



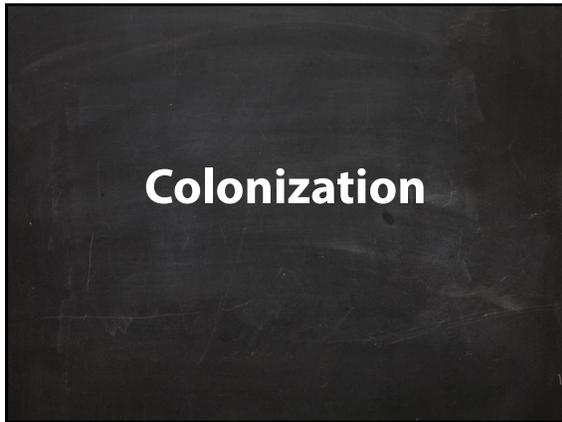
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Spanish

- Florida
- Louisiana Territory (Dakotas, Nebraska, Oklahoma, Arkansas, Missouri, and parts of Montana, Colorado, Wyoming)
- Texas
- New Mexico
- California



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French

- Louisiana Territory (Dakotas, Nebraska, Oklahoma, Arkansas, Missouri, and parts of Montana, Colorado, Wyoming)
- Much of Canada
- Midwest states and parts of New York and Pennsylvania



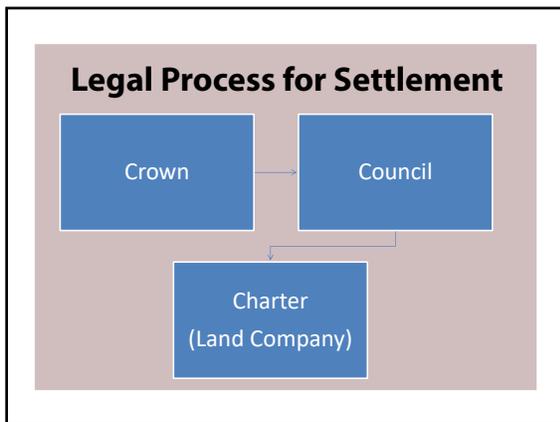
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British

- Much of Canada
- Area east of the Mississippi River (not New Orleans)



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Virginia Company of London (1609)



- 34th to 40th latitude (northern South Carolina to southern Pennsylvania)
- Northern border extended at a west and northwest angle from the east coast to the Pacific Ocean

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Jamestown

- Settled mostly by adventurers (economics)
- Initially met significant loss in life, but eventually succeeded
- 100 acres to each shareholder
- Headrights gave an extra 50 acres for every additional settler



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Carolinas and Georgia



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New England Council (1620)

- 40th latitude north to the 48th latitude (southern Pennsylvania to Quebec)
- Westward to the Pacific Ocean
- 1622- council grants two tracts (modern NH, VT, and ME)



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Plymouth Colony

- Did not have a royal charter
- Core group were Separatists who had first fled to Leiden, Holland
- Small in population and grew slowly

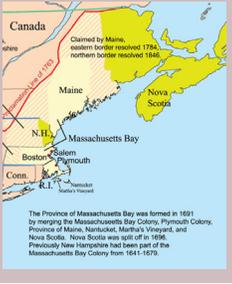


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Massachusetts Bay Company

- Established and led by Puritans
- By far the most populous and influential colony in New England



The Province of Massachusetts Bay was formed in 1691 by merging the Massachusetts Bay Colony, Plymouth Colony, Province of Maine, Nantucket, Martha's Vineyard, and Nova Scotia. Nova Scotia was split off in 1696. Previously New Hampshire had been part of the Massachusetts Bay Colony from 1681-1679.

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Duke of York

- Manhattan Island (first settled by the Dutch, 1624)
- Delaware (first settled by the Swedes, 1638)
- New York
- Connecticut
- Massachusetts
- Pennsylvania
- New Jersey



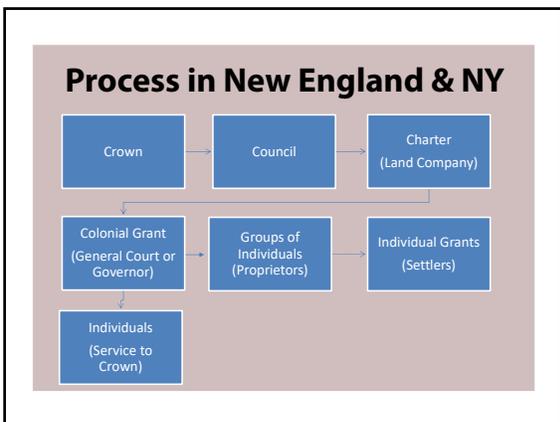
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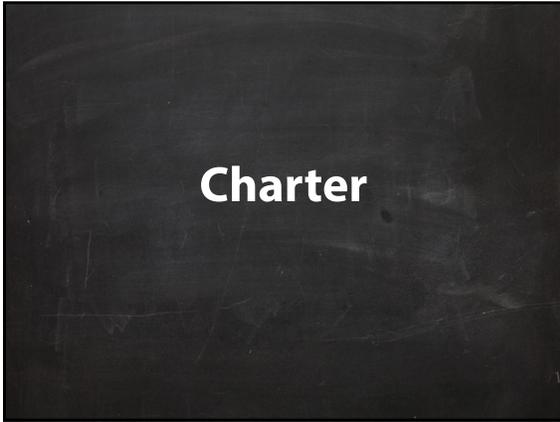
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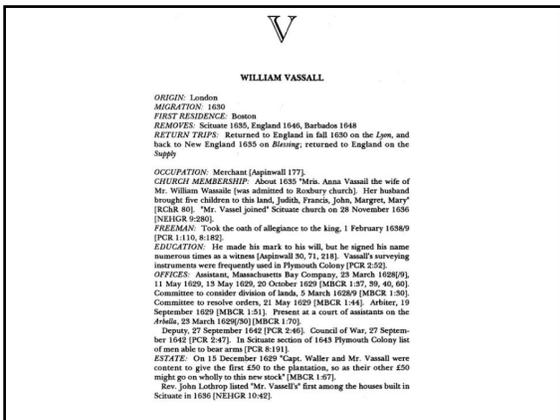
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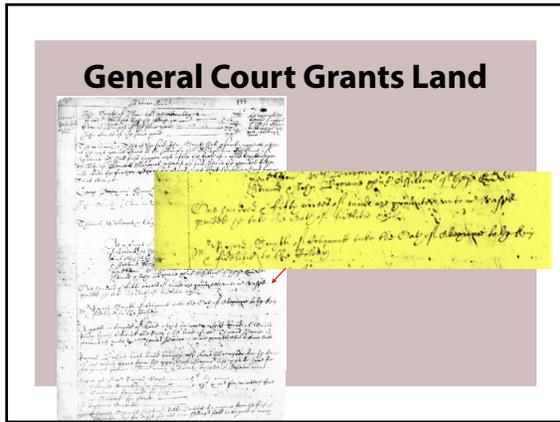
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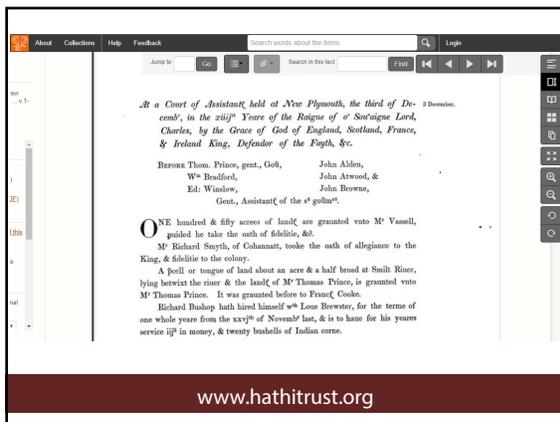
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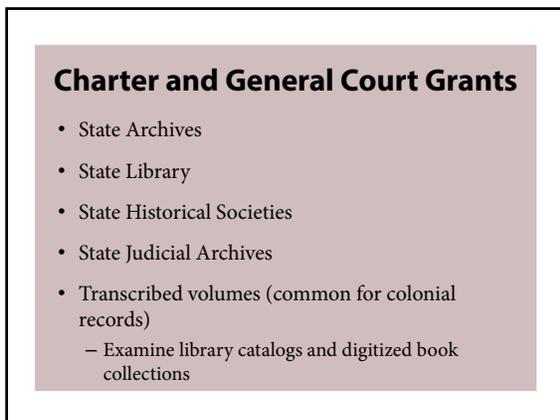
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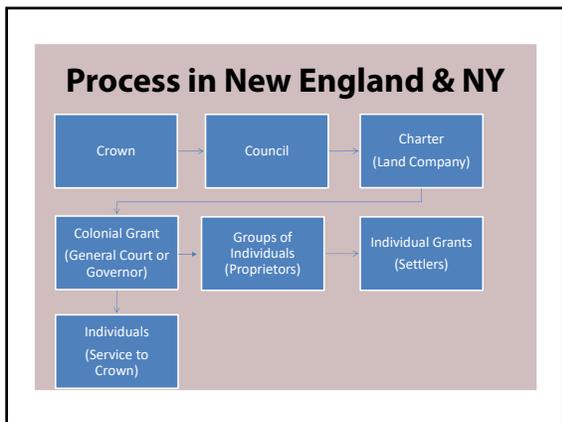
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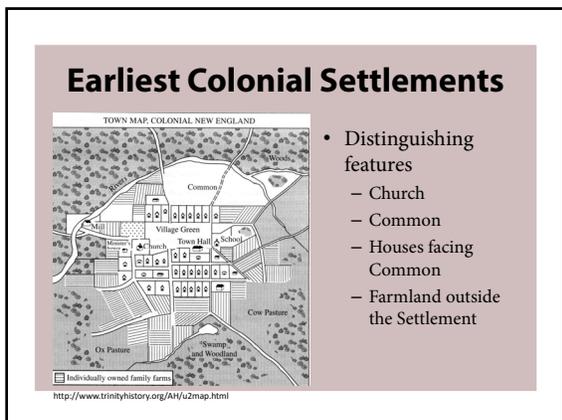
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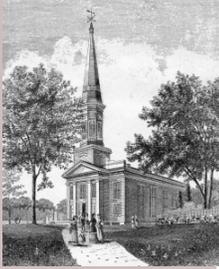
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Matters of Discontent

- “Too many” settlers (anywhere from 15 to 30 freemen)
- Church disputes
- Desire to determine own standards for church and government
- Inability to adapt to prevailing order



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Other Push factors



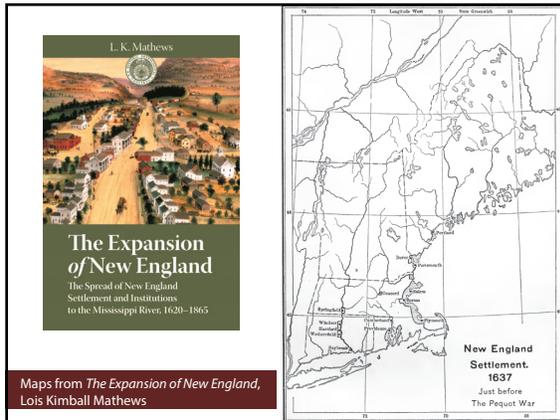
- Lack of opportunities, e.g., younger son
- Environment – poor soil, poor weather
- War

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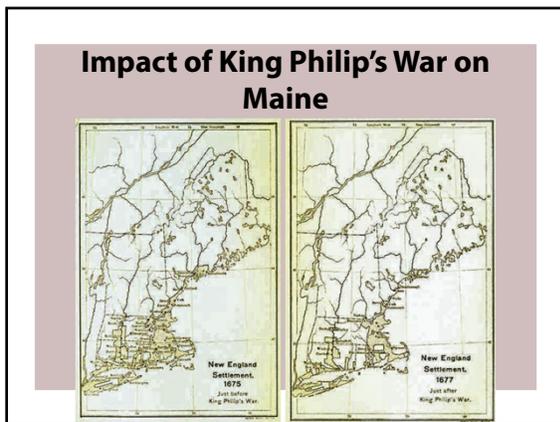
What pulled your ancestors to a new place?

- Land
- Opportunity
- Ease of getting there
- War

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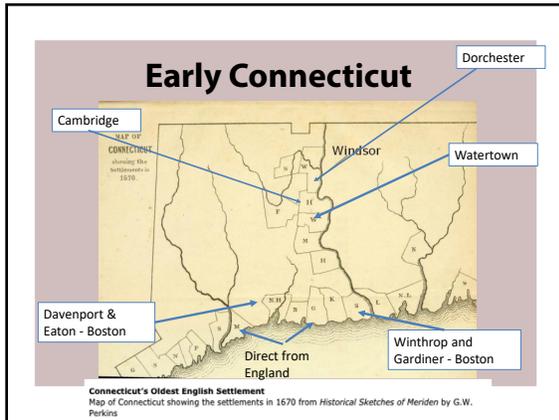


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Proprietors

- Absolute ownership and complete control over tracts of land granted to them
- Responsible for the improvement of the land
- Required to enlist settlers and newcomers, assigning lots, building highways, and subdividing land/meadow/forest
- Common management, both political and economic
- Early years- no distinction between town and proprietors

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Early Planting of New York

1. Gravesend 1640 from Mass.
2. Southampton 1640 (40 families from Lynn, Mass.)
3. Migration from Conn. to L.I.
4. Bedford & Rye from Conn., R.I., SE Mass.
5. The Oblong (mainly Cape Cod Quakers)
6. Beekman Patent & Dutches County

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Proprietors

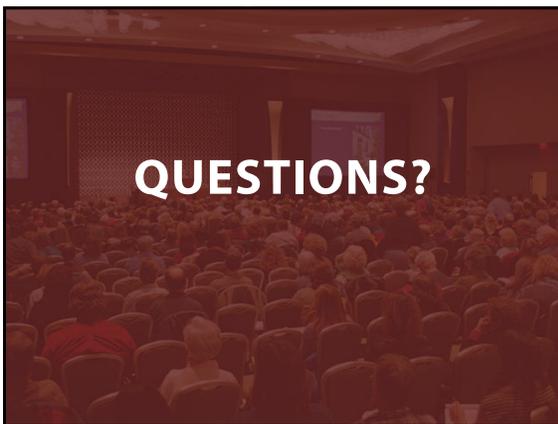
17 th Century	18 th Century
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Socio-religious • Residents • Mixed with Town Records <p>Town=Proprietor</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Economic • Non-residents • Separated from Town Records <p>Proprietor=land Freeman=town meeting</p>

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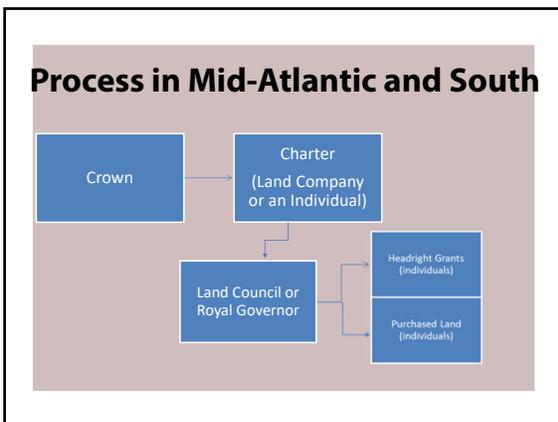
Adapted of the Number of Each Family Settled on
 Each Meadow with an equal amount of Land
 Name of the Settler and the Name of the Meadow

Name of the Settler	Headright	Land	Measures
William Willard	12	11	21
John Willard	11	14	2
John Willard	11	15	2
John Willard	6	16	14
David Tomlinson	7	17	5
John Willard	2	3	1

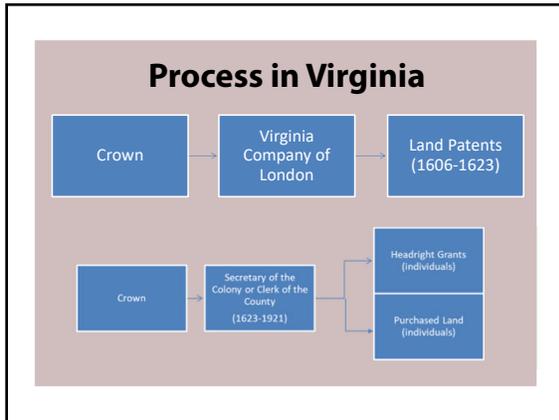
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Headright and Patents

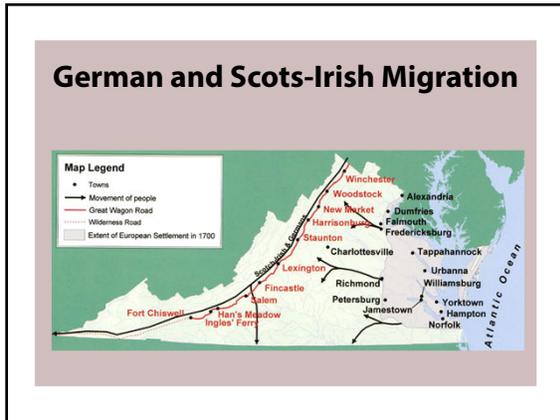
- A Patent is the first deed to a piece of land from the government
 - Cash sale
- A headright is a legal grant of land to settlers
 - Generally between 50 and 1,000 acres
 - Extra 50 acres for each additional person
 - Responsible for improving land

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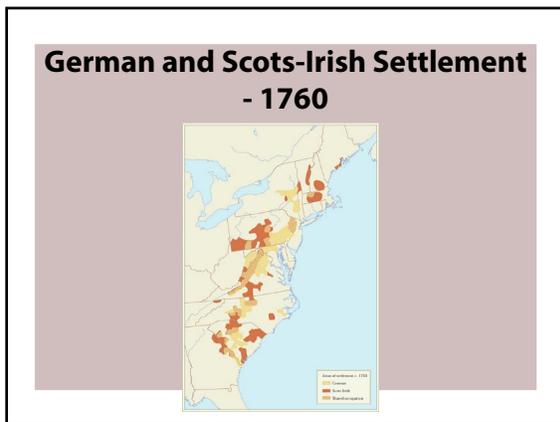
Mid-Atlantic Colonial Settlement

- Along coast and inland rivers
- First to move away from coast were farmers with pioneering skills, often German or Scots-Irish
- Tended to move north and south because of Appalachian Mountain chain

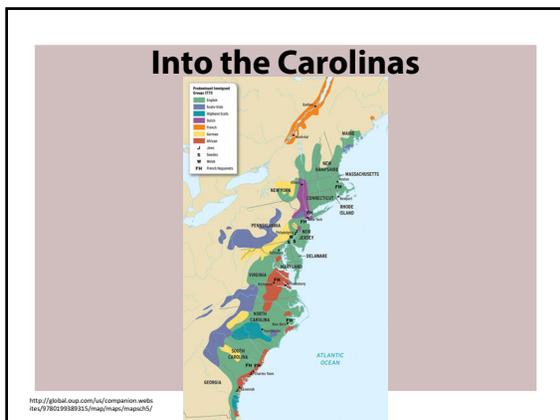
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Headrights, Grants, Patents, and Warrants

- State Archives
- State Library
- State Historical Societies
- State Judicial Archives
- Transcribed volumes (common for colonial records)
 - Examine library catalogs and digitized book collections

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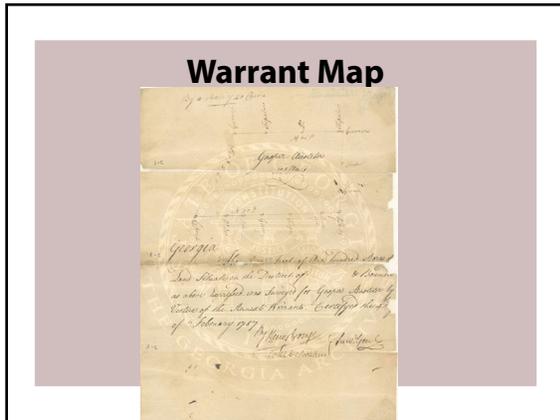
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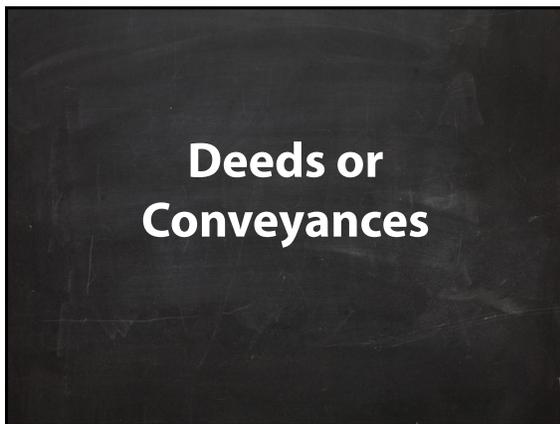
Gasper Austeter Warrant

The image shows a handwritten document on aged, yellowed paper. The text is written in cursive and includes the name 'Gasper Austeter' at the top. The document appears to be a legal or official record, possibly a warrant or deed, with several lines of text and a signature at the bottom.

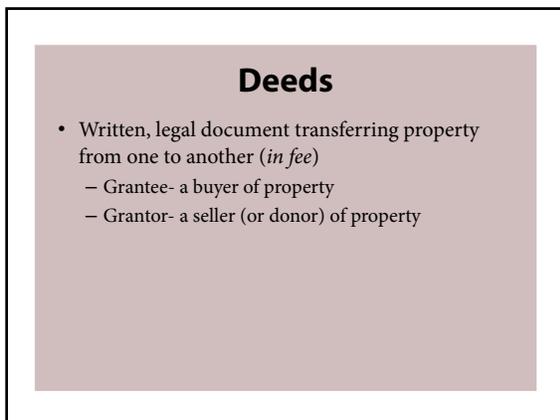
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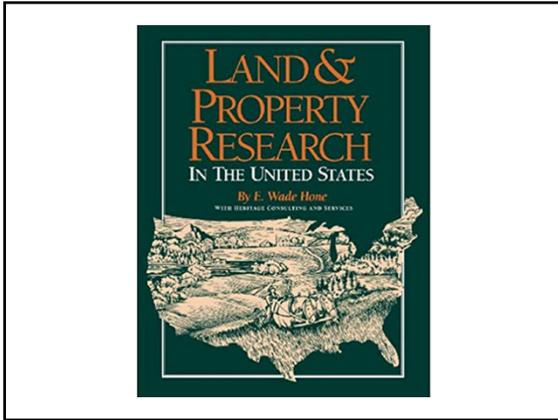
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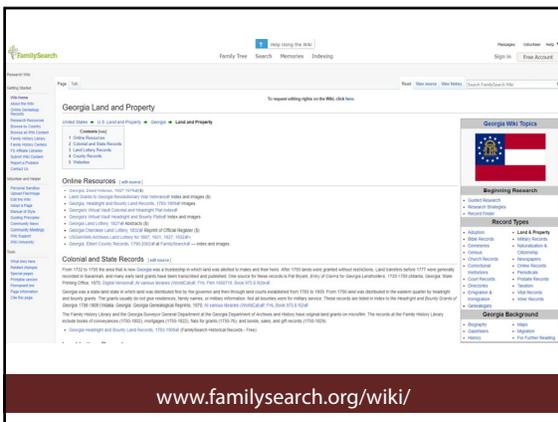
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Problem: What was the Maiden Name of Ann Grosvenor of Pomfret, Connecticut?

Here Lyes y^e Body of M^{rs} Ann Grosvenor the widow of Mr Ebenezer Grosvenor she died July 30 1743 in y^e 56th Year of her Age

- Born about 1687
- Married about 1707 based on birth of first child
- Births of children listed as “d.” or “s.” of Ebenezer and Ann
- Ebenezer Grosvenor of Roxbury, came to Pomfret in 1700 with his mother, Esther (or Hester).
- How would you approach this problem?
 - ❖ P.S. Pomfret was first settled in 1699

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Early Settlement

- Land in Pomfret was purchased in 1686 by 12 men from Roxbury, Massachusetts, but not settled until 1699.
- Woodstock, just north of Pomfret, was purchased by 39 men from Roxbury at the same time and settled immediately

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Settlers of Woodstock (with ages)

- Aspinwall, Peter (22)
- Bacon, Joseph (20)
- Bacon, Thomas (28)
- Bowen, Henry (53)
- Bowen, John (24)
- Bugbee, John (21)
- Bugbee, Joseph (46)
- Butcher, John (23)
- Chandler, John (51)
- Chandler, John Jr. (21)
- Corbin, James (21)
- Craft, Samuel (49)
- Davis, Jonathan (21)
- Davis, Matthew (22)
- Frizzel, John (22)
- Garey, Nathaniel (23)
- Griggs, Benjamin (19)
- Griggs, George (25)
- Holmes, John (25)
- Johnson, Nathaniel (39)
- Leavens, John (46)
- Lyon, Thomas (38)
- Lyon, William Sr (65)
- Lyon, William Jr. (34)
- Marcy, John (24)
- May, Samuel (25)
- Morris, Ebenezer (22)
- Morris, Edward (56)
- Peacock, Samuel (29)
- Peake, Jonathan (49)
- Peake, Joseph (41)
- Sabin, Benjamin (40)
- Sanger, Nathan (34)
- Scarborough, Samuel (40)
- Watkins, Andrew (20)

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Births of Ann's in Roxbury (1680-1690)

- Ann Baker, d. Robert and Mary, 8 June 1685
- Ann White, d. Benjamin, 4 July 1685
- Ann Dudley, d. Joseph and Rebeca, 27 August 1684
- Anna Gorde, d. Joseph, 27 August 1682
- **Anna Lyon, d. Thomas, 4 March 1682**
- **Anna Lyon, d. Thomas and Abigail, 28 April 1689**
- Anna Heath, d. Isaac, Jr, 12 November 1681
- **Anne Massey, d. John and Sarah, 11 October 1687**

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Next Steps?

- Search Town Records and Proprietor Records in Woodstock, Connecticut for more information about John Massey/Marcy
- Search Probate Records in Connecticut for John or Sarah
 - Connecticut is organized by probate district (54 currently)

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QUESTIONS?

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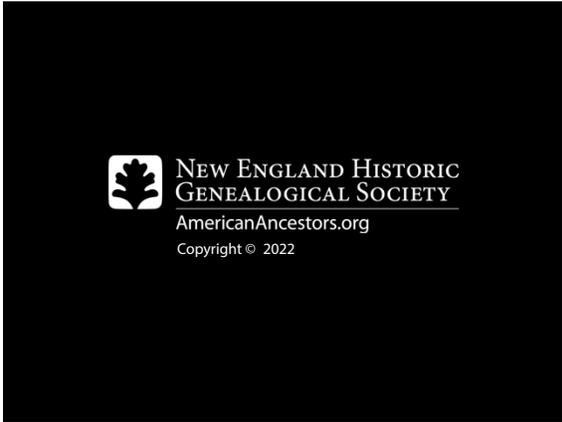
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