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## *Class 5: Finding and Utilizing Census Substitutes*

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  - Other substitutes for modern censuses (1850-1950)
- **Q&A (30 mins.)**

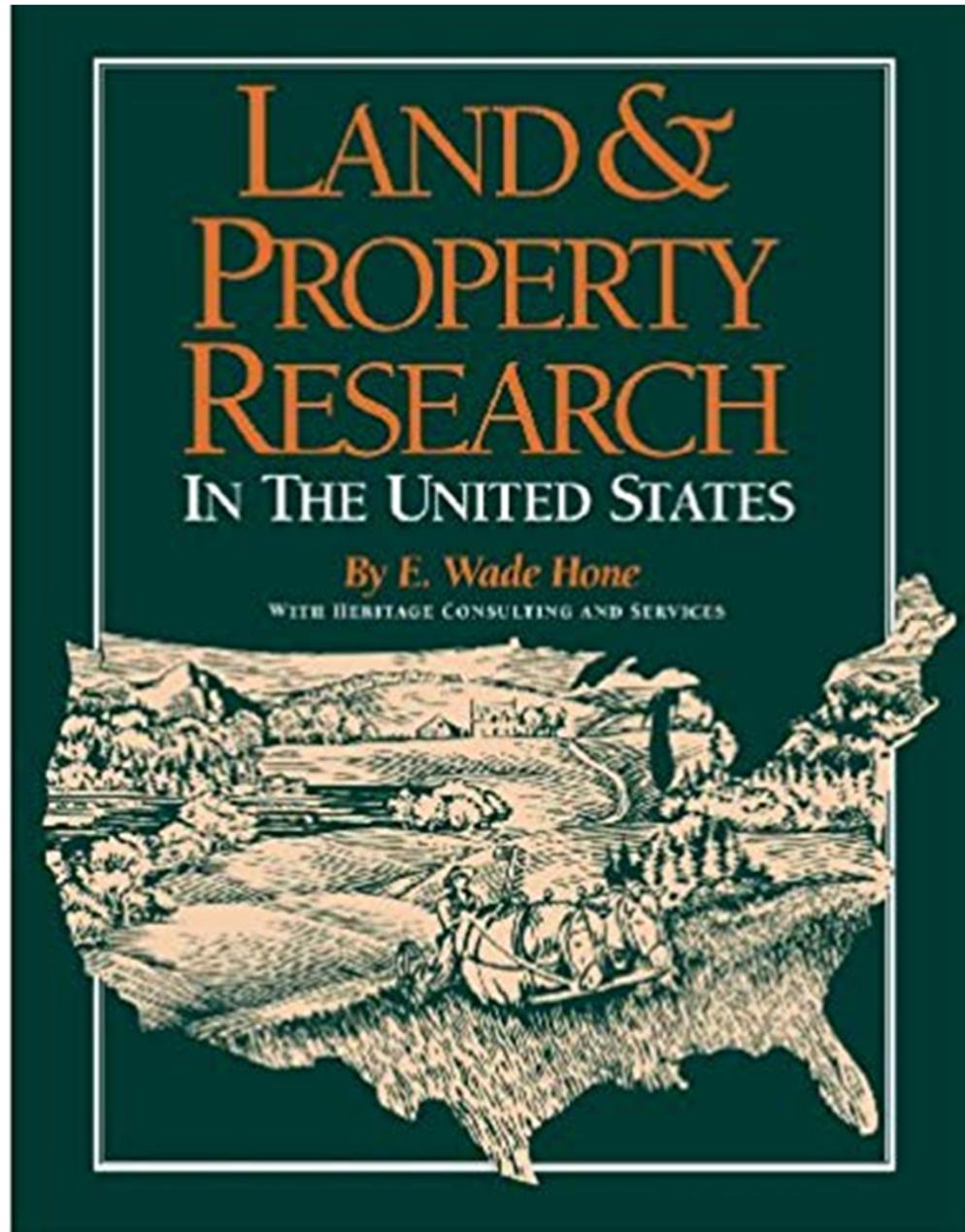


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# The Preeminent Substitute: Land Records



# Local and State Land Records





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### Introduction

The value of land records lies in the fact that land was highly sought after and the transactions were recorded from the time settlers began to arrive. Therefore, they are a consistent and continuous record of many ancestors' lives. Land records can be used to learn where and when an individual lived in certain areas, and often reveal useful and interesting family information.

Illinois was a "federal-land" state, where unclaimed land was surveyed, then granted or sold by the government through federal and state land offices. The first sale of a piece of land from the government was called a land patent and the first owner of the land was called a patentee. Later when the land was sold or mortgaged by private owners the document was called a deed. The transactions were recorded at the office of the county register of deeds. Family history researchers usually use land records from county offices. Records from federal and state offices can also have genealogical value. For detailed descriptions of land record types see [United States Land and Property](#).

If you are new to land research, you may wish to read the Beginner's corner and other articles included on the [United States Land and Property](#) page.

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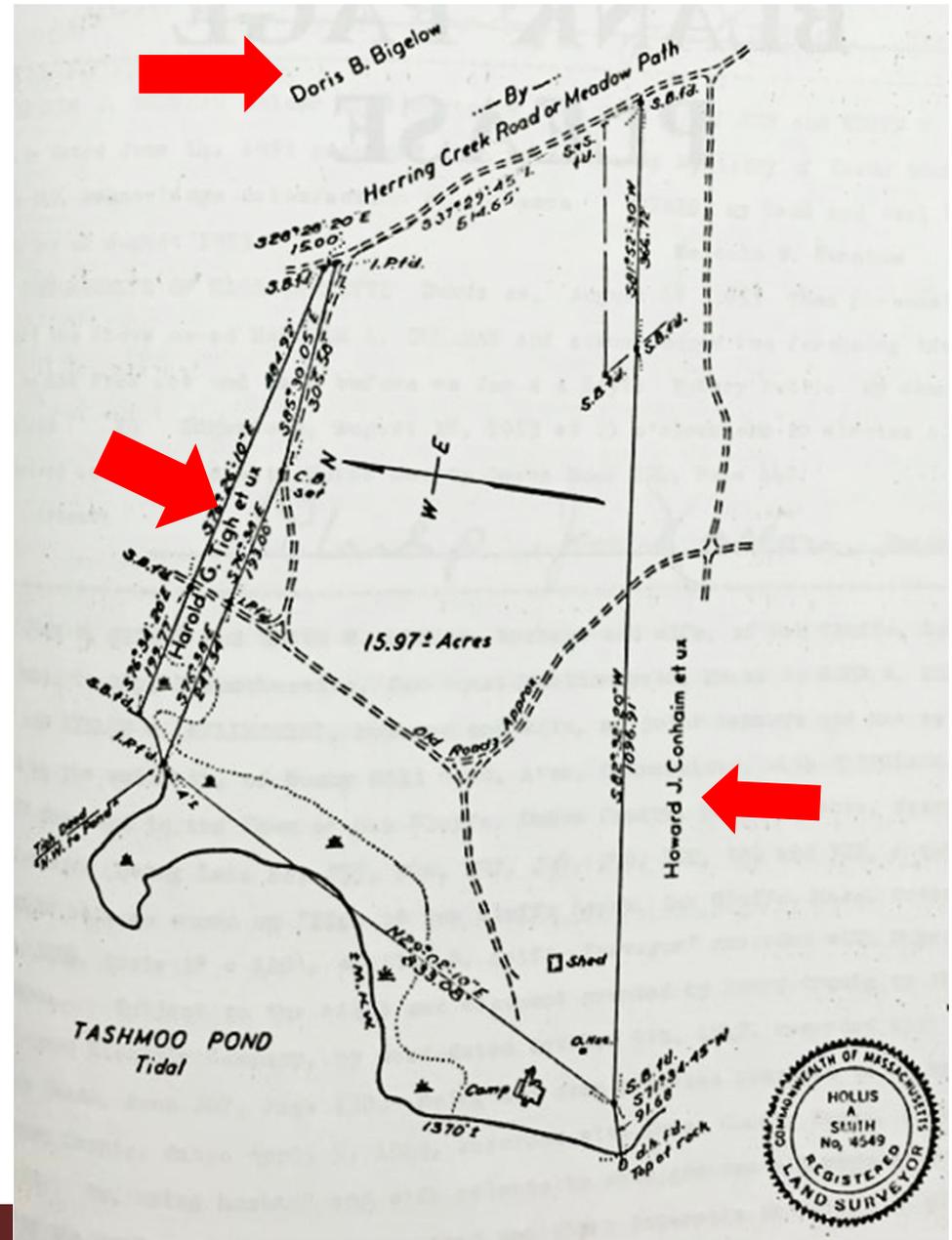
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- Grantor
- Grantee
- Description of land  
(place, lot no.,  
landmarks, etc.)
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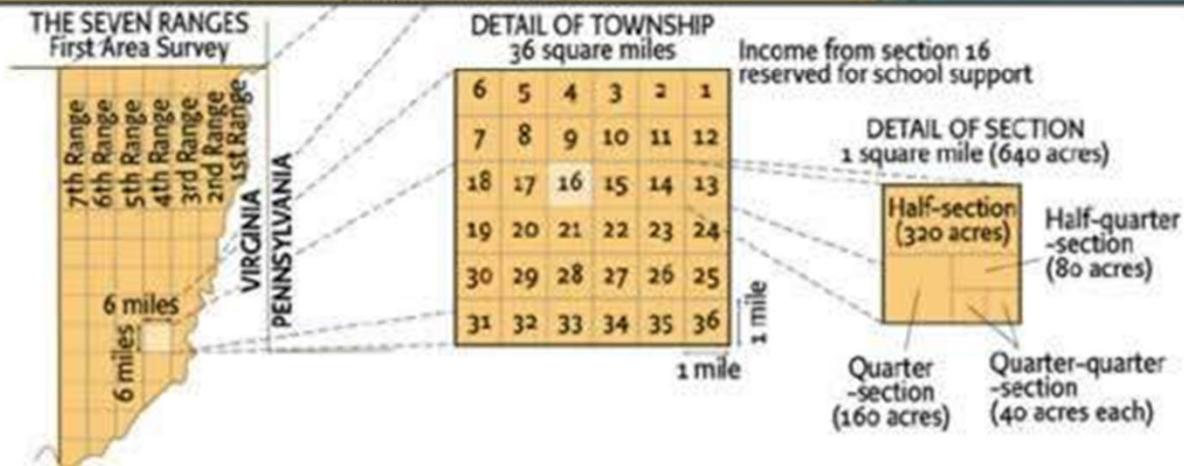
- Previous ownership of your property
- Physical location of property
- Family members
- Neighbors from previous community

**Abutters:**  
Doris B. Bigelow  
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Harold J. Conhaim



1963 Birdsall Survey Plan, Dukes County, MA

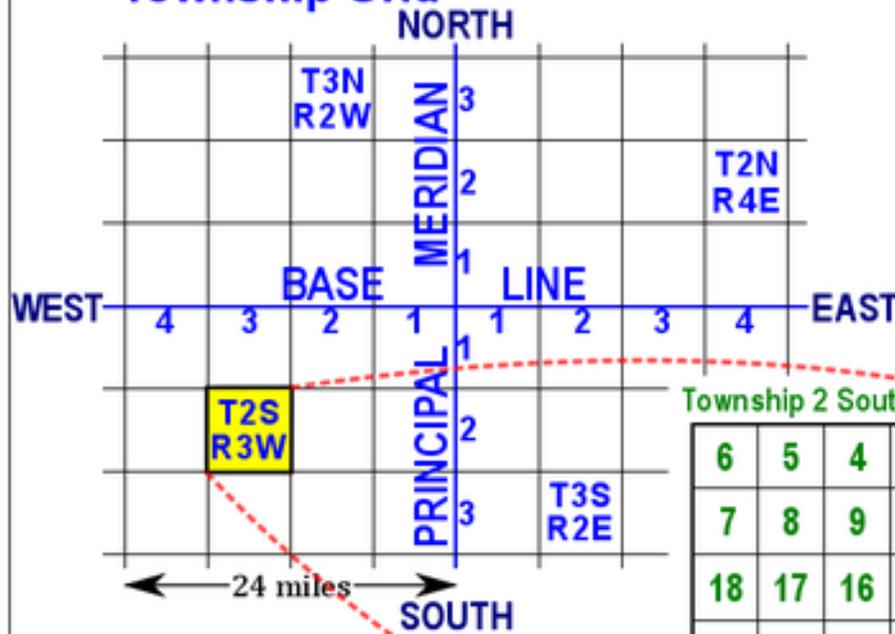
# Federal Lands



Map of the Northwest Territory, including a depiction of the Township system

# CONGRESSIONAL TOWNSHIP RECTANGULAR SURVEY GRID

## Township Grid



Starting at the *Principal Meridian* and *Base Line* a surveyor marked off the township lines into grids of 36 square miles.

Townships were further divided into sections of one square mile (640 acres). Standard sections were then numbered from 1 to 36.

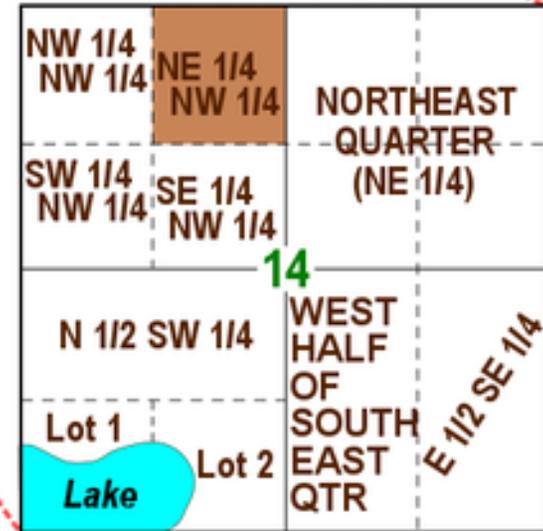
Sections were subdivided into a variety of sizes, most often rectangular in shape.

Township 2 South, Range 3 West

6	5	4	3	2	1
7	8	9	10	11	12
18	17	16	15	Sec. 14	13
19	20	21	22	23	24
30	29	28	27	26	25
31	32	33	34	35	36

6 miles

## SECTION 14



1 mile

*Description.* The land description for the brown property parcel on the right would be written as:  
 "NE1/4NW1/4, Sec.14, T.2 S., R. 3 W."  
 (that is, Northeast quarter of the northwest quarter of Section 14 of Township 2 South, Range 3 West.)

# Government Land Programs

- Donation lands and cash or credit sales
- Homestead grants
- Grants to states
- Grants to railroads and others
- Military bounty lands
- Private land claims

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**Survey Plats and Field Notes**

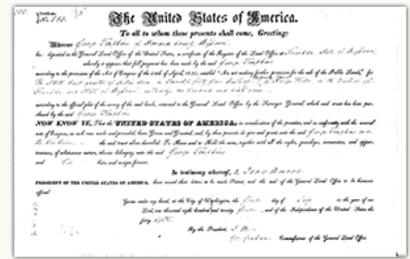
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FIELD NOTES

**Field notes** are the narrative record of the cadastral survey. They are written in





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- Miscellaneous:** Land Office: ----- Any Land Office -----, Issue Date: -- / -- to -- / --, Document #: (empty), Militia: (empty), Indian Allot. #: (empty), Tribe: ----- Any Tribe -----, Survey #: (empty), Geo. Name/ Mining Claim: (empty), Authority: ----- Any Authority -----

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#### Names On Document

[MCDONALD, MICHAEL](#)

Military Rank: ---

#### Miscellaneous Information

Land Office:	<a href="#">Broken Bow</a>
US Reservations:	No
Mineral Reservations:	No
Tribe:	---
Militia:	---
State In Favor Of:	---
Authority:	<a href="#">May 20, 1862: Homestead EntryOriginal (12 Stat. 392)</a>
General Remarks:	---

#### Document Numbers

Document Nr:	<a href="#">647</a>
Misc. Doc. Nr:	<a href="#">14160</a>
BLM Serial Nr:	---
Indian Allot. Nr:	---
Coal Entry. Nr:	---

#### Survey Information

Total Acres:	<a href="#">154.35</a>
Survey Date:	---
Geographic Name:	---
Metes/Bounds:	No

#### Land Descriptions

Map	State	Meridian	Twp - Rng	Aliquots	Section	Survey #	County
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## Entry for Michael McDonald

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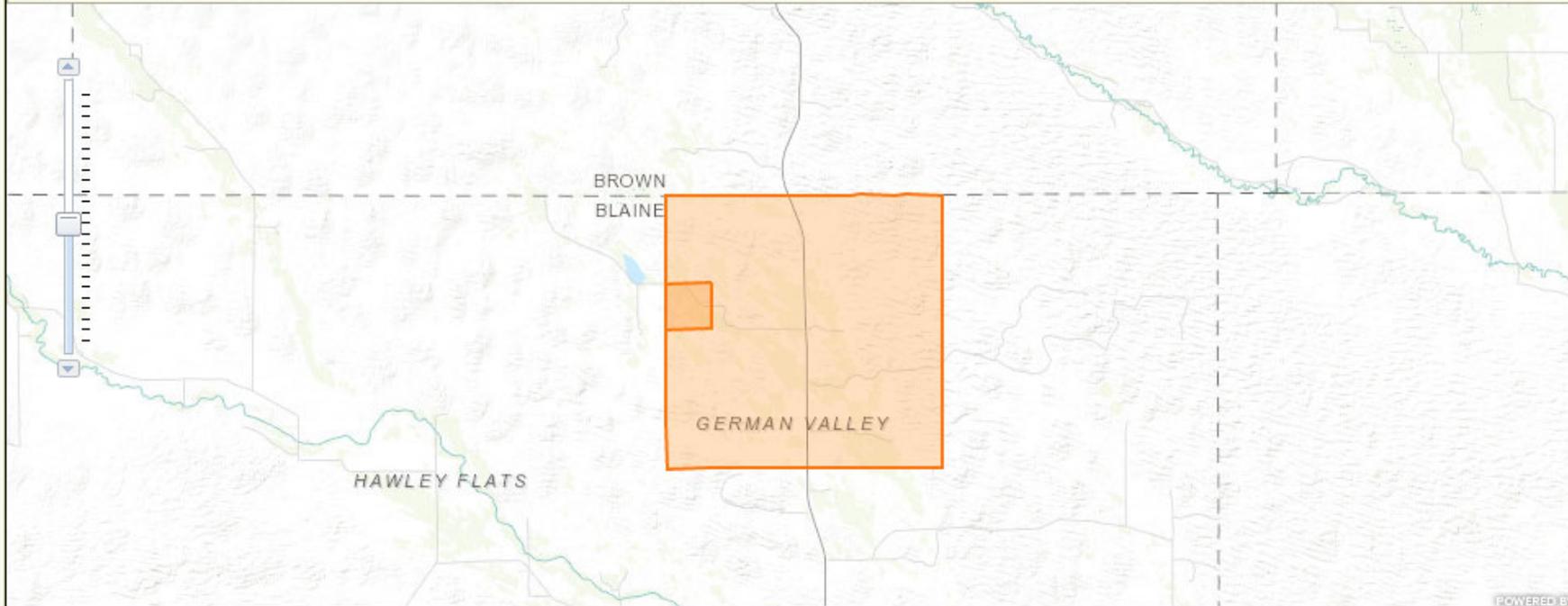
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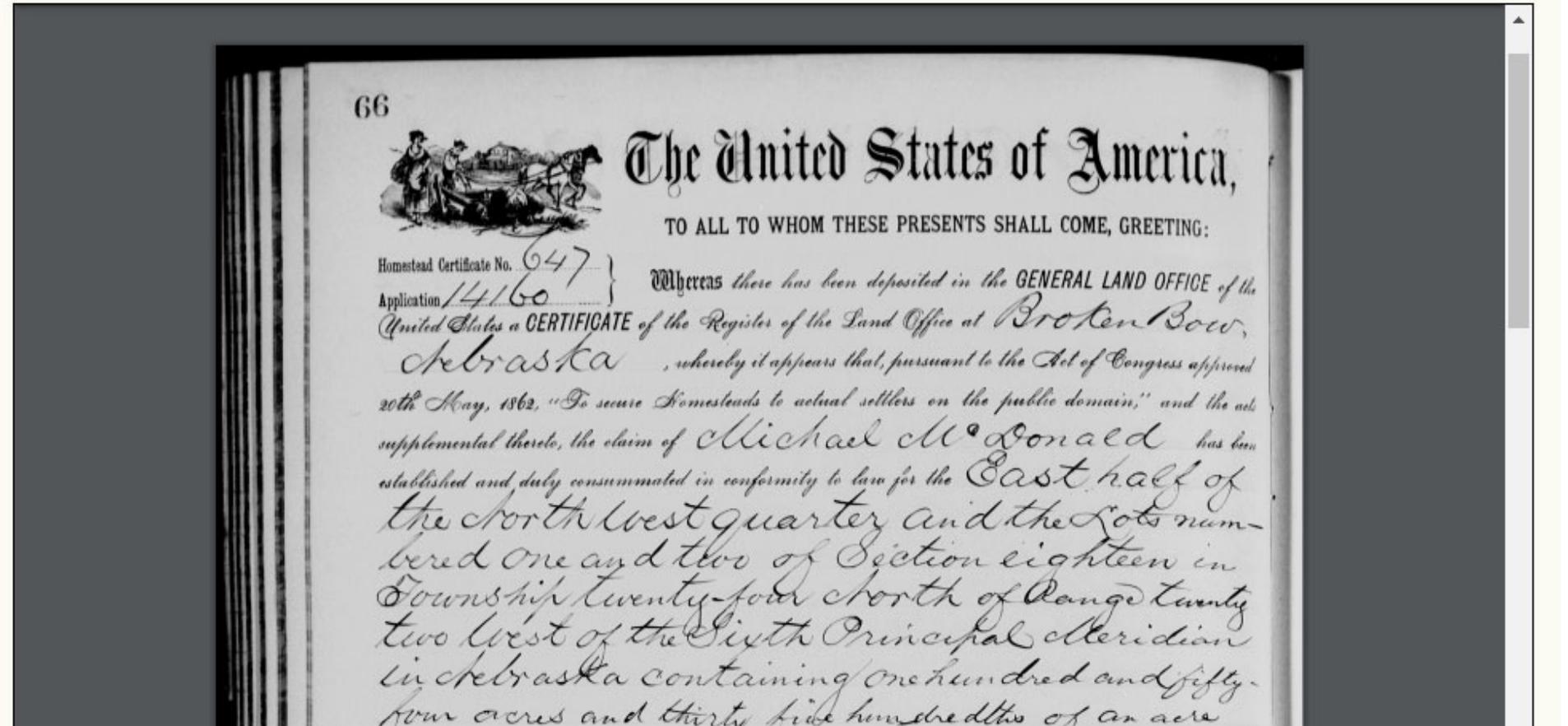
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Homestead Application No. 14160 91. P  
*no conflict July 17, 1895-*  
LAND OFFICE  
AS  
BROKEN BOW, NEB.  
June 13, 1895  
Sect. 18, Town. 24, Range 22  
Div. C, List No. 194  
Approved July 17, 1895-  
L.S.M. Clerk,  
Division "6"  
Entered August 30, 1895  
Recorded, Vol. 3, page 66  
38-1269

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# PROOF OF PUBLICATION.

STATE OF NEBRASKA, 1895.

BLAINE ~~POWNEY~~ P. C. ERICKSON, hereby certify that I am Publisher of the BREWSTER NEWS, a Weekly Newspaper of general circulation, printed and published in Brewster said county and state. And I further certify that the notice, of which the annexed on the margin hereof is a true copy, was published in the regular and entire issue of the said BREWSTER NEWS on

Friday <u>May 3</u> 189 <u>5</u>	Friday <u>May 24</u> 189 <u>5</u>
Friday <u>   10</u> 189 <u>5</u>	Friday <u>   31</u> 189 <u>5</u>
Friday <u>   17</u> 189 <u>5</u>	Friday <u>June 7</u> 189 <u>5</u>

P. C. Erickson

Subscribed and sworn to before me

this 8 day of June 1895  
E. B. Smith *commissioner*

LAND OFFICE at Broken Bow Nebr.  
April 26th 1895.

Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of a claim, and that said proof will be made before Clerk of Dist Court at Brewster Neb on June 8 1895 viz:

MICHAEL McDONALD.

Ed Entry No 14180 for the  $\frac{1}{4}$  NW $\frac{1}{4}$  lots and 2 sec 18 to 21 N R 22 W.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of, said land, viz:

Michael Westoverton, Thomas Pauther and Fred Schipperdt of Brewster Nebraska; Michael McCormick, of Hawley.

CHARLES H. ADAMS.  
Register.

First issue May 3

I, Charles H. Adams, Register, do hereby certify that a notice, a printed copy of which is hereto attached, was by me posted in a conspicuous place in my office for a period of thirty days, I having first posted said notice on the 30 day of April, 1895

Chas H. Adams  
Register.

HOMESTEAD PROOF—TESTIMONY OF WITNESS.

Thomas Fetherston, being called as witness in support of the Homestead entry of Michael McDonald for Ed. N. H. Lots 1 & 2, 18-24-22, testifies as follows:

Question 1.—What is your name, age, and post-office address?

Ans. Thomas Fetherston age 52 years P.O. Brewster Neb

Ques. 2.—Are you well acquainted with the claimant in this case and the land embraced in his claim?

Ans. Yes

Ques. 3.—Is said tract within the limits of an incorporated town or selected site of a city or town, or used in any way for trade or business?

Ans. is not

Ques. 4.—State specifically the character of this land—whether it is timber, prairie, grazing, farming, coal, or mineral land.

Ans. Farming & Grazing

Ques. 5.—When did claimant settle upon the homestead and at what date did he establish actual residence thereon?

Ans. About 15<sup>th</sup> day of April 1888 and Established His Residence about first of August 1889

Ques. 6.—Have claimant and family resided continuously on the homestead since first establishing residence thereon? (If settler is unmarried, state the fact.)

Ans. They have. is married man

Ques. 7.—For what period or periods has the settler been absent from the land since making settlement, and for what purpose; and if temporarily absent, did claimant's family reside upon and cultivate the land during such absence?

Ans. About one year working to support His Family Family Residing on and cultivating the land all the time

Ques. 8.—How much of the homestead has the settler cultivated and for how many seasons did he raise crops thereon?

Ans. About 45 acres. Raised crops for 6 years

Ques. 9.—What improvements are on the land and what is their value?

Ans. Frame House 16 x 24 ft stable 80 x 110 ft. Also some well corr. value 600<sup>00</sup> dollars

Ques. 10.—Are there any indications of coal, salines, or minerals of any kind on the homestead? (If so, describe what they are, and state whether the land is more valuable for agricultural than for mineral purposes)

Ans. No Sir

Ques. 11.—Has the claimant mortgaged, sold, or contracted to sell, any portion of said homestead?

Ans. No

Ques. 12.—Are you interested in this claim; and do you think the settler has acted in entire good faith in perfecting this entry?

Ans. Have not. I think he has

(Sign plainly with full christian name)

Thomas Fetherston  
45 of 69 Michael McDonald (Witness)

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing testimony was read to the witness before being subscribed, and was

(4-360.)

## HOMESTEAD PROOF—TESTIMONY OF CLAIMANT.

Michael M<sup>c</sup>Donald, being called as a witness in his own behalf in support of homestead entry, No. 14160, for E 1/2 - N 1/4 - Lots 1 & 2 - Sec 19 - T 24 - R 22 W testifies as follows:

Ques. 1.—What is your name, age, and post-office address?

Ans. Michael M<sup>c</sup>Donald, age 52 years P.O. Brewster, Neb.

Ques. 2.—Are you a native born citizen of the United States, and if so, in what State or Territory were you born?

Ans. Am nat. Kungel Ireland (Curry county)

Ques. 3.—Are you the identical person who made homestead entry, No. 14160, at the North Platte land office on the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of April 1899, and what is the true description of the land now claimed by you?

Ans. It is E 1/2 N 1/4 Lots 1 & 2 Sec 19 - T 24 R 22 W

Ques. 4.—When was your house built on the land and when did you establish actual residence therein? (Describe said house and other improvements which you have placed on the land, giving total value thereof.)

Ans. Built house about 1<sup>st</sup> of April 1894 Established Residence first of August 1894. Value of house 1000.00. Stable 30x40. New barn 12x12. Well & corn mill. Hog pen. corn crib. small shed 6x60.00. Well

Ques. 5.—Of whom does your family consist; and have you and your family resided continuously on the land since first establishing residence thereon? (If unmarried, state the fact.)

Ans. Am married. family wife & three children

Ques. 6.—For what period or periods have you been absent from the homestead since making settlement, and for what purpose; and if temporarily absent, did your family reside upon and cultivate the land during such absence?

Ans. About one year working for my family. Family residing on and improving other cultivated land

Ques. 7.—How much of the land have you cultivated each season and for how many seasons have you raised crops thereon?

Ans. About 40 acres first. 2<sup>nd</sup> year 8 acres. 3<sup>rd</sup> year 15. 4<sup>th</sup> year 10. 5<sup>th</sup> year same.

Ques. 8.—Is your present claim within the limits of an incorporated town or selected site of a city or town, or used in any way for trade and business?

Ans. No

Ques. 9.—What is the character of the land? Is it timber, mountainous, prairie, grazing, or ordinary agricultural land? State its kind and quality, and for what purpose it is most valuable.

Ans. Prairie and farming. most valuable for grazing & farming

Ques. 10.—Are there any indications of coal, salines, or minerals, of any kind, on the land? (If so, describe what they are, and state whether the land is more valuable for agricultural than for mineral purposes.)

Ans. No

Ques. 11.—Have you ever made any other homestead entry? (If so, describe the same.)

Ans. No

Ques. 12.—Have you sold, conveyed, or mortgaged any portion of the land; and if so, to whom and for what purpose?

Ans. No

Ques. 13.—Have you any personal property of any kind elsewhere than on this claim? (If so, describe the same, and state where the same is kept.)

Ans. No

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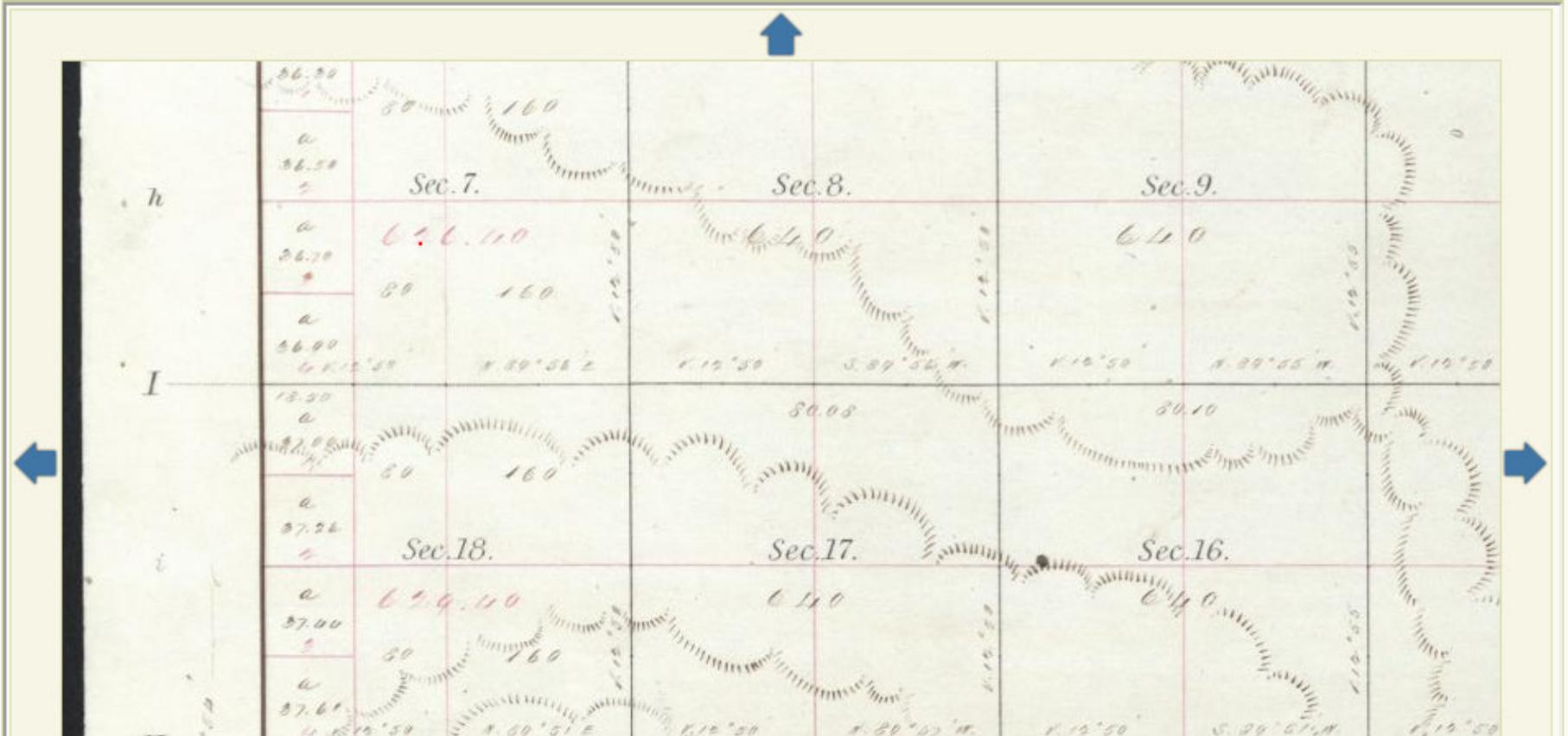
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# QUESTIONS?

# 1790-1840 Census Substitutes

# Federal Census Substitutes

- Tax lists
- Military records
  - Enlistment/muster rolls
- Newspapers
- Church records
  - Witnesses
- Probate records
- Cemetery records
- Local histories and published genealogies
- Vital records

# Tax Lists

# Poll Tax

- Tax levied as a prerequisite to voting
- Massachusetts was the first to enact the poll tax in 1646, followed by New Haven in 1649
- Re-introduced in the South after the Civil War to disenfranchise African Americans from voting
  - "Grandfather clause" for poor white Americans
- Abolished in 1964 when 24th Amendment was passed

# Taxes on Real and Personal Estates

- Tax rolls may detail the type of structures they have on estate (house, farm, mill, etc.)
- Individuals with the same name are often defined
  - Jr. or Sr.
  - Occupation
  - Address/location

Names of Proprietors	Description of real estate	Value of real estate		Value of personal estate	Tax to be paid thereon	
		1799	1800		1799	1800
Samuel Payne	House & Farm	2781		366	3	14
Benjamin Delamater	House & Farm	2393	75	259	2	65
Wm - Denton	do - do	625	62	69		69
Meredith & Budge	do - do	255		64		32
Benjamin Hollister	do - do	3562	50	454	4	1
Benajah Thompson	do - do	225		154		37
Wm & Benjamin	do - do	863	75	612	1	47
Wm - Herricks	do - do	1895		197	6	89
Cyprian Barry	do - do	1862	50	240	2	21
Conrad Bryan	do - do	2150		260	2	38
Cyrus M. & Wm. Masler	do - do	2081	50	175	3	5
Clark Dimes	do - do	584		70		65
Christopher Mosher	do - do	368		32		10
Calvin Dales				60		6
Isabel Denton	do - do	3088	75	211	3	29
Cornelius Nase	do - do	1981	25	156	2	13
Daniel Denton	do - do	3370		401	3	77
David Collier	do - do	6517	50	6012	12	52
David Russell	do - do	1535		328	1	80
David Denton	do - do	3118	75	941	4	5
David Denton	House & Farm	625	62	105	1	30
Dakin Caldwell	do - do	5027	50	257	5	28
David Polman	do - do	1520		210	1	53
Demick Van Dusen	do - do	100		74		17
Elisha Barlow	do - do	3820	75	496	4	32
David Hamlin	do - do	1990		277	2	25
Daniel Mason	do - do	720	75	72		80
Dan Webster	do - do	1135	25	337	1	47
David Russell	do - do	560	75	60		62
David Sambrook	do - do	2329	50	336	2	66
Boylas Clark				126		12
David Hamlin - do				51		5
David Powers	do - do	939		52		99

Names of Proprietors	Description of real estate	Value of real estate		Value of personal estate	Tax to be paid thereon	
		1799	1800		1799	1800
David Morgan				60		6
David Smith	House & Farm	904	25	77	1	6
Daniel Clark	do - do	2201	25	123	2	10
Ebenezer Kinn	do - do	2025		212	2	23
Elijah Smith 2	do - do	2135	50	851	2	98
Ephraim Ford	do - do	975		106	1	6
Ephraim Smith	do - do	1749		132	1	80
Elijah Bryan				210		27
Ebenezer Park	do - do	319				11
Ernest Goodrich	do - do	562	50	80		64
Ethiwal Tjebbs				230		23
Elisha Adams	do - do	1037	50	264	2	10
Ebenezer Warner				50		5
Elias Newell	do - do	1072	75	174	2	14
Ephraim Ford do				565		56
Ethan Goodrich	do - do	2731	25	2950	6	60
Ezra Bryan	do - do	2530		163	2	89
Ezra Clark	do - do	4561		591	5	13
Elihu Payne	do - do	3330		152	3	40
Edmund Butler	do - do	1962	50	846	5	80
Eleathan Tyler				135		13
Elisha Wood				219		21
Edward Pover	do - do	450				45
Ebenezer Yarrington				70		7
Eli Hutchinson				320		32
Elijah Smith 1 <sup>st</sup>	do - do	1962	50	84	2	4
Edward Hyslop	do - do	900				90
Elijah Roe	do - do	1531	25	140	1	67
Ezra Thompson	do - do	1100				110
Elijah Clark				98		7
Ellis Coaner				90		9

New York, Tax Assessment Rolls of Real and Personal Estates, 1799-1804

# IRS Tax Assessment Lists

- 1 Jul 1862 – Bureau of Internal Revenue was created (later renamed to Internal Revenue Service)
- The United States was divided into collection districts
- Two lists created
  - A list of names of individuals subject to taxation who lived in the division
  - A list of names of individuals who lived outside the division but were owners of property in the division

**LIST OF PERSONS** in Division No. One of Collection District No. Four of  
 and the amount thereof as assessed by W. C. Felch,

Assistant Assessors must be particular to enter in this list, under the proper head, the names of parties,

NO. OF LINE.	186 .			DESCRIPTION.		
	DATE.	NAME.	LOCATION.	QUANTITY:	ARTICLE OR OCCUPATION.	RATE.
1		Anthony James	Sacramento		Painting	
2		Arnold Jacob	"	65	Hogs	10
3		Aitken & Co	"		Marble Work	
4		Ames Henry	"		Woods	
5		Armstrong Thos	"		Saddlery	
6		"	"		Shoemaking	
7		Anderson Robt	"		Iron Work	
8		"	"		Shoemaking	
9		Badger Geo W.	"		Auction Sales	
10		Billings E S	"		Soda Water	
11		Breuner Jn	"		Cabinet Work	

U.S. IRS Tax Assessment Lists, 1862-1918  
 (California)

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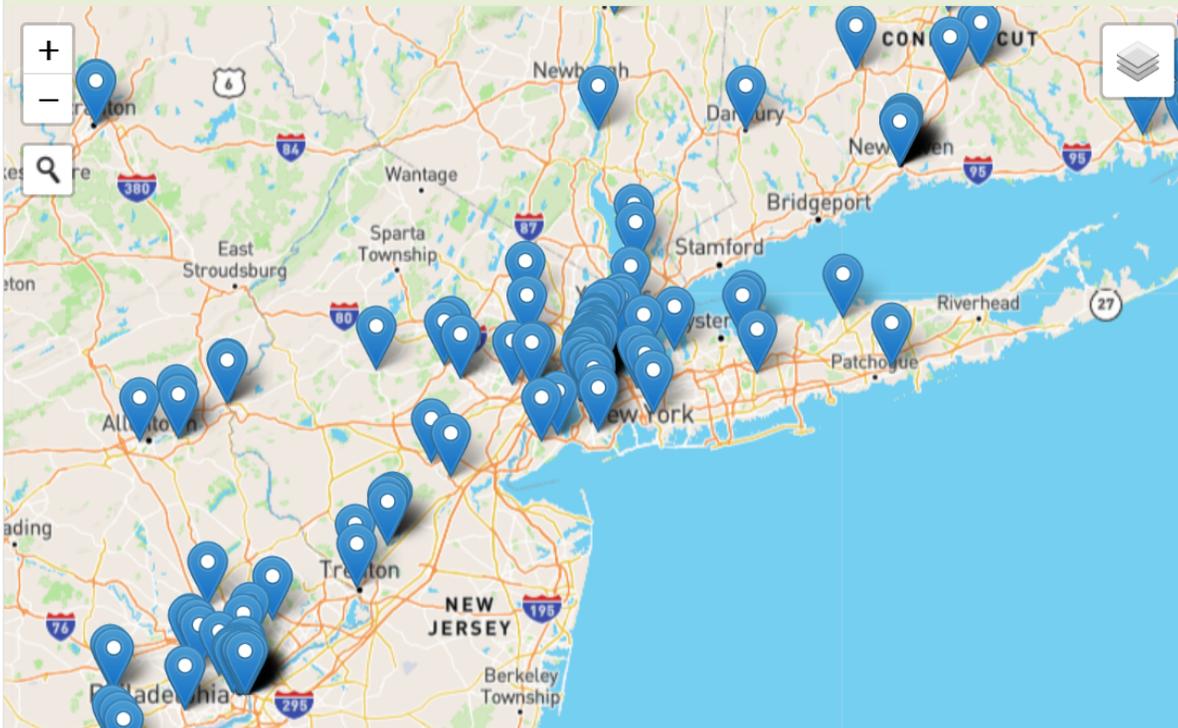
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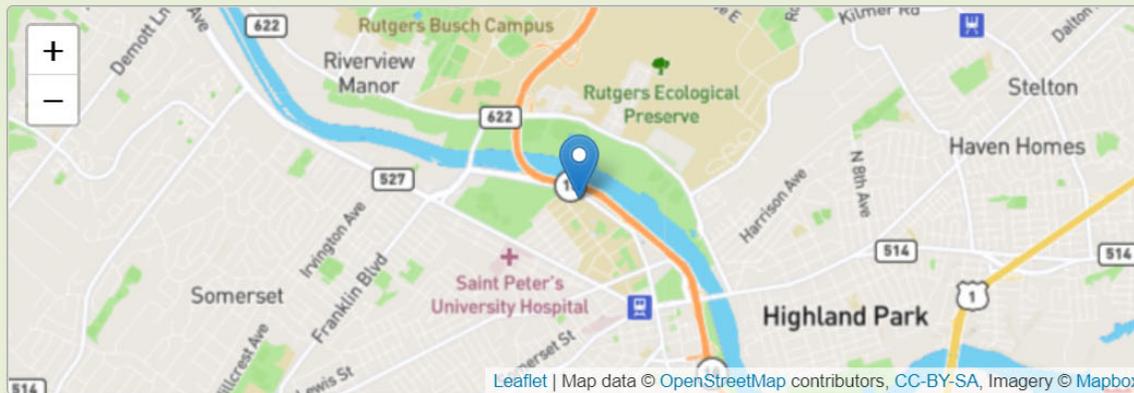


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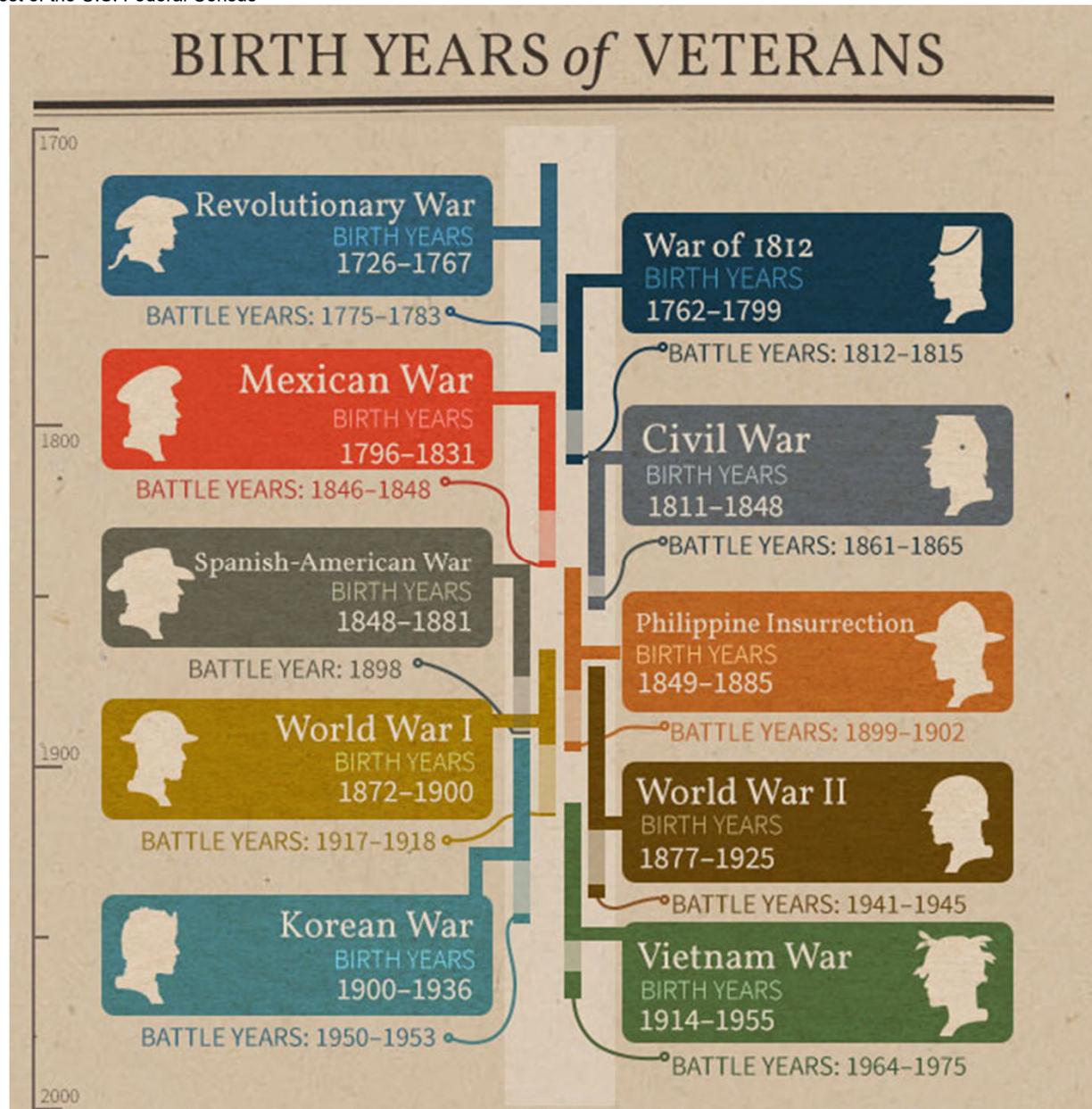
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- 1840- Revolutionary War pensioners (U.S.)
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# Enlistment Records

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**SCHEDULE I—CONSOLIDATED LIST** of all persons of CLASS I, subject to do military duty, in the Woodbury Congressional District, consisting of the Counties of Wayne Adams, Williamson and Highland State of Ohio, enumerated during the month of June, 1862, under direction of Capt. James L. Drake, Provost Marshal.

RESIDENCE.	NAME.	AGE IN YEARS.	DESCRIPTION.			PLACE OF BIRTH (Naming the State, Territory, or Country.)	FORMER MILITARY SERVICE.	REMARKS.	
			WHITE OR COLORED.	PROFESSION, OCCUPATION, OR TRADE.	MARRIED OR UNMARRIED.				
<u>Prussia</u>	1 <u>Boice Henry</u>	<u>27</u>	<u>White</u>	<u>Farmer</u>	<u>Married</u>	<u>England</u>		<u>Unnaturalized</u>	<u>1</u>
"	2 <u>Bailey Geo. B.</u>	<u>32</u>	"	"	"	<u>Mass.</u>			<u>2</u>
"	3 <u>Bliss Ambrose</u>	<u>27</u>	"	"	"	<u>Ohio</u>			<u>3</u>
"	4 <u>Boice Henry</u>	<u>27</u>	"	<u>Teacher</u>	"	<u>England</u>			<u>4</u>
"	5 <u>Bush Charles C.</u>	<u>21</u>	"	<u>Labourer</u>	<u>Single</u>	<u>Ohio</u>			<u>5</u>
"	6 <u>Burke Adam</u>	<u>21</u>	"	"	"	"			<u>6</u>
"	7 <u>Burrowsy Solomon</u>	<u>28</u>	"	<u>Labourer</u>	"	<u>W.V.</u>	<u>Wm. in service</u>	<u>Discharged</u>	<u>7</u>
"	8 <u>Burns Henry L.</u>	<u>25</u>	"	"	"	<u>Penn.</u>			<u>8</u>
"	9 <u>Brown John</u>	<u>30</u>	<u>Colored</u>	<u>Labourer</u>	<u>Married</u>	<u>Pa.</u>			<u>9</u>
"	10 <u>Brown John</u>	<u>21</u>	"	"	<u>Single</u>	<u>N.C.</u>			<u>10</u>
"	11 <u>Bushman Saul</u>	<u>32</u>	<u>White</u>	<u>Farmer</u>	"	<u>W.V.</u>		<u>has file</u>	<u>11</u>
"	12 <u>Bailey Jo Ann</u>	<u>28</u>	"	<u>Widow</u>	<u>Married</u>	<u>W.</u>			<u>12</u>
<u>Calver</u>	13 <u>Bassett Charles</u>	<u>20</u>	"	<u>Labourer</u>	<u>Single</u>	<u>Ohio</u>			<u>13</u>
"	14 <u>Burke Lafayette</u>	<u>26</u>	"	<u>Farmer</u>	<u>Married</u>	"			<u>14</u>
"	15 <u>Bishop Henry H.</u>	<u>25</u>	"	"	<u>Single</u>	<u>Ohio</u>			<u>15</u>
"	16 <u>Brooks Wanklin</u>	<u>24</u>	"	<u>Jackass</u>	"	<u>Ohio</u>		<u>page has a saltwater</u>	<u>16</u>
"	17 <u>Burrowsy Geo. B.</u>	<u>25</u>	"	<u>Farmer</u>	"	<u>W.V.</u>			<u>17</u>
"	18 <u>Bull John</u>	<u>21</u>	"	"	"	<u>Ohio</u>			<u>18</u>
"	19 <u>Burchard H. H.</u>	<u>24</u>	"	<u>Labourer</u>	"	"			<u>19</u>
"	20 <u>Burchard Geo. W.</u>	<u>31</u>	"	<u>Farmer</u>	"	"			<u>20</u>

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To Colonel JAMES B. FAY,  
Provost Marshal General U. S.,  
Washington, D. C.

STATION: Headquarters 14th Cong. Dist. of Ohio

DATE: Washington July 6th 1862

James Drake  
Provost Marshal.

# Draft Cards

Form 1 **2884** REGISTRATION CARD No. **308**

1	Name in full (Given name) <i>Patrick</i> (Family name) <i>Mahan</i>	Age, in yrs. <i>29</i>
2	Home address (No.) <i>430 E Front</i> (Street) <i>Butte</i> (City) <i>Mont.</i> (State)	
3	Date of birth (Month) <i>Dec</i> (Day) <i>—</i> (Year) <i>1888</i>	
4	Are you (1) a natural-born citizen, (2) a naturalized citizen, (3) an alien, (4) or have you declared your intention (specify which)? <i>Naturalized</i>	
5	Where were you born? (Town) <i>Warrington</i> (State) <i>Ireland</i> (Nation)	
6	If not a citizen of what country are you a citizen or subject? <del>.....</del>	
7	What is your present trade, occupation, or office? <i>Miner</i>	
8	By whom employed? <i>Not employed</i>	
9	Where employed? <del>.....</del>	
9	Have you a father, mother, wife, child under 12, or a sister or brother under 12 solely dependent on you for support (specify which)? <i>No</i>	
10	Married or single (which)? <i>Single</i> Race (specify which) <i>Caucasian</i>	
11	What military service have you had? Rank <del>.....</del> ; branch <del>.....</del> years <del>.....</del> ; Nation or State <i>None</i>	
12	Do you claim exemption from draft (specify grounds)? <i>Yes</i>	

I certify that I have verified above answers and that they are true.

781 *Patrick Mahan*  
(Signature or mark)

*C. W. ...*

If person is of African descent, tear off this corner

# Pension files

- Date of birth and/or death
- Place of birth and/or death
- Names of parents
- Names of children
- Place and date of marriage, including name of spouse

(3-11-3)

NAME OF SOLDIER:				
<i>Abair, Lewis</i>				
<i>Abear, Lewis (alias)</i>				
NAME OF DEPENDENT:				
<i>Widow, Abair, Minnie</i>				
<i>Minor,</i>				
SERVICE:				
<i>9, 12 U.S. Inf.</i>				
DATE OF FILING.	CLASS.	APPLICATION NO.	CERTIFICATE NO.	STATE FROM WHICH FILED.
<i>1874, Nov. 16</i>	<i>Invalid,</i>	<i>197, 161.</i>	<i>147, 602.</i>	
<i>1894, May 26</i>	<i>Widow,</i>	<i>597, 776.</i>	<i>432, 845.</i>	<i>N.Y.</i>
	<i>Minor,</i>			
ATTORNEY:				
REMARKS:				
<i>197-119</i>				

# Locating Files

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- Visit [www.nara.gov](http://www.nara.gov)
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  - [Fold3.com](http://Fold3.com) (widow's pension)
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# Newspapers

# Newspapers

- Obituaries
- Estate information
- Community announcements
  - Draft
  - Graduates
- Social news
  - Travel
  - Visiting family

**Carnival Concessionaire**  
**Has Alton Relatives.**  
Frank L. Sheridan, who is the manager of the fat baby at the carnival now showing in Alton, has a number of Alton relatives. He is a cousin of Charles Sheridan, of Alton, and has been visiting his cousin since coming here.

# Databases

- *Early American Newspapers, Series I, 1690-1876*
- *19th Century U.S. Newspapers*
- *New York Times (1980-present)*
- *PERiodical Source Index (PERSI) at FindMyPast*
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- Communion/Eucharist
- Reconciliation
- Holy Orders
- Confirmation
- Anointing of the Sick
- Burial Records
- Circumcision Records (Bris)

# Religion

- Episcopal
- Presbyterian
- Roman Catholic
- United Evangelical
- Protestant
- Methodist Episcopal
- German Reformed
- Lutheran
- Baptist
- Unitarian
- Reformed Dutch
- Jewish

# Church Records

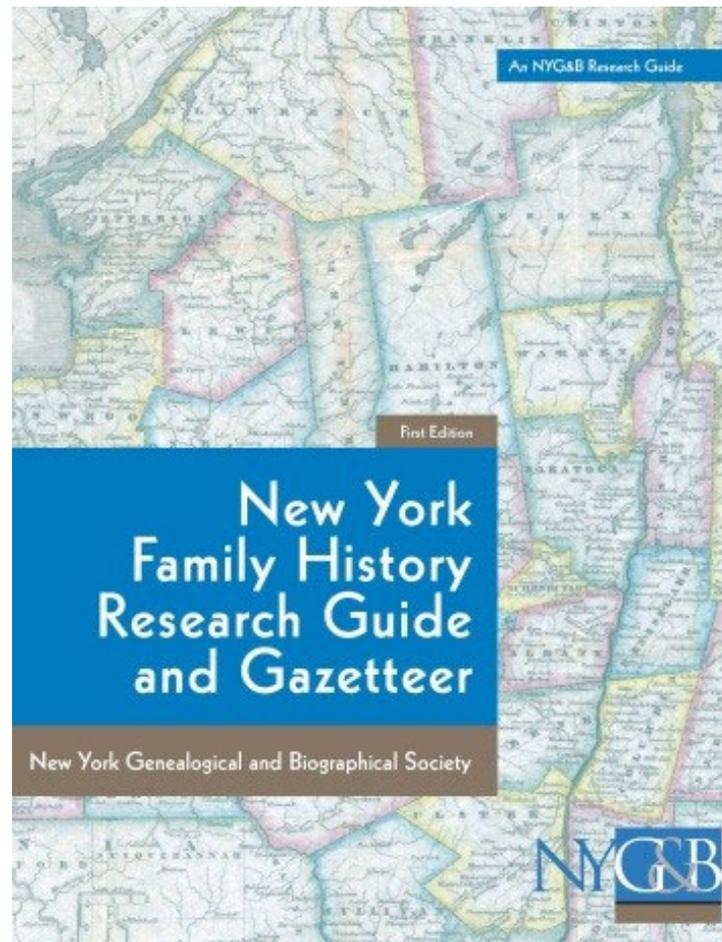
- Admission Records
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- Baptism and Marriage witnesses

184	Huldah Blanchard,	Feb. 1, 1756,	Public Profession,	March 23, 1806	By death,	184
185	Benjamin Morgridge,	March 7, 1756,	"	By death, aged 88,	"	185
186	Mrs. Sarah (Mitchell) Morgridge,	"	"	Oct. 19, 1805,	By death, aged 70,	186
187	Bartholomew Reed,	"	"	Dec. 13, 1789,	Dis. to church in Freeport,	187
188	Peleg West,	April 25, 1756,	"	July 27, 1783,	By death,	188
189	Mrs. ——— West,	"	"	"	"	189
190	Mrs. Susanna (Day) Grant.	"	"	Nov. 8, 1778,	"	190
191	Ruth Cole,	Oct. 17, 1756,	"	"	"	191
192	Mrs. Elizabeth (Richmond) Scales,	Nov. 1756,	By letter,	Nov. 8, 1802,	By death, aged 76,	192
193	Mrs. Susanna Cole,	"	"	By death,	By death, aged 87,	193
194	Ephraim Sturdivant,	"	Public Profession,	Jan. 12, 1787,	Dis. to ch. in New Gloucester,	194
195	Ebenezer Mason,	June 30, 1757,	"	Oct. 13, 1765,	"	195
196	Mrs. Rebecca (Winslow) Mason,	"	"	"	"	196
197	Huldah Seabury,	Feb. 28, 1757,	"	"	By death,	197
198	Ebenezer Cole,	Aug. 13, 1758,	"	"	"	198
199	Mrs. Elizabeth (Hall) Cole,	"	"	"	"	199
200	Mrs. Hannah Gage,	Aug. 13, 1758,	"	Before 1793,	"	200
201	Joseph Welsh,	Nov. 20, 1758,	By letter,	"	"	201
202	Mrs. ——— Welsh,	"	"	"	"	202
203	Mrs. Eliz. (Richardson) Bucknam,	July 23, 1759,	Public Profession,	Nov. 15, 1762,	"	203
204	Mrs. Lydia (Sturdivant) Wyman,	Sept. 20, 1759,	"	Oct. 13, 1765,	Dis. to ch. in New Gloucester,	204
205	Mrs. Sarah (Winslow) Chandler,	Dec. 23, 1759,	"	Jan. 8, 1812,	Ex.	205
206	†	June 29, 1760,	"	Jan. 6, 1809,	By death, aged 66,	206
207	Mrs. Lucretia (Loring) Mitchell,	Nov. 11, 1761,	"	Before 1793,	By death,	207
208	Gideon Mann,	1761,	"	"	"	208
209	Mrs. ——— Mann,	"	"	"	"	209
210	Robert Dave,	"	"	After 1770,	"	210
211	Mrs. Alice (Cushing) Loring,	"	"	Feb. 28, 1803,	By death, aged 82,	211
212	Mrs. Hannah (Fogg) Brown,	"	"	Before 1793,	By death,	212
213	Jonathan True,	"	"	Feb. 2, 1791,	"	213
214	Lydia Brown,	May 16, 1762,	"	Not recorded.	Dis. to ch. in Plaistow, N. H.	214
215	Mrs. Hannah Brewer,	Sept. 19, 1762,	"	After 1804,	By death,	215
216	John Hamilton,	Nov. 1, 1762,	"	Sept. 17, 1806,	Dis. to 2d ch. N. Yarmouth,	216
217	Mrs. Mary (Mason) Hamilton,	"	"	Jan. 14, 1799,	"	217
218	John Mann,	"	"	Dec. 13, 1789,	Dis. to church in Freeport,	218
219	Rev. Edward Brooks,	July 4, 1764,	By letter,	1769,	Removed to Medford, Ms.	219
220	Benjamin Merrill,	Aug. 26, 1764,	Public profession,	Before 1793,	Moved from town,	220
221	Mrs. Margaret Merrill,	"	"	"	"	221
222	Bezaleel Loring,	Sept. 2, 1764,	"	June 27, 1822,	By death, aged 83,	222
223	Mrs. Elizabeth (Mason) Loring,	"	"	Oct. 24, 1810,	By death, aged 70,	223
224	John Mason,	Oct. 14, 1764,	"	Feb. 3, 1789,	By death, aged 84,	224
225	Robert Bailey,	"	"	June 17, 1772,	By death,	225
226	Mrs. Abigail (Seabury) Oakes,	"	"	May 8, 1781,	"	226

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## Catholic

### Historical Overview

This section pertains to religious records of the Roman Catholic Church. Eastern Rite Catholic Churches are treated together with Eastern Orthodox churches elsewhere in this chapter.

The sweeping religious and political unrest in Europe during the sixteenth century left its mark on many Protestants immigrating to North America, who arrived with strong and sometimes virulent anti-Catholic sentiments. Roman Catholic immigrants to New Netherland and colonial New York were unable to practice their faith openly without reprisals throughout most of the colonial era, and widespread anti-Catholic discrimination endured well into the nineteenth century.

Outside the borders of colonial New York, the areas of northern and western New York State did not come under British rule until after the French and Indian War (1754–1763). Following the founding of Quebec in 1608, French traders crossed the border from Canada, accompanied by Jesuit missionaries, and the Catholic religion was freely practiced by French settlers seeking to convert and minister to American Indians. Jesuit missions were established among all five Iroquois nations, but there was great resistance by some tribes. The Catholic Church has conferred sainthood on Father Isaac Jogues and two of his Jesuit contemporaries who were killed at the Mohawk village of Ossernenon (Auriesville, NY) between 1642 and 1646. The Catholic Church also conferred sainthood on the American Indian Kateri Tekakwitha, who was born there in 1656.

There was a short reprieve for Catholics in colonial New York under the leadership of Governor Thomas Dongan (1682–1688), an Irish Catholic, who worked diligently to enact the New York Charter of Liberties and Privileges in 1688, which granted religious freedom to all Christians. That year three English Jesuits opened a school and celebrated the first Mass in New York City. But by 1688 Governor Dongan was removed during heightened political unrest in England and the colonies, which had strong anti-Catholic implications. These events put an end to Catholic tolerance in the colony of New York.

Throughout the British Isles, England had long imposed a series of harsh penal laws against Catholics. These laws were soon mirrored in New York. In 1700 a law was passed that threatened Catholic priests who entered the colony with life imprisonment. In 1718 the vote was denied to Catholics. During the eighteenth and much of the nineteenth centuries the political and social climate in New York was hostile to Catholics, who were barred from citizenship and public office, and denied access to education and admission into certain professions.

Although New York's first constitution in 1777 assured general religious freedom, it imposed a religious test that effectively barred the naturalization of Catholics and their election to public office; these barriers were not lifted until 1789 and 1806 respectively. The anti-priest law was repealed in 1784, paving the way for Catholics to worship openly in New York State. St. Peter's Roman Catholic Church, established in 1785 in lower Manhattan on the site that it still occupies today, was the first Catholic Church in New York State. St. Mary's Church, the state's second oldest Catholic church, was established in Albany in 1797. Brooklyn saw its first Catholic church established in 1822.

John Carroll, first Bishop of Baltimore, estimated in the 1780s that there were 1,500 Catholics in New York State. In the 1790s the Catholic population increased when many French and French West Indian refugees arrived in New York City, fleeing the 1789 French Revolution and the slave rebellion in Haiti.

However, the single greatest factor in the explosive growth of the Catholic Church in New York State was Irish immigration. Though Irish immigrants had arrived in New York State throughout the colonial period, most of the earlier immigrants were Protestants, mainly Presbyterians. The number of Irish Catholics immigrating to New York began to grow after 1800, surged by the 1830s, and increased exponentially during and after the Great Famine (1845–1852). By 1860 New York's population had grown to 3.8 million and included 500,000

Irish-born New Yorkers. The Catholic Church played a central role in the lives of Irish Catholics.

Most Italian immigrants were Catholic, and throughout the period 1910–1970 Italians were the largest foreign-born population in New York State. There were also large numbers of Catholics among Austro-Hungarian, German, Hispanic, Polish, French and other French-speaking immigrants to New York. See the sections on each of these populations, as well as the Irish, in chapter 14, Peoples of New York.

### Organization

The local unit of organization in the Catholic Church is the parish, of which there are more than 1,200 in New York State, each headed by a pastor who is a priest. An inventory of active parishes in New York State (and all states) can be searched at [thecatholicdirectory.com](http://thecatholicdirectory.com) or at [ParishesOnline.com](http://ParishesOnline.com). Parishes in New York State are organized into eight dioceses, each headed by a bishop, that together constitute the Ecclesiastical Province of New York. Today, the Ecclesiastical Province of New York is contiguous with the boundaries of New York State except for Fishers Island (Suffolk County), which is in the Diocese of Norwich, Connecticut.

An archdiocese is essentially a diocese that is larger or historically more important than a typical diocese, and it is headed by the archbishop who has authority of a kind over the other dioceses in his province. The original Diocese of New York has been, since 1850, an archdiocese. The formation of dioceses in New York is shown in table 1.

Diocese	Created in	Formed from	Coverage
New York (Archdiocese since 1850)	1808	Archdiocese of Baltimore	Bronx, Dutchess, New York (Manhattan), Orange, Putnam, Richmond (Staten Island), Rockland, Sullivan, Ulster, and Westchester counties
Albany	1847	Diocese of New York	Albany, Columbia, Delaware, Fulton, Greene, Montgomery, Otsego, Rensselaer, Saratoga, Schenectady, Schoharie, Warren, Washington, and parts of Hamilton and Herkimer counties
Brooklyn	1853	Diocese of New York	Kings (Brooklyn) and Queens counties
Buffalo	1847	Diocese of New York	Allegany, Cattaraugus, Chautauqua, Erie, Genesee, Niagara, Orleans, and Wyoming counties
Ogdensburg	1872	Diocese of Albany	Clinton, Essex, Franklin, Jefferson, Lewis, St. Lawrence, and parts of Hamilton and Herkimer counties
Rochester	1868; enlarged 1896	Diocese of Buffalo	Cayuga, Livingston, Monroe, Ontario, Seneca, Tompkins, Wayne, Yates, and since 1896, Chemung, Schuyler, Steuben and Tioga counties
Rockville Centre	1957	Diocese of Brooklyn	Nassau and Suffolk counties
Syracuse	1886	Diocese of Albany	Broome, Chenango, Cortland, Madison, Oneida, Onondaga, and Oswego counties

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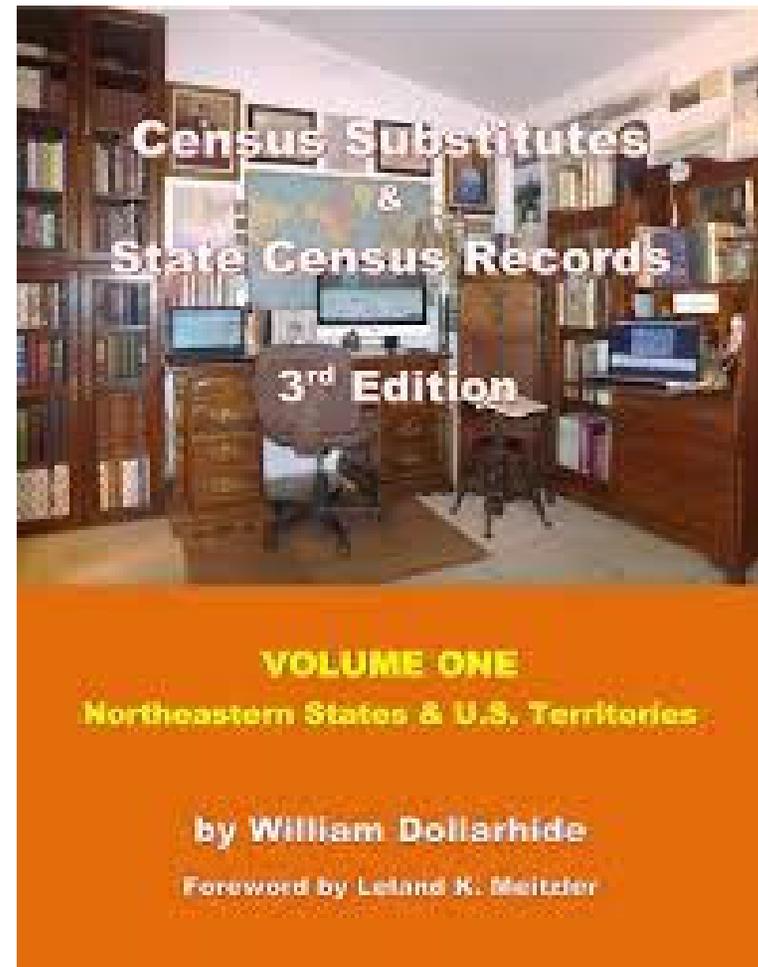
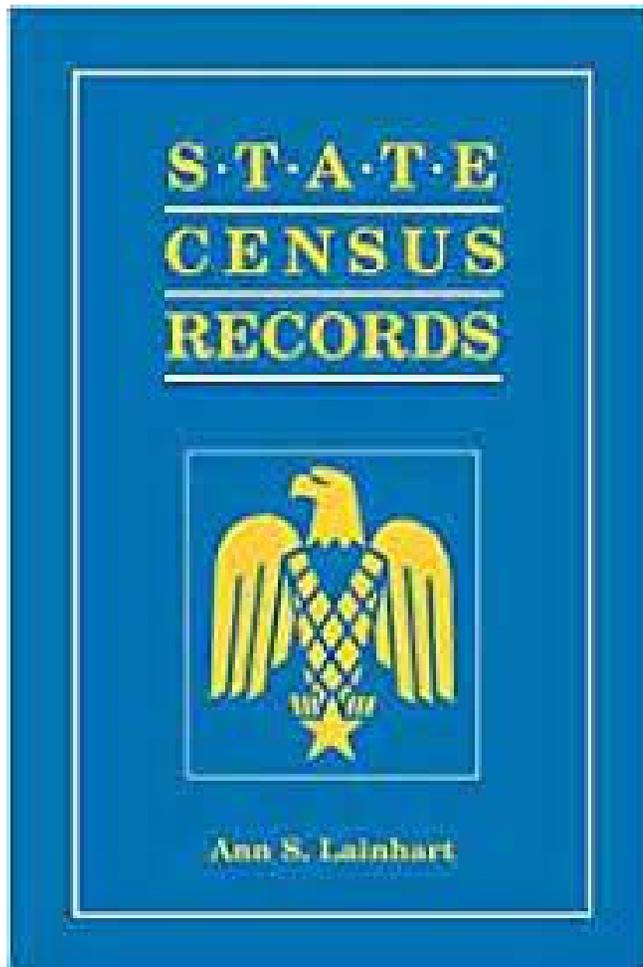
# 1850-1950 Census Substitutes

# Federal Census Substitutes

- State census records
- City directories
- Newspapers
- Church records
  - Witnesses
- Voter registration
- Land records
- Probate records
- Cemetery records
- Local histories and published genealogies

# State Census Records

# State Census References



# 1885 State Censuses

- Colorado
- Dakota Territories
- Florida
- Nebraska
- New Mexico
- Iowa
- Kansas
- Michigan (1884)
- Minnesota
- New Jersey
- Oregon
- Rhode Island
- Washington Territory
- Wisconsin

# New York State Censuses

- 1825
- 1835
- 1845
- 1855
- 1865
- 1875
- 1892

YEAR(S)	Information Provided		
1825, 1835	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Name of head of family</li> <li>• Number of males</li> <li>• Number of females</li> <li>• Males subject to militia duty (aged 18 to 45)</li> <li>• Males, eligible to vote</li> <li>• Males, not naturalized</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Paupers</li> <li>• Colored not taxed</li> <li>• Colored taxed</li> <li>• Colored taxed and eligible to vote (for state and county officers)</li> <li>• Married females under 45</li> <li>• Unmarried females (aged 16 to 45)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Unmarried females under 16</li> <li>• Marriages in the previous year</li> <li>• Births in the previous year</li> <li>• Deaths in the previous year</li> <li>• Acres of improved land, animals, and machinery</li> <li>• Deaf and dumb, idiots, and lunatics</li> </ul>
1845	<p><i>Same as previous census years, plus:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Persons born in NY State; New England; any other state; Mexico or South America; Great Britain; France; Germany; Europe (other)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Children aged of 5 to 16</li> <li>• Children attending common schools</li> <li>• Children attending private or select incorporated schools</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Children attending academies or unincorporated seminaries</li> <li>• Children attending colleges and universities</li> </ul>
1855, 1875	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dwelling numbered by visitation</li> <li>• Building material of dwelling</li> <li>• Value</li> <li>• Family numbered in order of visitation</li> <li>• Name</li> <li>• Age</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sex</li> <li>• Color</li> <li>• Relation to head of family</li> <li>• Place of birth (NY county, other state, or foreign country)</li> <li>• Marital status</li> <li>• Years of residence in the city or town</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Profession, trade or occupation</li> <li>• Native and naturalized voters</li> <li>• Not naturalized</li> <li>• Colored not taxed</li> <li>• Illiterate persons over 21</li> <li>• Owners of land</li> <li>• Deaf, dumb, blind, insane or idiotic</li> </ul>
1865	<p><i>Same as previous year, plus:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Name of anyone absent in army or navy</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Parent of how many children</li> <li>• Number of times married</li> <li>• Usual place of employment</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Servicemen (lists those now or formerly in the U.S. army or navy)</li> </ul>
1905	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Address</li> <li>• Name</li> <li>• Relation to head of family</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Color, sex, and age</li> <li>• Place of birth (U.S. or other)</li> <li>• Number of years in the U.S.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Citizen or alien</li> <li>• Occupation</li> <li>• Inmates of institutions</li> </ul>
1915	<p><i>Same as previous year, plus:</i> Infants under one year</p>		
1925	<p><i>Same as previous year, plus:</i> If naturalized, when and where</p>		

# City Directories

# City Directories

- Address
- Occupation
- Year/date of death or marriage
- Names of children, parents or extended family members
- Name of spouse

Bagg Moses M., physician and surgeon, office over 96 Genesee, h 65 Charlotte.  
Bagg & Roberts, manufacturers of cotton and woolen machinery &c., 1 Cornelia bl Fayette cr Rome.  
Bagg Susan T., (widow of Moses,) bds 285 Genesee.  
Bailey Mrs. Ann, h 28 Fayette.  
Bailey & Brothers, watch and jewelry store, wholesale and retail, 122 Genesee cr Liberty.  
Bailey Charles H., furnace man, bds 32 Columbia.  
Bailey Hugh, silversmith, bds John Bailey.  
Bailey James, (of B. & Brothers,) bds John Bailey.  
Bailey James, medical student, bds Joanna Bailey.  
Bailey Joanna, (widow of Solomon,) h 7 Varick, n s, cr Columbia.  
Bailey Joel C., (of B. & Wheeler,) h. 32 Columbia.  
Bailey John, h 5 Rutger n s e John.  
Bailey Lawrence, grocer and provision store, 5 Varick s s ab Columbia, h same.

# Where to Find these Resources

- [Ancestry.com](https://www.ancestry.com)
- [Buffaloresearch.com](https://buffaloresearch.com)- links to Buffalo, NY and Erie County, NY city directories
- [Fold3.com](https://www.fold3.com)
- Digital Library and archives at [AmericanAncestors.org](https://www.americanancestors.org) (also on-site)
- [loc.gov](https://www.loc.gov)- Library of Congress (on-site)

# Voter Registration

# Voting Rights in US

- By 1856: Universal white male suffrage
- 1870: The 15th Amendment is passed and prohibits restricting suffrage based on race
- Early 1890s: Jim Crow Laws passed to revoke African-Americans right to vote
- 1920: Women are given the right to vote
- 1965: The Voting Rights Act passes; African-Americans are given back the right to vote

# Registered Voters

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Spring Creek Dist. 2 <sup>d</sup> M. Registered Voters 1870			Spring Creek Dist. 2 <sup>d</sup> M. Registered Voters 1870		
Name	Age	Occupation	Name	Age	Occupation
Alley Matthew	35	Farmer	Davis S. P.	31	Farmer
Alley J. D.	32	do			
Alley S. W.	27	do			
Alley A. B.	37	do	Collins M. L.	37	do
Alley J. M.	28	do	Carnest Marion	23	do
Alley Redden	30	do	Carnest John	21	do
Alley T. S.	28	do			
Brownell Kindrick	40	do	Faircloth W. M.	31	do
Brownell Wright	24	do	Faircloth Seth	45	do
Brownell Ross	25	do	Faircloth Emerson	38	do
Brownell James	31	do	Faircloth D. S.	37	do
Brooks James	40	do	Fairchild S. B.	65	do
Bark James	36	do	Fairchild M. A.	33	Merchant
Burke D. S.	25	do			

# Voting Records

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## REGISTRATION BOOK

State of Kentucky, County, \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Precinct \_\_\_\_\_ No. of Precinct \_\_\_\_\_ No. of Ward \_\_\_\_\_ City of \_\_\_\_\_

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Name of Voter Wm. J. Moore  
 P. O. or City Richmond in Wallace St. Ward  
 Date of Registration July 15 1891  
 Voter Has Resided in \_\_\_\_\_  
 Kentucky 10 Years in same County 6 Months in same Prec. 6 Days  
 Color of Hair W Age 23 Occupation Housekeeper  
 Party Affiliation R.P. Dem.  
 Apparent Weight 100 lbs. Apparent Height 5 feet 4 inches  
 Other name identified by \_\_\_\_\_  
 Voter's Signature Wm. J. Moore  
 Attest: C. M. Callahan Jesse Dyer Clerk

\* To be used only when voter makes mark (X) for reasons noted.

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Name of Voter Wm. Earl Mathews  
 P. O. or City Richmond in Laurel St. Ward  
 Date of Registration July 15 1891  
 Voter Has Resided in \_\_\_\_\_  
 Kentucky 10 Years in same County 6 Months in same Prec. 6 Days  
 Color of Hair W Age 25 Occupation Housekeeper  
 Party Affiliation R.P. Dem.  
 Apparent Weight 140 lbs. Apparent Height 5 feet 4 inches  
 Other name identified by \_\_\_\_\_  
 Voter's Signature Wm. Earl Mathews  
 Attest: C. M. Callahan Jesse Dyer Clerk

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Name of Voter W. J. Moore  
 P. O. or City Richmond in Wallace St. Ward  
 Date of Registration July 15 1891  
 Voter Has Resided in \_\_\_\_\_  
 Kentucky 10 Years in same County 6 Months in same Prec. 6 Days  
 Color of Hair W Age 26 Occupation Teacher  
 Party Affiliation R.P. Dem.  
 Apparent Weight 140 lbs. Apparent Height 5 feet 11 inches  
 Other name identified by \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Voter Wm. Earl Mathews  
 P. O. or City Richmond in Laurel St. Ward  
 Date of Registration July 15 1891  
 Voter Has Resided in \_\_\_\_\_  
 Kentucky 10 Years in same County 6 Months in same Prec. 6 Days  
 Color of Hair W Age 25 Occupation Housekeeper  
 Party Affiliation R.P. Dem.  
 Apparent Weight 140 lbs. Apparent Height 5 feet 4 inches  
 Other name identified by \_\_\_\_\_

# Where to Find these Resources

- Local level (town or county)
- FamilySearch.org
- Ancestry.com
- Digitized books
  - Google books
  - HathiTrust
  - Archive.org
  - Etc.

# Mug Books/County Histories

# Information Included

- Place and Date of Birth
- Names of Parents, Siblings, and Children (sometimes grandchildren)
- Ancestry
- Political Affiliation
- Occupation and Place of Residence
- Migration History
- Military Service
- Marriage Information
- Fraternal Organizations

er, and some of them were among the colonists of New England, and made their homes in the quaint old city of Salem and in the town of Wareham, Mass., and representatives of the family may still be found in that section of the country. The first to avail himself of the privileges of religious freedom in America was John Raymond, who came hither in 1636. Following him in line of descent were William Raymond Sr., William Raymond Jr. and then in succession three of the name of Daniel, the latter of whom was the father of the gentlemen of whom we write. The grandfather of our subjects was a native of Richmond Township, Greene County, N. Y., whither his father had removed after marriage from his old Massachusetts home to found a new one in the wilderness. He and his wife were also pioneers of Steuben County and hewed out a farm in Cohocton Township, where they died. He had been a patriotic soldier during the Revolution, serving throughout the war, and lived to be nearly ninety years old. The father of our subjects was reared in his native State, and when the War of 1812 broke out he showed himself a worthy son of his sire by enlisting in the service of his country in a New York regi-

mented by one of its most highly-prized citizens, who was a man of rare virtue, of force and dignity of character, and was associated with all that was good in his township. He was a Whig in politics and religiously, was a member of the Congregational Church, as was his wife, who died on the old homestead in Michigan, in 1858, at the age of sixty-five years. She was the mother of eight children, of whom six are living in Michigan.



ELIJAH H. AND DANIEL B. RAYMOND, who are well-known and prominent citizens of this county, are conducting farming and stock-raising in partnership, owning and operating a good-sized, well-equipped farm on sections 21 and 22, South Dixon Township, that is in all respects one of the finest estates in this part of Illinois.

The Raymond brothers are scions of the sturdy pioneer stock of Southern Michigan. The elder brother, however, was born in Steuben County, N. Y., prior to the removal of the family to the primitive wilds of that section of the country in territorial days, the date of his birth being May 14, 1821. Daniel B., the youngest member of the household, was born November 2, 1833, in the primitive pioneer home of his parents in the town-

Example from *Portrait and biographical record of Lee County, Illinois*

# Digital Formats

- <https://www.hathitrust.org/>
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- <https://archive.org/index.php>
- <https://openlibrary.org/>
- <https://books.familysearch.org>
- <http://library.si.edu/digital-library>

# Is Everything Online?

- *A Bibliography of American County Histories* by P. William Filby (1985)
- *Bibliography of Counties of the 3111 Counties in the 48 States* by C. Stewart Peterson (1946)
- *Consolidated Bibliography of County Histories in Fifty States in 1961* by C. Stewart Peterson (1963)

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