

# Genealogy Boot Camp

## *Session 1: The Basics*

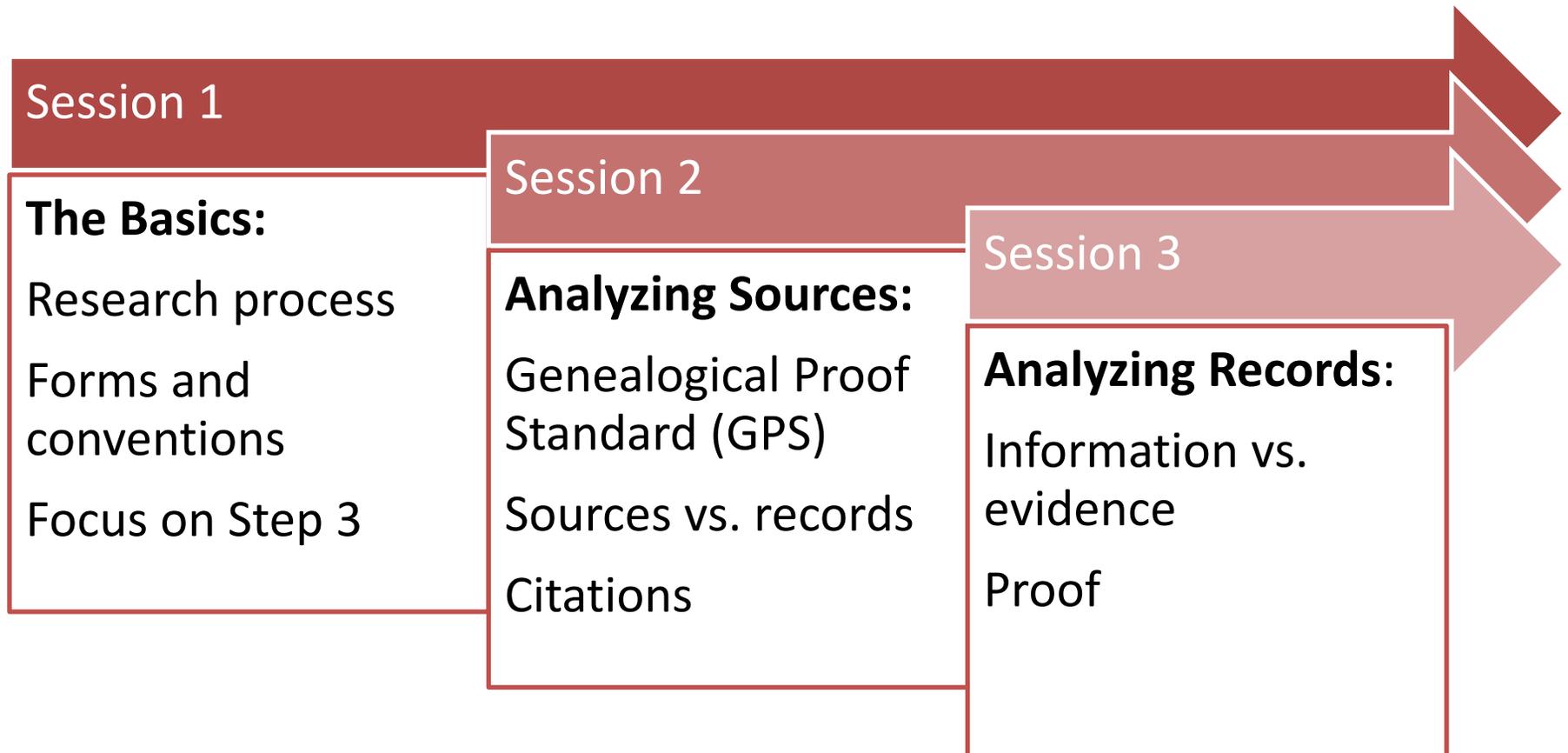
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# Overview of the Day



# Session Roadmap

Cardinal rules of genealogy

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Five steps for researching

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Focus on step three: sources

# What is Genealogy?

ge·ne·al·o·gy (jēnē'äləjē)

- Study of our ancestors - our parents, their parents, siblings and so on
- More than names and dates - stories and how our families fit into history
- Stems from ancient Greek
  - *Genea* meaning generation
  - *Logia* meaning telling or discourse or study of



# A Window Into History



# Cardinal Rules of Genealogy

**Rule #1:**  
Work from the known  
to the unknown

# Rule #2: Write It Down

# Rule #3:(Maybe) Spelling Does Not Count

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# Steps for Researching Your Family

Step 1

- Identify what you know

Step 2

- Decide what you want to learn (Research goal)

Step 3

- Identify and locate your sources

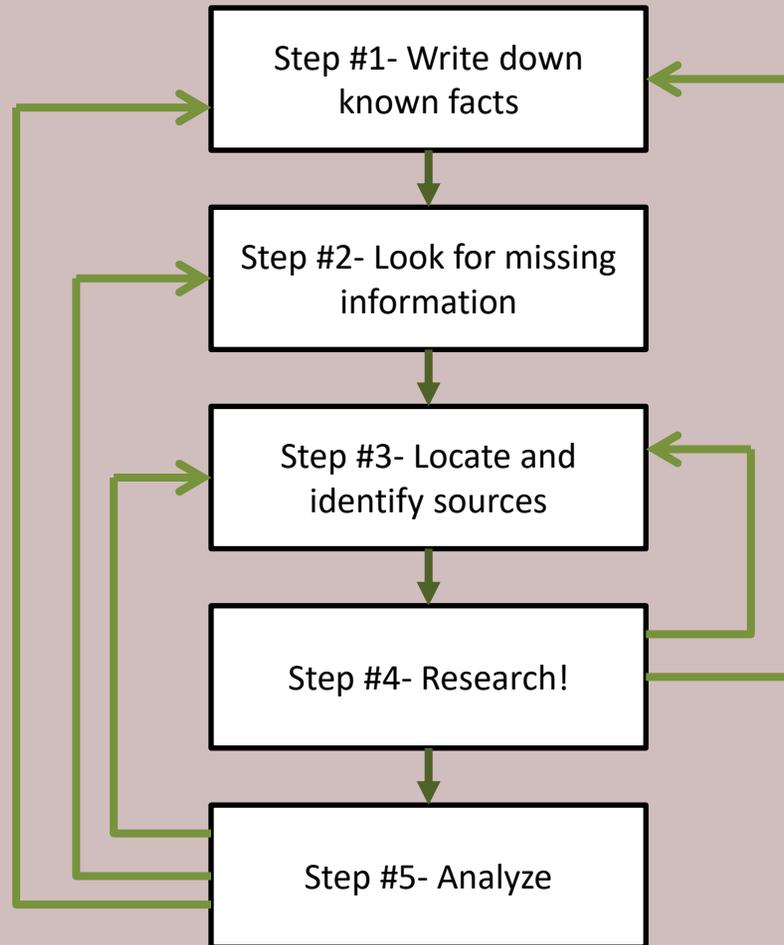
Step 4

- Research!

Step 5

- Analyze

# Rinse and Repeat



# Step 1: Identify What You Know

- Interview yourself
- Talk to relatives—What do they know? What family stories were they told?
- Record data using a family group sheet, chart, or genealogical software

# Example: Family Interview Questions

- Where did you live when you were growing up?
- How did your family come to live there?
- Were there other family members in the area? What were their name?
- What was your family religion?
- What family stories have you heard about your parents? Your grandparents? More distant relatives?
- What stories have you heard about the European (or other) origins of your family members and their immigration to America?

# The Essential Toolkit

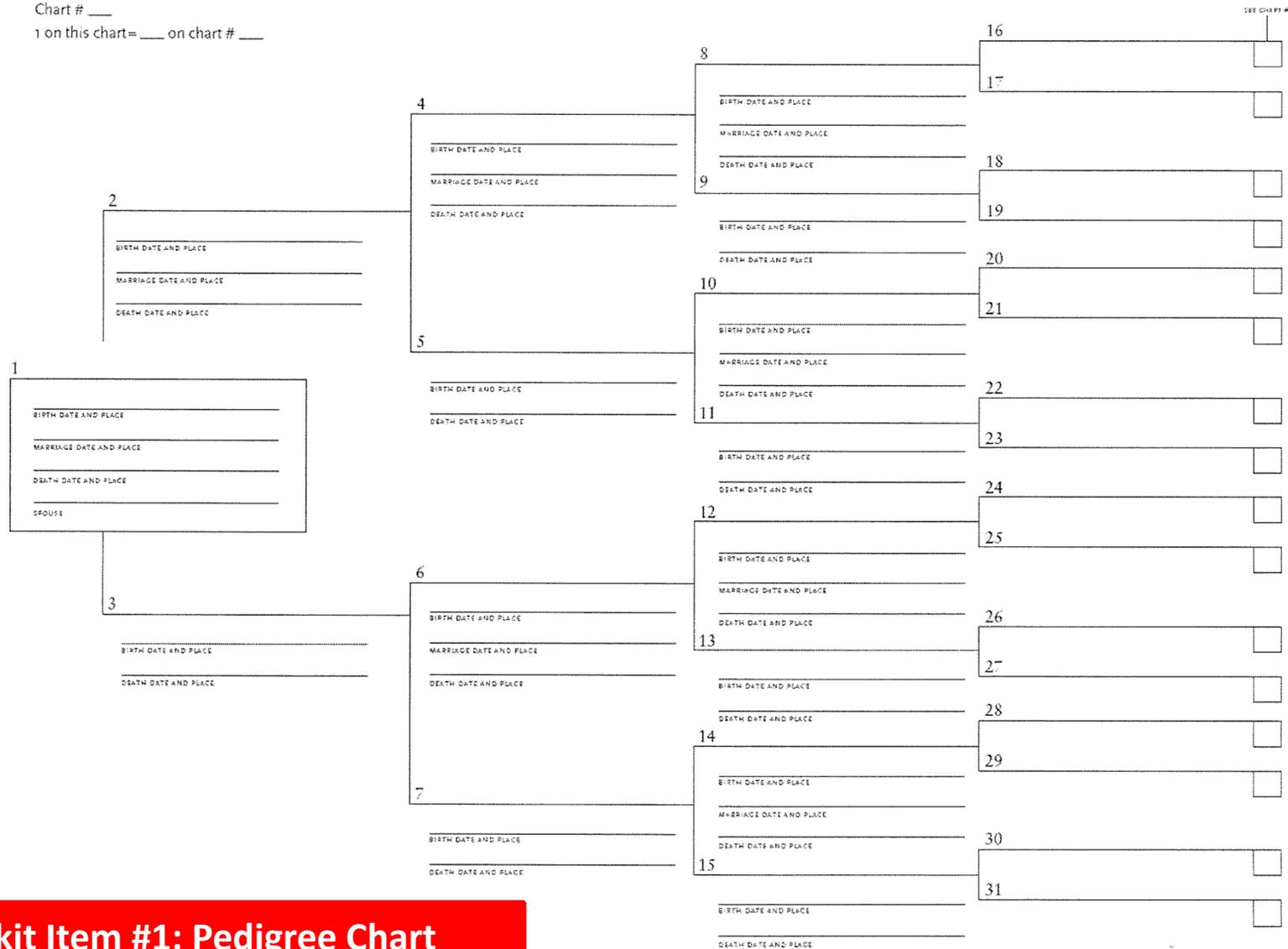
- Notebook – paper or Evernote or One Note
- Pedigree chart
- Family Group Sheet
- Research Plan
- Research Log
- Genealogical software program (optional)

Tip

Always Use Pencil!!



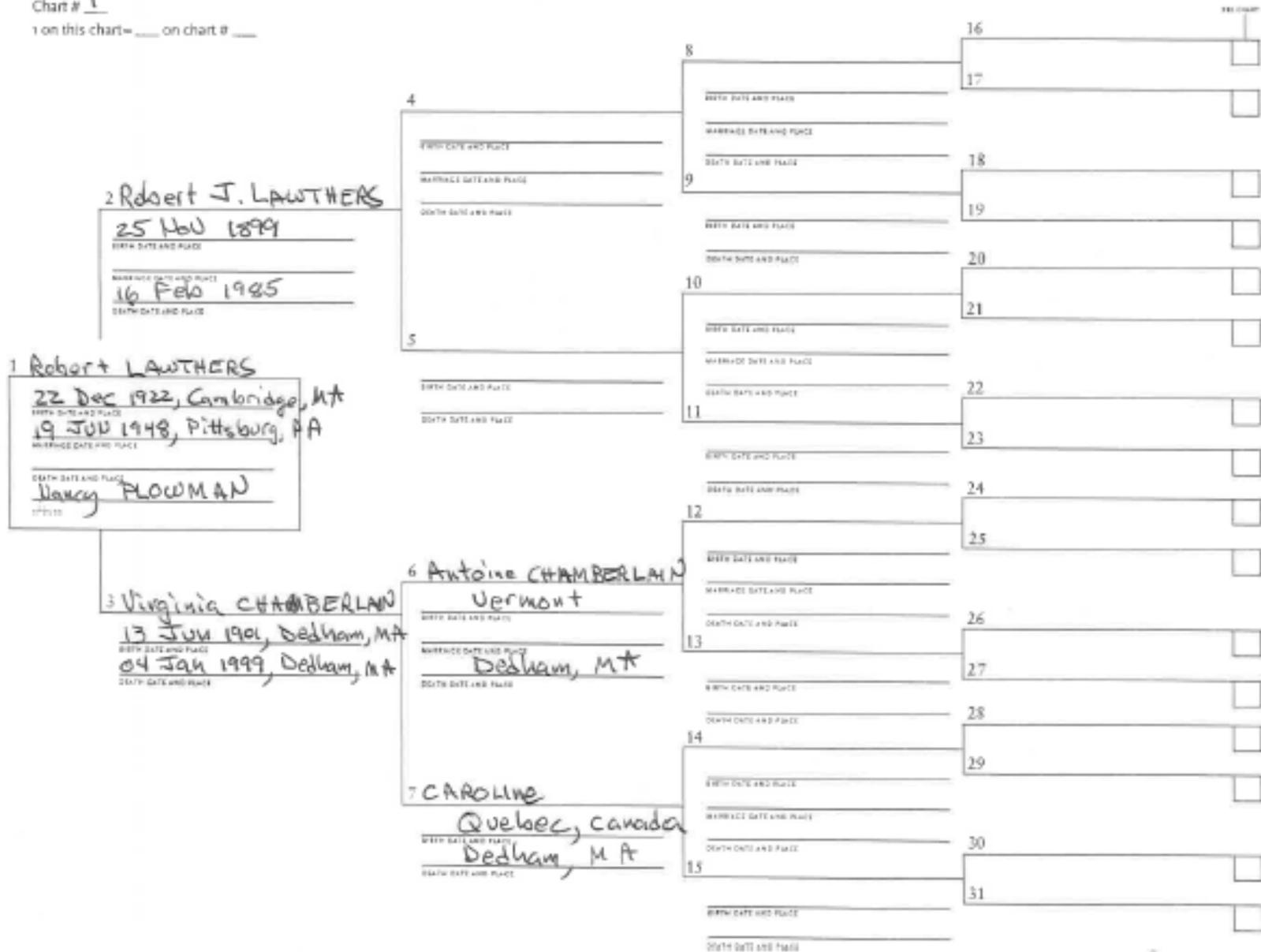
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**Toolkit Item #1: Pedigree Chart**

Chart # 1

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## Family Group Sheet

Write dates as Day, Month, Year  
example: 1 Jan 1904

<b>Father</b>	Given Name(s)		Last Name
	Born	Place	
	Died	Place	
	Married	Place	
	Father's Father <i>(first, middle, last)</i>		
Father's Mother <i>(first, middle, maiden)</i>			
Other Marriages <i>(first, middle, last)</i>			
<b>Mother</b>	Given Name(s)		Last Name
	Born	Place	
	Died	Place	
	Mother's Father <i>(first, middle, last)</i>		
	Mother's Mother <i>(first, middle, maiden)</i>		
Other Marriages <i>(first, middle, last)</i>			
<b>Child #1</b>	Sex	Given Name(s)	Last Name
	Born	Place	
	Died	Place	
	Spouse <i>(first, middle, last)</i>		
	Married	Place	
<b>Child #2</b>	Sex	Given Name(s)	Last Name
	Born	Place	
	Died	Place	
	Spouse <i>(first, middle, last)</i>		
	Married	Place	
<b>Child #3</b>	Sex	Given Name(s)	Last Name
	Born	Place	
	Died	Place	
	Spouse <i>(first, middle, last)</i>		
	Married	Place	



## Family Group Sheet

Write dates as Day, Month, Year  
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Father <i>(first, middle, last)</i>			
Mother <i>(first, middle, Maiden)</i>			
<b>Child #4</b>	Sex	Given Name(s)	Last Name
	Born	Place	
	Died	Place	
	Spouse <i>(first, middle, maiden)</i>		
	Married	Place	
<b>Child #5</b>	Sex	Given Name(s)	Last Name
	Born	Place	
	Died	Place	
	Spouse <i>(first, middle, maiden)</i>		
	Married	Place	
<b>Child #6</b>	Sex	Given Name(s)	Last Name
	Born	Place	
	Died	Place	
	Spouse <i>(first, middle, last)</i>		
	Married	Place	
<b>Child #7</b>	Sex	Given Name(s)	Last Name
	Born	Place	
	Died	Place	
	Spouse <i>(first, middle, last)</i>		
	Married	Place	
Sources of information			

# Toolkit Item #2: Family Group Sheet



## Family Group Sheet

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example: 1 Jan 1904

<b>Father</b>	Given Name(s)	Robert Joseph	Last Name	LAWTHERS
	Born	25 Nov 1899	Place	
	Died	16 Feb 1985	Place	
	Married		Place	
	Father's Father (first, middle, last)	?		
	Father's Mother (first, middle, maiden)	?		
Other Marriages (first, middle, last)				
<b>Mother</b>	Given Name(s)	Virginia	Last Name	CHAMBERLAIN
	Born	13 Jun 1901	Place	Dedham, Norfolk County, MA
	Died	04 Jan 1999	Place	" " " "
	Mother's Father (first, middle, last)	Antoine CHAMBERLAIN		
	Mother's Mother (first, middle, maiden)	Caroline ?		
	Other Marriages (first, middle, last)			
<b>Sex M</b>	Given Name(s)	Robert	Last Name	LAWTHERS
	Born	22 Dec 1922	Place	Cambridge, Middlesex County, MA
	Died		Place	
	Spouse (first, middle, last)	Nancy Carrington FLOWMAN		
	Married	19 Jan 1948	Place	Pittsburgh, PA
<b>Sex M</b>	Given Name(s)	David	Last Name	LAWTHERS
	Born	28 Feb 1927	Place	Boston, Suffolk County, MA
	Died		Place	
	Spouse (first, middle, last)	Paula ?		
	Married		Place	
<b>Sex M</b>	Given Name(s)	Michael	Last Name	LAWTHERS
	Born	20 Aug 1932	Place	Cambridge, Middlesex County, MA
	Died		Place	
	Spouse (first, middle, last)	Sarah Dorion		
	Married	31 Aug 1957	Place	Maine



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# Genealogical Recording Conventions: Names

- Write surnames in all CAPITAL LETTERS
- Record a woman with her maiden name
- When the maiden name is unknown use:
  - [--?--] can be used
  - MNU
  - Just the given name

# Genealogical Recording Conventions: Dates

- Records dates as DD-MMM-YYYY  
(e.g. 23 MAR 1823)
- Note: Some journals use the date written out in letter form – March 23, 1823
- DON'T:
  - Use slash marks: 3/12/1823
  - Use a two-digit year: 3/12/23

# Genealogical Recording Conventions: Places

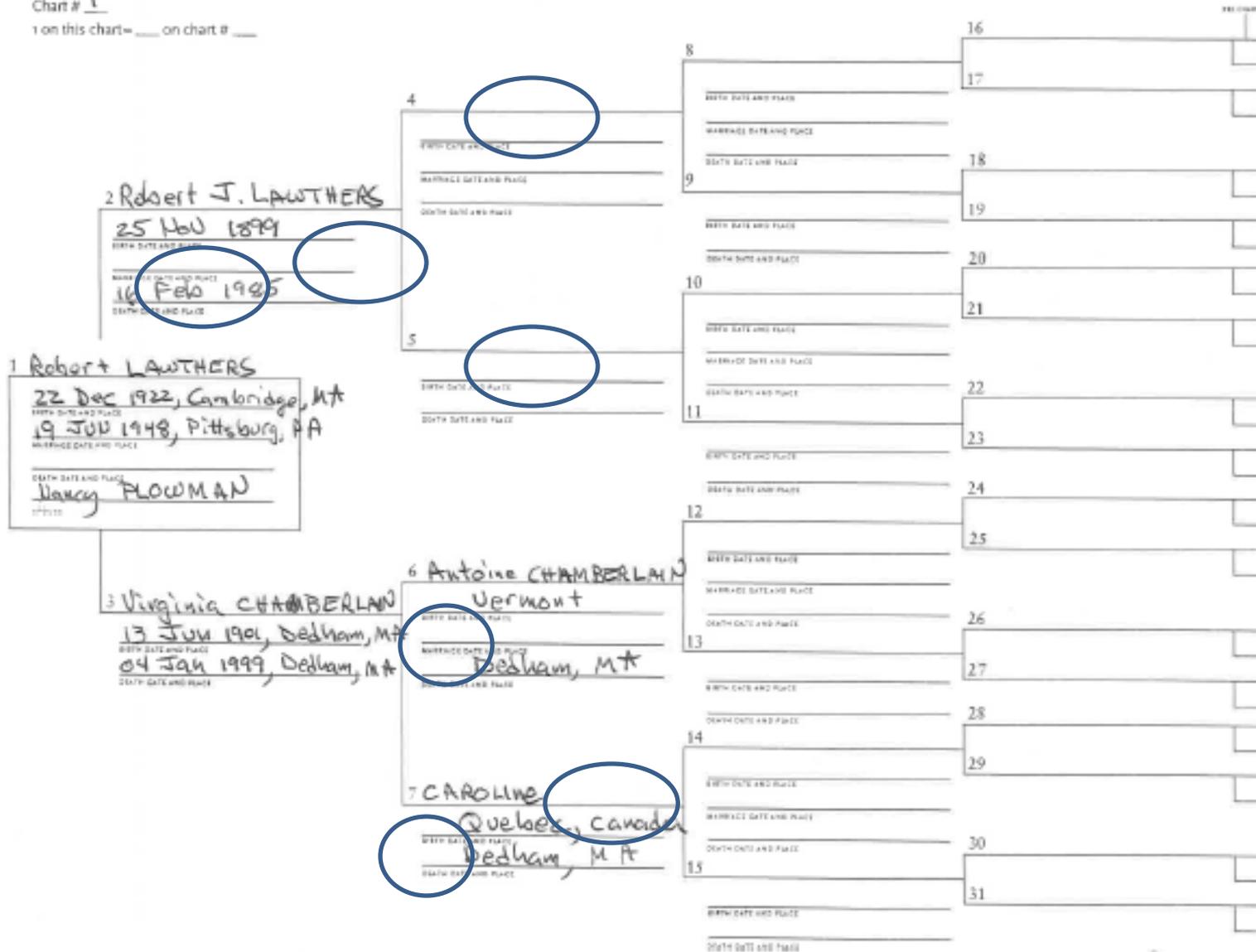
- Note smallest to largest geographic division (e.g. Orleans, Orange County, Indiana)
- For outside the U.S.:  
townland/parish, county, country
- Be sure to identify counties
- Use a consistent style

## Step 2: Decide What You Want to Learn

- Examine the information you have
- What is missing?
- What individuals or families intrigue you the most?
- Create a list of questions or objectives to research



Chart # 1  
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# Typical Genealogical Questions

- Genealogical Data
  - Identity
  - Events
  - Relationships
- For example:
  - Who are the parents?
  - What is the date or place of birth?
  - What is the date or place of marriage?
  - What is the date or place of death?
  - What is the spouse's name, or maiden name?
  - Who are the siblings?

# Tip

**Start slowly.** Don't rush to answer all your questions at once.

**Don't skip generations** in planning your research; it only leads to misattributed people.

# Toolkit Item #3: Research Plan

- Research Plan: A roadmap for research
- Components:
  - A general goal
  - Specific research objectives
  - List of potential records and sources
  - List of repositories



# Make a Plan

- What do you want to learn? (Goal)

**Step 1**



- What do you already know?

**Step 2**



- Do your background homework

**Step 3**



- Create your plan

**Step 4**



- Execute and fine tune your plan

**Step 5**



# Step 1: Creating Good Research Questions

- Make the question specific, answerable, realistic, timely
- Include name, place and date in the question
- Focus on genealogical questions, e.g.:
  - Identity
  - Kinship
  - Events
- Focus on a person



# Sample Question

- Who are the parents of Elizabeth Harris who married Martin Powell in Manchester Vermont in 1778?
  - Name (s)
  - Place
  - Date

# Research Plan Template

- Research subject
- ✓ Research question
- What is known about the question (and how it is known)
- Record dates – for reference
- Working hypotheses
- Which records will I need
- Search strategy

**Research Plan Template**

Research Subject:									
Name:	Birth and place:	Marriage and place: Name of spouse:	Death and place:						
Names and birthdates of children:									
Additional Information									
<b>Research Question:</b>									
<b>What Is Known About the Question?</b>									
Fact		Source of Fact:							
<b>Record Dates<sup>1</sup></b>									
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1.									
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3.									
<b>Which Records Will I Need?</b>									
Record	Purpose		Source/Repository						
<b>Search Strategy:</b>									

<sup>1</sup> Use Family Search Research Wiki to copy and paste dates for County record dates

## Step 2: What Do You Already Know?

- About Subject
  - Identify the *Where* and the *When* for your subject
    - Helpful to list vital events – with *place*
    - Name of spouse(s)
    - Names and dob(s) for children
- About the Question
  - Not just what you know, but HOW you know it
  - Focus on what is relevant to the Research Question



# What is Known About Subject?

Research Subject:			
Name:	Birth and place:	Marriage and place: Name of spouse:	Death and place:
Elizabeth Harris	Ca 1738, place unknown	1 Mar 1778, Manchester, Vermont Martin Powell	Unknown
Names and birthdates of children: Silas b. ca 1779 – Manchester, VT Electa b. ca 1781 – Manchester, VT Sarah b. ca 1782 – Manchester, VT			
Additional Information			

# What is Known About the Question?

## Research Question:

Who are the parents of Elizabeth Harris?

## What Is Known About the Question?

Fact	Source of Fact:
Her husband, Martin Powell was born in Amenia, NY	Find a Grave
Martin's first wife was Rhoda Thompson who died in 1777 in Manchester, VT	Vermont Vital Records
Rhoda may have married Martin in Amenia, NY	Ancestry tree

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# Step 3: Background Homework



- Learn about the place and time
- Learn about the geography (get a map)
- What do we think happened? (Hypothesis)
- Which records are most likely to have the answer?
- Where are those records? Which repositories?



# Learning About a Place

- Date community was founded
- Dates of earliest records
- Any record loss issues

## Bennington County, Vermont Record Dates [\[ edit | edit source \]](#)

Known Beginning Dates for Major County Records <sup>[2]</sup>						
Birth*	Marriage	Death*	Court	Land	Probate	Census
at town creation	at town creation	at town creation	1861	1782	1778	1790
*Statewide registration for births and deaths began in 1857. General compliance year is unknown.						

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### Record Loss [\[ edit | edit source \]](#)

There is no known history of courthouse disasters in this county.

### Bennington County, Vermont

**Map**



Location in the state of Vermont,  
[United States Genealogy](#)

**Facts**

<b>Founded</b>	February 11, 1779
<b>County Seat</b>	Bennington

# Bennington County, VT

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Guide to **Dutchess County, New York ancestry, family history, and genealogy** birth records, marriage records, death records, census records, and military records.

This page describes sources of genealogical data about Dutchess County, New York Genealogy families, including links to smaller localities at the bottom of this page. [New York, United States Genealogy](#)-related pages show useful statewide sources. [United States Genealogy](#) pages explain the terminology and contents of genealogical records.

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**Dutchess County, New York**

**Map**



Location in the state of New York, [United States Genealogy](#)

Location of New York in the U.S.

**Facts**

<b>Founded</b>	1683
<b>County Seat</b>	Poughkeepsie

# Dutchess County, NY Wiki

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## FamilySearch Research Wiki

A Genealogy Resource Guide  
100,176 articles

Find the birth, death, marriage, census records, and other genealogy resources for your ancestor by selecting the region and country below.

Dutchess County

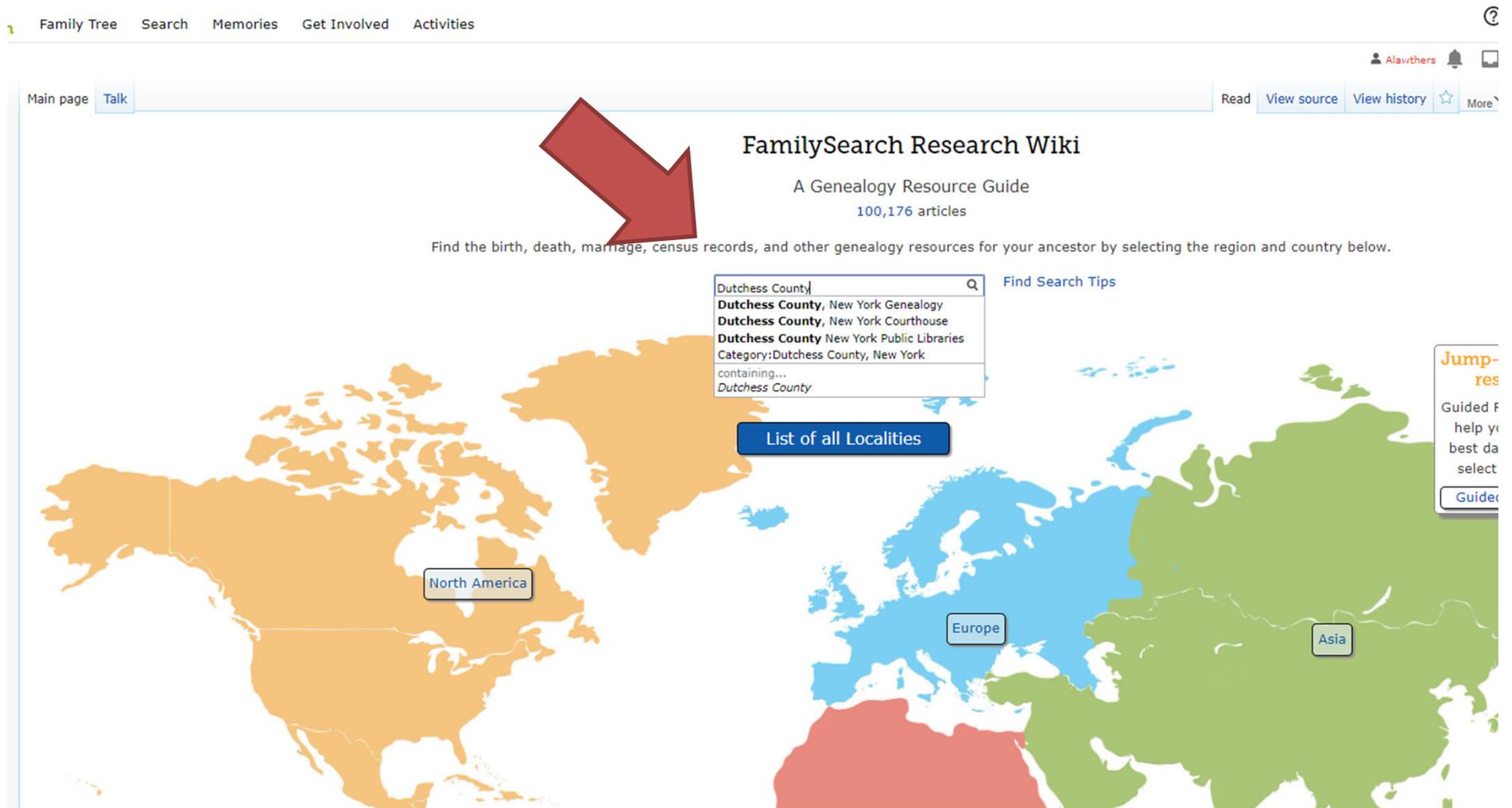
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## Finding Records Dates

## Dutchess County New York Historical Facts [\[ edit | edit source \]](#)

### Description [\[ edit | edit source \]](#)

The County was named for Mary of Modena, Duchess of York - the term Dutchess is an archaic form of the word duchess. The

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#### Record Loss [\[ edit | edit source \]](#)

The county courthouse in Poughkeepsie was burned in an 1806 fire. No public records were destroyed.<sup>[4]</sup>

#### Populated Places

## Dutchess County, NY

# Cut and Paste Dates from Wiki to Template

Record Dates									
Place	Formed	Birth	Marriage	Death	Court	Land	Probate	Census	Record Loss
Bennington, VT	1779	at town creation	at town creation	at town creation	1861	1782	1778	1790	None
Dutchess, NY	1663	1880	1908	1880	1730	1718	1752	1663	None

# Hypothesis Example

## What is the Working Hypothesis?

1. Elizabeth Harris was a widow in Manchester, Vermont, when she married Martin Powell in 1778
2. Elizabeth Harris was a spinster when she married Martin Powell

# Research Plan Template

- Research subject
- Research question
- What is known about the question (and how it is known)
- ✓ Record dates – for reference
- ✓ Working hypotheses
- Which records will I need
- Search strategy

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# Which Records (Basic)

## Which Records Will I Need?

Record	Purpose	Source/Repository
Marriage records of Manchester Vermont	First marriage of Elizabeth Harris	FamilySearch.org, AmericanAncestors.org or Ancestry.com
Vital records of Amenia, NY	First marriage or any mention of Harris family	FamilySearch.org, AmericanAncestors.org or Ancestry.com
Town history of Manchester, VT	Any mention of the Harris family	HathiTrust.org or local historical society

# Which Records (Advanced)

## Which Records Will I Need?

Record	Purpose	Source/Repository
Card index to vital statistics in the early land and town records books, Manchester Vermont	First marriage of Elizabeth Harris	<a href="https://www.familysearch.org/search/catalog/664510?availability=Family%20History%20Library">https://www.familysearch.org/search/catalog/664510?availability=Family%20History%20Library</a>
Vital records, 1749-1786 of Amenia, NY	First marriage or any mention of Harris family	<a href="https://www.familysearch.org/search/catalog/380341?availability=Family%20History%20Library">https://www.familysearch.org/search/catalog/380341?availability=Family%20History%20Library</a>
John S. Pettibone, "Early History of Manchester," Proceedings of the Vermont Historical Society 1930 Vol 1 (4), page 158	Any mention of the Harris family	<a href="https://vermonthistory.org/journal/misc/EarlyHistoryOfManchester.pdf">https://vermonthistory.org/journal/misc/EarlyHistoryOfManchester.pdf</a>

# Research Plan Template

- Research subject
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- ✓ Which records will I need
- ✓ Search strategy

**Research Plan Template**

Research Subject:

Name:	Birth and place:	Marriage and place: Name of spouse:	Death and place:

Names and birthdates of children:

Additional Information

Research Question:

What Is Known About the Question?

Fact	Source of Fact:

Record Dates<sup>1</sup>

Place	Formed	Birth	Marriage	Death	Court	Land	Probate	Census	Record Loss

What is the Working Hypothesis?

- 1.
- 2.
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Which Records Will I Need?

Record	Purpose	Source/Repository

Search Strategy:

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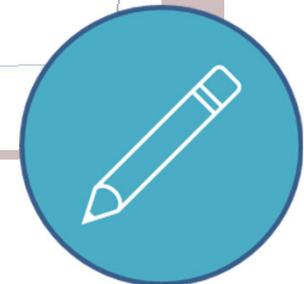
# Put it Together

- ✓ Research subject
- ✓ Research question
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## Step 3: Identify and Locate Your Sources

- Educate yourself – what types of records will supply the information you need?
- Make a list of records that will aid in your specific research
- Find resources in repositories and online
- Map out your plan of action
- Don't forget the "Family Archives!"

# Records

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
Marriage date and place	Vital Records, Census, Newspapers	Cemeteries, Military Records, Probate Records, Naturalization, Land
Death date and place	Vital Records, Cemeteries, Probate Records, Newspapers	Newspapers, Bible Records, Military Records
Parents' names	Vital Records, Census, Probate Records, Newspapers, Published Genealogies	Emigration
Maiden name	Vital Records, Newspapers	Cemeteries, Military Records, Probate Records

# More Records

Information Needed	Search These Records First	Then Search These Records
Immigration date	Census, Immigration, Naturalization	Newspapers, Biographies
Country of foreign birth	Naturalization Records, Vital Records, Census	Military Records, Vital Records, Newspapers
Foreign birth location	Vital Records, Published Genealogies, Biographies, Naturalization, Immigration, Census	Vital Records, Newspapers, History, Emigration and Immigration
Places family has lived	Census, Land, Local Histories, Directories	Military Records, Taxation, Obituaries

# Finding Aids

- Genealogist's Handbook for New England Research
- New York Family History Research Guide and Gazetteer
- Red Book
- The Source
- American Genealogical and Biographical Index
- County and town histories

# Step 4: Research!

- Begin answering your questions
- General principles
  - Consult multiple sources
  - Gather as many records about a family or individual that you can find
  - Track your work!

# Toolkit Item #4: Research Logs

- Keep track of what you have researched
- Categories of research logs
  - Person
  - Place
  - Family
  - Event
  - Repository
  - General
- What to include on a research log
  - Date of search
  - Source searched
  - Search objective
  - Search string
  - Results of search

# Research Log

## RESEARCH LOG

Repository: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Source Information <small>(title, author, publisher, publication date, etc.)</small>	Call Number <small>(film number, URL, etc.)</small>	Objective	Results



# Research Log for Land Records

## Research Log - Land

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7/6/19	773 7698 1835-1845 446	William Watkins	11/51	77 37963

# Data Abstraction Form

Watkins

Land Abstract Form 773 7963 image 239

County and State Frederick, MD		Book and Page # WBT 12/451
Grantor: *Elizabeth William Sigafoose		Grantee: William Watkins
Date of deed: 16 March 1850	Date recorded: Recorded by: wm Watkins	Consideration: \$12.50
Acreage		
Pertinent physical features, e.g. water courses Lot 53 one half of it in Berlin		
Neighbors		
Other pertinent facts witness #T Deaner + #H Crampton		

# Annotated Research Log

Source	Repository	Objective	Time Period	Location	Type of Record	Finding	Notes	Citation
<b>Vital Records</b>								
<b>Census Records</b>								
1880 U.S. Federal Census	FHL	Crotty Family	1880	Eastchester		James, Elizabeth, Marcella, John, James, Jane, Thomas		"1880 U.S. Federal Census," Eastchester, Westchester, New York, population schedule, ED 95, page 25, family 233, household of James Crotty; online images viewed at <i>Ancestry</i> (ancestry.com : viewed 4 Feb 2008), citing NARA microfilm T9, roll 945.
1850 U.S. Federal Census	FHL	James Crotty	1850	New York		James, Eliza, Ellen	Ellen is 6 mos old, so she was born Feb 1850	"1850 U.S. Federal Census," New York (Ward 17), New York, Population Schedule, Page 274b, household of James Crotley; online image viewed at <i>Ancestry</i> (ancestry.com : viewed 4 Feb 2008) citing NARA microfilm M432, Rool 556
1860 U.S. Federal Census	FHL	James Crotty	1860	Eastchester		James Eliza, Ellen, John, James, Jane, Mary, Ellen	Ellen the elder is 76 years old, born in Ireland	"1860 U.S. Federal Census," Eastchester, Westchester, New York, Population Schedule, Page 89, household of Jas Crotty; online image viewed at <i>Ancestry</i> (ancestry.com : viewed 4 Feb 2008) citing NARA microfilm M653
1870 U.S. Federal Census	FHL	James Crotty	1870	Eastchester		James, Eliza, Marella, John, James, Jane, Thomas	Mary appears to have died	"1860 U.S. Federal Census," Eastchester, Westchester, New York, Population Schedule, Page 276b, household of James Crotty; online image viewed at <i>Ancestry</i> (ancestry.com : viewed 4 Feb 2008) citing NARA microfilm M593, roll 1114
<b>Cemetery Records</b>								
<b>Probate/Wills</b>								
<b>Newspapers</b>								
<b>Published Genealogies</b>								
<b>City Directories</b>								

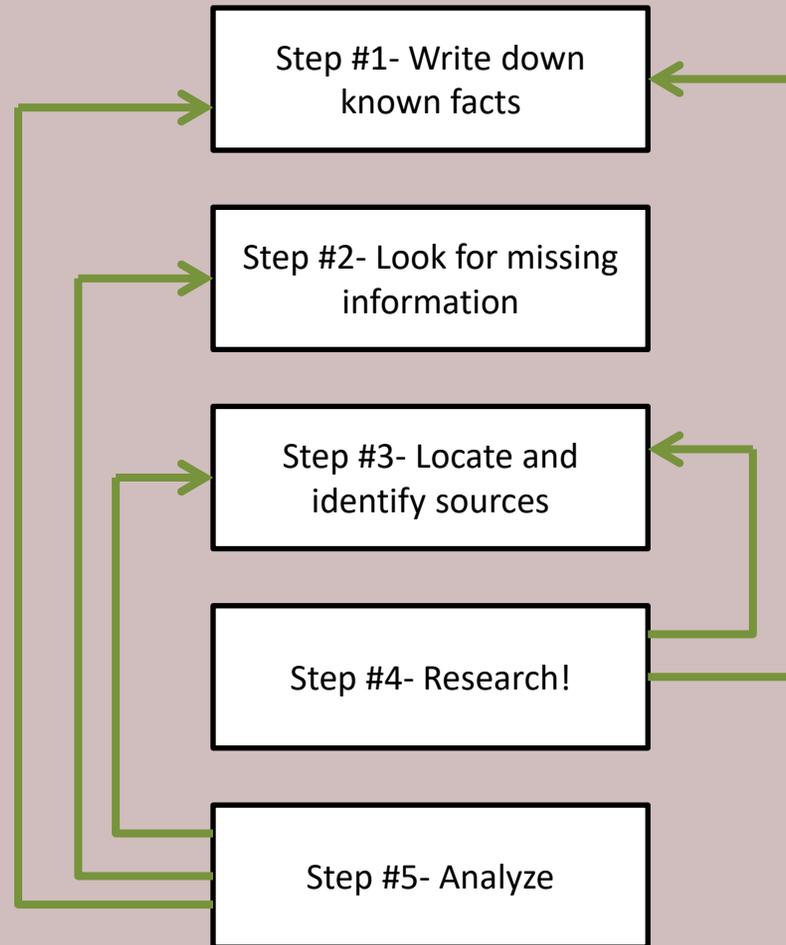
# Step 5: Analyze

- Don't just read, examine
  - Does the record bring up new questions?
  - How accurate is the record?
  - How accurate is the source?
- Record the information you have
- Record the sources you use

# Principles of Analysis

- Are you looking at a original or derivative source?
- When was the record created, i.e. how soon after the event it is capturing?
- Who created the record? A participant? Someone else?
- Who provided the information?
- Which information is primary (firsthand knowledge) and which is secondary (secondhand knowledge)
- What information do I need to capture for a citation?

# Rinse and Repeat



# Genealogical Proof Standard

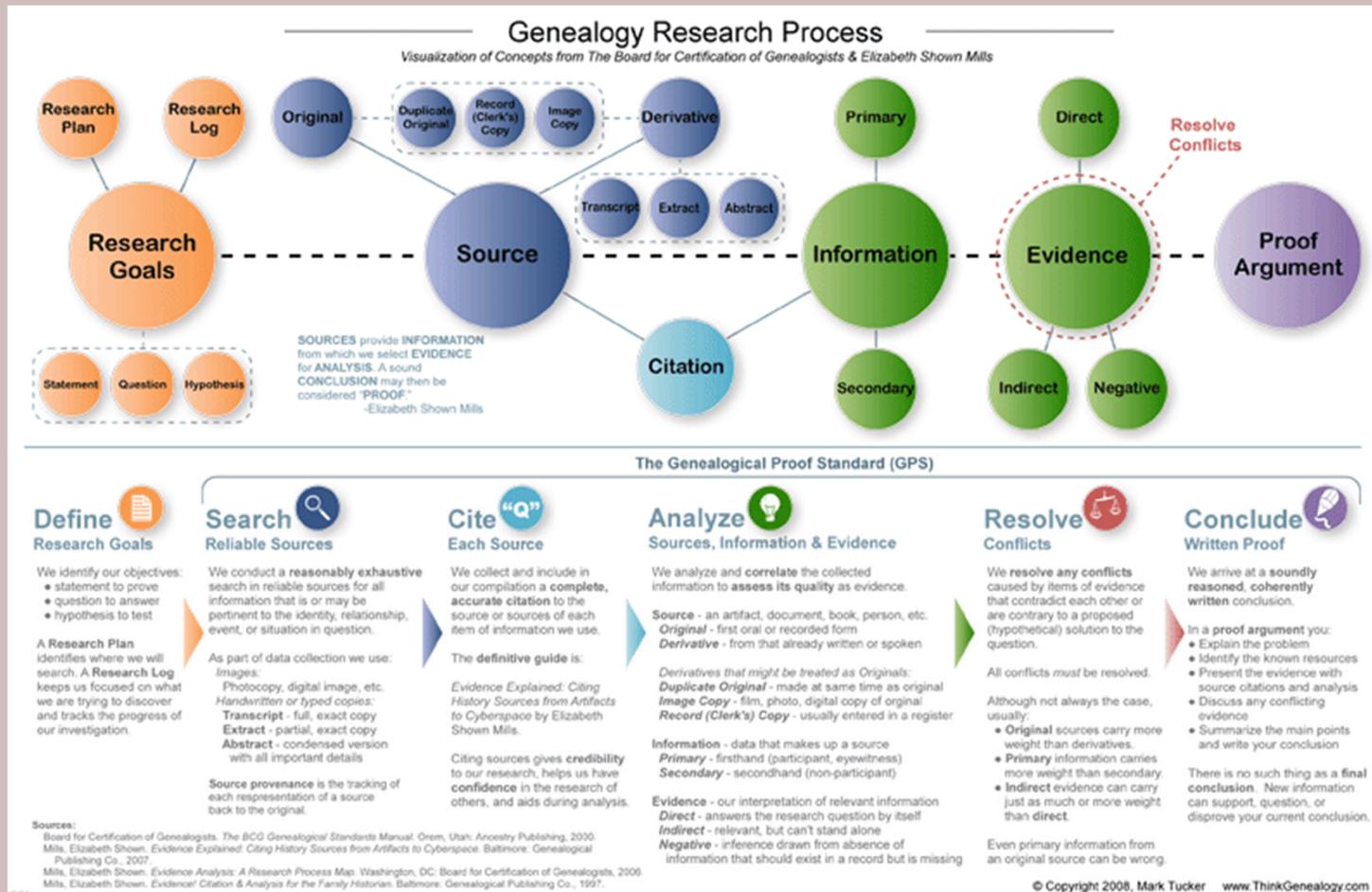
- Reasonably exhaustive research
- Complete, accurate citations to the source or sources of each information item
- Tests—through processes of analysis and correlation—of all sources, information items, and evidence
- Resolution of conflicts among evidence items
- A soundly reasoned, coherently written conclusion.

<http://www.bcgcertification.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.

# Research Roadmap with GPS



# Principles of Analysis

## Source

Original

Derivative

Authored

## Information

First-hand

Second-hand

Unknown

## Evidence

Direct

Indirect

Negative

# QUESTIONS?

# Session Roadmap

Cardinal rules of genealogy



Five steps for researching



Focus on step three: sources

# A Focus on Step Three

Step 1

- Identify what you know

Step 2

- Decide what you want to learn (Research goal)

Step 3

- Identify and locate your sources

Step 4

- Research!

Step 5

- Analyze

# How can we locate missing information?

**Tip**

**Educate Yourself  
About Records and  
Sources**

# 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

# Sources and Records

Source: US Federal  
Census.

Record ?

Source: Church  
Register.

Record ?

Source:  
Cemetery.

Record ?

Source: County  
Court House.

Record ?

# Standard Records and Sources



Child's Name *Mary Batchelder*  
 Date of Birth *22<sup>d</sup> of June, 1743*  
 Place of Birth .....

Sex *F* Color .....

Living or Stillborn .....

No. of Child, 1st, 2d, etc. ....

Father's Name *Nathaniel Batchelder*  
 " Birthplace .....

" Color .....

" Residence .....

" Occupation .....

Mother's Maiden Name *Anna*  
 " Birthplace .....

" Color .....

" Occupation .....

Name and Address of Physician (or other person) reporting said birth.  
 .....

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

*I hereby certify that the above birth record is a correct transcript as required by Chap. 21, Session Laws, 1905.*

*Horace M. Lane*  
 Clerk of *Hampton*  
 Date *Aug. 22, 1906*

BIRTH-FEMALE

Name of Child *Chamberlain, Calista M.* No. of Child of Mother *094*  
 Color .....

Date of Birth *1859* Month *Nov* Day *26*

Maiden Name of Mother *Helen*  
 Mother's Birthplace *Nelson - N.H.* Age .....

Mother's Residence *Dist. 2*

Full Name of Father *Dana Chamberlain*  
 Father's Birthplace *Guilford* Age .....

Father's Occupation *Labour*

Condition of Child as to Live or Still Birth  Live  Still

If Still Birth the Cause .....

Name of Informant .....

Town *Brattleboro* Town Clerk

# Vital Records – pre 1906

BIRTHS REGISTERED in the town of Brookline for the Year eighteen hundred and ninety-nine.

No.	DATE OF BIRTH.	DATE OF RECORD.	NAME AND SURNAME OF THE CHILD, AND COLOR (if other than white).	SEX AND COLOR (as Deeds, etc.)	PLACE OF BIRTH.	NAMES OF PARENTS. (Give MAIDEN name of mother.)	RESIDENCE OF PARENTS.	OCCUPATION OF FATHER.	PLACE OF BIRTH OF FATHER.	PLACE OF BIRTH OF MOTHER.
452	Dec. 9	1899	Mary Howard Waldron	F	26 Winthrop St.	Joseph and Mary Howard	26 Winthrop St.	Mariner	P. S. I.	P. S. I.
453	Dec. 10	1900	Elizabeth Janet Cantelo	F	1908 Beacon Street	Wallace and Etta Barnett	1453 Beacon St.	Drugs	Charlotte, N. C.	Albany, N. Y.
454	Dec. 11		Clark Casultine	M	22 Hayes Street	Norman and Alice F. Burt	22 Hayes St.	Lawyer	Savannah, Ga.	Newton
455	Dec. 11		Mary Scam	F	116 Chestnut St.	Geo. W. and Sarah K. Hearn	116 Chestnut St.	Fireman	Ireland	Ireland
456	Dec. 11		Katherine Kennedy	F	25 Flora Street	Patrick and Catherine McLaughlin	25 Flora Street	Laborer	Ireland	Ireland
457	Dec. 13	Cor. 412	M. Keegan	F	22 Perry Street	Thomas and Louisa Fraser	22 Perry Street	Carpenter	Gate Dretton	Kora Scotia
458	Dec. 13		Thomas Francis McManus	M	11 Emerald St.	Terkin and Rosanna Tiernan	11 Emerald St.	Laborer	Ireland	Ireland
459	Dec. 13		Harold Irving Burhouse	M	297 Harvard St.	Edw. W. and Edy May Fox	297 Harvard St.	Salaman	East Boston	East Bradford, Mass.
460	Dec. 14		J. Kelly	F	24 Walter Ave.	Lulu and Mary Griffin	24 Walter Ave.	Fireman	Ireland	Ireland
461	Dec. 15		Elizabeth Huntington	F	Tendall Place	Cornelius and Mary Hallane	Tendall Pl.	Bookman	Ireland	Ireland
462	Dec. 15		Coable	F	73 Pearl Street	Thomas and Margaret Murphy	73 Pearl Street	Printer	Ireland	Ireland
463	Dec. 16		Edward Grosvenor Thorman	M	67 Washington St.	George F. and Sarah Bell	67 Washington St.	Superintendent	Le Sueur, Maine	Turkey, Asia
464	Dec. 18		Thomas Kelly	M	422 Doyleton St.	Thomas and Harriet L. Kelly	422 Doyleton St.	Clerk	Clinton	Boston
465	Dec. 18		Russell Elliot Smith	M	96 Brook Street	Harry E. and Martha Dunham	96 Brook St.	Fireman	Manchester, Mass.	Spurwick
466	Dec. 18		Ellen Walsh	F	44 Ward Road	James and Catherine J. Fox	44 Ward Road	Bookman	Ireland	Ireland
467	Dec. 19	corr.	Thomas Linsley	M	57 Walter Ave.	John and Mary McKeel	57 Walter Ave.	Laborer	Ireland	Ireland
468	Dec. 22		Donohay	F	52 Pearl Street	Patrick and Catherine Moran	52 Pearl St.	Laborer	Ireland	Ireland
469	Dec. 23		Maria Elizabeth Keisley	F	Doyleton Street	John W. and Mary A. Wallace	Doyleton St.	Fireman	Newton	Ireland
470	Dec. 25		William Christopher Tumbull	M	118 Ridgway St.	William and Margaret Hillane	Ridgway St.	Bookman	Ireland	Ireland
471	Dec. 25		Carol Colletore	F	Harvard Place	Peter H. and Catherine Quella	Harvard Pl.	Bookman	Portland	Mainfield, N. H.
472	Dec. 25		Richard Huntington	M	297 Doyleton Street	Joseph and Mary F. Richards	297 Doyleton St.	Electrician	Brookline	Charlestown
473	Dec. 25		Thomas	M	58 Beate Street	John and Annie Duffe	58 Beate Street	Writer	Ireland	Ireland
474	Dec. 25	corr.	James Louis Smith	F	9 Herquon St.	William and Ann McRister	9 Herquon St.	Painter	England	England
475	Dec. 30		James Duane	M	30 Dover St.	James and Mary Lehmann	30 Dover St.	Merchant	New York	Brooklyn, N. Y.
476	Dec. 30		M. Kormach	M	152 Doyleton St.	John and Catherine	152 Doyleton St.	Architect	Massachusetts	P. S. I.

462	Dec.	15		F	Coable	73 Pearl Street	Thomas and Margaret Murphy	73 Pearl Street		
463	Dec.	16		M	Edward Grosvenor Thorman	67 Washington St.	George F. and Sarah Bell	67 Washington St.		
464	Dec.	18		M	Thomas Kelly	422 Doyleton St.	Thomas and Harriet L. Kelly	422 Doyleton St.		

673 Washington St. Superintendent Le Sueur, Maine. Turkey, Asia

Rev. Daniel of Grafton and Deborah [d. David c.R.] Hall, May 9, 1776.

**GROUT**, Betsy of Westborough and Jonas Gale Jr., Nov. 1, 1795. In Westborough.

Jonathan and Sarah De Wolf, Nov. 13, 1811.

Martha, resident in Shrewsbury, and Charles Roberts, Nov. 27, 1744. In Shrewsbury.\*

**GROVER**, Almira H. [of Richmond, N.H., in int.] and Caleb Chase, Sept. 1, 1840.

**GROSVENOR**, Asa of Pomfret and Hannah Hall, April 24, 1766.\*

Chloe of Pomfret, Ct. and Joseph Hall, int. Sept. 4, 1785.

Rev. Daniel of Grafton and Deborah [d. David c.R.] Hall, May 9, 1776.

Phebe D. and William Newton Jr. of Millbury, int. Aug. 20, 1827.

**GUNN**, Samuel H. of Mendon (s. Justin and Saphronia, a. 20)

# Vital Records Caveats

- Birth, marriage, and death records
- Often provide the names of the individual's parents and/or spouse
- Depending on the state, records may be held on the state, county, and/or town/city level
- Privacy restrictions may limit access
- Certified vs. genealogical or informational copies

# Tip

Use Census to Anchor  
Your Ancestor to a Place  
and Time

(No. 4.) SCHEDULE of the whole number of persons within the division allotted to *Samuel C. Allen*

NAME OF HEADS OF FAMILIES	FREE WHITE PERSONS, INCLUDING HEADS OF FAMILIES														FREE COLORED PERSONS																									
	MALES							FEMALES							MALES							FEMALES																		
	Under 5	5 to 10	10 to 15	15 to 20	20 to 25	25 to 30	30 to 40	40 to 50	50 to 60	60 to 70	70 to 80	80 to 90	90 to 100	100 and over	Under 5	5 to 10	10 to 15	15 to 20	20 to 30	30 to 40	40 to 50	50 to 60	60 to 70	70 to 80	80 to 90	90 to 100	100 and over	Under 5	5 to 10	10 to 15	15 to 20	20 to 30	30 to 40	40 to 50	50 to 60	60 to 70	70 to 80	80 to 90	90 to 100	100 and over
<i>Wm. Russell</i>	24	37	18	11	14	25	9	11	11	6	3			19	19	14	27	24	11	10	7	1	1																	
<i>Chas. Cousins</i>					3		1									1	1																							
<i>Sam. Curtis</i>	1					1								2				1	1																					
<i>Wm. Russell</i>	1					1											1																							
<i>Mr. Andrews</i>									1																		1	1												
<i>Sam. Stashin</i>		1	1	1	1									1			1	1																						
<i>Chas. Stashin</i>	1					1												1																						
<i>Wm. Stashin</i>	1					1											1																							
<i>Wm. Stashin</i>									1																		1													
<i>Moses Avery</i>														2			1																							
<i>Edna Russell</i>																					2					1														
<i>Erastus Curtis</i>	1					1								2				1																						
<i>Samuel Clark</i>		1	1			1									1	2																								
<i>Mr. Whitaker</i>																1																								
<i>Amos St. Smith</i>		2	1				1																																	
<i>John Day</i>																																								
<i>John St. Cary</i>																																								
<i>Sam. Stashin</i>	1					1								1	2																									
<i>John Thomas</i>					1	1										1	1																							
<i>Miss Vance</i>																																								
<i>Amos Ellis</i>																																								
<i>Wm. Stashin</i>																																								
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<i>Wm. C. Ellis</i>																																								
<i>Sam. Ellis</i>																																								
<b>TOTAL</b>	32	34	32	30	27	31	18	19	7	7	3			37	34	36	27	40	32	17	15	9	2	1																

# 1840 Census Record



SCHEDULE I. — Free Inhabitants in Ward City of Burlington in the County of Verdunnet State Vt  
of awa enumerated by me, on the 5 day of Nov 1850. John Bull Ass't Marshal

Dist. No.	The Name of every Person whose usual place of abode on the first day of June, 1850, was in the order of enumeration.	SEX AND AGE			Profession, Occupation, or Trade of such Male Persons over 15 years of age.	Value of Real Estate owned.	Place or Birth, Naming the State, Territory, or Country.	Whether deaf and dumb, blind, insane, idiotic, pauper, or convict.			
		Age	Sex	Color							
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
1	Edgar	8	M				awa				
2	Stephena	8	M				"				
3	Frederick	2	M				"				
4	George	7 1/2	M				"				
5	1461 1370 Samuel Wells	37	M		Labourer v 2000		Pa	v			
6	Nancy	25	F				"				
7	George	12	M				awa				
8	Mary	9	F				"				
9	Samuel	5	M				"				
10	Carra	3	F				"				
11	1462 1371 Harriet Smith	32	F			1400	Ohio v				
12	William	14	M				Pa v		6		
13	Angelina	9	F				awa		12		
14	August	7	M				"				
15	Hyman Mottish	31	M				Ohio v				
16	1463 1372 Isaac Saffler	30	M		Black v		awa v				
17	Hyman	23	M				Pa v				
18	Frederick	2	M				awa				
19	Harriet	1 1/2	F				"				
20	Elizabeth Zimmerman	14	F				Ohio v				
21	Isaac Baggs	22	M		Lawyer v		Pa v				
22	Rebecca	23	F				awa				
23	Margret Saffler	19	F				"				
24	Wright	27	M		Labourer v		Pa v				
25	Isaac	23	M		Farmer v		awa v				
26	Richard	21	M				"				

27	37		Mary	14	F		"					37
28	38		John	8	M		"					38
29	39	1465 1374	Peter B. Bell	41	M	Miller v 3000	Pa	v				39
30	40		Lavinia	29	F		Pa	v				40
31	41		Edisabeth	16	F		Pa			6		41
32	42		Mary	14	F		awa				6	42
33			Sarah	12	F		Pa	v			6	
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# 1850 U.S. Federal Census



# Tips about the census

# Census Taker

- Didn't have to talk to anyone in the house
- Could talk to a neighbor if no one home
- What we view are copies of originals
- Families were not asked to spell their name

# Knowing the Family

- 1790–1840: lists only the name of the head of the household
- 1850–1870: lists everyone in household, but not how they are related

*Generally, can assume people in same household are family*

- 1880–1940: relationships listed

# Canadian Census

- Enumerated in 1825, 1831, 1842, 1851, 1861, 1871, 1881, 1891, 1901, 1906, 1911, 1916, and 1921
- Microfilm at NEHGS
- Online resources:
  - Ancestry.com
  - familysearch.org

Page 92 } Province de Québec } District No. 153 Ville de Lévis Sous-District 6. Quartier Notre-Dame } Page 92  
 Recensement de 1871 } } } Recensement de 1871 }

Tableau No. 1.—Dénombrement des Vivants.

Ménages des Familles de Citoyens					Sexe	Age	Sexe des Enfants	Page ou Paroisse de naissance	Religion	Origine	Profession, occupation ou métier	Marié	Instruction					Date de l'émigration et de retour
Nom	Prénoms	Sexe	Age	Sexe									Enfant	Enfant	Enfant	Enfant	Enfant	
	Amar	Anglais	M	21			R	Catholique	Canadien	Commerçant	M							
	Joseph	F	26								M							
	Joseph	M	5															
	Benjamin	M	15				R. Pater	Anglais										
	Amelia	F	24					E. d'Espey	Islandais									
	Smith	M	72				Islande	E. d'Espey	Anglais		M		1	1				
	Sarah	F	67								M							
	Marie	F	34				R	Catholique	Canadien	Marchande	M							
533-538	Delima	F	55								M							
	Delima	F	4															
	Gilbert	M	3															
	Charles	F	18															
534-537	Agathe	F	58				Espey	E. d'Espey	Espagnole		V							
	Marcell	F	30				R				V							
	Joseph	F	24								M							
	Bo	M	19															
	Betty	F	28															
	Marcell	F	6															
	Robert	M	5															
	Barbomann	F	24															

# UK Census

- England/Wales- 1841, 1851, 1861, 1871, 1881, 1891, 1901, 1911
- Scotland- 1841, 1851, 1861, 1871, 1881, 1891, 1901, 1911
- Online resources:
  - [Ancestry.com](https://www.ancestry.com)
  - [Familysearch.org](https://www.familysearch.org)
  - [Scotlandspeople.gov.uk](https://www.scotlandspeople.gov.uk)

City or Borough of \_\_\_\_\_ Enumeration Schedule 30  
 Parish or Township of St. Andrew's

PLACE	HOUSES		NAMES of each Person who abode therein the preceding Night	AGE and SEX		PROFESSION, TRADE, EMPLOYMENT, or of INDEPENDENT MEANS.	Where Born		
	Unoccupied or Habitable	Inhabited		Males	Females		Abode of Birth	Abode of Birth of Parents	Abode of Birth of Grandparents
Widdows			Mary Nelson	72					
			John do	2					
			John Cooke	70		Collier			
			Rebecca do	62					
			Elizabeth Brown	40					
			John Hunter	57					
			William do	17					
			Ann do	5					
			Robert Sandell	70					
			Daniel Cookhouse	50		Blacksmith			
			Mary do	40					
			Mary Wether	30					
			Samuel do	40		X Labourer			
			Ann do	9					
			Charles Goring	30		X Labourer			
			Ann do	25					
			Thomas do	15					
			Charles Manning	70		X Labourer			
			John Sandy	30		Blacksmith			
			Ann do	30					
		William do	7						
		Richard do	5						
		Edmund do	3						
		Robert do	1						
		John Strickland	20		Widow's Son				
TOTAL in									
No Page 6			13		16	9			

# Ireland Census

- Survived and available for 1901 and 1911
- A small number survive for 1821, 1831, 1841, and 1851

**CENSUS OF IRELAND, 1901.**  
(Two Examples of the mode of filling up this Table are given on the other side.)

**FORM A.** No. on Form B. /

**RETURN of the MEMBERS of this FAMILY and their VISITORS, BOARDERS, SERVANTS, &c., who slept or abode in this House on the night of SUNDAY, the 31st of MARCH, 1901.**

Serial	NAME and SURNAME.		RELATION to Head of Family.	RELIGIOUS PROFESSION.	EDUCATION.	AGE.	SEX.	RANK, PROFESSION, OR OCCUPATION.	MARRIAGE.	WHERE BORN.	IRISH LANGUAGE.	If Dead and Buried; Date of Burial, or Locality.
	Given Name.	Surname.										
1	John	Higgins	Head of Family	Roman Catholic	Read & Write	57	M	Farmer	Married	County Wick	English & Irish	
2	Ellen	Higgins	Wife	Roman Catholic	Read & Write	55	F		Married	County Wick	English & Irish	
3	Margaret	Higgins	Daughter	Roman Catholic	Read & Write	17	F	Farmer's Daughter	Not Married	County Wick	English	
4	Michael	Higgins	Son	Roman Catholic	Read & Write	15	M	Farmer's Son	Not Married	Co. Wick		
5	Liam	Higgins	Son	Roman Catholic	Read & Write	13	M	Farmer's Son	Not Married	Co. Wick		
6	Ellen	Higgins	Daughter	Roman Catholic	Read & Write	11	F	Scholar	Not Married	Co. Wick		
7	Robert	Higgins	Son	Roman Catholic	Read & Write	9	M	Scholar	Not Married	Co. Wick		
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14												
15												

I hereby certify, as required by the Act 63 Vic., cap. 6, s. 6 (1), that the foregoing Return is correct, according to the best of my knowledge and belief.

I believe the foregoing to be a true Return.

*John Higgins* (Signature of Head of Family).

*Lawrence Miller Esq.* (Signature of Enumerator.)

<http://www.census.nationalarchives.ie/>

In the name of God amen I Jacob Humer of  
 Frederick County in the province of Maryland, being thro' the abundant mercy  
 and goodness of God, tho weak in body, yet of a sound and perfect understanding  
 and memory do constitute this my Last Will and Testament, that is to say  
 First and principally of all I recommend my Soul into the hands of God  
 that

that give it, nothing doubting, but at the general resurrection, I shall  
 receive the same again, and as touching my worldly estate, wheresoever it hath  
 pleased God to bless me with in this life, I give and dispose of in the following  
 manner. I first give and bequeath to my two sons namely, John  
 and Jacob Humer to them and their Heirs forever. All that Tract or parcel  
 of Land called the Runaway on peace, containing one hundred and Forty Four  
 acres, and that to be equally divided between them both, as follows, my son John  
 to have his part adjoining a tract of Land called Turkey Thicket, now in the  
 possession of Henry Knive and my son Jacob, to have the remainder part, adjoining  
 a tract of Land called Black Walnut Bottom. Also I give and bequeath to  
 my aforesaid two sons, one other tract of Land called Choyce tho' not yet deeded  
 and I desire the said Land to be deeded as follows, my son Jacob to have  
 thirty acres adjoining his part of the afo' Runaway on peace, and my son John  
 to have the remainder part let there be more or less, and the money that is  
 to be paid on the afo' Tract of Land called Choyce, I desire my son John and

Jacob to pay it in equal proportion as the Land is deeded. Item I give and  
 bequeath to my children, Mary, Elizabeth, Eve, John, and Jacob, All my  
 moveable affects, and that equilly divided amongst them all And

publicly pronounced and declared  
 that Jacob Humer to be his last Will and  
 Testament, in the presence of Mr. ...  
 Capt. Michael Trindler George Adams  
 Frederick County January 6. 1778. Then came Jacob Humer and  
 made

# Probate Records - Will

# Probate Boilerplate

- “In the name of God, Amen I [name] of [County] in [State/Province] being thro’ the abundant mercy and goodness of God, tho weak in body, yet of a sound and perfect understanding and memory do constitute this my Last Will and Testament....”
- “Then came [name 1] and [name 2] the subscribing witnesses to the Last Will and Testament of [name] late of [place name] deceased and made under oath on the Holy Evangels of God that they did see the testor therein named sign and seal this will....”

This Indenture made on the first day of November in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and thirty, Between Jacob Hummer of West Salem Township in the County of Mercer and Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and Hanna his wife of the one part and Rachel and Hanna their daughters of the same place of the other part  
 Witnesseth that the said Jacob Hummer and Hanna his wife for and in consideration of the natural love and affection which they have and bear unto their said daughters Rachel and Hanna and for and in consideration of the sum of two dollars lawful money of the United States to them in hand paid by the said Rachel and Hanna their daughters as aforesaid at, or before the enrolling or delivery hereof, do hereby covenant, sell, alien, convey, release and confirm, and by these presents do grant, bargain, sell, alien, convey, release and confirm unto the said Rachel & Hanna  
 acres west ninety two perches to stones thence south forty perches and thence by land of Joseph Hummer north eighty seven degrees west thirty two degrees east one perch to a post thence south eighty one degrees west seventy seven perches and six tenths of a perch to a post at the publick road thence north along said road towards Acquillo, thence by land of Joseph Hummer thence by land of Louis Benhizas south 87 degrees west 52 perches to a post thence by land of Hawen Walker south 3 degrees East 7.8 perches to post thence north 48 perches to stones in creek from thence to the Beginning of the County of  
 thence by land of Joseph Hummer north eighty seven degrees East 159.6 perches to a post, thence north 3 degrees west 11.8 perches to post thence north 89 degrees East 16 perches to a post thence north 89 degrees East 16 perches to a post thence north 89 degrees East 16 perches to a post

# Land Records

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 in anywise appertaining and the Reversions and Remainders Rents issues and profits thereof; and also all the estate Right Title interest Property claim and demand whatsoever of them the said Jacob Hamme and Hanna his wife accepting as above accepted in law or equity or otherwise howsoever of in and to the same: To have and to hold the said described tract of land with the exceptions hereunto set out and promised hereby granted a Mounted or intended to be with the respectances unto the said Rachel Hamme & Hanna Hamme their heirs and assigns forever to and for the only proper use benefit and behoof of them the said Rachel Hamme and Hanna Hamme their heirs and assigns forever. And the said Jacob Hamme and Hanna his wife doth Covenant promise and agree to and with the said Rachel Hamme that she shall

(Macedon County) The first day of November in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty personally appeared before me the subscriber a justice of the peace in said County the above named Jacob Hamme and Hanna his wife and acknowledged the above Indenture to be their act and deed and desired the same as such might be recorded according to law. The said Hanna being of lawful age and by me examined separat and apart from her said husband and made acquainted with the full contents of the foregoing Indenture said she did voluntarily of her own free will and accord sign seal & at her act and deed deliver the said Indenture without coercion or compulsion of her said husband In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal of office at Salem the day above written.

Recorded November 29<sup>th</sup> 1830  
 The said Hanna being of lawful age and by me examined separat and apart from her said husband and made acquainted with the full contents of the foregoing Indenture said she did voluntarily of her own free will and accord sign seal & at her act and deed deliver the said Indenture without coercion or compulsion of her said husband In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal of office at Salem the day above written.  
 John Reed

Page 2 of Land Record



WOOD & NICHOLS, Notaries Public and Custom House Brokers, 25 Pine Street, adjoining the Custom House, N. Y. Sold by McSpedee & Baker, Stationers, 25 Pine Street, adjoining the Custom House, N. Y.

**DISTRICT OF NEW YORK—PORT OF NEW YORK.**

I, *Samuel Gorton* do solemnly, sincerely and truly *Swear* that the following List or Manifest of Passengers, subscribed with my name, and now delivered by me to the Collector of the Customs for the District of New York, contains, to the best of my knowledge and belief, a just and true account of all the Passengers received on board the *Ship Fidelis* whereof I am Master, from *Liverpool* So help me God. *Samuel Gorton*

Sworn to this *31<sup>st</sup> day of May 1835*  
 Before me \_\_\_\_\_

List or Manifest OF ALL THE PASSENGERS taken on board the *Ship Fidelis*  
*Gorton* is Master, from *Liverpool* burthen *10* whereof *27* tons.

NAMES	Age		SEX	OCCUPATION	The country to which they severally belong	The country to which they intend to become inhabitants	Died on the Voyage
	Years	Months					
<i>Robert Gardner</i>	<i>45</i>			<i>gentleman</i>	<i>Scotland</i>	<i>England</i>	
<i>Moses Davis</i>	<i>21</i>				<i>Ireland</i>	<i>United States</i>	
<i>Thomas Hunt</i>	<i>30</i>			<i>Farmer</i>			
<i>Susan D<sup>e</sup></i>	<i>30</i>			<i>Wife</i>			
<i>John Stephenson</i>	<i>40</i>			<i>Paint-branft</i>			
<i>Elyza D<sup>e</sup></i>	<i>40</i>						
<i>Jane Jefferson</i>	<i>40</i>						
<i>Bartholomew D<sup>e</sup></i>	<i>25</i>						
<i>Charles Heggins</i>	<i>25</i>			<i>Draper</i>			
<i>John W<sup>o</sup> Kitchell</i>	<i>25</i>			<i>D<sup>e</sup></i>	<i>Scotland</i>		
<i>James Broth<sup>y</sup></i>	<i>22</i>			<i>Stone mason</i>	<i>Ireland</i>		
<i>Elyza D<sup>e</sup></i>	<i>21</i>			<i>Wife</i>			
<i>Elyza Bonnerford</i>	<i>20</i>						
<i>William Kolowich</i>	<i>20</i>			<i>Soldier</i>			
<i>Arthur Kahan</i>	<i>18</i>			<i>Farmer</i>			
<i>Lyons Holaston</i>	<i>65</i>			<i>Tailor</i>	<i>England</i>		
<i>Jurisa D<sup>e</sup></i>	<i>56</i>			<i>Wife</i>			
<i>Robert D<sup>e</sup></i>	<i>14</i>						
<i>Abraham Harris</i>	<i>16</i>						
<i>Lawrence Dutton</i>	<i>14</i>			<i>Farmer</i>	<i>Ireland</i>		
<i>Margret D<sup>e</sup></i>	<i>30</i>			<i>Servant</i>			
<i>Abraham Longbottom</i>	<i>24</i>			<i>Engineer</i>	<i>England</i>		
<i>John Beard</i>	<i>32</i>			<i>Farmer</i>			
<i>Jane M<sup>r</sup> Bull<sup>y</sup></i>	<i>31</i>			<i>Wife</i>	<i>Ireland</i>		
<i>Edm Archdeacon</i>	<i>28</i>						
<i>Samuel M<sup>r</sup> Lewis</i>	<i>20</i>						

*John W<sup>o</sup> Kitchell 25*  
*James Broth<sup>y</sup> 22*  
*Elyza D<sup>e</sup> 21*  
*Stone mason Ireland*  
*Wife*

# Ship Passenger Records

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Family Name		Given Name or Names	
CROTTY		JAMES	
Title and Location of Court			
SUPERIOR COURT, NEW YORK COUNTY.			
Date of Naturalization	Volume or Bundle No.	Page No.	Copy of Record No.
MAR 11 1863	126	—	38
Address of Naturalized Person			
FORDHAM WESTCHESTER CO. N.Y.			
Occupation	Birth Date or Age	Former Nationality	
LABORER	—	SEEOOTHER	
Port of Arrival in the United States		Date of Arrival	
—		—	
Names, Addresses and Occupations of Witnesses To Naturalization			
1	PATRICK CROTTY FORDHAM		✓
2	CONSTABLE WESTCHESTER CO		
		NY	

## Naturalization Index— 19<sup>th</sup> c



# Other Sources of Information

- Newspapers
  - Birth and marriage notices, obituaries, and feature articles
- Published genealogies
- Town and county histories
- Cemetery and burial records
- Tax records
- City directories
- Town records,
- And more!



THE THIRD GENERATION

THE WILLIAM WARD  
GENEALOGY

THE HISTORY OF  
THE DESCENDANTS OF WILLIAM WARD  
OF SUDBURY, MASS., 1638-1925

BY  
CHARLES MARTYN  
Author of  
"The Life of Artemas Ward,  
the first Commander-in-Chief  
of the  
American Revolution"

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NEW YORK

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238. THOMAS, born September 7, 1700, married March 29, 1727, ANNA WILSON of Lancaster, Mass. At the time of their marriage he was a resident of Shrewsbury and they set up their home in the North Parish.  
CHILDREN: Levi,<sup>2</sup> Amariah, Anna, Solomon, Mary, Sarah.
239. OBADIAH, born January 6, 1702, married ABIGAIL ———. They lived first in Marlborough, later in Shrewsbury, Mass.  
CHILDREN: Phineas,<sup>2</sup> Abigail, Marshall, Ruth, Jonas, John.
240. PHEBE, born September 18, 1704, married June 10, 1729, in Westborough, Mass., SIMEON WILLARD of Grafton, Mass.
241. ABNER, born March 21, 1708, died July 30, 1750, in Westborough, Mass. He married March 29, 1731, in Westborough, VASHTI EAGER.  
CHILDREN: Alpheus,<sup>2</sup> Abner, Sylvanus.
242. PERSIS, born April 19, 1713, died October 10, 1746, in Westborough, Mass. She married December 23, 1731, in Westborough, ELEAZER RICE. He survived her.  
CHILDREN: Hephzibah,<sup>2</sup> Zerviah, Timothy, Francis.
243. DAVID, born September 26, 1714.
82. OLIVER WARD,<sup>2</sup> born 1686 in Marlborough, Mass., married February 2, 1709, in Sudbury, Mass., HANNAH BRIGHAM, born March 27, 1683, in Marlborough, daughter of John and Sarah Brigham.  
They lived for some years in what is now the westerly part of Northborough, Mass., near the head of "Cold Harbor" meadow, on the place afterwards occupied by Jotham Bartlett. In Massachusetts Archives, 71:454, is his damage claim for a horse wounded in a fight with Indians near Lancaster in August 1708. About 1716 he moved to the section which became Westborough in the following year, as noted also under Increase Ward (76). In 1736 he was a selectman in Grafton, Mass.  
Children, born in Marlborough:  
244. DINAH,<sup>4</sup> born December 26, 1709.  
245. EXPERIENCE, born September 25, 1711, married April 26, 1733, in Westborough, Mass., JESSE SMITH of Lexington, Mass., born April 1, 1711, son of John and Mary Smith.  
246. THANKFUL, born May 9, 1713, married January 18, 1736, ZEBADIAH SMITH.  
247. DEBORAH }  
248. HANNAH } triplets, born January 15, 1715, died in infancy.  
249. SARAH }
88. WILLIAM WARD,<sup>2</sup> born May 27, 1680, in Marlborough, Mass., died January 9, 1767, in Southborough, Mass. He married (1) JANE CLEVELAND of Boston, born about 1681, died April 12, 1745, in Southborough, daughter of Samuel and Jane (Keyes) Cleveland, and granddaughter of Moses Cleveland, from England about 1635.  
He married (2) October 18, 1758, in Westborough, Mass., Mrs. SARAH SMITH.  
He was a noted surveyor and was often employed by the proprietors of new townships to lay out their house-lots and subsequent divisions of common lands, thereby becoming a proprietor in many of the new towns, and an extensive landholder. He was, further, awarded 1000

# HISTORY OF MERCER COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA.

ITS PAST AND PRESENT.

INCLUDING

ITS ABORIGINAL HISTORY; ITS EARLY SETTLEMENT AND DEVELOPMENT;  
A DESCRIPTION OF ITS HISTORIC AND INTERESTING LOCALITIES;  
SKETCHES OF ITS BOROUGH, TOWNSHIPS AND VILLAGES;  
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County Histories

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HISTORY OF MERCER COUNTY.

1878. They reared eight children: Samuel, Abraham K., John, Maria, Linna, Marvin, Madison and Ann, all residents of the county except Samuel, who lives in Michigan. Abraham K. was reared in his native township, and married June 10, 1836, Mrs. Sarah Smith, nee Lawton, a native of Yorkshire, England, who has borne him five children: Silas, Catharine (wife of Oscar Brockway), Peter, Daniel and Anna S., all living. Politically Mr. Harnis is a staunch Democrat, and one of the oldest native residents of the township.

JACOB HASENPLUG, farmer, post-office Greenville, was born in Centre County, Penn., October 24, 1830. His grandfather, Henry Hasenplug, emigrated from Germany to America during the Revolution, and after the war married a Miss Siebold, of Union County, Penn. His father, Jacob Hasenplug, was born in Union County July 16, 1790, there grew up and married Annie Lechty, a native of the same county. They afterward removed to Centre County, where Jacob operated a tannery and brewery. In the fall of 1834 they removed to West Salem Township, Mercer County, and reared six children: George E., deceased; Elizabeth, wife of Jonathan Showers; Jacob; Maria, widow of William Dillon; John H. and Daniel. They settled in the forests of West Salem, in a hewed log house which Mr. Hasenplug erected after coming. The mother died in 1871, and her venerable husband, at the ripe old age of ninety-three years, resided on the old homestead, peacefully awaiting the call to join her in that home beyond the grave, until his death August 7, 1888. Both died in the faith of the Evangelical Association, of which church they were members many years. Politically he was a Republican. Our subject has resided in West Salem since the fall of 1834. He learned the shoemaker's trade, which he followed at Mayville for twenty years, but since the spring of 1882 he has been engaged in farming. In the fall of 1862 he was drafted, and enlisted in Company D, One Hundred and Sixty-ninth Regiment, Pennsylvania Militia, and served nine months. Mr. Hasenplug was married in April, 1855, to Mary Ann, daughter of Jeffrey and Ann (Merford) Bentley, of West Salem Township. She was a native of Mercer County, and reared nine children: Elizabeth, wife of Charles Busell; Emma, wife of Squire Jewell; Elmer E., Armina, Ida, Charles, Ella, Sadie and Lorinda, all of whom are living. Mrs. Hasenplug died in the Baptist faith May 7, 1875. Our subject is a Republican, and one of the well known citizens of the township.

THE HOMMER FAMILY.—Jacob Hommer, a native of Germany, and a Revolutionary soldier, was one of the early settlers of West Salem Township. He grew up in Maryland, and was twice married. His first wife was Mary Siler, who bore him three sons and four daughters: John, Joseph, Jacob, Polly, Lena, Susan and Elizabeth. The mother died in Maryland, and he married Mrs. Hannah (Booth) Schaffer, and with two sons, John and Jacob, and his four daughters, by his first marriage, immigrated to Mercer County in 1809 (Joseph remaining in Maryland), where he purchased and settled on a tract of land partly lying within the present limits of Greenville. Two daughters, Hannah and Rachel, were born of his second marriage. His cabin stood on the west side, where Samuel West now lives. The parents both spent the balance of their lives on this farm, upon which they were interred. John, the eldest son, married Catharine Harsh, in Maryland, and after coming to Mercer located at the Big Bend, in Delaware Township, where his father purchased him 100 acres. He died there, and his sons still live on the old homestead.

Joseph, the second son, was born in Maryland May 13, 1791, there learned the shoemaker's trade, and came to West Salem Township about two years after the rest of the family. He married Magdalena Everhart, who was born

188	Pates 1797	Town	School	Highway	County
	Elisha Alexander	3.6	5	1.5	2
	Beth Symon	6.0	10.0		1.1
	Sim Symon	1.0.0	1.8.0		2.1
	Elisha Smith	6.0	10.0		1.1
(207)	Darcia Wright	6.0	10.0	10.0	1.1
	Elijah Stebbins	1.0.0	1.8.0	1.8.0	2.1
(E. Symon)	Jacob Emer	4.2	7.2	7.2	3
	Joseph Clark	7.2	1.0.2	1.0.2	1.3
	Abel Fletcher	11.0	1.6.1	1.6.1	2.1
	unimproved lands of non residence				County
	Wm Gibbs				5.7
	Wm Powe				1.3
	Simon Willard				0.3
	Nath <sup>n</sup> Willard Hens				1.3
	Do <sup>r</sup> : Stevens				0.2.

Cobhy of the Town School Highway & County Tax for the year 1797

Attect Cyrus Shattuck Town Clerk

1798 At a legal meeting held by the inhabitants of the Town of Hinsdale On Tuesday the 13<sup>th</sup> Day of March 1798 at nine O'clock in the forenoon

1 Voted & Chose Hollis Taylor Moderator  
 Voted & Chose Cyrus Shattuck Town Clerk  
 Voted Cyrus Shattuck Edmund Gustin & Beth Hooker Selectmen and Assessors  
 Voted Cyrus Shattuck Town Treasure  
 Voted Elisha Stebbins Dennis Darling Josiah Moore Benj Stone Benj Sanger & Philip Barret Highway Surveyors  
 Voted Nathan Thomas Jr Remembrance Wright Levi Barret Nathaniel Sanger & Josiah Moore Hogrevers

Voted Elded Evans & Stephen Coze Fence Viewers & Field Drivers  
 Voted Benj Sanger Culler of lumber & leader of Weights and measures  
 Voted & Chose Benj Stone & Abraham Wheeler Pything men  
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Votes for Governor  
 John Taylor Gillman Esq. 24 Votes  
 Votes for Councilor  
 Sam<sup>l</sup> Stevens Esq. 38 Votes  
 Votes for District Senator  
 George Aldridge Esq. 23 Votes  
 Daniel Hawthorne Esq. 17 Votes  
 Votes for County Register  
 Benjamin Bellows Esq. 24 Votes

Voted Beth Hooker Representative to Represent 1<sup>st</sup> Town in the Gen<sup>l</sup> Court of New Hampshire the present year  
 Voted that the road leading from Billey Burnams house by Hows Saw mill through Tho<sup>s</sup> Butlers land as has been laid out by 1<sup>st</sup> Town that insted of an Open Road be the 1<sup>st</sup> Butler is to keep good sufficient gate the present year or so long as the Town shall think bet  
 Voted to Raise Fifty pounds for schooling  
 Voted to Raise sixty pound to repair the Highways  
 Voted to raise Forty pounds to Depray Town Charges  
 Voted to give Otis Doolittle seven pounds Fifteen shillings to provide and Take

# Town Records



## Cemetery and Burial Records

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St. Mary's Cemetery

West Section

Heffernan.

Saunders, Thomas, born Jan. 10, 1831, died June 3, 1916.

Saunders, Julia Sherman, wife of Thomas, died Sept. 26, 1869.

Clarkin, John, born 1838, died 1882.

Clarkin, Mary McCall, wife of John, born 1837, died 1917.

McCall, Susan, born 1840, died 1910.

McCarthy, Johannah Mulcehy, wife of James, died Nov. 11, 1888 age 43 yrs.

McCarthy, Seven Children.

McMullen, Mary E. born 1872, died 1899.

McMullen, Michael, born 1876, died 1898.

McMullen, Michael, born 1842, died 1911.

McMullen, Mary Moore, wife of Michael, born 1841, died 1911.

Moore, Catherine, born 1844, died 1874.

Moore, John, born 1838, died 1911.

Driscoll, Jeremiah, born 1865, died 1927.

Driscoll, Mary Doyle, wife of Jeremiah, died 1922.

Driscoll, Timothy, born 1858, died 1934.

Driscoll, Mary Enright, wife of William, died Mar. 15, 1881 age 60 yrs.

Farrelly, John J. born Feb. 2, 1855, died Feb. 4, 1925.

Farrelly, Mary D. born Mar. 25, 1858, died Dec. 24, 1926.

Magner, Edward F. born 1869, died 1923.

Sheehan, Daniel, born 1835, died 1919.

Sheehan, Ellen Buckley, wife of Daniel, born 1838, died 1908.

Sheehan, Timothy Francis, son of Daniel & Ellen B. born 1868, died 1871.

Sheehan, Cornelius, son of Daniel & Ellen B. born 1877, died 1878.

Sheehan, Julia A. daughter of Daniel & Ellen B. died May 28, 1925.

Fagan, Bernard, died Sept. 29, 1899 age 74 yrs.

Fagan, Elizabeth, wife of Bernard, died Apr. 12, 1872 age 33 yrs.

Fagan, Ellen, daughter of Bernard & Elizabeth, died Oct. 16, 1872 age 1 yr. 4 mos.



## Church Records

### 194 RECORDS OF THE OLD SOUTH CHURCH IN BOSTON

	Sarah, of Daniel & Mary Haden
June 10	Abigail, of Nathan & Mary Foster
	Jeremiah, of Joseph & Sarah Belknap
	Abigail, of Josiah & Abigail Waters
	Ann, of James & Ann, Negroes
17	Susanna, of Thomas & Elisabeth Dawes
July 8	William, of Cary & Mehetabel Harris
15	John, of John & Mary Dinsdall
22	Benjamin-Belcher, of Isaac & Hannah Casno
	Nathanael, of Josias & Sarah Nottage
	James & Benjamin, of John & Hannah Allen
29	Mary, of Josiah & Ann Torrey
Aug <sup>t</sup> 5	Eleazer, of Reuben & Hannah Higgins
	George, of John & Ruth Roulstone
19	Clement, of Joseph & Susanna Jackson
Aug <sup>t</sup> 26	Mary, of William & Mary Pitman
Sept <sup>r</sup> 2	Ann, of John & Jane Doane
	Mary, of Silas & Hannah Ivory
	Ann, of Bartholomew & Elisabeth Kenny
23	John, of John & Dorcas Brewer
	Joafia, of Prince & Mary Winborn
30	Henry, of John & Ann Crumpston
Oct <sup>r</sup> 7	Charlotte, of Benjamin & Margaret Green
	Baker, Negro Servant to M <sup>r</sup> Joseph Jackson
21	Abigail, of Moses & Elisabeth Peck
28	Mary, of Robert & Lydia Price
	Peter, of Isaac & Elisabeth Vergoose
Nov <sup>r</sup> 4	Mary, of Peter & Hannah Roberts
	Susanna, of William & Susanna Breed
Dec <sup>r</sup> 2	Benjamin, of Isaac & Sarah Walker
	Robert, of William & Rebecca Homes
9	Sarah, of Michael & Mary Row
16	Daniel, of George & Abigail Hewes
30	Moses & Benjamin, of Moses & Mary Eayres

### 1744/5

Jan <sup>ry</sup> 6	William, of Abraham & Mehetabel Tuckerman
13	Mary, of Luke & Mary Roberts
27	Jonathan-Clarke, of Ezekiel & Jane Lewis
Feb <sup>r</sup> 10	John, of David & Sarah Jeffries
Feb <sup>r</sup> 10	Sarah, of John & Sarah Hunt
	John Hunt Jun <sup>r</sup>
	Mary, of Samuel & Mary Hallowell
	John, of Thomas & Sarah Foster

# Bible Records



- Rare, but helpful
- Maintained by local historical societies, archives, or genealogical societies (NEHGS)
- Large collection at DAR library in Washington, D.C

# Summary

- Rule #1 – Work from the known to the unknown
- Rule #2 – Document what you find – write it down, preferably on standard forms
- Five steps
  - Identify what you know
  - Decide what you want to learn
  - Identify and locate your resources
  - Research
  - Analyze
- Records – Contain one or more pieces of genealogical information
- Sources – Contain multiple records

# QUESTIONS?



# THANK YOU!

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