

Building Your Genealogical Skills

Class 3: Analyze

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Session Roadmap

Citations

Why bother?

Principles

Examples

Principles for analysis

Sources

Records

Practice! Evaluate a . . .

Death certificate

Draft card

Census record

Passenger list

Compiled genealogy

But first. . .

Homework – Research Plan

Pros

- Loved the template – all in one place
- Search research results
- Helpful in organizing – consolidate slips of paper

Cons

- Templates are problematic - how to preserve
- Redo what done before

Homework – Research Log

Pros

- Keep track
- Focus on church records
 - able to be methodical
 - each one, better focused

Cons

- A bit of rework in terms of plan

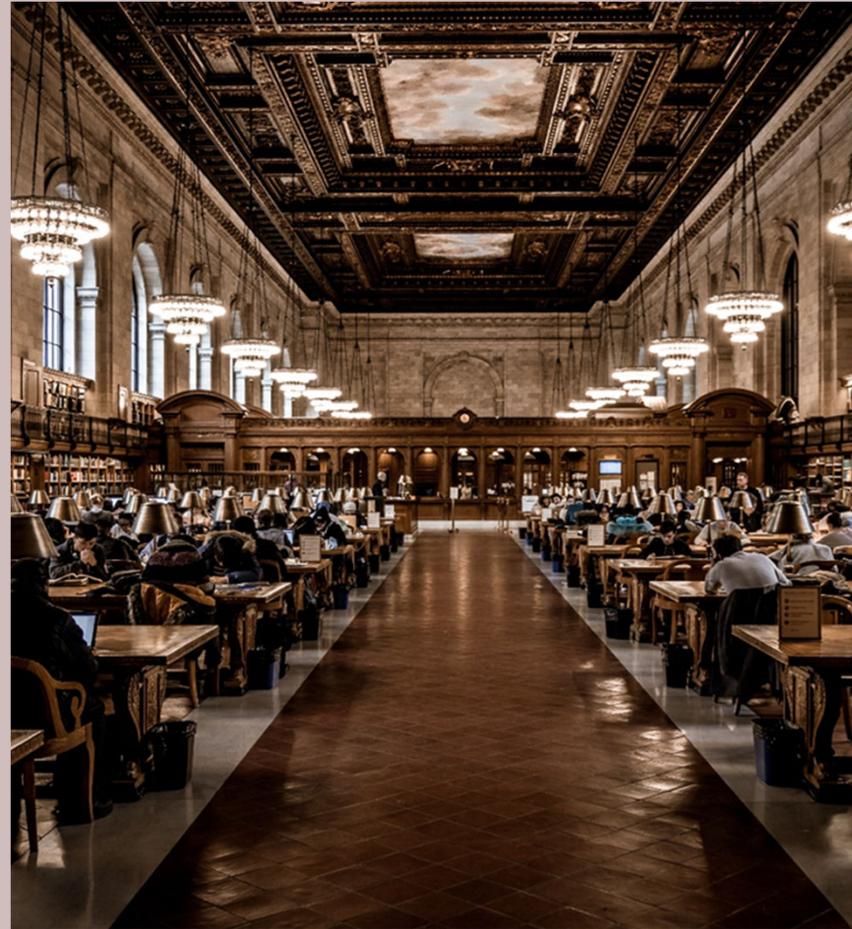
Moving On

Why Bother With Citations?

1. Knowing the source of a fact allows you, or someone else, to go back and find it again
2. Knowing the source of a fact helps you evaluate its credibility
3. Citations are part of the Genealogical Proof Standard

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>

Citation Principles

- Capture enough information about the source and its record so you can find the record a second time.
- Thomas W. Jones, noted genealogist, has said,
 - “This idea that there is one way to cite a source is **false**,” [emphasis added] (2015, APG Conference)
- Pick a style and stick with it – Consistency is important.

*Thomas W. Jones, *Mastering Genealogical Proof*, Arlington, VA: National Genealogical Society, 2013, pp38-40.

Citation Elements

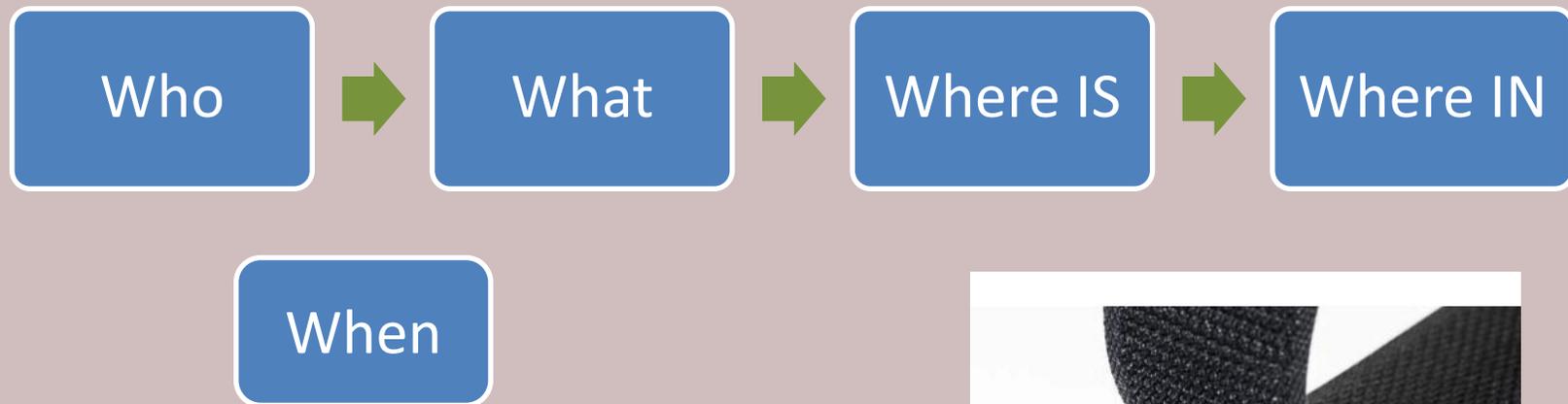
- **Who** (or what) created the source?
 - Author
 - Organization
- **What** is the source?
 - Book title
 - Database name
 - Not the website name – that is the publisher
- **When** was the source created?
 - Date the source was created
 - Date the record within the source was created
 - Date the record was accessed

Thomas W Jones, *Mastering Genealogical Documentation* (Arlington, VA : National Genealogical Society, 2017), p. 40

Citation Elements (cont.)

- **Where IS** the source now?
 - Publisher
 - Geographic location
 - Repository
 - Web address
- **Where IN** the source is the item?
 - Volume and page number
 - NARA roll
 - Certificate number
 - Person and event

General Citation Format



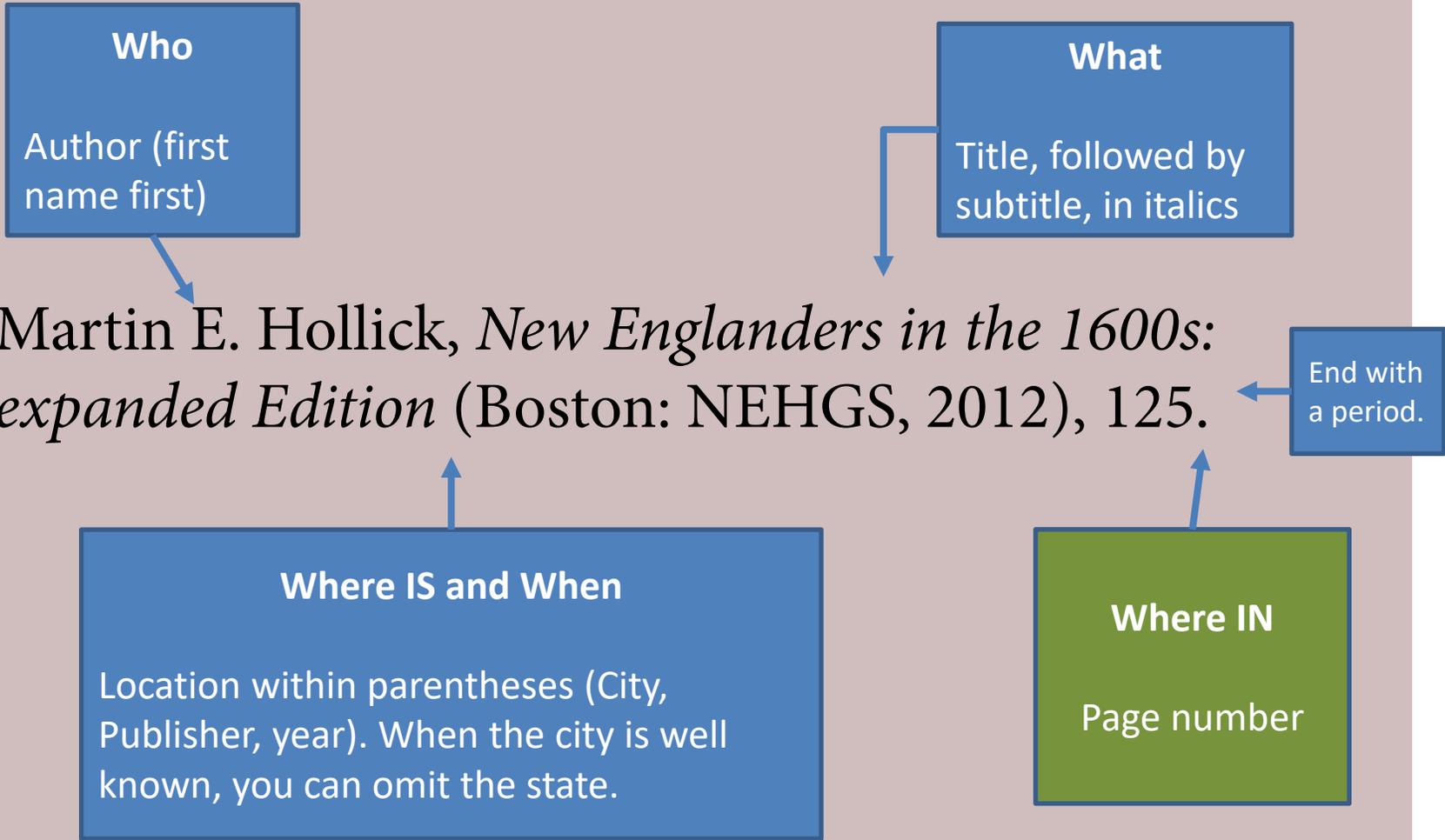
Velcro Principle – Don't separate items that ought to stick together



Documentation Conventions

- Book titles and journal names are *italicized*
- Database names, article titles are in "quotes"
- Parentheses group publication details (print and online)
- Semicolons divide complex citations with two or more nested groups

Source Citations - Books



Tip

Most citations will have
several layers

Two Principles for Writing a Citation

Velcro

Nesting Dolls



Nesting Doll Principle

Database: Massachusetts Town Clerk and Vital Records

Website: Ancestry

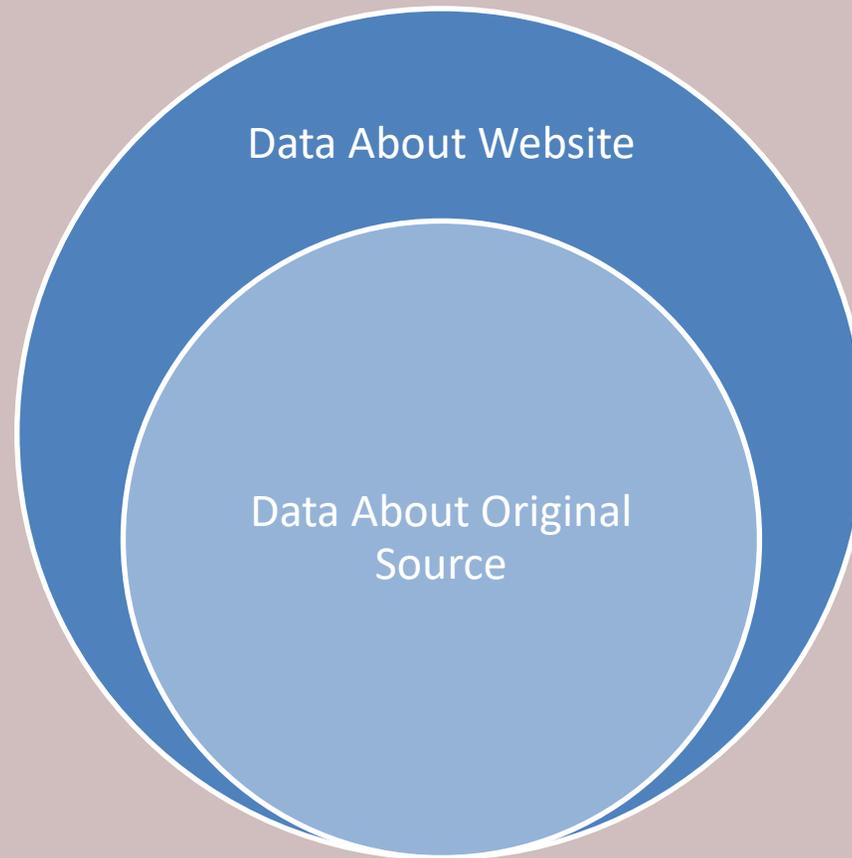


Town: Sutton

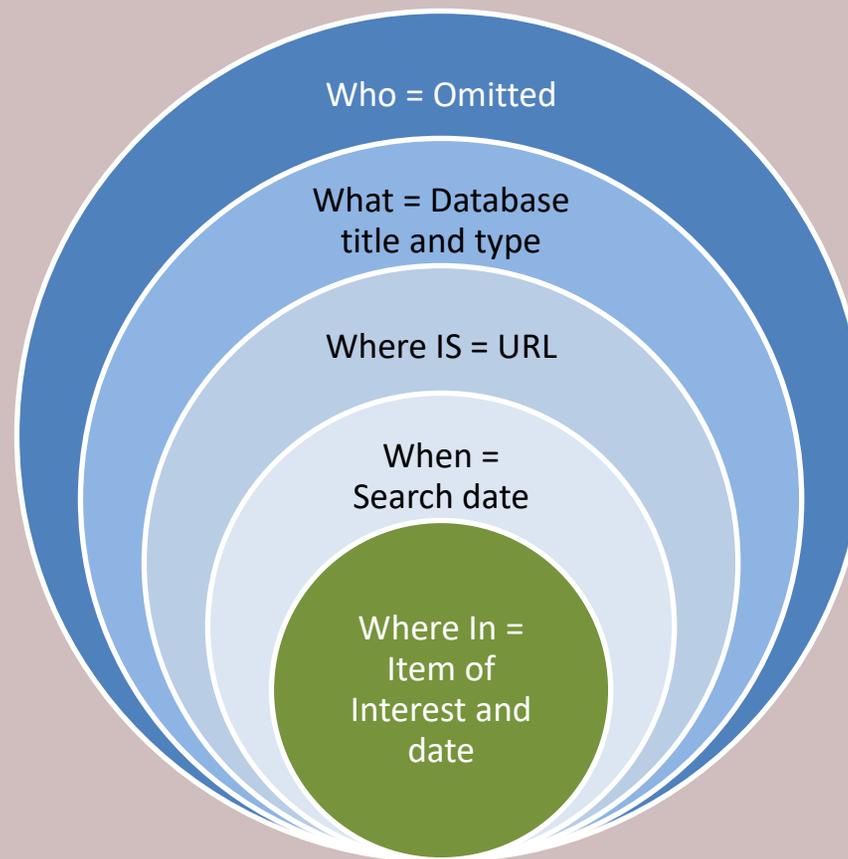
Type of Record:
Death

Item of Interest

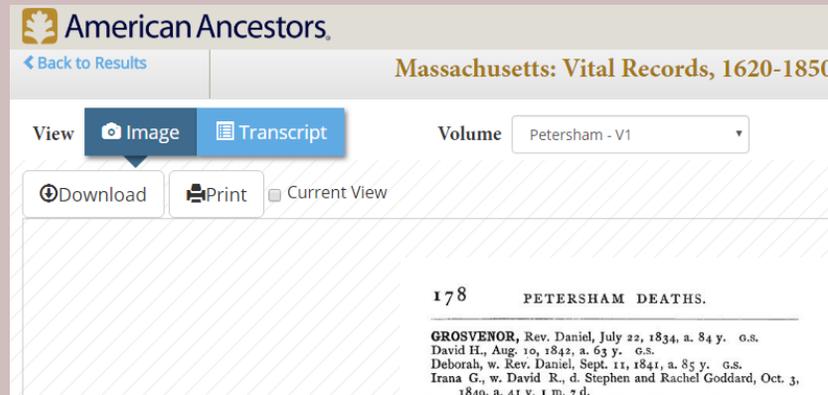
In An Online World – Citations Need Two Parts



Layer 1: Website



Website Information



Who	Author/Creator	American Ancestors
What	Title and Type	Massachusetts Vital Records, 1620-1850, Database with images
Where IS	Web Address	www.AmericanAncestors.org
When (usually Velcroed to Where IS)	Date Accessed	13 May 2019
Where IN	Item of Interest	Death of Deborah Grosvenor, 11 Sep 1841

Website's Citation

Lucy, w. Enoch, July 18, 1823, a. 77 y. G.S.
Louisa, d. Enoch and Lucy, Aug. 16, 1817, a. 6 y. G.S.
Lucy, d. Enoch and Lucy, April 24, 1817, a. 10 m. G.S.
HANSON, Jonathan, July 14, 1849, a. 62 y. 4 m. 7 d. Suicide.
Born in Prescott.
HAPGOOD, Charles, s. Hutchins and Elizabeth, Sept. 17, 1828.
Dolly, w. Eber, July 16, 1822, a. 50 y. G.S.
Eliza, d. Hutchins and Elizabeth, Sept. 24, 1835.
Eliza, d. Lyman W. and Agnes, Sept. 4, 1845, a. 4 y. 8 m. G.S.
Elizabeth, w. Hutchins, Jan. 11, 1835.
Hutchins, Sept. 4, 1837.
Hutchins, s. Hutchins and Elizabeth, June 2, 1828.
Levi, s. Eber and Dolly, Dec. 31, 1839.
Lydia, d. Hutchins and Elizabeth, June 6, 1807.
Maria, d. Hutchins and Elizabeth, Jan. 28, 1842.
Sarah Elizabeth, d. Seth and Lydia, March 5, 1833.
Thomas, s. Hutchins and Elizabeth, Oct. 10, 1820.
HARRINGTON, Catherine, w. David, d. John and Phebe Mahan,
June 24, 1849, a. 67 y. 3 m. 13 d.
David, h. Catherine, March 27, 1848, a. 67 y. Born in Barre.
HASKELL, Harriet Newell, d. Abraham and Mary, Oct. 17,
1834, a. 20 y. G.S.

Citation

Massachusetts: Vital Records, 1620-1850 (Online Database: *AmericanAncestors.org*, New England Historic Genealogical Society, 2001-2016).

<https://www.americanancestors.org/DB190/i/7779/178/142679358>

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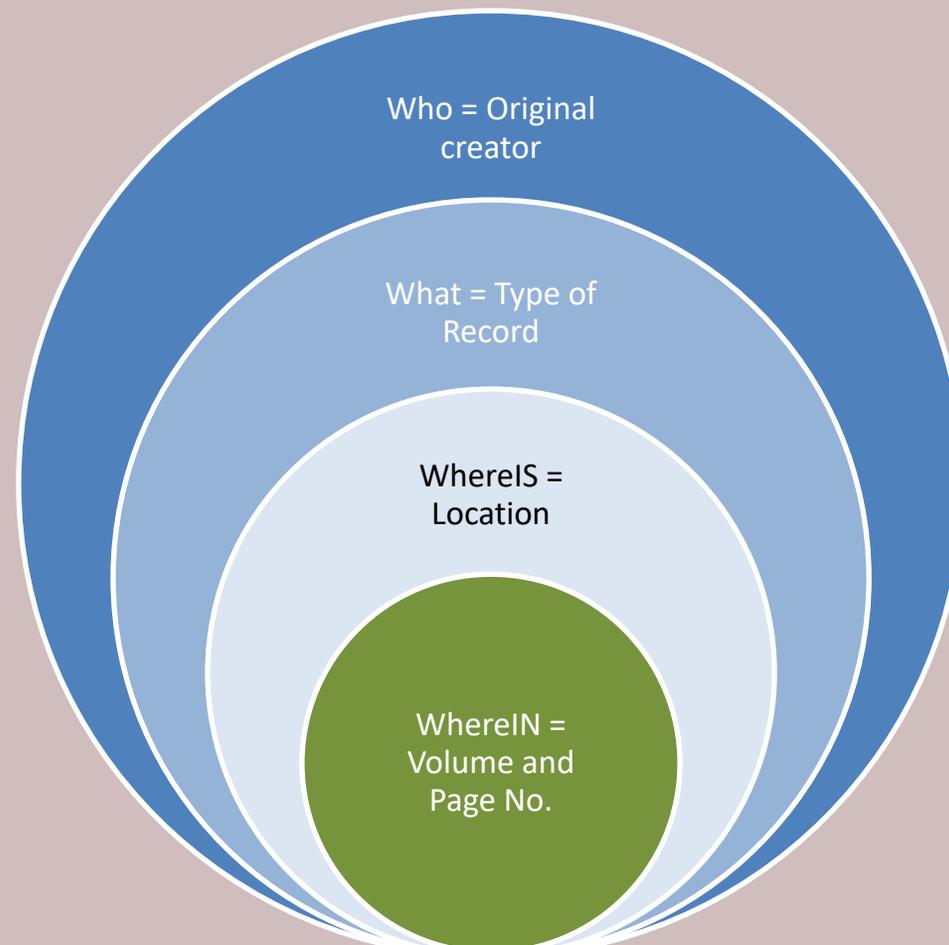
At the turn of the twentieth century NEHGS was instrumental in introducing and passing legislation to appropriate funds to produce books of vital statistics to the year 1850 for the cities and towns in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. This Massachusetts Vital Records to 1850 database contains all of

Copy Citation

Comment or Question

Write a comment

Layer 2: Original Source



Town Records Information

Who	Author	Town of Petersham
What	Title	Deaths
Where IS	Location – can be omitted	We’ve already captured it under the Author
Where IN	Details	Vol 1, Page 178
When	Often omitted	

AmericanAncestors.org

[Back to Results](#) **Massachusetts: Vital Records, 1620-1850**

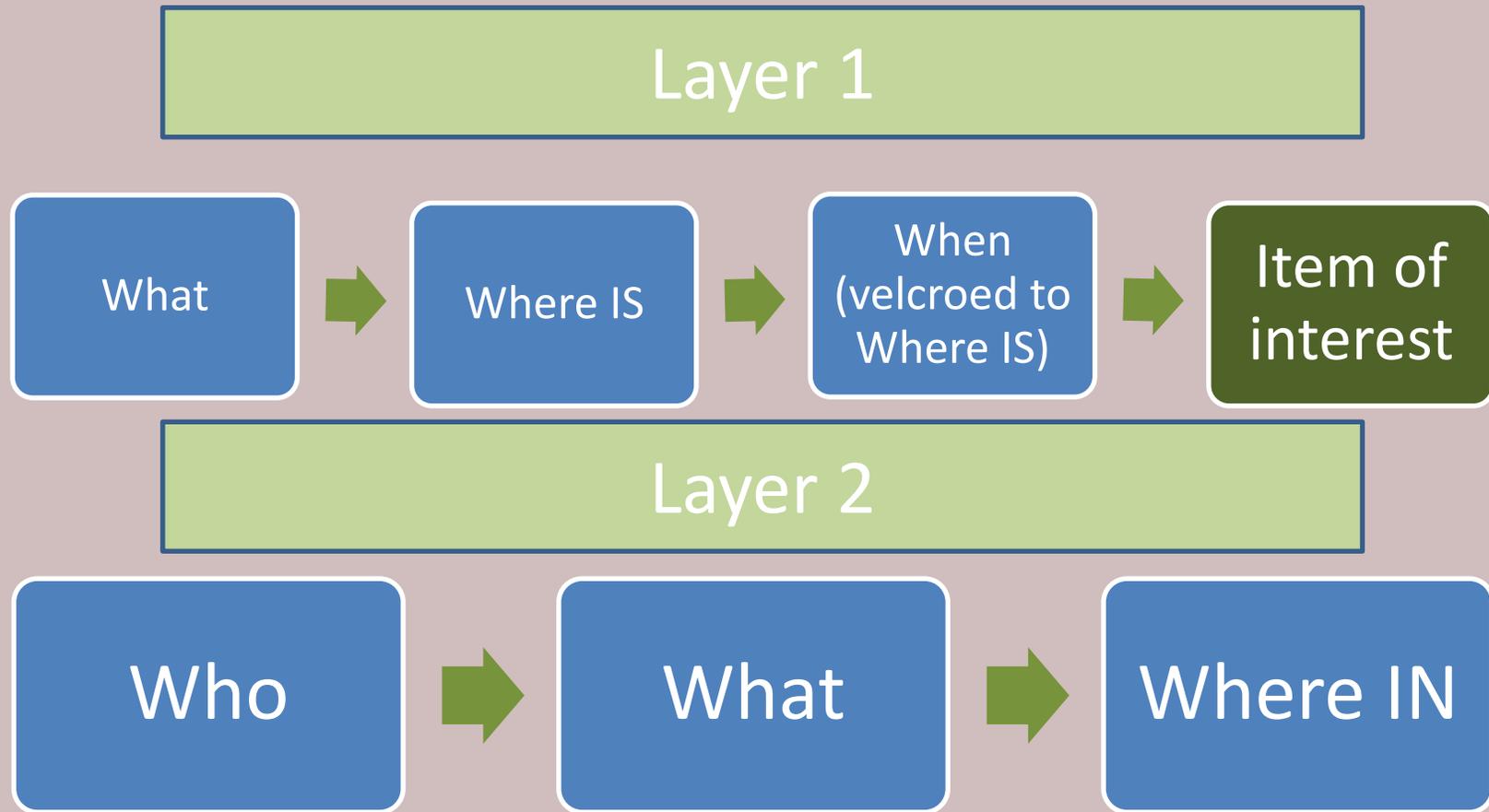
View **Image** Transcript Volume Petersham - V1

Download Print Current View

178 PETERSHAM DEATHS.

GROSVENOR, Rev. Daniel, July 22, 1834, a. 84 y. G.S.
 David H., Aug. 10, 1842, a. 63 y. G.S.
Deborah, w. Rev. Daniel, Sept. 11, 1841, a. 85 y. G.S.
 Irana G., w. David R., d. Stephen and Rachel Goddard, Oct. 3,
 1840, a. 41 y. 1 m. 7 d.

Online Database Citation Template



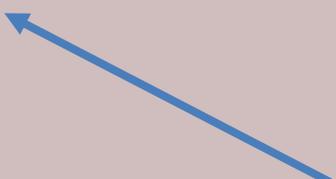
Citations - Online Database

Layer 1: The Website information



“Massachusetts Vital Records, 1620-1840,” online images viewed at *American Ancestors* (www.AmericanAncestors.org : accessed 19 May 2019), record for Deborah Grosvenor, death 11 September 1841; citing Town of Petersham, Deaths, Vol 1:178.

Layer 2: The Original Record



Evidence Explained Template Online Source

- “Name of Database in quotation marks”
- Type of database (BMD/land, etc)
- *Title of Website in Italics* (URL : access date)
- specific item of interest
- SOURCE-OF-THE-SOURCE DATA.

QuickLesson 26: Evidence Explained

Review Citations

1. Citations help you find the record again and help you evaluate the quality of what you found
2. Capture Who (Author, Organization), What (Title), Where IS (Publisher, location), Where IN (Record of Interest), When (date – velcroed to item)
3. Think of nesting dolls and moving from general to specific
4. Remember to velcro dates to appropriate element
5. Citations are an art; do not get tied in knots over them

QUESTIONS?

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Principles of Analysis

Source

Original

Derivative

Authored

Information

First-hand

Second-hand

Unknown

Evidence

Direct

Indirect

Negative

Analyze the Source

Tip

Citations Help You
Evaluate the Source

Analysis – Question 1

- Are you looking at an original or derivative source?



Original Sources

- Original – From the time period being researched.
Includes:
 - Duplicate original
 - Record (Clerk's) copy
 - Image copy
- Digital copies, microfilm, microfiche
considered original for analysis purposes
- BCG Article - QuickLesson 10

Derivative Sources

- Derivative – Written by someone who did not experience the events or time period. Includes:
 - Transcripts
 - Extracts
 - Abstracts
- https://familysearch.org/wiki/en/Primary_sources

21. I do hereby constitute and appoint my son Christian Thomas to be sole
 Executor of this my last Will and Testament, and do revoke and annul
 all former Wills by me heretofore made In Testimony whereof I have
 hereunto set my hand and affixed my Seal this Fourteenth day of May 1777

Signed Sealed published and declared by Christian Thomas the above named
 Testator as his last Will and Testament in the presence of us who at his request and in his presence have subscribed our names as
 Witnesses thereto, the words "thing" and "estate" being first interlined.

Christian Thomas Seal

Unnixed to the foregoing Will is the following Probate Vizt
 Frederick County to wit the 24th December 1777. Then came Richard Potts, Nicholas Tice and Joseph Doll the three subscribing Witnesses to the last Will and Testament of Christian Thomas late of Fred^{erick} County deceased, and severally made Oath in the Holy Evangel of Almighty God that they did see the Testator therein named sign and seal the said Will, and that they heard him publish, pronounce and declare the same to be his last Will and Testament, that at the time of his so doing he was to the best of their Apprehensions of sound and disposing mind, memory and understanding and that they respectively subscribed their names as Witnesses to the said Will in the presence and at the request of the Testator, and in the presence of each other

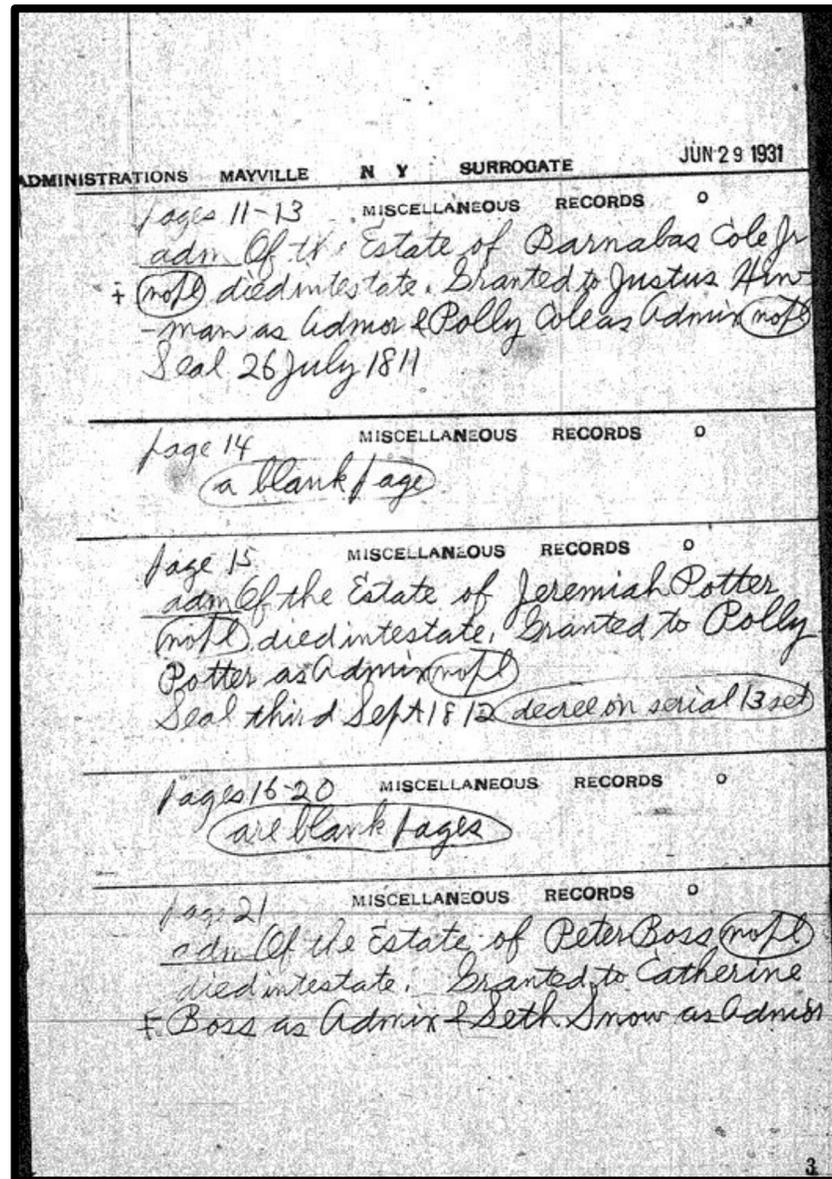
(Sides) Testified by Geo: Muddock Reg^{is}

Recorded 24th December 1777.

In the name of God amen I Jacob Kumer 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

Original Probate

Frederick County Maryland Probate Records



Derivative Probate

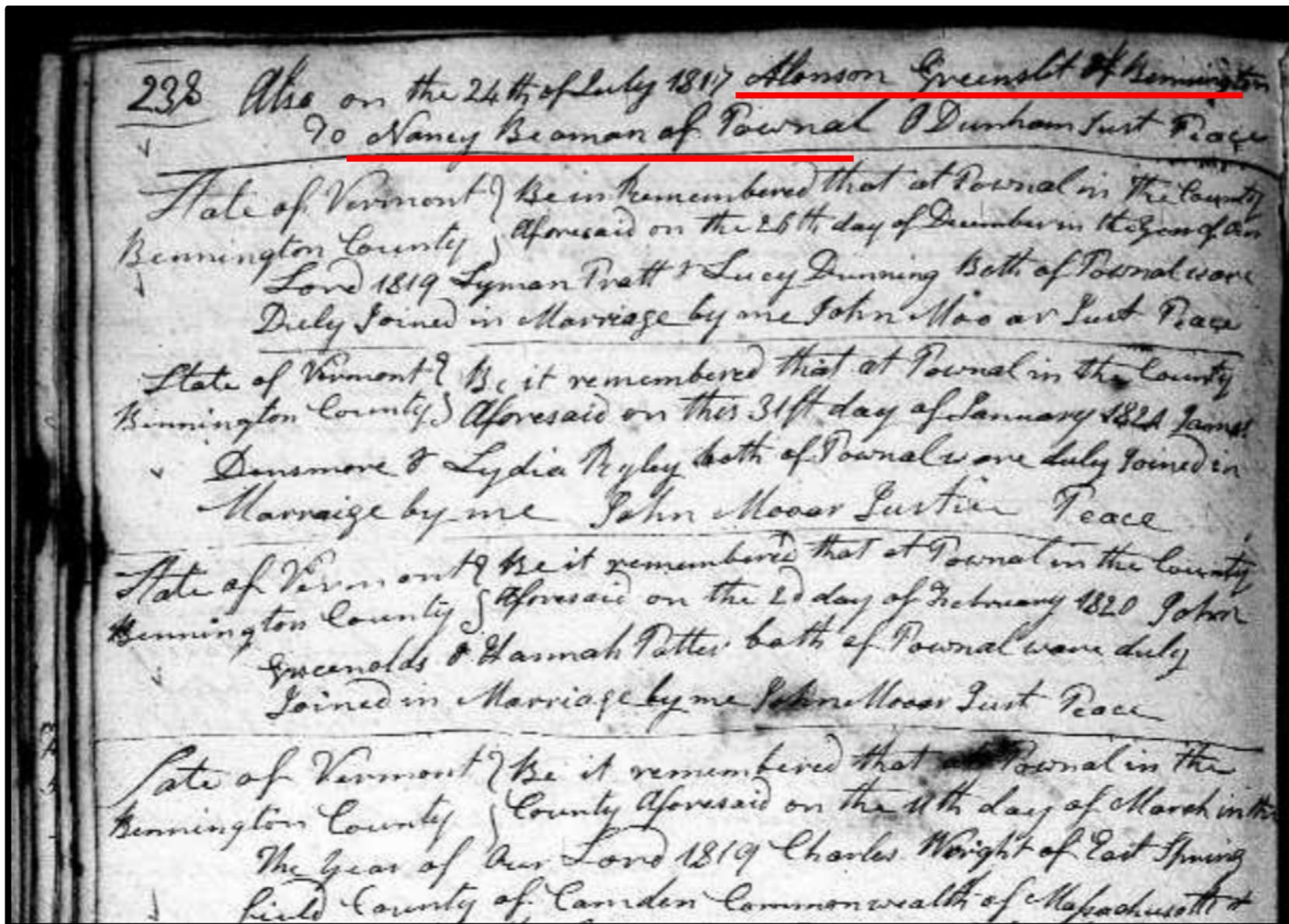
American Ancestors Database:
New York State Wills

22 THE PROBATE RECORDS OF ESSEX COUNTY.

Inventory taken 1:1:1642, by John Woodbridg, Henry Short and Richard Knight: howse & land, 30li.; Six kowes, 30li.; foure oxen, 24li.; one bull & one steere, 3 yeare old, 7li. 10s.; three beasts, two yeares old, 8li.; two beasts, one yeare old, 2li. 10s.; three Calves, 1li. 4s.; three hoggs, 1li. 4s.; Bees, 7li. 10s.; haye, 4li.; Soyle, 1li.; Cart, Slead & 3 Yoaks, 1li. 6s.; within the howse: one fetherbed & flockbed, 3li. 10s.; Six fether pillowes, 18s.; 4 Coverleds, 2li.; 5 blanketts, 1li. 10s.; 3 paier of Sheets, 1li. 8s.; 2li. and a halfe of bee wax, 2s. 6d.; bowlster Case & pillow & napkins, 10s.; porke, 2li. 7s.; butter & Cheese, 12s.; barrells & butte[r] Cherne & other lumb., 18s.; Pewter, 1li. 7s. 6d.; Brasse, 3li. 13s.; a Brasse pott, 1li.; iron potts, 1li. 6s.; A chafing dish & a posnet, 5s.; 12 bushells of indian corne, 2li. 2s.; 9 bushells of wheate, 2li. 6d.; 2 bushells of pease, 9s.; hogshheads & howes & other lumber, 16s.; in apparrell, stock-ins & shoes, 3li.; muskett & fowling peeeces & 2 Swords & bandileers, 1li. 19s.; working Tooles & lanthorne, 15s.; bookes, 1li.; spinning wheeles, 10s.; a chest & chaiers & other lumb., 16s.; harrow tines, 10s.; total, 153li. 8s. 6d. *Ipswich Deeds, vol. 1, leaf 3.*

ESTATE OF GEORGE BROWNE OF NEWBURY.

“The last will & Testament of George Browne May 26th 1642 In the name of God amen I George Browne being sick & weake in body but pfect in minde &c doe make my last will & Testament in mann & forme as followeth Impr I bequeath my soule into the hands of god and my body to the earth to be buried It I give to my beloved wife my howse & land with all my howsehold goods except my muskett & sword my wearing clothes & Tooles. Item I give unto her my kow It I give to my brother Richard Browne my wearing clothes & Tooles It I give vnto Richard Littleale Twenty shillings to be paid out of the rent of the Mill Item: I give vnto my father & to my brother Michael Twenty shillings a peece to be paid out of the Mill, but if god by his prvidence bring them into this land then my will is to give them six pounds a peece or if but one of them ||come over|| then he shall receive twelve pounds & if afterward the other come then he shall repay to him six pounds Item I give to all my brethren & sisters besides Twelve pence a peece my will is that all this shalbe paid out of my Mill after all my debts are discharged It I give unto Joseph Browne sonne of my brother Richard Browne



Original Vital Record

Vol 1 Pownal, VT Records, p 238,
viewed at Family Search

MARRIAGE-BRIDE

Name of Bride *Fancy Beaman*

Name of Groom *Clayton Greenshik*

Residence of Bride *Pownal*

Date of Marriage *July 24 - 1817*

Color _____ Age in Years _____

Occupation _____

Place of Birth _____

Father's Name _____

Birthplace _____

Mother's Name _____

Birthplace _____

Name Party Officiating *C. Tenham - Justice of Peace*

Town *Pownal*

Widowed _____

Town of
Pownal

I hereby certify that the facts set forth on the reverse side of this card are matters of record in *Book of Surveys & Ear marks*
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Attest: *May F. Sampman*
Town Clerk.

May F. Sampman
Town Clerk.

Original Vital Record

Vermont Vital Records 1760-1954, Family Search

Derivative Vital Record

SCITUATE BIRTHS

To THE YEAR 1850

ADAMS (see Addams), Margaret, d. James, bp. Mar. 18, 1654.
C.R.2.
Mary, d. John of Marishfield, great grandchild Widdow James,
bp. Dec. 14, 1656. C.R.2.

ADDAMS (see Adams), Anne, d. James, Apr. 18, 1649. [Adams, C.R.2.]

Mary, d. James, Jan. 27, 1653. [Adams, C.R.2.]

Richard, s. James, Apr. 19, 1651. [Adams, C.R.2.]

William, s. James, May 16, 1647. [Adams, C.R.2.]

ADVERD, Elizabeth, d. Henry, bp. June 29, 1651. C.R.2.

Experience, d. Henry, bp. Apr. 18, 1652. C.R.2.

Mary, d. Henry, bp. June 29, 1651. C.R.2.

Sarah, d. Henry, bp. June 29, 1651. C.R.2.

ALBEE, Dianthe, d. Amos and Judith, Sept. 14, 1803.

Judith C. [—], w. Amos, — [1784]. G.R.2.

ALDEN (see Aldin), Isaiah, s. Isaiah and Mercy W., Sept. 1, 1819.

John, s. John and Hannah of Duxborough, bp. Dec. 10, 1710. C.R.2.

Lydia, d. Isaiah and Mercy W., Feb. 5, 1830. [w. Allen Merritt, G.R.2.]

Mercy, d. Isaiah and Mercy W., Apr. 20, 1821.

Mercy, ch. Isaiah and Mercy, bp. Oct. 7, 1832. C.R.1.

Mercy W. [—], w. Isaiah [Jan. —, 1799]. G.R.6.

Thomas, s. Isaiah and Mercy W., Aug. 17, 1827.

Thomas, ch. Isaiah and Mercy, bp. Oct. 7, 1832. C.R.1.

ALDIN (see Alden), Samuel, s. John and Hannah of Duxborough, bp. May 17, 1713. C.R.2.

ALLEN (see Alin), Cornelia Maria, d. George M. and Hannah E., July 10, 1832.

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ABBREVIATIONS

a. — age

abt. — about

b. — born

ch. — child

chn. — children

Co. — county

C.R.1. — church record, First Parish, and records from Rev. John Lothrop's original manuscript

C.R.2. — church record, Second Church of Scituate, now the First Unitarian Church of Norwell

C.R.3. — church record, Trinitarian Congregational Church

C.R.4. — records of the Society of Friends of Pembroke, now in the possession of the Society at New Bedford

d. — daughter; died; day

Dea. — deacon

dup. — duplicate entry

G.R.1. — gravestone record, First Parish Cemetery, Meeting House Lane, now Prospect Street, Scituate Harbor

G.R.2. — gravestone record, Groveland Cemetery, North Scituate

G.R.3. — gravestone record, Judge Cushing's Cemetery, Greenbush

G.R.4. — gravestone record, Hatch Burying Ground, Greenbush

G.R.5. — gravestone record, James Burying Ground, Greenbush

G.R.6. — gravestone record, Union Street Cemetery, Scituate Harbor

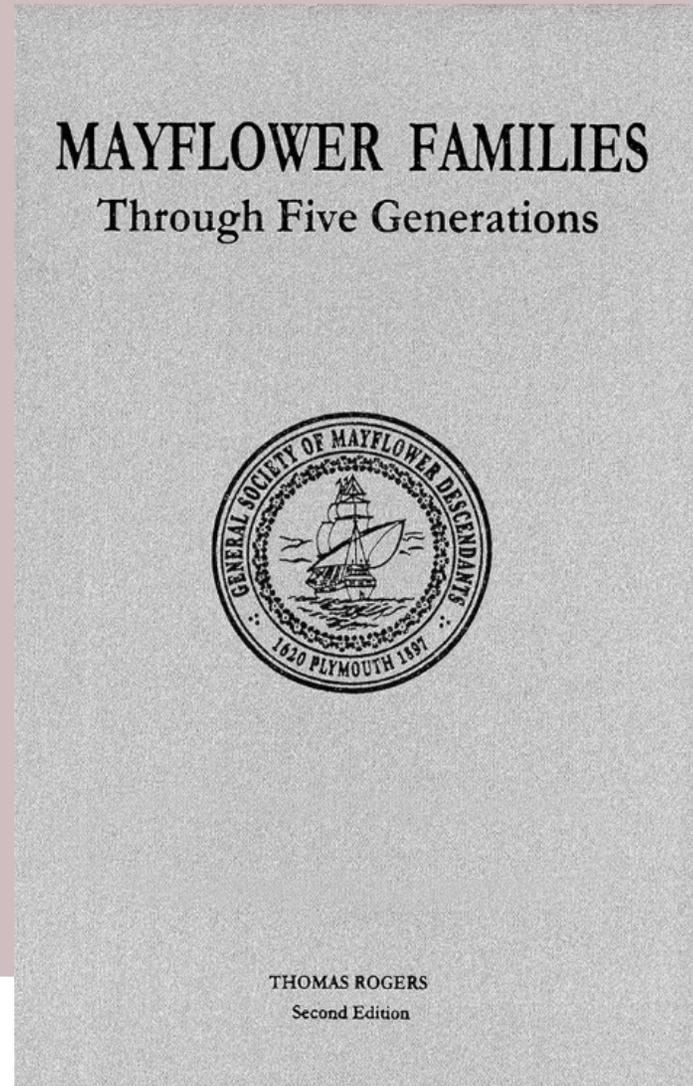
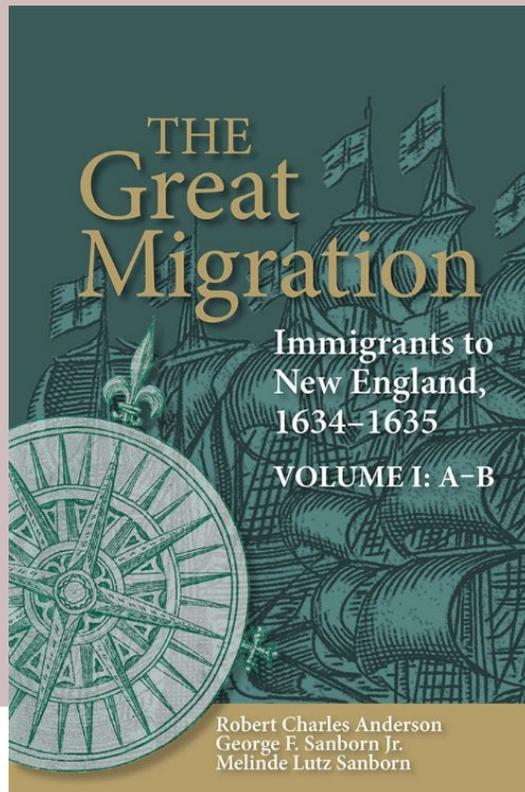
G.R.7. — gravestone record, Fairview Cemetery, Scituate Centre

G.R.8. — gravestone record, Mt. Hope Cemetery, North Scituate

G.R.9. — gravestone record, Town Burying Ground, Scituate Centre

Special Class of Sources

- Authored works
 - Compiled genealogies



Analyze the Record

Principles of Analysis

Source

Original

Derivative

Authored

Information

First-hand

Second-hand

Unknown

Evidence

Direct

Indirect

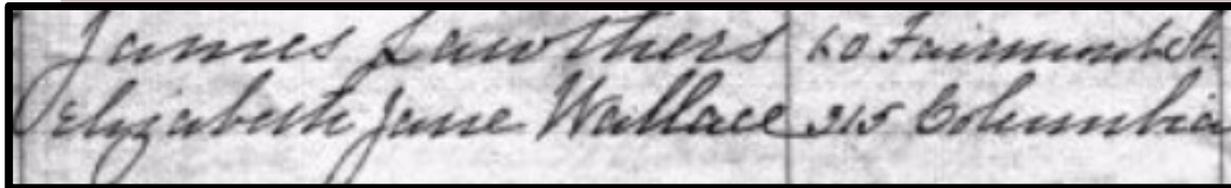
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It Is All About the Information

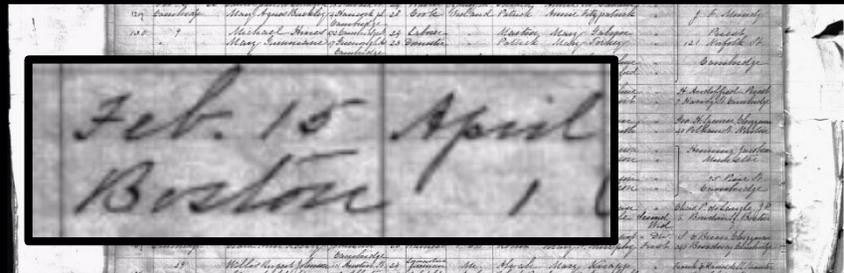
- Is the Information. . .
- First-hand
 - Immediately following the event
 - Long after the event
- Second-hand
 - From a non-participant
- Cannot tell who provided the information

What Genealogical Information Is In the Record?

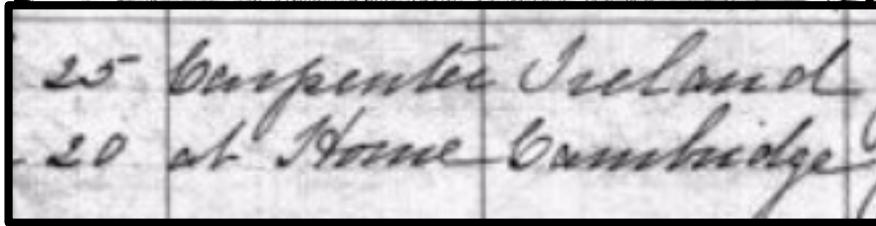
- Name and Residence



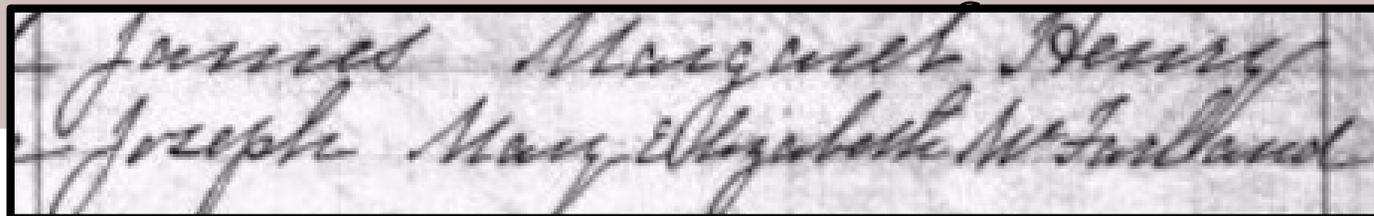
James Sawyers 60 Fairmount St.
Elizabeth Jane Wallace 315 Columbia



Feb. 15 April
Boston 1



25 Carpenter Ireland
20 at Home Cambridge

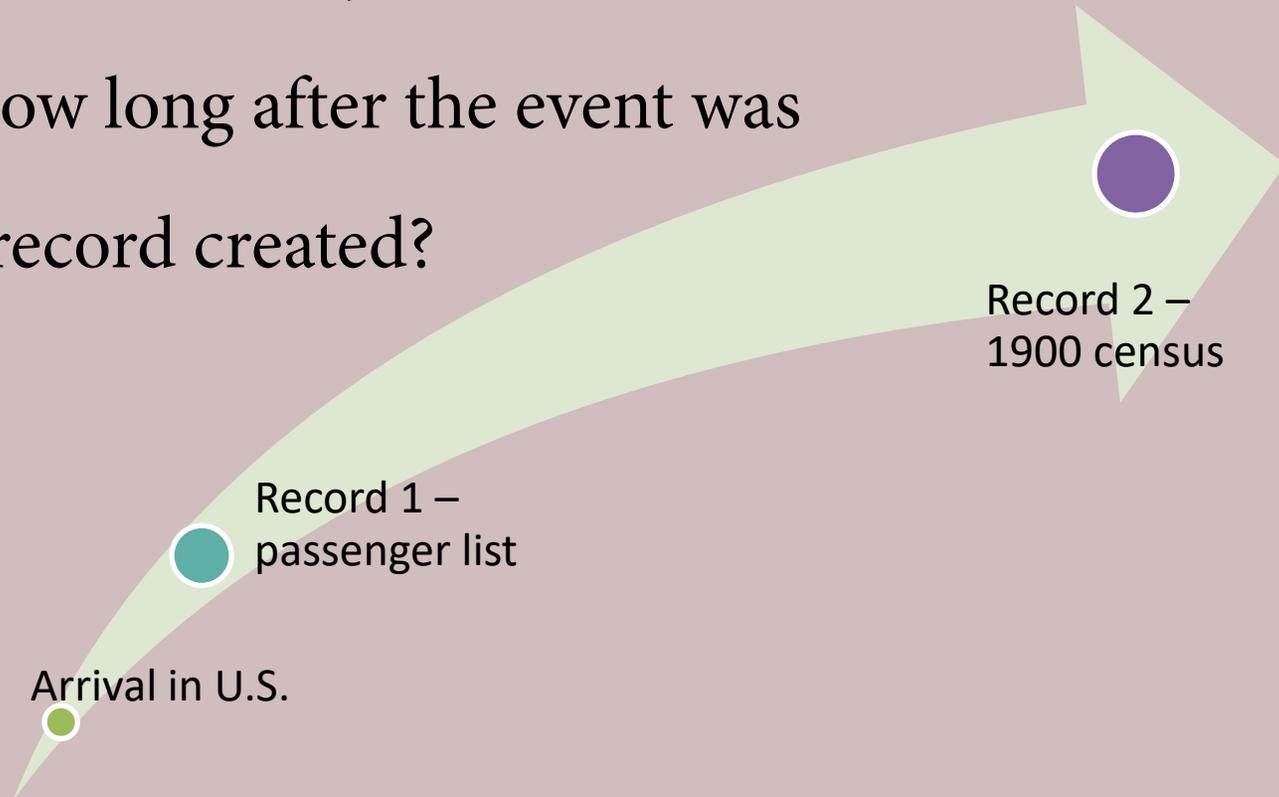


James Margaret Henry
Joseph Mary Elizabeth W. Ireland

- Date of marriage
- Age, occupation and place of birth
- Parent's names

Analysis – Question 2

- How long after the event was the record created?



How Soon After the Event?

294 MARRIAGES REGISTERED in the City of Cambridge for the Year eighteen hundred and ninety-nine.

No.	DATE AND PLACE OF MARRIAGE.	DATE OF RECORD.	NAMES AND SURNAMES OF GROOM AND BRIDE. <small>(If the bride is a widow or divorced, give maiden name also.)</small>	RESIDENCE OF EACH AT TIME OF MARRIAGE.	AGE of each at date.	OCCUPATION OF EACH.	PLACE OF BIRTH OF EACH.	NAMES OF PARENTS. <small>(Give maiden name of mother.)</small>	Where Married. <small>No. 24, No. 25, No. 26, No. 27, No. 28, No. 29, No. 30, No. 31, No. 32, No. 33, No. 34, No. 35, No. 36, No. 37, No. 38, No. 39, No. 40, No. 41, No. 42, No. 43, No. 44, No. 45, No. 46, No. 47, No. 48, No. 49, No. 50, No. 51, No. 52, No. 53, No. 54, No. 55, No. 56, No. 57, No. 58, No. 59, No. 60, No. 61, No. 62, No. 63, No. 64, No. 65, No. 66, No. 67, No. 68, No. 69, No. 70, No. 71, No. 72, No. 73, No. 74, No. 75, No. 76, No. 77, No. 78, No. 79, No. 80, No. 81, No. 82, No. 83, No. 84, No. 85, No. 86, No. 87, No. 88, No. 89, No. 90, No. 91, No. 92, No. 93, No. 94, No. 95, No. 96, No. 97, No. 98, No. 99, No. 100.</small>	NAME, RESIDENCE, AND OFFICIAL STATION OF PERSON BY WHOM MARRIED.
127	March 15 Cambridge	March 15	Joseph H. Stone Sarah Moore	Cambridge Cambridge	24 24	Laborer	Iceland, Robert Boston, John	Mary Loughey John Robert	Second St. East Cambridge	Edward D. Deane Cambridge
128	March 15 Cambridge	March 15	John H. Stone Sarah Moore	Cambridge Cambridge	24 24	Laborer	Iceland, Robert Boston, John	Mary Loughey John Robert	Second St. East Cambridge	Edward D. Deane Cambridge
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DATE AND PLACE OF MARRIAGE.

DATE OF RECORD.

Feb 15
Boston

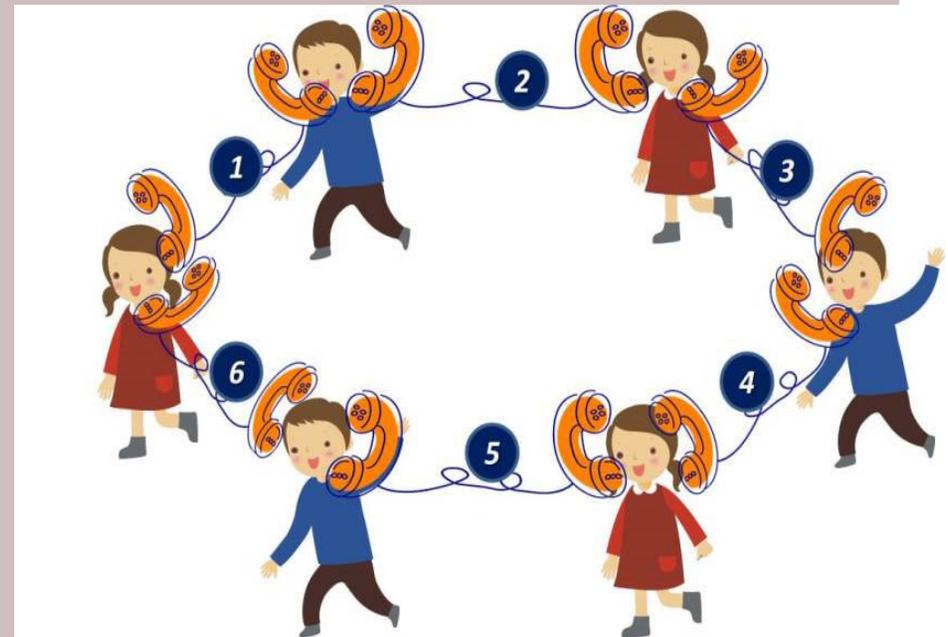
Analysis – Question 3

Who provided the information in the record?

Participant?



Someone else?



Who Was the Informant?

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MARRIAGES REGISTERED in the City of Cambridge for the Year eighteen hundred and ninety-nine.

ALL NAMES TO BE GIVEN IN FULL.

No.	DATE AND PLACE OF MARRIAGE.	DATE OF RECORD.	NAMES AND SURNAMES OF GROOM AND BRIDE. <small>(If the bride be a widow or divorcee, give her former name also.)</small>	RESIDENCE OF EACH AT TIME OF MARRIAGE.	AGE of each at years.	OCCUPATION OF EACH.	PLACE OF BIRTH OF EACH.	NAMES OF PARENTS. <small>(Give full names of mother.)</small>	Who Married. <small>No. 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100.</small>	NAME, RESIDENCE, AND OFFICIAL STATION OF PERSON BY WHOM MARRIED.		
127	Nov 15 Cambridge	18	Joseph W. Moore Sarah Moore	Cambridge Cambridge	24 24	Laborer at Home	Ireland at Home	Robert Nicholas	Mary Julia	Lucy Belle	Scott East	Richard D. Moore Elizabeth W. Moore
128	Nov 19 Boston	21	Philip A. W. Donnell Elizabeth Brewster	Cambridge Cambridge	20 18	Lawyer at Home	Cambridge at Home	Michael John	Elizabeth Mary Ann	Shelby Brewster	Scott "	Richard W. Brewster 251 Mt. Vernon St. Boston
129	Feb 4 Cambridge	22	Donald John W. Donnell Mary Agnes Buckley	Cambridge Cambridge	22 20	Teacher Book	Cambridge Ireland	Donald Patrick	Anna Mary	McDonnell McDonnell	Scott "	John F. Donnell
130	" 9	"	Michael James Mary Guinevere	Cambridge Cambridge	23 23	Laborer Domestic	Ireland Ireland	Michael Patrick	Mary Mary	McDonnell McDonnell	Scott "	Patrick 121 Norfolk St.
131	Jan 30	"	Michael James Alice Hastings	Cambridge Cambridge	23 20	Laborer at Home	Cambridge at Home	Michael Michael	Elizabeth Elizabeth	McDonnell McDonnell	Scott "	Cambridge
132	Mar 29	27	Donald Henry Mary Josephine	Cambridge Cambridge	19 17	Eng. Office at Home	Boston Boston	Donald James	Elizabeth Mary H.	Donnell Donnell	Scott "	4 North St. Boston 75 Norfolk St. Cambridge
133	" 24	24	Joseph Elizabeth	Cambridge Cambridge	22 22	at Home at Home	at Home at Home	William William	Elizabeth Elizabeth	Donnell Donnell	Scott "	50 St. James St. Boston 50 St. James St. Boston
134	" 27	"	John Elizabeth	Cambridge Cambridge	22 22	at Home at Home	at Home at Home	John John	Elizabeth Elizabeth	Donnell Donnell	Scott "	50 St. James St. Boston 50 St. James St. Boston
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139	" 31	31	Richard Esther	Cambridge Cambridge	24 24	at Home at Home	at Home at Home	Richard Richard	Mary Mary	Donnell Donnell	Scott "	50 St. James St. Boston 50 St. James St. Boston
140	" 29	"	Walter Mary	Cambridge Cambridge	22 22	at Home at Home	at Home at Home	Walter Walter	Mary Mary	Donnell Donnell	Scott "	50 St. James St. Boston 50 St. James St. Boston
141	Feb 18 Boston	7	James Elizabeth	Cambridge Cambridge	25 20	at Home at Home	at Home at Home	James James	Elizabeth Elizabeth	Donnell Donnell	Scott "	50 St. James St. Boston 50 St. James St. Boston
142	April 2 Cambridge	4	Donald Elizabeth	Cambridge Cambridge	38 27	at Home at Home	at Home at Home	Donald Donald	Elizabeth Elizabeth	Donnell Donnell	Scott "	50 St. James St. Boston 50 St. James St. Boston
143	" 2	"	Clarence Josephine	Cambridge Cambridge	22 22	at Home at Home	at Home at Home	Clarence Clarence	Josephine Josephine	Donnell Donnell	Scott "	50 St. James St. Boston 50 St. James St. Boston
144	" 3	"	Thomas Margaret	Cambridge Cambridge	23 21	at Home at Home	at Home at Home	Thomas Thomas	Margaret Margaret	Donnell Donnell	Scott "	50 St. James St. Boston 50 St. James St. Boston

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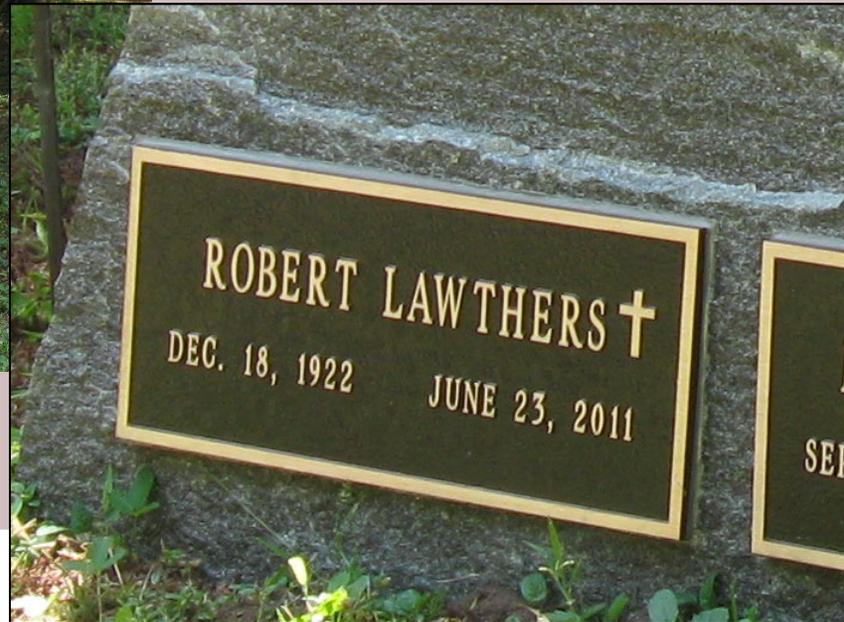
Scott F. Hershey, Minister
48 Mount St. Boston

Analysis Question 4

Is the information first-hand (primary) or second-hand (secondary)?



- Death date – primary
- Birth date - secondary



Common Errors When Reading Records

- Misreading words and dates
- Failing to understand why the source was created
- Failing to understand the origin and history of a record
- Interpreting past events with a 21st century lens
- Misunderstanding legal terms - see Barbara Jean Evans – *A to Zax: A Comprehensive Dictionary for Genealogists & Historians*, Alexandria, VA: Hearthside Press: 1995
- Overlooking relevant information

Analyze the Evidence

Principles of Analysis

Source

Original

Derivative

Authored

Information

First-hand

Second-hand

Unknown

Evidence

Direct

Indirect

Negative

Not All Information Is Evidence

- Identify the genealogical information in the record and ask:
 - Does this answer my question directly (direct evidence)?
 - Can this be used with other evidence to answer my question (indirect evidence)?
- Most records contain multiple pieces of information; only some will be evidence for your question

Robert Lawthers' Death Certificate

Information

Date and place of death

Cause of death

Date and place of birth

Names of parents

Name of Spouse

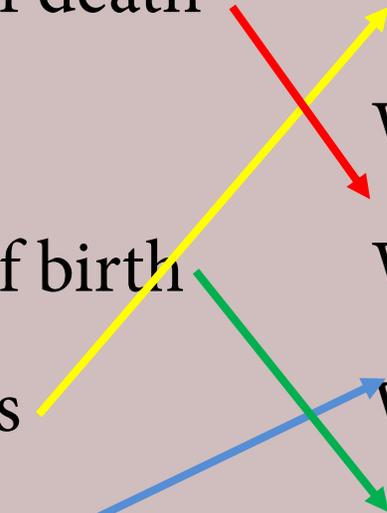
Evidence

Who are Robert's parents?

When did Robert die?

Whom did Robert marry?

When was Robert born?



Review Analysis

1. Ask yourself questions about the source and record within the source
2. Are you looking at an original, derivative, or authored document? Duplicate originals, clerk's copies, images are all considered original.
3. How long after the event was the record created?
4. Who provided the information for the record?
5. Is the information first-hand, eye-witness (primary) or second-hand, non-participant (secondary)?
6. Does the information answer my question?

QUESTIONS?

Session Roadmap

Citations

Why bother?

Principles

Examples

Principles for analysis

Sources

Records

Practice! Evaluate a ...

Death certificate

Draft card

Census record

Passenger list

Compiled genealogy

First

- In your group designate one person to report back to the group

Then Answer for Your Document

1. Are you looking at an original, derivative or authored source?
2. How soon after the event was the record created?
3. Who provided the information in the record? A participant? Someone else?
4. Which information is primary (firsthand knowledge)
5. Which information is secondary (second-hand knowledge)

Analysis: Document 1 – 20th Century Death Certificate

READ
FUNCTIONS

MARGIN RESERVED FOR BINDING RECORD WITH UNFADING INK—THIS IS A PERMANENT RECORD. PHYSICIANS should state CAUSE OF DEATH in plain terms, so that it may be properly classified. Exact Statement of OCCUPATION is very important. See instructions on back of certificate.

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COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
BUREAU OF VITAL STATISTICS
CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

File No. **19393**
Registered No. **897**

Primary Dist. No. **2**

1. PLACE OF DEATH:		2. USUAL RESIDENCE OF DECEASED:	
(a) County Allegheny	(a) State Penna.	(b) County Allegheny	
(b) Township	(c) City or town Pittsburgh	(If outside city or town limits, write RURAL)	
(c) Borough	(d) Street No. 4000 Fifth Avenue	(If rural give location)	
(d) City Pittsburgh	(e) If citizen of foreign country, name country		
(e) Name of hospital or institution SCHENLEY APARTMENTS	(If not in hospital or inst. write street number or location)		
(f) Length of stay:			
In hospital or inst.	(g) In this community		

3. (a) FULL NAME **MAUDE BELL PLOWMAN** 2/5 11:55 PM

3. (b) If U. S. Veteran, complete reverse side of certificate	3. (c) Social Security No. None	MEDICAL CERTIFICATION	
4. Sex F	5. Color or race W	6. (a) Single, widowed, married, divorced Widowed	20. Date of death: Month Feb day 5 year 1947 hour 11 PM minute 58
6. (b) Name of husband or wife George Taylor Plowman	6. (c) Age of husband or wife if alive 30 years 1874	21. I hereby certify that I attended the deceased from Jan 24 , 1947, to Feb 5 , 1947 that I last saw her alive on Feb 5 , 1947 and that death occurred on the date and hour stated above.	
7. Birth date of deceased May (Month) 30 (Day) 1874 (Year)	8. AGE: Years 72 Months 8 Days 5 If less than one day hr. min.	Immediate cause of death Cerebral hemorrhage	
9. Birthplace Turkey (City, town, or county) (State or foreign country)	10. Usual occupation Retired		Due to Hypertension
11. Industry or business	12. Name Rev. Newton Hervey Bell		Due to (from history)
MOTHER FATHER { 13. Birthplace Iowa (City, town, or county) (State or foreign country)	14. Maiden name Emma Hall Curtis		Other conditions X (Include pregnancy within 3 months of death)
15. Birthplace New York (City, town, or county) (State or foreign country)	16. (a) Informant's own signature Jenifer Plowman (RD)		Major findings: X BA
(b) Address Schenley Apts., Pittsburgh, Penna.	17. (a) Cremation (b) Date thereof 2-10-47 (Month) (Day) (Year)		Of operations X
18. (a) Signature of funeral director R.T. Wenzel	(c) Place Homewood County Allegheny State Penna.		Of autopsy X 102
(b) Address H. SAMSON, Inc., 537 Neville St.	19. (a) FEB 7 1947 (Date received local registrar)		22. If death was due to external causes, fill in the following:
(b) [Signature] (Registrar's signature)			(a) (Probably) Accident, suicide, or homicide (specify)

DURATION **12 days**

PHYSICIAN **[Signature]**

Underline the cause to which death should be charged statistically.

22. If death was due to external causes, fill in the following:

(a) (Probably) Accident, suicide, or homicide (specify) **X**

(b) Date of occurrence **X**

(c) Where did injury occur? **X** (City or town) (County) (State)

(d) Did injury occur in or about home, on farm, in industrial place, in public place? **X** (Specify type of place)

(e) Means of injury **X**

23. Signature **J. J. Schull** (M. D. or other)

Address **Schenley apts** Date signed **2/6/47**

Let's look at Document 2 – Draft Registration

Form 1 **30-551** **REGISTRATION CARD** No. **28**

1 Name in full **George Herman Ruth** Age, in yrs. **23**
(Given name) (Family name)

2 Home address **680 Commonwealth Ave Boston Mass.**
(No.) (Street) (City) (State)

3 Date of birth **Feb 7 1894**
(Month) (Day) (Year)

4 Are you (1) a natural-born citizen, (2) a naturalized citizen, (3) an alien, (4) or have you declared your intention (specify which)? **Natural born**

5 Where were you born? **Baltimore Maryland U.S.**
(Town) (State) (Nation)

6 If not a citizen, of what country are you a citizen or subject?

7 What is your present trade, occupation, or office? **Base Ball - Boston American Fenway Park -**

8 By whom employed? **28**

Where employed?

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)? **Wife**

10 Married or single (which)? **Married** Race (specify which)? **Caucasian**

11 What military service have you had? Rank **None**; branch _____; years _____; Nation or State _____

12 Do you claim exemption from draft (specify grounds)? **No**

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

George Herman Ruth
 (Signature or mark)

If person is of African descent, enter off this border

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REGISTRAR'S REPORT

Height (ft. or in. or both)? **6' 2"** Stature, medium, or stout (which)? **Medium**

Hair **Brown** Color of hair? **dark** Bald? _____

Build **Slender** Color of eyes? _____ Blue? _____

Scarred, leg, hand, foot, or both otherwise disabled (specify)? _____

Signature of registrant: **Lewis A. Armstrong**
(Signature of registrant)

Date of registration: **June 5 1917**
(Date of registration)

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Let's look at Document 3 - Census

Let's look at Document 4 – Passenger List

WOOD & NIEBUER, Notaries Public and Custom House Brokers, 25 Pine Street, adjoining the Custom House, N. Y.

Sold by McSpedon & Baker, Stationers, 25 Pine Street, adjoining the Custom House, N. Y.

DISTRICT OF NEW YORK—PORT OF NEW YORK.

I, *Samuel Yeaton* 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 Fidelic* whereof I am Master, from *Liverpool*

Sworn to this *31st May 1849*
 Before me *[Signature]* So help me God.
Samuel Yeaton

List or Manifest OF ALL THE PASSENGERS taken on board the *Ship Fidelic* whereof *Yeaton* is Master, from *Liverpool* burthen *10* tons.

NAMES	Age.		SEX.	OCCUPATION.	The country to which they severally belong.	The country in which they intend to become inhabitants.	Died on the Voyage.—
	Years	Months					

<i>James Mc Ketchie</i>	<i>20</i>	<i>·</i>	<i>·</i>	<i>·</i>	<i>Scotland</i>	<i>·</i>	<i>·</i>
<i>James Brothie</i>	<i>22</i>	<i>·</i>	<i>·</i>	<i>·</i>	<i>Stone Mountain Ireland</i>	<i>·</i>	<i>·</i>
<i>Eliza do</i>	<i>21</i>	<i>·</i>	<i>·</i>	<i>·</i>	<i>Wife</i>	<i>·</i>	<i>·</i>
<i>Michael Tolson</i>	<i>24</i>	<i>·</i>	<i>·</i>	<i>·</i>	<i>·</i>	<i>·</i>	<i>·</i>

Let's look at Document 5 – Compiled Genealogy

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WHITTLESEY GENEALOGY.

- 312a MARY ANN.
- 312b JOHN, b. Mar. 9, 1785.
- 312c WILLIAM, b. April 5, 1787.

313. DOLLY COGSWELL (Anna^{12a}, Eliphalet¹¹, Eliphalet⁹, John¹), b. May 22, 1767; m. Stephen Branch; she died July 20, 1802. They resided near Bennington, Vt.

Their children were :

- 313a DOLLY.
- 313b CLARISSA.
- 313c STEPHEN.

MEMORANDA.

In 1800 Mrs. Anna (Whittlesey) Cogswell, her (Dolly's) mother, and John Cogswell, made a journey of one hundred miles on horseback, to visit Mrs. Branch in her Vermont home. [Cogswell Genealogy.]

314. WILLIAM COGSWELL (Anna^{12a}, Eliphalet¹¹, Eliphalet⁹, John¹), b. July 23, 1769; m. Amaryllis Johnson (a sister of his brother Roger's wife), b. Feb. 20, 1765, in Salisbury, Conn. They resided at New Preston, Conn. Col. Cogswell d. Aug. 28, 1823; Mrs. C. d. Mar. 14, 1826.

Their children were :

- i MARY ANN, b. Jan. 6, 1792; m. Sept. 12, 1816, John Milton Holley.
- ii AMARYLLIS, b. Sept. 24, 1793; m. Mar. 23, 1818, Chauncey Perry.
- iii RUTH, b. Aug. 24, 1795; m. Oct. 8, 1828, Dr. Jethro Hatch.
- iv SARAH JOHNSON, b. Sept. 26, 1797; m. Sept. 15, 1818, Luman Whittlesey, No. 633.
- v WILLIAM JOHNSON, b. Nov. 4, 1799; m. June 12, 1839, Alma Canfield Sterling.
- vi THEODORE SEDGWICK, b. April 27, 1801; m. Oct. 19, 1826, Mary Morcia Maria Gregory.
- vii ELIZA, b. May 1, 1803; m. Jan. 12, 1829, William H. Downes.
- viii JULIA MARIA, b. Feb. 16, 1805; m. 1824, Romanta Seymour.
- ix FANNY ABIGAIL, b. Feb. 16, 1809; m. Oct. 8, 1828, Dr. Mark Pratt.

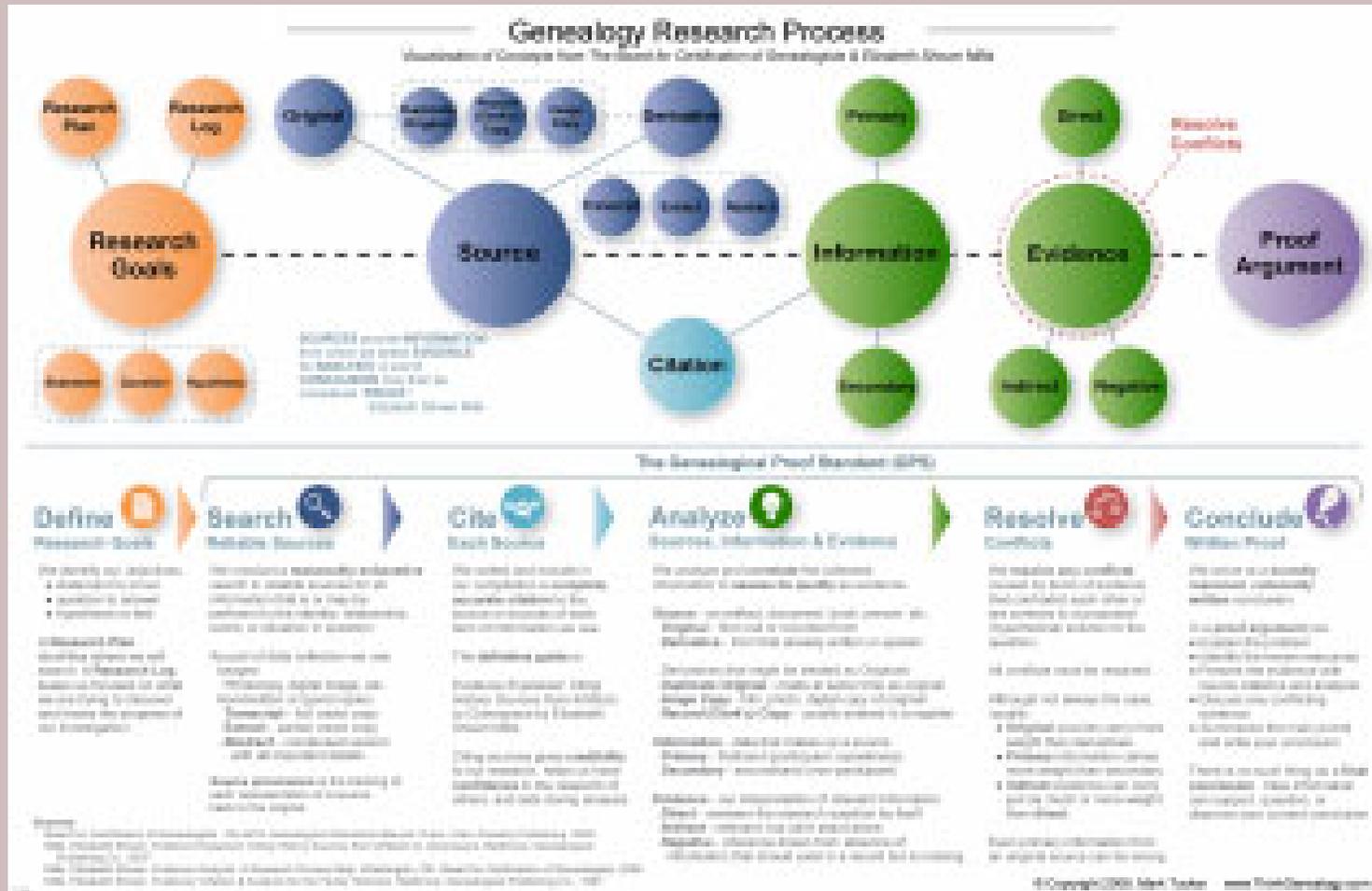
Summary

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>

Genealogy Research Roadmap



<https://www.thinkgenealogy.com/wp-content/uploads/Genealogy%20Research%20Map%20v2.pdf>

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