

Tracing Your Ancestors on the Move in America

Strategies for Tracking Ancestors on the Move

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OVERVIEW

- **Presentation (60 mins.)**
 - Understanding migration routes
 - Tools for tracing ancestral migrations
 - Strategies
- **Q&A (30 mins.)**

Session Roadmap

Migration Routes

Out of Northeast
Mid-Atlantic and
Ohio Valley
Southeast to
Mississippi

Tools

Census
Land records
Military
Maps
County histories &
genealogies

Techniques

Cluster Research
Chain migration



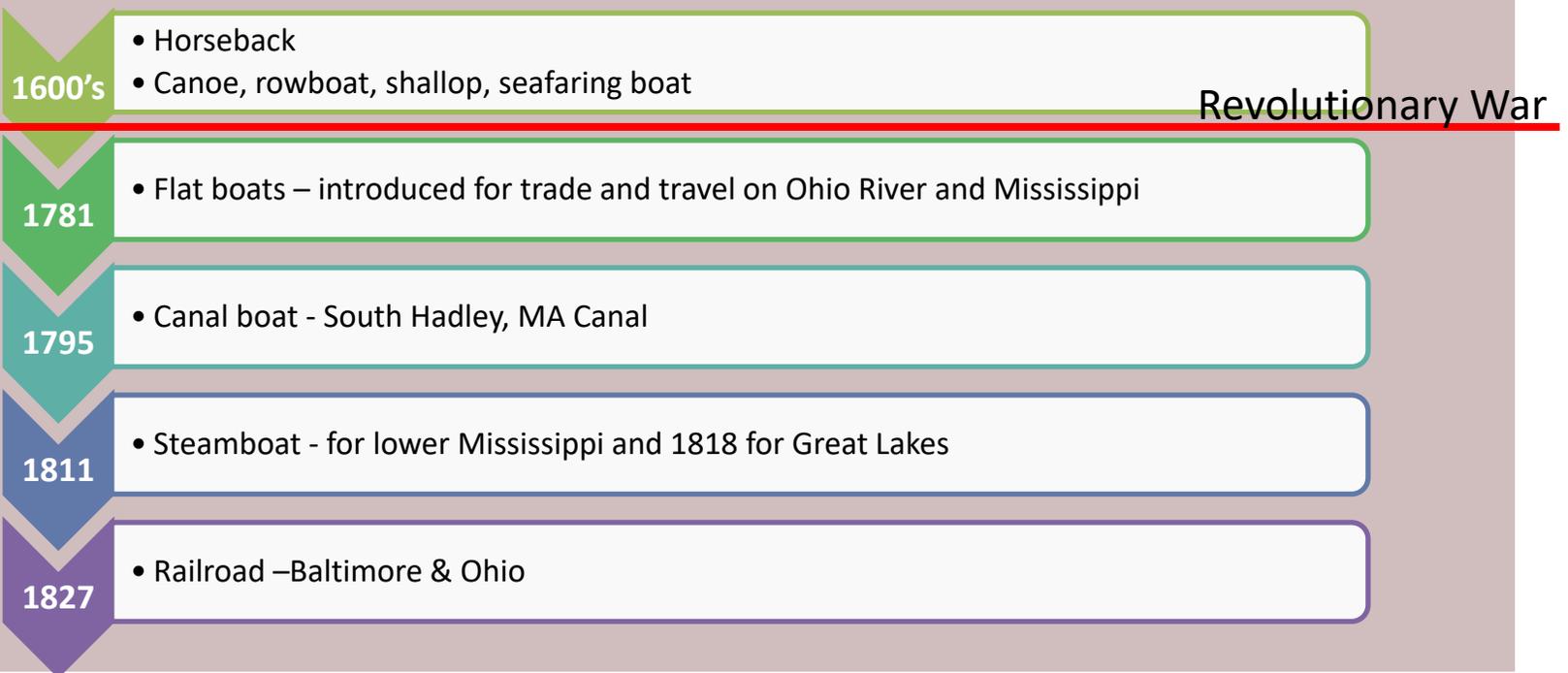
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Tip

Know Major Routes by
Time and Place

Routes and Modes of Transportation

- Needed a road or waterway
- Modes of transportation



Finding the Route

- Using family and local records, discover all you can about where your ancestor started or ended
- Determine routes and modes of transportation available by time and place

Century	Route	Mode
17 th	Native trails, rivers	Horse or boat
18 th	Widened native trails, rivers	Horse or boat
19 th	Roads, canals, then railroads	Horse, flat-bottomed boat, canal boat, railroad

Out of the Northeast

Major Routes

1644

- Boston Post Road – three branches – Boston to NYC

1699

- Albany Post Road – Albany to NYC

1722

- Mohawk Trail Boston to Utica, NY

1735

- Kings Highway – continued Boston Post Road from NYC to Charleston SC.

1745

- Catskill Road – Springfield, MA to Catskill, Greene County, NY on Hudson

1753

- Mohawk Trail - Utica to Oswego

Revolutionary War

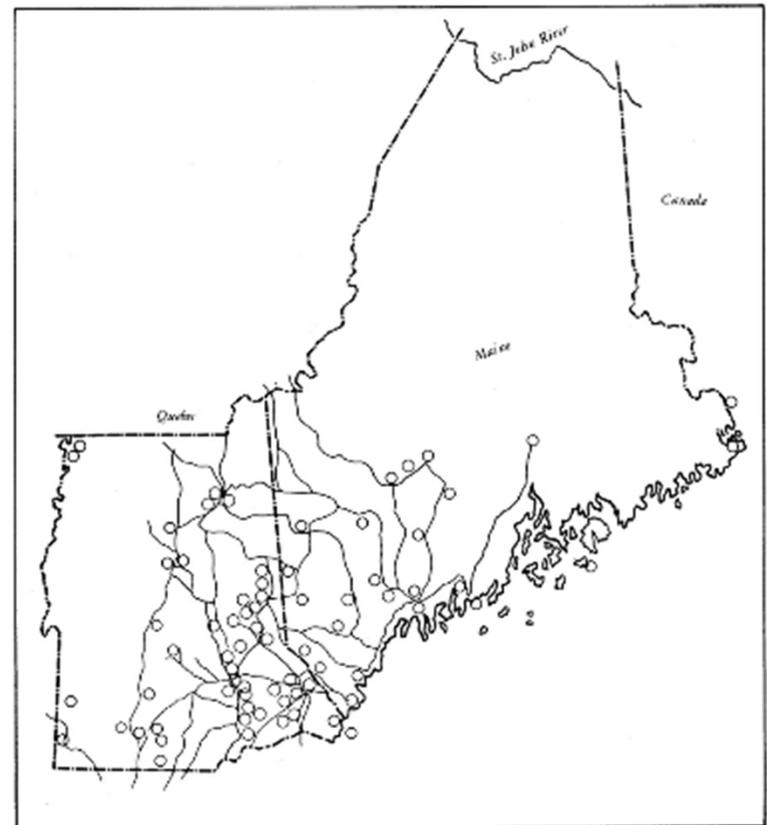
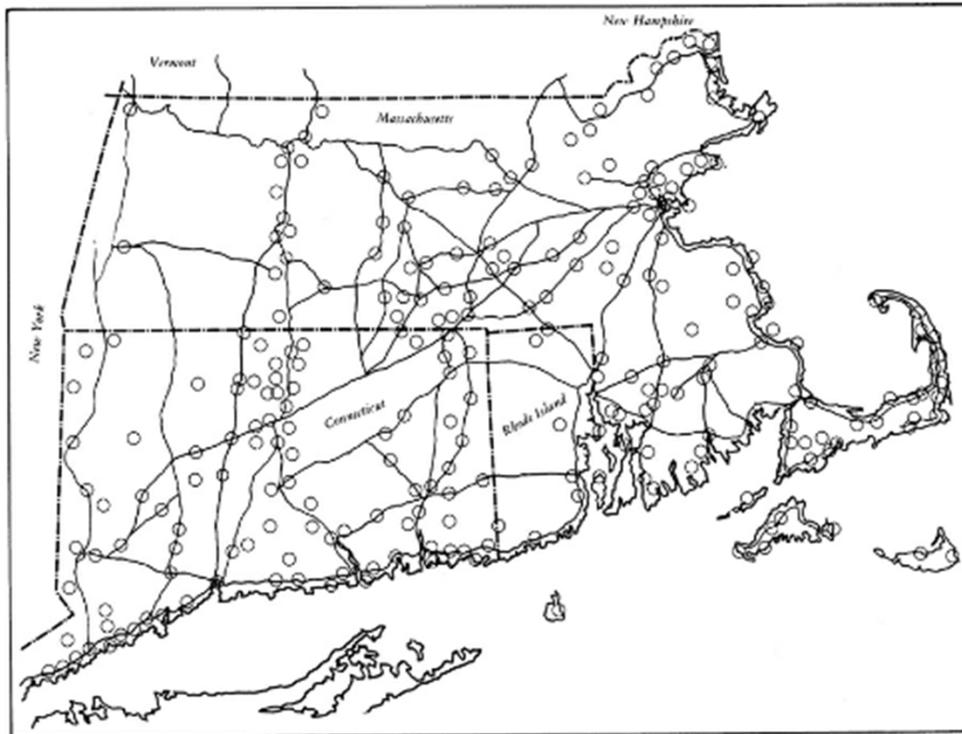
1794

- Great Genesee Road – Syracuse to Buffalo

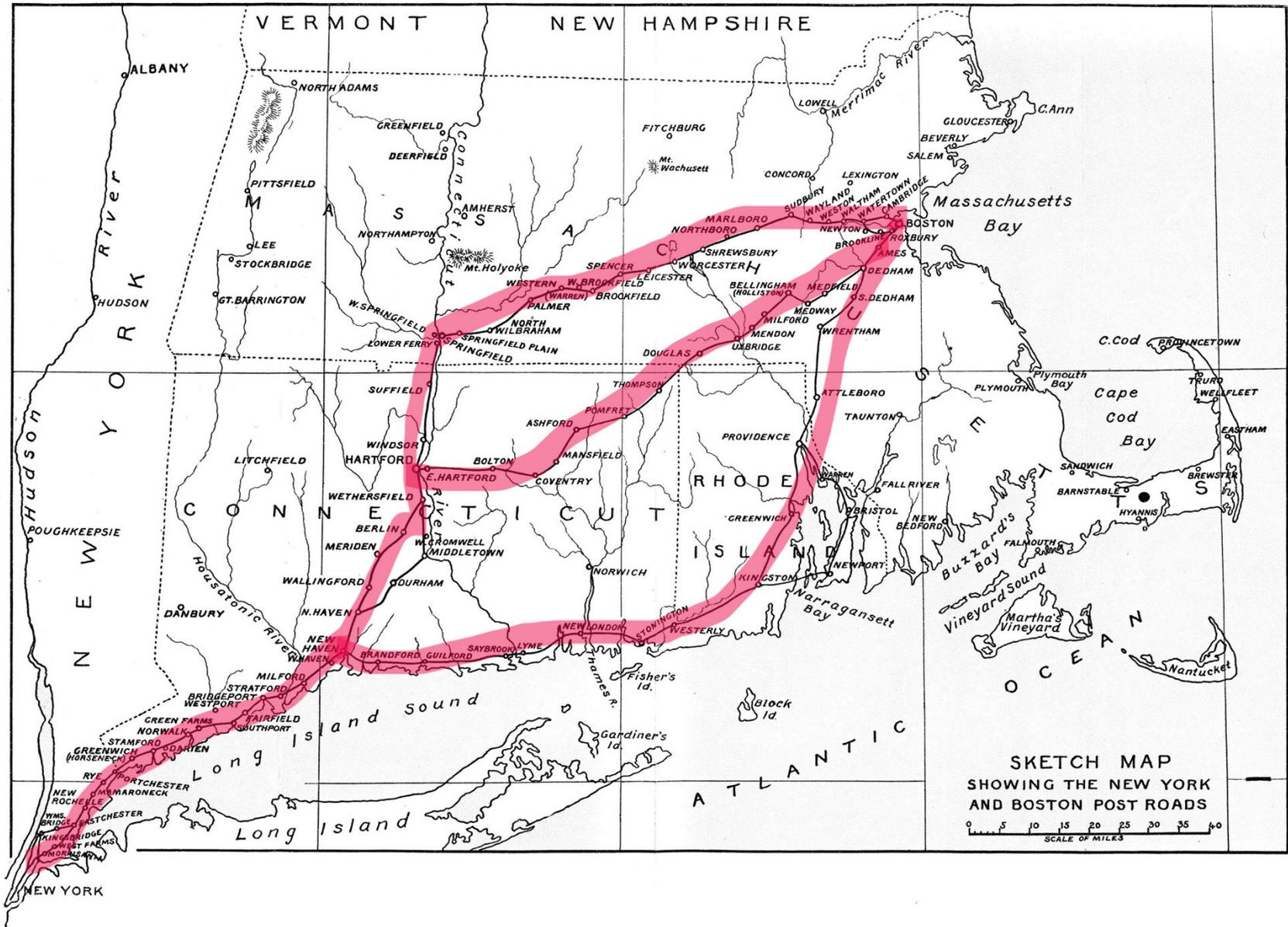
1825

- Erie Canal – Albany to Buffalo

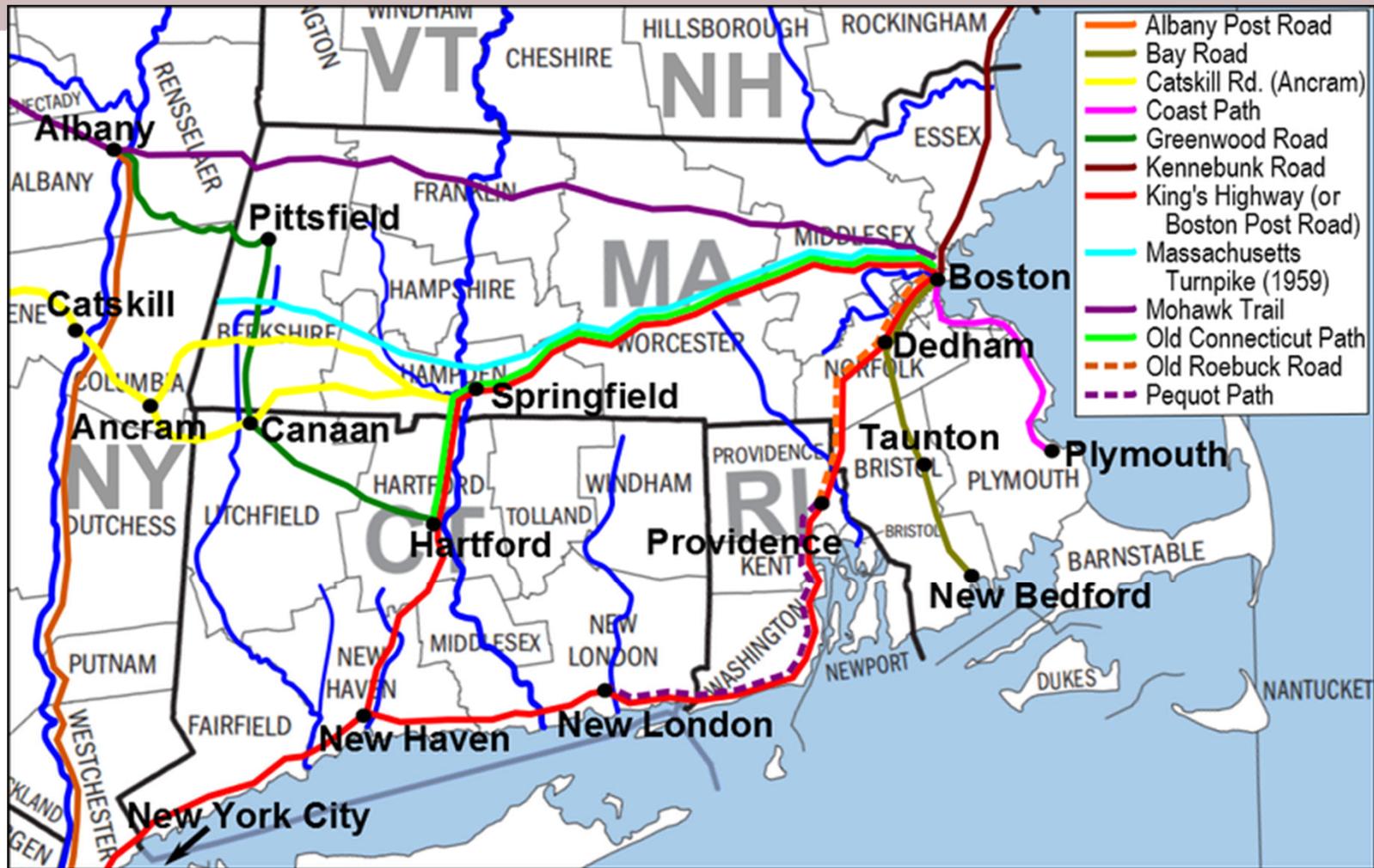
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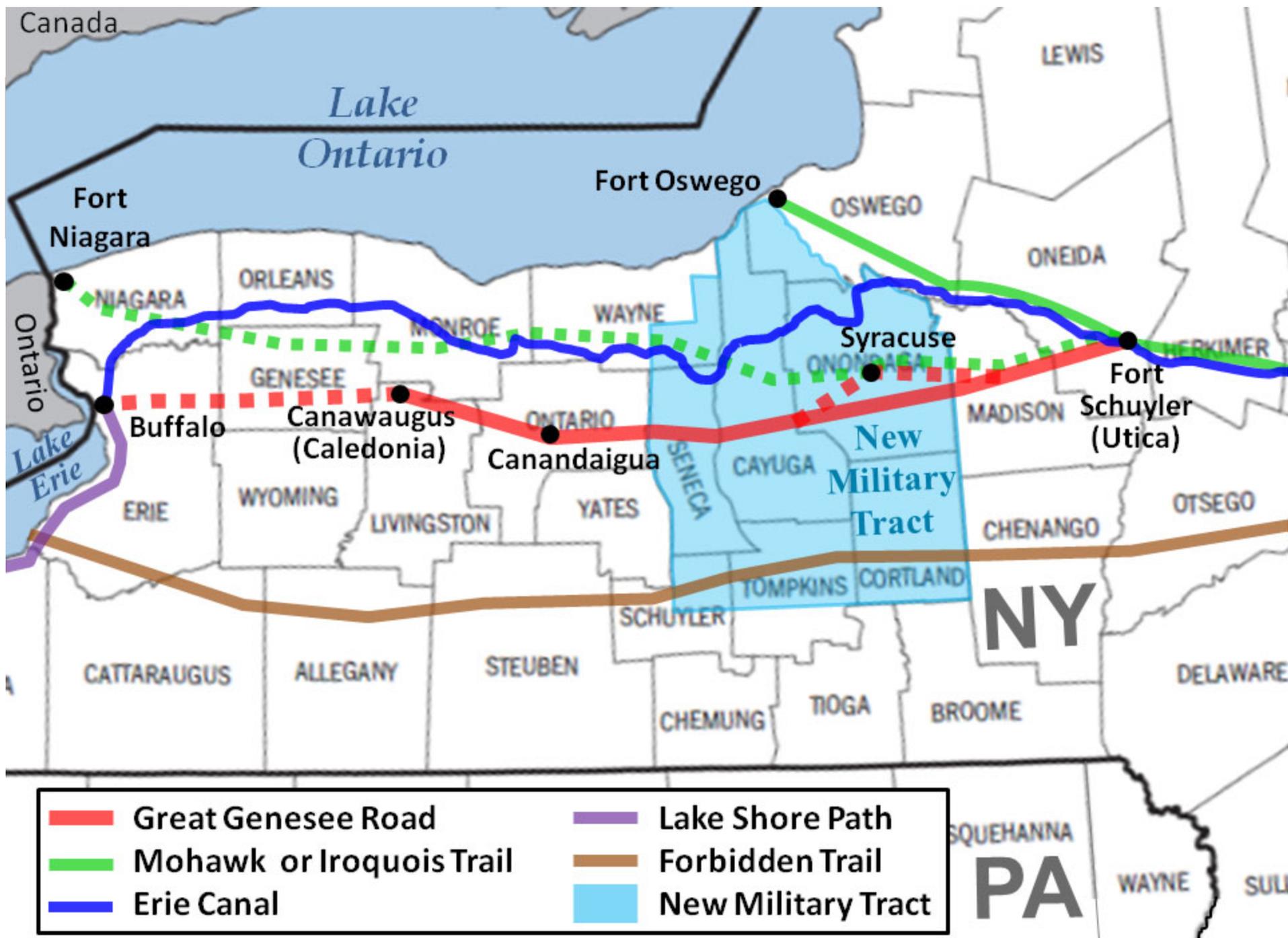


Howard Russell, *Indian New England Before the Mayflower* (Lebanon, NH: University Press of New England, 1980)



More Roads





Mid-Atlantic and Ohio Valley

Major Roads

1730

- **Great Valley Road** – Philadelphia to Roanoke

1735

- **Fall Line Road** – Fredericksburg, VA to Camden, SC

1748

- **Upper Road** – Fredericksburg, VA to Charlotte, NC

1755

- **Braddock's Road** – Cumberland, MD to Pittsburg, PA

1758

- **Forbes Road** – Harrisburg, PA to Pittsburg, PA

1775

- **Wilderness Road** – Bristol, VA to Lexington, KY

Revolutionary War

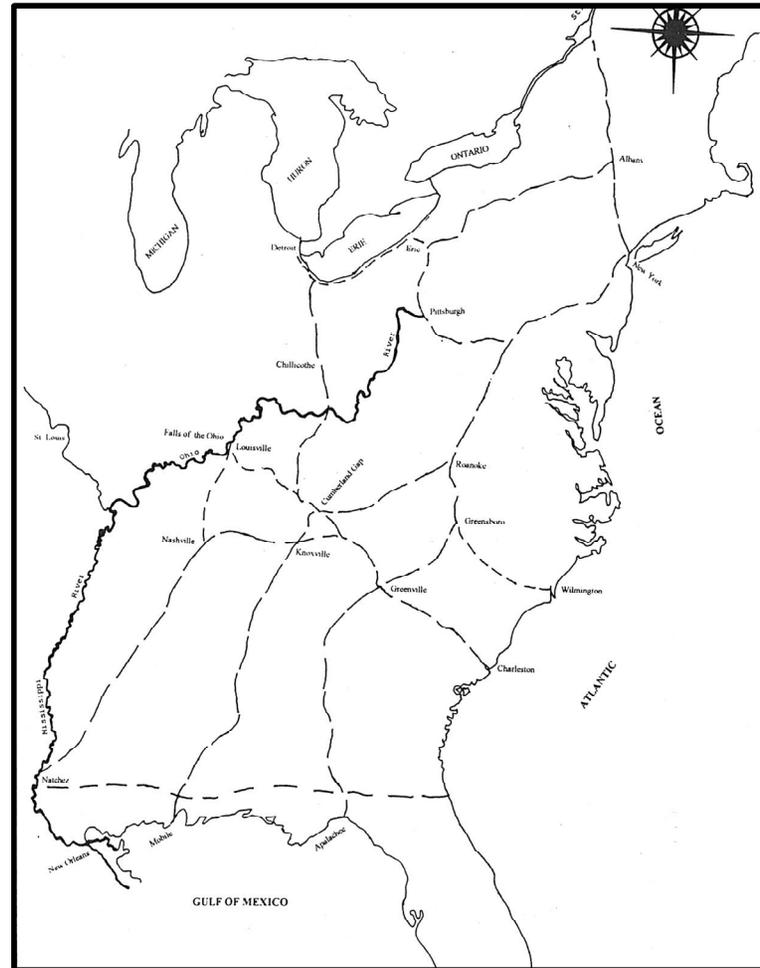
1800

- **Zane's Trace** - Wheeling WV to Maysville, KY

1818

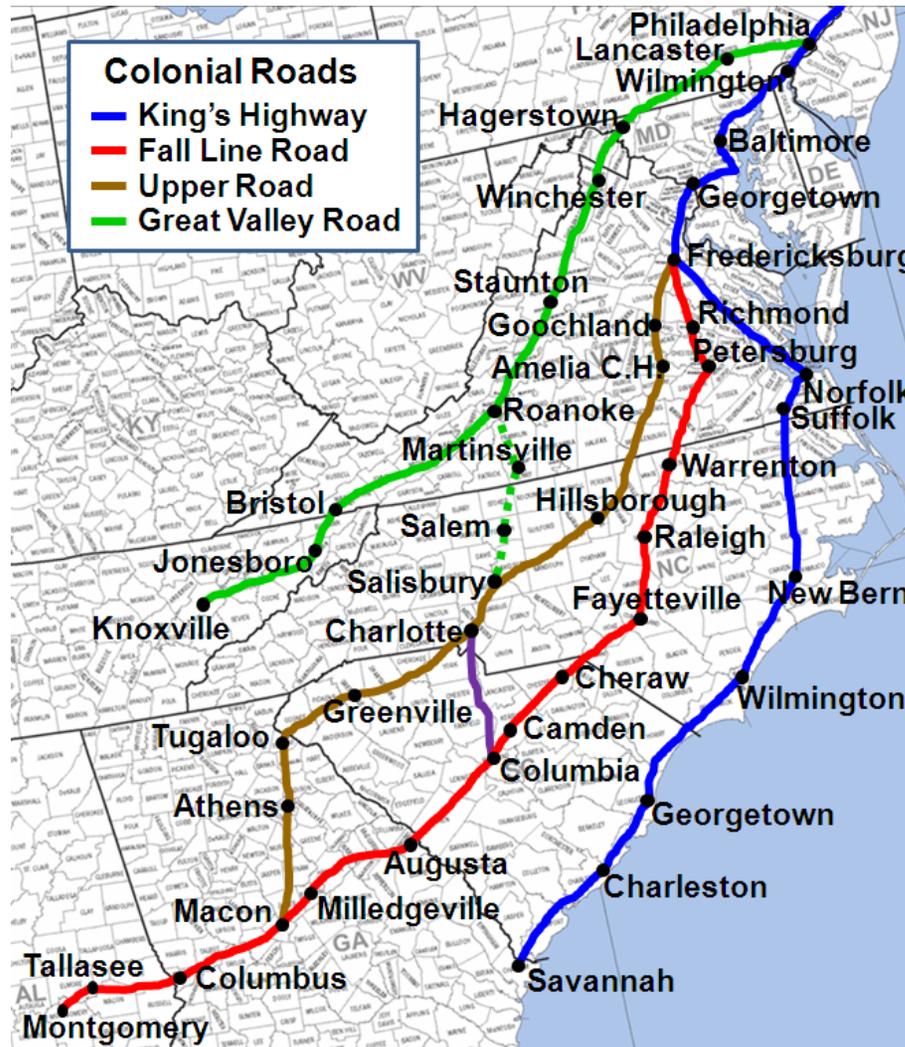
- **National Road** – Baltimore, MD to Vandalia, ILL

Principal Native Paths of the East



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Colonial Roads



Southeast to the Mississippi

Major Roads

Revolutionary War

1797

- **Natchez Trace** – Natchez MS to Nashville, TN

1806

- **Federal Road** – Macon GA to Mobile, AL

1814

- **General Jackson's Road** – Nashville to New Orleans

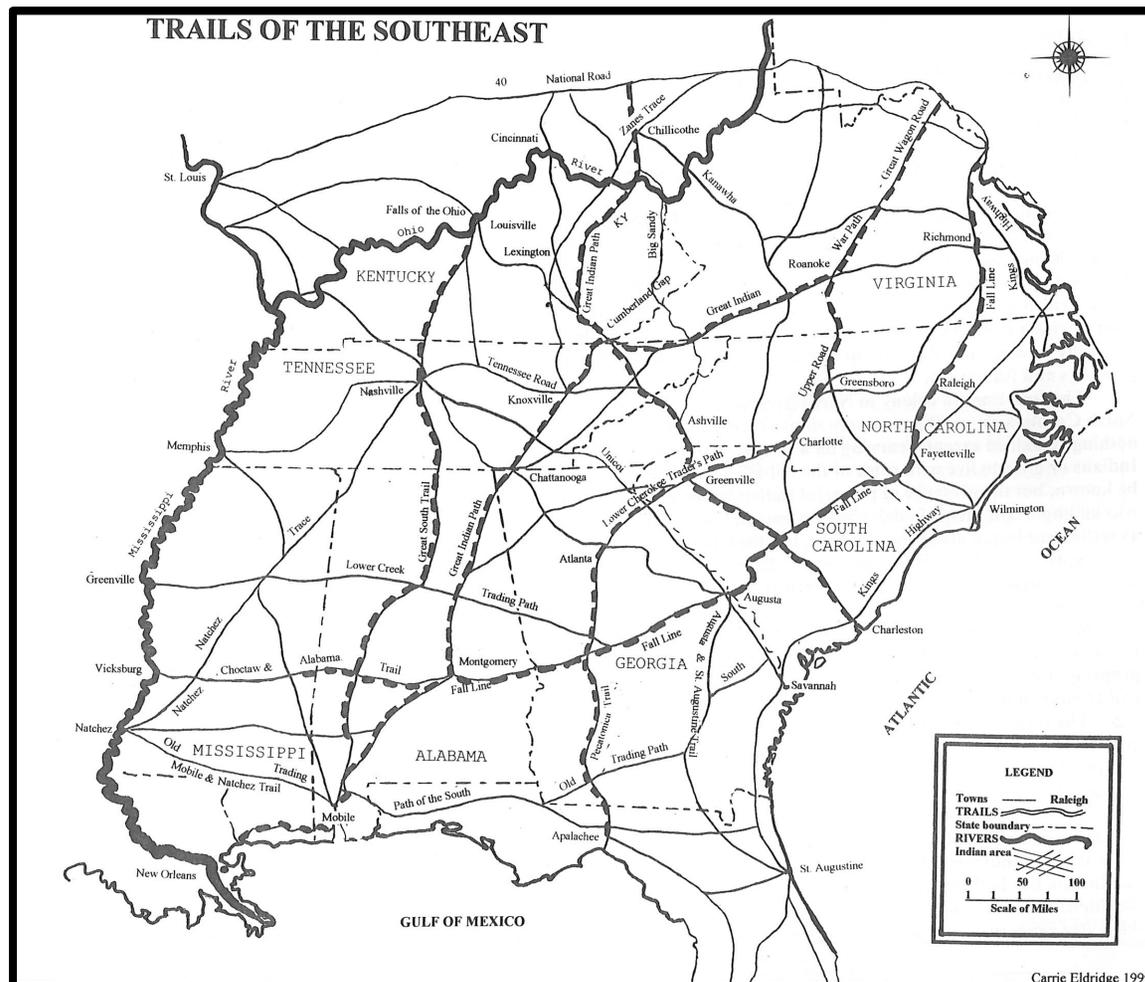
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- **General Carroll's Road** – New Orleans to Jackson, MS

1814

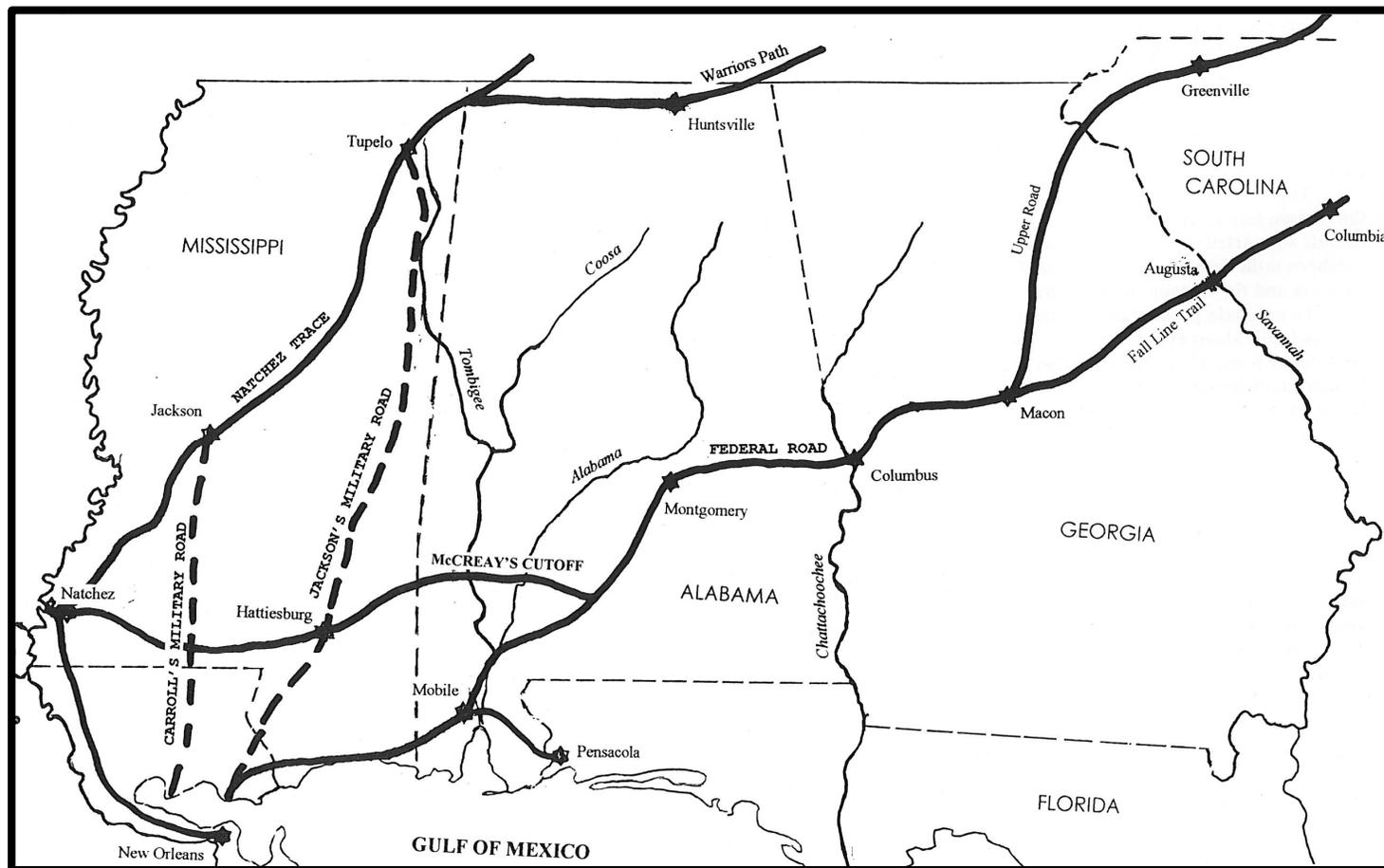
- **McCraey's Path or St. Stephen's Road** – St. Stephens to Natchez, MS

Native Trails of the Southeast



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War of 1812 Military Roads

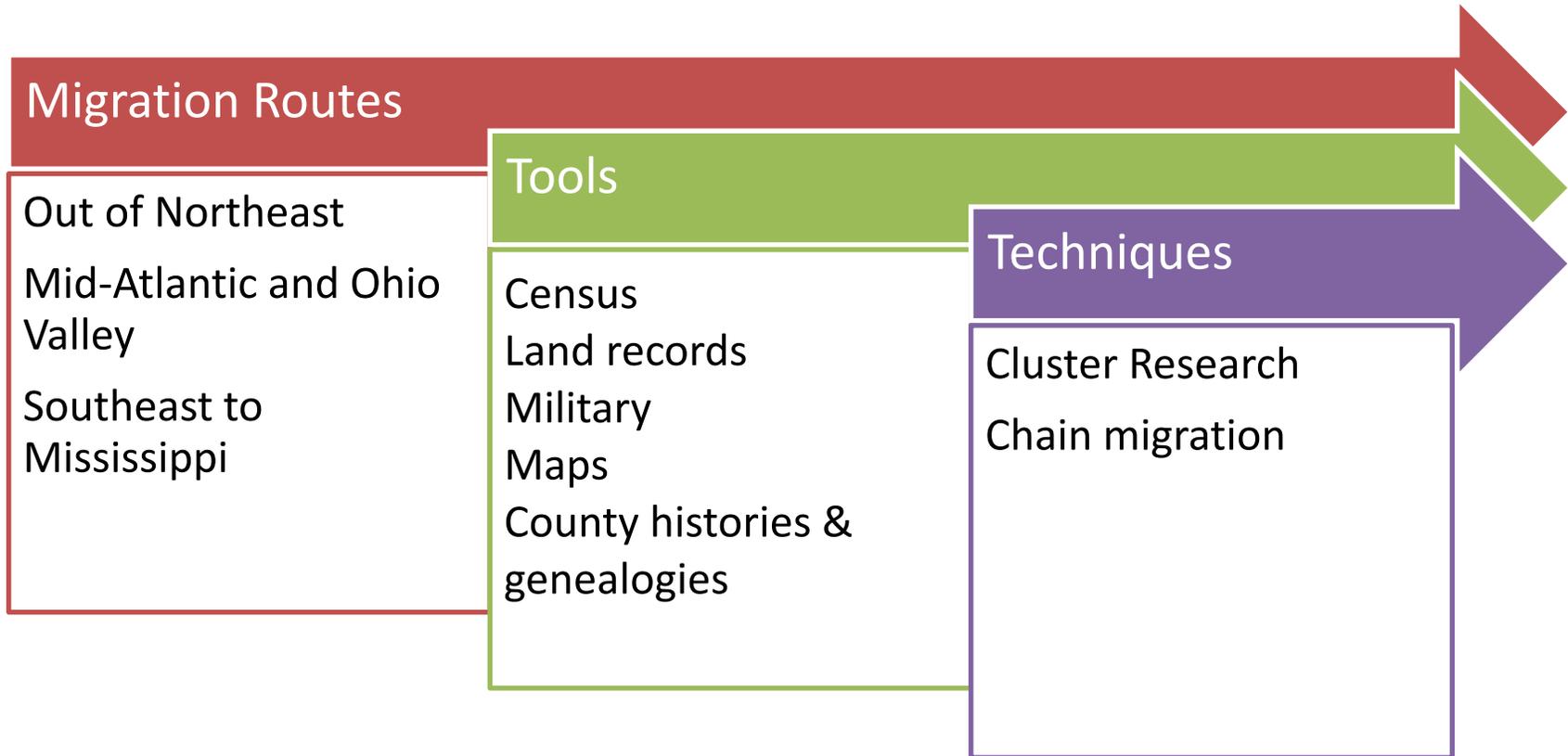


Resources

- FamilySearch.org Research Wiki
- Atlases
 - William Dollarhide (with Leland Meitzler)
 - Carrie Eldridge
- Books
 - Lynn and Lawrence Foster – Spanish trails of SW
 - William Myers – Native trails of SE
- Local Historical Societies

QUESTIONS?

Session Roadmap



Tools

- Records
 - Census
 - Land
 - Probate
 - Military
- Published Material
 - Maps
 - Town and County Histories
 - Genealogies

Census

Census

- Ten-year snapshot (U.S. Federal)
- Timing of migration by look at where the children were born
- Percival Family, Pawnee Nebraska, 1870

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SCHEDULE 1.—Inhabitants in Green & Camp, in the County of Pawnee, State of Nebraska, enumerated by me on the 23 day of September 1870.

Post Office: Pawnee City, Nebraska Norman P. Russell Ass't Marshal.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8		10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	
							Year of Nat. Birth	Year of Present Census												
1	53	58	Percival	Sept 24	M	"	Farmer	2000	815	New York										
2			Coramina A	13	F	"	Keeping house			Vermont										
3			Philo	17	M	"	Wagon driver			Michigan										
4			Augusta C	14	F	"	Child at home			Illinois										
5			Augustus	14	M	"	"			Illinois										
6			Marian A	13	F	"	"			Illinois										
7			Mary T	6	F	"	"			Illinois										
8			Martha	6	F	"	"			Nebraska										
9	54	59	Percival	Sept 24	M	"	Farmer	1200	433	New York										
10			Louisa C	21	F	"	Keeping house			Ohio										
11			Estelle C	3	F	"	Child at home			Nebraska										

24	53	58	Percival	Sept 24	M	"	Farmer	2000	815	New York										
25			Coramina A	13	F	"	Keeping house			Vermont										
26			Philo	17	M	"	Wagon driver			Michigan										
27			Augusta C	14	F	"	Child at home			Illinois										
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34			Estelle C	3	F	"	Child at home			Nebraska										

Census + Timeline

Timeline Shows Potential Record Locations

Family Member	Birth Year	Place of Birth per Census
Alonzo	1839	Vermont
Edgar	1840	Vermont
Judson	1843	New York
Stephen	1847	New York
Dewitt	1848	Michigan
Elmer	1852	Michigan
Philo	1846	Michigan
Agusta Olive	1856	Illinois
Agustus Charles	1856	Illinois
Susan	1858	Illinois
Mary V.	1864	Illinois
Myrtle	1869	Nebraska

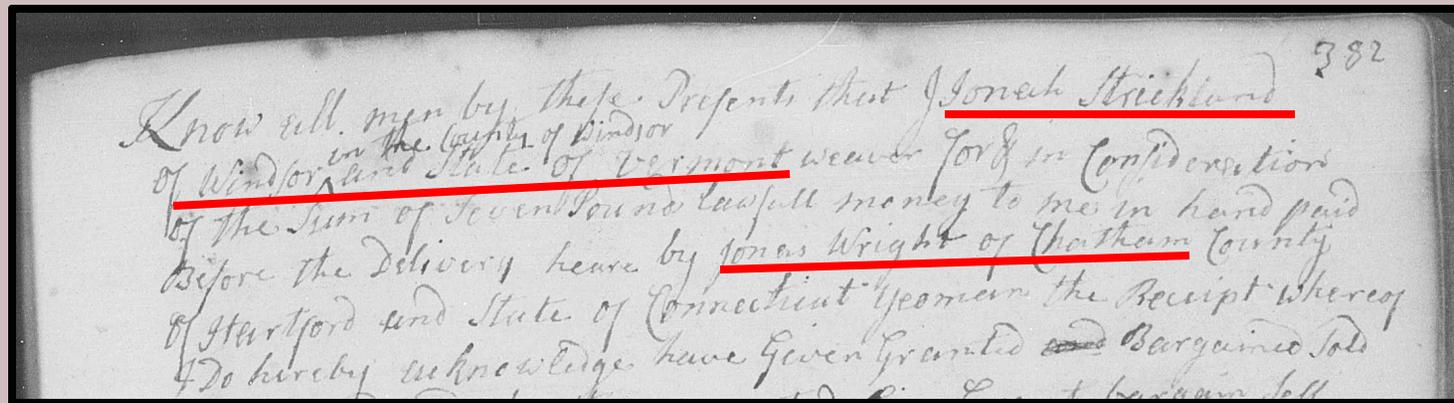
- Norwich Vermont to New York state (undetermined location – 1840-1842)
- New York state to Putnam, Livingston County, Michigan – 1847-1848
- Michigan to Batavia, Kane County, Illinois – 1846-1855
- Illinois to Pawnee City, Pawnee, Nebraska – 1864-1869

Deeds

Deeds

- A single deed may show a prior residence
- A series of deeds shows timing of migration

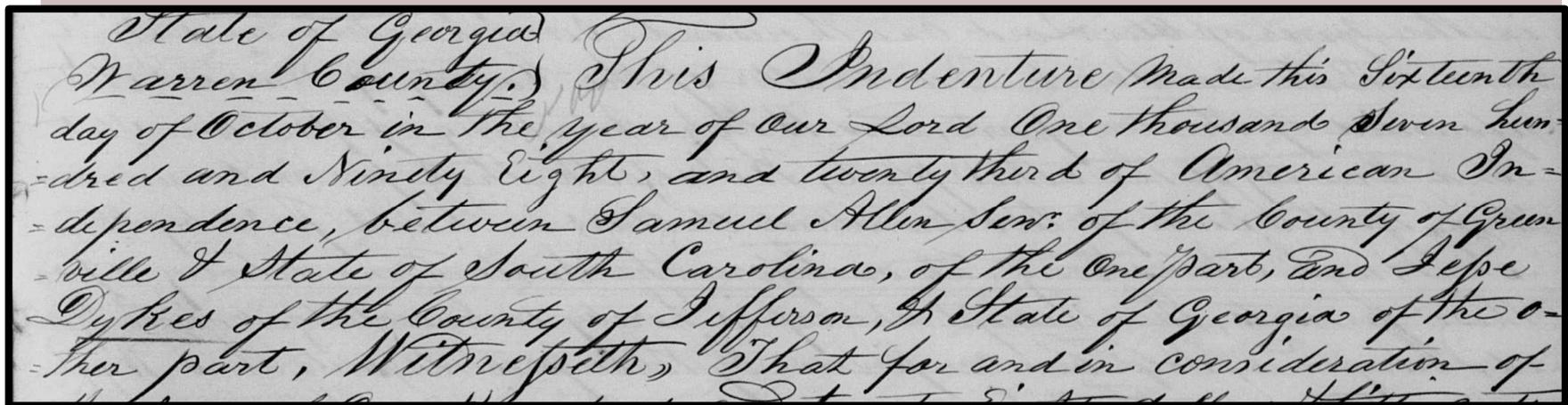
Deed Confirms Migration



- Problem – Two Jonah Stricklands, CT Rev War soldiers, one from Bolton, the other from Chatham. Which man moved to Vermont?
- Chatham deed solves the mystery: Jonah Strickland sells land in Chatham, CT to Jonas Wright in 1792
- Jonah's residence is "Windsor, in the County of Windsor, in the State of Vermont"

Deed Reveals Prior Residence

- Samuel Allen, Sr. sells land in Warren County Georgia in 1798 to Jesse Dykes
- Samuel Allen is from Greenville County, South Carolina



State of Georgia
Warren County. This Indenture made this Sixteenth
day of October in the year of our Lord One thousand Seven hun-
-dred and Ninety Eight, and twenty third of American In-
-dependence, between Samuel Allen Senr. of the County of Green-
-ville & State of South Carolina, of the one part, and Jesse
-Dykes of the County of Jefferson, & State of Georgia of the o-
-ther part, Witnesseth, That for and in consideration of

Military Records

Military Records Showing Migration

- Enlistment
- Pension

Enlistment Record

RECORDS OF MEN ENLISTED IN THE U. S. ARMY															
No	NAME.	ORGANIZATION.					DESCRIPTION.						WHERE BORN.		
		RANK.	REGIMENT.	CO.	COMPANY COMMANDER.	REGIMENTAL COMMANDER.	HEIGHT.		EYES.	HAIR.	COMPLEXION.	AGE.	OCCUPATION.	TOWN OR COUNTY.	STATE.
FET.	INCHES.														
5893	McKullis Robert McKullis		Sg. U.S. Infy				6	2				36.		Northampton	Ma
5894	McBrody Robert	Priv	U.S. Rifles				5	9	Hazel	Dark	Fair	16	Farmer	Chester	S. C.

Service Detail from Enlistment Record

ENLISTMENT.				REMARKS.
WHEN.	WHERE.	BY WHOM.	PERIOD.	
Nov. 30. 1813.	Gallatin	Capt Douglass	1 year.	R. R. Gallatin, Tenn. Nov. 29. 1813. — Mo. R. Capt — Douglass, Co. May 9. 1814. a. Pot. present.
Oct. 21. 1814.	Chester Co. Pa.	Capt Campbell	5 years.	Capt. J. G. Blount's, Co. Cook 1812 — 1815. left sick at Fredericksburg Va. I. R. Capt. W. S. Duffie's Co. Brentle's, point Feby 10. D. R. March 16. I. R. April 30. I. R. & D. R. Dec. 31. 1815. & I. R. Feby 29. 1816. present. I. R. April 30. & S. A. Mo. R. June 30. 1816. Transfd. to Capt. Birdsalls, Co. I. R. Capt. Benj. Birdsalls, Co. April 30. I. R. & S. A. Mo. R. June 30. & I. R. Aug. 31. 1816. present jct by transfer Mar. 11. 1816. — I. R. & S. A. Mo. R. Dec. 31. 1816. sick at Fort Edwards I. R. Feby 28. April 30. June 30. & Aug 31. 1817. present. I. R. Oct. 31. 1817. on comid. I. R. Dec. 31. 1817. Feby 28. April 30. & June 30. 1818. present. I. R. Capt. J. M ^r Gunnigle's, Co. Aug. 31. & Oct. 31. 1818. present. I. R. Capt. S. Gault's, Co. Dec. 31. 1818. Feby 28. & April 30. 1819. present. Mo. Ret. Oct. 31. & S. A. Mo. R. Capt. Wm. Armstrongs, Co. Gault. Mo. Dec. 31. 1819. Discharged Oct. 24 or 25. 1819. term exp'd.

Discharge Certificate

J. A. Smith
Franklin
Wm. Armstrong

TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN.

Know ye, That *Robert M. Crory* a *Private* of Captain *William Armstrong's*
Company United States Regiment of Riflemen, who was enlisted the *24th* day of *October* 1814 to serve five years, is hereby
Honourably discharged from the Army of the United States, by reason of the *Expiration of his Term*
of Enlistment

Said *Robert M. Crory* was born in *Cluster County* in the state of *South Carolina*
is *Twenty one* years of age, *five feet nine inches* inches high, *Fair* complexion, *Dark*
eyes, *Dark* hair, and by occupation, when enlisted, a *Farmer*

Given at *Camp Mispoune* this *Thirtieth* day of *October* 1819

J. Chubb
Major W. V. Williams
E. Drake
Wm. V. Williams

Fold3.com Pension Files, War 1812

Pension Payment Schedule

Connecticut 203

NAME	RANK	MONTHLY ALLOWANCE	DATE	COMPLETMENT																	
				March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December								
Lutwick Notchkye	Captain	8	48																		
† Elyah Hoyt	Private	8	48																		
× Moses Hatch		8	48	11 April 1818	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
<i>Jonathan Hazleton</i> 8 48 from Rhode Island from Sept 1829																					
† Giffen Houghton		8	48	10 April 1818	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
† Ephraim Hoyt		8	48																		
† George Hoyt		8	48	31 March 1818	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
<i>Sept 1 1 1 3 To Yorktown for Sept 1829</i>																					
† Surlay Hughes	Private	8	48																		
† Benjamin Hall	Private	8	48	10 April 1818	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
† George Simonsley	Sergeant	8	48	18 April 1818	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
× David Harris	Private	8	48	25 July 1819																	
† James Howley		8	48																		
† Ephraim Holmes	Captain	20	120	11 May 1818	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
† Joseph Hatch	Private	8	48	11 June 1818	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
× Jonathan Hoyt		8	48	11 January 1818																	
Jonathan Hazleton		8	48	from Rhode Island from Sept 1829																	
Charles Hopkins	Lieutenant	20	120	from Rhode Island from Sept 1829																	
× New Notchkye	Sergeant	8	48	from Rhode Island from Sept 1829																	
Osborn Ball	Private	8	48	15 April 1818	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
John G. Holcomb		8	48	17 April 1818	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
Conradus Higgins	Lieut.	20	120	31 March 1818	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
Roger Hooker	Lieut.	20	120	26 May 1818	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	

And Then...

- Transferred to Maine 1831
- Transferred back to Rhode Island 1833
- Died 1840
- Wife, Miriam receives pension beginning in 1840

Maps

Maps for Migration

- Piece together your family puzzle
 - Travel and migration routes
 - Follow family groups through the years
 - Visualize the land on which they lived
 - Provide context for their surroundings
 - Use maps to present information
- Think broadly: shift your focus away from an individual to a *place* to break down brick walls and provide context

Types of maps

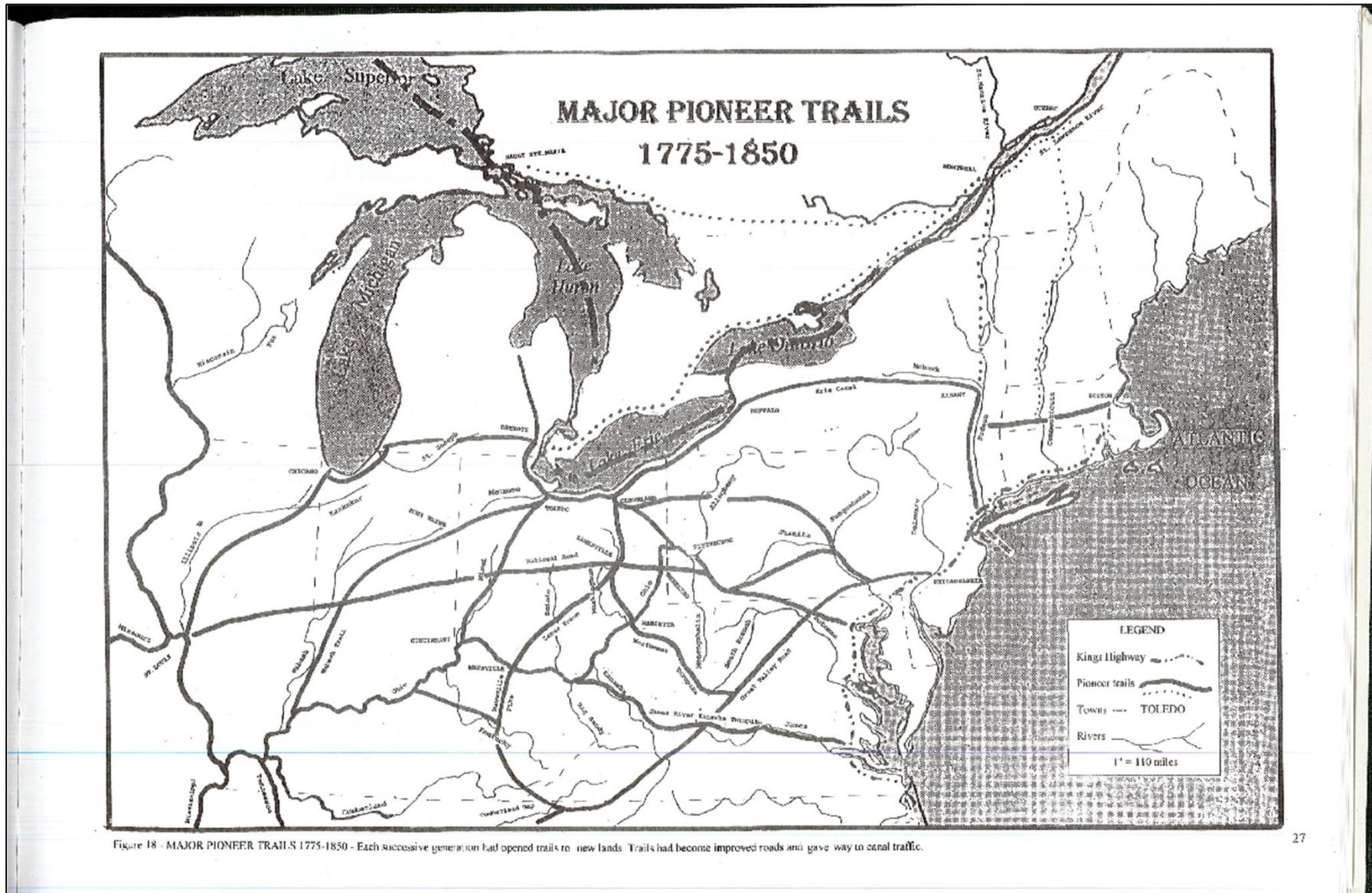
- Different types of maps may be available depending on whether your research subject is urban or rural, and the time period
 - Cadastral maps (land/property ownership)
 - Topographical maps (geographic features)
 - Insurance (Sanborn)/real estate maps
 - Ward and enumeration district maps
 - Land surveys or plat maps
 - Road maps
 - Consider the purpose of the map – why was it created, who created it?

Where to find maps online

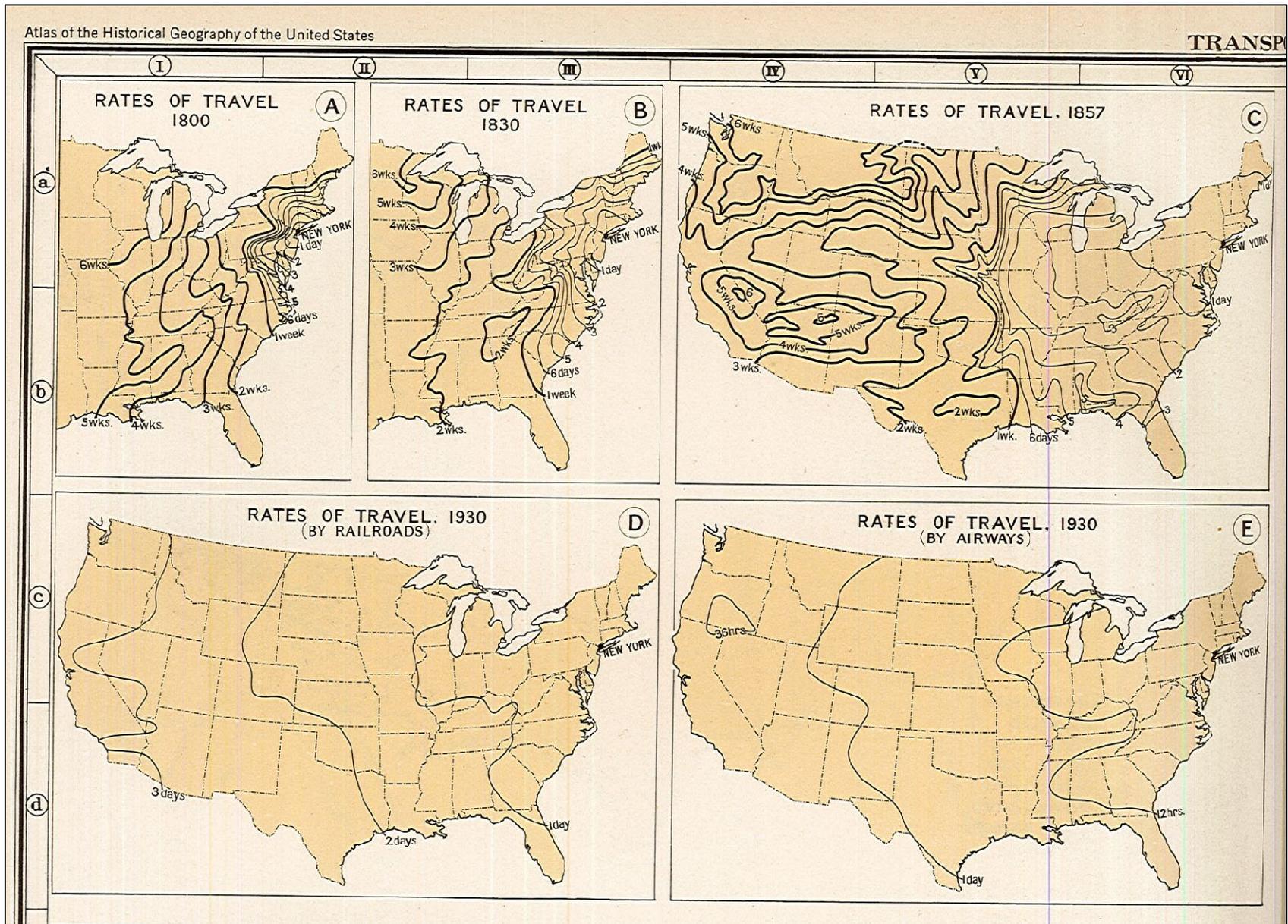
- Library of Congress: <https://www.loc.gov/collections/>
- David Rumsey Historical Map Collection: <https://www.davidrumsey.com/>
- USGS TopoView: <https://ngmdb.usgs.gov/topoview/>
- Perry-Castañeda Library at UT-Austin: <https://legacy.lib.utexas.edu/maps/>
- Norman B. Leventhal Map & Education Center at BPL: <https://www.leventhalmap.org/collections/>
- Newberry Library Atlas of Historical County Boundaries: <https://publications.newberry.org/ahcbp/>
- Interactive County Boundary Maps: <https://www.mapofus.org/>

Secondary source maps

- Maps created in the recent past to help us understand historic data or trends
 - e.g., the Newberry AHCB collection, which shows changing county boundaries
- Can show transportation routes or migration patterns
- Charles Paullin, *Atlas of Historical Geography of the United States*, 1932
- Carrie Eldridge atlas series (ca. 1998-2006)
- Why use these?
 - Place our ancestor (an individual) and his farm (one small piece of land) in greater context
 - Locate possible travel routes



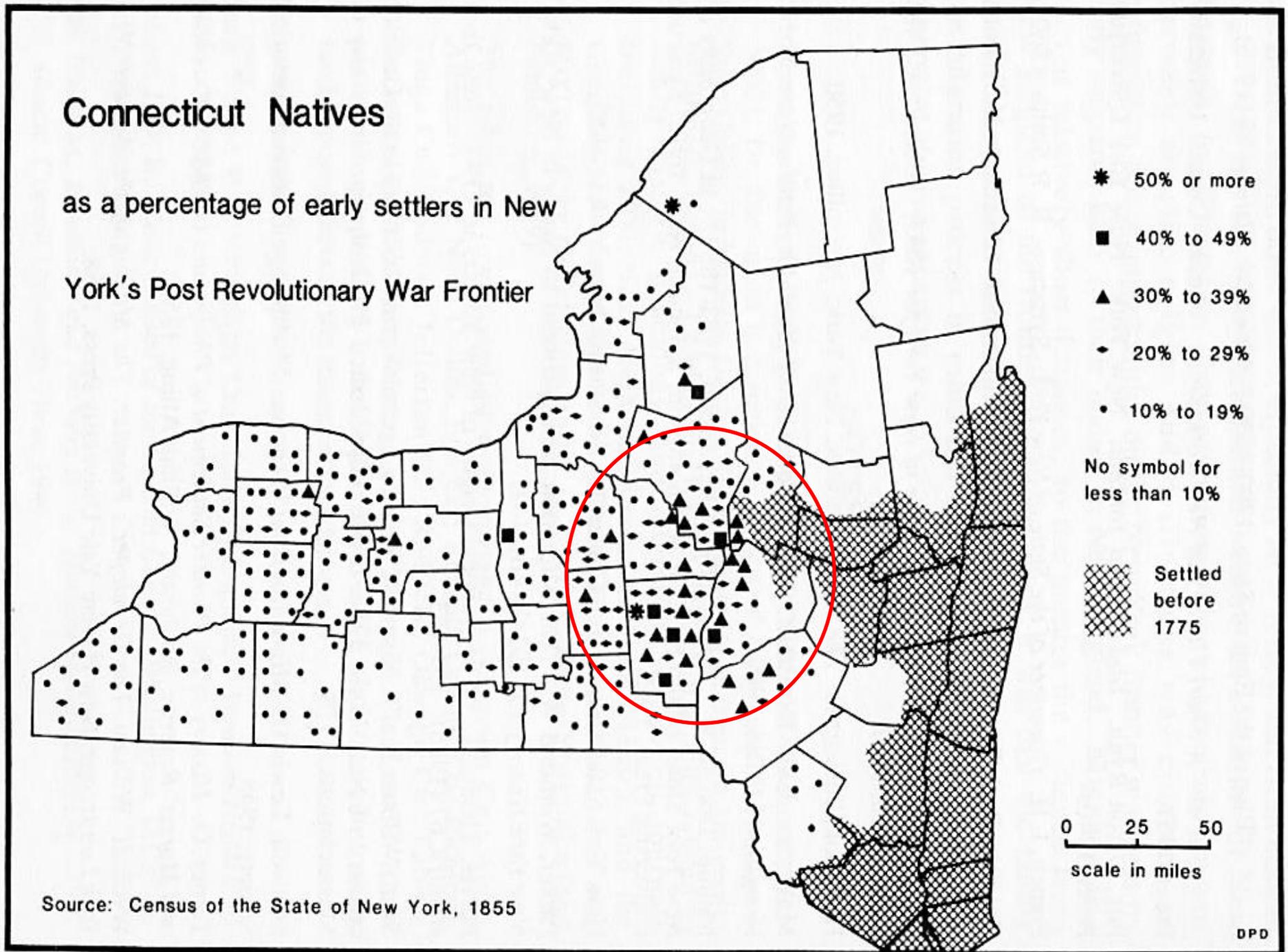
An Atlas of Northern Trails Westward from New England, Carrie Eldridge, 2000



Atlas of Historical Geography, Charles Paullin, 1932

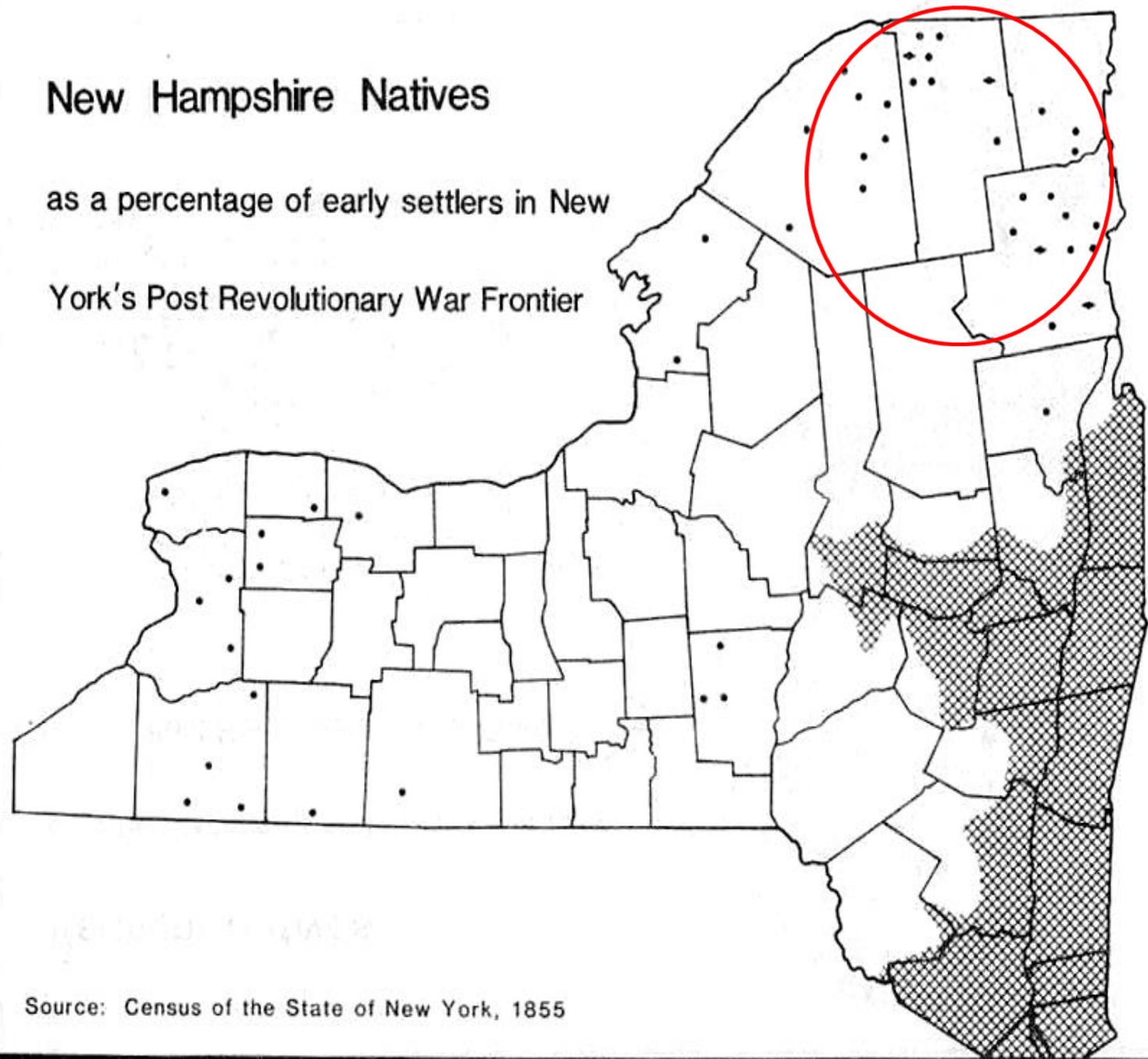
Resources for understanding migration patterns

- Primary and secondary-source maps, gazetteers, histories
- FamilySearch Wiki:
[https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/US Migration Trails and Roads](https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/US_Migration_Trails_and_Roads)
- Cyndi's List: <https://www.cyndislist.com/migration/general/>
- America's Great Migrations Project: <https://depts.washington.edu/moving1/>
- GLO Public Lands History:
[https://gloreCORDS.blm.gov/reference/default.aspx?id=01 GLO Records|02 Public Lands History](https://gloreCORDS.blm.gov/reference/default.aspx?id=01_GLO_Records|02_Public_Lands_History)
- William Dollarhide: Map guide to American migration routes, 1735-1815 (and 2022 update)

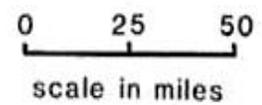


New Hampshire Natives

as a percentage of early settlers in New York's Post Revolutionary War Frontier



Source: Census of the State of New York, 1855

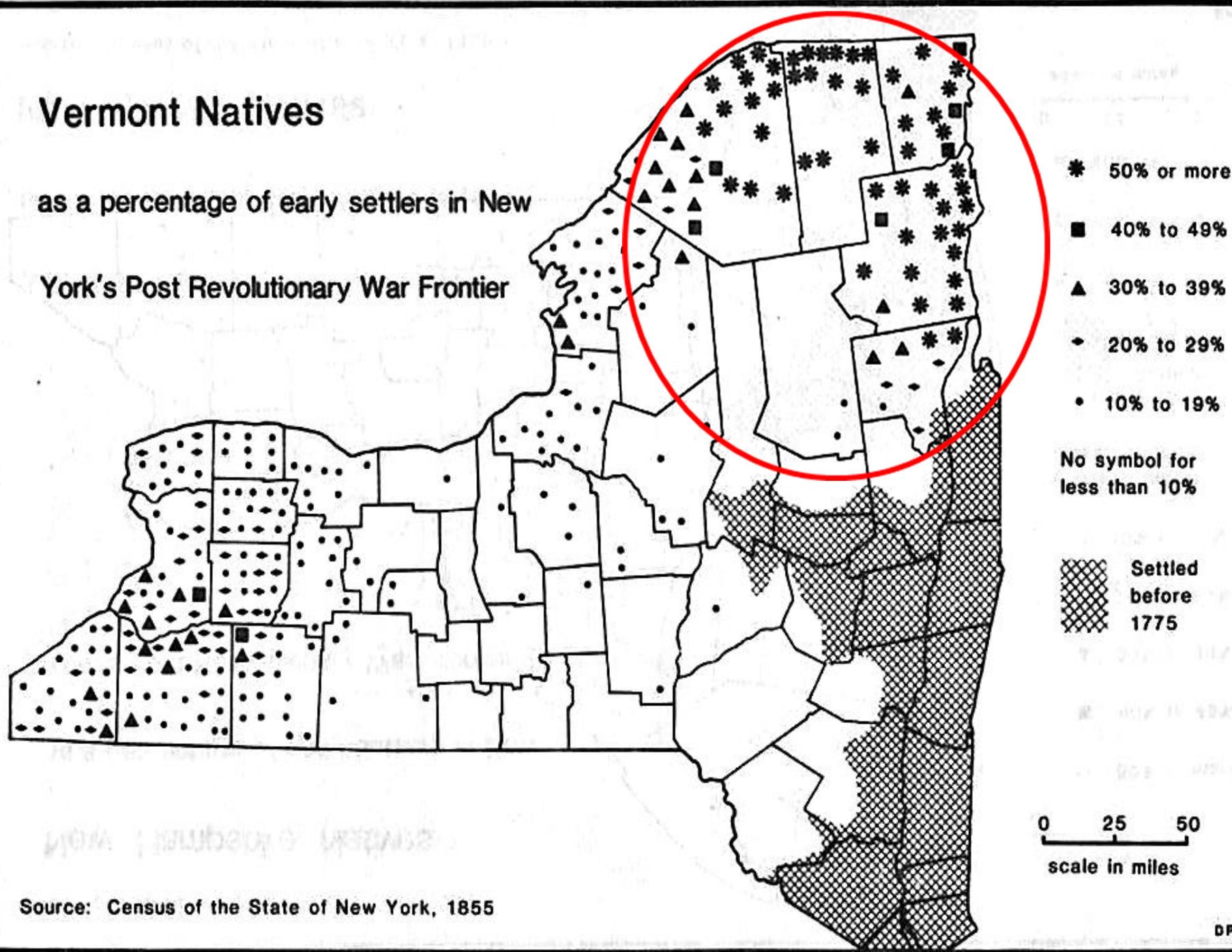


- * 50% or more
- 40% to 49%
- ▲ 30% to 39%
- ◆ 20% to 29%
- 10% to 19%
- No symbol for less than 10%
- ▨ Settled before 1775

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Vermont Natives

as a percentage of early settlers in New York's Post Revolutionary War Frontier



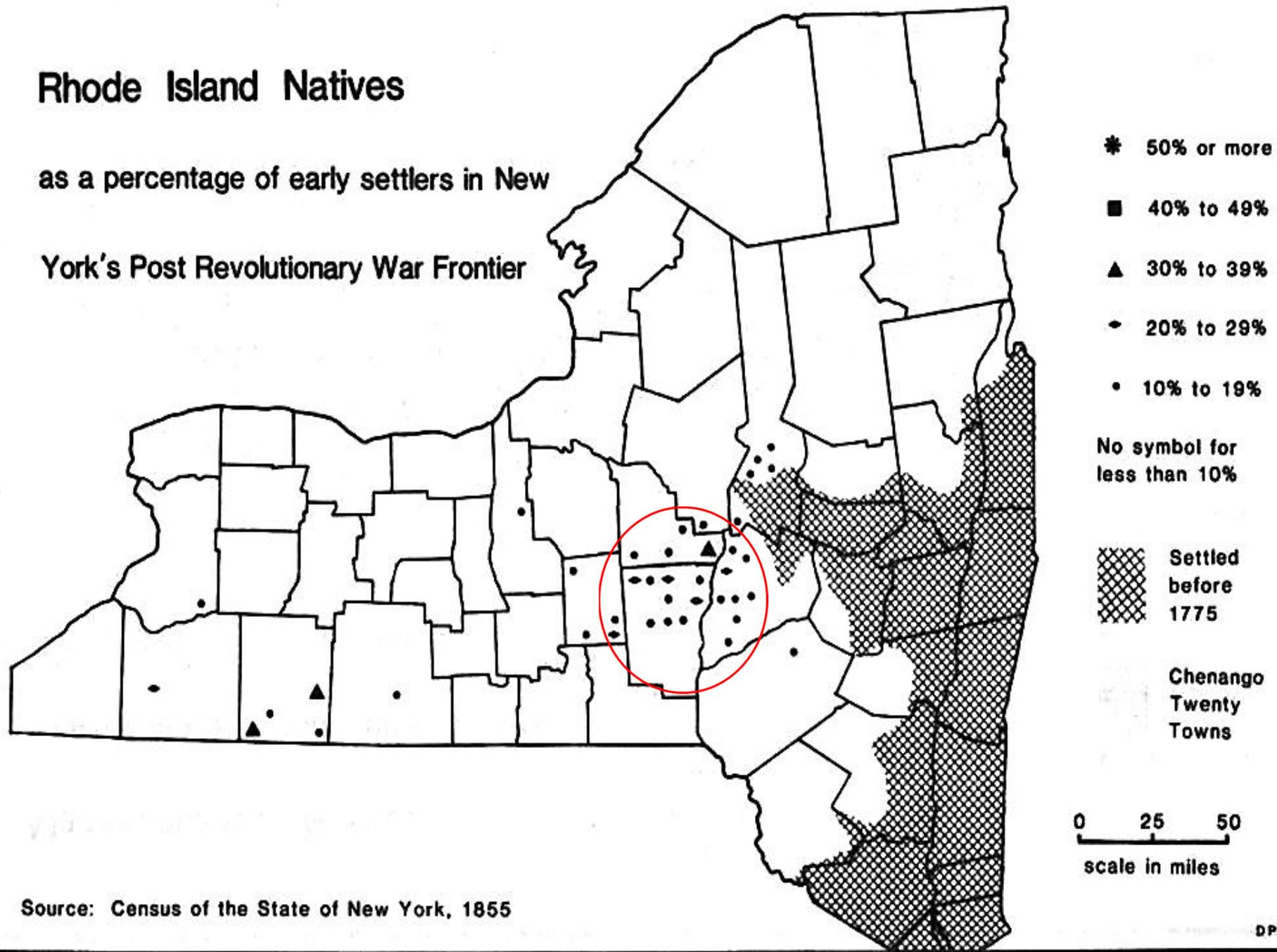
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Rhode Island Natives

as a percentage of early settlers in New

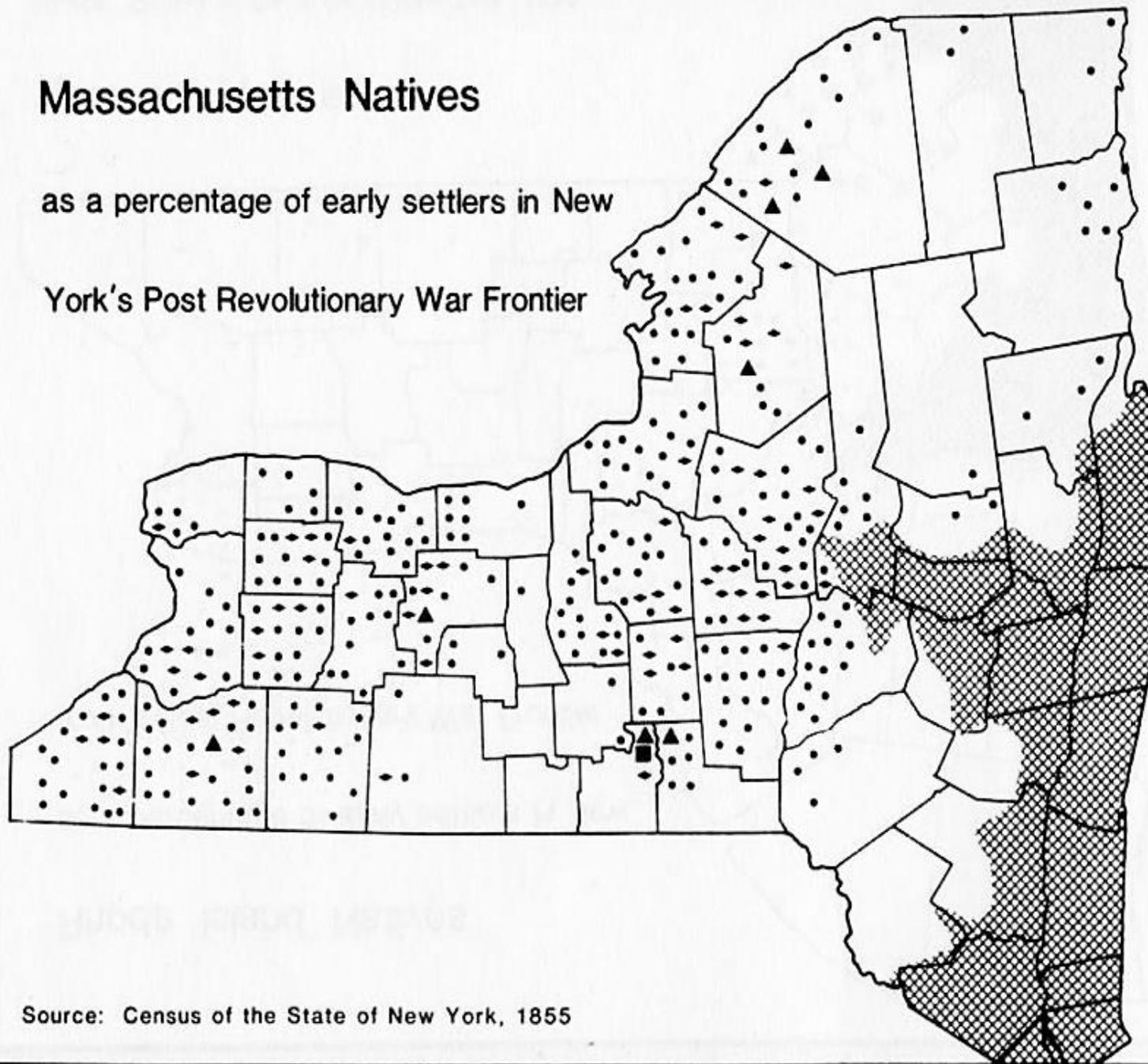
York's Post Revolutionary War Frontier



Massachusetts Natives

as a percentage of early settlers in New

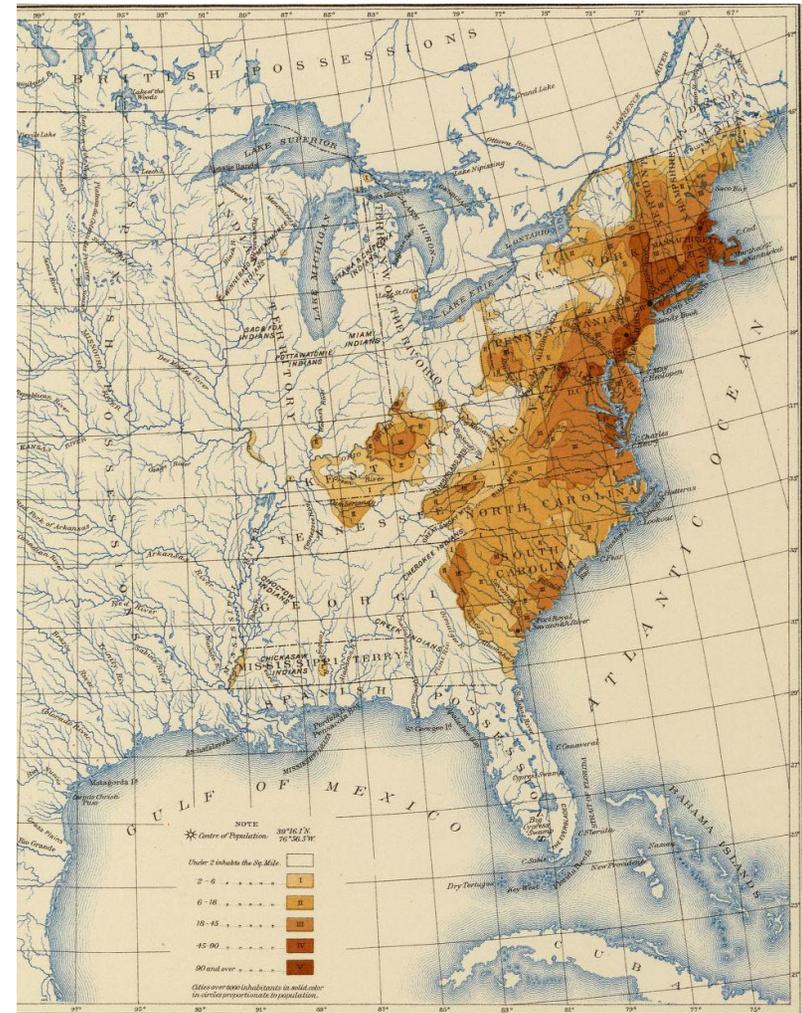
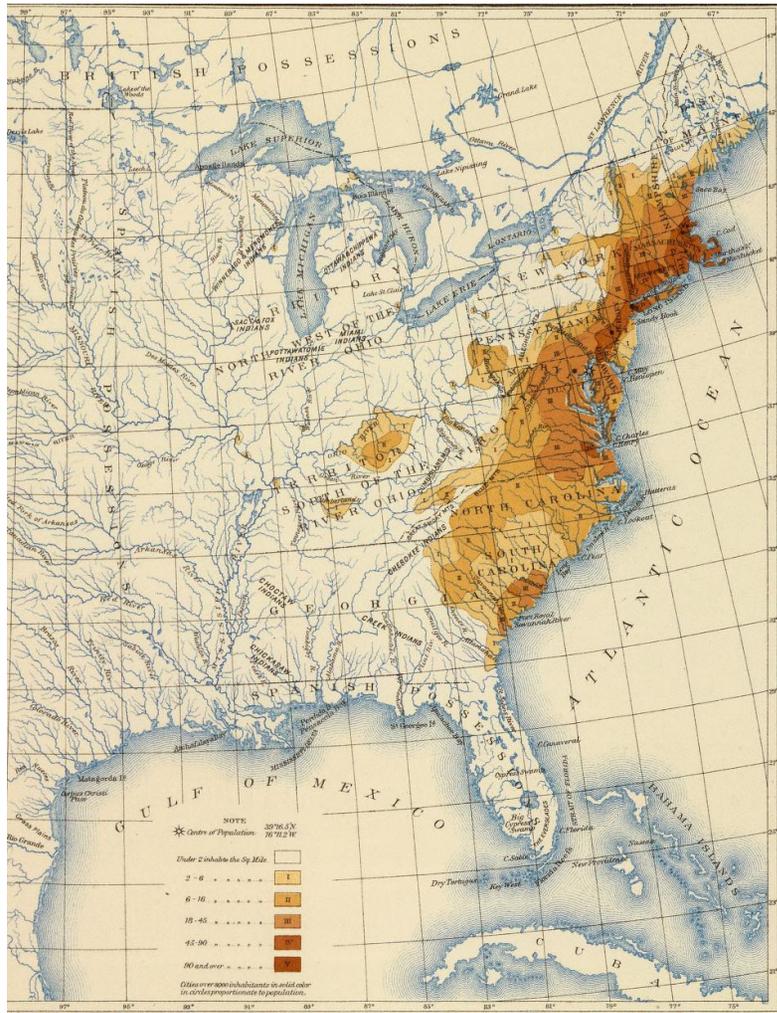
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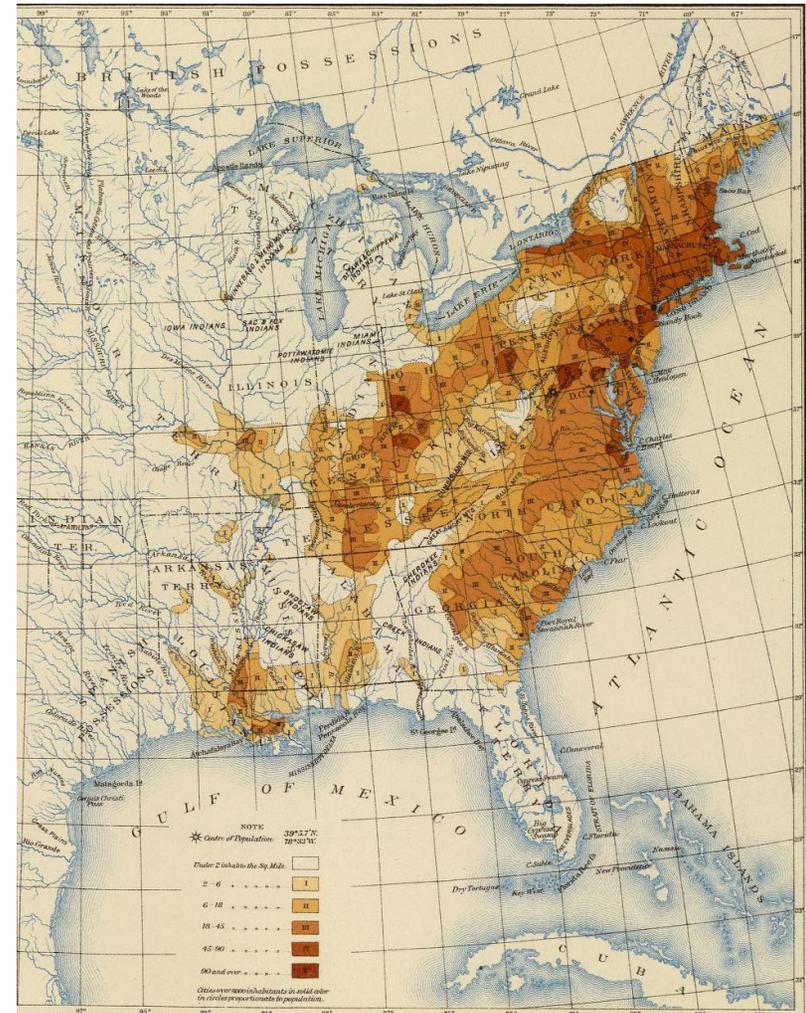
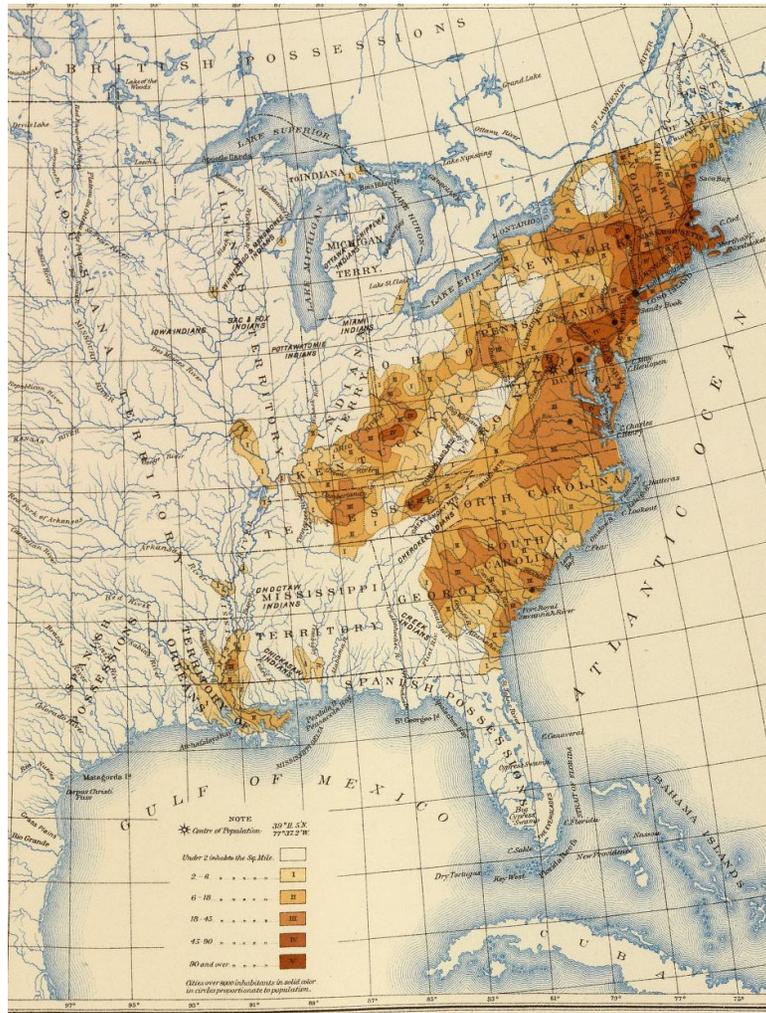
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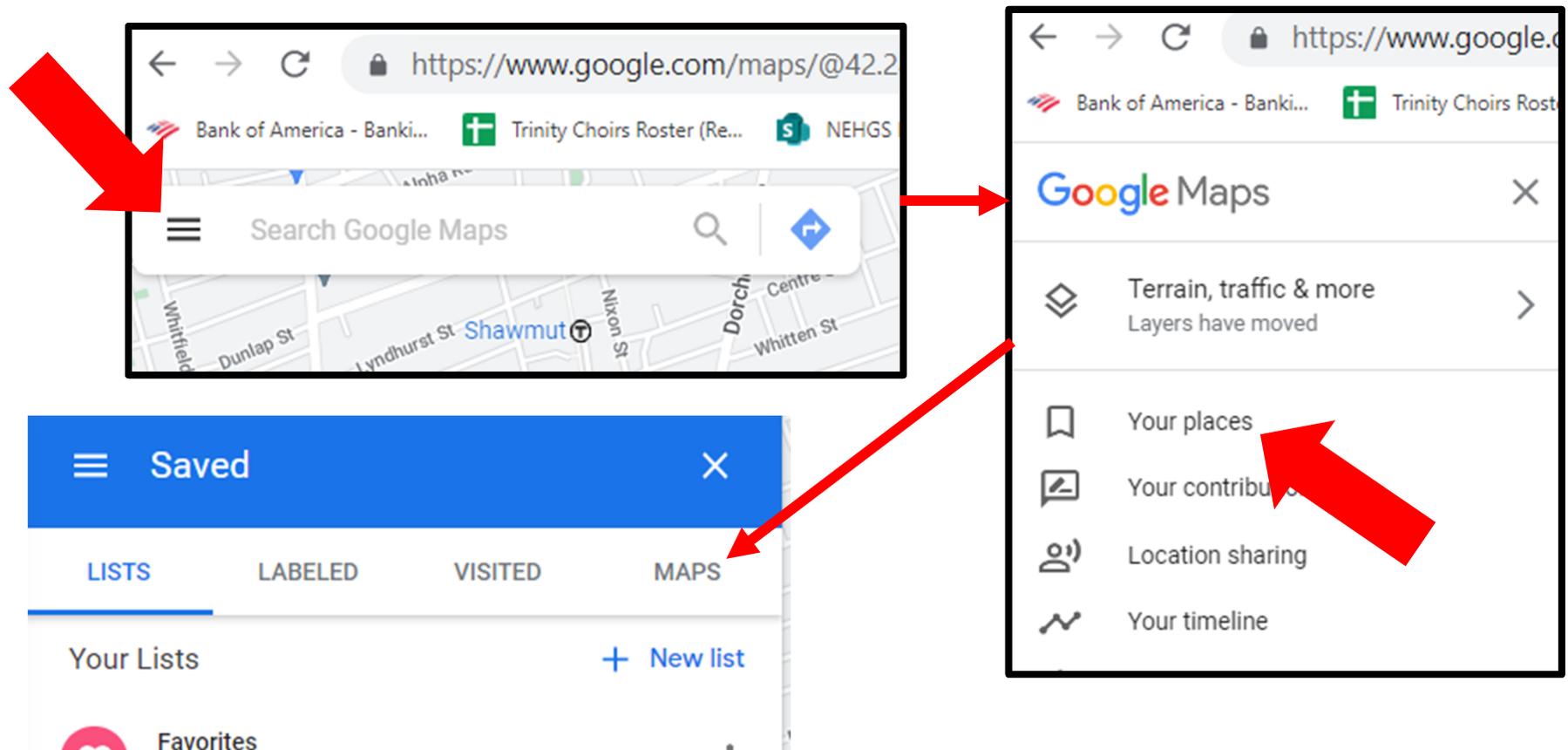
U.S. Population Density 1790-1800



U.S. Population Density 1810-1820



Create Your Own Migration Map



Create a Map

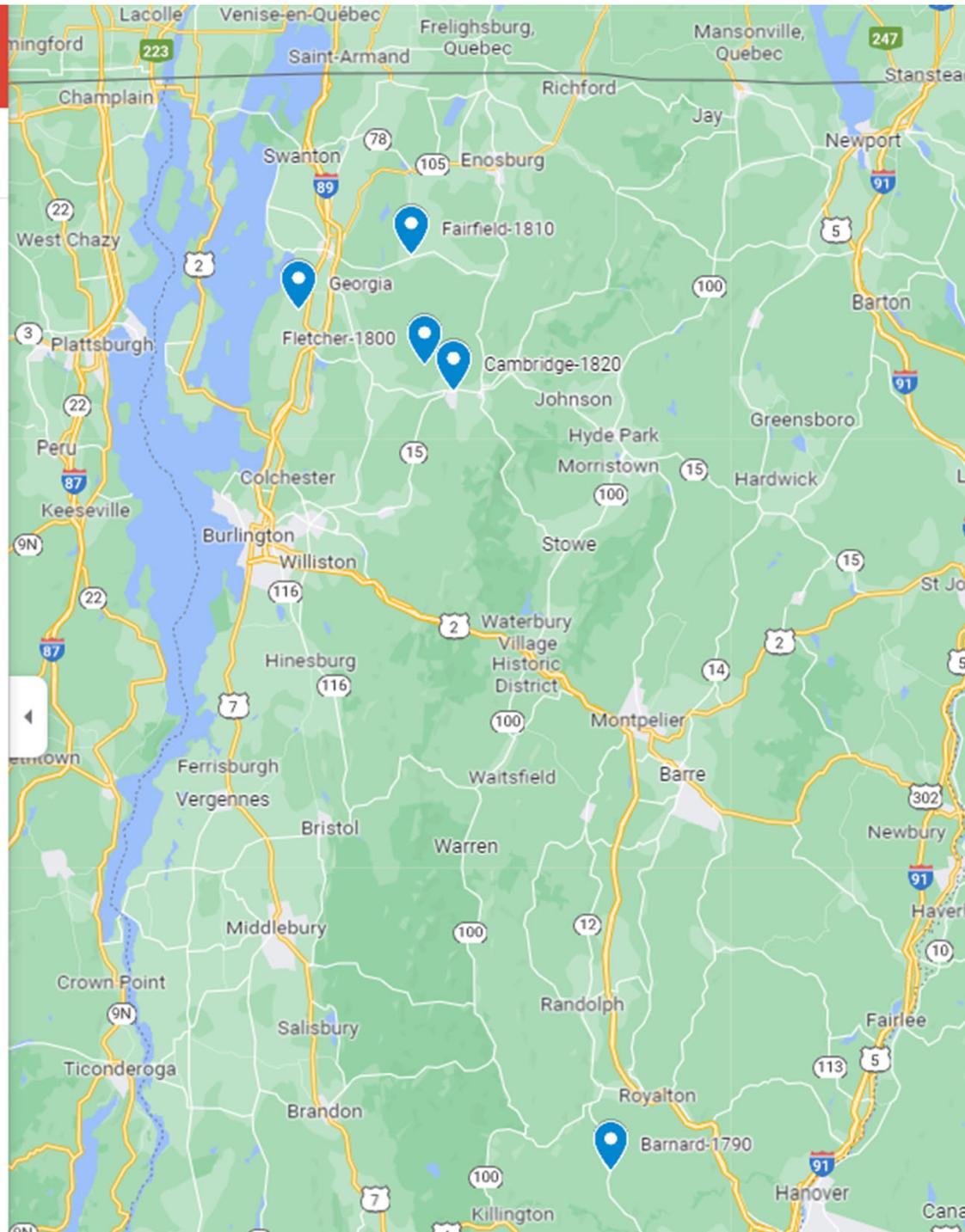
The screenshot displays the Ancestry.com map creation interface. On the left, a sidebar titled "Saved" lists various maps, with the "Coon Family" map highlighted by a red circle. Below this list is a "CREATE MAP" button. A red arrow points from this button to the main map area. The main map area shows a map of the United States with a search bar at the top, navigation tools, and a "Layers" panel on the left. The "Layers" panel shows an "Untitled layer" with an "Import" button and a tooltip that says "Add places to this layer by drawing or importing data. Learn more". The map itself shows state boundaries and major cities like Seattle, Chicago, Toronto, and New York.

← Ellis Family ×

Open in My Maps

- 📍 Barnard-1790
- 📍 Fletcher-1800
- 📍 Cambridge-1820
- 📍 Fairfield-1810

1 MORE



County Histories

County Histories

- Mention first settlers and their origins

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

As Always – Caution Needed

- William Smiley in Chautauqua County History (1875)

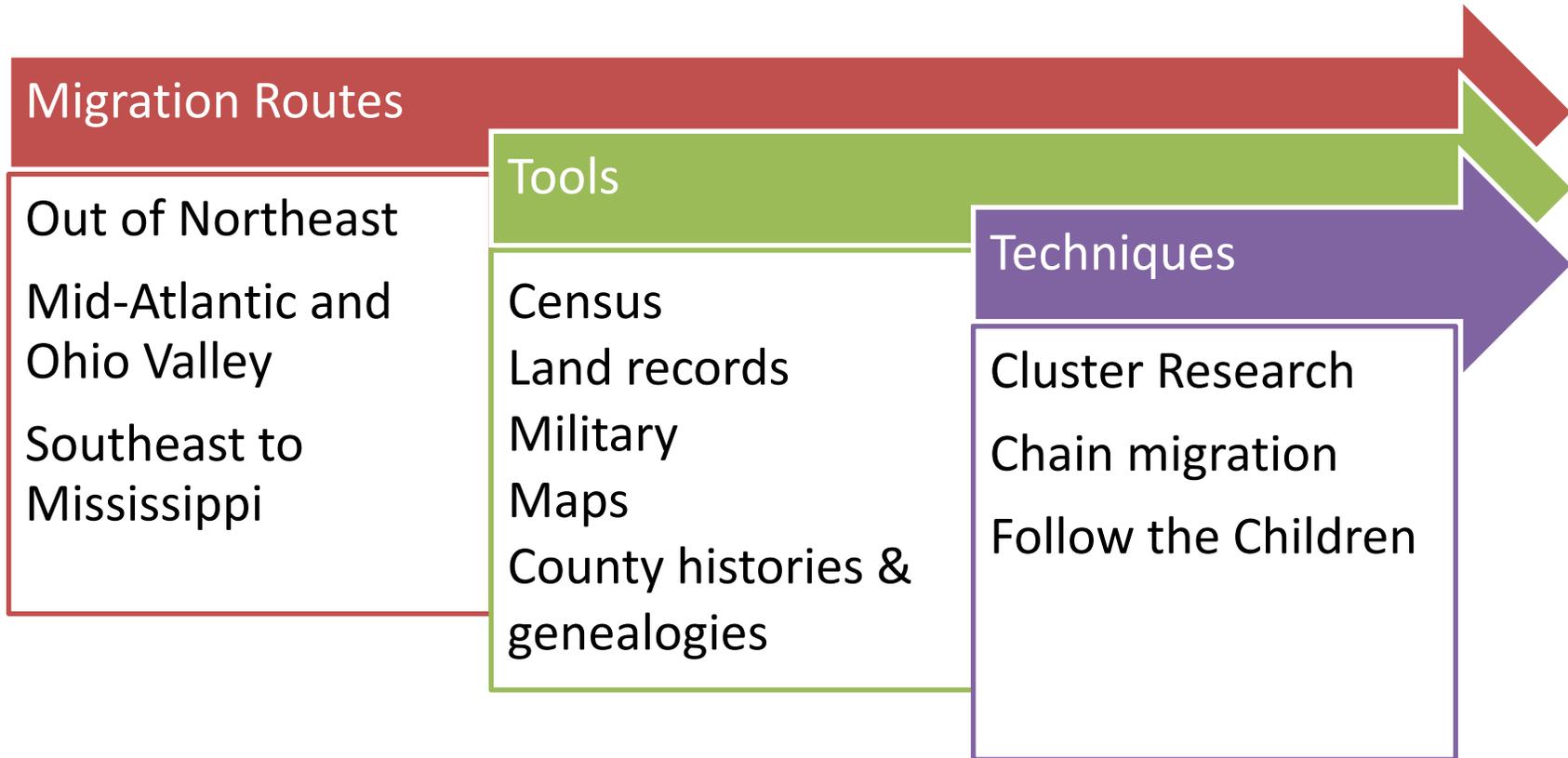
William Smiley, an early settler in Ellery, NY, was a son of William Smiley who, in Ireland, was pressed into the British naval service. After about seven years, the vessel anchored in Long Island sound, and Smiley, with two cousins, companions in misfortune, "escaped from service" by swimming ashore, in Connecticut. Within a year he married, and, after many years, removed with his wife and son, William, Jr, to Savannah, Ga, where he died within a year. Soon after, the mother also died, and the son returned to Farmington, Conn, the place of his nativity. He was apprenticed to the

- William Smiley in Chenango County History (1880)

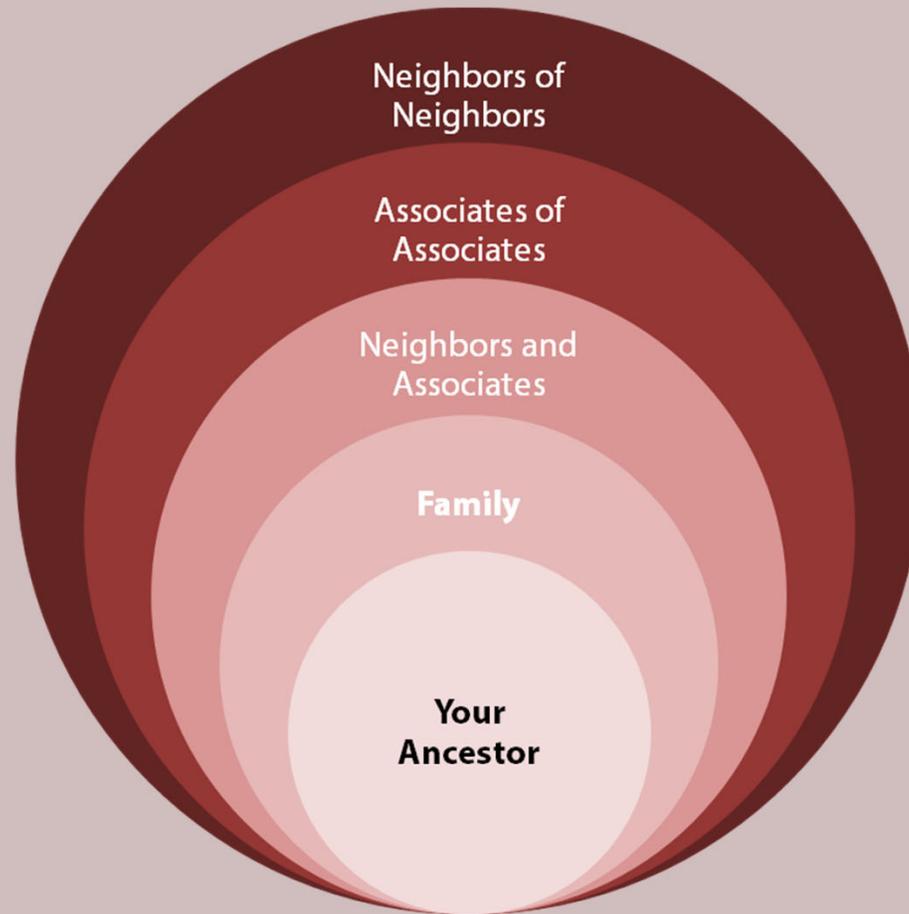
Capt. John Harris and William Smiley came in company from Voluntown, Conn., in 1780. Harris took up land that year and returned in the fall for his family. Smiley brought his family with him, and settled on the west side of the river, two miles below

QUESTIONS?

Session Roadmap.



Cluster or FAN Club Research



Basic Strategy for Cluster Research

- Identify Family, Associates, and Neighbors
- Determine relationships and origins of each
- Learn about community
- Who settled there?

Important Questions

- Who else is enumerated in your ancestor's household?
- Who is living next door? Nearby?
- Who is your ancestor buying land from or selling land to? Who are the witnesses?
- Who is mentioned in your ancestor's probate proceedings?

Important Questions

- Who are the witnesses to marriages? Sponsors to baptisms?
- Who is providing the affidavit when your ancestor naturalized?
- Who works alongside your ancestor? Where are they from?

Tip

Search for your
ancestor as
witness and sponsor

Witness and Sponsor

- Always identify the instances in which your ancestor served as a witness or a sponsor
 - Deeds
 - Wills
 - Baptisms
 - Marriage bonds
- Build family group
- Identify origins of each individual
- Shared origins? Patterns?

Chain Migration

- People more likely to settle in places where they know people
 - Established network
 - Security
 - Job opportunities
 - Religious community

What Were the Homers Doing in Illinois?

- Josiah Homer, born, lived and died on his farm in West Salem township, Mercer County, PA
- Yet – the 1860 census has the family in Victoria, Knox County, Ill



Name	Age
Harry Walker	68
Margaret Walker	68
Josiah Holm	38
Sarah Holm	30
Ogima Holm	11
Olandas Holm	7
Frank Holm	6
Mary Holm	4
Joseph Holm	9/12

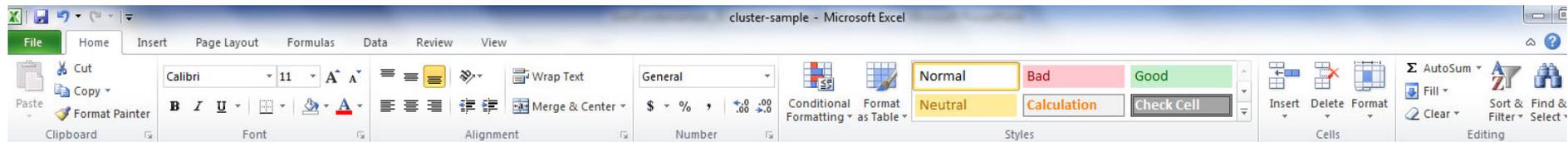
Birth of Children Show Migration

Child	Year	Place
Ozema Caroline	1849	West Salem, PA
George Watson	1850	West Salem, PA
Rolandus Uriah	1852	West Salem, PA
Frank Edward	1854	Illinois
Mary Magdaline	1856	Illinois
Joseph Harvey	1859	Illinois
Eva Amelda	1862	West Salem, PA
Fred Loomis	1865	West Salem, PA
James Nieblas	1870	West Salem, PA

Tip

Spreadsheets can help
find patterns

Class 4: Tracing Ancestors on the Move in America



Name		Birth				Birthplace				Death			Death Place				
Surname	Given	Middle	Year	Month	Day	Country	State/Province	County/District	Town/City	Address	Year	Month	Day	Country	State/Province	County/District	Town/City
Gott	George		1732			U.S.	Maryland	Baltimore	Baltimore		1793	Feb	25	U.S.	Maryland	Baltimore	Baltimore
Gott	William	Henry	1744	Oct		U.S.	Maryland	Harford			1806			at sea			
Gott	Samuel	George	1731	Nov	7	U.S.	Maryland	Baltimore	Baltimore		1789			England			
Allen	Nancy		1738			U.S.	Virginia				1801	May	8				

Residence			Spouse			Spouse-Birth			Father			Father-Birth			Father-Birthplace				
Address	Country	State/Province	County/District	Town/City	Address	Surname	Given	Middle	Year	Month	Day	Surname	Given	Middle	Year	Month	Day	Country	State/Province
	U.S.	Maryland	Baltimore	Baltimore		Brown	Hannah		1739	Aug	3	Gott	Wilhelm		1703	Sep		Germany	
						Jones	Bathsheba												
						Allen	Nancy		1738										
	U.S.	District of Columbia		Georgetown		Gott	Samuel	George	1731	Nov	7	Allen	Morgan		1703			U.S.	Virginia

Mother			Mother-Birth			Mother-Birthplace			Comments					
County/District	Town/City	Address	Surname	Given	Middle	Year	Month	Day	Country	State/Province	County/District	Town/City	Address	Comments
			--	Elizabeth		1710			U.S.	Maryland	Baltimore	Baltimore		possible match
			Thomas	Caroline	Sarah	1710			U.S.	Virginia				

Resource	Title	Author	Pub. Year	Publisher	Repository	Call No.	URL
The Story of Gott in America		Gott, Simon	1898	Acorn Publishers	Wildwood (IA) Public Library	CS71.G679 1898	--
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The Chronicles of Baltimore: Being a Complete History of "Baltimore Tow Scharf, John Thomas			1874	Turnbull Bros.	Internet Archive	--	https://archive.org/details/chroniclesbalti01schagoog
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Homer In-laws – the Walkers

- Harvey Walker and Maryann Carr were the parents of Josiah's wife, Catherine
- Harvey and Maryann were living with Josiah and Catherine in 1860 in Illinois
- Many of the Walker children/siblings went west between 1850 and 1860

Given Name	DOB	POB	DOD	POD	Spouse
Eliza Ann	1815	PA, West Salem	1887	MO	Cornelius McLean
Harvey Mitchell	1820	PA, West Salem	1899	KS	Anna Nelson
Samuel W.	1822	PA, West Salem	1881	OH	Orlina Linsley
George	1826	PA, West Salem	1899	KS	Sarah
Sarah Catharine	1829	PA, West Salem	1906	PA	Josiah Homer
John A.	1836	PA, West Salem	1899	KS	Elizabeth Haslip
Anne	1840	PA, West Salem	Bef 1860?		

Spreadsheet for Homer In-Laws

Given Name	Residence 1850	Residence 1860	Residence 1870	Residence 1880
Eliza Ann	PA, Sandy Creek	OH, Scioto	UNK	UNK
Harvey Mitchell	PA, West Salem	KS, Bourbon	KS, Jefferson, Jefferson	KS, Atchison, Atchison
Samuel W.	MI, Madison, Lenawee	MI, Kalamazoo	UNK	UNK
George	PA, West Salem	IA	KS, Cowley	KS, Cowley
Sarah Catharine	PA, West Salem	ILL, Victoria, Knox	PA, West Salem	PA, West Salem
John A.	PA, West Salem	MN, Mankato, Blue Earth	MN, Mankato, Blue Earth	MO, Ozark, Barton
Anne	PA, West Salem	Deceased?		

Spreadsheet for Homer In-Laws

Tip

Review Records of Children
for Clues About Parents

Son's Records Explain Death Location for Parents

- Family Lore places the death of Harvey and Mary Ann Walker in Mankato, MN although they are buried in Pittsburgh, PA. Truth?
- Son John A was in Mankato by 1860
- John Walker's wife was a Haslip. Her father had moved to Mankato by 1857.

Death of Mrs. Eliza A. McLean.

Mrs. Eliza A. McLean, widow of Cornelius McLean, formerly of Salem township, this county, died at LaMar, Barton county, Missouri, on the 3d inst., aged about 75 years. Mrs. McLean was the second child of Harvey Walker, one of the early residents of this place. With her husband she went West many years ago. Mr. McLean, though past the years of liability to military service went into the service of his country and died before the close of the late war. Mrs. McLean returned with her family to this place some ten or twelve years ago, and remained a few years, but left again, some four or five years ago for Missouri. She had been living this winter with her daughter at Oscalusa, Kansas, but had gone back to La Mar where her son, C. H. McLean, lived, before her death. She had been a member of the M. E. Church ever since her childhood. Her husband was a brother of J. Ross and J. Y. McLean, of Salem township, this county. Mrs. McLean was an earnest Christian lady, and universally respected by those who knew her best.

Obituary

Summary

- Know migration routes and transportation modes for your ancestor's time and location
- Make liberal use of the census for migration clues
- Land and military records plus tools such as maps, county histories, and genealogies help display migration
- Timelines, spreadsheets essential for chain migration and cluster research

QUESTIONS?

Hire Research Services

research@nehgs.org

Chat with a Genealogist

AmericanAncestors.org/chat

Search

Events

Membership

Give

Publications

Expert Help

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