

Getting Organized: Research, Files, Findings

Class 3: Organizing Your Findings

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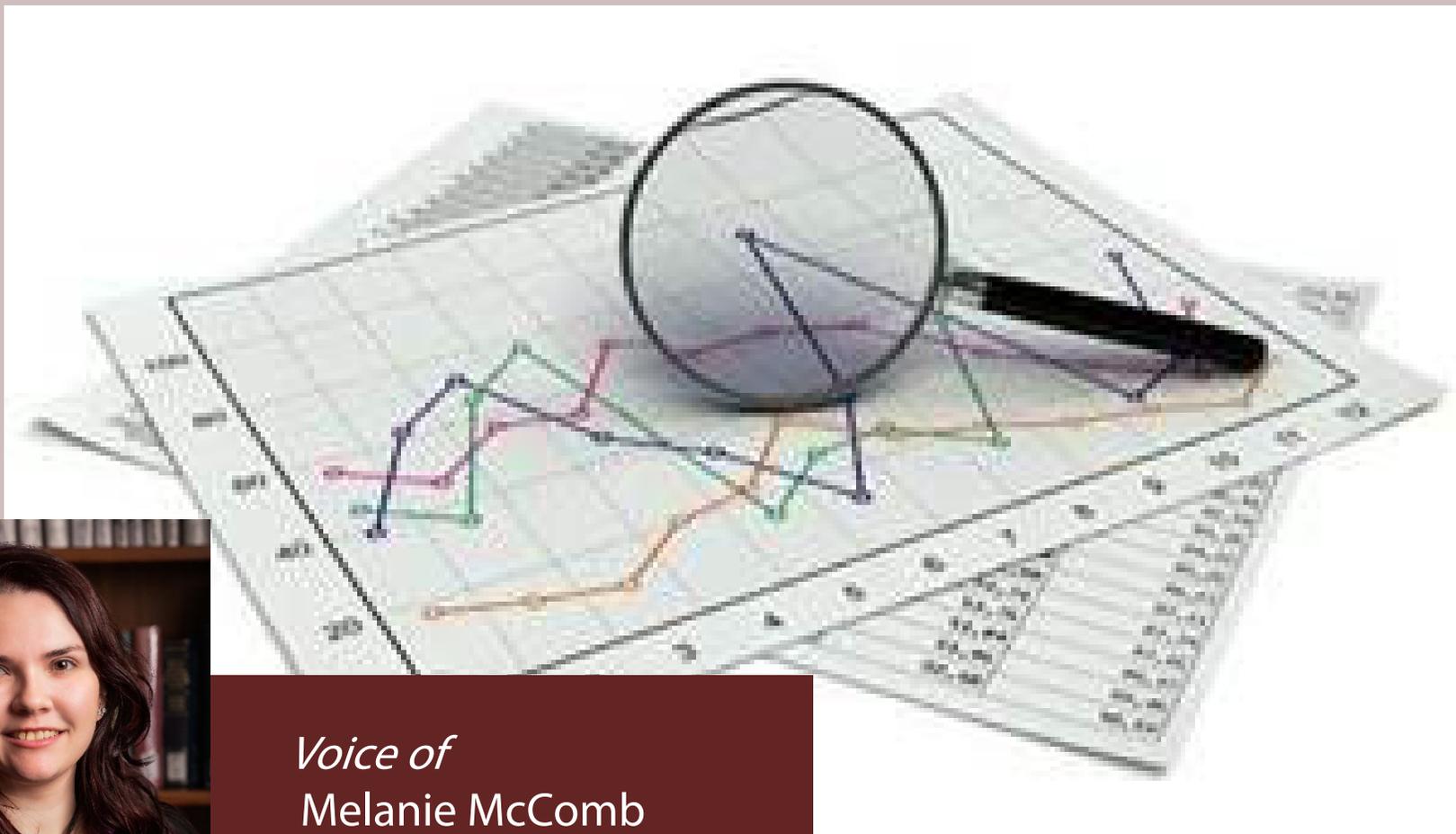


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OVERVIEW

- **Presentation (60 mins.)**
 - Genealogical Proof Standard (GPS)
 - Tools to Organize Your Findings
 - Creating a Research Summary
 - Case Study
- **Q&A (30 mins.)**



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Genealogical Proof Standard (GPS)

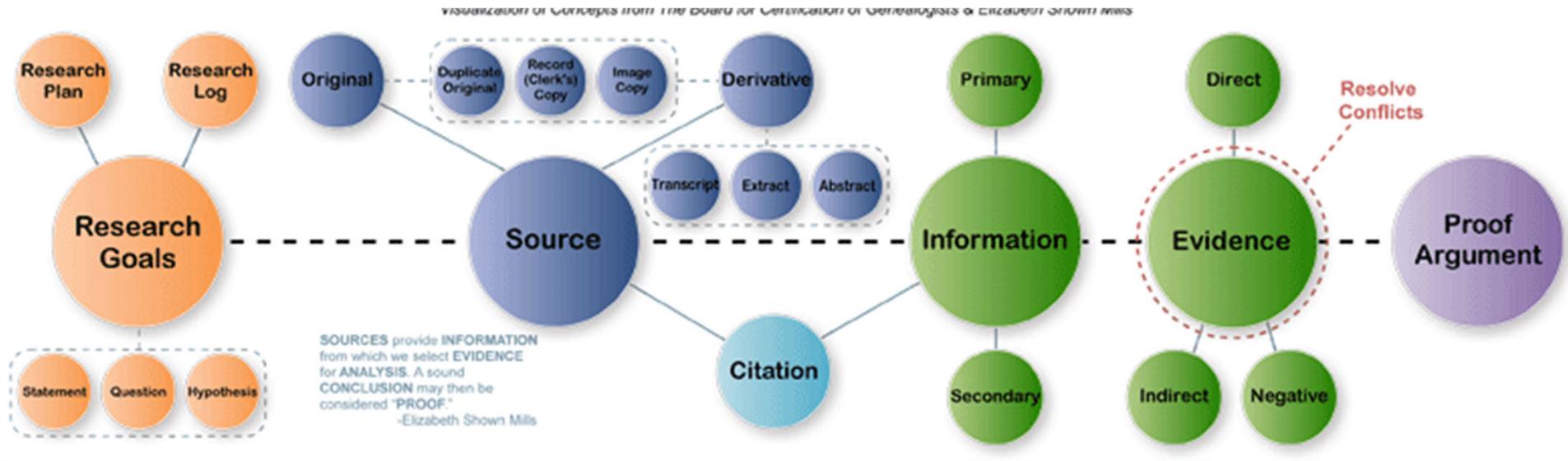
Genealogical Proof Standard

- 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.

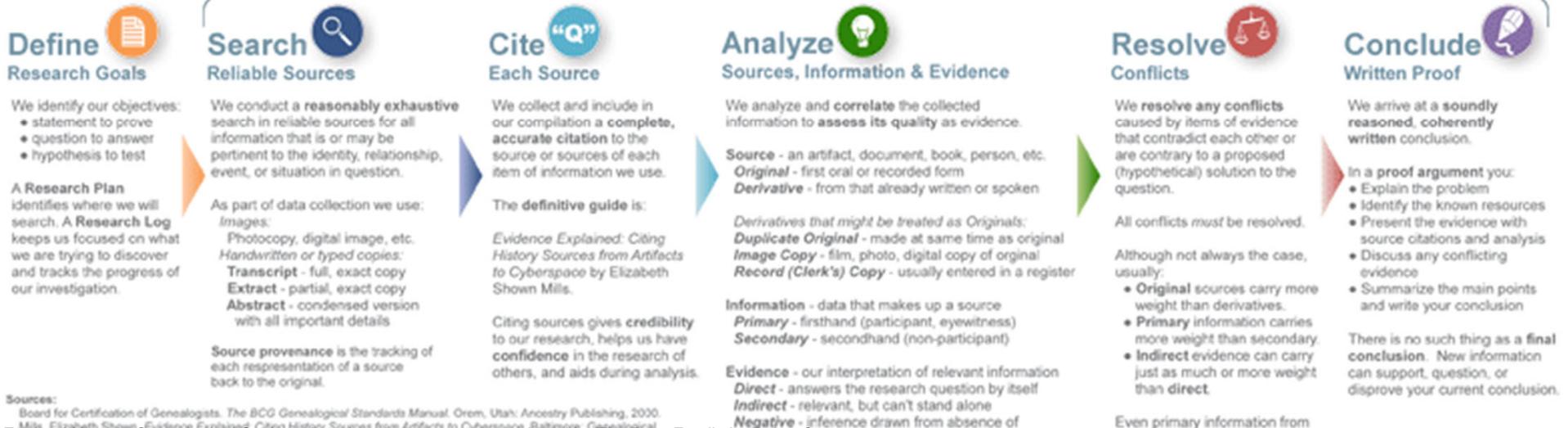
Why Bother With A Proof Standard?

- 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.

Research Roadmap with GPS



The Genealogical Proof Standard (GPS)



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.

Tip

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

Principles of Analysis

Source

Original

Derivative

Authored

Information

First-hand

Second-hand

Unknown

Evidence

Direct

Indirect

Negative

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

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

Examine the FAN Club

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

Tools to Organize Your Findings

Reminder – Use the Basic Tools!

- Pedigree Chart
- Family Group sheet
- Annotated Research Log

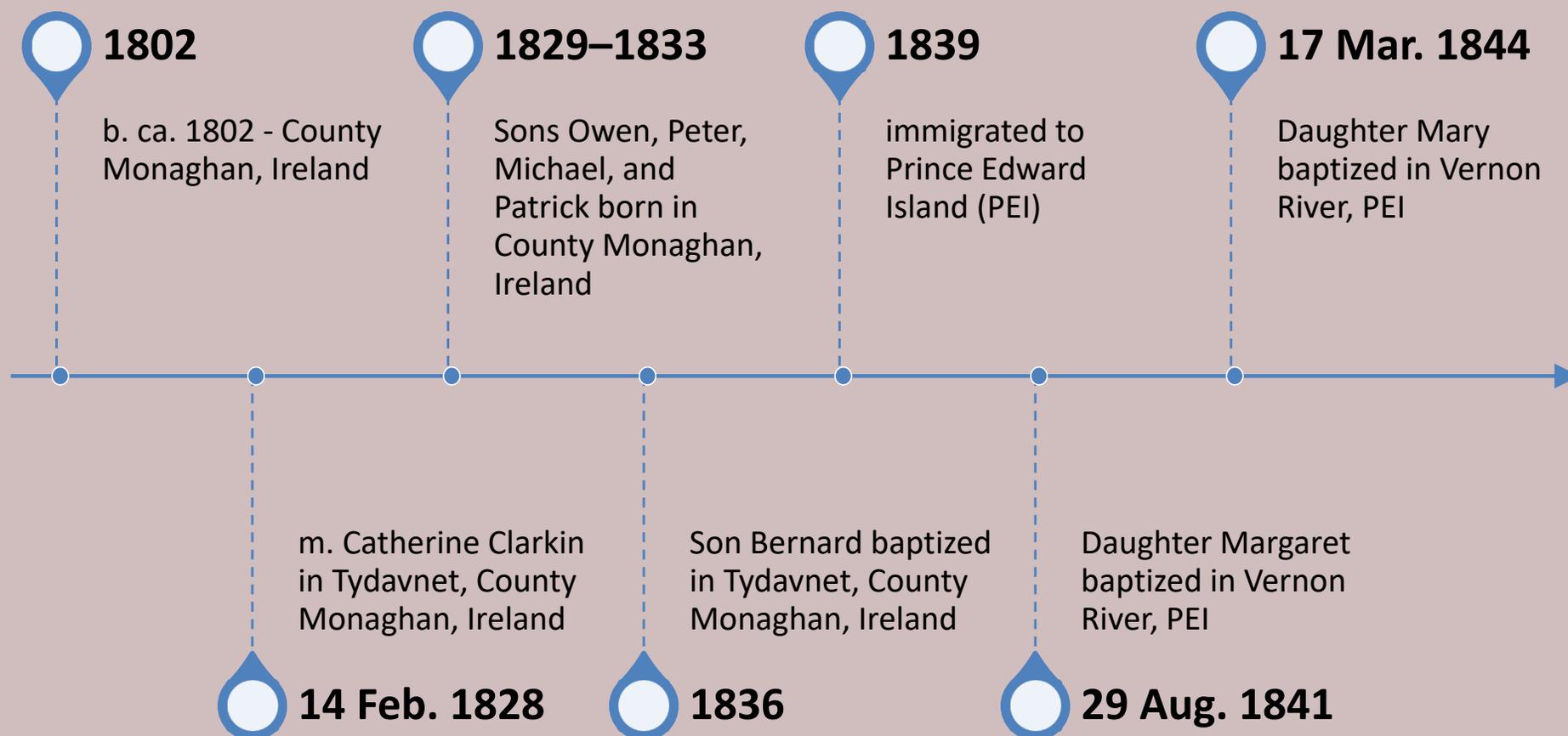
Annotated Research Log

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 Greenup Jourdan, p. 33	William Hungerford	1634-1662	Charles County, Maryland	No	Births of Elizabeth and William Hungerford, children of William Hungerford and Margaret in 1691 and 1694. William Hungerford referenced as the father is the son of William Hungerford (1634-1662).
Massachusetts: Vital Records, 1620-1850 (AmericanAncestors.org)	John Leigh/Lee and Anne Hungerford	1620-1671	Ipswich, Massachusetts	No	No marriage record was recorded in Ipswich vital records
Church Records					
George Leon Walker, The History of the First Church in Hartford, 1633-1883	Matthew Beckwith, William Clarke, Zechariah Field, Nicholas Jennings, Ralph Keeler, William Phillips, Henry Wakeley, Richard Webb, Thomas Hungerford	1630-1655	Hartford, Connecticut	Yes	Among the original proprietors listed are Zachary Field and Richard Webb. William Phillips and Henry. Walker lists a "Thomas Hongerforth" in a separate list of individuals that he believes "owned lots prior to 1639, or took the share of some of the foregoing persons on forfeiture at a period shortly after".
Ipswich Mass. First Church Records, 1724-1898 Finding Aid (RG5288) at Congregational Library and Archives	John Leigh/Lee and Anne Hungerford	1620-1671	Ipswich, Massachusetts	No	No First Church of Ipswich records extant before 1724
Probate, Wills, and Other Court Records					
The Records of the Particular Court of Connecticut, 1639-1663 (HathiTrust)	Thomas Hungerford	1620-1663	Hartford, Connecticut; New London	Yes	Matthew Beckwith and Thomas Hungerford (plaintiffs) brought a charge of slander against Will Edwards.

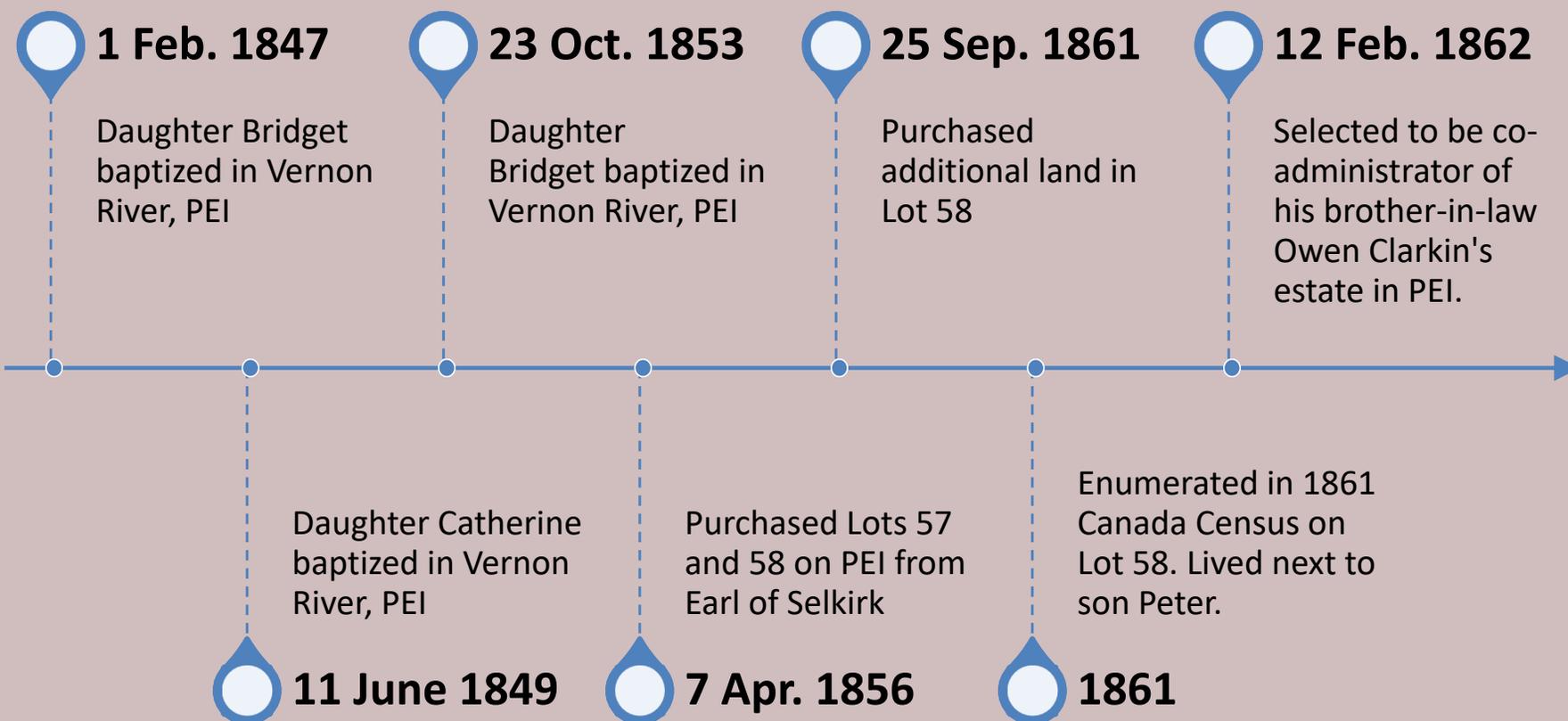
Creating Timelines

- 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

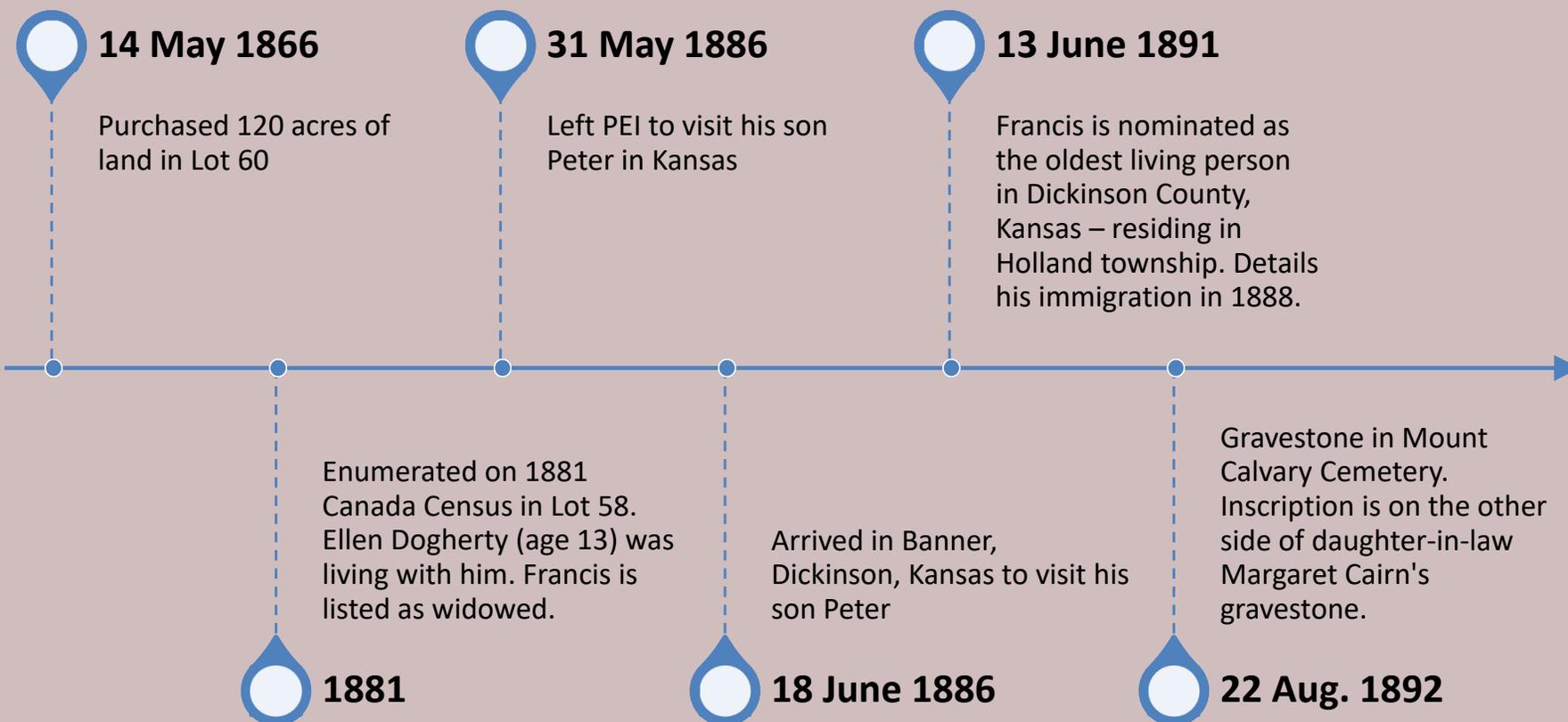
Timeline of 3x Great Grandfather Francis Dougherty



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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.

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

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

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.

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

QUESTIONS?

Creating a Research Summary

Create a Research Summary

TWO GENERATIONS OFF JONATHAN⁵ ROWLEY: AN EDWARD FULLER LINE

OBJECTIVE

The following research has confirmed generations that are primarily given accurately in printed genealogies but with some events not contemporarily recorded (as stated in the genealogies) or in some cases the genealogies make certain errors that are herein clarified.

The following concerns the *Mayflower* descent of Henry Kent Bliss (1835-1909). His son Arthur Daniel Bliss applied in 1930 to the Sons of the American Revolution in New York State through his descent from Captain Micah Mudge (1718-1813), and cited his sources as the Thurston, Mudge, and Bliss genealogies.¹ This application identified the following generations:

Abigail Rowley m. Micah Mudge [son of Capt. Micah Mudge]
Charlotte Mudge m. Daniel Thurston
Hannah Thurston m. Daniel Bliss
Henry Kent Bliss m. Theresa S. Johnson

Abigail Rowley has been identified as a descendant of *Mayflower* passenger Edward Fuller in the *Mayflower Five Generation Series*. She was born probably at Colchester, Connecticut, and baptized at Kent, Connecticut, 4 October 1747, the daughter of Jonathan⁵ (*Moses Rowley⁴, Elizabeth³ Fuller, Matthew², Edward¹*) and Abigail (Green) Rowley.² Her father's will, dated at Kent, Connecticut, 21 December 1769, inventory 13 April 1772, mentions (among others) daughter Abigail by first name only. The following now identifies what the genealogies say and what the contemporary or soon after events can confirm.

RESEARCH SUMMARY |

Alfred Mudge, *Memorials: Being a Genealogical, Biographical and Historical Account of the Name of Mudge in America, from 1638 to 1868* (Boston, 1868), 88-89, lists the following pertinent information about Micah and his wife:

Micah Mudge, son of Micah and Lucy, b. in Sharon, Conn., May 15, 1745; d. in Lumberland, Sullivan Co., N.Y., November 1801, ae. 59 y. 6 m.

¹ Sons of the American Revolution Application of Arthur Daniel Bliss, 1930, State Number 5181, National Number 50175 (on Ancestry.com, accessed March 2013).

² Kent Church Records, 1:87, Connecticut State Library, as cited in Bruce Campbell MacGinnigle, *Mayflower Families Through Five Generations - Descendants of the Pilgrims who landed at Plymouth, Mass., December 1620 - Volume Four Third Edition Family of Edward Fuller* (Plymouth, Mass.: General Society of Mayflower Descendants, 2006), 108-09.

He m. Abigail Rowley, 1767, dau. of Issachar, New Lebanon.
She m. 2 Ichabod Carmichael, and removed to Delaware Co., N.Y., and died about 1811.

GENEALOGICAL SUMMARY

1. ABIGAIL ROWLEY⁴, baptized at Kent, Connecticut 4 October 1747, daughter of Jonathan⁵ (*Moses Rowley⁴, Elizabeth³ Fuller, Matthew², Edward¹*) and Abigail (Green) Rowley.² She purportedly removed to Delaware County, New York and died about 1811.⁴

She married first at in 1767 MICAH MUDGE. He was born at Sharon, Connecticut, 15 May 1742, son of Micah and Lucy (Spencer) Mudge. He died at Lumberland, Sullivan County, New York, November, 1801.⁵

She married second ICHABOD CARMICHAEL.⁶

Mudge Memorials, 89, calls her "dau. of Isaachar, New Lebanon." This is the Isaachar Rowley of New Lebanon, brother of this above Abigail. He is also the "Deacon Rowley" at whose home Charlotte Mudge married Daniel Thurston about 1785.

Mudge Memorials, indicates that Micah lived in Sharon, Connecticut until 1760 when he moved with his father to Richmond, Berkshire County, Massachusetts. He afterwards removed to Caanan, New York where he resided in 1790.

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

Children of Micah and Abigail (Rowley) Mudge:⁷

- 2 i. CHARLOTTE MUDGE⁷, b. 14 June 1768; m. 1785 or 1786, DANIEL THURSTON.
- ii. RUTH MUDGE, b. 1771; d. at age of two years.
- iii. LUTHER MUDGE; b. 29 May 1773; m. JEMIMA JOHNSON.
- iv. MICAH MUDGE, m. TREMIA HENRYS, rem. to South Carolina.
- v. ABIGAIL MUDGE, b. 1783; m. CLEMENT COREY.
- vi. JOEL MUDGE, b. 25 April 1792; m. ESTHER MINER.

³ Kent Church Records, 1:87, Connecticut State Library, as cited in Bruce Campbell MacGinnigle, *Mayflower Families Through Five Generations - Descendants of the Pilgrims who landed at Plymouth, Mass., December 1620 - Volume Four Third Edition Family of Edward Fuller* (Plymouth, Mass.: General Society of Mayflower Descendants, 2006), 108-09.

⁴ Death information taken from Alfred Mudge, *Memorials: Being a Genealogical, Biographical and Historical Account of the Name of Mudge in America, from 1638 to 1868*. (Alfred Mudge & Son: Boston, 1868) [hereafter *Mudge Memorials*], 88-89.

⁵ *Mudge Memorials*, 88-89, "ae. 59 y. 6 m."

⁶ *Mudge Memorials*, 88-89.

⁷ *Mudge Memorials*, 88-89, the earlier children were likely born in Richmond, Mass., whose earliest surviving records begin in 1791. Joel is stated as being born in the state of New York from late censuses.

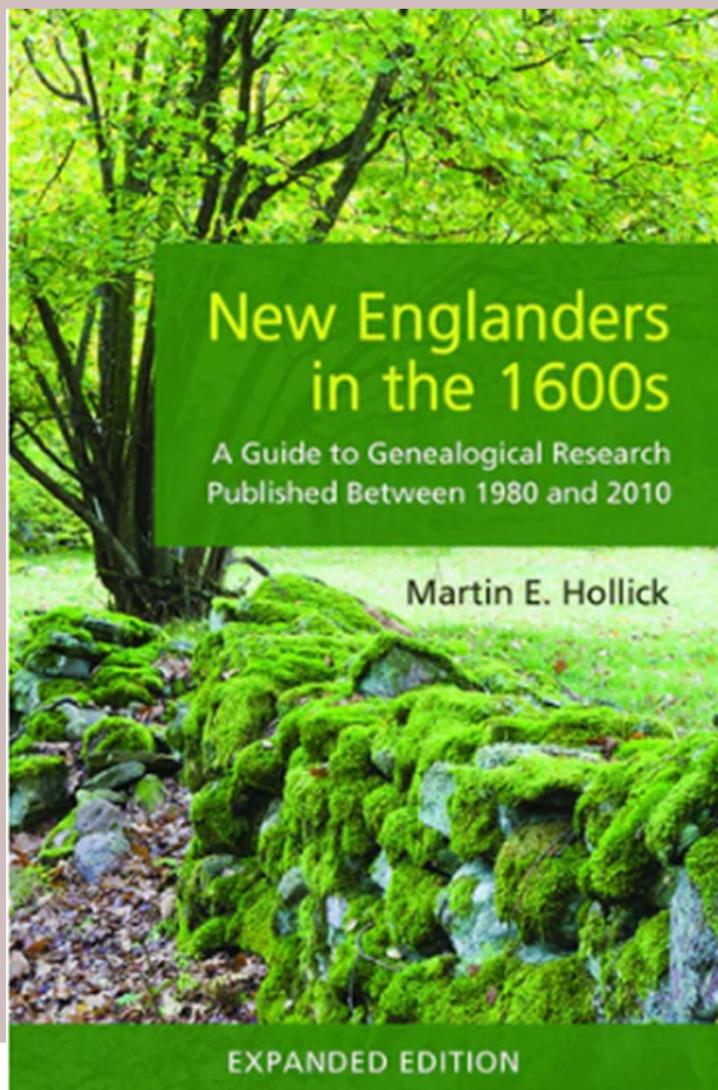
Research Summary

- 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

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

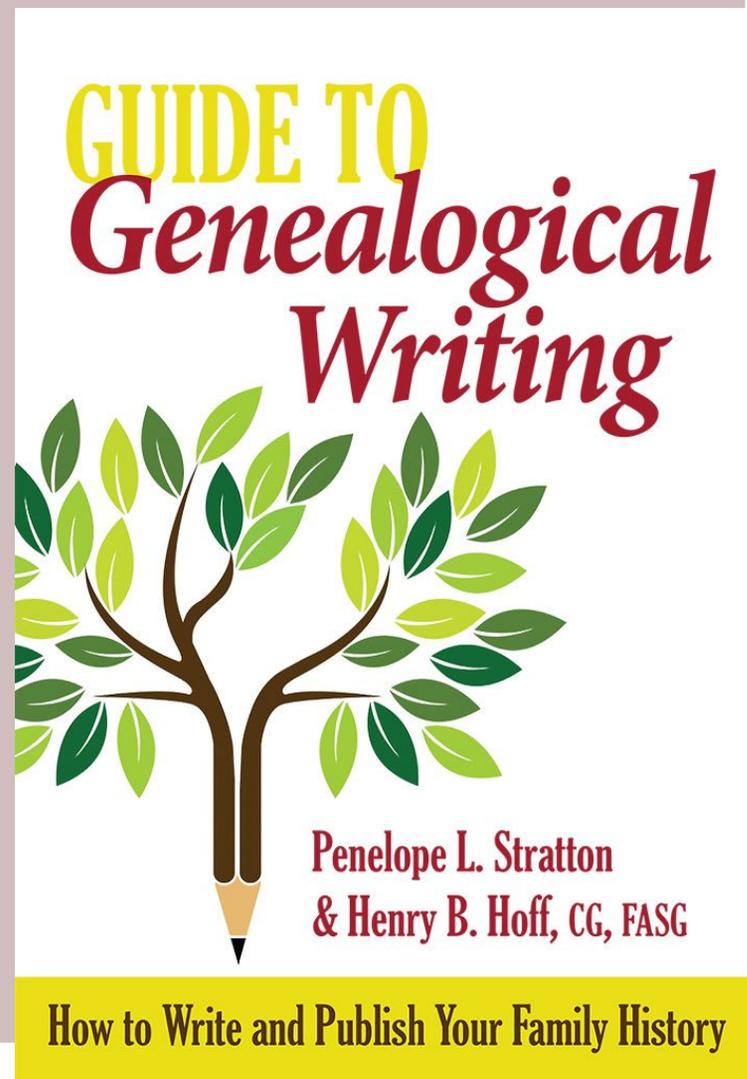
Recognize Earlier Scholarship



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

Research Summary

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



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

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?

Conclusion

DO

- Clearly State Your Conclusion Based on your analysis

DON'T

- Give too much information- just state the facts
- Present new information

Genealogical Summary

- *Register* style
- Include relevant persons and their relationships
- Continue to provide scholarly citations

GENEALOGICAL SUMMARY

1. **WRIGHT BROWN**⁶, born at Ware, Hampshire County, Massachusetts 1 July 1748, son of Timothy⁵ (*Mercy Hayward*⁴, *Anna*³ *White, Resolved*², *William*¹) and Hannah (____) (Wright) Brown.^{ixix} He removed to Swanzey, Cheshire County, New Hampshire,^{ixx,ixxi} Saratoga, New York,^{ixxii,ixxiii} and Yates County, New York, and died 25 April 1837.^{ixxiv}

He married first probably before 1780,^{ixxv} before 1784 **HANNAH NOLLIN/NEWLAND**.^{ixxvi} She died before 1796.^{ixxvii} He married second **BETHANY** _____, before 1 June 1796.^{ixxviii} She died in 1828.^{ixxix}

No probate for Wright Brown has been found in Yates County and no land records identifying heirs.

Children of Wright and Hannah (____) (Wright) Brown:

- i. **CHILD BROWN**⁷, d. Swanzey, NH 4 Mar. 1780.^{ixxx}
- ii. **JOEL BROWN**, d. Swanzey, NH 21 Mar. 1780.^{ixxxi}
- 2 iii. **SAMUEL RIGHT BROWN**⁷ b. 1775;^{ixxxii} d. Cherry Valley, NY, 15 Sep. 1817.^{ixxxiii} m. 13 February 1803 **EUNICE ANNABLE**.
- iv. **ISAAC BROWN**, bp. Stillwater, NY 18 Jan. 1784.^{ixxxiv}

Children of Wright and Bethany Brown:

- v. **WRIGHT BROWN**⁷, b. 1 Jun. 1796; d. 28 Jun. 1874.^{ixxxv} m. **EMILY KING**.^{ixxxvi}

2. **SAMUEL RIGHT BROWN**⁷, born possibly at New Hampshire,^{ixxxvii,ixxxviii} 1775. He died at Cherry Valley, Otsego County, New York, 15 September 1817.^{ixxxix}

He married, at Saratoga, New York on 13 February 1803, **EUNICE ANNABAL/HANNIBAL**.^{xc} She was born in 1780.^{xcii} She died probably at Yates County, New York, 1874.^{xciii}

No probate record for Samuel R Brown has been found in Albany, Fulton, Saratoga, or Cayuga Counties, New York.

Children of Samuel Right and Eunice (Annable) Brown:

- i. **CHARLES VOLNEY BROWN**, b. 1804; d. 1878.^{xciiii}
- ii. **ACHILLES V BROWN**, b. 1806;^{xciv} m. **LUCY ANN MILLER**, 13 February 1827.
- 3 iii. **ERASMUS DARWIN BROWN**⁸, b. 1808;^{xcv} d. Kankakee County, IL after 1880.^{xcvi} Married Lettice Loghry bef. 1835.^{xcvii}
- iv. **WILLIAM HENRY HARRISON BROWN**, b. 1814; d. 1896.^{xcviii}
- vi. **JULIETTE EUNICE BROWN**, m. **CHARLES LOGHRY**.
- vii. **SAMUEL RIGHT BROWN JR.**, b. 17 Nov. 1817;^{xcix} d. 2 Feb. 1908.^c m. **SALLIE ANN CASS**.^{ci}

QUESTIONS?

Case Study: Confirming the Parents of Polly Fuller

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

SCHEDULE I.—Free Inhabitants in Salisbury Dist. 3rd in the County of Litchfield State of Connecticut enumerated by me, on the 29th day of July 1850. W. R. Whittelsey Ass't Marshal.

Dwelling-houses numbered in the order of visitation.	Families numbered in the order of visitation.	The Name of every Person whose usual place of abode on the first day of June, 1850, was in this family.	DESCRIPTION.			Profession, Occupation, or Trade of each Male Person over 15 years of age.	Value of Real Estate owned.	PLACE OF BIRTH. Naming the State, Territory, or Country.	Married within the year.	Attended School within the year.	Persons over 20 yrs of age who cannot read & write.	Whether deaf and dumb, blind, insane, idiotic, pauper, or convict.
			Age.	Sex.	Color, (White, black, or mulatto.)							
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
1	24 28	Charles H. Dakin	17	M	✓	Farming		N. York				
2	25 29	Nathaniel Benedict	54	M		Farmer	3000	Conn.				
3		Polly Benedict	56	F								
4		William A. "	28	M		Grain grower						
5		Jane L. "	18	F								
6		James B. "	16	M	✓	Farming						
7		Claripa Cambridge	12	F	M							
8	26 30	Cyrus A. Benedict	31	M	✓	Grain grower						
9		Sarah J. Benedict	29	F								

1850 U.S. Census

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Polly *Fuller* Benedict

BIRTH 1793
USA

DEATH 4 Aug 1856 (aged 62–63)
Greene County, Ohio, USA

BURIAL [Glen Forest Cemetery](#)
Yellow Springs, Greene County, Ohio, USA [Add to Map](#)

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Step 2

Locate Potential Family Members

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BENEDICT, Alvira, m. Edwin Barber, Aug. 5, 1822, by Asa Tallmadge, Elder,
of the Bap. Church 2 53
Betty, d. John & Elizabeth, b. Sept. 23, 1779 LR3 16
Cyrus F., manufacturer, ~~E~~ 32, b. Salisbury, res. Salisbury, m.
Sarah Eggleston, ~~E~~ 30, b. Cornwall, res. Salisbury, Mar. 27,
1850, by Rev. William McAlister 3 112-13
Edwin, of Danbury, m. Polly S. Carter, of Cornwall, May 3, 1832, by
Rev. Timothy Stone, of the Cong. Ch. 3 50



Barbour Collection

- We checked the Salisbury volume of the Barbour Collection and find no children born to John and Mercy Fuller.
- We also found no entry for a Polly or Mary in Barbour collection in Litchfield county that was born between 1790 and 1800.
- We did locate a marriage record for a Cyrus Fuller who was born in Salisbury and the marriage was recorded in Cornwall.

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Search Results

1 - 22 of 22 records for Name: Fuller (exact), Location: Litchfield, Connecticut (exact), Database: United States 1800 Census

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 New Search

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 Save Search

SEARCH FILTERS 	Name	Events	Relationship
Fuller <input type="text"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Litchfield, Connect <input type="text"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
SORT BY Relevance 			
CATEGORIES  Census, Tax and Voter Lists (22)			
	Abm Fuller  United States 1800 Census Census, Tax and Voter Lists	CENSUS : 1800 LOCATION : Kent,Litchfield,Connecticut,United States FILM NO. : 205619 ORIGIN : 2 VOLUME : NARA Roll 2 (Conn., V.2) PAGE : 700	
	Hannah Fuller  United States 1800 Census Census, Tax and Voter Lists	CENSUS : 1800 LOCATION : Sharon,Litchfield,Connecticut,United States ORIGIN : 2 FILM NO. : 205619 VOLUME : NARA Roll 2 (Conn., V.2)	

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Possible Candidates

Joseph Fuller
(New
Milford)

Asahel Fuller
(Warren)

Howard Fuller
(Warren)

Isaac Fuller
(Roxbury)

Matthew
Fuller
(Salisbury)

Isaac Fuller
(Salisbury)

Asa Fuller
(Harwinton)

Ephm Fuller
(Kent)

Revilo Fuller
(Kent)

Eleazer Fuller
(Sharon)

John Fuller
(Sharon)

Step 3

Church Records


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Church records, 1744-1941

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Authors:	Congregational Church (Salisbury, Connecticut) (Main Author)
Format:	Manuscript/Manuscript on Film
Language:	English
Publication:	Salt Lake City, Utah : Filmed by the Genealogical Society of Utah, 1954
Physical:	1 microfilm reel ; 35 mm.

Notes

Microfilm of original records in the Connecticut State Library, Hartford, Connecticut.

Contents: v. 1. Church meetings 1771-1818; constitution, confession of faith, covenant, admissions 1755-1797; members 1744-1797, 1797-1816, 1774-1817; baptisms 1714-1788, 1793-1817; marriages 1808-1812; deaths 1807-1812, 1752-1890 -- v. 1. Organization of the Ecclesiastical Society 1804; meetings 1804-1941 -- v. 2. Church meetings 1818-1873; annotated list of members; admissions 1818-1873; baptisms 1818-1873; marriages 1818-1873; deaths 1818-1874; benevolences 1873-1877; collections 1837-1867 -- v. 3. Church meetings 1873-1892; benevolent contributions 1879-1890; admissions 1873-1892; annotated list of members alphabetically arranged; baptisms 1873-1893; marriages 1873-1892; deaths 1873-1892.

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Salisbury, Connecticut
Congregational Church
Records 1744-1890

Volume 1

Church Meetings 1771-1818;
Constitution, Confession of Faith, Covenant
Admissions 1755-1797;
Members 1744-1797; 1797-1816; 1774-1817;
Baptisms 1747-1788; 1793-1817;
Marriages 1808-1812;
Deaths 1807-1812; 1752-1890.

3 1849

Baptism of Oldest son, Cyrus

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Baptisms

June 6. 1819.

" " John Canfield, for William C. & Hannah M. Sterling

" " Mary Hamlin for J. P. Harrison and wife.

" " Harriet Hollister for E. Y. Jackson and wife

" " Cyrus Fuller for ~~...~~ Benedict Nathaniel.

" " Abigail, for Elephat Buel and wife.

" 20 Cornelia Maria, " Abigail. The wife of James Hutchinson

" Henry Sidney, for Wendall King and wife

" Harriet Stanton, for Jacob Wosburgh

" Mary Elizabeth for Mrs. Mary Phillips

July 7. Andrew
Comfort
Asenath
Helsey } for Comfort and Asenath Sparks
of Mount-Washington

Letter of Dismissal

Sept. 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 Mrs Hannah, S. Helm a letter of dismissal and of recommendation to the Congregational Church in Piquette, Illinois.

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Step 3

Land and Probate Records

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

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Family Members

Parents

 [Benjamin Fuller](#)
1733–1797

Spouse

 [Mercy Lucinda Sackett Fuller](#)
1769–1832

No luck on probates

- Searched Sharon probate district and found no probate records for Capt. John Fuller and his wife Mercy Lucinda Sackett.

Back to deeds

- We found a couple of land transactions in the Sharon deeds made by John Fuller and his wife Mercy for land in the town of Warren that was previously occupied by Alexander Sackett, now deceased. Benjamin Fuller's property bounded this property.
- John and Mercy sold their stake in the property to Aner Judson.

Land Deed Referencing the Warren Property

2048
 To all People to whom these presents shall come:—GREETING.
 KNOW YE, THAT Mr. John Fuller & Mary Fuller
his Wife of Sharon, County of Hillsdale
& Benning States of Kent County of Litchfield
State of Connecticut

for the consideration of five hundred Dollars
 received to our full Satisfaction of Mrs. Susan wife of
Nehemiah Judson of Woodbury in D. County

do by these Presents Remise, Release and forever Quit-Claim unto Mrs. Susan Judson
 her Heirs and Assigns forever, all such Right, Estate, Title and demand whatsoever, as we
 have or ought to have, in or to
 three certain pieces of land, lying in the Warren
 they being part of the farm lately owned and
 occupied by Alexander Sackett late of D. County
 deceased bounded as follows (viz) Beginning at the
 South west corner of S. Sackett's home lot, thence
 North 17^o East 110 rods to heap of stones, thence East 85^o
 South 4 rods to heap of stones, thence North 17^o East
 30 rods to corner Sackett's land, thence East 17^o South 23^o
 thence South 17^o West 140 rods to heap of stones, by highway
 from thence Westwardly to the first mentioned boundary
 One other piece of land, formerly the property of J. Quasi
 bounded South by Benjamin Fuller's land, West by city's
 land North & East by highway—containing six acres—
 Also one other piece of land called the school house
 lot—bounded all around by highway & containing

Land Deed Provides the Answer

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 Sitchfild County ss Salisbury July 20th 1838
 Personally appeared Abel Avery jr Signer
 & Sealer of the foregoing instrument &
 acknowledged the same to be his free act
 & deed - Before me
 John H Hubbard Justice of Peace

Rec^d Sept 10th 1838
 & Recorded by S. P. Tallmadge Recorder

Know all men by these presents that we Nathaniel
Benedict & Polly Benedict the wife of the 3^d Nathaniel
& both of Salisbury Sitchfild County & State of Connecticut
 Do hereby make, constitute & appoint Bennett Bates of
 Kent, County & State aforesaid our true & lawful attorney
 for us & in our name to grant, bargain, sell & confirm
 unto any person or persons purchasing the same all the
 right title & interest that we the 3^d Nathaniel & Polly
 have or ought to have in any lands or tenements
 formerly owned by Anas Judson of Woodbury County &
 State aforesaid but now deceased, said lands & tenements
 lying & being situated in Warren, County & State aforesaid,
 & bequeathed by the 3^d Anas to the female heirs of Mary
L. Fuller & Violetta Bates, The above named Polly being a
daughter of 3^d Mary L. & the above named Nathaniel her
husband - In witness whereof we have hereunto set
 our hands & seals this 30th Oct 1838

Signed sealed & delivered
 in the presence of
 Samuel Roberts jr
 Sec. A Darrow

Nathaniel Benedict (seal)
Polly Benedict (seal)

Confirmed parentage

...
& bequeathed by the s^r Anar to the female heirs of Mercy
L. Fuller & Viollette Bates, The above named Polly being a
daughter of s^r Mercy L. & the above named Nathaniel her
husband & In witness whereof we have hereunto set

Finally hit gold!

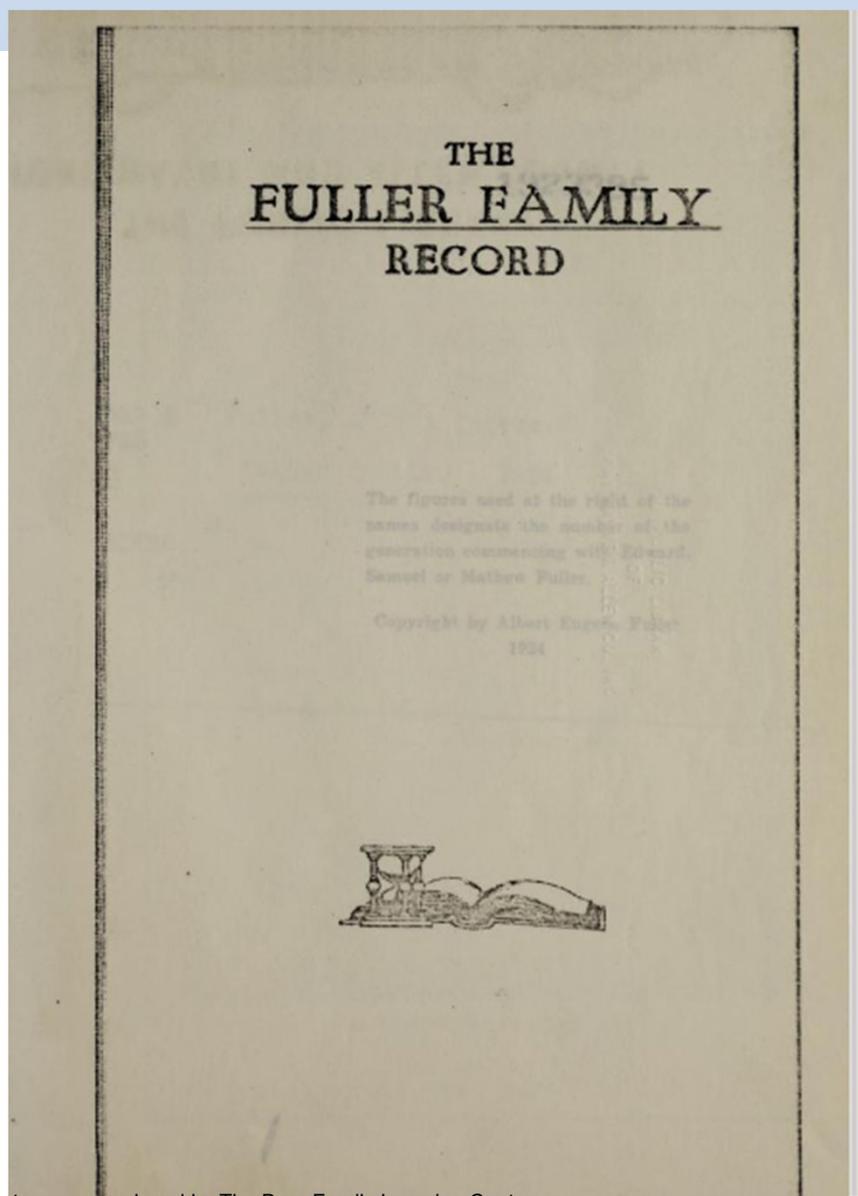
- We turned to the Warren land deeds and found Nathaniel Benedict and his wife Polly giving power of attorney to Bennett Bates to sell a piece of land in Warren.
- **The land deed named Polly as a daughter of Mercy L. Fuller and the wife of Nathaniel Benedict!**

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Step 4

Check Secondary Sources

Reviewing Published Genealogies



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8 FULLER FAMILY RECORD

whose descendants long resided there. He removed to Colchester, Conn., in 1722.

BENJAMIN FULLER-4 (John-3, Samuel-2, Edward-1) was the son of John and Nahitah (Rowley) Fuller. Was born at East Haddam, Mass., Oct. 30th, 1701. Was married in 1720, to Content Young, a daughter of Mathew and Patience Young, of Colchester, Conn. He died Dec. 20th, 1740. She died May 27th, 1754. They removed to Colchester, Conn., in 1722.

THEIR CHILDREN

I—PATIENCE—Born in East Haddam, Conn., Jan. 15th.....1721
II—MATHEW—Born in Colchester, Conn., May 6th.....1723
III—DEBORAH—Born in Colchester, Conn., March 2d.....1725
IV—RACHEL—Born in Colchester, Conn., June 19th.....1727
V—JOSEPH—Born in Colchester, Conn., Feb. 23d.....1729
VI—JEMIMA—Born in Colchester, Conn., Dec. 15th.....1731
VII—BENJAMIN, Jr.—Born in Colchester, Conn., April 2d.....1734
VIII—JANE—Born in Colchester, Conn., March.....1735
IX—ANN—Born in Colchester, Conn., Dec. 23d.....1738
X—ELIZABETH—Born in Colchester, Conn., Feb. 23d.....1740

BENJAMIN FULLER, Jr.-5 (Benjamin-4, John-3, Samuel-2, Edward-1) was born in Colchester, Conn., April 2d, 1734, was the tenth (Young) Fuller. Was married May 19th, 1751 daughter of John and Lois Hubbard of Sharon, Conn., May 31st, 1738.

THEIR CHILDREN

I—CONTENT—Born in Sharon, Conn., July 2d.....
II—BENJAMIN, Jr.—Born in Sharon, Conn.....
III—PARTHENA—Born in Sharon, Conn.....
IV—JOHN—Born in Sharon, Conn., July 10th.....
V—AMASA—Born in Sharon, Conn.....

CAPT. JOHN FULLER-6 (Benjamin, Jr.-5, Benjamin-4, John-3, Samuel-2, Edward-1)—Born in Sharon, Conn., July 10th, 1764, was the son of Benjamin, Jr., and Parthena (Hubbard) Fuller. His wife, Mercy Lucinda, was born in Sharon, Conn., Jan. 23, 1769.

THEIR CHILDREN

I—SALLEY—Born in Sharon, Litchfield County, Conn., Nov. 26th.....1786
II—ALNURVA—Born in Sharon, Litchfield County, Conn., Aug. 17th....1788
III—PARTHENA—Born in Sharon, Litchfield County, Conn., March 1stth.1790
IV—POLLY—Born in Sharon, Litchfield County, Conn., Oct. 18th.....1793
V—CYRUS—Born in Sharon, Litchfield County, Conn., Oct. 10th.....1797
VI—WILLIAM H.—Born in Sharon, Litchfield County, Conn., July 19th..1801

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Step 5

**Conducting
Additional Research**

Looking at Probate of Grandparents

ESTATE OF
Sackett, Reuben
Attached Deceased Incompetent Insane Insolvent Legatee Minor Trust

TOWN OF Warren

DATE 1803 NO. 5041

**Litchfield
Probate District**

Wills and Codicils
 Bonds
 Applications and Petitions
 Inventories
 Orders of Court
 Returns to Court
 Distributions
 Accounts of Administration
 Receipts
 Miscellaneous

Wills Help Clarify Relationships

Alfo to my well beloved son Aaron I give
twenty pounds —

Likewise to my well beloved son Cyrus I
Give Thirty five pounds —

Alfo I do give my well beloved Daughter Anner
twenty six acres of land I bought of Ebenezer

Tanner & known by the Name of the Johnsons

To my well beloved Daughter Mary Luinda also
I give ten Shillings —

Likewise to my well beloved Daughter Violetta
I give ten Shillings —

Looking at an Aunt's Probate

Judson, Aner

Attached Deceased Incompetent Insane Insolvent Legatee Minor Trust

TOWN OF Woodbury

DATE 1837 NO. 2455

**Woodbury
Probate District**

Wills and Codicils

Bonds

Applications and Petitions

Inventories

Orders of Court

Returns to Court

Distributions

Accounts of Administration

Receipts

Miscellaneous

Total Documents

DEPOSITED IN
CONNECTICUT STATE LIBRARY
UNDER PROVISIONS

Inheritances Given to Nieces

The rest and residue of my estate of
every kind and description, I give,
devise and bequeath, to the

Daughters of my sister Luinda, the
present Wife of John Fuller, and to the
Daughters of my sister Bivolitty now
deceased, formerly the Wife of John
Bates deceased, to be divided, equally
between them, share and share alike,
and their heirs, forever.

I appoint, Bennet Bates of Trent
Executor of this my last Will.

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Step 6

Connecting the Family

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.

Recognize Earlier Scholarship

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

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.

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

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.

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.

Review

1. Use the principles of the Genealogical Proof Standard (GPS) to answer a genealogical question.
2. Leverage different tools to analyze what you've found and identify potential gaps.
3. Create research summaries of your findings.

QUESTIONS?

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