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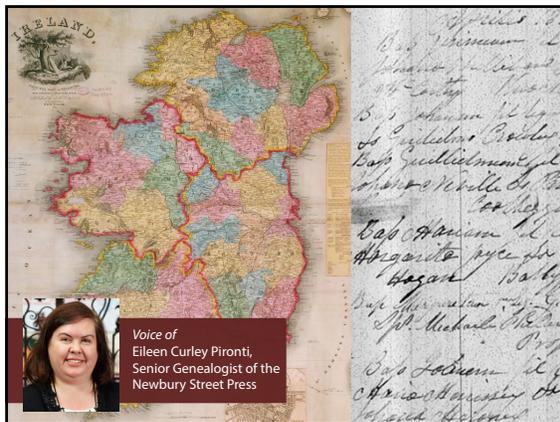
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**Research Challenges**

- Lack of records
- Over the generations, information about a family's Irish origins lost
- Common surnames, difficult to identify ancestor, relationship among those with same surname

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**Research Strategy**

- Work from the known to the unknown
- Continue research back to immigrant ancestor
- Don't jump across too soon
- ***Conduct community-focused research***

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- Conduct a thorough search of U.S. or Canadian records first
- Identifying the parish or townland in Northern Ireland reduces the possibility of pursuing false leads
- By searching U.S./Canadian-based records, you may identify other family members who immigrated



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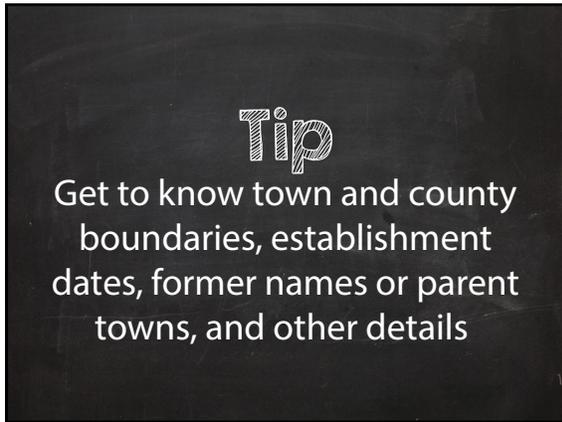
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*Genealogical Handbook for New England Research*  
Sally Klinehamer  
Illustrated by Sherrill R. Hill-Cook

Since the first permanent settlement in 1623 (at what is now Portsmouth), New Hampshire has been a crossroads for settlement and migration. For many years consisting of only four towns (Portsmouth, Dover, Exeter, and Hampton), New Hampshire had a small population and grew slowly. Beginning around 1700, settlers began to trickle into the interior, encouraged greatly by the migration of families from Essex and Middlesex Counties in Massachusetts. Later on, settlers from central and western Massachusetts and from Connecticut moved into northern New Hampshire.

In what are now Hillsborough and Cheshire Counties.

The boundary between Massachusetts and New Hampshire was undetermined and in dispute until it was finally surveyed and fixed in 1741. Then, between 1749 and 1764, New Hampshire Governor Benning Wentworth issued land grants for territory that was also claimed by the Province of New York—and which after the American Revolution became the Republic (and later state) of Vermont. It's important for anyone with New England ancestry to be aware of these shifting state boundaries.

By the time of the Revolution, most of New Hampshire south of the White Mountains had been settled, with descendants of the founders of the original four towns having moved north along and over the Maine border and into the Upper Peninsula and the

**New Hampshire**

Town	County	Established	Parent Towns	Notes
Acworth	Rockingham	1786	Hampton	Named after 1728, Great No. 5, Great No. 6, and Great No. 7.
Andover	Rockingham	1786	Hampton	Named after 1728, Great No. 5, Great No. 6, and Great No. 7.
Belmont	Rockingham	1786	Hampton	Named after 1728, Great No. 5, Great No. 6, and Great No. 7.
Bristol	Rockingham	1786	Hampton	Named after 1728, Great No. 5, Great No. 6, and Great No. 7.
Canterbury	Rockingham	1786	Hampton	Named after 1728, Great No. 5, Great No. 6, and Great No. 7.
Cheshire	Cheshire	1786	Hampton	Named after 1728, Great No. 5, Great No. 6, and Great No. 7.
Durham	Durham	1786	Hampton	Named after 1728, Great No. 5, Great No. 6, and Great No. 7.
Exeter	Rockingham	1680	Exeter	Named after 1728, Great No. 5, Great No. 6, and Great No. 7.
Hampton	Rockingham	1680	Hampton	Named after 1728, Great No. 5, Great No. 6, and Great No. 7.
Hillsborough	Hillsborough	1786	Hampton	Named after 1728, Great No. 5, Great No. 6, and Great No. 7.
Merrimack	Merrimack	1786	Hampton	Named after 1728, Great No. 5, Great No. 6, and Great No. 7.
Morristown	Morristown	1786	Hampton	Named after 1728, Great No. 5, Great No. 6, and Great No. 7.
Norfolk	Norfolk	1786	Hampton	Named after 1728, Great No. 5, Great No. 6, and Great No. 7.
Northampton	Northampton	1786	Hampton	Named after 1728, Great No. 5, Great No. 6, and Great No. 7.
Northwood	Northwood	1786	Hampton	Named after 1728, Great No. 5, Great No. 6, and Great No. 7.
Portsmouth	Rockingham	1623	Portsmouth	Named after 1728, Great No. 5, Great No. 6, and Great No. 7.
Rochester	Rochester	1786	Hampton	Named after 1728, Great No. 5, Great No. 6, and Great No. 7.
Sherburne	Sherburne	1786	Hampton	Named after 1728, Great No. 5, Great No. 6, and Great No. 7.
Stratham	Rockingham	1786	Hampton	Named after 1728, Great No. 5, Great No. 6, and Great No. 7.
Tamworth	Tamworth	1786	Hampton	Named after 1728, Great No. 5, Great No. 6, and Great No. 7.
Warren	Warren	1786	Hampton	Named after 1728, Great No. 5, Great No. 6, and Great No. 7.
Westmoreland	Westmoreland	1786	Hampton	Named after 1728, Great No. 5, Great No. 6, and Great No. 7.
White	White	1786	Hampton	Named after 1728, Great No. 5, Great No. 6, and Great No. 7.
York	York	1786	Hampton	Named after 1728, Great No. 5, Great No. 6, and Great No. 7.

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Be sure to review maps that pertain to the time period and location where your ancestor settled

Source: Boston Public Library, Norman B. Leventhal Map & Education Center

The Harbor of Casco Bay and Islands Adjacent, 1720

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# Eighteenth-Century Immigration to America

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### Waves of Migration

- 1717/1718 primarily to New England
- In the 1720s to New Castle, Delaware
- Other areas experienced an influx of immigrants during the mid-1700s including Pennsylvania, Virginia, North and South Carolina
- Factors Influencing Decision to Immigrate Included:
  - Religious Freedom
  - Rack-renting
  - Drought
  - Opportunity to own land
  - Join other members of the family or community



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### The 1718 Shute Petition

A petition for Colonel Samuel Shute, Governor of New England signed March 1718 by approximately 300 individuals from the Bann River Valley, Coleraine, County Londonderry, asking permission “to Transport our selves to that very excellent and renowned Plantation upon our obtaining from his Excellency suitable encouragement.”

Among those who signed petition was “Alex<sup>d</sup> McGregore”

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### Arrival at New England in 1718

- Over 500 individuals arrived in Boston during the summer of 1718; the *William and Elizabeth*, *McCallum*, and *Mary and Elizabeth* sailed from Londonderry
- William and Mary* and *Robert* sailed from Coleraine
- No complete list of passengers, but local sources such as the *Boston News-Letter* reported on ship arrivals

Entered Inwards, Breed, Soley and Parker from Piscataqua, Chace from Rhode Island, Crois and Thomas from Connecticut, Prince from North Carolina, Wm. Winnet from Annapolis Royal, Thomas Talbot from Philadelphia, Mathias Burr Brig. Benjamin and Gates ~~Synon Gally from Barbadoes~~, David MacGowen Ship Stapleton Gally from St. Christophers, James Montgomery Ship Wm. and Mary from Ireland and Nathaniel Brooker Ship Restoration from Cowes. Cleared Onwards, Cabon for Connecticut.

Reporting on the arrival of the ship *William and Mary* from Ireland, published in the *Boston News-Letter* 28 July 1718

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### Boston Town Records

- Multi-volume set of records titled *Report of the Record Commissioners of the City of Boston* contain a variety of transcribed records pertaining to Boston dating back to the colonial era
- Available at various repositories such as NEHGS, as well as online at [hathitrust.org](http://hathitrust.org)

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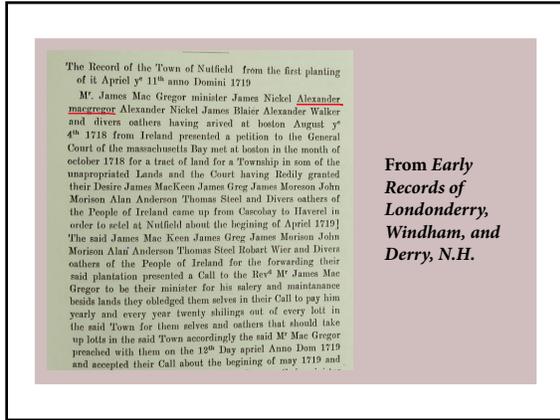
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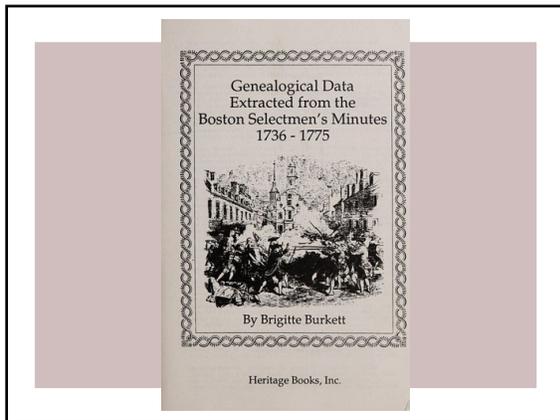
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## Cemetery Resources

Transcription of headstones at St. Augustine Cemetery, South Boston, Massachusetts

Mary Donnelly b. Churchtown parish of Gartin Co. Donegal d. June 14 1845 aet 48 yrs erected by husband Philip.

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# Town and County Histories

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HISTORY  
OF  
WORCESTER COUNTY  
MASSACHUSETTS

SUPERVISING EDITOR-IN-CHIEF  
ELLERY BICKNELL CRANE

STAFF HISTORIAN  
E. MELVIN WILLIAMS  
OF NEW YORK CITY

VOLUME III

LEWIS HISTORICAL PUBLISHING COMPANY, INC.  
NEW YORK AND CHICAGO  
1911

**ALFRED McKINSTRY**—For twenty-eight years the name of McKinstry has been identified with the ice business in Southbridge, Massachusetts, Alfred McKinstry having conducted a retail interest in the distribution of this necessity during his entire period, and has developed it from a modest beginning until he is head of the leading ice dealing firm in Southbridge, and practically controls the local trade. Possessing strong business ability with the energy which counts, perhaps, equally in achieving success, Mr. McKinstry has won his way to a noteworthy position in local business circles, and has also borne a part in the affairs of the community.

The McKinstry family was established in the United States by William McKinstry, who came to New England about 1747 from Carrick Fergus, a borough of County Antrim, on Belfast Lough, nine miles from Belfast, Ireland. He settled in Southbridge, Massachusetts, where he bought land for one shilling per acre, part of that tract now being a farm owned by his descendant, Alfred McKinstry. William McKinstry married Mary Morse, and they were the parents of a son, William (2), born on the farm at Southbridge, where he spent his life, a farmer. He married Esther Robbins, and they were the parents of John McKinstry, born in Sturbridge, Massachusetts, where he followed the pursuits of a farmer until his death. He was also a school teacher, and owned a saw mill and a cider mill. He married Keziah Batchelder, born in Chariton, Massachusetts, of a pioneer New England family, her father, Elijah Batchelder, a Revolutionary soldier. John and Keziah (Batchelder) McKinstry were the parents of Prevoctus McKinstry.

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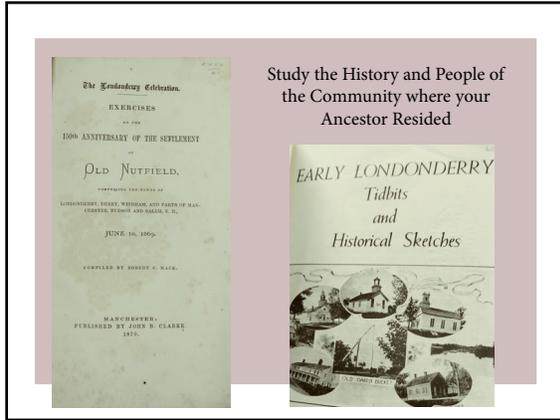
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Study the History and People of the Community where your Ancestor Resided

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Databases - AmericanAncestors.org

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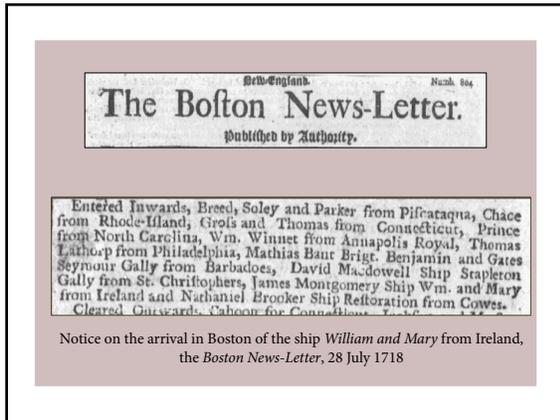
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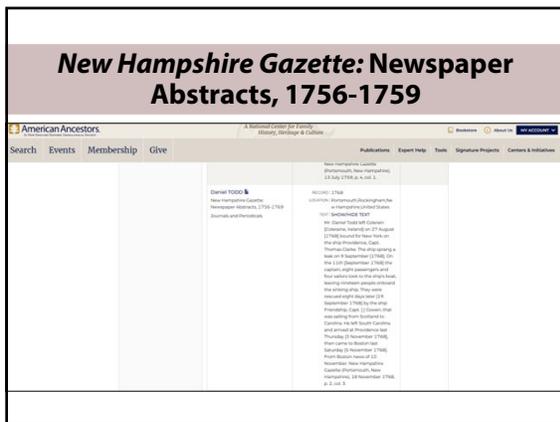
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**“Information Wanted”  
Advertisements**

- The advertisements in *The Pilot*, a Boston-based newspaper, ran from the early 1830s through the early 1920s
- Not limited to immigrants who lived in the Boston area
- Detailed, includes names of family members, place of birth

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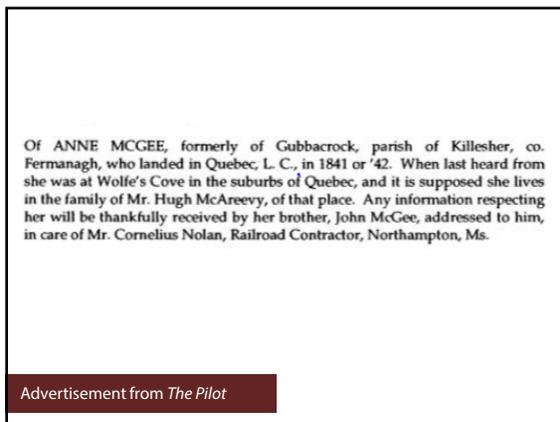
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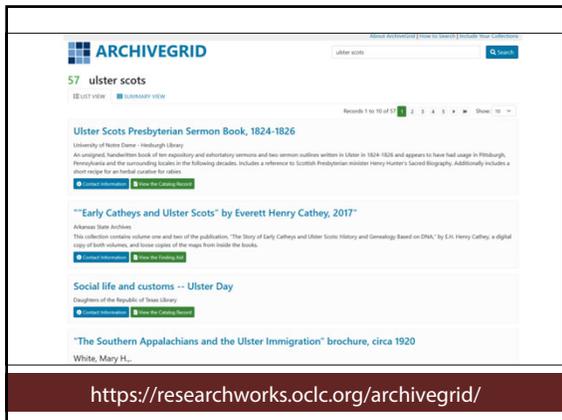
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**Immigration to Canada in the mid-1700s**

- A number of those who settled in Nova Scotia in the 1760s were from areas such as New Hampshire, while others emigrated from several Ulster counties including Londonderry and Donegal.



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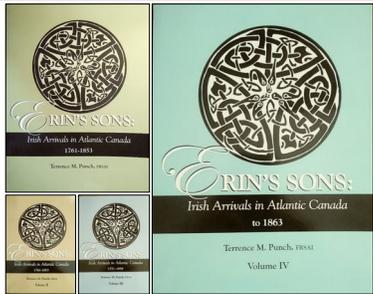
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***Erin's Sons: Irish Arrivals in Atlantic Canada***



The image shows four book covers for the "Erin's Sons" series. The top two covers are for "Irish Arrivals in Atlantic Canada 1763-1811" and "Irish Arrivals in Atlantic Canada to 1863". The bottom two covers are for "Volume IV" and "Volume V". Each cover features a circular Celtic knot design.

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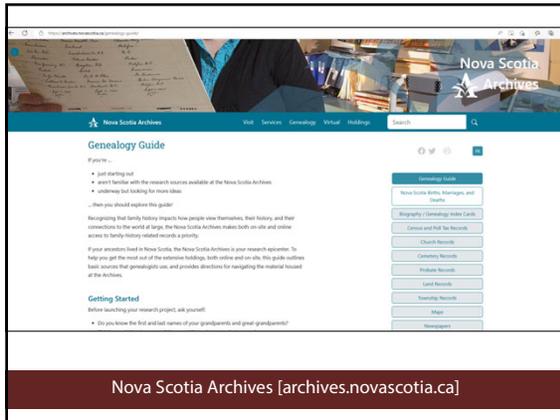
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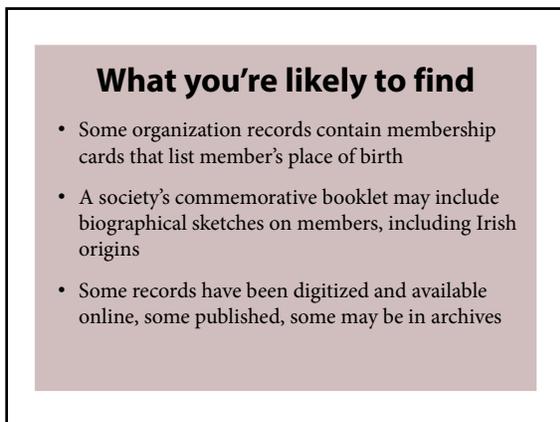
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**Masons**

- In America, dates back to 1700s
- Records are not located in a single location. Contact Grand Lodge of state or province where you are researching to determine what records are available
- Some records, commemorative materials available online



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**Name** *Farris Williams (Coff)*

<b>Residence</b> <i>Newburyport</i>	<b>Occupation</b>	<b>Native</b> <i>Dublin, Ireland</i>
<b>Lodge</b>	<b>Initiated</b>	<b>Entered</b> <i>1783</i>
<b>Membership</b>	<b>Dis.</b> <i>Dis.</i>	<b>Reinstated</b> <i>1837-11-27</i>

**Remarks:** *Member of St. John's Lodge No. 6, 1781, 1787. A distinguished Revolutionary character.*

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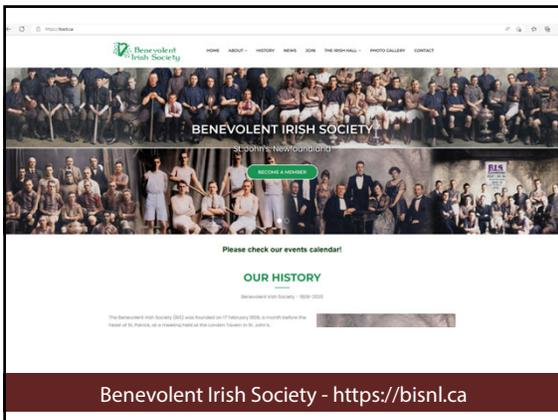
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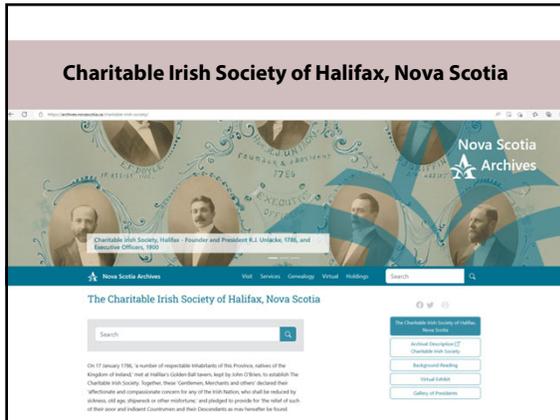
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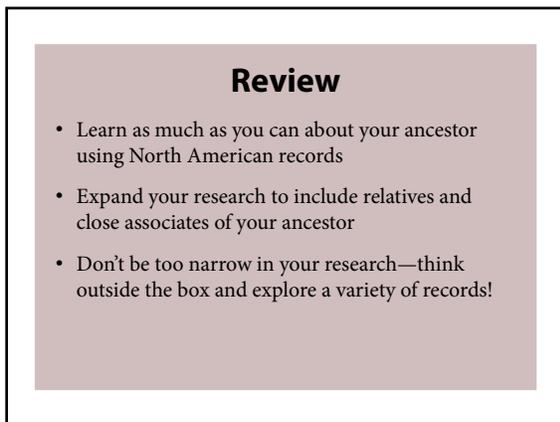
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