

Finding Origins: Cluster Research in Practice

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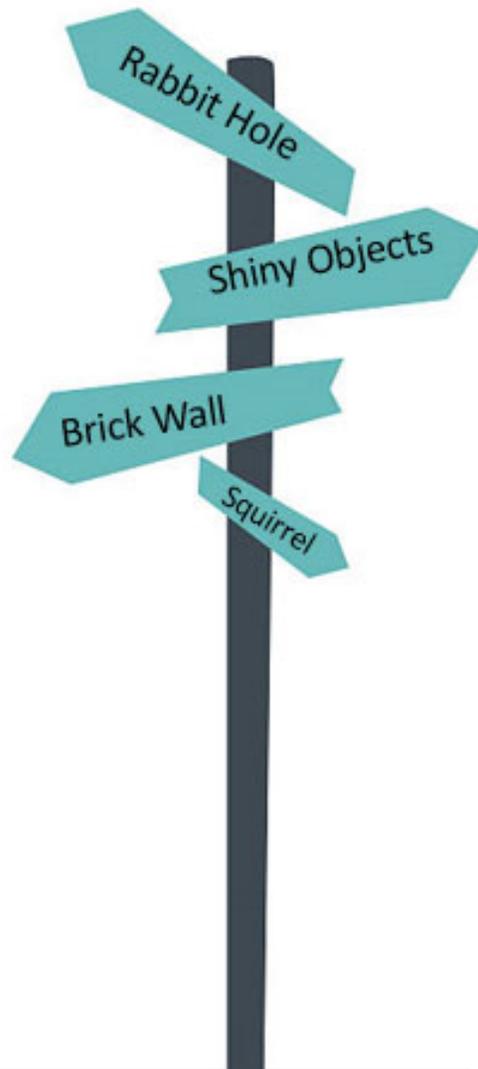


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OVERVIEW

- **Presentation (60 mins.)**
 - Overview of Cluster research
 - Case Study- Ransom Billings
- **Q&A (30 mins.)**



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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*



Family

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

Reasons to Research Family

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



Associates

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

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



Neighbors

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

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

Key Resources for Cluster Research

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

Cluster Research Steps

1. Organize your previous research into an annotated research log
2. Look for missing information and identify your goal
3. Who's your F.A.N club?
4. List the records that will aid in your research
5. Locate the resources
6. Research!
7. Analyze and make your conclusions

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Origins of Ransom Billings

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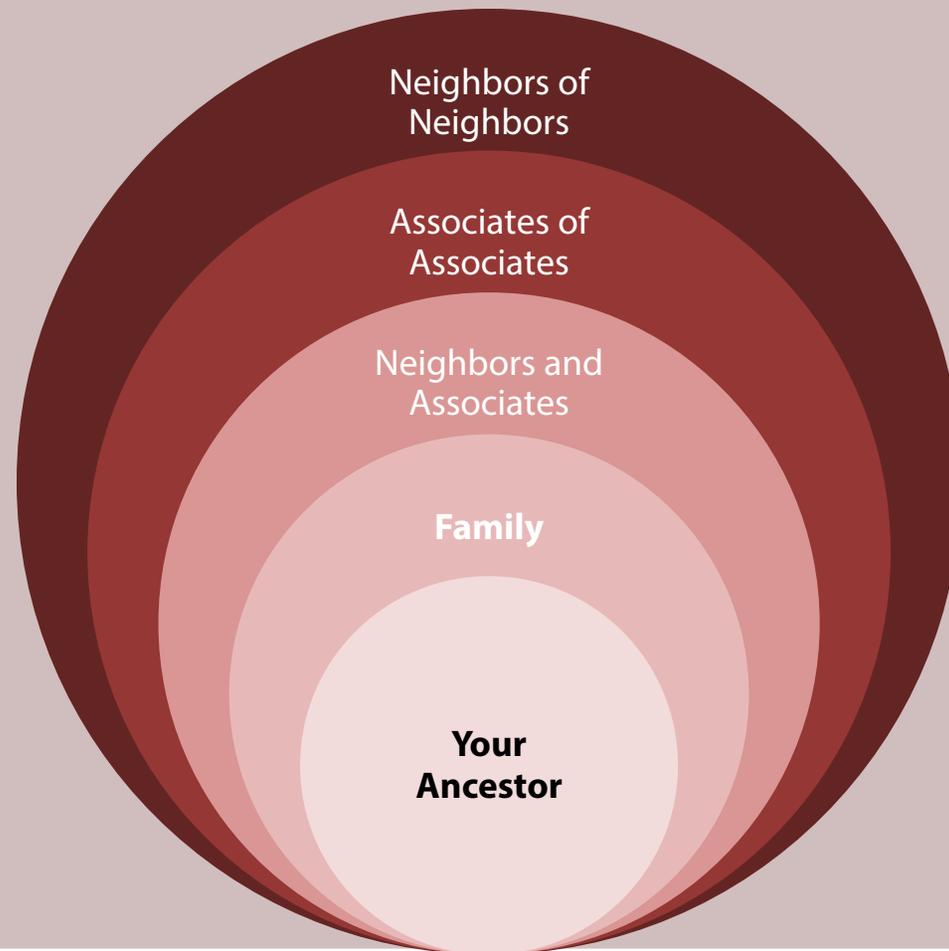
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Goal

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

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



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

Set up Your Research Log

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	Ransom Billings			no	
	Ransom Billings		Bridgeport, Connecticut	no	
	Ransom Billings			no	
	Ransom Billings			no	
	Ransom Billings	1824	Hambden, Geauga Co., Ohio	yes	Grantor-Ransom Billings; Grantee-John Bartholomew 54 acres, Lot 28, Township 10, Range 6
	Ransom Billings	before 1824	Gauga County, Ohio	no	Where does Lot 28, Township 10, Range 6 come from
	Ransom Billings	1820		Maybe	Ransom Billings, enlisted 31 January 1820 at Utica, New York by Lt. Griswold for 5 years, into the 2 nd Regiment of the U.S. Infantry, physical description: 5'10 1/2", blue eyes, dark hair, dark complexion, age 1 [b. about 1801], laborer, born at Enfield, Connecticut Remarks: certificate of enlistment [at] Utica, New York, January 31, 1820

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4. List the records that will aid in your research

Information Needed	Search These Records First	Then Search These Records
Age	Census, Vital Records, Cemeteries	Military Records, Taxation
Birth date and place	Vital Records	Cemeteries, Newspapers, Census
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Maiden name	Vital Records, Newspapers	Cemeteries, Military Records, Probate Records
Marriage date and place	Vital Records, Census, Newspapers	Cemeteries, Military Records, Probate Records, Naturalization, Land
Parents' names	Vital Records, Census, Probate Records, Newspapers, Published Genealogies	Emigration
Places family has lived	Census, Land, Local Histories, Directories	Military Records, Taxation, Obituaries

5. Locate Resources

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Newspapers					
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Maiden name	Vital Records, Newspapers	Cemeteries, Military Records, Probate Records
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QUESTIONS?

Let's meet the neighbors

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.

State of Ohio SCHEDULE I.—Free Inhabitants in Dist. N. R. Morgan Tp. in the County of Ashtabula State Ohio
 enumerated by me, on the 8th day of August 1850. D. Cadwell Ass't Marshal

13	1	2	3	DESCRIPTION			7	8	9	10 11 12		
				4	5	6				10	11	12
The Name of every Person whose usual place of abode on the first day of June, 1850, was in this family.			Age	Sex	Color (number)	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.	Whether deaf and dumb, blind, insane, idiotic, pauper, or convict.	
1	537	864	Leiza Griffin	50	M		Farmer	400	N ^o 1			
2			Sauca	47	F				N ^o 1			
3			Janna	22	M		Laborer					
4			Albert	19	M		Laborer					
5			Juliette	17	F							
6			Elizeth	15	M		Laborer					
7			Belanda	7	M							
8	538	865	Titth Anders	31	M		Farmer	1500				
9			Hebece	26	F				N ^o 1			
10			W ^o Munger	20	M		Laborer		N ^o 1			
11	539	866	Una Malden	57	M		Farmer	100				
12			Mary	54	F				N ^o 1			
13			Margfield	18	M		Laborer					
14			Mary	16	F							
15			Sophronia Johnson	23	F							
16			Errol W.	6	M							
17	540	867	W ^o Malden	26	M		Farmer	300				
18			Sarah	18	F							
19	541	868	Simon Sharp	38	M		Laborer	150	N ^o 1			
20			Ann	35	F							
21			Amanda	15	F							
22			William P.	11	M							
23			Lydca	6	F							
24			Sarah A.	5	F							
25			Reear E.	3	M							
26	542	869	Letta Cole	65	M		Farmer	200	N ^o 1			
27			Ruth	67	F				N ^o 1			
28			Genas Switzer	33	M		Physician		N ^o 1			
29			Berwitha	33	F				N ^o 1			
30			Ramael	3	M							
31			Nathan W.	1	M							
32	543	870	Engstys Debrau	45	M		Farmer	1800	N ^o 1			
33			Ruth G.	35	F				N ^o 1			
34			Polly M.	18	F							
35			Eduwin N.	12	M							
36			Ella A.	10	F							
37	544	871	Solomon Bellings	24	M		Farmer					
38			Sarah A.	22	F				N ^o 1			
39	545	872	Baronue Bellings	47	M		Surgeon	2500				
40			James B.	26	F				N ^o 1			
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1850 US Federal Census, Ashtabula, Ohio

**Who are the
interesting
neighbors?**

Analyze a neighborhood

- Are they from the same state or country?
- Did they arrive in the United States at the same time?
- Do they have the same occupation?
- Same religion?

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1850 United States Federal Census

Search

Match all terms exactly

First & Middle Name(s)

Last Name

Year

Location

Birth

Connecticut, USA

Exact to...

Lived In

—

Morgan, Ashtabula, Ohio, USA

Exact to this place

Any Event

Exact to...

This place

County

County and adjacent counties

State

State and adjacent states

Keyword

e.g. pilot or "Flying Tigers" ▾

Occupation



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1850 United States Federal Census

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View Record	Name	Home in 1850 (City, County, State)	Birth Year	Birthplace	Gender	View Image
View Record	Alvera Burdick	Morgan, Ashtabula, Ohio	abt 1802	Connecticut	Female	
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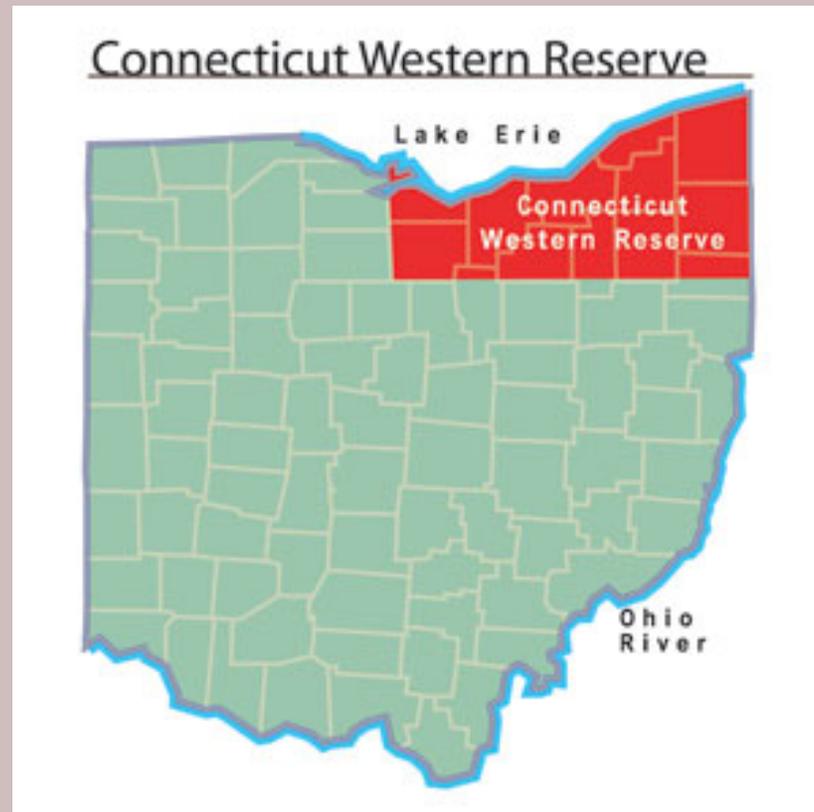
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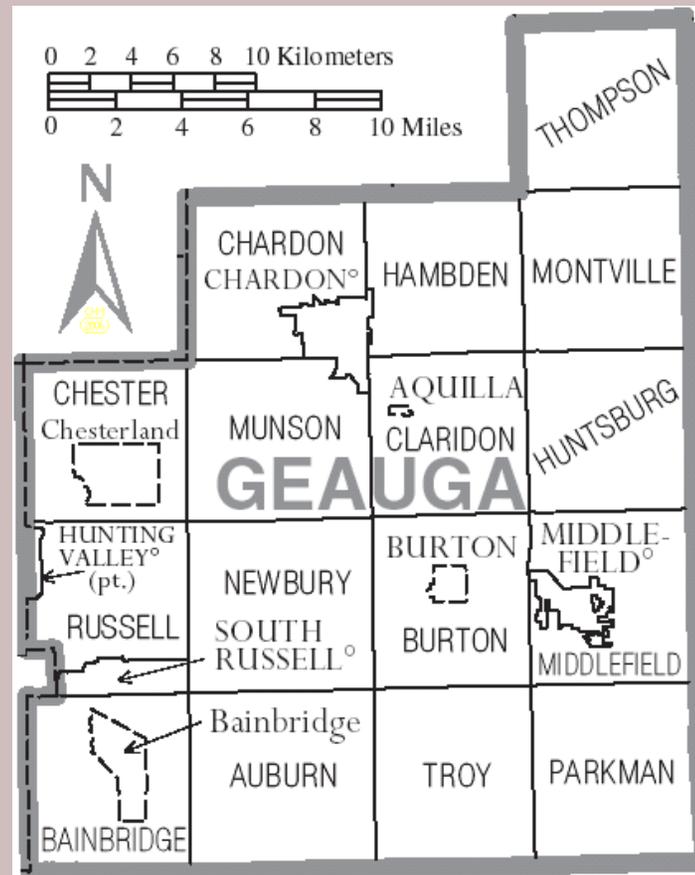
Western Reserve

- 12 counties in Northeastern Ohio
- Connecticut Land Company purchased over 3 million acres in 1795
- Western lands set aside for “Sufferers”



Western Reserve

- Eastern lands surveyed and townships formed
- Land sold to settlers
- Many from Connecticut



Update your Research Plan

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- Asa Walden
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- Laura Baldwin
- David Baldwin
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Enfield, CT



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 - Family and Neighbors have pointed us to Connecticut
 - Enfield, perhaps?
 - What records for Associates (people or places) could help us to find his birth record in Connecticut?
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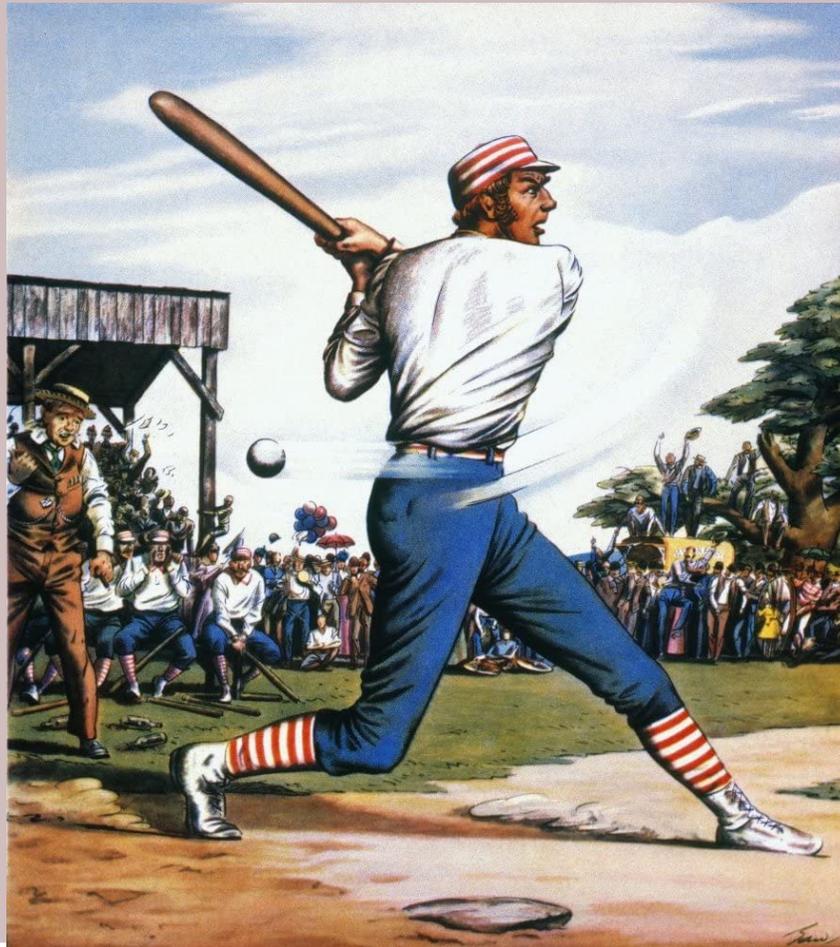
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Ohio Probate Records, 1789-1996; Geauga; Probates Index 1806-1845 vol. 1 <family search>	Billings	1806-1845	Gauga County, Ohio	no	
Court of Common Pleas, Geauga, Ohio	Ransom Billings	March 1816	Gauga County, Ohio	yes	
Court of Common Pleas, Geauga, Ohio	Jonathan Allen	March 1816	Gauga County, Ohio	yes	
Court of Common Pleas, Geauga, Ohio	Ransom Billings	March 1817	Gauga County, Ohio	yes	
Cemetery Records					
Violet Warren and Jeannette Grosvenor. <i>A Monumental Work: Inscriptions and Internments in Geauga County, Ohio Through 1983</i> (Evansville, IN: Whupperwill Publications, 1985)	Billings		Gauga County, Ohio	no	
Local and Regional Histories					
<i>Biographical History of Northern Ohio: Embracing the Counties of</i>					
	Ransom Billings_Laura Devan	Louisa M. Billings_Carlos Sperr	Ann DeVan Billings_Joseph M. Kn	...	

Who is Jonathan Allen?

- Born at Enfield, Hartford County, Connecticut on 27 October 1776
- Married first in 1795, Mary Pease; married second in 1818, Miriam Kibbe; married third in 1822, Polly Thwing
- Settled at Hambden, Geauga County, Ohio by 1815

Struck Out!



2. Look for MORE missing information and identify your goal

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1798 <i>Pioneer and General History of Geauga County, with sketches of some of the pioneers and prominent men</i> (The Historical Society of Geauga County, 1880)	Billings, Ransom Billings, Jonathan Allen		Gauga County, Ohio	yes	1815 Jonathan Allen left Suffield, Connecticut with a Nathaniel Parks and Hezekiah Stocking. They settled in the town of Hambden, Geauga County, Ohio
W.W. Williams. 1798 <i>History of Ashtabula County, Ohio, with Illustrations and Biographical Sketches of its Pioneers and Most Prominent Men</i> (Philadelphia: Williams Brothers, 1878)	Ransom Billings, Jonathan Allen		Ashtabula County, Ohio	no	
Genealogies					
Frank Billings. <i>The Genealogy of Some of the Descendants of William Billing who came to America in 1650 and permanently settled at Stonington, Connecticut in 1658</i> (Chicago, IL: R.R. Donnelley, 1931)	Ransom Billings			no	
Mrs. Wilber Brooks Smith (Julia Billings). <i>An Intimate Review of the Billings Family of Bridgeport, Connecticut</i> (1933)	Ransom Billings		Bridgeport, Connecticut	no	
Helen Schatvet Ullmann. <i>Some Descendants of Roger Billings of Dorchester, Massachusetts</i> (Boston: Newbury Street Press, 2012)	Ransom Billings			no	
Robert Stone. <i>A Family History of the Billings, the Cadwells, the Lambs, the Parkhursts, the Penders, the Reynolds, the Starks, the Stewarts, the Stones, and the Thomsons</i> (1995)	Ransom Billings			no	
Land Records					
Geauga County, Ohio, Deeds, Vol. 10, pg. 63 (FHL 20233)	Ransom Billings	1824	Hambden, Geauga Co., Ohio	yes	Grantor-Ransom Billings; Grantee-John Bartholomew, 54 acres, Lot 28, Township 10, Range 6
Geauga County, Ohio, Deeds, all volumes	Ransom Billings	before 1824	Geauga County, Ohio	no	Where does Lot 28, Township 10, Range 6 come from?
Military Records					
U.S. Army Enlistment Records	Ransom Billings	1820		Maybe	Ransom Billings, enlisted 31 January 1820 at Utica, New York by Lt. Griswold for 5 years, into the 2 nd Regiment of the U.S. Infantry, physical description: 5'10 1/2", blue eyes, dark hair, dark complexion, age 19 [b. about 1801], laborer, born at Enfield, Connecticut. Remarks: certificate of enlistment [at] Utica, New York, January 31, 1820

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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?**

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

Tip

Understand the Index

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- 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

Lot 28, Township 10, Range 6

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General Index to Deeds; Geauga County, Ohio.

Date of Deeds.	NAMES.	NAMES.	Vol.	Page.	R.	T.	Town.	Tr.	Sec.	Lot.	Sub. Lot.	No. of Acres.	Remarks.
April 4 1799	Jarnes Dimon	From Benj. Doolittle Jr.	1	29	7	7	Burton			59		154 $\frac{1}{4}$	
Aug 26 1805	Burrill David	" Nathan Puckis	2	49	7	7	same			22		132 $\frac{1}{4}$	
" 23 1807	Boardman Daniel	" Ambrose Hull	3	289	11	7	Warrensville			36		158 $\frac{116}{1000}$	1/2 Int.
Aug 10 1800	Bartholomew Daniel	" Oliver Phelps	4	15	5	12	Geneva	2				700	
Aug 22 1810	Boardman Daniel	" Eliphalet Austin	4	111	11	10	Morgan					71 53 126	300
Nov. 12 "	Bartram Daniel	" John A. Carpenter	4	222	6	11	Madison	Pair		3		100	
Dec. 20 "	Tooth Daniel	" Solomon Bond	4	248	7	9	Kramden					7.8 11.16	437 $\frac{11}{100}$
" 20 "	Same	" Same	4	248	6	10	Thompson					28	396 $\frac{1}{2}$



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)**

VERY IMPORTANT

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Newspapers					
Obituary	Daniel Booth		Ohio		

Daniel Booth

- Settled at Hambden township in 1811 with sons Daniel Booth and Marvin Booth
- Died at Geauga County in 1816
- Administration recorded in March 1816
 - Administrators: Daniel Booth and Marvin Booth
 - Sureties: Hosea King and Jonathan Allen
 - Appraisers: Anson Pease, Ichabod Pomeroy, and Isaac Pease

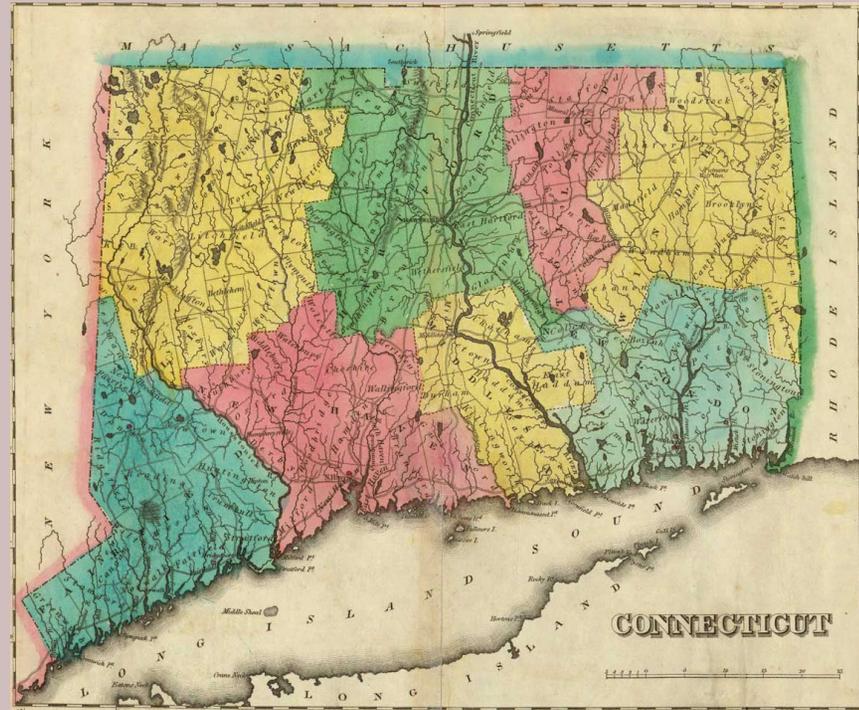
Identify Individuals

- Who are they?
 - Early settlers of Hambden
 - Neighbors



Identify Individuals

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



Daniel Booth

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

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QUESTIONS?

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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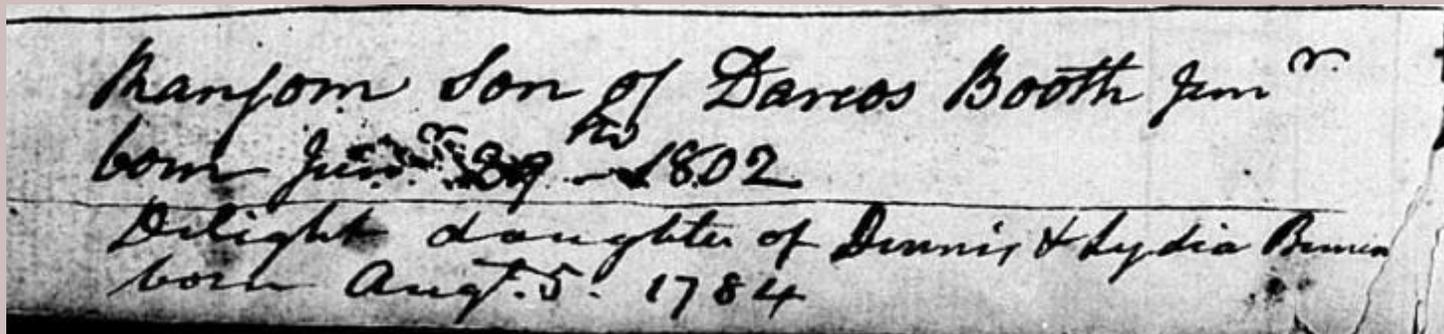
Daniel Booth of Enfield

- 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.

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

Who is Ransom's mother?

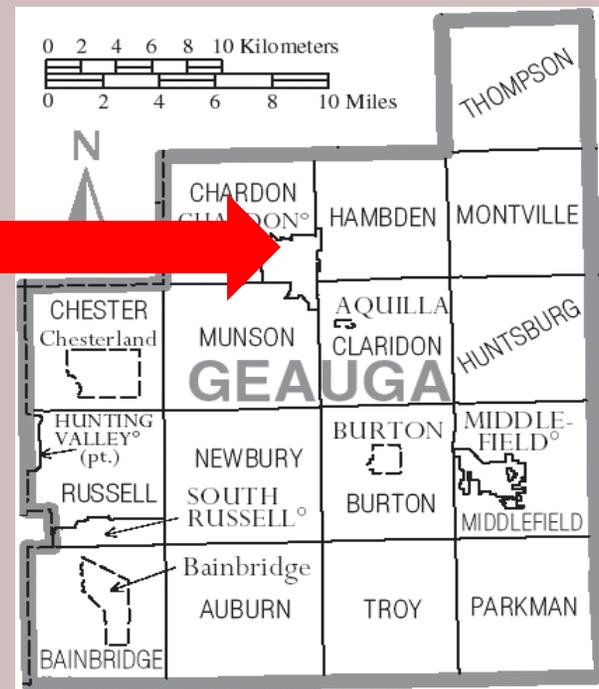
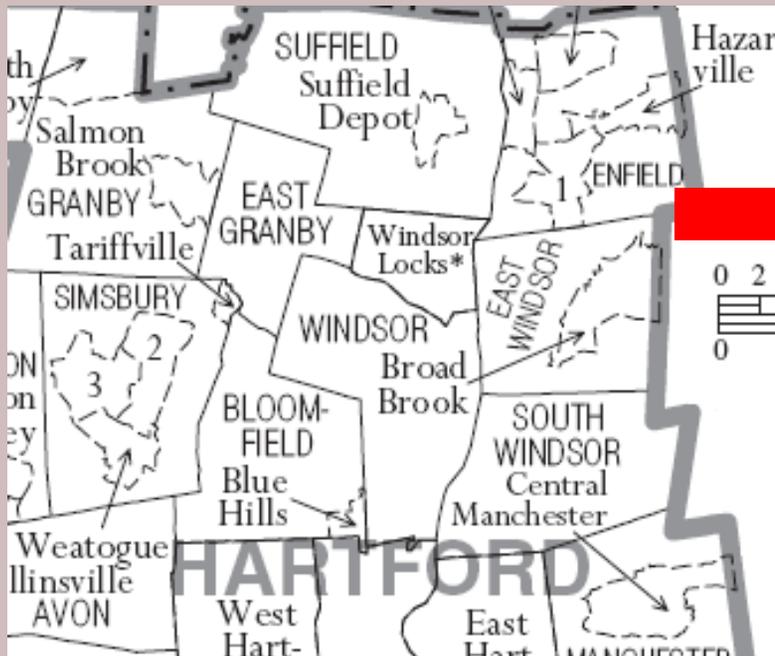


Ransom son of Dorcas Booth Jr.
born Jan. 29th 1802
Delight daughter of Dennis & Lydia Penn
born Aug. 5th 1784

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

Chain Migration

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



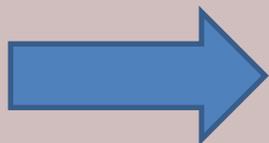
Ransom Billings

- 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

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



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!

Review the Steps

1. Organize your previous research into an annotated research log
2. Look for missing information and identify your goal
3. Who's your F.A.N club?
4. List the records that will aid in your research
5. Locate the resources
6. Research!
7. Analyze and make your conclusions

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)!

QUESTIONS?

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