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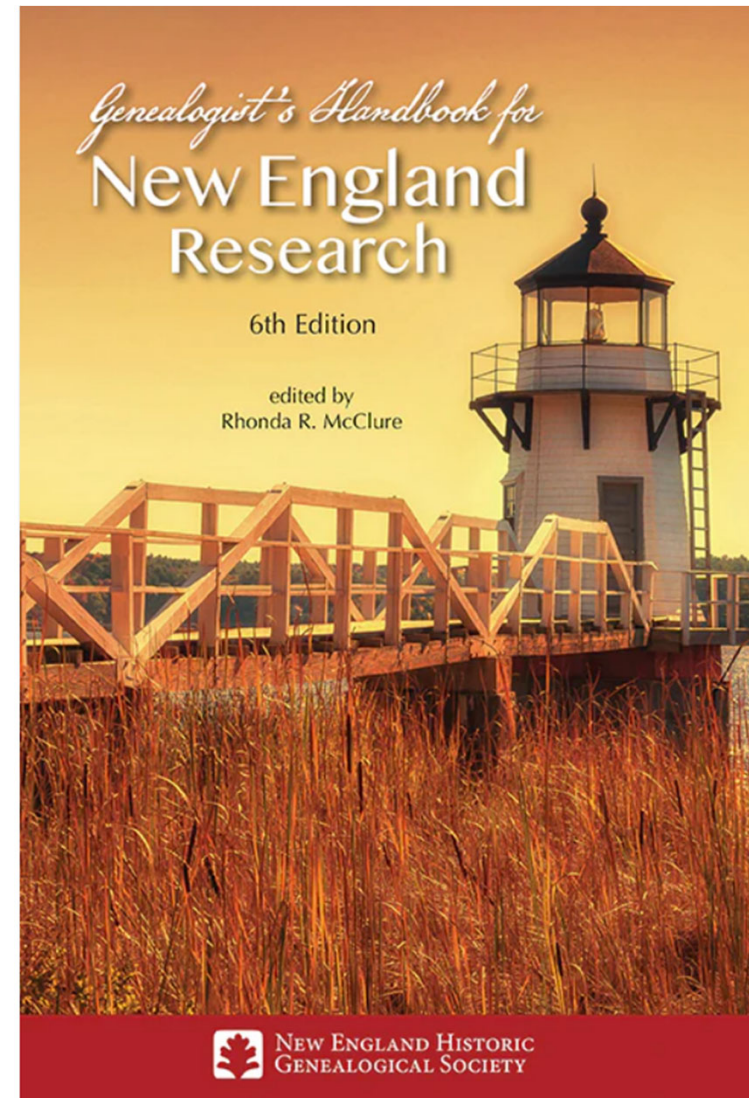
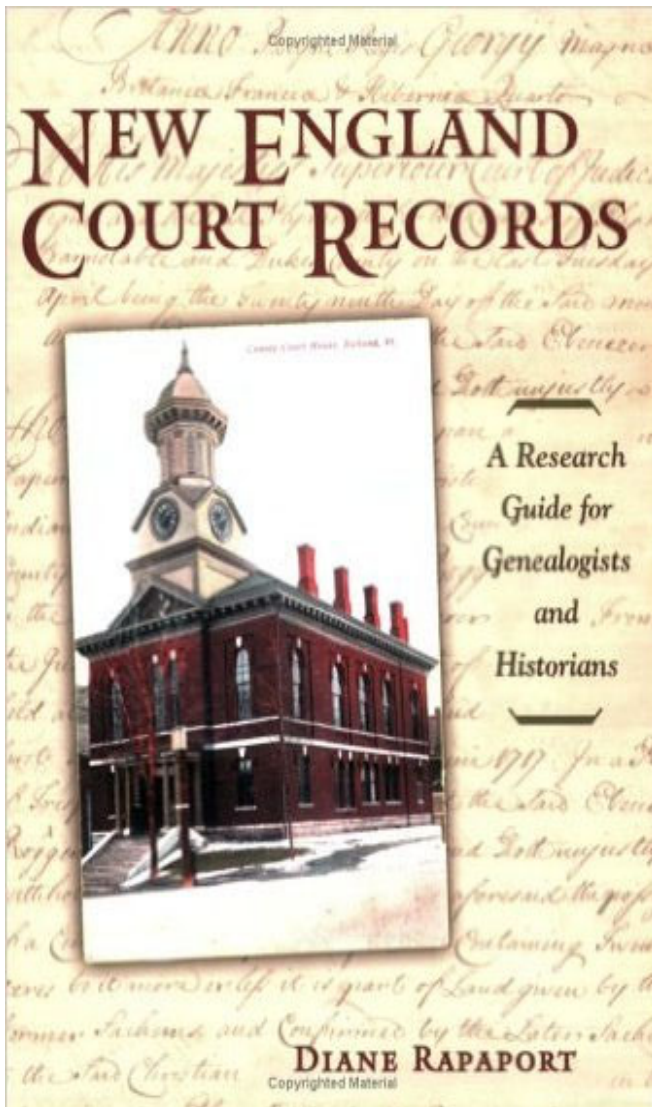
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Why use court records?

- Puts your ancestor at a certain place and a certain time
- Provides information about family connections and relations not found in other records (ex. may explain paternity or even disappearance of ancestor)
- Overlooked source in early published genealogies
- Adds to the life story of your ancestor



Guides for further study

Types of Court Files to Research

Various Types of Court Cases

- Name Changes
- Adoptions
- Separate Support
- Divorce Records
- Naturalization Records
- Court Appearances for Family & Criminal Issues
- Court Appearances for Financial Issues

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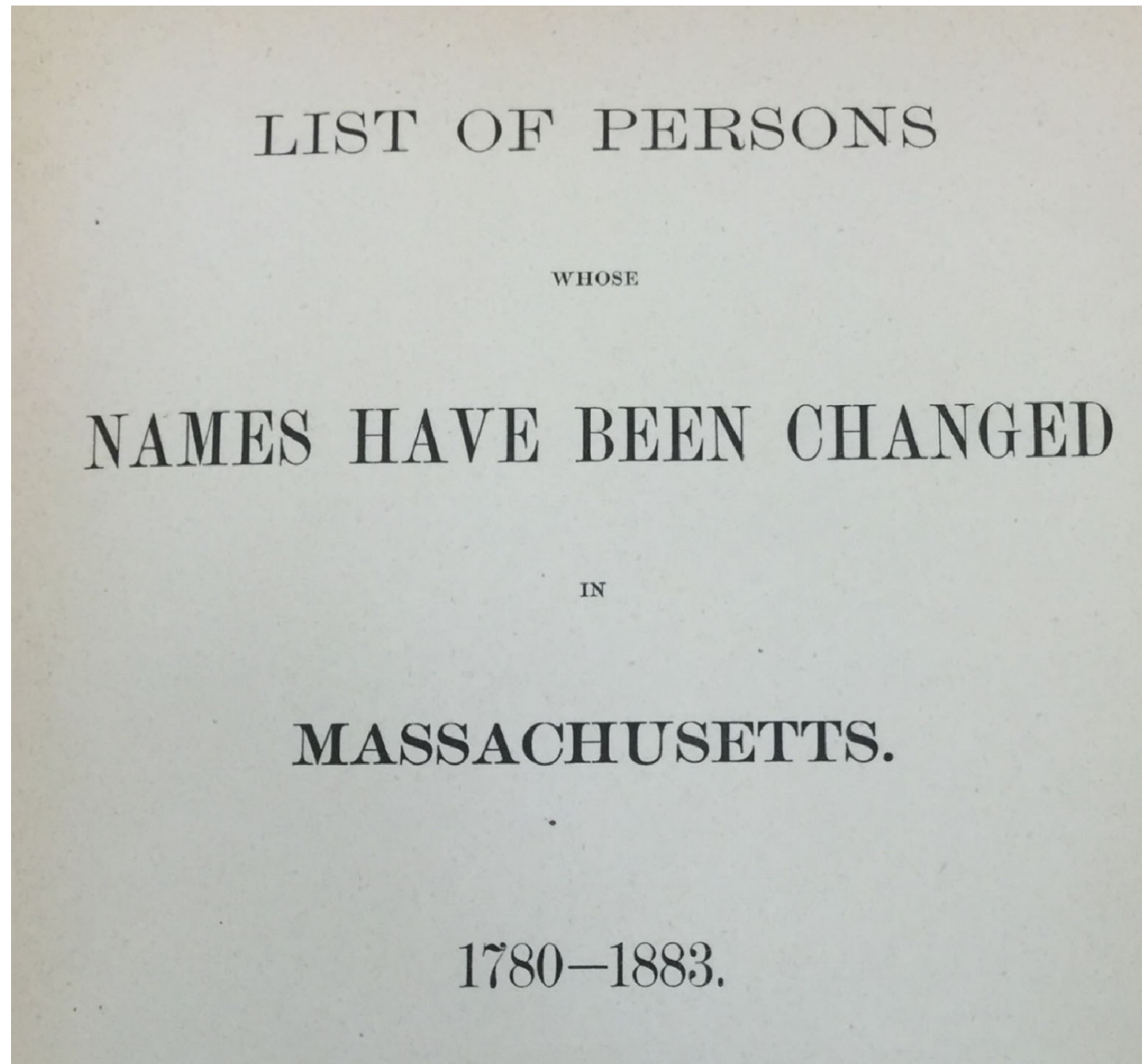
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Ipswich - Sept. T. 1672

Know all men by thes^e presents, y^t J Paul White of Newbury in
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Ordained & made And in my stead and place, put & Constituted
my truſtie & well beloved friend Wm^dys Chandler of Newbury afore
s^d, to bee my true & lawfull Attorney, for me, in my name & to
my wfe, to afke sue for, Levily require, recover and receive of
Rob^t Jones & of all and every other p^rson, or p^rsons w^r so ever,
all & every such debts and sum^s of money or other thing, or
things, as are now due vnto mee, or which shall bee due vnto
mee: Giving & granting vnto my sayd Attorney, by the tenor of
theſe presents, my full & whole power, strenght and Authorrity
in & about y^e p^rmisses, And vpon y^e receipt of any such debt,
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Name Changes



Massachusetts 1780-1883

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Not all Name Changes
are Adoptions

AN ACT to change the name of Moses Porter Phelps, to the Name of Charles Porter Phelps.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

That from and after the passing this act, Moses Porter Phelps, resident in Boston, in the county of Suffolk, son of Charles Phelps, of Hadley, in the county of Hampshire, be and he hereby is authorized and allowed to take, use and bear the name of Charles Porter Phelps, instead of the name of Moses Porter Phelps, and by that name, to be forever hereafter known and called in all processes and records whatsoever. [February 15, 1796.

AN ACT to change the Name of Ephraim Farrar, to the Name of John Farrar.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

That from and after the passing of this act, Ephraim Farrar, of Worcester, in the county of Worcester, son of John Farrar, late of Shrewsbury, in the county of Worcester, deceased, be, and he hereby is authorized and allowed to take, use, and bear the name of John Farrar, and by that name to be forever hereafter known and called, in all precepts and records whatsoever. [June 13, 1796.

AN ACT altering the name of Thomas Amory, to the Name of Thomas C. Amory.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

That from and after the passing of this act, Thomas Amory of Boston, in the county of Suffolk, merchant, son of the late Thomas Amory, deceased, shall be, and hereby is authorized and empowered to take, bear and use the name of Thomas C. Amory, and shall be called and known by that name at all times hereafter. [June 14, 1796.

AN ACT to alter the Name of Samuel Hewes.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

That from the passing of this act, Samuel Hewes, of Boston, in the county of Suffolk, merchant, son of Samuel Hewes, late of said Boston, deceased, be, and he hereby is authorized to take and use the name of Samuel Hill Hewes, and that he be called and known by that name at all times hereafter. [November 24, 1796.

Names Changed Massachusetts 1780-1883

SUFFOLK COUNTY.

1858.			
-	George R. Curran, . . .	Stukely S. Wescott, . . .	_____.
-	Caroline Tinkham Grinnell, . . .	Caroline Grinnell Smith, . . .	_____.
-	Michael Gibbs, jun, . . .	Melville Shields Gibbs, . . .	_____.
-	George Thomas Gillett, . . .	George Thomas Phinney, . . .	_____.
-	Mary McGregor, . . .	Gertrude Eleanor Baker, . . .	_____.
-	Newell Campbell Rogers, . . .	Newell Rogers Campbell, . . .	_____.
-	Hinman Stevens, . . .	Hiram Stevens, . . .	_____.
-	Minnie Stall, . . .	Nellie Florine Barton, . . .	_____.
-	Celia Maria Sawyer, . . .	Celia Maria Hamilton, . . .	_____.
-	Harriet Ann Webber, . . .	Hattie Tarbox, . . .	_____.
-	Charles Forbush Warren, . . .	Jonathan Charles Warren, . . .	_____.

ESSEX COUNTY.

Feb. 2,	Mary Noonan,* . . .	Ella Dole, . . .	Rowley.
2,	Albert Knight,* . . .	Eli Vickery Bartlett, . . .	Marblehead.
Mar. 6,	Amos Abbott, 2d, . . .	Amos Chandler Abbott, . . .	Andover.

* Changed by reason of adoption.

List of persons whose names have been
changed in Massachusetts (1858)

Maine Name Change Records

1820-1891

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First Name	Last Name	
		Exact Spelling v
Residence	Year	
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This database includes all the names changed by the Maine Legislature between 1820 and 1891. After 1876, Maine's probate courts were authorized to change names, and the Legislature performed this task far less frequently.

Richard P. Roberts compiled a more extensive list of Maine name changes—including those granted Maine residents by the Massachusetts Legislature and probate courts—which was published as "Name Changes of Maine Residents, 1803-1892" in *The Maine Genealogist* between Nov. 1995 and Feb. 2001 (vols. 17-23). See also Linda R. Aaskov's "Official Name Changes in Maine to 1820" in the *York County Genealogical Society Journal* of April 1986 (vol. 1).

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Maine Name Change Records

1820-1891

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	Former Name	Assumed Name	Residence	Year
	John R. Lisherness	Ranlet Ness	Vassalborough	1820
2	John Godfrey Stevens	John Stevens Bradford	Fryeburg	1820
3	John Dunning, 3d	John Andrew Dunning	Brunswick	1821
4	John Littlefield	John Littlefield Hodsdon	Hallowell	1821
5	John Megquier	John Louville Megquier	Portland	1821
6	John Scammans, 3d	Frederick Scammans	Saco	1821
7	John Leathers	John Langley	York	1822
8	John Wyllie	John Wyllie Parker	_____	1822
9	Josusha Wyllie	John Wyllie Parker	_____	1822

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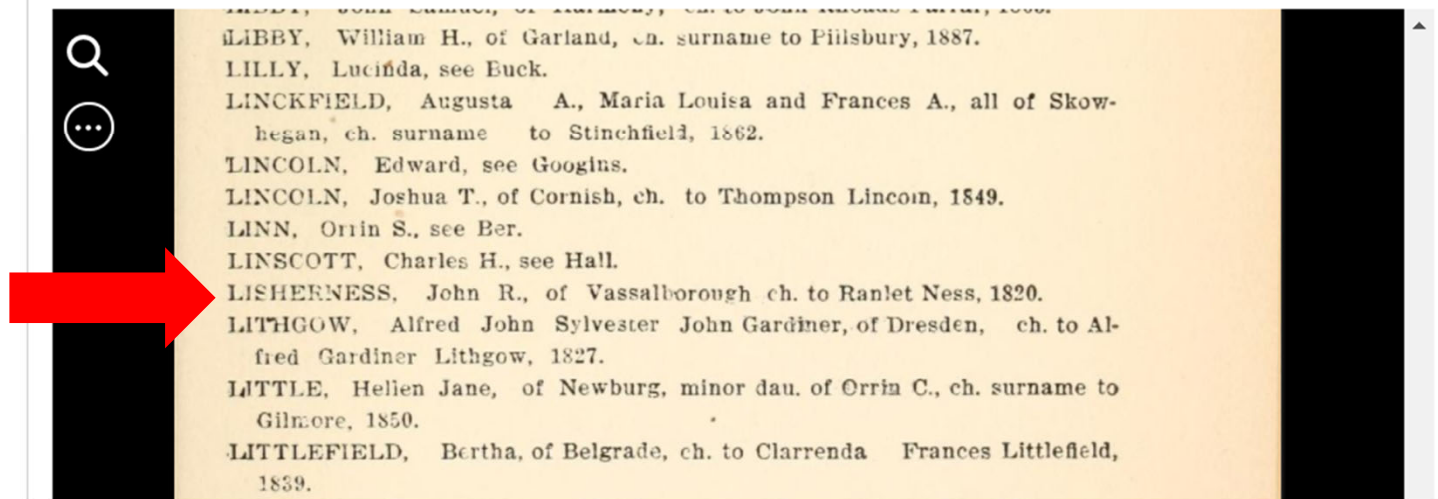
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Name Change Record for John R. Lisherness

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LISHERNESS, John R., of Vassalborough, ch. to Ranlet Ness, 1820.

Source: Marquis Fayette King, compiler, *Changes in Name by Special Acts of the Legislature of Maine, 1820-1895* (1901), p. 37.



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Adoption Records

Adoptions Before 1851

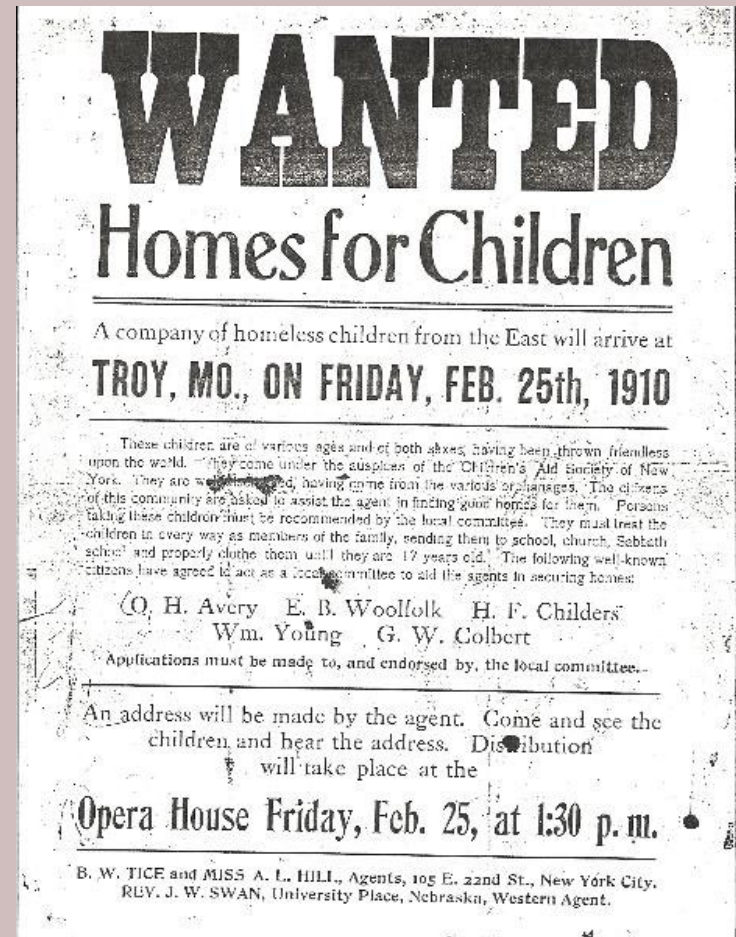
- Akin to the fostering system. Parents retained the legal rights over their children if a guardianship was established.
- Children could be "bound out" as indentured servants until adulthood
- Relatives often adopted extended family members
 - Single mother stigma
 - Widowed parents
 - Financial difficulties

Adoption of Children Act (1851)

- First modern adoption law – passed in Massachusetts and copied in other states
- Passed to ensure adoptions were "fit and proper"
- The legal rights of the biological parents is terminated
- Adopted children were given right to inherit from their adoptive parents
- Children aged 14 and over cannot be adopted without their consent

Orphan Trains

- Between 1854 and 1929, the New York Children's Aid Society transported 250,000 children from New York, Boston and other Eastern cities out by train to the Midwest and western states
- Families showed up to train stations to "look over" the children



Searching the FamilySearch Catalog for Adoption Case Dockets



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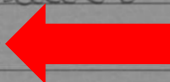
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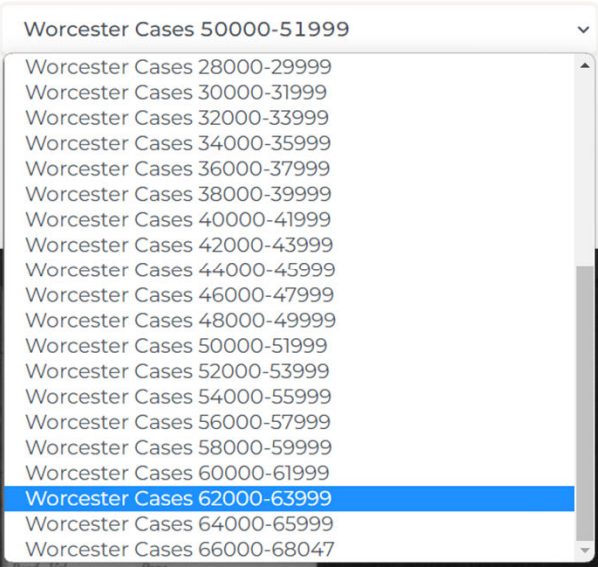
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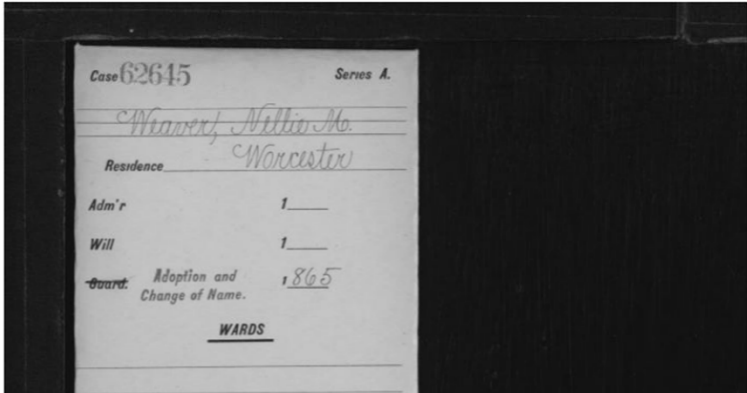
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Worcester, William M.

Residence *Worcester*

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Guard: Adoption and Change of Name. 1865

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RESPECTFULLY represents *George R. Maver* of
Worcester in said County, *Caroline S. Maver*, and
his wife, that they are desirous of adopting
a child of *Jessie A. Russell*
of *Boston* in the County of *Suffolk* and
was born in *Boston* his wife, which said child
on the *or about the first* day of *January* A. D. 186*7*.

*Said child is supposed to be illegitimate and
the father's name is unknown.*

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Separate Support

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" 21	J. H. Schoonmaker, atty. for Respdt.	filed		
1914 Jan. 1				

of June in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety-two.

On the petition of Adaline R. Smith of Boston in said County the wife of Henry W. Smith of Greenwich in the County of Hampshire, praying that said Court will, by its order, prohibit her said husband from imposing any restraint on her personal liberty, and make such further order as it deems expedient concerning her support, and the care, custody and maintenance of the minor children of herself and her said husband; Due notice of said petition having been given to the said Henry W. Smith and It appearing to the Court that said petitioner for justifiable cause is actually living apart from her said husband:-

It is ordered that said Henry W. Smith be and he hereby is prohibited from imposing any restraint on the personal liberty of

1891 Suffolk Co. Sep. Support

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Upon the complaynt & application of Mary Browne to this court for a release from her husband John Browne formerly of New Haven which hath voluntarily desserted & for some yeares past absented himselfe from the Sayd Mary his Lawfull wife wholly neglecting all dutys of a Husband towards her both as to

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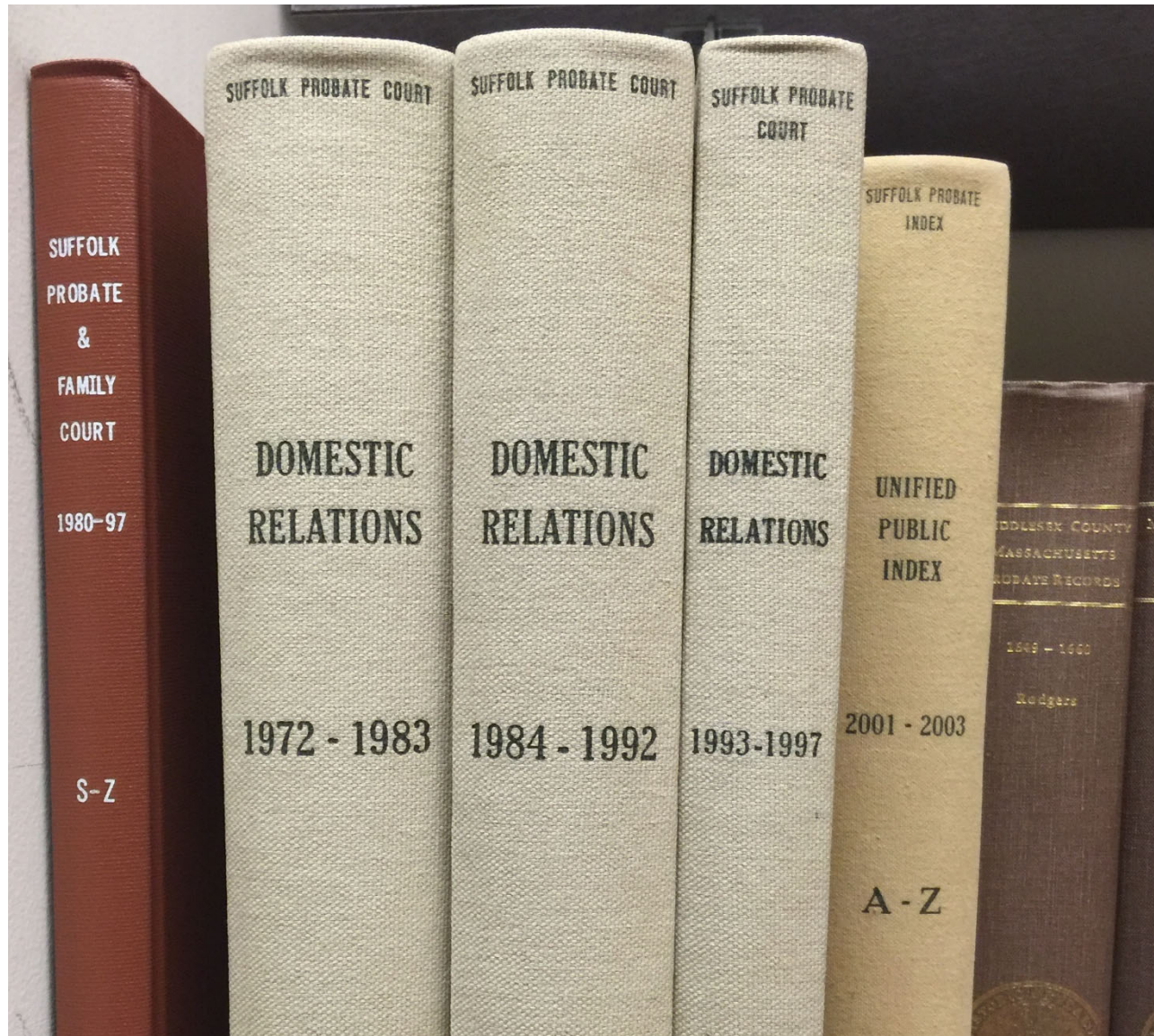
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Divorce Index: Suffolk Co. Mass.

Connecticut Divorce Records

- Divorce records are usually kept in the files at the Superior court where the divorce was granted.
- *Connecticut Divorce Index, 1968-1997* is an index of divorces from the Connecticut D.P.H. on Ancestry.com.


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State-wide indexes

- [Connecticut Divorce Index, 1968-1997](#)
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Many pre-1900 divorces were granted by the CT Legislature by a Special Act. Use the index to search for a name.
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- [Fairfield. Index for 1798-1808 & 1825-77 Divorce Judgments found in Fairfield County, Superior Court Records](#)
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- [Hartford. Index for 1798-1890 Divorce Judgments found in Hartford County, Superior Court Civil Case Records](#)
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- [Hartford County Superior Court Divorce Indexes, 1929-1953](#)
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Maine Divorce Records

- Maine Divorce records pre-1892 can be located at the Maine State Archives
- After 1892 Divorce records are found in the District Court where it was granted
- NEHGS: Index of Maine Divorces, 1892-1983



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Divorce Index

When the State began to maintain vital statistics in 1892, they also collected information on divorces in the State. The clerks of each court were required to submit lists of divorces each year. The volumes in this collection are the compilations of these records from 1892 to 1963. Each volume generally covers a two year period (with a couple of exceptions), and each year is then arranged by county alphabetically. Within the counties are the lists of all divorces, sometimes including maiden name of the wife, date of marriage, date of divorce, and cause of divorce. However, not all clerks filled in all the information, so many pages will just include the names of the two parties.

This information can then be used to locate the file in the court records or order an abstract from the [Office of Data, Research, and Vital Statistics](#). Divorces taking place in 1930 or later need to be requested directly from the court. A list of Superior Courts and their contact information can be found [here](#). Divorces prior to 1930 can be found on microfilm at the Maine State Archives, or, in many cases, online at FamilySearch by searching for the county in the [Card Catalog](#) and then selecting court records in the search results.

These volumes have not been indexed, but for an index of divorces in Maine prior to 1892, which includes the divorces in these records up to 1903, see [MaineGenealogy.net](#). For more information about these divorce returns please contact the Maine State Archives Research Room at maine.archives@maine.gov or 207-287-5790.

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2	Mary E. Jones	32	F	1885	1892	Adultery	1892
3	William B. Brown	40	M	1885	1892	Adultery	1892
4	Elizabeth C. White	38	F	1885	1892	Adultery	1892
5	Charles D. Green	30	M	1885	1892	Adultery	1892
6	Anna F. Black	35	F	1885	1892	Adultery	1892
7	Robert H. Gray	33	M	1885	1892	Adultery	1892
8	Sarah J. King	31	F	1885	1892	Adultery	1892
9	Thomas L. Lee	36	M	1885	1892	Adultery	1892
10	Martha M. Hall	34	F	1885	1892	Adultery	1892

Maine Divorce Returns, Volume 01, 1892-1893

Office of Data, Research, and Vital Statistics

This volume contains a record of divorces sent to the Vital Records Office for the years 1892 and 1893.



No.	Name	Age	Sex	Married	Divorced	Reason	Decree
1	John A. Smith	35	M	1885	1892	Adultery	1892
2	Mary E. Jones	32	F	1885	1892	Adultery	1892
3	William B. Brown	40	M	1885	1892	Adultery	1892
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9	Thomas L. Lee	36	M	1885	1892	Adultery	1892
10	Martha M. Hall	34	F	1885	1892	Adultery	1892

Maine Divorce Returns, Volume 02, 1894-1895

Office of Data, Research, and Vital Statistics

This volume contains a record of divorces sent to the Vital Records Office for the years 1894 and 1895.



No.	Name	Age	Sex	Married	Divorced	Reason	Decree
1	John A. Smith	35	M	1885	1892	Adultery	1892
2	Mary E. Jones	32	F	1885	1892	Adultery	1892
3	William B. Brown	40	M	1885	1892	Adultery	1892
4	Elizabeth C. White	38	F	1885	1892	Adultery	1892
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Maine Divorce Returns, Volume 03, 1896-1897

Office of Data, Research, and Vital Statistics

This volume contains a record of divorces sent to the Vital Records Office for the years 1896 and 1897.

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Divorces decreed before the *Supreme Judicial* Court of *Androscoggin* County for the year ending Dec. 31, 1894.

Sex of Libellant.	Name of Libellant.	Name of Libelee.	Former Name of Female.	Date of Marriage.	Date of Divorce.	Cause of Divorce.
Female	Jennette Leavitt	Thaddeus Leavitt		Jan. 1, 1871.	Feb. 9	Drunkenness, Cruel & abusive treatment.
"	Hannah B. Jones	Nelson O. Jones		Sept. 9, 1887.	Feb. 14	Desertion.
"	Allie B. Norris	Frank B. Norris		Nov. 15, 1888.	Feb. 15	Cruel & abusive treatment.
"	Maggie Macomber	Fred L. Macomber	Maggie Moran	Nov. 25, 1880.	Feb. 15	Desertion.
Male	P. Parker Beal	Nettie L. Beal	Nettie L. Brown	Sept. 16, 1893.	Feb. 13	Cruel & abusive treatment.
Female	Carrie L. Stetson	William K. Stetson	Carrie L. Gwinn	Nov. 8, 1880.	Feb. 14	Adultery.
"	Hattie A. Smith	Ether Smith		Nov. 24, 1870.	Feb. 6	Adultery. Gross & confirmed habits of intoxication.
"	Lizzie M. Larrabee	Lincoln A. Larrabee		Dec. 6, 1879.	Feb. 12	Gross & confirmed habits of intoxication.

Androscoggin County, Maine Divorces (1894)

Massachusetts Divorce: 1639-1692

- Divorce petitions filed in a variety of courts, including the county courts, the General Court, and the Court of Assistants
- Records of the General Court and the Court of Assistants have been published
- Original file records are available in the Suffolk Files Collection, the Massachusetts Archives Collection, and in the courts of the various counties

Massachusetts Divorce: 1692-1775

- Divorces heard by the Governor and Council
- 1755 to 1757: six petitions were heard by the General Court
- Original records are found in the Massachusetts Archives Collection, Suffolk Files Collection, and the county courts

Massachusetts Divorce: 1775-1785

- Governor's Council oversaw Divorces
- Records are part of the Massachusetts Archives Collection and the Governor's Council records
- 1785: Divorces granted by the Supreme Judicial Court of Massachusetts

Massachusetts Divorces (cont.)

- 1887: Divorces heard in the county Superior Courts
- 1922: Divorces heard in Probate and family Courts
- 1952: All divorces are part of a statewide index at the Registry of Vital Records

New Hampshire Divorce Records

- Registrar of Vital Statistics. *Index to Divorces and Annulments Prior to 1938*. The records are arranged by surname, using the first and third letters.
- Bureau of Vital Records. *Divorce Certificates, 1938-47*. Records are sorted by surname, using the first and third letters.

Index to divorces and annulments prior to 1938

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Authors: [New Hampshire. Registrar of Vital Statistics](#) (Main Author)

Format: Manuscript/Manuscript on Film

Language: English

Publication: Salt Lake City, Utah : Filmed by the Genealogical Society of Utah, 1975

Physical: 8 microfilm reels ; 16 mm.

Notes

Microfilm of original records at Concord, New Hampshire.

The records are indexed by surname, the first and third letters being used.

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New Hampshire Record for Divorce

Record for Divorce

Husband's name in full
William H. Brown

Residence Epping

Wife's name in full
Marguerite L. Brown

Residence unknown

Docket Number 2044

Date of Marriage July 30, 1919

Place of Marriage Portsmouth, N.H.

Sex of Libelant Male

Was case contested? No

Date of Decree July 3, 1930

Cause Abandonment and refusal
to cohabit.

Number of minor children affected by decree None

The State of New Hampshire
Rockingham ss. Superior Court

I certify that the above record is correct.
.....
Clerk.

Date July 5, 1930

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Rhode Island Divorce Records

- Early divorces recorded in the Rhode Island Supreme Court
- Divorce records 1905 to present at Rhode Island Family Court in Providence

Vermont Divorces

- NEHGS: microfilm of Vermont divorces, 1861-1989
- Divorce Certificates from the last 5 years held with the State of Vermont Department of Health

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(Main Author)

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Notes

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Pray, the Court of Marriage and Divorce for said State.

Humblly Shew:

Hannah Ayer of Pepperellborough in the
County of York the Wife of Ebenezer Ayer late of said Pep-
perellborough. Traser that your Petitioner was many
Years ago married to the said Ebenezer and has ever since
fulfilled the Marriage Contract with him but he, after
having as she has great Reason to believe and expects to
prove to your Honors Violated the Chastity of the Marriage
Bed by Committing Adultery, has professed himself to be
single and unmarried has removed to the Town of Boston
and after being duly published was married to one Thomp-
son with whom he has openly cohabited as if she was
his Wife & committed the Act of Adultery with her where-
fore your Petitioner prays that the Bonds of Matrimony
between her and the said Ebenezer may be dissolved
and as in Duty bound will ever pray

Petition of Divorce

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meantime.

John Rogers of the town of Newlondon applies himself to this Court by appeal from the Judgm^t of the Countie Court held at New London June the 4th 1700: which Judgm^t was past upon **Marie R[are?]**ford**** of Newlondon for having a Child borne last January for which she was Ordered by the Court to pay a fine of fortie Shillings in money to the Countie treasury in Prosecution of which appeal the Sayd John Rogers did own himselfe to be the father of the Child. This court

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1664	William . . .	administration	74024		1726	Jonathan A. . .	guardianship 5243
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Suffolk County, Massachusetts Probate Index (American Ancestors)

The Condition of this Obligation is such, That if the
above-bounden *Samuel Adams* Nominated and Allowed to be
Guardian unto *John Fyfield* a Minor *aged about*
six months Son of John Fyfield
late of *Boston* in the County of *Suffolk* *Mariner* Deceased, shall
and do well and truly Perform and Discharge the Trust and Office of Guardian
unto the said Minor, and that in and by all things according to Law ; And
shall render a plain and true Accompt of *his* said Guardianship upon Oath,
and all and singular such Estate as shall come to *his* hands and possession by
virtue thereof, and of the Profits and Improvements of the same, so far as the
Law will charge *him* there-with (when *he* shall be thereunto Law-
fully required) and shall Pay and Deliver what and so much of the said Estate
as shall be found remaining upon *his* Accompt, (the same being first Ex-
amined and Allowed of by the Judge or Judges, for the time being, of the Probate
of Wills, &c. within the County of *Suffolk* *aforsaid*) unto the said Minor
when *he* shall arrive at full Age ; or otherwise as the said Judge or Judges
by his or their Decree or Sentence pursuant to Law shall Limit and Appoint :
Then this Obligation to be Void, otherwise to remain in full force.

Guardianship of John Fyfield - Case 5242 (1726)

Naturalizations

Naturalizations

- Records include Declarations of Intention, petitions, and Granted and Denied Petitions
- Many are now searchable on FamilySearch, Fold3, and Ancestry.com
- Most New England Naturalizations prior to 1906 can be located at the National Archives in Waltham, Massachusetts

Various Courts to Petition Naturalizations before 1906

- Superior Court
- Supreme Judicial Court
- Court of Common Pleas
- District Courts
- Police Courts

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United States, New England Petitions for Naturalization Index, 1791-1906

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	Oct 16 1878
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Naturalization records (Boston, Massachusetts), 1845-1911 : NARA, RG 21

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Notes

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Many numbered folders were missing at the time of microfilming.

The records are in numerical order. Records are from the District Court and the Circuit Court, however the majority are from the Circuit Court.

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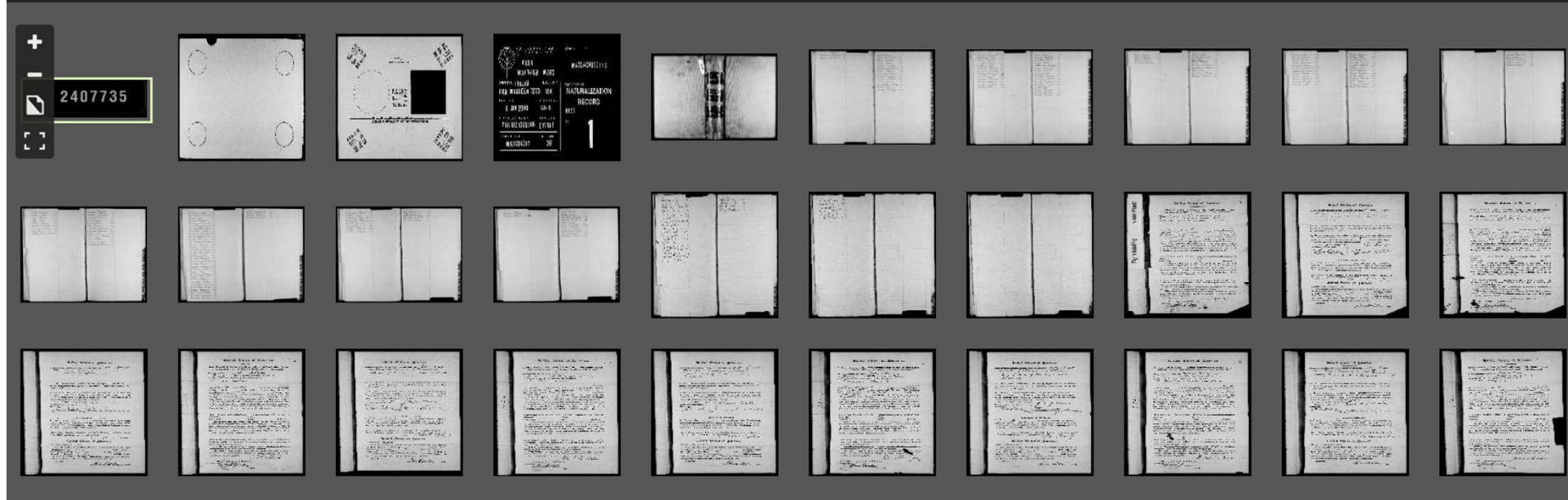
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Pre-1906 Naturalizations

United States of America.

Massachusetts District, ss. *James Rooney*

To the Honorable the Judge of the ~~District~~ Court of the United States, within and for the District of Massachusetts.

RESPECTFULLY represents *Daniel Rooney*
of *Boston* in said District *Massachusetts* an alien, and a free white person, that he was born in *Longford Ireland*

the *twentieth* day of *March* on or about
hundred and *forty* years and is now about *thirty* years of age;
that he arrived at *East Boston District of Mass.*

Twenty Second day of *April* in the United States of America, on or about the
eighteen hundred and *Sixty four* in the year of our Lord
being then a minor under the age of
eighteen years; that it then was and still is, his bona fide intention to reside in and
become a citizen of the United States of America, and to renounce all allegiance and
fidelity to every foreign Prince, State, Potentate, and Sovereignty whatsoever—more
especially to *Victoria*, Queen of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland,

whose subject he has heretofore been: *All which appears in the Record of the Honorable Court,*

to wit, on the *day of* A. D. 18

And the said petitioner further represents, that he has ever since continued to reside within the jurisdiction of said United States, that he has never borne any hereditary title, or been of any of the orders of nobility; that he is ready to renounce and abjure all allegiance and fidelity to every foreign Prince, Potentate, State, or Sovereignty whatever, and particularly to *Victoria*, Queen as aforesaid,

whose subject he has heretofore been; that he is attached to the principles of the Constitution of the United States of America, and well disposed towards the good order and happiness of the same.

~~And the said petitioner further represents that he enlisted in the Volunteer forces of the Armies of the United States, and that he was honorably discharged therefrom on the~~

day of A. D. 18

Wherefore your petitioner prays, that he may be admitted to become a citizen of the said United States of America, according to the forms of the statute in such case made and provided

James Rooney
Sworn to by said Petitioner,

John G. Sweeney Clerk.

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"Desire Pequin Indian Woman, Servant to Captn. Benjamin Warren of Plymouth" appeared to answer for "her Running away and Stealing Several things from her said Master, viz: A Gown, Shift, Petticoat, Handkerchief, etc., Some time the Latter End of October last, prized at £3.14s., And Some things at the Same time from Josiah Cotton of Plymouth...Viz: Two aprons and Three Caps (prized at £17s.6d.)." Deft. confessed and was ordered to pay £7.9s.4d. to Capt. Warren "being with the Things that were returned and a few not returned, the Treeble Damages," and 35s. to Josiah Cotton "being with the Things Returned the Treeble Damages." Pequin was also ordered to pay 20s. fine or be publicly whipped ten stripes, to pay fees and charges, and to stand committed. "Charges and fees Taxed at £3.6s." Pequin being unable to pay, "And her said Master chusing to

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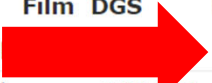
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State of Maine.

No. 19

Franklin ss. At the Supreme Judicial Court, begun and holden at Farmington within and for the County of Franklin, on the third Tuesday of April, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty eight.

The Jurors, for said State upon their oath present, that John Pillsbury of Acorn, in the County of Franklin, laborer, at Acorn in said County of Franklin, on the tenth day of January, in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and fifty eight, and on divers other days and times between said tenth day of January aforesaid and the day of the finding of this indictment, with any lawful authority, license or permission, was a common seller of intoxicating liquors, against the peace of said State of Maine, and contrary to the form of the Statute in such case made and provided; and the Jurors aforesaid, upon their oath aforesaid, do further

State
J.
Pillsbury.

Indictment of John Pillsbury (1859)

Financial Issues

Financial Cases

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An Inventory of the Estate of Mathew Loomis of Windsor was Exhibited in Court and oath made by ye Releit that she made a true p^rsentm^t of the Estate of the Deceased to ye Aprizth of what at p^rsent is known, and if more Come to knowledg she will Cause it to be added to the Inventory. The Court ord^r it to be Recorded and yis Court grants admistration to ye Releit Mary Loomis w^h the advice of Nath Loomis, and the widow, and Nath Loomis, Doe bind themselves in a yis Court Recognizance of therty five pounds, that they will ~~one day~~ Rend^r a true Acc^t of ye Estate to ye Court when it is Caled for to fix ad ation one Daught^r Mary: 7 months old.

Records of the Particular Court of the
Colony of CT, 1687-1688

Bankruptcy

- Before the 1898 Federal Uniform Bankruptcy Act, bankruptcy law was determined state-by-state
- For Massachusetts, the insolvency petitions are held at the Massachusetts State Archives. They can be retrieved by the SJC Archivist.

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Case No 182.
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

Hampden, ss.

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COURT OF INSOLVENCY.

IN THE CASE OF Niram N. Farnum
of Holyoke in said County, Insolvent Debtor.

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS: That WHEREAS, Daniel E. Kingsbury
of Holyoke in the County of Hampden
has been duly appointed Assignee in said case:

NOW, THEREFORE, I William S. Shurtleff Esquire, Judge of the Court of Insolvency in and for said County of Hampden, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the One Hundred and Eighteenth Chapter of the General Statutes and the laws of this Commonwealth, do hereby convey and assign to the said Assignee, all the estate, real and personal, of the said Niram N. Farnum insolvent debtor including all the property of which he was possessed, or which he was interested in or entitled to on the eighty ninth day of February in the year one thousand eight hundred and sixty one excepting such as may be by law exempted from attachment, with all his deeds, books and papers relating thereto.

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD, all the above-granted premises to the said Daniel E. Kingsbury and his heirs, forever; *In trust nevertheless, for the use and purposes, with the powers and subject to the conditions and limitations set forth in the Chapter and laws aforesaid.*

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I, the said Judge, have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of said Court to be affixed, on this seventeenth day of March in the year one thousand eight hundred and sixty eighty one.

Wm S Shurtleff Judge of Court of Insolvency.

HAMPDEN, ss. March A. D. 1881. Then personally appeared the above named Wm S Shurtleff and acknowledged the above instrument to be his free act and deed.

Before me, J. B. Spooner Justice of the Peace.

A true Record. Attest: Daniel S. Spooner Register.

Hampden County, Mass. Insolvency
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