

Making the Most of the US Federal Census

*Class 2: Using the Early Census:
1790–1840*

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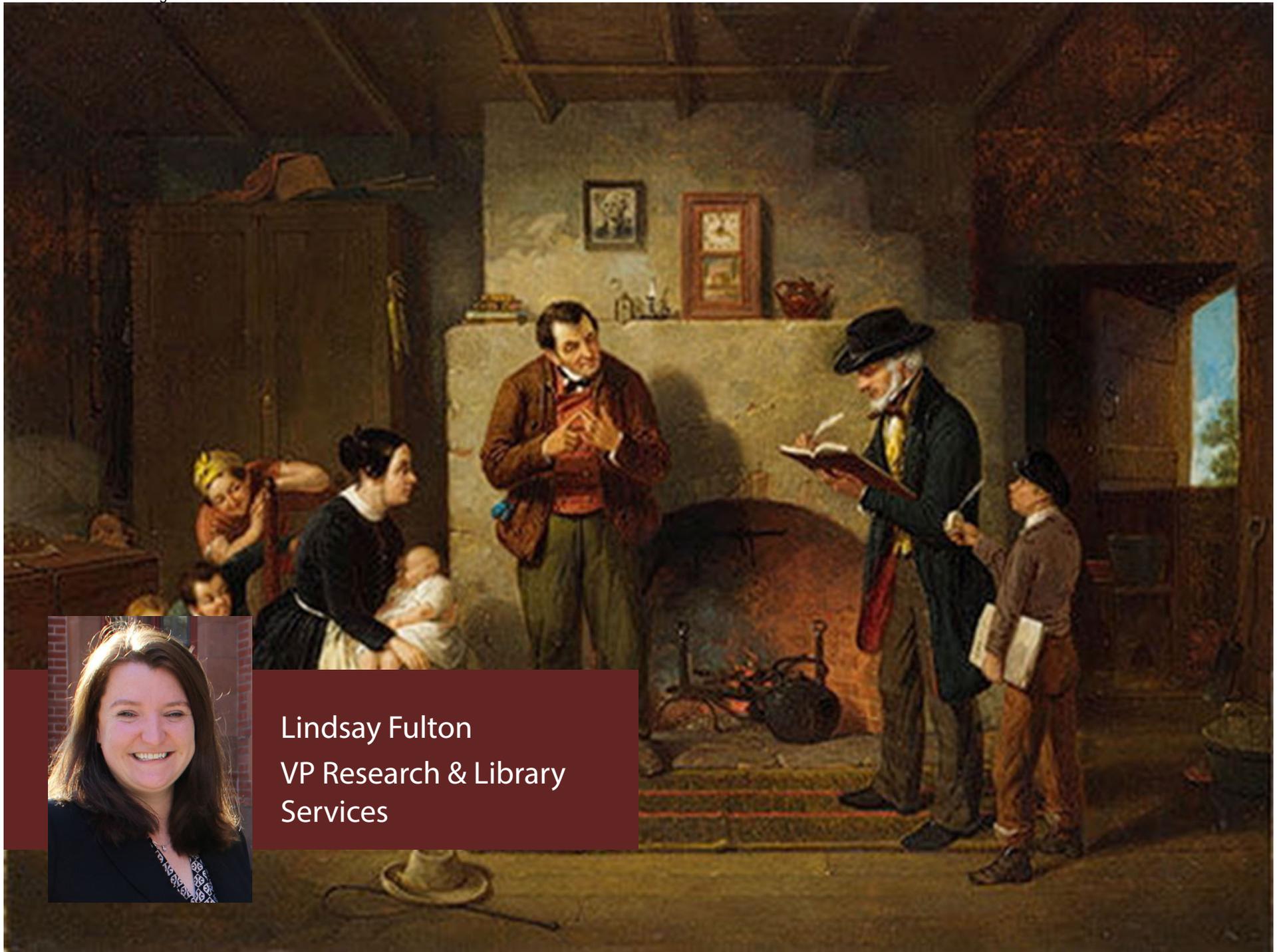


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OVERVIEW

- **Presentation (60 mins.)**
 - Questions asked from 1790 to 1840
 - How to use the 1790-1840 U.S. Federal Censuses
 - Finding parents
 - Tracing a family
 - Reconstructing a record
- **Q&A (30 mins.)**



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Key Census Years

- 1820 and 1830- foreigners not naturalized
- 1840- Revolutionary War pensioners
- 1850- 1st to name all household members
 - Place of birth, age, sex, race, and occupation
- 1880- 1st to identify relationship to head of household
- 1880-1930- name parent's place of birth
- 1900 and 1910- number of children born/living
- 1900-1930- immigration and naturalization status
- 1940- identified person who supplied information

Why do we avoid the 1790-1840 censuses?

1790

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Braintree continued. Braintree — continued.

An Enumeration of the Inhabitants of the town of Braintree

Names of Heads of Families.	Free white Males of 16 years and upwards.	Free white Males, under 16 years.	Free white Females.	All other free Persons.	Slaves.	Names of Heads of Families.	Free white Males of 16 years and upwards.	Free white Males, under 16 years.	Free white Females.	All other free Persons.	Slaves.	Names of Heads of Families.	Free white Males of 16 years and upwards.	Free white Males, under 16 years.	Free white Females.	All other free Persons.	Slaves.
Widow Linfield	1	2	4			Widow Davis		1	4			Willi Read	1	1	7		
Sam ^e Linfield	1	2	4			John Stone	2		2			Jesral Beals	1	5	2		
David Linfield	1		2			Timothy Stone	1		1			Josua French	1	3	2		
Benj Linfield	1	1	1			Gide Jones Jun	1	2	5			Jon: Curtis	1	2	1		
Willi Linfield	1	1	2			Oben Howard	2		2			Elisha Wales	1	1	4		
Isaac Spear	1	1	4			Horn Bradley	2	1	4			Ledar Allcot		2	3		
Jon: Wales	2	2	3			Ela Beales	1	3	4			Tho: White	1		4		
John Spear	1		2			John French	2	5	3			Alex Thayer	1		2		
Asher ton Wales	1	2	4			Benj Studson	2	2	3			Hoze Luding	1	1	4		
Eph Wales	5	2	4			Josua Clark	1	3	2			Ruben Thayer	1	1	1		
Richard Thayer	3	2	4			Benj Mann	1	2	5			Adam Hollis	1	2	3		
Seth Turner	1	1	5			Lot White	1	1	2			Nat: Hubbard	1		2		
Seth Turner Jun	1	1	3			Lothrop	1		2			Tho: West	1	2	2		
						Jacob Spear	1	2	4			Edw Faxon	2	4	2		
						Seth Hunt	1	1	3			Fred Read	2	1	4		
						William Thayer	1	2	4			Nat: Spear	2	2	3		

1820

- Gender and age information first included for free colored and enslaved persons
- White males between 16-18 years
- Children born between 1 June 1820 and 7 August 1820
- Foreigners not naturalized

Foreigners Not Naturalized

Name of the County, Parish, Township, Town or City, where the Family resides.	Names of Heads of Families.	Free White Males.					Free White Females.					Total.	Number of persons engaged in Agriculture, Commerce, &c.	
		Free white males under ten years.	Free white males of ten and under sixteen.	Free white males between sixteen and eighteen.	Free white males of sixteen and under twenty-four, including heads of families.	Free white males of twenty-five and under forty-five, including heads of families.	Free white males of forty-five and upwards, including heads of families.	Free white females under ten years of age.	Free white females of ten and under sixteen.	Free white females of sixteen and under twenty-five, including heads of families.	Free white females of twenty-five and under forty-five, including heads of families.			Free white females of forty-five and upwards, including heads of families.
		to 10	to 16	16 to 18	18 to 25	to 45	45, &c.	to 10	to 16	to 25	to 45	45, &c.		
E. Carter District No. 3.	Melinda Klinder	1	0	1	2	0	1	1	0	1	0	1	0	0
	John McMain	3	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	0
	Abraham Leake	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	1
	Jacob Shearhead	1	2	0	0	0	1	3	1	0	1	1	0	0
	Jacob Ross	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
	Daniel Hartbrook	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	0
	Samuel Gray	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
	William Webb	2	0	0	2	1	0	3	1	0	1	0	0	0
	Thomas Clark	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	0
	John Webb	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	0
	Thomas Davis	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	0	0	1	0	0
	Peter Cauliflower	1	0	0	0	1	0	3	0	1	0	0	0	0
John McGray	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Mathias Royer	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	
Thomas Johnson	5	0	0	1	2	0	1	1	1	1	0	1	2	
John Hoover	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	1	1	0	1	0	1	



Military Aged Men

Name of the County, Parish, Township, Town or City, where the Family resides.	Names of Heads of Families.	Free White Males.					Free White Females.			
		Free white males under ten years of age.	Free white males of ten to sixteen.	Free white males between sixteen and eighteen.	Free white males of sixteen and under twenty-six, including heads of families.	Free white males of twenty-six and under forty-five, including heads of families.	Free white males of forty-five and upwards, including heads of families.	Free white females under ten years of age.	Free white females of ten and under sixteen.	Free white females of sixteen and under twenty-six, including heads of families.
		to 10	to 16	16 to 18	16 to 26	to 45	45, &c.	to 10	to 16	to 26
128A	William Alinder	0	0	1	2	0	1	1	0	1
	John W. Alvin	3	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	0
	Abraham Gesehoffs	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0
278	Jacob Pleasants	1	2	0	0	0	1	3	1	0
	Jacob Hoff	1	0	1	3	0	0	0	0	0
	Daniel Hartbrook	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
	Samuel Grey	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
	William Webb	2	0	0	2	1	0	3	1	0

Tip

Be sure you are looking
at the whole record

1830

- Foreigners not naturalized
- White persons who are deaf/ dumb (age range, no gender)
- White persons who are blind (no age or gender)
- Enslaved and free colored persons who are deaf/dumb (age range, no gender)
- Enslaved and free colored persons who are blind (no age or gender)

1840

- Pensioners!
- White persons who are deaf/ dumb (age range, no gender)
- White persons who are blind or insane (no age or gender)
- Enslaved persons who are deaf/dumb (age range, no gender)
- Colored persons who are deaf/dumb (age range, no gender)
- Enslaved persons who are blind or insane (no age or gender)
- Colored persons who are blind or insane (no age or gender)

Tip

The head of household
is not always the oldest
male or female

QUESTIONS?

How Does This Help Us Research?

- Household makeup
- Origins
- Migration and immigration
- Snapshot of the town or county
- Identify other potential family members
- Reconstruct records
- Laser focus!

Identifying Potential Family Members

The Ancestry of Polly Fitch

Groom *Daniel Cochase*
Bride *Polly Fitch*
Residence of Groom *Gorham*
" Bride *Gorham*
Age of Groom
" Bride
Color of Groom
" Bride
Occupation of Groom
" Bride
Birthplace of Groom
" Bride
No. of Marriage of Groom
" Bride
Groom Widowed or Divorced
Bride " " "
Intention Filed
By whom Married *Wm Riple*
Residence
Official Station *Justice Peace*
Date of Marriage *Feb. 28, 1905*
Place
[Record continued over.]
*Clergyman, Notary Public, Justice of the Peace, etc.

[Record continued.]
GROOM'S FATHER AND MOTHER.
Father's Name
" Residence
" Age* Color
" Occupation
" Birthplace
Mother's Name
" Residence
" Age* Color
" Occupation
" Birthplace
BRIDE'S FATHER AND MOTHER.
Father's Name
" Residence
" Age* Color
" Occupation
" Birthplace
Mother's Name
" Residence
" Age* Color
" Occupation
" Birthplace
THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE.
I hereby certify that the above marriage record is a correct transcription as required by Chap. 25, Session Laws, 1905.
Paul Sanderson
Clerk of *Gorham*
Date *Nov. 17, 1905*
*If deceased, give age at death.

The screenshot displays the Ancestry.com homepage. At the top, the navigation bar includes 'ancestry', 'Home', 'Trees', 'Search', 'DNA', 'Help', and 'Extras 1'. On the right, there are links for 'Hire an Expert', a chat icon, a user profile for 'New England Historic Gene...', and a language dropdown set to 'EN'. A green banner at the top right reads 'U.S. Census—a new chapter in your family story is here! [Get started](#)'. A search filter dropdown menu is open, listing categories such as 'All Collections', 'Census & Voter Lists', 'Birth, Marriage & Death', 'Immigration & Travel', 'Public Member Trees', 'Military', 'Card Catalog', and 'Member Search'. Below the navigation, a 'Recently modified' section shows a card for 'Fredrick Mix'. The main content area features a 'Shared tree (Editor)' with 86 people and 23 photos, containing cards for 'Clara Augusta Schulke' (1843 -) and 'Frederick P Fox' (1751 - 1837). A 'Make discoveries' section highlights 'Hints from the 1950 U.S. Census' with a 'View all' link. Below this, search results for 'Lena Mc Grath' (1872 -) and 'Edward J Mc Grath' (1883 -) are shown with thumbnail images of census records. On the right, a 'Search people' sidebar contains input fields for 'First name', 'Last name', 'Estimated birth year', and 'Possible location', along with 'Search' and 'Advanced search' buttons. A URL bar at the bottom left shows 'https://www.ancestry.com/search/categories/35/'.

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Birth Year Location

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Any Event

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Father First & Middle Name(s) Last Name

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Choose Census Year



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Search

Match all terms exactly

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Any Event

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Free White Persons - Males - 16 and over

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Lived In

Exact to this place

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All 1790 United States Federal Census results for Fitch



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Fitch

Lived In: cornish city, su...

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Your Search for Fitch returned zero good matches

Why?

We couldn't find any results that exactly matched the information you marked as 'Exact'. [Learn more](#)

What should you do?

* Try un-checking one or more 'Exact' boxes to show close matches even when no exact matches are found.

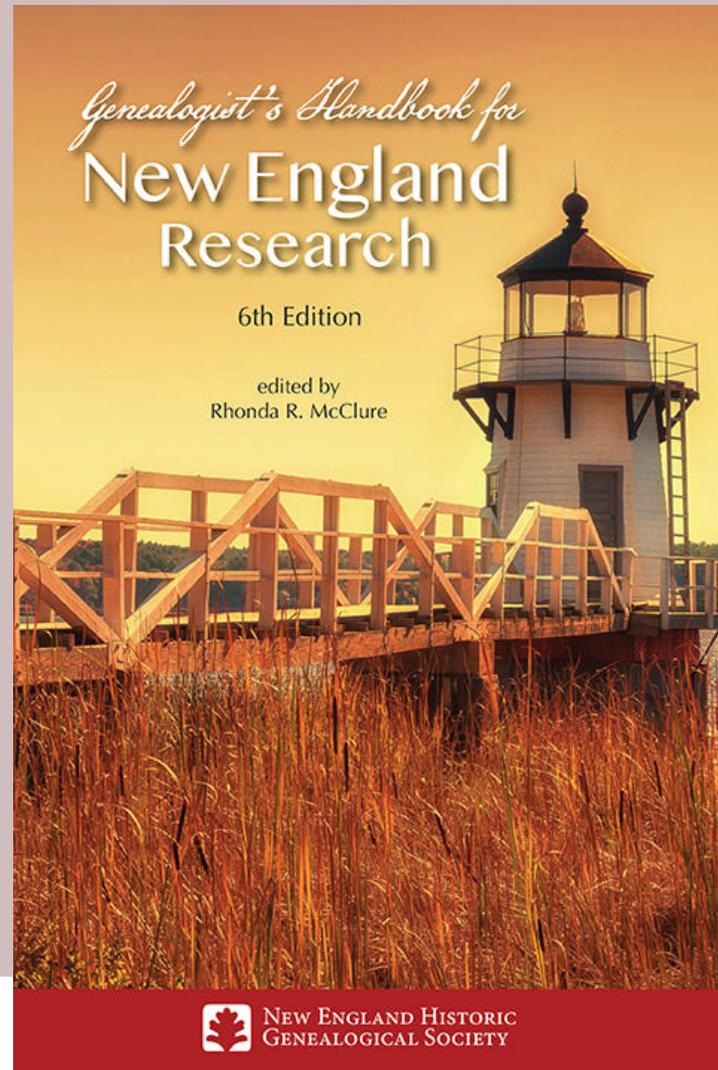
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Tip

Be Aware of Boundary
Changes

New England Handbook



Cornish, NH

Town	Inc.	County	Parent Town(s)	Notes	VRs	CRs
Cornish	1765	Sullivan	Croydon, Grantham	Established 1763.		
Croydon	1763	Sullivan		Daughter Towns: Cornish, Grantham.	P	
Dalton	1784	Coos		Granted 1764 as Chiswick. Settled by 1773. Called Apthorp to 1784.		
Danbury	1795	Merrimack	Alexandria, Hill, Wilmot	Ceded by Grafton Co. and annexed to Merrimack Co. 1874.		
Danville	1760	Rockingham	Kingston	Settled 1694. Called Hawke to 1836.	P	
Deerfield	1766	Rockingham	Nottingham			
Deering	1774	Hillsborough		Settled 1765.		
Derry	1827	Rockingham	Londonderry	Settled 1719.		
Dorchester	1761	Grafton		Regranted 1766 and 1772.		
Dover	1623	Strafford		Earlier called Hiltons Point, Newichwannock, Cochecho, Bristol, Northam. Also see "Old" Norfolk County, Mass., p. 201. Daughter Towns: Durham, Newington (Bloody Point), Somerworth.	P, S, P W	
Dublin	1771	Cheshire		Granted 1749. Settled 1762. Called Monadnock No. 3 or North Monadnock to 1771.		
Dummer	1848	Coos		Granted 1773.		
Dunbarton	1765	Merrimack		Granted and settled as Gorham's-town 1735. Regranted as Starkstown 1748. Called Starkstown to 1765. Daughter Town: Hooksett.		
Durham	1732	Strafford	Dover	Settled 1669. Created from section of Dover called Oyster River Plantation. Also called Dover Parish. Daughter Towns: Lee, Newmarket.		
East Kingston	1738	Rockingham	Kingston	Called Kingston East Parish to 1779. Daughter Towns: Newton (Newtown), South Hampton.	W	N
Easton	1876	Grafton	Landaff	Created from part of Landaff called Eastern Landaff.		
Eaton	1766	Carroll		Daughter Town: Madison.		
Effingham	1778	Carroll	Wakefield	Granted 1749. Called Leavittstown to 1778. Daughter Town: Freedom (North Effingham).	P	
Ellsworth	1802	Grafton		Granted 1769. Called Trecothick to 1802.		
Enfield	1778	Grafton		Granted as Endfield 1761. Regranted as Relhan 1766. Incorporated as Relhan 1778. Renamed Enfield 1781.	N, W	
Epping	1741	Rockingham	Exeter			
Epsom	1727	Merrimack			P	P
Errol	1836	Coos		Granted 1774.		
Exeter	1638	Rockingham	Hampton	Area of Stratham, originally settled as Squamscott and Winnicutt, was part of Hampton, then annexed to Exeter 1695. Also see "Old" Norfolk County, Mass., p. 201. Daughter Towns: Brentwood, Epping, Fremont,		

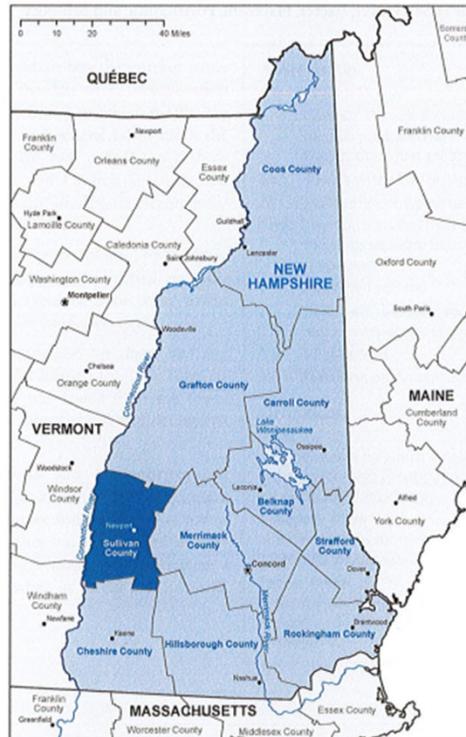
Sullivan County

Sullivan County

Founded	1827
Parent County	Cheshire
County Seat	Newport
Probate	Sullivan
Deeds	Sullivan

Towns in this county

Acworth, Charlestown, Claremont, Cornish, Croydon, Goshen, Grantham, Langdon, Lempster, Newport, Plainfield, Springfield, Sunapee, Unity, Washington





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County Information [edit | edit source]

Description [edit | edit source]

Sullivan County is located in the southwest region of the state. The county was named for John Sullivan, an Irish-American General in the Revolutionary War, a delegate in the Continental Congress, Governor of New Hampshire and a United States federal judge.

County Courthouse [edit | edit source]

Sullivan County Courthouse
 22 Main Street
 Newport, NH 03773-0045
 Phone: 855-212-1234
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County Facts	
County seat:	Newport
Organized:	July 5, 1827
Parent County(s):	Cheshire
Neighboring Counties	
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Return to Search

The screenshot shows the Ancestry website interface with a search modal open. The modal is titled "Search" and includes a checkbox for "Match all terms exactly". The search criteria are as follows:

- First & Middle Name(s):** [Empty text box]
- Last Name:** Fitch
- Location:** Lived In: Cheshire County, New Hampshire, USA
- Any Event:** City, County, State, Country
- Keyword:** [Empty text box]

Below the search criteria, there are several filter options for the "Free White Persons - Males" category:

- Free White Persons - Males - 16 and over: [Empty text box]
- Free White Persons - Males - Under 16: [Empty text box]
- Free White Persons - Females: [Empty text box]

The background shows the Ancestry website with the "All 1790 United States Federal Census" page. The page includes a search bar with "Fitch" and "Lived In: cornish city, su..." entered. The "Your search" section shows the search criteria. The "All Categories" section is expanded to show "Census & Voter Lists" and "1790s". The "1790 United States Federal Census" section is visible, along with a "National Archives" logo and text: "Provided in association with National Archives and Records Administration".

All 1790 United States Federal Census results for Fitch



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Your search



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FITCH
 Lived In: cheshire, new ...

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1790 United States Federal Census

This database details those persons enumerated in the 1790 United States Federal Census, the First Census of the United States. In addition, the names of those listed on the population schedule...

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View Record	Name	Home in 1790 (City, County, State)	Number of Slaves	Total Number of All Persons - Free White, Free Colored, Slaves	V C
View Record	Hezekiah Fitch	Cornish, Cheshire, New Hampshire		5	
View Record	Samuel Fitch	Cornish, Cheshire, New Hampshire		8	
View Record	Zebediah Fitch	Cornish, Cheshire, New Hampshire		9	
View Record	Paul Fitch	Jaffrey, Cheshire, New Hampshire		10	
View Record	Thomas Fisk	Jaffrey, Cheshire, New Hampshire		7	
View Record	Alexander Fish	Marlborough, Cheshire, New Hampshire		2	
View Record	Simon Fisk	Marlow, Cheshire, New Hampshire		4	
View Record	Stephen Fish	Walpole, Cheshire, New Hampshire		7	

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All 1800 United States Federal Census results for Fitch



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FITCH

Lived In: cheshire, new ...

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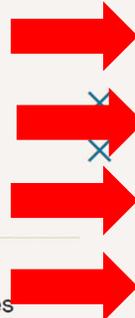
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View Record	Name	Home in 1800 (City, County, State)	Number of Slaves	Total Number of All Persons - Free White, Free Colored, Slaves	View Census
View Record	John Fitch	Jaffrey, Cheshire, New Hampshire		3	
View Record	Paul Fitch	Jaffrey, Cheshire, New Hampshire		7	
View Record	Zebiediah Fitch	Cornish, Cheshire, New Hampshire		4	
View Record	Same Fitch	Cornish, Cheshire, New Hampshire		12	
View Record	Herckiah Fitch	Cornish, Cheshire, New Hampshire		7	
View Record	Rufus Fitch	Cornish, Cheshire, New Hampshire		8	
View Record	Aaron Fish	Chesterfield, Cheshire, New Hampshire		3	
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Tip

Use the “exact” place
feature with extreme
caution

Location Rules for Ancestry.com

- If the “place” did not exist at the time of the enumeration- the “exact” feature will fail
- If the “place” was known as something else for a particular year, it will be cataloged that way
 - Browse a specific census year
 - Educate yourself about the “place”

Browse Census Collections

Search > Census & Voter Lists

1800 United States Federal Census

Search Match all terms exactly

First & Middle Name(s)

Last Name

Exact, sounds like, similar & soundex

Location

Lived In

Exact to this place

Any Event

Keyword

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Number of Slaves



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Choose...

- Cheshire
- Grafton
- Hillsborough
- Rockingham
- Strafford

Choose... ▾

Township

Browse Census Collections

First & Middle Name(s)

Last Name

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Location

Lived In

✓ Exact to this place

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Number of Slaves

Number of Household Members Under 16

Number of Household Members Over 25

Number of Household Members

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Examine All Candidates

- Hezekiah Fitch (1790 & 1800)
- Samuel Fitch (1790 & 1800)
- Zebediah Fitch (1790 & 1800)
- Rufus Fitch (1800)

In the name of God amen- I Zebediah Fitch
 of Tisbury in the County of Orange & State of Vermont
 being in a full health & body, and of sound mind and

I hereby give to Polly Corbin & Daniel Chen children of
 my deceased daughter Polly Chen one Dollar- all which
 together with the household furniture & wearing apparel
 which she had in her possession at the time of her decease
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I hereby give to my beloved wife Patsy Fitch
 for & during the term of her natural life the use of
 all my real estate & household furniture - Item
 I give to my son Henry Fitch one hundred
 Dollars to be paid in one year after my decease and
 one third of my household furniture after the
 decease of my wife also one half of my wearing
 apparel at my decease - Item I give to my
 daughter Patsy Wood one third of my household
 furniture and the whole of the wearing apparel
 of my wife after her decease - Item I give to my
 Grand children Sarah Phelps, Dula Fitch & Henry
 Fitch, heirs of my deceased son Dula Fitch one Dollar
 Item I give to my Grand children Henry Fitch, George
 W. Fitch, & he dec. Fitch, & Edw. Fitch heirs of my deceased
 son Zebediah Fitch each Five Dollars -

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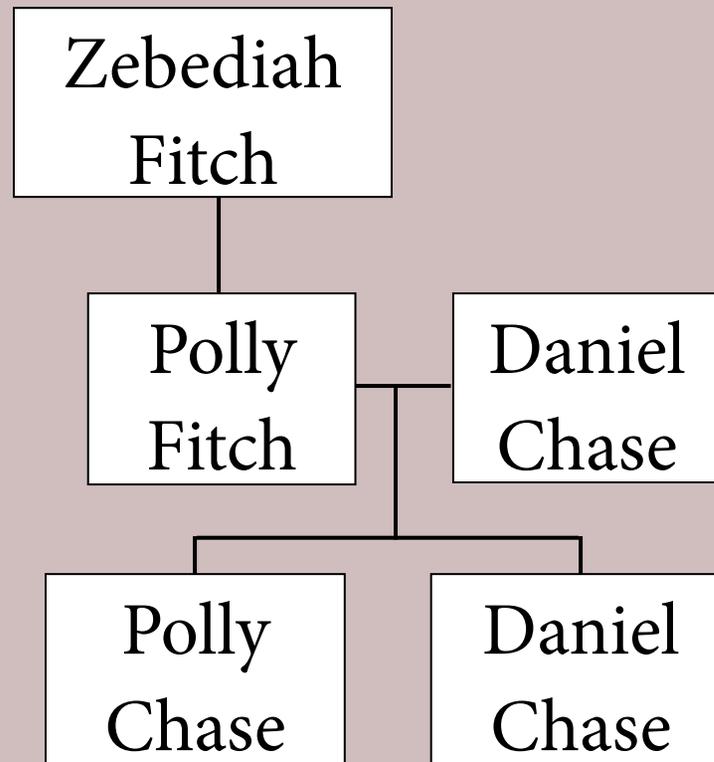
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In Testimony whereof I do hereunto set my hand & seal
 this Twenty second day of October Anno Domini
 Eighteen hundred & Twenty one -
 I doint Simon Short for me in my stead to write my name
 to this my last will in my presence - Zebediah Fitch

Signed, Sealed, Published, & Proclaimed & Declared by
 the said Zebediah Fitch as & for his last will
 & Testament in the presence of us who at his request
 and in his presence hereunto set our names as
 witnesses to the same -
 Simon Short
 Joseph Reed
 Thomas Kincaid
 Simon Newcomb

Will of Zebediah Fitch, Orange County, VT

Family of Polly (Fitch) Chase





QUESTIONS?

Migration of a Family

Agnes, Paul, Bertha, at home; Otto, died in 1882, aged fifteen. Mr. Voelker is School Trustee; held for nine years, and is now Supervisor for three years. In politics, a Democrat, and he and family are members of the Lutheran Church.

JULIUS VOELKER, farmer, P. O. Altamont, was born in Prussia, Germany, March 23, 1842, to Charles and Regenal (Yauslow) Voelker. They were both natives of Prussia. He was born March 18, 1798, and died in this county in 1876 or 1877. He was a farmer. She was born February 16, 1797, and came to this county in 1873; parents of seven children, of whom subject is the youngest child. His early life was spent in receiving a common school education, and then entered a college, attending until he was fifteen years old, and then entered the mill and learned the milling business of his father until he was nineteen years of age. In 1862, he came to America, and came to Effingham County in 1862, and worked with his brother for eight or nine years, and in 1869 he bought 130 acres, and has since added to it. In Effingham County, in 1869, he married Miss Christy Wolf. They have two children, viz., Amanda and Sophia. He is a member of the German Lutheran Church. In politics, he is a Democrat.

NICHOLAS T. WHARTON, farmer, P. O. Welton, is a native of Spottsylvania County, Old Virginia, and was born June 25, 1828. His father, Benjamin Wharton, was born in Old Virginia in 1790, emigrated with his family to Ohio in 1837, and settled in Guernsey County. In 1854, he came to Effingham County, Ill., where he died in October, 1855. His occupation was that of a farmer. He served in the war of 1812. His wife, the mother of our subject, was Lucy Chandler. She was born in Old Virginia in 1794, and is now residing with her children in Ohio, enjoying good health in her eighty-eighth year. She is the mother of eight children, of whom six are now living, viz., Martha, widow

of Joseph Sperry, living in Muskingum County, Ohio; George, a Baptist preacher at Lincoln, Ill.; William A., a farmer in Hocking County, Ohio; Nicholas T., our subject; Doctor, a Baptist preacher of Guernsey County, Ohio, and Lawrence B., Baptist preacher of Pawnee City, Neb. Nicholas T. Wharton was educated from the common schools of Old Virginia, and was raised on a farm. At the age of twenty-two, he left his home, and embarked on life's rugged pathway as a farm laborer, working by the month. In December, 1853, he came to Effingham County, Ill., and spent three years in teaching school, and working at the carpenter's trade. In 1855, he removed to his present residence in Section 12, and began farming, and is still actively engaged. His farm consists of 208 acres of good land. In 1855, on the 30th of March, he married Miss Rebecca Jane Kagay, a native of Fairfield County, Ohio, a daughter of Christian and Nancy Ann (Laney) Kagay, natives of Fairfield County. Mr. and Mrs. Wharton have been blessed with the following children, viz., Mary, Richard and Nancy (twins), Laura, John, Elma, Emma, Edwin, George, Benjamin and Walter. Mr. Wharton has served the county as Supervisor for three terms, and is now holding the office of School Treasurer, which office he has held for eight years. He and wife are members of the Baptist Church. He is an active member of the order A., F. & A. M. He is a Democrat.

HERMAN A. WINKLER, farmer, P. O. Edgewood, was born in Prussia, Germany, May 13, 1832, to Karl and Johanna (Koppe) Winkler. He attended the common schools of his native country until he was fourteen years of age, and then entered the Goettingen College, where he remained only six months. He then enlisted as a soldier, and the third day was wounded, being hit on one limb below the knee with a bombshell, and shot through his left limb. His wounds kept him confined for about sixteen months. He then returned home



Family Breakdown

Males	Tally Marks	Females	Tally Marks
Under 5	0	Under 5	0
5-9	2	5-9	0
10-14	2	10-14	0
15-19	2	15-19	0
20-29	1	20-29	1
30-39	0	30-39	0
40-49	0	40-49	1
50-59	1	50-59	0
60-69	0	60-69	0

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The main content area features two sections:

- Early Census Comparison Charts**

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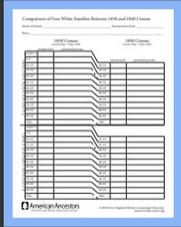
 - [1800-1810 census comparison](#)
 - [1810-1820 census comparison](#)
 - [1830-1840 census comparison, free white families](#)
 - [1830-1840 census comparison, free colored families](#)
 - [1830-1840 census comparison, slave families](#)
- Researching House History**

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 - [Deed Chart](#)

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Comparison of Free White Families Between 1830 and 1840 Census

Head of Family: _____ Enumeration Date: _____

Place: _____

Free white males including heads of families	1830 Census Census Day: 1 June 1830		1840 Census Census Day: 1 June 1840	
	enumerated	potential persons	enumerated	potential persons
under 5				
5-9				
10-14				
15-19				
20-29				
30-39				
40-49				
50-59				
60-69				
70-79				
80-89				
90-99				

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Comparison of Free White Families Between 1830 and 1840 Census

Head of Family: Benjamin Wharton Enumeration Date: N/A

Place: 1840-Jackson, Guernsey Co., OH

1830 Census		1840 Census	
Census Day: 1 June 1830		Census Day: 1 June 1840	
	enumerated	potential persons	
Free white males including heads of families	under 5		
	5-9		
	10-14		10-14 11 Nicholas T. / William (1828, 1826)
	15-19		15-19 11 George / Benjamin (1822, 1820)
	20-29		20-29 1 John (1816)
	30-39		30-39
	40-49		40-49
	50-59		50-59 1 Benjamin Wharton (1790)
	60-69		60-69
	70-79		70-79
	80-89		80-89
90-99		90-99	
100+		100+	
Free white females including heads of families	under 5		
	5-9		
	10-14		10-14
	15-19		15-19
	20-29		20-29 1 Martha (1814)
	30-39		30-39
	40-49		40-49 1 Lucy Chandler (1794)
	50-59		50-59
	60-69		60-69
	70-79		70-79
	80-89		80-89
90-99		90-99	
100+		100+	

5-9 (11) Doctor/Lawrence

1830- Spotsylvania Co., VA

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(No. 4.) 104 SCHEDULE of the whole number of Persons within the Division allotted to *Bowker*

Name of County, City, Ward, Town, Township, Parish, Precinct, Hundred, or District.	NAMES or HEADS OF FAMILIES.	FREE WHITE PERSONS, (INCLUDING HEADS OF FAMILIES.)																																		
		MALES.														FEMALES.																				
		Under five years of age.	Of five and under ten.	Of ten and under fifteen.	Of fifteen and under twenty.	Of twenty and under twenty-five.	Of twenty-five and under thirty.	Of thirty and under thirty-five.	Of thirty-five and under forty.	Of forty and under forty-five.	Of forty-five and under fifty.	Of fifty and under sixty.	Of sixty and under seventy.	Of seventy and under eighty.	Of eighty and under ninety.	Of ninety and under one hundred.	Of one hundred and upwards.	Under five years of age.	Of five and under ten.	Of ten and under fifteen.	Of fifteen and under twenty.	Of twenty and under twenty-five.	Of twenty-five and under thirty.	Of thirty and under thirty-five.	Of thirty-five and under forty.	Of forty and under forty-five.	Of forty-five and under fifty.	Of fifty and under sixty.	Of sixty and under seventy.	Of seventy and under eighty.	Of eighty and under ninety.	Of ninety and under one hundred.				
		under 5	5 to 10	10 to 15	15 to 20	20 to 30	30 to 40	40 to 50	50 to 60	60 to 70	70 to 80	80 to 90	90 to 100	100, &c.	under 5	5 to 10	10 to 15	15 to 20	20 to 30	30 to 40	40 to 50	50 to 60	60 to 70	70 to 80	80 to 90	90 to 100	100, &c.									
Spotsylvania County	Recapitulation	335	265	275	245	219	224	161	126	83	41	7	2		371	310	259	244	298	259	175	133	68	31	10	5	2									
	John S. Wilford, (son)						1								1																					
	William Waller, (son)					1																														
	James Williams, (son)				1					1																										
	John Williams	2		1	1			1								1		1																		
	James, Mr. Williams					1									2																					
	William Webster					1									1																					
	Mr. Webster																																			
	Bryanus Wharton	3		2			1																													
	John Wilson	1					1																													
	William White				2			1									2																			
	Robert Withman	1	2	1			1									1																				
	John Webber							1																												
	Elizabeth Wigfworth	2	1				1												1																	
	Lilly Woodroof																																			
Maria Waller						1								2	3	1																				
Harry Willoughby						1								2	3	1																				
Bowker Waller		1				1								2	3	1																				
Nancy Young														1																						

Comparison of Free White Families Between 1830 and 1840 Census

Head of Family: Benjamin Wharton Enumeration Date: N/A

Place: 1830 - Spotsylvania, VA 1840 - Jackson, Guernsey Co., OH

		1830 Census Census Day: 1 June 1830		1840 Census Census Day: 1 June 1840		
		enumerated	potential persons	enumerated	potential persons	
Free white males including heads of families	(1828, 1822, 1826)	under 5	111	Nicholas T. / George / William		
		5-9				
	(1816, 1820)	10-14	11	John / Benjamin	10-14	11
		15-19			15-19	11
		20-29			20-29	1
	(1790)	30-39	1	Benjamin Wharton	30-39	
		40-49			40-49	
		50-59			50-59	1
		60-69			60-69	
		70-79			70-79	
Free white females including heads of families	(1814)	10-14			10-14	
		15-19	1	Martha	15-19	
		20-29			20-29	1
	(1794)	30-39	1	Lucy Chandler	30-39	
		40-49			40-49	1
		50-59			50-59	
		60-69			60-69	
		70-79			70-79	
		80-89			80-89	
		90-99			90-99	
	100+			100+		

Handwritten notes and connections:

- 5-9 (11) Doctor / Lawrence (with arrow pointing to 5-9 age group in 1830)
- (1828, 1826) (with arrow pointing to 10-14 age group in 1840)
- (1822, 1820) (with arrow pointing to 15-19 age group in 1840)
- (1816) (with arrow pointing to 20-29 age group in 1840)
- (1790) (with arrow pointing to 50-59 age group in 1840)
- (1814) (with arrow pointing to 20-29 age group in 1840)
- (1794) (with arrow pointing to 40-49 age group in 1840)

Reconstructing a Census Record

Which Timothy?

- Timothy Pond
 - Whitestown, Montgomery Co., NY (1790)
 - 7 persons in household
- Timothy Pond, Jr.
 - Whitestown, Montgomery Co., NY (1790)
 - 1-2 persons in household ???

The screenshot shows the FamilySearch.org website interface. At the top left is the FamilySearch logo. The navigation bar includes links for Family Tree, Search (highlighted), Memories, Get Involved, and Activities. On the right, there are links for SIGN IN and CREATE ACCOUNT. Below the navigation bar, there are tabs for Records, Images, Family Tree, Catalog, Books, and Wiki. A search dropdown menu is open, listing Records, Images, Family Tree, Genealogies, Catalog, Books, and Research Wiki. A blue banner for the U.S. Census Community Project is visible, with the text "view the 1950 Census index." and a "START NOW" button. Below the banner, there is a search form with fields for First Names, Last Names, Place, and Year. The text "Search Historical Records" is prominently displayed in yellow.

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Place Year

City, County, State, Province, o Birth or Death Year

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Find a Collection

Your ancestor's record belongs to a collection of similar documents—Argentina Baptisms, for example, or United States Census, 1940. Searching a specific collection is one way to narrow your search. If you don't know the collection's exact title, start typing, and we'll try to help you.

Collection Title

- United States Census, 1790



Search by Place

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United States Census, 1790

Name index to the population schedules listing the inhabitants of the United States in 1790. This was the first national census conducted in the United States. No schedules are known to exist for Delaware, Georgia, Kentucky, New Jersey, Tennessee, and Virginia. Index provided by Ancestry.com.

First Names

Last Names

Place

Year

SEARCH

MORE OPTIONS

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Which Timothy Pond?

The screenshot shows the AmericanAncestors.org search interface. The main content area displays two search results for 'Timothy Pond' from the 1790 US Census, both listed as 'Principal' in 'Montgomery, New York, United States'. The first result is titled 'Timothy Pond, Junr' and the second is 'Timothy Pond'. Both entries include icons for document, photo, and map. The right sidebar contains a search filter panel with 'First Names' set to 'timothy' and 'Last Names' set to 'pond'. Below this is an 'Add Life Event' section with 'Place' set to 'Montgomery, new york'. At the bottom, there are 'SEARCH' and 'RESET' buttons. The page footer shows 'Page 1 of 1' and 'Results per page: 20'.

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Results per page: 20 [v](#)

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Search: **Add Ancestor Information**
NAME ALTERNATE NAME SEX
First Names: timothy
Last Names: pond
Add Life Event
ANY BIRTH MARRIAGE RESIDENCE DEATH
Place: Montgomery, new york
Year (Range): From To
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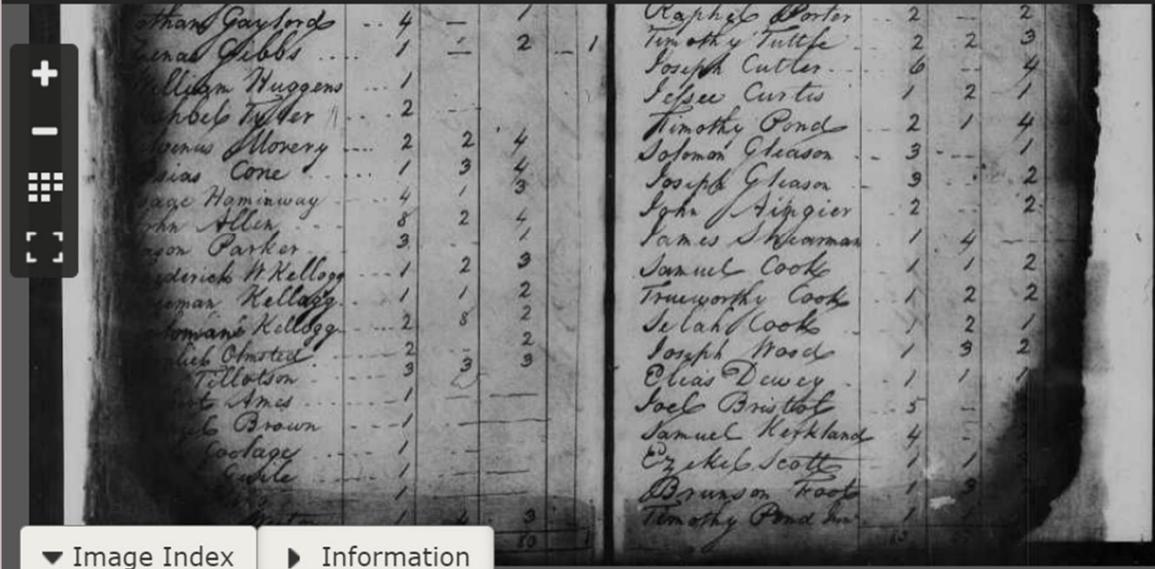
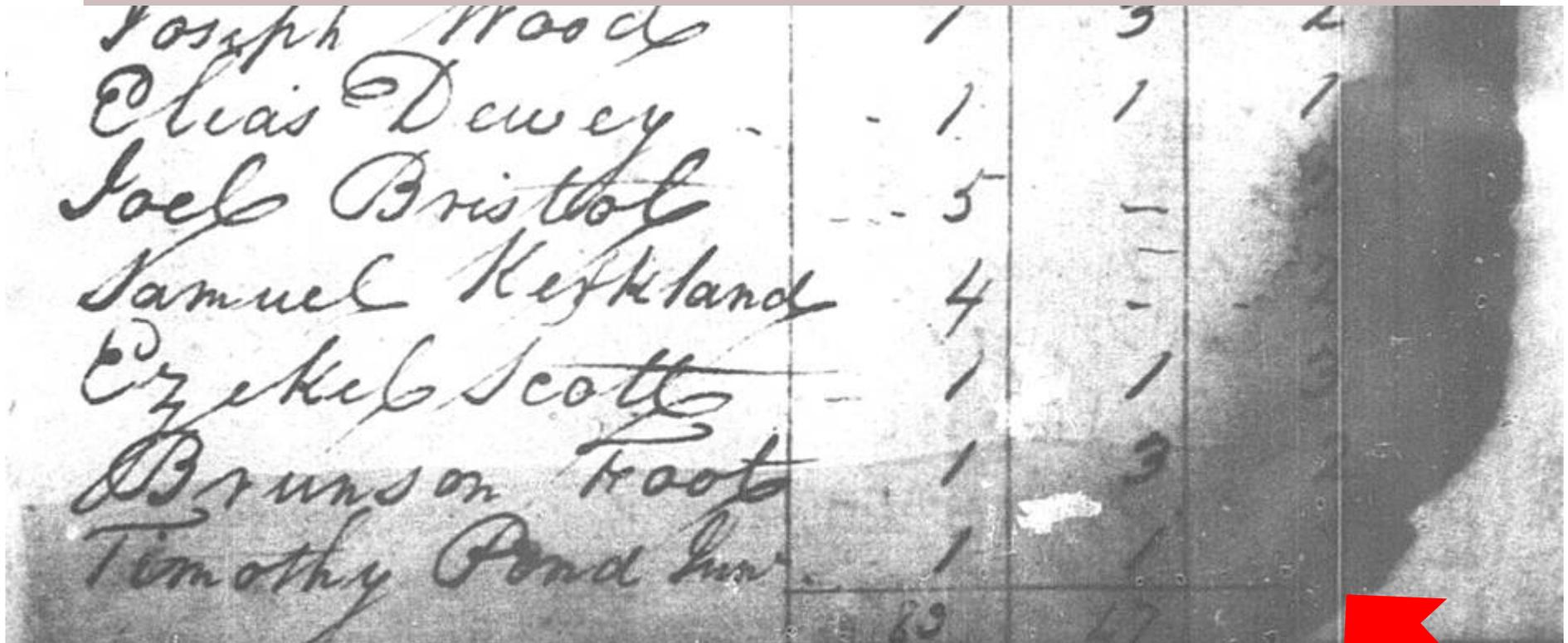


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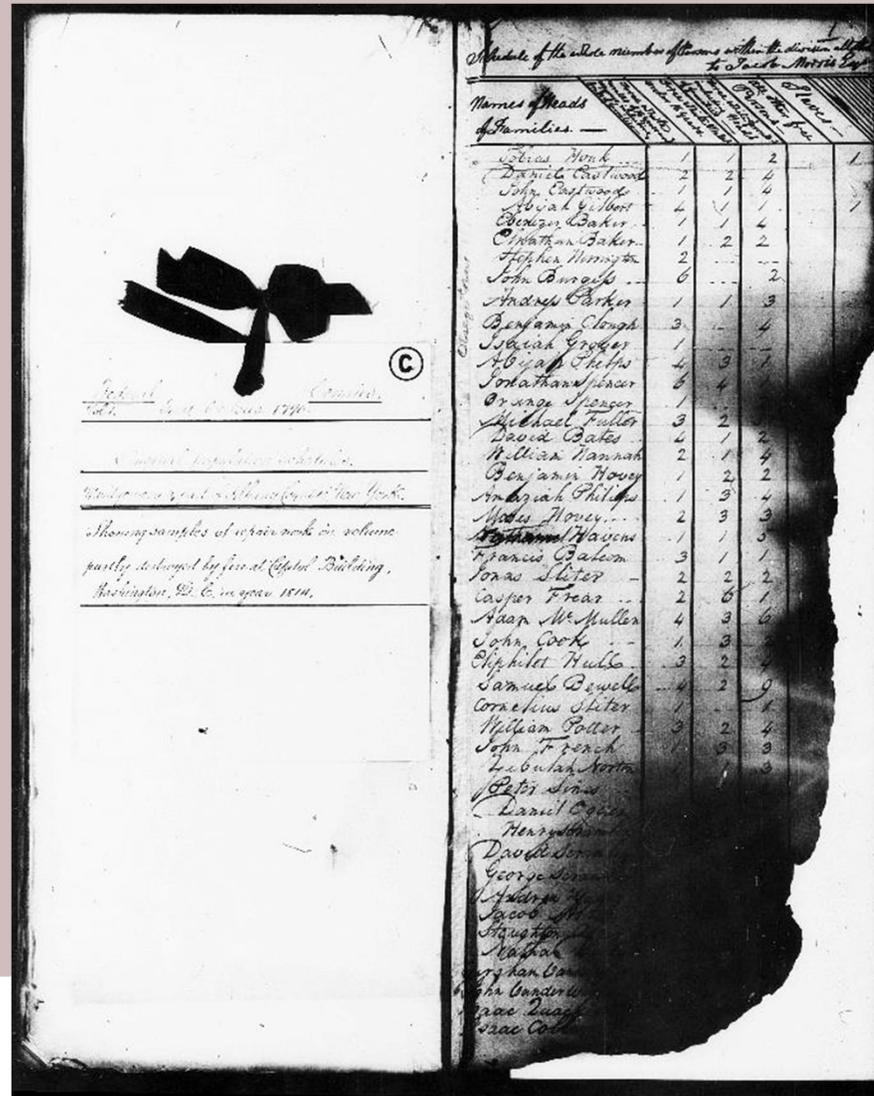
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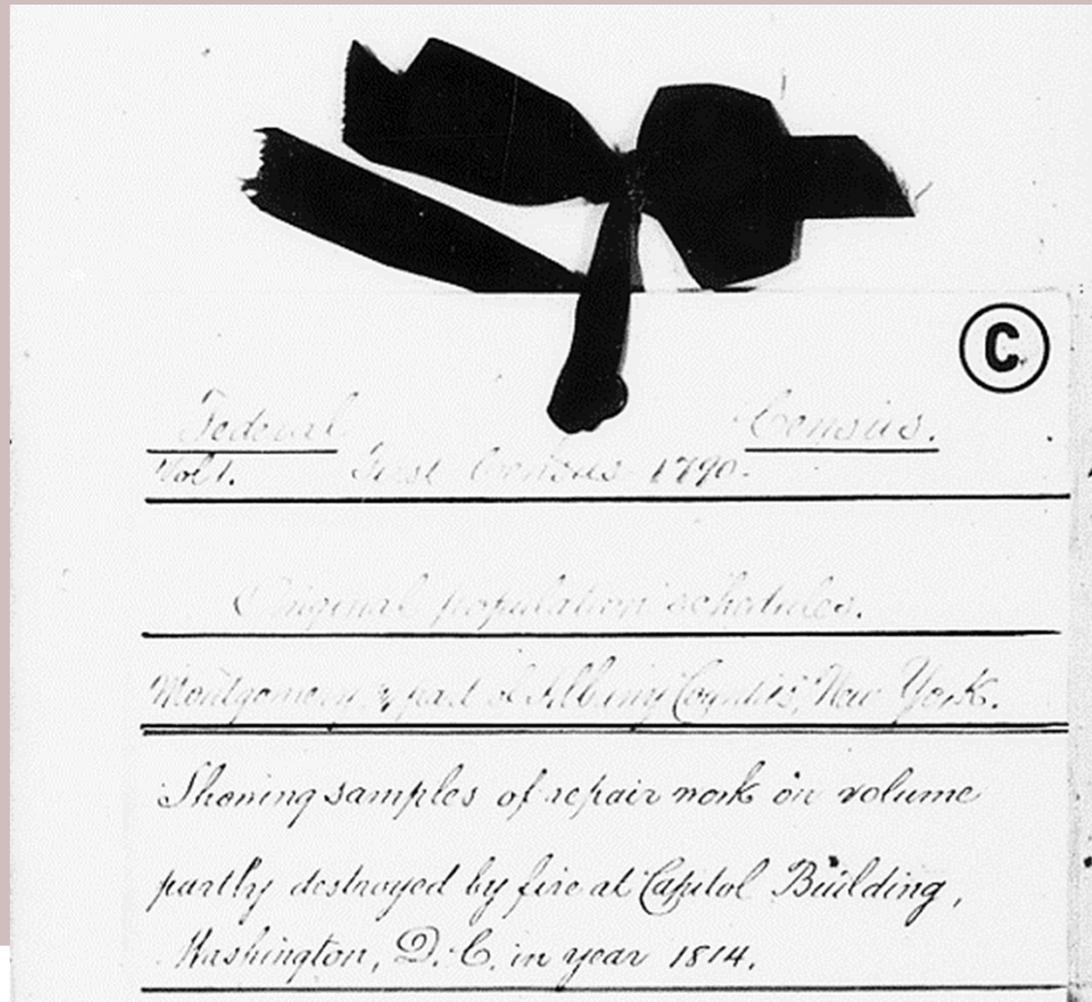
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Joseph Wood	1	3	2
Elias Dewey	1	1	1
Joel Bristol	5	-	-
Samuel Kerkland	4	-	-
Ezekiel Scott	1	1	-
Brunson Root	1	3	-
Timothy Pond Jr.	1	1	-

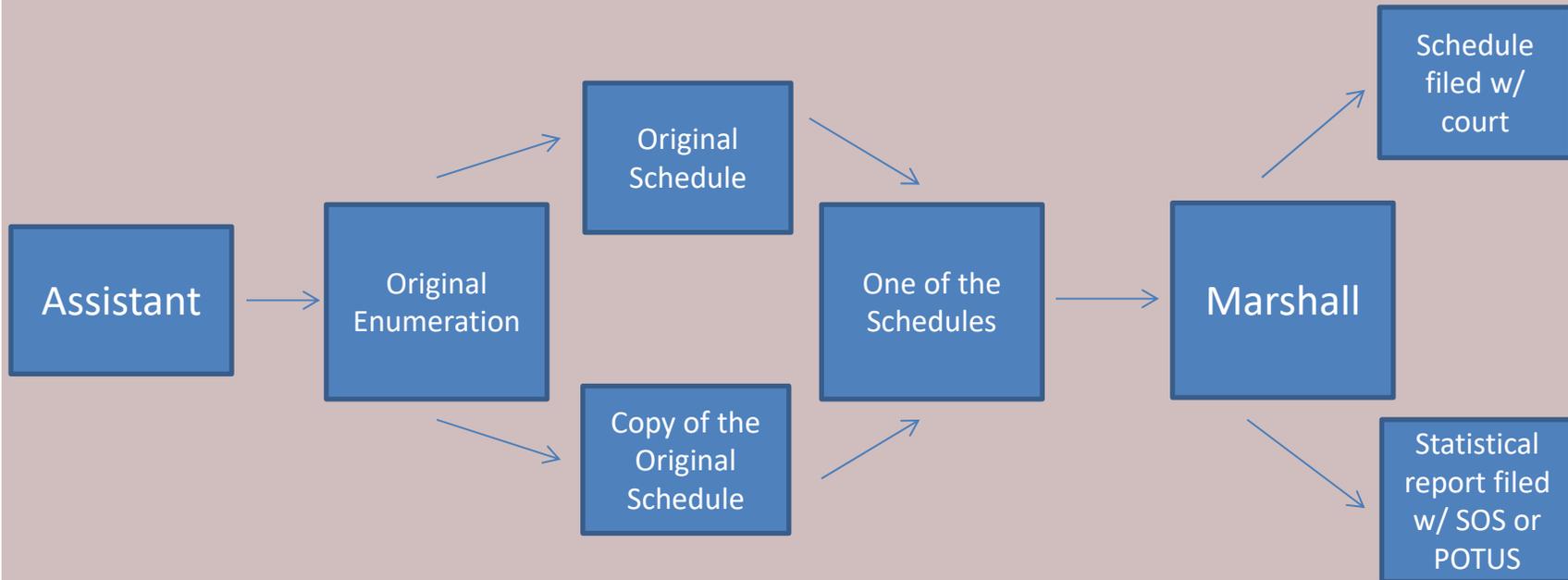
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1790-1820



On May 28, 1830, clerk of courts directed to transmit the 1790-1820 censuses to Department of State

Last Page

Names of heads of families	Free white males under 16 years	Free white males including males 16 years and over	Persons females	Slaves free	All other free
Thomas Tryon	1	3	3		
House & Pease	2	5	3		
Page 65	3	8	6		
66	60	41	69		1
67	88	59	80		1
68	83	47	92		1
69	74	62	82	3	1
70	79	59	103		1
71	91	68	113		1
72	94	53	88		1
72	723	46	116		
1891 Total in the Town of Whiteston	689	443	749	3	7

Timothy Pond

- 2- (free white males of 16 years and upwards including heads of families)
- 1- (free white males under 16 years)
- 4- (free white females including heads of families)
- 0- (all other free persons)

Hard to Read Information

A handwritten census table with several rows of names and numbers. The text is written in cursive and is somewhat difficult to read. A large red arrow points to a dark shadow on the right side of the table, which obscures some of the information.

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Elias Dewey	1	1	1
Joel Bristol	5	1	
Samuel Kefkland	4	1	
Ezekiel Scott	1	1	
Brunson Root	1	3	
Timothy Pond Jr.	1	1	

Timothy Pond, Jr.

- 1- (free white males of 16 years and upwards including heads of families)
- 1- (free white males under 16 years)
- 3- (free white females including heads of families)
- 0- (all other free persons)

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The US Federal Census is a go-to resource for family historians and may be the first record set you turn to as a researcher. Like most records, however, it wasn't designed with genealogists in mind. The census isn't as precise as we hope it to be and as researchers, we often make assumptions regarding the information provided. This five-week course will delve into the ins and outs of the US Federal Census, providing you with the full context of population and non-population schedules and helping you use census records (from 1790 to 1950) more fully and more accurately.

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