	8	9	10 11 12			13
			Age	Sex	Color				Married within the year	Whether deaf and dumb, blind, insane, idiotic, pauper, or convict		
1		Edgar	8	M				Iowa				
2		Stephena	8	F				"				
3		Harriet	2	F				"				
4		George	12	M				"				
5	1461 1520	James Wells	52	M		Laborer v 2000		Pa	v			
6		James	52	M				"	v			
7		George	12	M				Iowa				
8		Mary	7	F				"				
9		Samuel	5	M				"				
10		Caro	2	F				"				
11	1462 1521	Harriet Smith	32	F			100	Ohio	v			
12		William	12	M				Ill	v	6		
13		Angelina	9	F				Iowa		12		
14		Stephen	7	M				"				
15		Stephen Messick	21	M				Ohio	v			
16	1463 1522	James Siffler	30	M		Black v		Iowa	v			
17		Stephen	22	M				Pa	v			
18		Frederick	2	M				Iowa				
19		Harriet	2	F				"				
20		Edwath Kimmerman	11	M				Ohio	v			
21		Shae Baggs	22	M		Lumber v		Ma	v			
22		Rebecca	22	F				Pa	v			
23		Margret Siffler	19	F				"	v			
24		Wright	27	M		Laborer v		Pa	v			
25		Joseph	22	M		Barmer v		Pa	v			
26		Stephena	21	F				"	v			

37		James	8	M				"	v	(1)		
38	1465 1524	Peter B. Bell	41	M		Miller v 3000		Pa	v			
39		Lavinia	29	F				Pa	v			
40		Edisabeth	16	F				Ill	v	(1)		
41		Mary	14	F				Iowa		(1)		
42		Sarah	12	F				Ill	v	(1)		

2-53-80-7  
13-19-11

40		Lavinia	29	F				Ill	v	(1)		
41		Edisabeth	16	F				Iowa		(1)		
42		Mary	14	F				Ill	v	(1)		

2-53-80-7  
13-19-11

# 1850 U.S. Federal Census



# Tips about the census

# Census Taker

- Didn't have to talk to anyone in the house
- Could talk to a neighbor if no one home
- What we view are copies of originals
- Families were not asked to spell their name

# Knowing the Family

- 1790–1840: lists only the name of the head of the household
- 1850–1870: lists everyone in household, but not how they are related

*Generally, can assume people in same household are family*

- 1880–1940: relationships listed

# Using Census Records

- Try and locate the family in each census record, working backwards in to (1940 to 1930 to 1920, etc.)
- Mistakes/errors are relatively common
  - Give leeway when it comes to ages and spellings
- Use occupation to help confirm the identity
- Look at surrounding families as possible relatives and associates
- Blank census forms available from NARA at <https://www.archives.gov/research/genealogy/charts-forms>

# Immigration Records

WOOD & NICHOLS, Notaries Public and Custom House Brokers, 25 Pine Street, adjoining the Custom House, N. Y. Sold by McSpedee & Baker, Stationers, 25 Pine Street, adjoining the Custom House, N. Y.

**DISTRICT OF NEW YORK—PORT OF NEW YORK.**

I, *Samuel Gorton* do solemnly, sincerely and truly *Swear* that the following List or Manifest of Passengers, subscribed with my name, and now delivered by me to the Collector of the Customs for the District of New York, contains, to the best of my knowledge and belief, a just and true account of all the Passengers received on board the *Ship Fidelis* whereof I am Master, from *Liverpool* So help me God. *Samuel Gorton*

Sworn to this *31<sup>st</sup> day of May 1835*  
 Before me *John W. Mitchell* is Master, from *Liverpool* burthen *10* whereof *2* tons.

NAMES	Age		SEX.	OCCUPATION.	The country to which they severally belong.	The country to which they intend to become inhabitants.	Died on the Voyage.
	Years.	Months.					
<i>Robert Gardner</i>	<i>45</i>			<i>Banker</i>	<i>Scotland</i>	<i>England</i>	
<i>Mary Davis</i>	<i>21</i>				<i>Ireland</i>	<i>United States</i>	
<i>Thomas Hunt</i>	<i>30</i>			<i>Farmer</i>			
<i>Susan D<sup>e</sup></i>	<i>30</i>			<i>Wife</i>			
<i>John Stephenson</i>	<i>40</i>			<i>Paint-brush</i>			
<i>Elyza D<sup>e</sup></i>	<i>40</i>			<i>Wife</i>			
<i>James Jefferson</i>	<i>40</i>						
<i>Bartholomew D<sup>e</sup></i>	<i>23</i>						
<i>Charles Heggins</i>	<i>23</i>			<i>Dropper</i>			
<i>John W. Mitchell</i>	<i>23</i>			<i>D<sup>e</sup></i>	<i>Scotland</i>		
<i>James Batty</i>	<i>22</i>			<i>Stone mason</i>	<i>Ireland</i>		
<i>Elyza D<sup>e</sup></i>	<i>21</i>			<i>Wife</i>			
<i>Elyza Bonnerford</i>	<i>20</i>						
<i>William Kolowich</i>	<i>20</i>			<i>Shoemaker</i>			
<i>Arthur Kahan</i>	<i>18</i>			<i>Farmer</i>			
<i>Lyons Colaston</i>	<i>65</i>			<i>Tailor</i>	<i>England</i>		
<i>Jurisa D<sup>e</sup></i>	<i>56</i>			<i>Wife</i>			
<i>Robert D<sup>e</sup></i>	<i>14</i>						
<i>Abraham Harris</i>	<i>16</i>						
<i>Lawrence Dutton</i>	<i>14</i>			<i>Farmer</i>	<i>Ireland</i>		
<i>Margret D<sup>e</sup></i>	<i>30</i>			<i>Servant</i>			
<i>Abraham Longbottom</i>	<i>24</i>			<i>Engineer</i>	<i>England</i>		
<i>John Beard</i>	<i>32</i>			<i>Farmer</i>			
<i>James McCall</i>	<i>31</i>			<i>Wife</i>	<i>Ireland</i>		
<i>Edm. Archdeacon</i>	<i>28</i>						
<i>Samuel W. Lewis</i>	<i>20</i>						

*John W. Mitchell* 23  
*James Batty* 22  
*Elyza D<sup>e</sup>* 21  
*Stone mason Ireland*  
*Wife*

# Ship Passenger Records

C-630

Family Name		Given Name or Names	
CROTTY		JAMES	
Title and Location of Court			
SUPERIOR COURT, NEW YORK COUNTY.			
Date of Naturalization	Volume or Bundle No.	Page No.	Copy of Record No.
MAR 11 1863	126	—	38
Address of Naturalized Person			
FORDHAM WESTCHESTER CO. N.Y.			
Occupation	Birth Date or Age	Former Nationality	
LABORER	—	SEETHER	
Port of Arrival in the United States	Date of Arrival		SIDE
—	—		
Names, Addresses and Occupations of Witnesses To Naturalization			
1	PATRICK CROTTY FORDHAM		✓
2	CONSTABLE WESTCHESTER CO		
		NY	

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TRIPPLICATE  
(To be given to  
declarant)

1509  
No. 33607  
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

DECLARATION OF INTENTION  
(Invalid for all purposes seven years after the date hereof)

COMMONWEALTH of Massachusetts ss: In the Superior Court  
County of Gloucester at Salem, Mass.

I, ARMA MAKI  
 now residing at 68 Blynnan Ave.  
 occupation domestic  
 Sex female, color white, aged 42 years, do declare on oath that my personal description is:  
 color of hair brown, complexion medium, color of eyes grey  
none, height 5 feet 2 inches; weight 150 pounds; visible distinctive marks  
 race Finnish; nationality Finnish  
 I was born in Kangasniemen, Finland, on Dec. 15, 1895  
 I am married. The name of my wife or husband is Emil Maki  
 we were married on Apr. 15, 1916 at Lanesville, Mass.; she or he was  
 born at Sarijardi, Finland, on July 18, 1895  
 at New York, N.Y., on Apr. 15, 1914, entered the United States  
 resides at parts unknown, for permanent residence therein, and now  
 and place of residence of each of said children are as follows: I have 2 children, and the name, date and place of birth,  
Mass.; Ann E. born Nov. 15, 1922 in Salisbury, Mass. Both reside at  
Gloucester, Mass.



...to the prince, potentate, state, or sovereignty of which I may be at the time of admission a citizen or subject; I am not an anarchist; I am not a polygamist nor a believer in the practice of polygamy; and it is my intention in good faith to become a citizen of the United States of America and to reside permanently therein; and I certify that the photograph affixed to the duplicate and triplicate hereof is a likeness of me.  
 I swear (affirm) that the statements I have made and the intentions I have expressed in this declaration of intention subscribed by me are true to the best of my knowledge and belief: So help me God.

Signature of declarant without abbreviation, and date if used  
 Subscribed and sworn to before me in the form of oath shown above in the  
 office of the Clerk of said Court, at Salem, Mass.  
 this 15 day of OCT 15 1938, anno Domini, 19... Certification  
 No. 24125 from the Commissioner of Immigration and Naturalization  
 showing the lawful entry of the declarant for permanent residence on the date  
 stated above, has been received by me. The photograph affixed to the duplicate  
 and triplicate hereof is a likeness of the declarant.

(SEAL) 455 By Clerk of the Court.  
 Deputy Clerk.

Form 2202-1-A  
 U. S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR  
 IMMIGRATION AND NATURALIZATION SERVICE

14-2023  
 U. S. GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE

Naturalization Records – 20<sup>th</sup> c

# Military Records



**REGISTRATION CARD**

SERIAL NUMBER **7827** ORDER NUMBER **A5239**

1 **WARREN** **STINSON** **HOMER**  
(First name) (Middle name) (Last name)

2 PERMANENT HOME ADDRESS:  
**1544 E. 120th Cleveland Cuy Ohio**  
(No.) (Street or R. F. D. No.) (City or town) (County) (State)

Age in Years **18** Date of Birth **March 31 1900**  
(Month) (Day) (Year)

**RACE**

White	Negro	Oriental	Indian	
			Citizen	Non-citizen
5 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	6	7	8	9

**U. S. CITIZEN**      **ALIEN**

Native Born	Naturalized	Citizen by Father's Naturalization B. before Registrant's Majority	Declarant	Non-declarant
10 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	11	12	13	14

15 I, not a citizen of the U. S., of what nation are you a citizen or subject?

16 PRESENT OCCUPATION **Student** EMPLOYER'S NAME **Dartmouth College**

18 PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT OR BUSINESS:  
**Hanover Grafton NH**  
(No.) (Street or R. F. D. No.) (City or town) (County) (State)

19 Name **A. V. CANNON** GUARDIAN  
 NEAREST RELATIVE Address **1412 Williamson Bldg Cleveland Ohio**  
(No.) (Street or R. F. D. No.) (City or town) (County) (State)

I AFFIRM THAT I HAVE VERIFIED ABOVE ANSWERS AND THAT THEY ARE TRUE  
 P. M. G. O. **Warren S. Stinson**  
 Form No. 1 (Red) 63-071 (Registrant's signature or mark) (OVER)

REGISTRAR'S REPORT **84-2-17 C**

**DESCRIPTION OF REGISTRANT**

HEIGHT			BUILD			COLOR OF EYES	COLOR OF HAIR
Tall	Medium	Short	Slender	Medium	Stout		
21	22 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	23	24 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	25	26	Blue	Light

29 Has person lost arm, leg, hand, eye, or is he obviously physically disabled?  
 (Specify.) **None**

30 I certify that my answers are true; that the person registered has read or has had read to him his own answers; that I have witnessed his signature or mark, and that all of his answers of which I have knowledge are true, except as follows:

*Robert S. Blum*  
(Signature of Registrar)

Date of Registration **9/12/18**

LOCAL BOARD  
 FOR DISTRICT No  
 CENTRAL ARMORY  
 CLEVELAND, O.  
 (STAMP OF LOCAL BOARD)

(The stamp of the Local Board having jurisdiction of the area in which the registrant has his permanent home shall be placed in this box.)

63-071 (OVER)

# Military Records – Draft Card

To the Honorable the Senate and House of Representatives  
of the United States of America, in Congress assembled.  
The Petition of Hannah Hampton, of Logan County,  
Kentucky, respectfully represents:

That your Petitioner is the  
Widow of Joel Hampton, who was a soldier in the Revolutionary War  
and died on the 20<sup>th</sup> day of August 1832; that your Petitioner was  
married to her said Husband on the 14<sup>th</sup> of November 1783; that  
she believes her said husband was ignorant of the Pension Laws;  
that as soon as she was informed that there were laws to provide  
for her, she applied to a person to prepare her application, but  
as she never saw that person afterwards she delayed until the  
month of February 1846, when she met with another person who  
prepared her papers and sent them to the Pension Office; that  
your Petitioner believes from conversations of her husband before  
and after their marriage and so short a time after the War, that  
he served several tours of three months each, most probably in  
the Militia; but as your Petitioner never was acquainted with the  
peculiar technicalities of the different terms "Militia", "State Troop",  
"Continental." &c. and as she has no records of dates she cannot

## Military Records - Pension

# Probate and Land

In the name of God amen I Jacob Humer of  
 Frederick County in the province of Maryland, being thro' the abundant mercy  
 and goodness of God, tho weak in body, yet of a sound and perfect understanding  
 and memory do constitute this my Last Will and Testament, that is to say  
 First and principally of all I recommend my Soul into the hands of God  
 (that

that give it, nothing doubting, but at the general resurrection, I shall  
 receive the same again, and as touching my worldly estate, wheresoever it hath  
 pleased God to bless me with in this life, I give and dispose of in the following  
 manner. I first give and bequeath to my two Sons namely, John  
 and Jacob Humer to them and their Heirs forever. All that Tract or parcel  
 of Land called the Runway on peace, containing one hundred and Forty Four  
 acres, and that to be equally divided between them both, as follows, my Son John  
 to have his part adjoining a tract of Land called Turkey Thicket, now in the  
 possession of Henry Knive and my Son Jacob, to have the remainder part, adjoining  
 a tract of Land called Black Walnut Bottom. Also I give and bequeath to  
 my aforesaid two Sons, one other tract of Land called Choyce tho' not yet deeded  
 and I desire the said Land to be deeded as follows, my Son Jacob to have  
 thirty acres adjoining his part of the afo' Runway on peace, and my Son John  
 to have the remainder part let there be more or less, and the money that is  
 to be paid on the afo' Tract of Land called Choyce, I desire my Son John and

Jacob to pay it in equal proportion as the land is deeded. Item I give and  
 bequeath to my Children, Mary, Elizabeth, Eve, John, and Jacob, All my  
 moveable Effects, and that equilly divided amongst them all and

read, published, pronounced and declared  
 by Jacob Humer to be his last Will and  
 Testament, in the presence of Mr. ...  
 Capt. Michael Trinder, George Adams  
 Frederick County January 6. 1778. Then came Jacob Humer and  
 (made)

Probate Records - Will

# Probate Boilerplate

- “In the name of God, Amen I [name] of [County] in [State/Province] being thro’ the abundant mercy and goodness of God, tho weak in body, yet of a sound and perfect understanding and memory do constitute this my Last Will and Testament....”
- “Then came [name 1] and [name 2] the subscribing witnesses to the Last Will and Testament of [name] late of [place name] deceased and made under oath on the Holy Evangels of God that they did see the testor therein named sign and seal this will....”

Seed  
This Indenture made on the first day of November in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and thirty, Between Jacob Hummer of West Salem township in the County of Mercer and Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and Hanna his wife of the one part and Rachel and Hanna their daughters of the other part witnesseth that the said Jacob Hummer and Hanna his wife for and in consideration of the natural love and affection which they have and bear unto their said daughters Rachel and Hanna and for and in consideration of the sum of two dollars lawful money of the United States to them in hand paid by the said Rachel and Hanna their daughters as aforesaid at, or before the enscaling or delivery hereof, do hereby certify, release and confirm, and by these presents do grant, bargain, sell, alien, enjoy, release and confirm unto the said Rachel and Hanna their daughters west ninety two perches to stones thence south forty perches thence by land of Joseph Hummer north eighty seven degrees west thirty seven perches and six tenths of a perch to a post at the publick road thence north along said road towards Greenville thirty seven perches to a oak thence by land of Loutzenhizer south 87 degrees west 52 perches to Hanna Walker south 3 degrees East 7.8 perches to post thence north 18 perches to stones in creek from thence to the Beginning of the said land of Joseph Hummer north eighty seven degrees west 159.5 perches to a post, thence north 3 degrees west 11.8 perches to post thence north 89 degrees East 16 perches to a post thence north 89 degrees East 16 perches to a post thence north 89 degrees East 16 perches to a post thence north 89 degrees East 16 perches to a post

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 in anywise appertaining and the Reversions and Remainders Heirs issues and profits thereof; and also all the estate Right Title interest property claim and demand whatsoever of them the said Jacob Hamme and Hanna his wife excepting as above excepted in Law or equity or otherwise howsoever of in and to the same: To have and to hold the said described tract of land with the exceptions hereditaments and promises hereby granted or mentioned or intended to be with the appertinances unto the said Rachel Hamme & Hanna Hamme their heirs and assigns forever to and for the only proper use benefit and behoof of them the said Rachel Hamme and Hanna Hamme their heirs and assigns forever. And the said Jacob Hamme and Hanna his wife doth Covenant promise and agree to and with the said Rachel Hamme & Hanna Hamme their heirs and assigns forever that they will

(Macedon County) The first day of November in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty personally appeared before me the subscriber a justice of the peace in said County the above named Jacob Hamme and Hanna his wife and acknowledged the above Indenture to be their act and deed and desired the same as such might be recorded according to Law. The said Hanna being of lawful age and by me examined separat and apart from her said husband and made acquainted with the full contents of the foregoing Indenture said she did voluntarily & of her own free will and accord sign seal & at her act and deed deliver the said Indenture without coercion or compulsion of her said husband In Testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal of office at Salem the day above written.

Recorded November 29<sup>th</sup> 1830  
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 Recorded November 29<sup>th</sup> 1830  
 J. M. Reed

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# Other Sources of Information

## Finding Aids

- Published genealogies
- Town and county histories

## Census substitutes

- Tax records
- City directories

## Town records

## And more!

THE THIRD GENERATION

**THE WILLIAM WARD  
GENEALOGY**

THE HISTORY OF  
THE DESCENDANTS OF WILLIAM WARD  
OF SUDBURY, MASS., 1638-1925

BY  
**CHARLES MARTYN**  
Author of  
"The Life of Artemas Ward,  
the first Commander-in-Chief  
of the  
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238. **THOMAS**, born September 7, 1700, married March 29, 1727, **ANNA WILSON** of Lancaster, Mass. At the time of their marriage he was a resident of Shrewsbury and they set up their home in the North Parish.  
CHILDREN: Levi,<sup>2</sup> Amariah, Anna, Solomon, Mary, Sarah.
239. **OBADIAH**, born January 6, 1702, married **ABIGAIL** ———. They lived first in Marlborough, later in Shrewsbury, Mass.  
CHILDREN: Phineas,<sup>2</sup> Abigail, Marshall, Ruth, Jonas, John.
240. **PHEBE**, born September 18, 1704, married June 10, 1729, in Westborough, Mass., **SIMEON WILLARD** of Grafton, Mass.
241. **ABNER**, born March 21, 1708, died July 30, 1750, in Westborough, Mass. He married March 29, 1731, in Westborough, **VASHTI EAGER**.  
CHILDREN: Alpheus,<sup>2</sup> Abner, Sylvanus.
242. **PERSIS**, born April 19, 1713, died October 10, 1746, in Westborough, Mass. She married December 23, 1731, in Westborough, **ELIAZER RICE**. He survived her.  
CHILDREN: Hephzibah,<sup>2</sup> Zerviah, Timothy, Francis.
243. **DAVID**, born September 26, 1714.
82. **OLIVER WARD**,<sup>2</sup> born 1686 in Marlborough, Mass., married February 2, 1709, in Sudbury, Mass., **HANNAH BRIGHAM**, born March 27, 1683, in Marlborough, daughter of John and Sarah Brigham.  
They lived for some years in what is now the westerly part of Northborough, Mass., near the head of "Cold Harbor" meadow, on the place afterwards occupied by Jotham Bartlett. In Massachusetts Archives, 71:454, is his damage claim for a horse wounded in a fight with Indians near Lancaster in August 1708. About 1716 he moved to the section which became Westborough in the following year, as noted also under Increase Ward (76). In 1736 he was a selectman in Grafton, Mass.  
Children, born in Marlborough:  
244. **DINAH**,<sup>4</sup> born December 26, 1709.  
245. **EXPERIENCE**, born September 25, 1711, married April 26, 1733, in Westborough, Mass., **JESSE SMITH** of Lexington, Mass., born April 1, 1711, son of John and Mary Smith.  
246. **THANKFUL**, born May 9, 1713, married January 18, 1736, **ZEBADIAH SMITH**.  
247. **DEBORAH**  
248. **HANNAH** } triplets, born January 15, 1715, died in infancy.  
249. **SARAH**
88. **WILLIAM WARD**,<sup>2</sup> born May 27, 1680, in Marlborough, Mass., died January 9, 1767, in Southborough, Mass. He married (1) **JANE CLEVELAND** of Boston, born about 1681, died April 12, 1745, in Southborough, daughter of Samuel and Jane (Keyes) Cleveland, and granddaughter of Moses Cleveland, from England about 1635.  
He married (2) October 18, 1758, in Westborough, Mass., Mrs. **SARAH SMITH**.  
He was a noted surveyor and was often employed by the proprietors of new townships to lay out their house-lots and subsequent divisions of common lands, thereby becoming a proprietor in many of the new towns, and an extensive landholder. He was, further, awarded 1000

# HISTORY OF MERCER COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA.

ITS PAST AND PRESENT.

INCLUDING

**THE HOMMER FAMILY.**—Jacob Hommer, a native of Germany, and a Revolutionary soldier, was one of the early settlers of West Salem Township. He grew up in Maryland, and was twice married. His first wife was Mary Siler, who bore him three sons and four daughters: John, Joseph, Jacob, Polly, Lena, Susan and Elizabeth. The mother died in Maryland, and he married Mrs. Hannah (Booth) Schaffer, and with two sons, John and Jacob, and his four daughters, by his first marriage, immigrated to Mercer County in 1809 (Joseph remaining in Maryland), where he purchased and settled on a tract of land partly lying within the present limits of Greenville. Two daughters, Hannah and Rachel, were born of his second marriage. His cabin stood on the west side, where Samuel West now lives. The parents both spent the balance of their lives on this farm, upon which they were interred. John, the eldest son, married Catharine Harsh, in Maryland, and after coming to Mercer located at the Big Bend, in Delaware Township, where his father purchased him 100 acres. He died there, and his sons still live on the old homestead.

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1878. They reared eight children: Samuel, Abraham K., John, Maria, Lina, Marvin, Madison and Ann, all residents of the county except Samuel, who lives in Michigan. Abraham K. was reared in his native township, and married June 10, 1836, Mrs. Sarah Smith, nee Lawton, a native of Yorkshire, England, who has borne him five children: Silas, Catharine (wife of Oscar Brockway), Peter, Daniel and Anna S., all living. Politically Mr. Harsh is a staunch Democrat, and one of the oldest native residents of the township.

JACOB HASENPLUG, farmer, post-office Greenville, was born in Centre County, Penn., October 29, 1830. His grandfather, Henry Hasenplug, emigrated from Germany to America during the Revolution, and after the war married a Miss Siebold, of Union County, Penn. His father, Jacob Hasenplug, was born in Union County July 16, 1790, there grew up and married Annie Leichty, a native of the same county. They afterward removed to Centre County, where Jacob operated a tannery and brewery. In the fall of 1834 they removed to West Salem Township, Mercer County, and reared six children: George E., deceased; Elizabeth, wife of Jonathan Showers; Jacob; Maria;

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Joseph, the second son, was born in Maryland May 13, 1791, there learned the shoemaker's trade, and came to West Salem Township about two years after the rest of the family. He married Magdalena Everhart, who was born

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**MASON & HAMLIN'S CABINET ORGANS, 596 Broadway.**  
**THIRTY-THREE HIGHEST PREMIUMS awarded them.** See Advertisement among last pages.

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Clark Catharine, wid. Edward, h 201 W. 25th  
 Clark Catharine, wid. George, h 840 W. 25th  
 Clark Catharine, wid. Isaac J. h 37 Crosby  
 Clark Catharine, wid. Jas. sewing, h r 175 First av.  
 Clark Catharine, wid. Patrick, h 593 Grand  
 Clark Cath. wid. Patrick, washing, h 553 W. 44th  
 Clark Catharine, wid. Richard W. h 120 Cannon  
 Clark Catharine B. school, h 129 W. 45th  
 Clark Charles, bdgh. h 8 Laight  
 Clark Charles, broker, 50 Wall, h 137 Livingston, B'klyn  
 Clark Charles, carpenter, h 75 First  
 Clark Charles, clerk, h 31 W. 14th  
 Clark Charles, driver, h 123 Columbia  
 Clark Charles A. glass, 17 Barclay, h 203 E. 15th  
 Clark Charles A. marshal, Seventh av. c. W. 23d, h 213 Ninth av.  
 Clark Charles E. jeweler, 35 John, h 134 E. 31st  
 Clark Charles H. provins, 143 Elizabeth, h 67 E. 4th  
 Clark Chas. Hallett, 23 Beaver, h 130 Hicks, B'klyn  
 Clark Charles Henry, mer. 170 E. 18th  
 Clark Charles N. calker, h 120 Cannon  
 Clark Charles S. crockery, 417 G'wich  
 Clark Charles S. hats, 118 Nassau, h B'klyn  
 Clark Chas. V. clerk, 36 B'way, h 271 Union, B'klyn  
 Clark Charles W. carman, h 222 W. 18th  
 Clark Charles W. prints, 83 Nassau  
 Clark Christina, wid. John D. milliner, 629 B'way, h 50 King  
 Clark Christopher, liquors, 64 Jackson & 95 Market, h 212 Madison  
 Clark Cornelia G. dressmkr, h 203 W. 40th  
 Clark Cornelius, physician, h 235 E. 30th  
 Clark Cornelius, phanomkr, h 103 E. 19th  
 Clark Cyrus, h 10 E. 41st  
 Clark Daniel, brick, Pier 43 N. E. h 19 King  
 Clark Daniel, smith, h 379 Water  
 Clark Daniel D. carman, h 71 Jane  
 Clark Daniel P. strawgds, 330 B'way, h 444 W. 23d  
 Clark Daniel S. binder, h 133 Third av.  
 Clark Darius, drugs, 149 Chambers, h St. James h.  
 Clark David, carpenter, h 483 E. Houston  
 Clark David, painter, 256 South, h B'klyn  
 Clark David H. butcher, 301 Wash. mkt, h Crook's h.  
 Clark David R. butcher, 215 Wash. mkt, h 261 Seventh  
 Clark David W. furs, 49 Maiden la.  
 Clark Dewitt C. h 25 W. 10th  
 Clark Eaton P. hardware, 207 Bowery, h 321 E. 4th  
 Clark Ebenezer, clerk, h 178 W. 13th  
 CLARK EDEN P. hardware, cutlery, mechanics' tools, paints, oils, glass, &c. 207 Bowery, h 321 E. 4th  
 Clark Edward, (col'd), engineer, h r 240 Delancey

Clark Franklin, seaman, h 148 Hammond  
 Clark Franklin, u. a. a h r 69 Green  
 Clark Frazer, shoemkr, h r 63 Sheriff  
 Clark Frederica I. wid. Isaac, shoes, 30 Bleeker  
 Clark Frederick, clerk, h 169 W. Houston  
 Clark Frederick, furniture, 83 Liberty & r 83 Varick, h N. J.  
 Clark Frederick C. grocer, 60 Broad, h 5 Irving pl. B'klyn  
 Clark Frederick H. dentist, h 23 University pl.  
 Clark Garret D. h 23 Mansfield pl.  
 Clark George, h 102 E. 14th  
 Clark George, blindmkr. h 32 Downing  
 Clark George, editor, 95 Nassau, h 66 President, B'klyn  
 Clark George, grocer, 104 Murray, h 183 Tenth  
 Clark George, liquors, 142 Mercer, h 229 Spring  
 CLARK GEORGE A. & BROTHERS, spool cotton, 88 & 90 Reade, h N. J.  
 Clark George C. agent, h 267 Grand  
 Clark George E. shoes, 43 Cortlandt, h B'klyn  
 Clark George F. u. a. a. h 392 Third  
 Clark George H. hats, 330 B'way, h 85 W. 45th  
 Clark George H. printer, 219 Canal  
 Clark George W. calker, h 350 Third  
 Clark George W. harnessmkr, h 7 Hester  
 Clark George W. rags, 29 Howard, h 314 Bowery  
 Clark George W. sashmkr. h 185 Sixth  
 Clark George W. seaman, h 283 Seventh  
 Clark Gilbert, h 401 E. 16th  
 Clark Harriet L. wid. William, h 210 E. 53d  
 Clark Henry, boots, 2 Cath. sl.  
 Clark Henry, cabinetmkr, h 44 Grand  
 Clark Henry, carpenter, h 19 Fifth  
 Clark Henry, carpenter, h 36 Hester  
 Clark Henry, laborer, h 305 W. 23th  
 Clark Henry, liquors, 189 Laurens  
 Clark Henry (col'd), walter, h r 25 Laurens  
 Clark Henry D. clocks, 325 Hudson, h 209 W. 20th  
 Clark Henry D. engineer, h 399 Eighth av.  
 Clark Henry D. pictures, 325 Hudson  
 Clark Henry E. imp. 123 Doane, h West Point  
 Clark Henry E. produce, 221 W. Wash. mkt, h 141 Christopher  
 Clark Henry H. clerk, h 23 Mansfield pl.  
 Clark Henry I. banker, 63 Wall, h N. J.  
 Clark Henry W. lawyer, 111 B'way  
 Clark Henry W. tailor, 742 B'way, h W. 93d n Fourth av.  
 Clark Home, shoemkr, h r 280 W. 40th  
 Clark Horace F. lawyer, 65 Wall, h 10 E. 22d  
 Clark Hosea F. agent, 51 Cortlandt, h N. J.  
 Clark Hosea H. boatman, h 405 W. 25th  
 Clark Hugh, liquors, 146 Sixth av.

City Directories

1866 NYC Directory

188	Pates 1797	Town	School	Highway	County
	Elisha Alexander	8 10 9	8 10 9	8 10 9	8 10 9
	Beth Symon	3.6	5		2
	Sim Symon	6.0	10.0		1.1
	Elisha Smith	1.0.0	1.8.0		2.1
(207)	Darcia Wright	6.0	10.0	10.0	1.1
	Elijah Stebbins	1.0.0	1.8.0	1.8.0	2.1
(E. Symon)	Jacob Emer	4.2	7.2	7.2	3
	Joseph Clark	7.2	1.0.2	1.0.2	1.3
	Abel Fletcher	11.0	1.6.1	1.6.1	2.1
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	Wm Gibbs				5.7
	Wm Powe				1.3
	Simon Willard				0.3
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	Do <sup>r</sup> : Stevens				0.2.

Cobhy of the Town School Highway & County Tax for the year 1797

Attect Cyrus Shattuck Town Clerk

1798 At a legal meeting held by the inhabitants of the Town of Hinsdale On Tuesday the 13<sup>th</sup> Day of March 1798 at nine O'clock in the forenoon

1 Voted & Chose Hollis Taylor Moderator  
 Voted & Chose Cyrus Shattuck Town Clerk  
 Voted Cyrus Shattuck Edmund Gustin & Beth Hooker Selectmen and Assessors  
 Voted Cyrus Shattuck Town Treasure  
 Voted Elisha Stebbins Dennis Darling Josiah Moore Benj Stone Benj Sanger & Philip Barret Highway Surveyors  
 Voted Nathan Thomas Jr Remembrance Wright Levi Barret Nathaniel Sanger & Josiah Moore Hogrevers

Voted Elded Evans & Stephen Coze Fence Viewers & Field Drivers  
 Voted Benj Sanger Culler of lumber & leader of Weights and measures  
 Voted & Chose Benj Stone & Abraham Wheeler Pything men  
 Turn to next page

Votes for Governor  
 John Taylor Gillman Esq. 24 Votes  
 Votes for Councilor  
 Sam<sup>l</sup> Stevens Esq. 38 Votes  
 Votes for District Senator  
 George Aldridge Esq. 23 Votes  
 Daniel Hawthorne Esq. 17 Votes  
 Votes for County Register  
 Benjamin Bellows Esq. 24 Votes  
 Voted Beth Hooker Representative to Represent 1<sup>st</sup> Town in the Gen<sup>l</sup> Court of New Hampshire the present year  
 Voted that the road leading from Billey Burnams house by Hows Saw mill through Tho<sup>s</sup> Butlers land as has been laid out by 1<sup>st</sup> Town that insted of an Open Road be the 1<sup>st</sup> Butler is to keep good sufficient gate the present year or so long as the Town shall think bet  
 Voted to Raise Fifty pounds for schooling  
 Voted to Raise sixty pound to repair the Highways  
 Voted to raise Forty pounds to Depray Town Charges  
 Voted to give Otis Doolittle seven pounds Fifteen shillings to provide and Take

# Town Records

# Review

1. Key Records include
  - a) Vital Records
  - b) Census Records
  - c) Passenger Records
2. May Need Vital Record Substitutes
  - a) Church Records
  - b) Newspapers
3. Census Substitutes
  - a) City Directories
  - b) Tax Records

# Next Time: Power Online Searching



- Getting the most from the Big Three

# Next Time: How To Organize?

- Organize your research
- Organize your findings
- Organize your files
- Genealogical numbering systems

# Session Roadmap

What is Genealogy?



Steps for Researching



Focus on step three: sources



Homework

# Homework

1. Fill out a 5-generation pedigree chart for your family.
2. Identify three things you would like to know about your family based on your chart.
3. Create three research questions, keeping in mind that good questions are about identity, relationships, or events. Anchor each question to a time and a place and include that information in the question.
4. Complete the table below for the three questions.

Research Question	List <b>THREE</b> different records that <u>may</u> help answer the question	Where will you find the record? (What repository?)
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# QUESTIONS?

**Hire Research Services**

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**Chat with a Genealogist**

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