

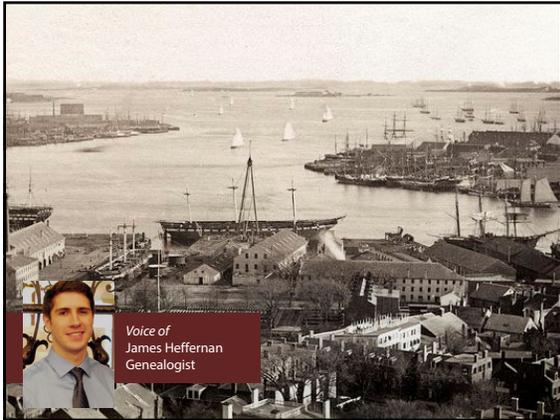
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Contextualize

- Where does my ancestor fit into the larger history of immigration out of their home country or region?
- FamilySearch.org wiki
- Gale's Academic OneFile Select (available as an external database from AmericanAncestors.org)
- Local histories

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Waves of European Immigration

- Colonial (ca. 1607-1680): English; often religiously motivated
- Late-Colonial (ca. 1680-1776): Scots-Irish, German
- Nineteenth century (ca. 1820-1890): Irish; industrial revolution
- Turn of the twentieth century (ca. 1890-1924): Eastern & Southern European

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Motivation

- Involuntary: enslaved persons; prisoners of war; forced expulsion...
- Economic: inability to provide for family; limited access to income, property...
- Military: escape conscription; flee war-torn areas; foreign service (ex. Hessians)
- Religious: escape persecution
- Temporary: esp. 1890-1924, not intended as permanent; remittances

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Major Sources for Immigrant Origins

Colonial Period	19th-20th Cent.
• Passenger lists (fragmentary)	• Passenger lists
• Court records	• Naturalization records
• Indentures (Southern)	• Vital records
	• Religious records

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Cluster Research for Immigrant Origins

- Assume: Amongst an immigrant ancestor's *friends, associates, and neighbors* are individuals with a shared origin
- Hypothesize: If a preponderance of cluster members are from X, then my ancestor is likely from X as well
- Confirm: Do the records from X support my conclusion?

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Why Cluster Research?

- Ancestor immigrated prior to detailed passenger and naturalization records
- Sources identify only the country of origin, not the county, town, village, etc.
- Distinguish between individuals and places of the same name

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Why Cluster Research?

- Record loss in origin country
- Place name on record corrupted or indecipherable
- Female immigrant ancestors: men more often found in immigration sources

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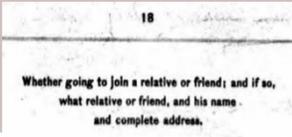
Chain Migration

- Definition: the process by which immigrants from a particular area follow others from that area to a particular destination
- Highly unlikely that your ancestor was the first from his/her town or family to immigrate
- Supposes that families with similar cultures, dialects and origins settled near each other and formed diasporic communities

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Chain Migration

- Opportunities, transportation, accommodation (passage 'paid by' on passenger lists)
- Bulwark against discrimination
- Resources to aid in settlement and assimilation



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Colonial Immigration & Cluster Research

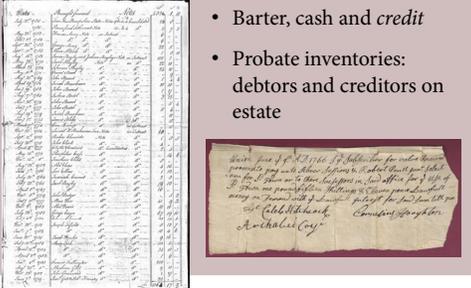
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Colonial America

- Land records (grantor/grantee, abutters)
- Church records (admittance/dismissal)
- Court records
- Tax lists
- Conversion narratives

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Colonial America



- Barter, cash and *credit*
- Probate inventories: debtors and creditors on estate

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Great Migration (1620-1640)

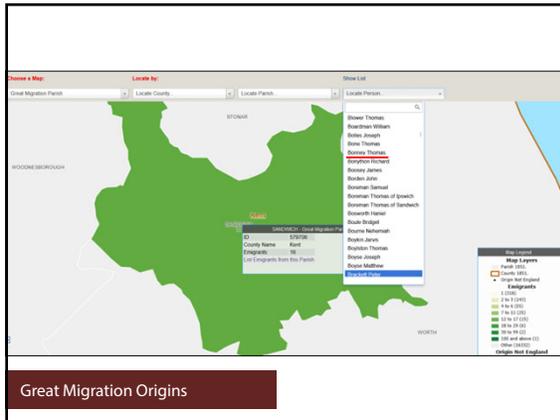
- Economic vs. religious motivation
- Ministers: spiritual and genealogical connections
- *The Great Migration Directory* by Robert Charles Anderson
- *The Great Migration: Immigrants to New England, 1634-1635* by Robert Charles Anderson.

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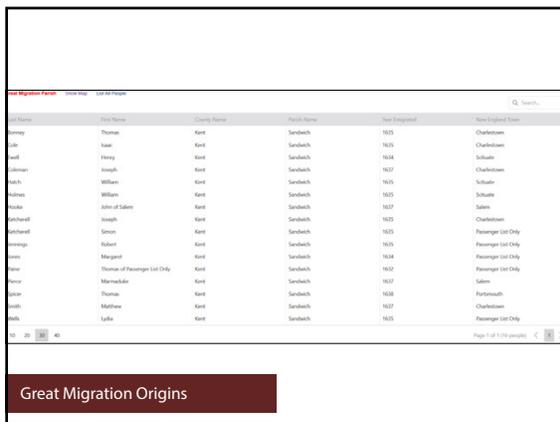


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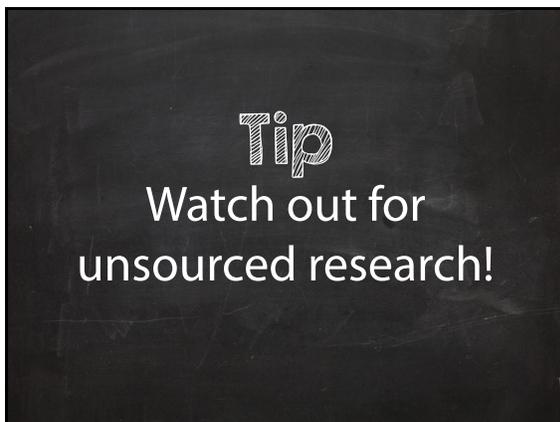
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Fraternal Organizations



- Odd Fellows
- Foresters
- Knights of Columbus
- Elks
- Shriners
- Rotary Club

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DEATH OF WELL KNOWN RESIDENT

Thomas Dwyer, 68 years of age, died this afternoon at his home on Cliff street, following an operation performed the first of the week.

Mr. Dwyer, who was very well known in town, was a member of the local Aerie of Eagles and was employed until recently at the E. T. Wright Co.

He is survived by two sons and four daughters, Charles of Rockland, John of Wollaston, Mrs. James Heffernan and Mrs. Harold Morse of Rockland, Mrs. George Beardon of Boston and Mrs. John Cantelmo of Lynn.

Funeral services will be held from the Holy Family Church on Saturday morning at 9 o'clock.

There will be a special meeting of the F. O. E. Friday evening to take action on the death of Mr. Dwyer.

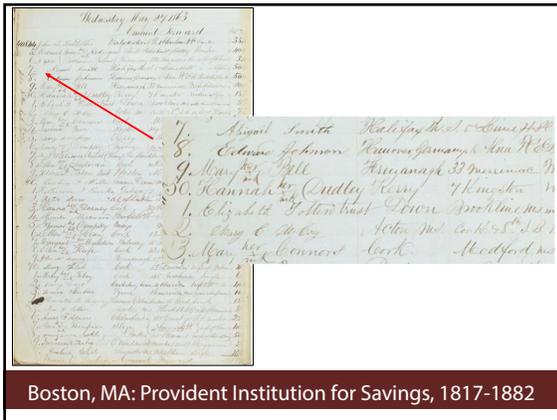


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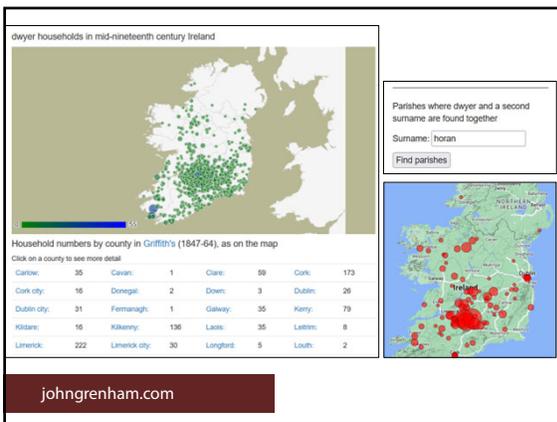


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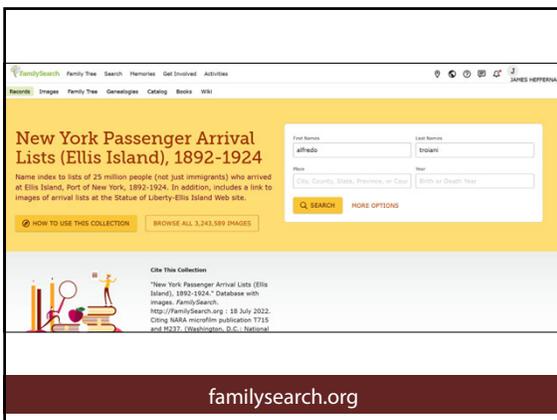
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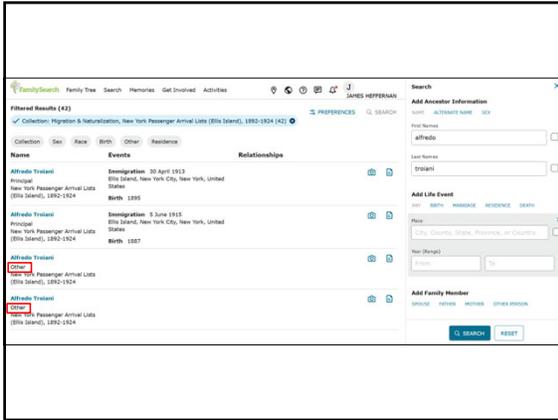
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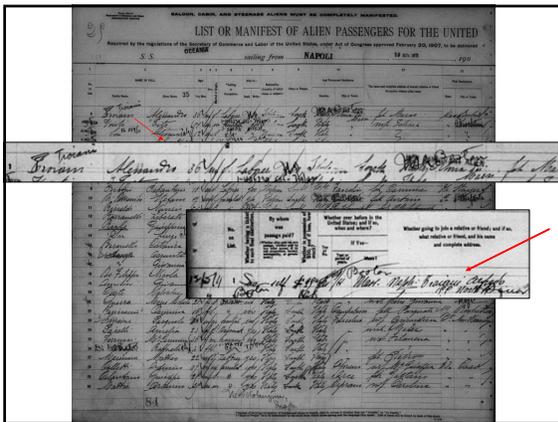
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Jewish Aid Societies

- *Landsmanshaft*
- Organizations founded by individuals from the same town, shtetl or region.
- Burial societies (*chevra kadisha*)
- Synagogues (*Anshei*)



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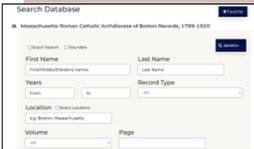
Church Records

- Church histories
- Baptismal sponsors (godparents)
- Marriage witnesses
- Places of origin



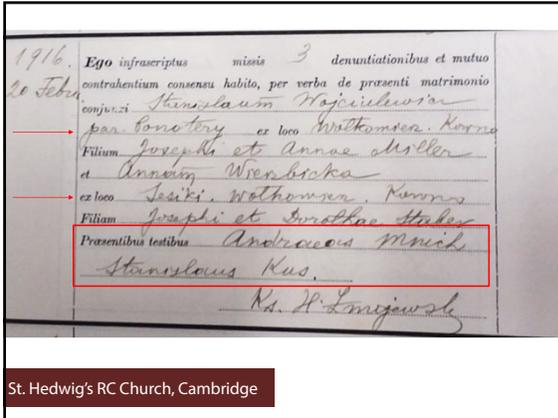
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Church Records



- Catalog at FamilySearch.org
- Historical Societies
- State archives
- Church archives
- Modern church
- AmericanAncestors.org

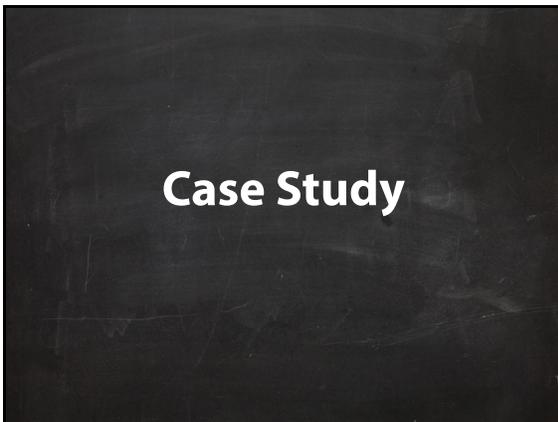
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Where?

- Allied families
- Boarders/Lodgers found in census records
- Witnesses to vital/church/naturalization records
- Fraternal/Women organizations
- Rural: neighbors, abutters

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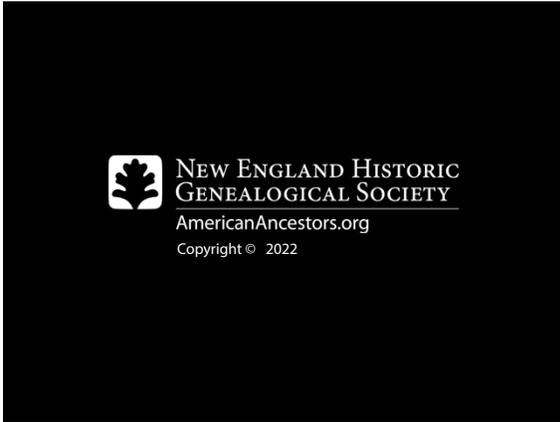
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