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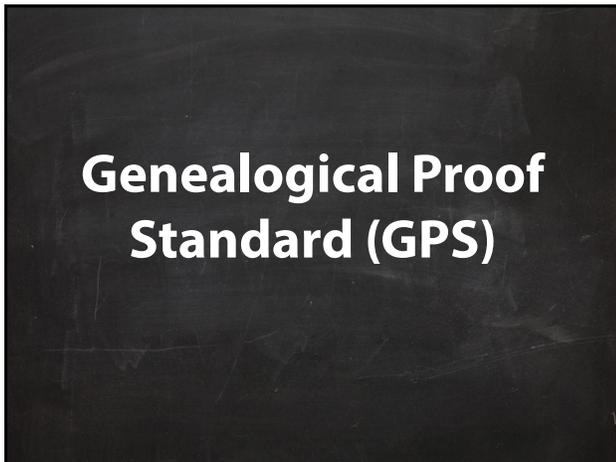
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Genealogical Proof Standard

- 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.

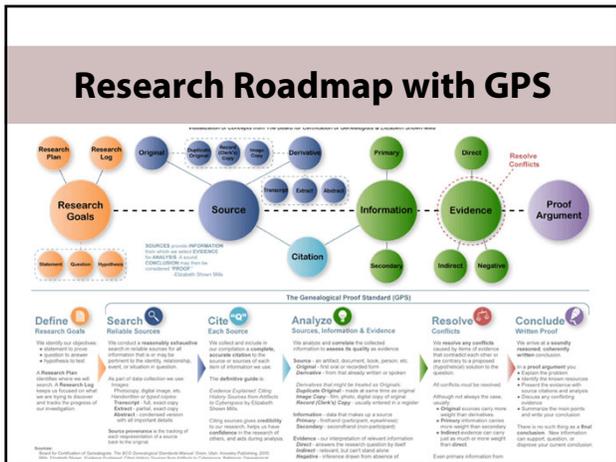
<http://www.bgc certification.org/resources/standard.html>

Why Bother With A Proof Standard?

- Guides your evaluation of evidence
- Provides a framework for putting together a credible argument for a genealogical fact, e.g. who are the parents of Jacob Homer?
- Helps you feel secure with your conclusions, especially when your only evidence is indirect.

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Research Roadmap with GPS



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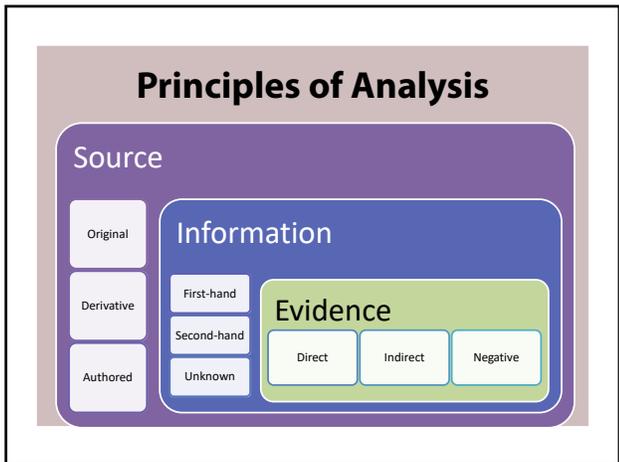
Reasonably Exhaustive Research

- Reviewing a variety of record sets for a specific location and time period, including browsable records.
- It is not reasonable to go to every local historical society or repository in-person to do your research.
- Leverage photocopy/lookup services for items that you can't find on web sites like FamilySearch.org or AmericanAncestors.org.

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Tip
 Consider setting up a consultation with a professional genealogist to review your findings.

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Analyze

- Evaluate the **Source**
 - Original: first recorded form
 - Derivative: from something already written or spoken
 - Authored: compiled
- Evaluate the **Information**
 - Primary: first-hand (participant)
 - Secondary: secondhand (non-participant)
- Evaluate the **Evidence**
 - Direct
 - Indirect
 - Negative

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Definitions: Sources and Records

- A **source** is a coherent collection of **records** created by a single jurisdiction or a single author for a defined purpose.
- A **record** is that portion of a **source** which pertains to a single event.

Robert Charles Anderson, *Elements of Genealogical Analysis* (Boston: NEHGS, 2014) p. 1

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Examine the FAN Club

- F = Family Members
- A = Associates
- N = Neighbors

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Tools to Organize Your Findings

Reminder – Use the Basic Tools!

- Pedigree Chart
- Family Group sheet
- Annotated Research Log

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Annotated Research Log

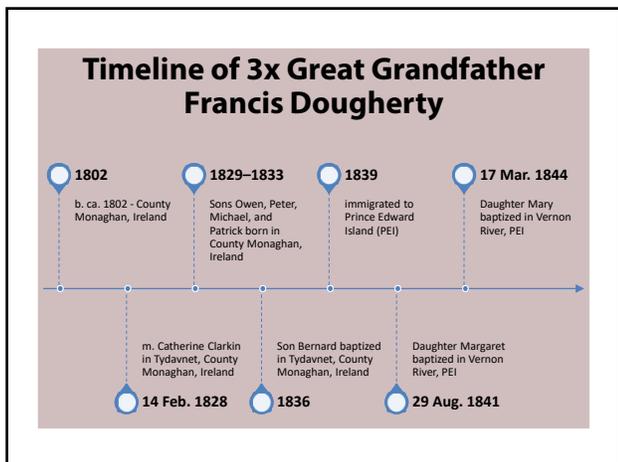
A	B	C	D	E	F
Source	Name (and variant spellings)	Dates examined	Place	Relevant Record	Notes
Vital Records					
Colonial Records of Southern Maryland by Elise Covey Jordan, p. 33	William Hangerford	1634-1662	Charles County, Maryland	No	Birth of Elizabeth and William Hangerford, children of William Hangerford and Margaret in 1634 and 1636. William Hangerford referenced as the father is the son of William Hangerford (1614-1662).
Massachusetts Vital Records, 1620-1850 (www.vitalrecords.org)	John Leigh, Lev and Anne Hangerford	1620-1671	Ipswich, Massachusetts	No	No marriage record was recorded in Ipswich vital records.
Church Records					
George Loom Walker, The History of the First Church in Hartford, 1633-1863	Matthew Beckwith, William Clarke, Zachariah Park, Nicholas Jennings, Ralph Kender, William Phillips, Henry Wadsworth, Richard Webb, Thomas Hangerford	1630-1693	Hartford, Connecticut	Yes	"Being our original proprietors under the patronage of Field and Richard Webb, William Phillips and Henry Walker into a "Thomas Hangerford" in a separate list of individuals that he believes "passed John prior to 1639, or took the share of some of the foregoing persons on intestate at a period shortly after".
Ipswich Mass. First Church Records, 1714-1896 (Finding Aid: BR2386 at Congregational Library and Archives)	John Leigh, Lev and Anne Hangerford	1630-1671	Ipswich, Massachusetts	No	No First Church of Ipswich records extant before 1714.
Probate, Will, and Other Court Records					
The Records of the Probate Court of Connecticut, 1639-1663 (HathiTrust)	Thomas Hangerford	1630-1663	Hartford, Connecticut; New London	Yes	Matthew Beckwith and Thomas Hangerford (plaintiff) brought a charge of slander against Will Edwards.

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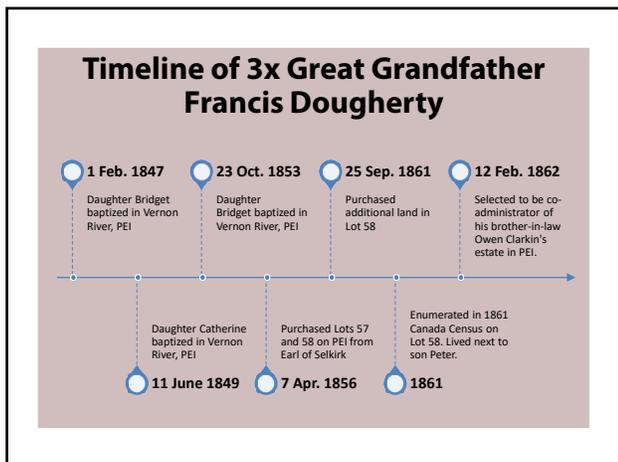
Creating Timelines

- Create a timeline for one specific person or couple that you're researching
- Summarize by year each known fact about a person's life
- Include a location (if known) for each fact

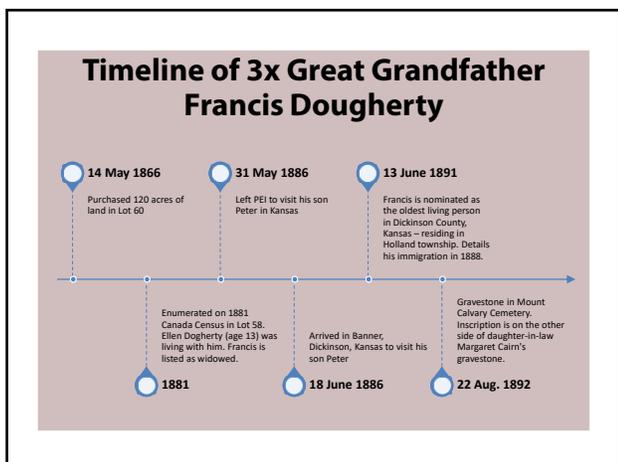
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Tip

Create a summary of gaps in your timeline. This will help you identify where and when you need to continue research.

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Timeline Gaps for 3x Great Grandfather Francis Dougherty

- No record found in Ireland before his marriage in 1828
- No record between 1866 land purchase and 1881 Census
- No U.S. census recording Francis residing in Kansas

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Suggestions for Additional Research

- Identify pre-1828 records in County Monaghan (ex. Tithe applotment books, estate records)
- Identify 1871 and 1890 census alternative records that may exist (deeds, tax records, newspaper articles)
- DNA Evidence

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Using Spreadsheets

- Spreadsheets can be helpful with tracking multiple names and help you identify where there may be a relationship in common
- You can add as many columns as needed
- Recommend using color coding or bolding items that are significant to your research.

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FAN Club Spreadsheet

Last Name	First Name	Event	Event Date	Event Relationship	Possible Relationship
Dunn	John	1860 Census	1860	Household resident	Living with his uncle Thomas and his wife Catherine McMorrow
Dunn	John	Baptism	1848	Sponsor is Felix McMorrow	Felix's sister, Catherine is married to John's uncle, Thomas
Dunn	Mary Abby	Marriage to John Kelley	1876	Wife	Her husband may be related to Margaret Kelly, wife of Felix McMorrow

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Creating a Research Summary

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Create a Research Summary

TWO GENERATIONS OF JONATHAN¹ ROWLEY:
AND EDWARD FULLER LIND

OBJECTIVE

The following research has confirmed generations that are primarily given accounts in general pedigrees but with some events not contemporarily recorded (as stated in the pedigrees) or in some cases the pedigrees make errors even that are herein clarified.

The following concerns the Alden/Rowley descent of Henry Kent Ellis (1815-1899). His son James Daniel Ellis signed in 1930 to the Sons of the American Revolution in New York State through his ancestor Sam Captain Micah Mudge (1718-1815), and cited his sources as the Thurston, Mudge, and Ellis pedigrees.¹ This application identified the following generations:

Alden Rowley as Micah Mudge (son of Capt. Micah Mudge)
 Charlotte Mudge as Daniel Thurston
 Hannah Thurston as Daniel Ellis
 Henry Kent Ellis as Thomas S. Minton

Alden Rowley has been identified as a descendant of Mudge/Rowley passenger Edward Fuller in the Mayflower Five Centennial Tablet. She was born probably at Colchester, Connecticut, and married at Kent, Connecticut, 4 October 1747, the daughter of Jonathan¹ Alden Rowley, Elizabeth Fuller, Minton¹, Edward¹ and Abigail (Green) Rowley¹ the latter's wife, listed at Kent, Connecticut, 21 December 1769, inventory 13 April 1772, mentions (among others) daughter Abigail in three names only. The following gene identifies what the pedigrees say and what the contemporary or soon after events can confirm.

RESEARCH SUMMARY

Alden Mudge, identified: *Being a Genealogical, Biographical and Historical Account of the Name of Mudge in America from 1659 to 1855* (Boston, 1855), 88-89, lists the following personal relationships about Micah and his wife:

Micah Mudge, son of Micah and Lucy, b. in Sharon, Conn., 1671; d. 1747; d. in Lunenburg, Sullivan Co., N.Y., November 1801, aa. 59 y. 6 m.

¹ Sons of the American Revolution Application of John Daniel Ellis, 1930, Data Number 1013 (March 1930) (1937) (in American Archives, accessed March 2012).

² Kent Church Records, 1:17, Connecticut State Library, as cited in Bruce Campbell MacGillivray, *Mayflower Families Through Five Generations - Descendants of the Pilgrims who landed at Plymouth, Mass., December 1620 - Volume Four: Their Ancestral Family* (Plymouth, Mass.: Quaker Society of Mayflower Descendants, 2016), 161-69.

³ Death information taken from Alden Mudge, *Genealogy - Being a Genealogical, Biographical and Historical Account of the Name of Mudge in America from 1659 to 1855* (Lunenburg, Mass.: Quaker Society of Mayflower Descendants, 2006), 108-09.

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⁵ He is Abigail Rowley, 1767, dau. of Ina/char, New Lebanon. She m. 2 October 1766, and removed to Delaware Co., N.Y., and died about 1811.

GENEALOGICAL SUMMARY

1. ABIGAIL ROWLEY¹, baptized at Kent, Connecticut 4 October 1747, daughter of Jonathan¹ (Alden Rowley), Elizabeth¹ Fuller, Minton¹, Edward¹ and Abigail (Green) Rowley¹. She is properly recorded in Delaware County, New York and died about 1811.

She married first at 1767 MICAH MUDGE. He was born at Sharon, Connecticut, 13 May 1742, son of Micah and Lucy (Green) Mudge. He died at Lunenburg, Sullivan County, New York, November, 1801.

She married second EDWARD CALDWELL.

Mudge Memorial, 89 calls her "Ald. of Ina/char, New Lebanon." This is the Ina/char Rowley of New Lebanon, brother of the above Abigail. He is also the "Thomas Rowley" at whose house Charlotte Mudge married Daniel Thurston about 1792.

Mudge Memorial, indicates that Micah lived in Sharon, Connecticut until when he moved with his father to Richmond, Berkshire County, Massachusetts. He afterwards removed to Canton, New York where he resided in 1790.

No probate for Micah Mudge has been found and no land records identifying him.

Children of Micah and Abigail (Rowley) Mudge:

1. Daniel Mudge, b. 16 Aug 1768, m. 1792 to 1798, Susan Tuckerton.
 2. Ruth Mudge, b. 1771, at age of two years.
 3. Lucia Mudge, b. 27 June 1773, m. Maria, daughter of Micah Mudge, at Sharon, New York's son, to South Carolina.
 4. Anna Mudge, b. 1775 in Canton, New York.
 5. Jos. Mudge, b. 23 April 1792, in Sharon, Mass.

¹ Kent Church Records, 1:17, Connecticut State Library, as cited in Bruce Campbell MacGillivray, *Mayflower Families Through Five Generations - Descendants of the Pilgrims who landed at Plymouth, Mass., December 1620 - Volume Four: Their Ancestral Family* (Plymouth, Mass.: Quaker Society of Mayflower Descendants, 2016), 161-69.

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³ Mudge Memorial, 88-89.

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⁵ Mudge Memorial, 88-89. An article dated 1868 (likely from a Richmond, Mass., where a family burial records begin in 1791, that is cited as being born in the care of their New York son the mother).

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Research Summary

- Clearly stated Objective
- Recognition of Earlier Scholarship (Correct or Incorrect)
- Research Summary
 - What did you find?
 - What didn't you find?
- Address anomalies or mistakes in the research process
- Suggest Alternative Possibilities
- Conclusion
- Provide a Genealogical Summary

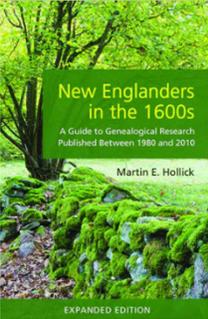
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Clearly State Objective

- What is the genealogical Question?
- Include information such as:
 - The Primary Individual (Date/Place of Birth and Date/Place of Death- if known)
 - The name of the Primary individual's Spouse (Date/Place of Birth and Date/Place of Death- if known)
 - The names of the Primary Individual's Parents

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Recognize Earlier Scholarship

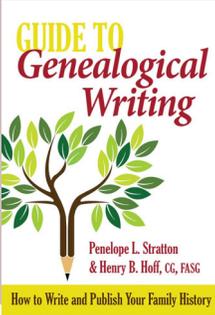


- What has been presented previously?
- How Scholarly is that material?
 - Correct
 - Incorrect
- If nothing has been done, say so

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Research Summary

- Provide an explanation of the relevant records found
 - Logical progression
 - Clear and concise
- Use scholarly footnotes
 - *Guide to Genealogical Writing*



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Address Anomalies

- Missing records
- Numerous Individuals with the same name
- Incorrect Information on a record or an incorrect published genealogy
- Present this information honestly
 - Do not distort or underplay a record

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Suggest Other Possibilities

- Cover all your bases, Even if unlikely
- Does your conclusion jive with historical, geographical, and religious facts
- Conflating two persons?
- Creating Two persons?

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Conclusion

<p style="text-align: center;">DO</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clearly State Your Conclusion Based on your analysis 	<p style="text-align: center;">DON'T</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Give too much information- just state the facts • Present new information
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Objective

- Who are the parents of Polly Fuller?
 - Married Nathaniel Benedict circa 1818 in Litchfield County, Connecticut
 - Suspected parents are John Fuller and Mercy Lucinda Sackett
- Is she a descendant of *Mayflower* passenger Edward Fuller?

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Step 1

Start with what you know

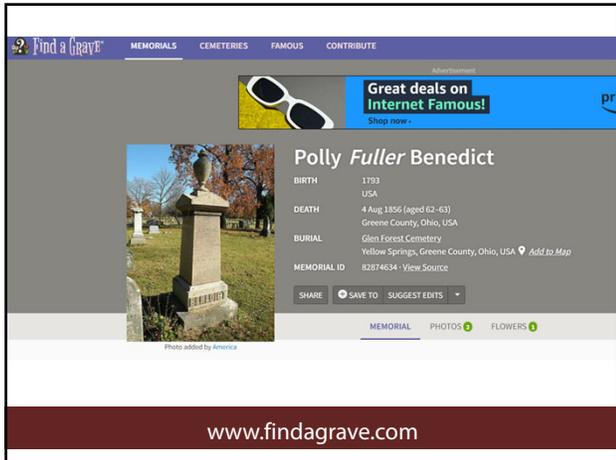
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SCHEDULE I.—Free Inhabitants in *Salisbury Dist. 3^d* in the County of *Litchfield* State of *Connecticut*, enumerated by me, on the *29th* day of *July* 1850. *W. H. Whittney* Ass't Marshal

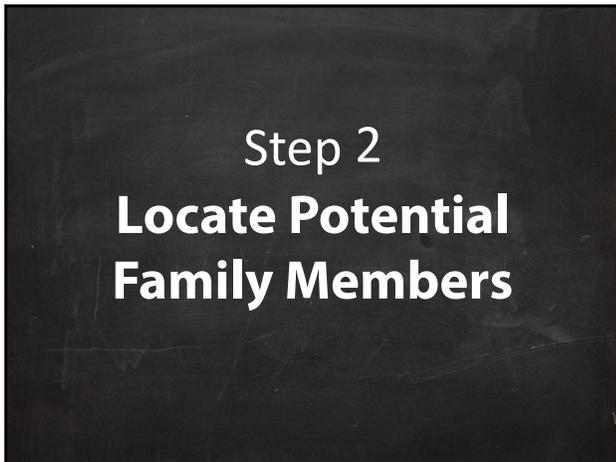
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25	29	Nathaniel Benedict	54	M	30000	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
		Polly Benedict	56	F		10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
		William S. S.	28	M	30000	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
		James L.	19	M		10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
		James C.	16	M	Servicing	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
		George Cambridge	12	M		10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
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1850 U.S. Census

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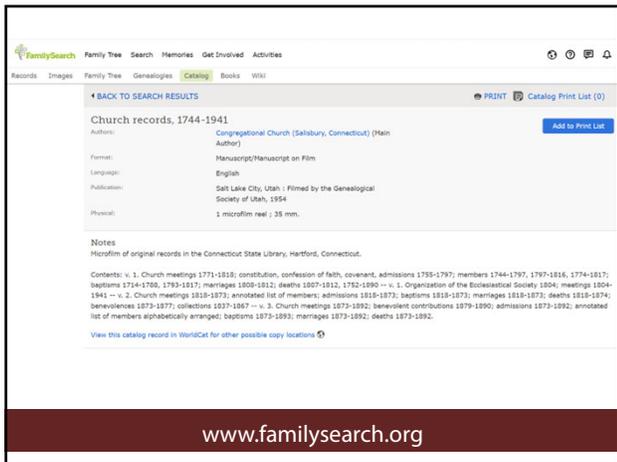


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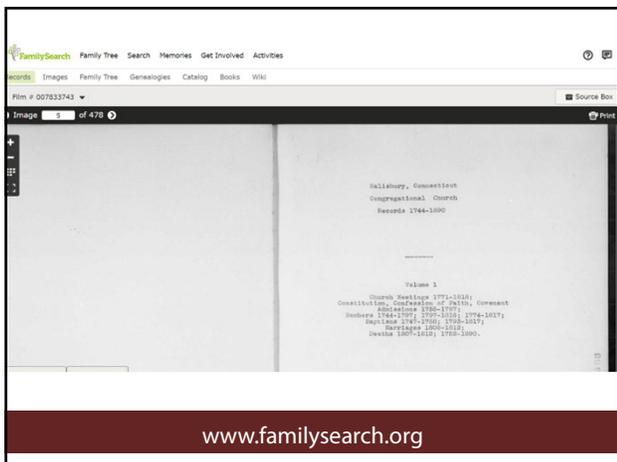
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Church Records

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Baptism of Oldest son, Cyrus

Hope Baptisms

Jan 6 1819

- " John Langille, for William C. & Hannah W. Miley
- " Mary Beaman for S. & Harrison W. W. W.
- " Samuel Mottale for E. & S. Mottale
- " Cyrus Butler for ... Benedict ...
- " Abigail ... for Elizabeth ...
- " ... for ...

July 7 Andrew } for ...
 Comfort }
 Hannah }
 Nancy }

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Adult Baptism Record

Lathrop Baptisms -

1831 continue

July 17/45 {
 Elisha Eggleston
 Frederick Sauchy
 Lucas Fousler
Vilhe Benedict
 Elizabeth C. Lee

Adults

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Letter of Dismissal

Apr 23 voted to Nathaniel Benedict and his wife a letter of dismissal to the 1st Presbyterian Church in Yellow Springs, Ohio.

Dec. 16, voted to give Hannah, W. Helen a letter of dis-
 mission and of recommendation to the Con-
 gregational Church in Poplar, Illinois.

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Step 3

Land and Probate Records

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No Luck (So Far)

- Land deeds in Salisbury don't show any interactions between Nathaniel Benedict and the Fuller family
- Nathaniel Benedict was predeceased by Polly, who died in 1850. Nathaniel's estate file had no reference to the Fuller family.

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Capt John Fuller

BIRTH 10 Jul 1764
Sharon, Litchfield County, Connecticut, USA

DEATH 14 Mar 1841 (aged 76)
Sharon, Litchfield County, Connecticut, USA

BURIAL Hillside Cemetery
Sharon, Litchfield County, Connecticut, USA [Add to Map](#)

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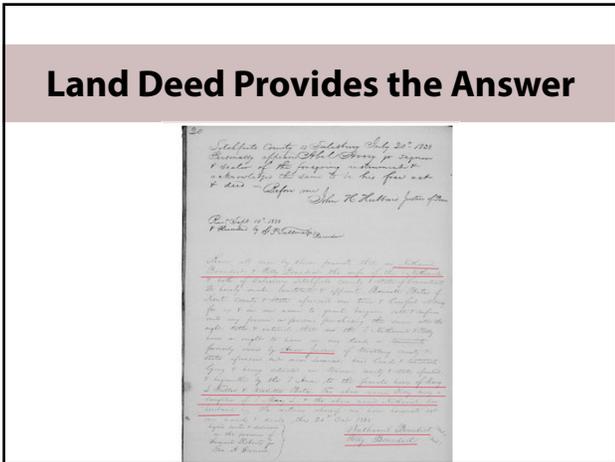
Family Members

Parents Benjamin Fuller 1733-1797

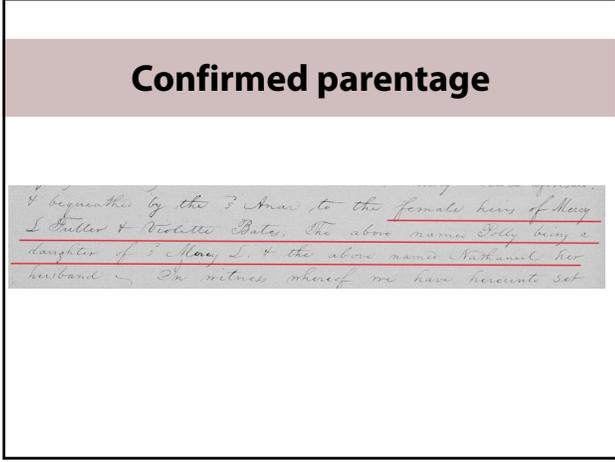
Spouse Mercy Lucinda Sackett Fuller 1769-1832

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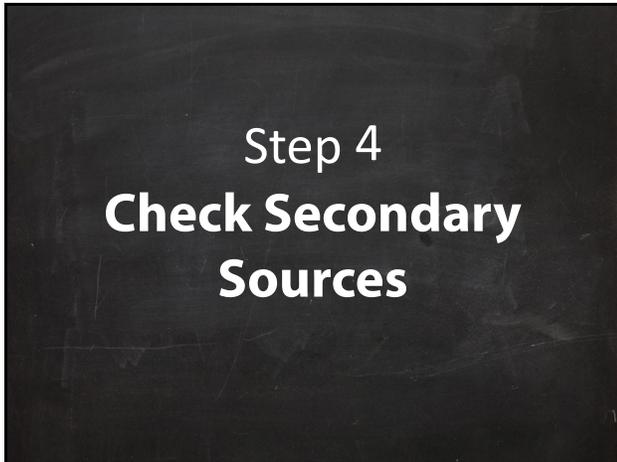


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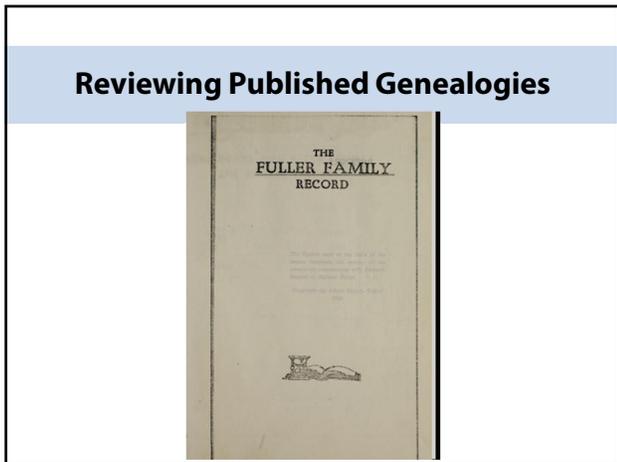
Finally hit gold!

- We turned to the Warren land deeds and found Nathaniel Benedict and his wife Polly giving power of attorney to Bennett Bates to sell a piece of land in Warren.
- The land deed named Polly as a daughter of Mercy L. Fuller and the wife of Nathaniel Benedict!

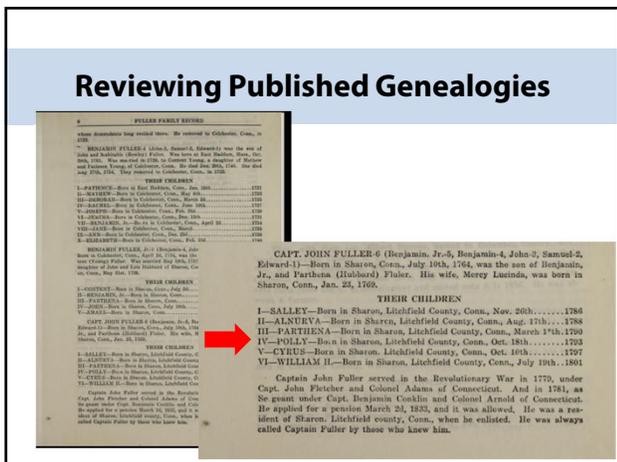
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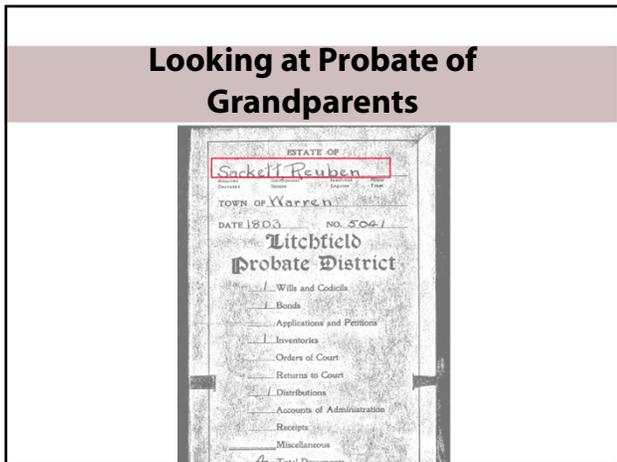
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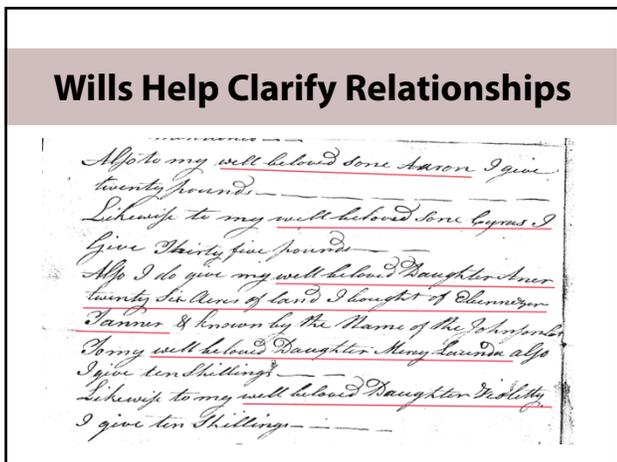
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Step 5 Conducting Additional Research

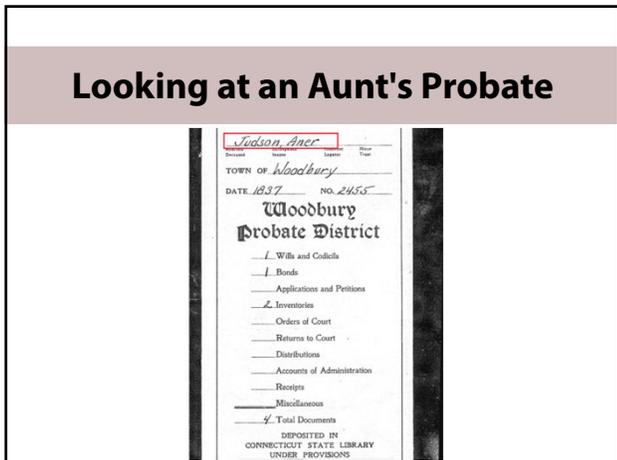
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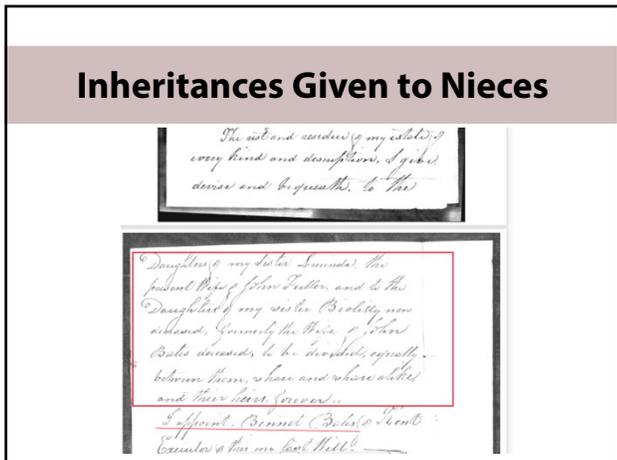
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Clearly Stated Objective

Statement of Purpose
 The following research was conducted to qualify the lineage of [redacted] for acceptance to the *General Society of Mayflower Descendants*.

Church, land, and probate records support that Polly (Fuller) Benedict, wife of Nathaniel Benedict of Salisbury, Litchfield, Connecticut and later Yellow Springs, Greene Ohio, was the daughter of John and Mercy Lucinda (Sackett) Fuller as contended in the published *Fuller Family Record*. Polly (Fuller) Benedict is a descendant of *Mayflower* passenger, Edward Fuller, through the lineage of her father, John Fuller.

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Recognize Earlier Scholarship

- *The Fuller Family: Descendants of Edward and Matthew Fuller of Plymouth Rock, Massachusetts, 1520-1924* by Albert Eugene Fuller (1924)

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Research Summary

- John and Mercy Fuller released their claim to land in the town of Warren to Aner Judson (Mercy Lucinda's sister)
- Nathaniel Benedict and his wife Polly gave power of attorney to Bennett Bates, the administrator of the estate, for the property in Warren. The deed record precisely identified Polly Benedict as the wife of Nathaniel Benedict and the daughter of Mercy Lucinda Fuller.

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Address Anomalies

- Unable to locate the following records:
 - Birth record for Polly in Sharon
 - Probate record for John Fuller and Mercy Lucinda Sackett
- *The Fuller Family: Descendants of Edward and Matthew Fuller of Plymouth Rock, Massachusetts, 1520-1924*
 - Does not provide any further information on Polly outside of her birthplace and birthdate

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Suggest Other Possibilities

- Polly (Fuller) Benedict is the daughter of another Fuller man.
 - Not likely due to the evidence of the mother's Sackett line and specifically being named a daughter of Mercy Lucinda.

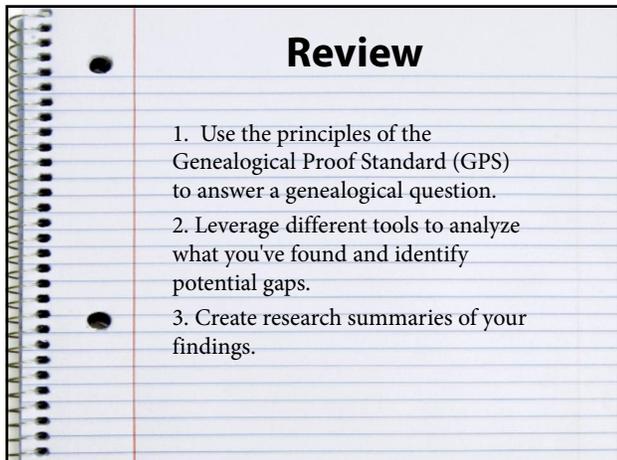
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Conclusion

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The parentage of Polly (Fuller) Benedict is proven by the examination of several Litchfield County, Connecticut deed and probate records. The probate records of both Aner Judson and Reuben Sackett confirm Mercy Lucinda Fuller as the daughter of Rueben and wife of John Fuller. An 1838 deed between Nathaniel and Polly Benedict and Bennett Bates, administrator of the estate of Aner Judson, identifies Polly as the daughter of Mercy Lucinda Fuller and thus the daughter of John Fuller and a descendant of *Mayflower* passenger, Edward Fuller.

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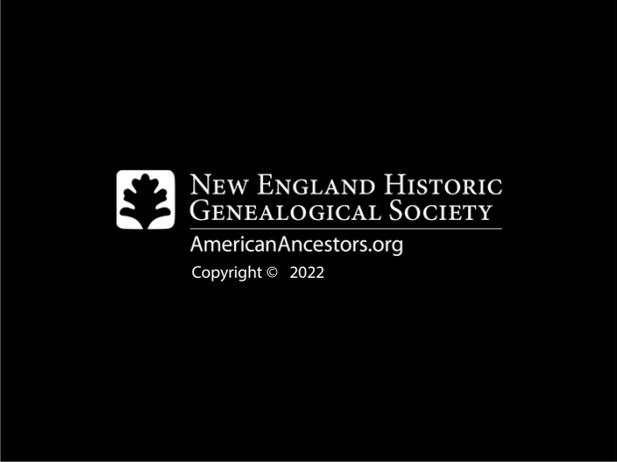
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