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**What is Cluster Research?**

A research technique used to learn more about an ancestor by examining records left by the ancestor's *cluster*

- Family
- Associates
- Neighbors

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**Family**

- Family members with the same surname
- Consider others:
  - Maiden name of spouse
  - In-laws
  - Cousins (1<sup>st</sup> and others)
  - Grandparents
  - Great-Grandparents
  - Step-Parents/Siblings

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**Reasons to Research Family**

- Determine Parentage
- Maiden names
- Discover origin of immigrant ancestors
- Locate information about a parent's birthplace

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**Associates**

- Associated Persons
  - Politics
  - Occupation
  - Education
  - Religion
- Associated Places
  - Place of Birth
  - Death Details

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**Reasons to Research Associates**

- Tracing migrations
- Discovering more about military service
- Study of a particular place or event – associated places can be important
- Maternal lines
- Develop a more holistic view of an ancestor

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**Neighbors**

- Household neighbors
- Individuals buried in the same or surrounding cemetery plots
- Pew assignments

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**Reasons to Research Neighbors**

- Provide clues about migration patterns and earlier origins
- Inform us of our ancestor's immigrant origins
- Supply missing information about our ancestors
- Help us trace women and may reveal maiden names

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**Key Resources for Cluster Research**

• Cemeteries/Headstones	• Land and Mortgage Records
• Census Records	• Newspaper Articles/Obituaries
• Church Records	• Pension Records
• City Directories	• Probate Records
• County and Local Histories	• Tax Lists
• Genealogies	

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**Watch these webinars**



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**Origins of Ransom Billings**

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**Goal**

- Where and when was Ransom Billings born?
- Who are his parents? Grandparents?

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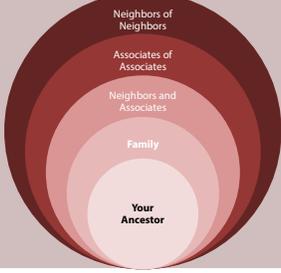
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**3. Who is in the Ransom Billings F.A.N. Club?**



The diagram consists of five concentric circles of increasing size and darker red color from the center outwards. The innermost circle is labeled "Your Ancestor". The next circle is labeled "Family". The third circle is labeled "Neighbors and Associates". The fourth circle is labeled "Associates of Associates". The outermost circle is labeled "Neighbors of Neighbors".

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**F.A.N**

- Family
  - Who are the other family members listed with Ransom?
    - US Census (1850-1860)
    - Other Siblings? Children?
    - Vital records?
  - Update your Research Log with these individuals

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**F.A.N**

- Neighbors
  - Who are the Neighbors enumerated with Ransom? What do they have in common?
    - Place of birth?
    - Occupation?
  - What records for the Neighbors could help to determine place of birth?
  - Update your Research Log with these records.

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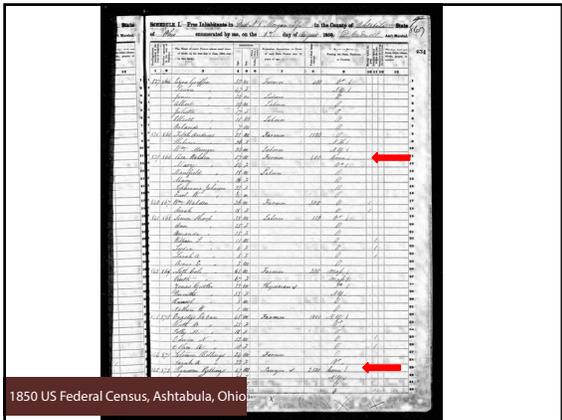
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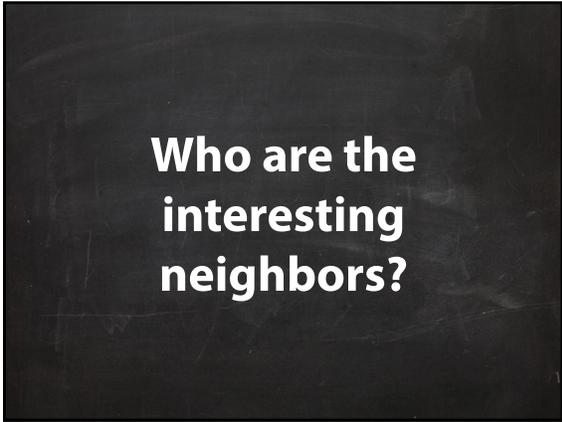
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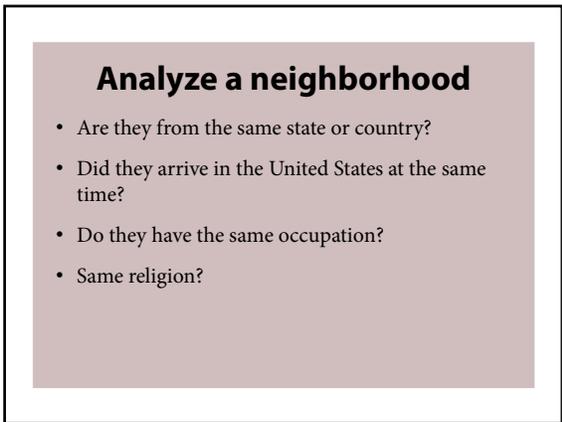
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**Ransom Billings**

- No interaction with other Billings families in Geauga County
- Does not live near any other Billings families
- Does not purchase land in Geauga County before 1824
- Sells 54 acres of land in Lot 28, Township 10, Range 6 in Geauga County in 1824
  - How did he receive this land?
  - Received via probate?

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**Geauga County Deeds**

- Grantor and Grantee Indexes provide property description
- Who purchased land in Lot 28, Township 10, Range 6?
  - Use index in your favor
  - Think outside the box

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**Tip**  
Understand the Index

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### Understand the Index

- Many different types of indexes
- Take time to understand system
- United States Index Systems – FamilySearch Wiki
  - Types of Indexes
  - Explanation
  - Examples
  - [https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/United\\_States\\_Index\\_Systems](https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/United_States_Index_Systems)

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### Lot 28, Township 10, Range 6

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**General Index to Deeds; Geauga County, Ohio.**

Year of Deed	NAME	NAME	Vol.	Page	R.	T.	Town.	Ac.	Sec.	Lot	Dist.	Remarks
1846	James Dimes	Benj. Doolittle Jr.	1	29	7	2	Boston			59		1846
1847	Garrett David	William Spake	2	49	7	2	same			24		1847
1847	Jonathan David	William Spake	3	299	11	2	Wauwats			36		1847
1847	Jonathan David	Oliver Peffer	4	15	11	2	Wauwats		2	70		1847
1847	Jonathan David	Alphabit Ogden	4	11	11	2	Wauwats			72		1847
1847	Jonathan David	John A. Rogers	4	222	6	1	Wauwats			3		1847
1847	John David	William Bond	4	248	7	9	Wauwats			16		1847
1847	same	same	4	248	6	10	Wauwats			23		1847

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### Bond to Booth

- Solomon and Sarah Bond of Enfield, Hartford County, Connecticut sold several lots to Daniel Booth of Painesville
  - Township 9, Range 7 (153 acres, 130 rods)
  - Lot 11 (121 acres, 64 rods)
  - Part of Lot 8 and part of Lot 7 (161 acres, 144 rods)
  - Lot 28, Township 10, Range 6 (396 acres, 30 rods)

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## Identify Individuals

- Where are they from?
  - Anson Pease, Jonathan Allen, Hosea King - Enfield, Connecticut
  - Isaac Pease - Connecticut
  - Ichabod Pomeroy - Southampton, Massachusetts



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## Daniel Booth

- Account administration recorded in March 1817
- Heirs of Daniel Booth
  - Orsamus Booth
  - Aseneth Booth
  - Dorothy Pomeroy
  - **Ransom Billings**
  - Lydia Booth
  - Almon Booth
  - Olive Lampson

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## Update Your Research Log

Source	Name (and variant spellings)	Date examined	Place	Relevant Record	Notes
<b>Wills, Deeds, and Other Court Records</b>					Heirs of Daniel Booth, Orsamus Booth, Dorothy Pomeroy, Lydia Booth, Olive Lampson, Aseneth Booth, Ransom Billings, Almon Booth
Ohio Probate Records, 1799-1996; Geauga; Probates Index 1800-1917 *family search*	Booth	March 1817	Geauga County, Ohio	yes	
Ohio Probate Records, 1799-1996; Geauga; Probates Index 1800-1917 vol. 1 *family search* and records	Booth		Geauga County, Ohio		
Geauga County, Ohio, Deeds, all volumes	Daniel Booth	before 1824	Geauga County, Ohio	yes	Township 9, Range 7 (135 acres, 130 rods)
Geauga County, Ohio, Deeds, all volumes	Daniel Booth	before 1824	Geauga County, Ohio	yes	Lot 11 (112 acres, 84 rods)
Geauga County, Ohio, Deeds, all volumes	Daniel Booth	before 1824	Geauga County, Ohio	yes	Part of Lot 5 and part of Lot 7 (261 acres, 144 rods)
Geauga County, Ohio, Deeds, all volumes	Daniel Booth	before 1824	Geauga County, Ohio	yes	Lot 26, Township 10, Range 6 (396 acres, 30 rods)
<b>Vital Records</b>					
Birth record	Daniel Booth		probably Connecticut		
Marriage record	17		probably Connecticut		
Death record	Daniel Booth's wife		probably Connecticut		
Death record	Daniel Booth's wife		probably Connecticut		
Death record	Daniel Booth		probably Ohio		
Death record	Daniel Booth		probably Ohio		
Death record	Ransom Billings, Laura Devan	Daniel Booth	Louisa M. Billings, Carlos Speer	Ann DeVan Billings	

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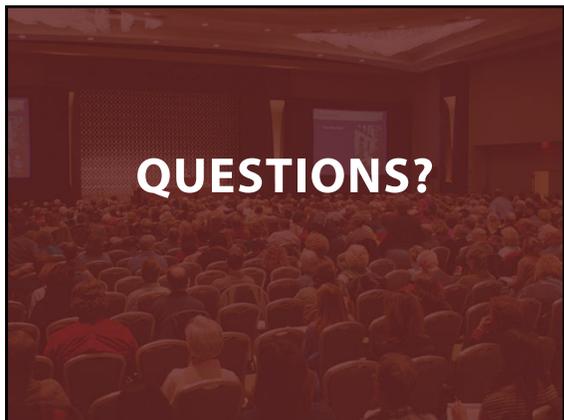
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### Checking in!

- Ransom Billings was the heir of Daniel Booth
- Ransom Billings settled at Hambden in Geauga County by 1824; Married at Geauga County, Ohio, 23 August 1831, Laura Devan and died at Ashtabula County, Ohio in 1861
- Daniel Booth settled at Hambden township in 1811 with sons Daniel Booth and Marvin Booth
- Likely the Booth and Billings family is from Enfield, Connecticut

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### Keep Updating Your Research Log!

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Ohio Probate Records, 1798-1996; Geauga/Probates Index 1800-1917 vol. 4 "family search"	Booth		Gauga County, Ohio		
<b>Land Records</b>					
Gauga County, Ohio, Deeds, all volumes	Daniel Booth	before 1824	Gauga County, Ohio	yes	Township 9, Range 7 (130 acres, 130 rods)
Gauga County, Ohio, Deeds, all volumes	Daniel Booth	before 1824	Gauga County, Ohio	yes	Lot 11 (112 acres, 64 rods)
Gauga County, Ohio, Deeds, all volumes	Daniel Booth	before 1824	Gauga County, Ohio	yes	Part of Lot 8 and part of Lot 7 (141 acres, 144 rods)
Gauga County, Ohio, Deeds, all volumes	Daniel Booth	before 1824	Gauga County, Ohio	yes	Lot 28, Township 10, Range 4 (796 acres, 30 rods)
<b>Vital Records</b>					
Birth record	Daniel Booth		probably Connecticut		
Marriage record	??		probably Connecticut		
Birth record	Daniel Booth's wife		probably Connecticut		
Death record	Daniel Booth's wife		Ohio		
Death record	Daniel Booth		probably Ohio		

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### Daniel Booth of Enfield

- Daniel Booth was born at Enfield, Connecticut on 22 May 1744
- He married at Enfield, Connecticut on 28 June 1779, Dorcas Bradley
- He died at Geauga County, Ohio in 1816.

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### Booth children born at Enfield

1. Dorcas Booth, b. 8 February 1780
2. Lydia Booth, b. 8 January 1781
3. Aseneth Booth, b. 9 April 1784
4. Marvin Booth, b. 11 December 1789
5. Olive Booth, b. 24 January 1792
6. Dorothy Booth, b. 26 May 1794; she m. Ichabod Pomeroy
7. Almon Booth, b. 22 July 1795
8. Orasamus Booth, b. 30 August 1798

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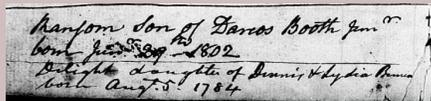
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### Who is Ransom's mother?



Ransom son of Dorcas Booth Jr. born January 29, 1802

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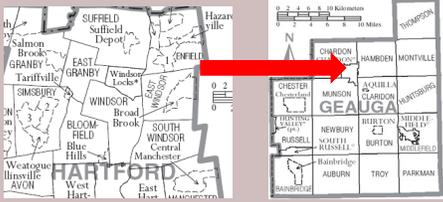
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### Chain Migration

- Booth, Pease, Allen, and King families of Enfield settled in Hambden township



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### Ransom Billings

- Born at Enfield on 2 January 1802 to Dorcas Booth and an unknown father
- Migrated to Geauga County with extended family
- Orphaned by 1814; appointed guardian was native of Enfield
- Listed as heir in 1816 probate proceedings of grandfather, Daniel Booth

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### Chain Migration

- Most of our ancestors participated in chain migration
  - Followed others from home to new destination
  - Migrated with new neighbors to another destination (New England to Midwest)
- Use chain migration patterns to uncover origins

**Immigrant      Family/Neighbor      New destination**



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### Final Thoughts

- Identify Family, Associates, and Neighbors
  - Determine relationships and origins of each
- Learn about community
  - Who settled there? Why did they settle there?  
Following family or neighbors? Job opportunity?
- Be creative!

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### Lessons Learned

- Important to understand the historical and cultural context of your ancestors
- Stay the Course and Be Methodical!
- Write it Down (even if it's boring!)

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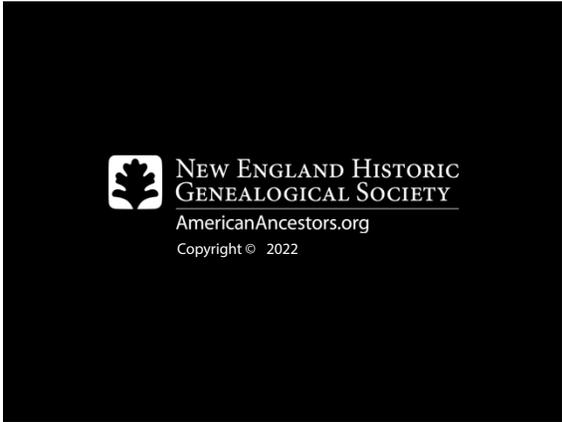
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