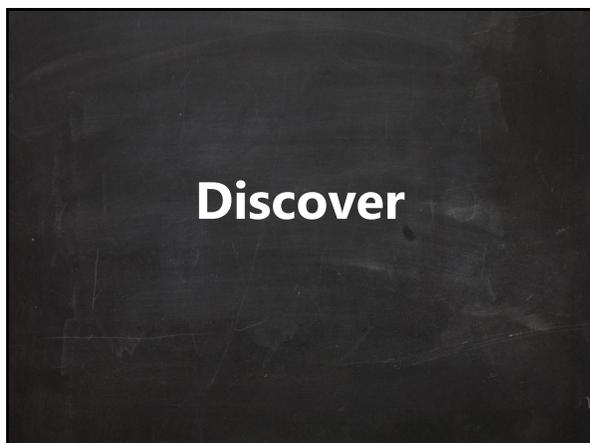




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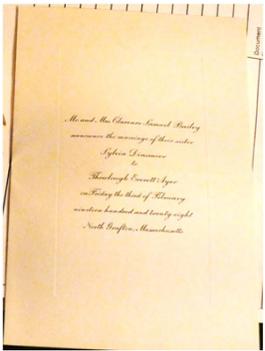


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Discover

- Was not always talked about
- May be revealed in other research
 - Family papers
 - Vital records
 - Newspapers
 - City directories
 - Census
- Usually required a reason

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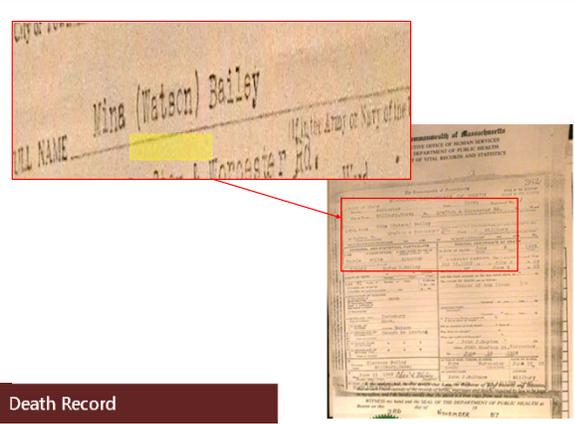


The announcement of the marriage of my grandparents Sylvia Dinsmoor Bailey and Thoulough Everett Ayer in 1928.

Why was her brother making the announcement?

Family Papers

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Death Record

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Sullivan Progress
(Sullivan, Illinois)
March 5, 1870

Newspaper Entry

May Term A. D. 1870, of the
Moultrie Co. Circuit Court
STATE OF ILLINOIS,)
Moultrie County,)
Martha Standefor,) Bill for Di-
vs Benjamin Standefor)
Satisfactory Affidavit having been filed
in my office showing the non residence of
Benjamin Standefor, the defendant in the
above entitled case, the following notice
Notice is therefore hereby given, to you
the said Benjamin Standefor, that a bill
for divorce, has been filed in our said
Court against you by Martha Standefor,
and that a summons has been issued there-
on returnable to said term of said Court
which summons has been returned by the
Sheriff. Defendant not found in the coun-
ty. Now therefore if you the said Benja-
min Standefor, shall not personally be and
appear at the next Term of the Circuit
Court of said county, on the first day
thereof to be holden in the Court House
in Sullivan on the second Tuesday of May
A. D. 1870, and plead answer or demur to
said Bill, the allegations thereof will be
taken for confessed against you, and a
decree will be entered accordingly.
J. H. WAGGONER, Clerk. 1870.
A B LEE, Sol's. for Petr.
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Hickey James, shoemaker, n. corner pass
Hickling Charles, 131 Washington
Hicks Charles S. printer, h. 6 Mason
Hicks James H. & Co. (R. Swift), merch's, 18 Central
wharf. H.'s h. 7 Otis place
Hicks J. C. & Co. dry goods, 49 Kilby, h. 5 Pearl
Hicks Mary, widow, 39 Prince
Hicks Nancy J. h. 34 st. near Dorchester
Hicks Zechariah, house 5 Pearl
Higgins E. A. oysters, 88 Cambridge
Higgins George, mason, h. D st. corner Silver
Higgins George, blacksmith, h. 6 Travers
Higgins John, h. 68 1-2 Ann
Higgins John S. oysters, 114, h. 112 Court

Hickman James, housewright, h. 101 Salem
Hickling Charles, 131 Washington
Hicks Charles S. printer, h. 6 Mason
Hicks Cyrus, housewright, h. opposite 20 Kneeland
Hicks James, mariner, h. rear 6 Mason
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Hicks Nancy J. widow, h. rear Canton
Hicks Thomas, shoemaker, h. 9 High
Hicks W. H. nails and steel, 27 Central, h. 5 Pearl
Hicks Zechariah, house 5 Pearl
Higgins Ezekiel H. bookbinder, h. Dedham n. Washing.

1841 City Directory for Boston

1840 City Directory for Boston

City Directories

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR BUREAU OF THE CENSUS
THIRTEENTH CENSUS OF THE UNITED STATES: 1910 POPULATION

NAME OF INDIVIDUAL	SEX	AGE	MARRIAGE	RACE			EDUCATION			INDUSTRY			MILITARY		
				White	Black	Other	None	Some	All	None	Some	All	None	Some	All
Willa George O.	F	40	Married	White	Black	Other	None	Some	All	None	Some	All	None	Some	All
...

When was she divorced?

Census

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Important Definitions:

Libelant: *the petitioner or plaintiff in a divorce proceeding*

Cause: *there was no such thing as "no fault" divorce – there had to be a reason for seeking the divorce*

Record of Divorce.

Husband's name in full _____
Rufus W. Bailey

Wife's name in full _____
Mina W. Bailey

Residence Windham

Date of Marriage Dec. 17, 1885

Place of Marriage Townshury, Mass.

Sex of Libelant Male

Date of Divorce May 27, 1905.

Cause Extreme Cruelty

The State of New Hampshire.
Rockingham ss. Superior Court.

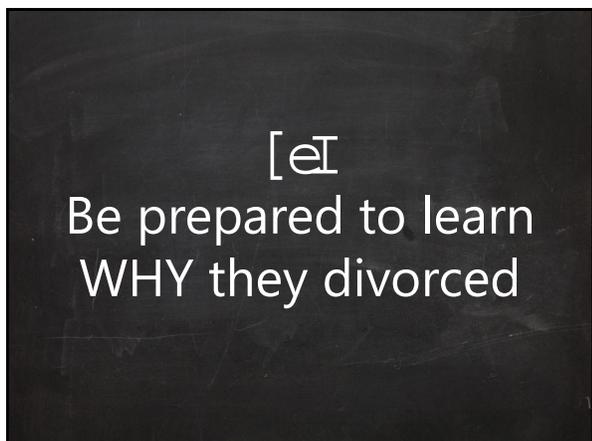
I certify that the above record is correct.

Co. H. Knight Clerk.

Date May 29, 1905

NH Divorce Index to 1938

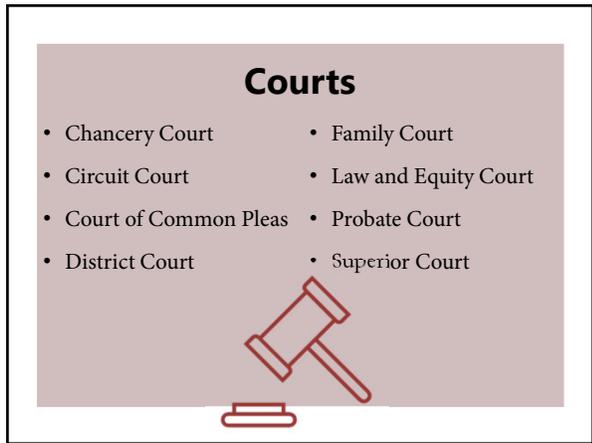
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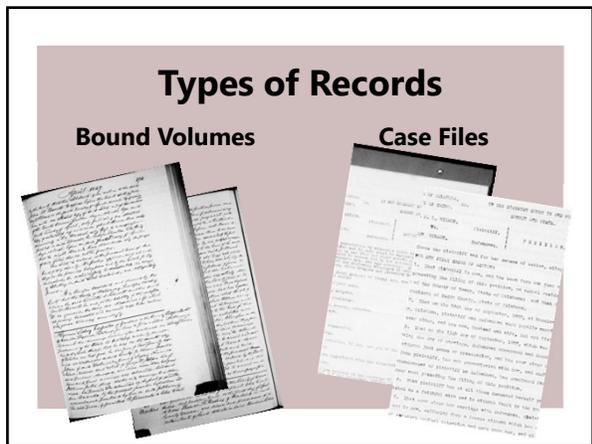
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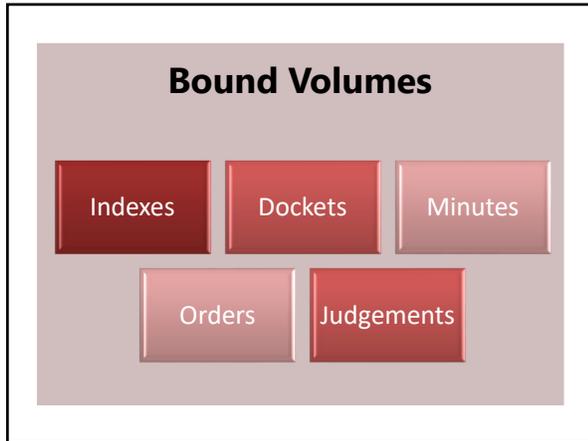
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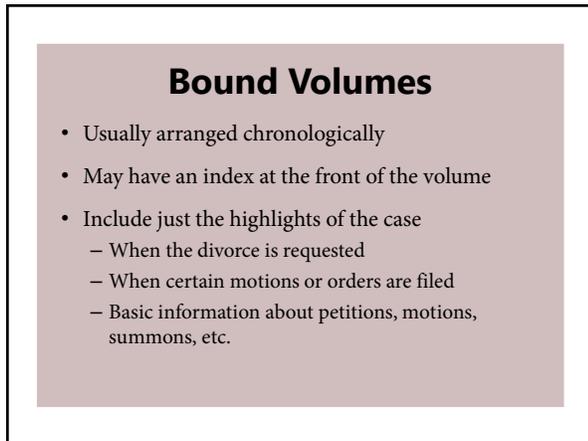
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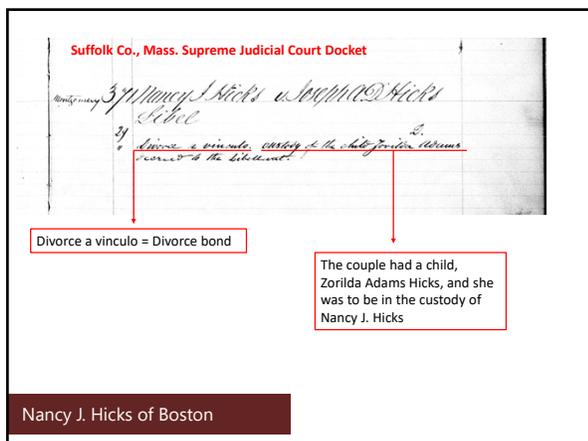
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Barlow, Alice R.-----	Guardianship	
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Barlow, Florence and Light-----	Guardianship	
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Byans, Harriet-----	Estate	
Haley, Wm. S	-----Estate	
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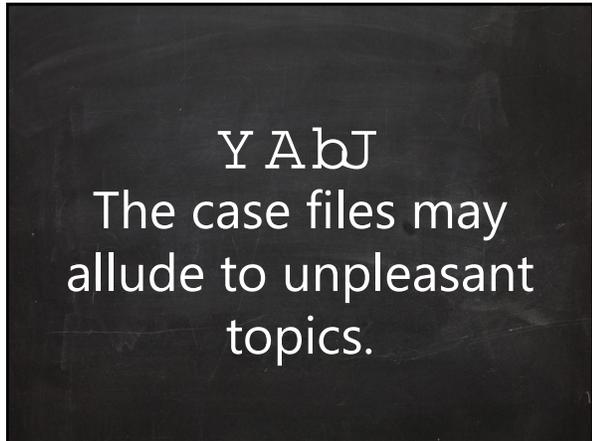
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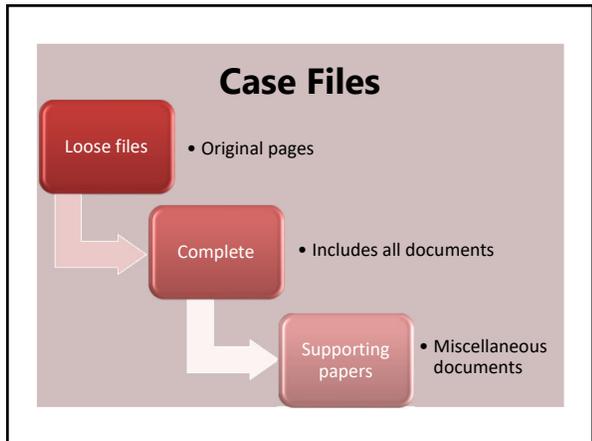
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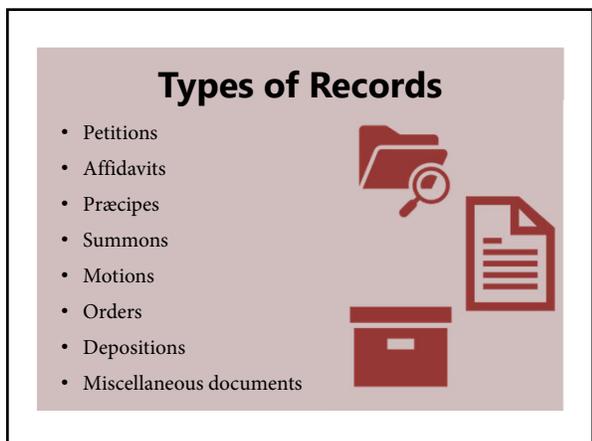
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Case Files

- Include a variety of documents
 - Depositions from witnesses
 - Full information on summons
 - Additional records
 - Financial information
 - Marriage certificate
- Bundled or put together in some way

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Marriage Record

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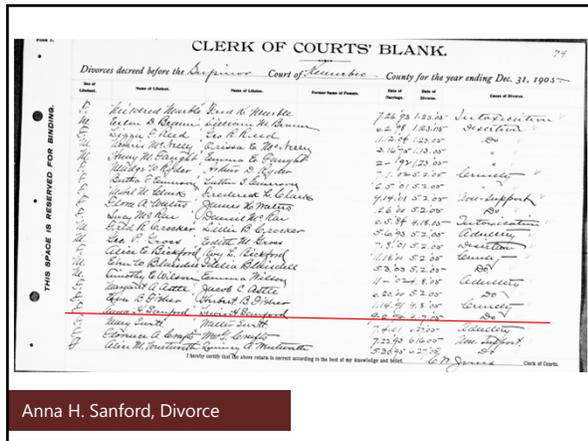
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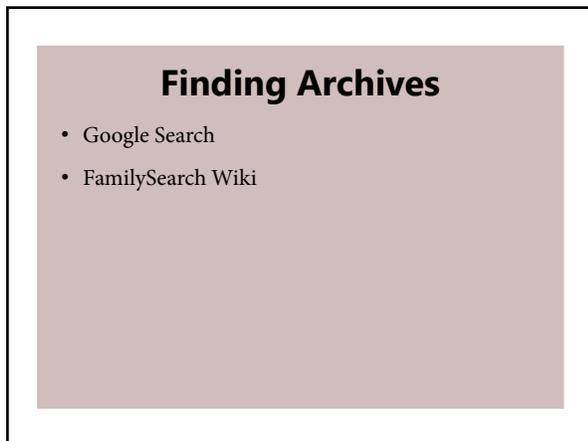


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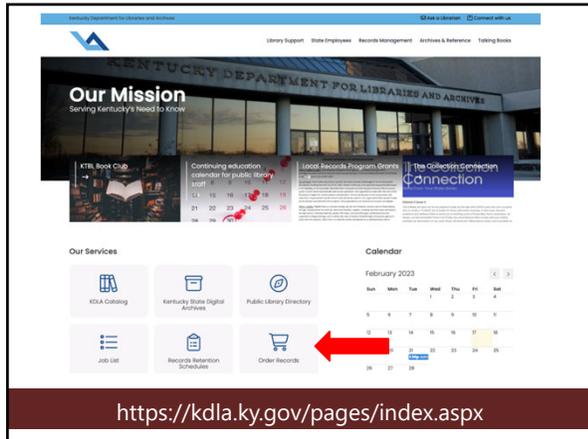


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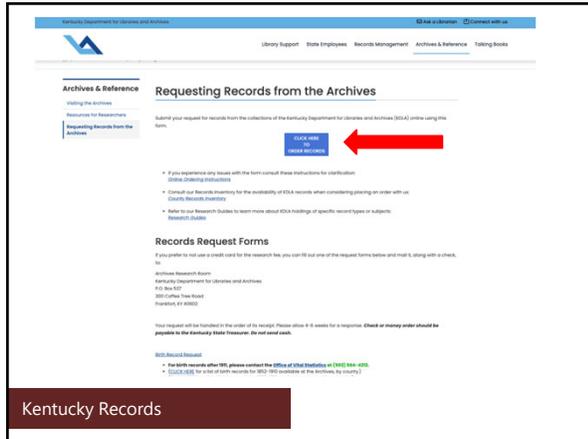
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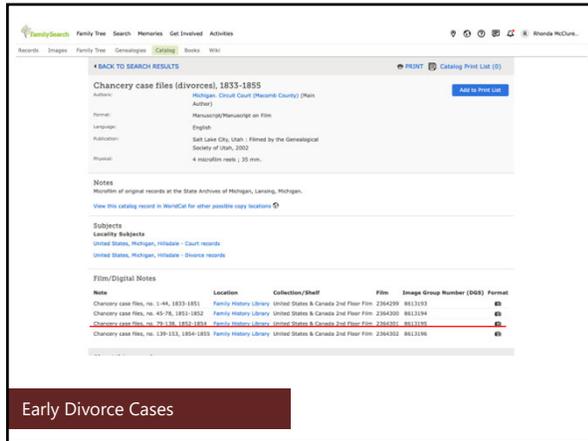
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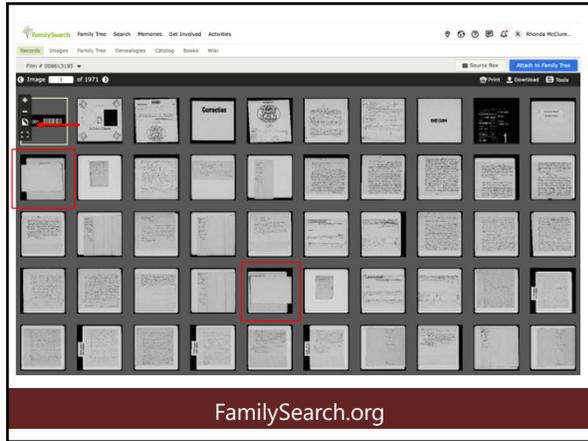
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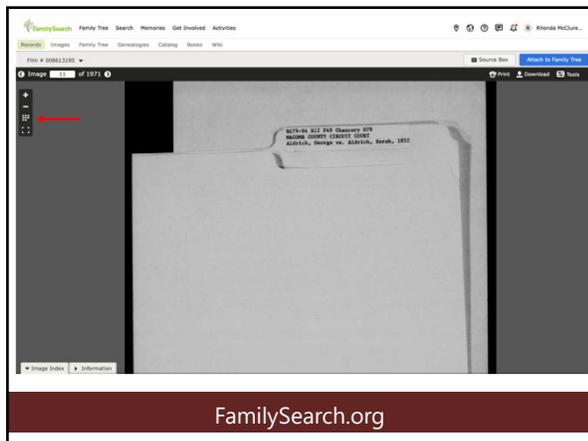
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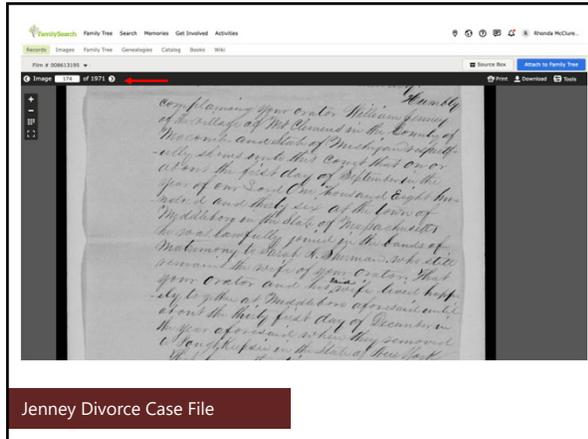


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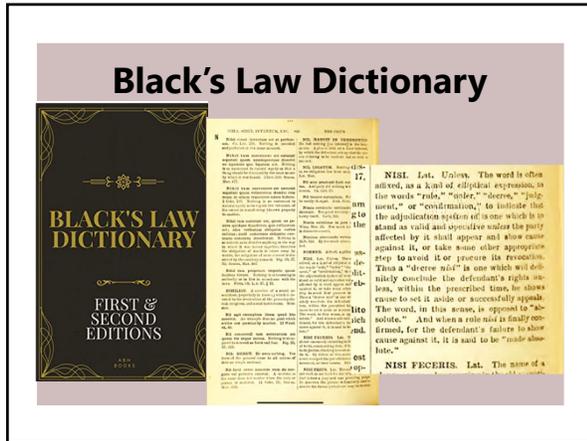


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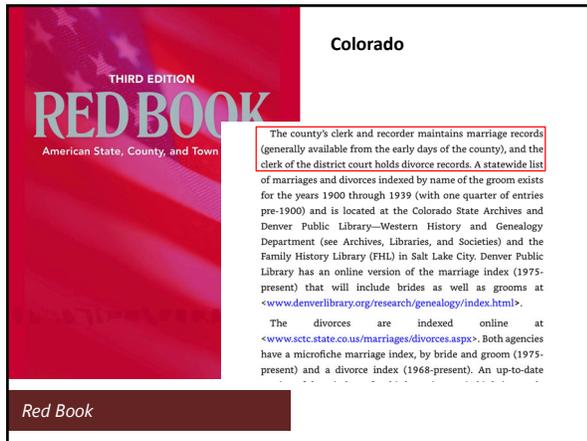
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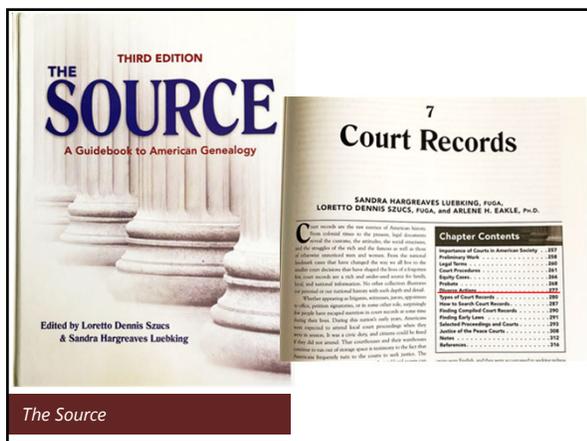
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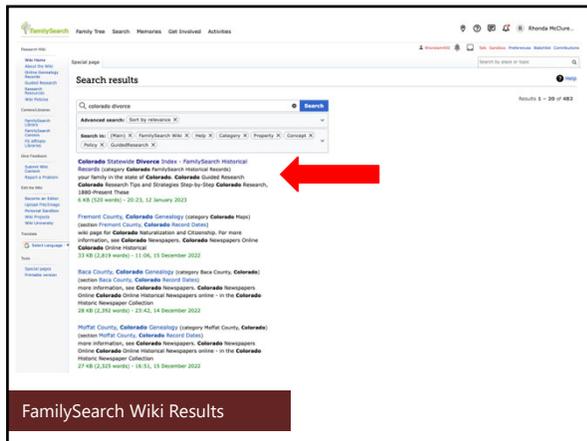
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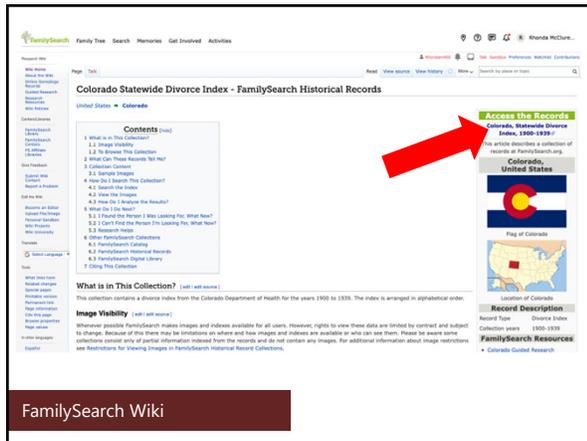
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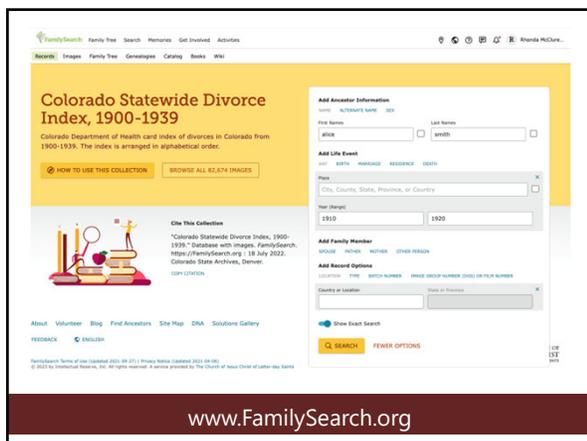
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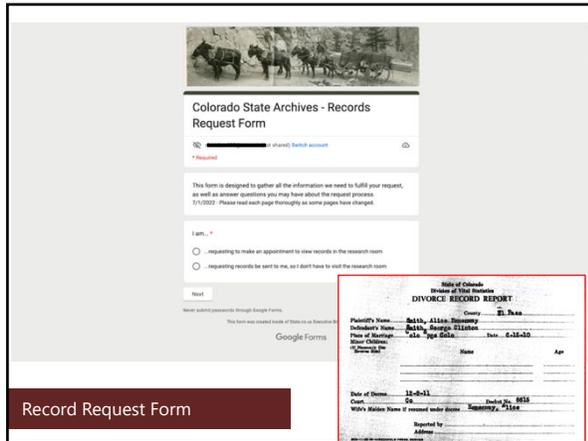
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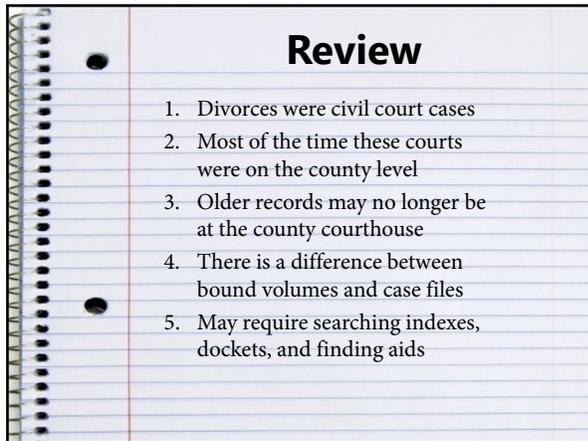


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Record Request Form

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Review

1. Divorces were civil court cases
2. Most of the time these courts were on the county level
3. Older records may no longer be at the county courthouse
4. There is a difference between bound volumes and case files
5. May require searching indexes, dockets, and finding aids

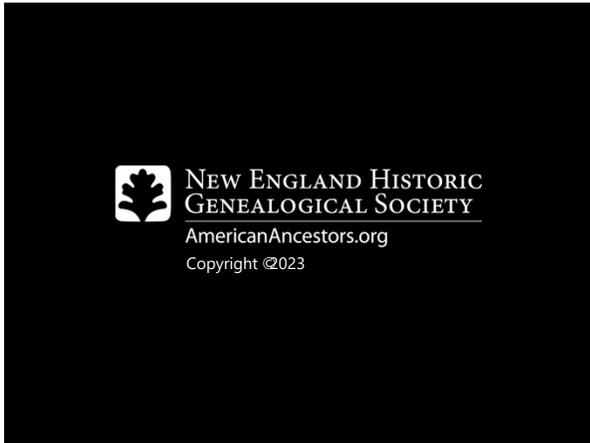
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