

Researching Impoverished Ancestors in North America

Class 3: Growth of Organized Settings: Systems of Care from 1850 forward

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OVERVIEW

- **Presentation (60 mins.)**
 - Brief History of Institutions in America
 - Records to examine for clues
 - How to get around restricted collections
- **Q&A (30 mins.)**



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Brief History of Institutions in America

Colonial Period thru 1850s

- Community home
- Jails
- Almshouse or Poorhouse
 - First an extension of the church, later the town/city, or state (Boston first in 1622)
 - All persons who lived in poverty:
 - widows
 - orphans
 - alcoholics
 - persons with physical or mental disabilities

Mid-19th Century

- Huge effort to categorize and arrange individuals, with a focus on rehabilitation:
 - Penitentiaries (1829, Philadelphia, Penn.)
 - Public schools (1839, Lexington, Mass.)
 - Orphanage (1729, Natchez, Miss.)
 - School for the deaf (1817, Hartford, Conn.)
 - School for the blind (1829, Watertown, Mass.)
 - Asylum for mentally-ill (1752, Philadelphia, Penn.)
 - Hospitals (1736, New York City)

Early 20th Century

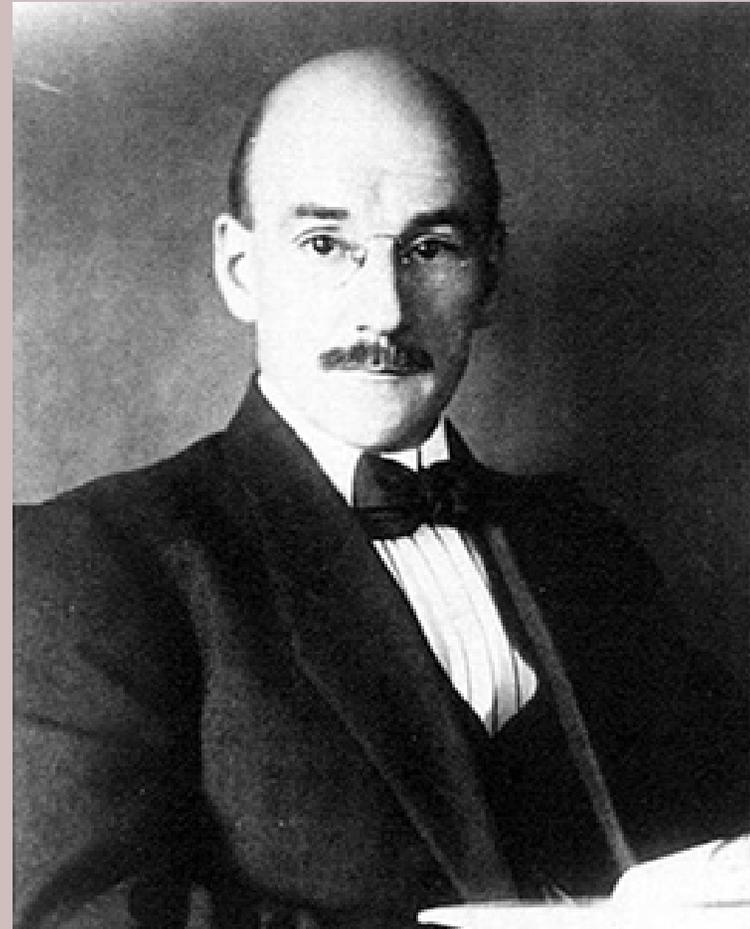
- Placement became more permeant
 - Rehabilitation is less-possible
- Eugenics on the rise
- Xenophobia on the rise
 - Immigration act of 1907 and 1924
- Binet–Simon test
 - Precursor to IQ test

Immigration Act of 1907

- Idiots, imbeciles, and feeble-minded persons
- Epileptics
- Insane persons
- Paupers
- Professional beggars
- Polygamists
- Anarchists
- Persons afflicted with tuberculosis or “with a loathsome or dangerous contagious disease”
- Persons who have been convicted of a felony or crime or “misdemeanor involving moral turpitude”

Henry Goddard

- 1866-1957
- Head of research at the Vineland Training School in New Jersey
- Translated the Binet–Simon test
 - “idiots” had a mental age equal to or less than 2 years old
 - “imbeciles” had a mental age of 3-7 years
 - “morons” had a mental age of 8-12 years



Mid/Late 20th Century

- Deinstitutionalization
 - Return to home care
 - Parole
- Education
 - Public perception
 - Specialized fields
- Parent groups demanded change
 - Rehabilitation
 - Improved conditions and better staffing

Some records to examine for clues

Two Approaches

- What you know
 - Family Lore
 - Family papers
 - Photographs
 - Diaries/Journals
 - Postcards and letters
 - Heirlooms
- What you've discovered
 - Research
 - Sudden appearance
 - Sudden disappearance or absence
 - Something fishy
 - Right place, right time

If Your Ancestor Was...

- Physically disabled (birth, veteran, on the job)
 - School for the blind
 - Schools for the deaf
 - Homes for wounded veterans
 - State schools (originally “for the feebleminded”)
 - State hospitals
- Intellectual or mental disability
 - Insane asylum
 - State schools (originally “for the feebleminded”)
- Financially disadvantaged
 - Orphanage or Orphan Trains
 - State schools (originally “for the feebleminded”)
 - State reform school
 - Prisons –NOT COVERED IN THIS COURSE

Federal Census

U.S. Federal Census

- Authorized by Article 1, Section 2, of the U.S. Constitution to make an accurate count of the U.S. population for representative purposes (1787)
- Population Schedule is taken every ten years-
 - 1st enumeration- 2 August 1790
 - The 1950 census (last available census)-1 April 1950
 - The last census- 1 April 2020
 - Next census to become available- 1 April 2032
- Began under the jurisdiction of U.S. State Department (1790-1840). Currently, under the U.S. Census Bureau.

Census Records

- 1830-Free persons and enslaved persons who are deaf/dumb; free persons and enslaved persons who are blind
- 1840-Free persons who are insane/idiots (public charge or private charge)
- 1880-1950 (except 1920)- Unemployment status
- 1850-1910 (except 1900)- Deaf/dumb, blind, insane, idiotic
- 1850-1860- Pauper or convict
- 1870- Crippled
- 1880- Person sick on enumeration day (name sickness)
- 1910 and 1930- Veteran status

Tip

Always look at the
record before and after!

Analyze Everything!

STATE Connecticut COUNTY Hartford TOWNSHIP OR OTHER DIVISION OF COUNTY Town of Danbury NAME OF INCORPORATED PLACE Danbury City WARD OF CITY First ENUMERATED BY ME ON THE 188 DAY OF June 1920. ENUMERATOR Walter Clark 6450

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE—BUREAU OF THE CENSUS (D1-978) SUPERVISOR'S DISTRICT NO. 38 SHEET NO. 9 B
 FOURTEENTH CENSUS OF THE UNITED STATES: 1920—POPULATION (ENUMERATION DISTRICT NO. 28)

PLACE OF BIRTH	NAME	RELATION	SEX	PERSONAL DESCRIPTION	CITIZENSHIP	EDUCATION	NATIVITY AND MOTHER TONGUE						OCCUPATION		
							FATHER		MOTHER		MOTHER TONGUE	MOTHER TONGUE		MOTHER TONGUE	MOTHER TONGUE
							Place of birth	Mother tongue	Place of birth	Mother tongue					
193 167229	Miss Phyllis Woodman	daughter	F	W 12 S	10	10	Connecticut	Connecticut	Connecticut	Connecticut	Connecticut	Connecticut	none		
11 168 229	Woodman William	head	M	W 50 M	10	10	New York	Connecticut	Connecticut	Connecticut	Connecticut	Connecticut	none		
17 164 230	Miss Anna Hamilton	daughter	F	W 30 M	10	10	Connecticut	Connecticut	Connecticut	Connecticut	Connecticut	Connecticut	none		
17 164 241	Miss Anna Hamilton	daughter	F	W 24 M	10	10	Connecticut	Connecticut	Connecticut	Connecticut	Connecticut	Connecticut	none		
17 170 32	Miss Sylvia Hamilton	daughter	F	W 16 M	10	10	Connecticut	Connecticut	Connecticut	Connecticut	Connecticut	Connecticut	none		
21 171 233	Miss Anna Hamilton	daughter	F	W 17 M	10	10	Connecticut	Connecticut	Connecticut	Connecticut	Connecticut	Connecticut	none		
21 172 247	Miss Anna Hamilton	daughter	F	W 17 M	10	10	Connecticut	Connecticut	Connecticut	Connecticut	Connecticut	Connecticut	none		
25 172 230	Miss Anna Hamilton	daughter	F	W 17 M	10	10	Connecticut	Connecticut	Connecticut	Connecticut	Connecticut	Connecticut	none		
27 173 260	Miss Anna Hamilton	daughter	F	W 17 M	10	10	Connecticut	Connecticut	Connecticut	Connecticut	Connecticut	Connecticut	none		
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10 177 242	Miss Anna Hamilton	daughter	F	W 17 M	10	10	Connecticut	Connecticut	Connecticut	Connecticut	Connecticut	Connecticut	none		

Look for Context Clues

<u> </u> Ann	Wife			F	W	72
Horton Thomas	Head	1	0	M	W	37
<u> </u> Harrett	Wife			F	W	44
Owen Mary	sister in law			F	W	50
<u> </u> Thresa	adopted			F	W	17
Horton Owen Cyn	Son			M	W	8 62

Orphan Trains

- Orphan Train Movement placed more than 120,000 orphaned children with families across the country between 1853 and the early 1900s.
- Charles Loring Brace conceptualized the “emigration plan” to resettle poor and orphaned children living in New York City with farm families in the West.
- “Orphan Trains” stopped at more than 45 states across the country, as well as Canada and Mexico.



You Gussed It!



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14 orphan trains » Orphan trains

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SUMMARY VIEW

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Orphan trains collection

Indiana State Library - Manuscripts and Rare Books

This collection includes correspondence, newspaper clippings, and an annual report from Annette R. Fry in New York, New York regarding various people who were relocated from New York City to Indiana on the orphan trains run by the Children's Aid Society of New York City.

Contact Information

View the Finding Aid

Orphan train

Northeastern State University, Tahlequah Campus - John Vaughan Library

Contains various articles on the orphan trains

Contact Information

View the Catalog Record

Orphan trains collection 1971-1972

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North Dakota orphan train riders collection, 1905-2000

North Dakota State University

Photocopy collection of newspaper clippings, biographical sketches, obituaries, and letters related to orphan trains and orphans in North Dakota. Also program for the 2000

Non-Population Schedules

Non-Population schedules and special censuses

- Agricultural Schedules
- Defective, Dependent, and Delinquent Classes
- Industry and Manufacturing Schedules
- Mortality Schedules
- Slave Schedules
- Social Statistics Schedules
- Business Census (1935)
- Union Veterans and Widows Schedules
- Indian Census Rolls, 1885-1940
- Special Census on Deaf Family Marriages and Hearing Relatives, 1888-1895
- And many others...

1880- Defective, Dependent, and Delinquent Classes

- This schedule included different forms to enumerate the following classes of individuals:
 - Insane
 - Idiots
 - Deaf-mutes
 - Blind
 - Paupers and indigent persons
 - Homeless children
 - Prisoners

Insane

Supplemental Schedule No. 1.—INSANE inhabitants in Lowell, in the County of Middlesex, State of Massachusetts, enumerated by me Joshua W. Hadley Enumerator.

Lowell City Aluishment, 3031

Number from Schedule No. 1.	NAME.	Residence when at home.—(See note A.)		If now an inmate of an institution, is this person a pay-patient?	Form of Disease. (See note B.)	History of attack.—(See note C.)			Restraint and Seclusion.—(See note D.)		Hospital or Asylum.—(See note E.)			See Note F.	
		City or Town.	County (if in same State), or State (if in some other State).			Duration of present attack, (not including previous attacks).	Total number of attacks, (including the present one).	Age at which first attack occurred.	Does this person require to be usually or often kept in a cell or other apartment under lock and key, either by day or at night?	Does this person require to be usually or often restrained by any mechanical appliances, such as a strap, strait-jacket, &c. and if yes, state the character of the appliance used.	Has this person ever been an inmate of any hospital or asylum for the insane? If yes, name the said hospital or asylum.	What has been the total length of time spent by him or her during life in such asylums?	Date of discharge (year only).	Is this person also an epileptic?	Is this person suicidal?
1	Marshall, Electa	Lowell	Middlesex	No	Mania	36 yrs	1	88	Yes	No	Worcester Hospital 8 yrs 1854				
2	Gostello, John	Lowell	Middlesex	No	Mania	22 yrs	1	73	No	No	No				
3	Peabody, Maria	Lowell	Middlesex	No	Dementia	48 yrs	1	birth	No	No	No				
4	Howe, Nancy	Lowell	Middlesex	No	Mania	24 yrs	1	45	No	No	Worcester Hospital 7 yrs 1844				
5	Bradley, Peter	Lowell	Middlesex	No	Mania	13 yrs	1	50	No	No					
6	Welch, Ann M.	Lowell	Middlesex	Yes	Mania	11 yrs	1	39	No	No					
10	Burgin, Eliza	Lowell	Middlesex	No	Dementia	26 yrs	1	birth	No	No	Northbury Hospital				
11	Kittidge, Berry	Lowell	Middlesex	Yes	Dementia	45 yrs	1	10	No	No	Northbury Hospital 1845				
14	Morgan, Susan	Lowell	Middlesex	No	Melancholia	7 yrs	1	24	No	No	Worcester Hospital 1876				
17	Pilbourn, Elizabeth	Lowell	Middlesex	No	Mania				No	No	Worcester Hospital 1876				
18	McCarty, Josephina	Lowell	Middlesex	No	Dementia	18 yrs		17	No	No	Worcester Hospital 1876				
19	Crow, Mary	Lowell	Middlesex	No	Mania				No	No	Worcester Hospital 6 yrs 1876				
20	Bohn, Susanna	Lowell	Middlesex	No	Mania	18 yrs	1	31	No	No	Worcester Hospital 1876				
21	Witch, Susan	Lowell	Middlesex	No	Melancholia				No	No	Worcester Hospital 2 yrs 1876				
22	Cornell, George	Lowell	Middlesex	No	Mania	6 yrs	1	32	No	No	Worcester Hospital 4 yrs 1876				
23	Chapman, Michael	Lowell	Middlesex	No	Dementia	5 yrs	1	32	No	No					

Insane

- Name of person
- Residence when at home (city and county)
- Paying or ward of state
- Form of disease (diagnosed by medical professional)
- Mental history (duration, number of attacks, age at first attack)
- Restraint or seclusion (date of discharge)
- Ever institutionalized? If so, where?

Resources

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Using the Federal Census: 1790–1840

By Lindsay Fulton, NEHGS Genealogist

Introduction

The decennial U.S. Federal Census is the most comprehensive record for residents of the United States from 1790 to 1940 (years currently available). Authorized by Article 1, Section 2, of the U.S. Constitution, the census was required to make an accurate count of the U.S. population for representative purposes. Providing only the name of the head of household, the 1790–1840 censuses are often overlooked by researchers because they lack the names of the other household residents. Never provide information about this Portable Genealogist Central Census tabulation year, as well as hints for

How was each census tabulated?

Over time, the number of copies produced, explain why you may encounter missing records, duplicate enumerations, and mistakes due to human error.

YEAR	
1790 1800	The enumerators were given one copy of the schedule (usually 1 court territory of state)
1810 1820	Assistants were instructed to be divided into districts and required to file names of the heads of household to the Department of State
1830 1840	Assistants were long as they held. Assistant clerks in the sent to the secretary at each website Washington.

TOPICS

- How each census was tabulated
- Timeline with notable dates

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Introduction

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The 1850 census marks the first time every person in the household was enumerated by name. It also recorded such factors as immigration, education, income, and ethnicity, providing researchers with in-depth information about ancestors. This guide provides background on the 1850–1950 U.S. Federal Census tabulation process, the records that survive, and enumeration questions (by year), as well as general information about federal nonpopulation schedules.

How was each census tabulated?

Over time, the enumeration process for each census evolved in regard to how information was collected and the number of copies produced. Knowing how the information was recorded during a certain span can help explain why you may encounter missing records, duplicate enumerations, and mistakes due to human error.

YEAR	STEPS IN THE ENUMERATION PROCESS
1850	The secretary of state in each territory/state assumed jurisdiction over the census, and assistants were given specific instructions from the centralized Census Office (est. 1850) and assigned a specific division. After the assistants submitted their original enumeration at the respective county courthouse, supervising marshals made a set of copies to be sent to the proper state/territorial secretary of state, who then made copies to be sent to the Census Office in Washington. Thus, the microfilmed enumerations of the 1850–1870 censuses are copies of copies first enumerated by the assistants. If the copies retained by the county courthouse and the state/territorial secretary of state still exist, they would be at the local level.
1880	The Census Office assumed complete control over enumeration from the federal courts and state/territorial secretaries of state. Each specific division, now called an Enumeration District, was supervised by one manager who ensured that one additional copy of the enumeration was made. The original was kept at the county courthouse and the copy was sent to the Census Office in Washington D.C. The microfilmed censuses that you see today are copies of the original enumeration made by the Enumeration District supervisor (or their staff). If copies of the 1880 census still exist, they would be at the county courthouse.
1890	For this year only, the enumeration schedules required a separate tabulation for each family unit. The increased volume of the census forced Congress to allot money for only one copy, so counties now had to pay for their own official copies. If a county paid for a copy and it has survived, it would be held on the local level. A 1921 Commerce Building fire destroyed the majority of the original enumeration schedules that were sent to Washington. See page 4 for known availability of the records that survived.
1900	During this period, the enumerator completed a block-by-block count of all persons living in a district. If enumerators could not find an English speaker to help with translation, they needed special permission to hire a translator. Each day the enumerator was required to complete two copies of a daily production report and mail the results to the U.S. Census Bureau. Once the enumerator visited all the locations in their district, the finished schedule would be shipped to a supervisor, who forwarded it to the Census Bureau. Funding provided for only one set of schedules.

TOPICS

- How each census was tabulated
- Timeline with notable dates
- Federal nonpopulation schedules
- Enumeration questions by year
- Availability of censuses by year and state

RECORDS

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Webinar Syllabus: The Federal Census: Moving Beyond the Population Schedule, January 28, 2021 (live broadcast)
Recording available at: <https://www.AmericanAncestors.org/education/learning-resources/watch>

The Federal Census

Moving Beyond the Population Schedule

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TIP- These censuses are not always searchable, so be sure to examine all images (or the originals) whenever possible.

The decennial U.S. Federal Census is often the first stop for genealogists, as it is the most comprehensive record for residents of the United States from 1790-1940. Authorized by Article 1, Section 1 of the U.S. Constitution, the census was required make an accurate count of the U.S. population for representative purposes. However, over time, the census has evolved, providing lawmakers with statistical information about immigration, education, income, and ethnicity (to name a few).

Non-Population Schedules and Special Censuses were enumerated alongside the decennial population census and include both historical and genealogical data. And while these records do not include as much detailed information as the population censuses, these schedules/censuses can often yield interesting information about your ancestors. To locate these records, you should begin on the local level, as the National Archives returned most of the original schedules/censuses to the states. Some of the known repositories for these records are identified below:

Agricultural Schedules- Taken in 1850, 1860, 1870, and 1880, these schedules reported the farms in the United States valued at over \$100 (1850-1860) and over \$500 (1870-1880). Some of the information recorded:

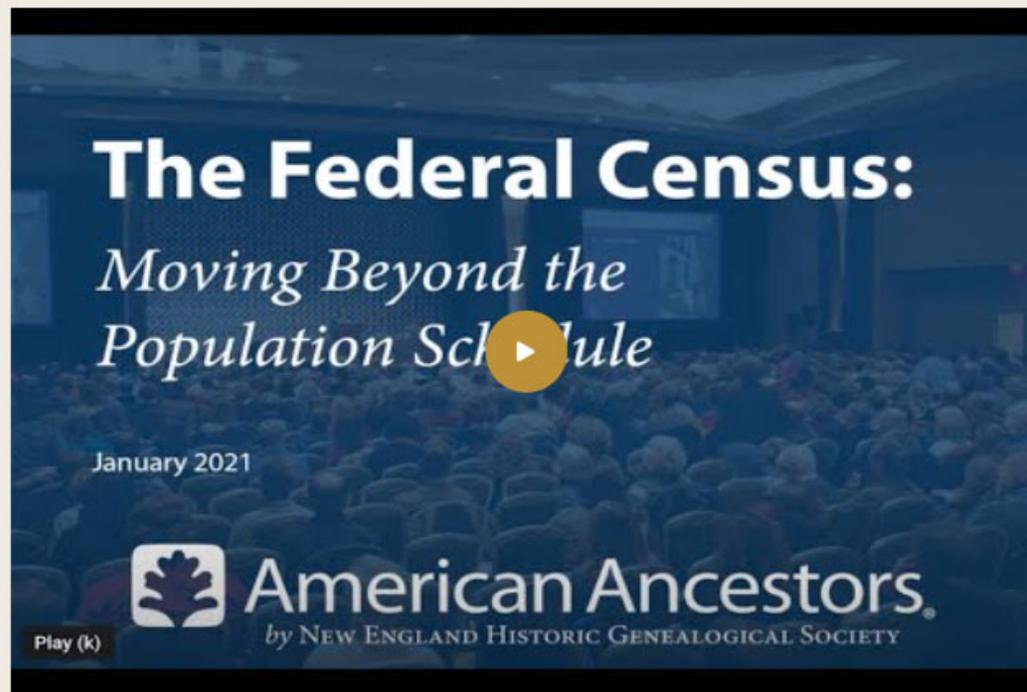
- Name of owner, agent, or manager of the farm
- Value of the implement
- Number of improved/unimproved acres
- Machinery
- Cash value of the farm
- Inventory and livestock
- Crop yields and/or production during the year

State	Year	Online Images
Alabama	1850-1880	FamilySearch (1860); Ancestry (1850-1880)
Alaska	1929	-----
Arizona	-----	-----
Arkansas	1850-1870	FamilySearch (1850 & 1870)
California	1850-1880	Ancestry (1850-1880)

PDF

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The Federal Census: Moving Beyond the Population Schedule



Online

January 28, 2021

Presented by Lindsay Fulton

When most family historians think about the census, we think of the population schedule—the enumeration of individuals living within a household. But there is so much more to the Federal Census that many researchers overlook! Census expert Lindsay Fulton will discuss how mortality, agriculture, manufacturing, business, and other social statistics schedules can be used in your genealogical research. She'll review what data was collected for what

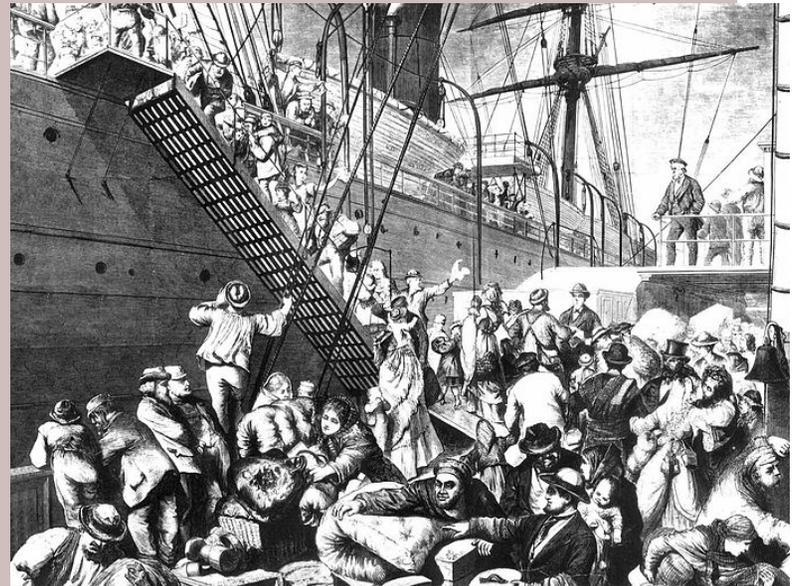
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QUESTIONS?

Immigration Records

20th Century Passenger Lists

- U.S. Government printed blank passenger lists and distributed to ships companies
- Completed at port of departure
- Headings in English, but remainder could be in native tongue (especially names)
- Ship's purser would complete



Information included

- Name
- Age
- Sex
- Martial status
- Occupation
- Literacy
- Nationality
- Race or people (1903)
- Last permanent address
- Name and complete address of nearest relative or friend in country whence alien came (1907)

Ambrosi Family- S.S. Verona, 1914 (second page)

List *14*

STATES IMMIGRATION OFFICER AT PORT OF ARRIVAL.

must upon arrival deliver lists thereof to the immigration officer. This (white) sheet is for the listing of STEERAGE PASSENGERS ONLY.

Arriving at Port of *New York* JAN 14 1915 191

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12 No on List	13 Final Destination: (Extended future permanent residence.)		14 Whether having a ticket for such final destination?	15 By whom was passage paid? <small>(Whether alien paid his own passage, whether paid by any other per- son, or by any corpo- ration, society, insti- tution, or government.)</small>	16 Whether in possession of \$50 or in possession of more and if less, how much?	17 Whether ever before in the United States; and if so, when and where?		18 Whether going to join a relative or friend; and if so, what relative or friend, and his name and complete address?	19 <small>Whether a Polygamist: Is he married by any other wife?</small>	20 <small>Whether an Anarchist: Is he a member of any organization which advocates the destruction of property?</small>	21 <small>Whether a member of any secret society of which he is not a member?</small>	22 <small>Whether a member of any secret society of which he is not a member?</small>	23 Condition of Health, Mental and Physical.	24 Deformed or Crippled. Nature, length of time, and cause.	25 SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION REQUIRED BY NATURALIZATION ACT APPROVED JUNE 28, 1906.				
	State.	City or Town.				Yes or No.	If Yes— Year or period of years.								Feet.	Inches.	Complexion.	Color of— Hair. Eyes.	
1	Ohio	Belmont	Yes	mother	no	no	no	husband Giuseppe Debra Belmont Ohio 1872 or 1873					no	5 3	medium	dark	blue	Italy	Verona
2	Ohio	Belmont	Yes	mother	no	no	no	Father Belmont Ohio 1872					no	5	medium	dark	blue	Italy	Verona
3	Ohio	Belmont	Yes	mother	no	no	no	Father Belmont Ohio 1872					no	5	medium	dark	blue	Italy	Verona
4	Ohio	Belmont	Yes	mother	no	no	no	Father Belmont Ohio 1872					no	5	medium	dark	blue	Italy	Verona
5	N.Y.	New York	Yes	husband	no	no	no	husband Richard Ambrosi 201 First St. New York					no	5 1/2	medium	dark	blue	Italy	Verona
6	N.Y.	New York	Yes	Father	no	no	no	Father Richard Ambrosi 1701 First St. New York					no	5 1/2	medium	dark	blue	Italy	Verona
7	N.Y.	New York	Yes	Father	no	no	no	Father Richard Ambrosi 1201 First St. New York					no	5 1/2	medium	dark	blue	Italy	Verona
8	N.Y.	New York	Yes	Father	no	no	no	Father Richard Ambrosi 1201 First St. New York					no	5 1/2	medium	dark	blue	Italy	Verona
9	N.Y.	New York	Yes	Father	no	no	no	Father Richard Ambrosi 1201 First St. New York					no	5 1/2	medium	dark	blue	Italy	Verona

Cardinal

Information included

- Destination (state and city/town)
- Whether in possession of a ticket to final destination
- By whom was the passage paid
- Amount of money passenger carried
- Whether ever before in the United States (years, place)
- Whether going to join a relative, the relative's name, address and relationship
- Whether the passenger had ever been in prison, almshouse, or institution for the insane, or was a polygamist or anarchists
- State of health
- Place of birth (county/town) (1906)
- Physical Description (1906)

Resources

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Immigration to the U.S.

By Rhonda R. McClure, Genealogist at NEHGS

Introduction
 Since the 1600s, people have immigrated to America to escape religious or social persecution, claim a better life, or seek adventure. No matter the reason or time period, finding your immigrant ancestor can be a difficult task. This Portable Genealogist will help you better understand the major waves of immigration to the U.S. between 1607 and 1924 and discuss what records exist, where to find them, and how to learn more about your ancestor's entry into America.

Determining When Your Ancestors Immigrated
 To begin your research, you will first need to determine what year your ancestor made the journey. As with other genealogical research, systematically work your family history back one generation at a time. Consider immigration patterns: Who came over when? Your ancestor may have been a part of that migration.

YEAR	From where?	How many? (approx.)	Main reasons for emigrating
1607–1640	<i>Primarily from:</i> British Isles	100,000	Avoid religious persecution; establish settlements
1640–1783	<i>Primarily from:</i> British Isles, Germany, Holland, Africa	750,000	Opportunity to own land; avoid religious persecutions; Industrial Revolution; slave labor
1783–1815	<i>Primarily from:</i> British Isles, Germany, Holland, Africa, Scandinavia	250,000	Escape from war; Industrial Revolution; slave labor; opportunity to own land
1815–1860	<i>Primarily from:</i> British Isles, Germany, Holland, Scandinavia, Switzerland	5 million	Escape from famine; escape from war; opportunity to own land
1860–1890	<i>Primarily from:</i> same as above	10 million	Chance to own land, promise of better life
1890–1924*	<i>Primarily from:</i> Austria-Hungary, Greece, Italy, Romania, Russia, Turkey	15 million	Promise of jobs; higher wages

*Passed in 1921, the Emergency Immigration Act or the Emergency Quota Act limited the number of people allowed into the U.S. annually from a given country. This marked a significant shift in U.S. immigration policy. The Immigration Act of 1924 and amendments, the National Origins Act and the Asian Exclusion Act, further limited immigration, particularly for targeted ethnic groups.

You'll also need to consult a variety of sources, including the following:

- *Census records:* Census records can help you further narrow down when your ancestor immigrated and provide additional data. See the chart to the right for more information.
- *Newspapers:* Search local and foreign language newspapers for obituaries, ship arrivals, and other articles.
- *Family sources:* Consult letters and other personal papers. Your family may also have your ancestor's naturalization certificate, which includes origins, age or birth date, and approximate arrival.

TOPICS

- Waves of immigration
- Locating records
- Using the records

RECORDS

Immigration to the U.S.

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Military Records

- Pensions
- Tombstone records
- Enlistment or discharge records
- Draft cards and records
 - Civil War, WWI, and WWII

Civil War Pension Files

- Held at National Archives

DEAD				
NAME: <i>Nason, Sumner</i>				
SERVICE: <i>1st rank, 2nd Lt. Co. A., 23rd Regt. Maine Inf.</i>				
TERMS: <i>Enlisted Sep. 10, 1862 Discharged July 15, 1863</i>				
DATE OF FILING.	CLASS.	APPLICATION NO.	LAW.	CERTIFICATE NO.
<i>1863 Oct. 26</i>	<i>Invalid,</i>	<i>34 9 38</i>		
<i>1865 Jan. 13</i>	<i>Widow,</i>	<i>78 875</i>		<i>50 652</i>
<i>1872 June 17</i>	<i>Minor,</i>	<i>204-026</i>		<i>162,506</i>
ADDITIONAL SERVICES:				
REMARKS:				

Invalid Pension

NAME:	Warren Alphonso F.			
SERVICE:	Late rank, <i>Maj. Gen. Co. 23 Reg. Maine Inf.</i>			
DATE:	Enlisted <i>1</i>		Discharged <i>1</i>	
DATE OF PENSION:	CLASS:	APPLICATION NO.	LAW:	CERTIFICATE NO.
<i>June 23</i>	<i>Invalid, Widow, Minor,</i>	<i>516276</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>300268</i>
ADDITIONAL SERVICES:				
REMARKS:				

Widow

NAME OF DECEASED:	Blake Edmund				
SERVICE:	Late rank, Co. D, 2 nd Regt Maine Inf.				
TERM OF SERVICE:	Enlisted, 1		Discharged, 1		
DATE OF FILING:	CLASS:	APPLICATION NO.	LAW:	CERTIFICATE NO.	
1899 Jan 16	Invalid,	635819	age	467328	
1909 Apr 20	Widow,	918911	a	684849	
	Minor,				
ADDITIONAL SERVICES:	A & Mer. Inf.				
REMARKS:					

Mother or Father's Pension

NAME OF:	<i>Mike Gilman</i>			
SERVICE:	<i>Late rank, Co. B, 29th Regt. Maine Inf.</i>			
STATUS:	<i>Enlisted 1 Discharged 1</i>			
DATE OF FILING:	CLASS:	APPLICATION NO.:	LAW:	CERTIFICATE NO.:
	<i>Invalid,</i>			
	<i>Widow,</i>			
	<i>Minor,</i>			
<i>1921 Oct 29</i>	<i>Mother</i>	<i>2060111</i>		<i>165304</i>
ADDITIONAL SERVICES:				
REMARKS:				

Invalid, Widow, and Minor Child

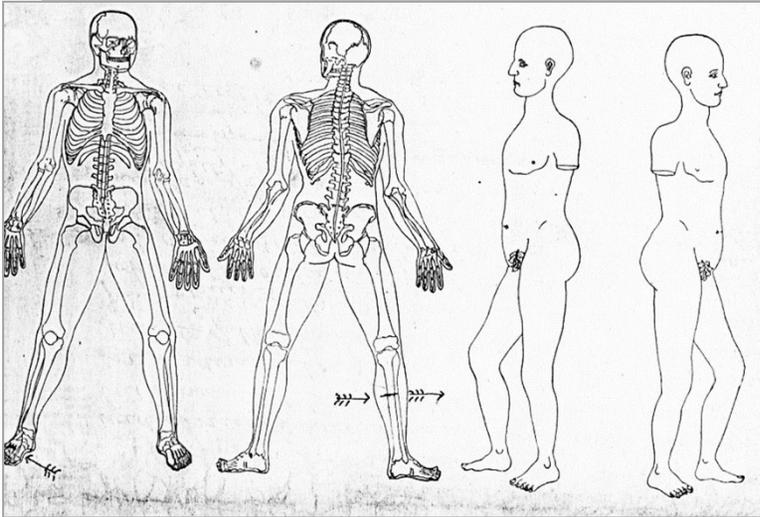
HEAD NAME:				
Kason, Sumner				
SERVICE:				
Late rank, 2nd Lt. Co. A, 23rd Regt. Maine Inf.				
REGT.				
Enlisted Sep. 10, 1862 Discharged July 15, 1863				
DATE OF PLNG.	CLASS.	APPLICATION NO.	LAW.	CERTIFICATE NO.
1863 Oct 26	Invalid,	34 938		
1865 Jan 13	Widow,	78 872		27 652
1872 June 17	Minor,	204 026		162 506
ADDITIONAL SERVICES:				
REMARKS:				

Typical Pension file papers



- Declaration for pension and pension application
- Certificate of disability
- Surgeon's certificate with disability description (form and sketch)
- Questionnaires (Form 3-447 used before 1902; Form 3-389; widow questionnaire)
- Affidavits (for and against the pensioner)
- Correspondence
- Bills and receipts

Surgeon's certificate



- Includes a form and sketch describing disability
- Form provides:
 - Date of examination
 - Name and rank of claimant
 - Claimant's post office address
 - Cause of disability
 - If a pensioner, the amount of pension
 - Claimant's statement
 - Full description of disabilities

Draft Cards

- WWI-
 - 1917-1918 (men born between 1873 and 1900)
- WWII-
 - 1940-1947 (men born between 1898-1929)
 - 1942 (men born between 1877 and 1897)

WWI Draft Card

Form 1 **REGISTRATION CARD** 187 No. 170

1	Name in full <u>John Daillak</u> <small>(Given name) (Family name)</small>	Age, in yrs. <u>31</u>
2	Home address <u>3037 Shasta Av. Fresno Cal</u> <small>(No.) (Street) (City) (State)</small>	
3	Date of birth <u>July 12th 1896</u> <small>(Month) (Day) (Year)</small>	
4	Are you (1) a natural-born citizen, (2) a naturalized citizen, (3) an alien, (4) or have you declared your intention (specify which)? <u>Naturalized Citizen</u>	
5	Where were you born? <u>Tripoli Syria Turkey</u> <small>(Town) (State) (Nation)</small>	
6	If not a citizen, of what country are you a citizen or subject? _____	
7	What is your present trade, occupation, or office? <u>Fireman</u>	
8	By whom employed? <u>Associated Pipe Line Co</u> Where employed? <u>Kettleman Pump Station</u>	
9	Have you a father, mother, wife, child under 12, or a sister or brother under 12, solely dependent on you for support (specify which)? <u>Mother solely dependent</u>	
10	Married or single (which)? <u>Single</u> Race (specify which)? <u>White</u>	
11	What military service have you had? Rank <u>none</u> ; branch <u>none</u> years _____; Nation or State _____	
12	Do you claim exemption from draft (specify grounds)? <u>Yes. Support of mother</u>	

I affirm that I have verified above answers and that they are true.

John Daillak
(Signature or mark)

If person is of African descent tear off this corner

Mrs. Barbara Daillak
Kettleman Pump Station Cal. B

REGISTRAR'S REPORT

1	Tall, medium, or short (specify which)? <u>Medium</u> Slender, medium, or stout (which)? <u>Medium</u>
2	Color of eyes? <u>Grey</u> Color of hair? <u>Brown</u> Bald? _____
3	Has person lost arm, leg, hand, foot, or both eyes, or is he otherwise disabled (specify)? <u>None</u>

I certify that my answers are true, that the person registered has read his own answers, that I have witnessed his signature, and that all of his answers of which I have knowledge are true, except as follows:

G. W. Satchell
(Signature of registrar)

Precinct Co 1

City or County Coalinga Fresno

State Cal. June 4th 1918
(Date of registration)

Local Board Division No 1 Fresno Ca.

WWII Draft Card

SERIAL NUMBER 2374	1. NAME (Print) MARSHALL 51-099-01 TERRY Theodore HIMES <small>(First) (Middle) (Last)</small>	ORDER NUMBER 2255
2. ADDRESS (Print) Ewing St. Plymouth Marshall Ind. <small>(Number and street or R. F. D. number) (Town) (County) (State)</small>		
3. TELEPHONE None <small>(Exchange) (Number)</small>	4. AGE IN YEARS 29 <small>DATE OF BIRTH Jan 23 1911 <small>(Mo.) (Day) (Yr.)</small></small>	5. PLACE OF BIRTH TYNER INDIANA <small>(Town or county) (State or country)</small>
7. NAME OF PERSON WHO WILL ALWAYS KNOW YOUR ADDRESS Mrs. Thelma IRENE Himes <small>(Mr., Ms., Mlle) (First) (Middle) (Last)</small>		8. RELATIONSHIP OF THAT PERSON wife
9. ADDRESS OF THAT PERSON Ewing St. Plymouth Marshall Ind. <small>(Number and street or R. F. D. number) (Town) (County) (State)</small>		
10. EMPLOYER'S NAME South Bend Steel Co.		
11. PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT OR BUSINESS Walnut Street SoBend StJoseph Ind. <small>(Number and street or R. F. D. number) (Town) (County) (State)</small>		
I AFFIRM THAT I HAVE VERIFIED ABOVE ANSWERS AND THAT THEY ARE TRUE.		
REGISTRATION CARD D. S. S. Form 1 <small>(over) 16-17105</small>		Leroy V. Roman <small>(Registrant's signature)</small>

39-79-41 REGISTRAR'S REPORT

DESCRIPTION OF REGISTRANT			
RACE	HEIGHT (Approx.)	WEIGHT (Approx.)	COMPLEXION
White <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	5' 10"	150	Sallow <input type="checkbox"/> Light <input type="checkbox"/>
Negro <input type="checkbox"/>	Blue <input type="checkbox"/> Gray <input type="checkbox"/>	Blonde <input type="checkbox"/> Red <input type="checkbox"/>	Ruddy <input type="checkbox"/> Dark <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Oriental <input type="checkbox"/>	Hazel <input type="checkbox"/> Brown <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Brown <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Black <input type="checkbox"/>	Freckled <input type="checkbox"/> Light brown <input type="checkbox"/>
Indian <input type="checkbox"/>	Black <input type="checkbox"/>	Gray <input type="checkbox"/> Bald <input type="checkbox"/>	Dark brown <input type="checkbox"/> Black <input type="checkbox"/>
Filipino <input type="checkbox"/>			

Other obvious physical characteristics that will aid in identification.
Paralysis in left leg.

I certify that my answers are true; that the person registered has read or has had read to him his own answers; that I have witnessed his signature or mark and that all of his answers of which I have knowledge are true, except as follows:

Registrar for **9** **B B Seips -**
(Precinct) (Ward) (City or county) (State)
Plymouth Ind.

Date of registration **Oct. 16 1940.**

MARSHALL COUNTY LOCAL BOARD

Post Office Building (ARD)
PLYMOUTH, INDIANA (50-1)

(The stamp of the Local Board having jurisdiction of the registrant shall be placed in the above space.)

16-17105

Resources



By David Allen Lambert, Chief Genealogist

Introduction

Military records provide important information for family historians. The records for both World War I and World War II, however, present unique challenges. Simply having the name of the veteran will often not be enough to begin a search. You may have some family ephemera related to the service of the veteran, such as dog tags, personal letters, or discharge papers, that can give you clues to the unit or the vessel your relative was attached to—essential information when trying to locate relatives (obituaries and gravestones may also provide this information). This subject guide lists some key records and resources for finding information on your World War I and World War II veteran ancestors.

HOW-TO GUIDES

U.S. Military Records: A Guide to Federal and State Sources, Colonial America to the Present by James C. Neagles, 1994

How to Locate Anyone Who is or has been the Military – Armed Forces Locator Guide, 8th ed. by Richard S. Johnson and Debra Johnson Knox, 1999

The Great War: A Guide to the Service Records of All the World's Fighting Men and Volunteers by Christina K. Schaefer, 1998

World War II Military Records – A Family Historian's Guide by Debra Johnson Knox, 2003

DRAFT REGISTRATION CARDS AND ENLISTMENTS

World War I

Over 24 million men registered for the U.S. Draft at the time of World War I over the course of three drafts. The resulting registration cards can be searched and viewed online for free at [FamilySearch.org](https://www.familysearch.org). Note: Even though a name might appear in the draft registrations, it does not confirm that they were actually drafted into the military service.

Draft	Date	Persons Affected
First	June 5, 1917	Men, aged 21 to 31 years old
Second	June 5, 1918	Men who had reached the age of 21 since the 1917 registration

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QUESTIONS?

Private Institutions

Private Institutions

- Church or non-profit?
- Is it still functional?
- Does the organization have an archives?
 - Catholic dioceses
 - Jewish Museum of Maryland
 - Archive Grid



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5400 Roland Avenue

Baltimore, MD 21210

Phone: 410-864-4074

Fax: 410-864-3690

Email: archives@stmarys.edu

Contact page

Name *Moses Blum*

1. Date of Birth, *April 16th 1862* ב'רפסח תרכ"ב

2. Place of Birth, *Baltimore*

3. Father's name, *Daniel Blum*

4. His native place, *Scherensky, Poland*

5. Date of his death, *April 8th 1871* י' ניסן תרל"א

6. Place of his death and burial, *Baltimore*

7. The name of lodges and societies of which he was a member in good standing.

8. Mother's name, *Frieda*

9. Her native place, *Muchowa, Poland*

10. Date of her death, *March 8th 1871* טו אדר תרל"א

11. Place of her death and burial, *Baltimore*

12. The present residence of the Father or Mother, and his or her present circumstances.

13. Names of the Sisters and Brothers of the child, *Annie, Abraham, Lizzie and Samuel*
The 2 first ones live in Baltimore, the 2 last ones are inmates of this Orphan.

14. Their Residences,

15. The names of other relatives and their residences, *Joseph Blum, his uncle, Baltimore*

16. Ground of admission, *Death of both parents and poverty.*

17. Date of admission, *May 18th 1871*

18. Half or full Orphan, *Full Orphan*

19. State of health at time of admission, *Good.*

20. Name and residence of the applicant, *Joseph Blum, uncle of the boy, No 153 N. Liberty*

21. Name of Guardian, if any.

Hebrew Orphan Asylum, Baltimore, Mary.

Public Institutions

Public Institutions

- State or Federal?
- Is it still functional?
- Was it absorbed by another entity?
- Do they have privacy policy?

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Records reflecting the structure of state government

Foundation documents

Colonial charters, treaties, compacts, and agreements with Indian tribes and with other states. Proceedings of state constitutional conventions. Constitution of 1780 and amendments. State legal codes.

Examine the Finding Aid

The screenshot shows a digital interface for a finding aid. The top navigation bar includes a hamburger menu, the text "Health and Human Services", a page indicator "26 / 213", zoom controls set to "100%", and a download icon. On the left, a vertical sidebar displays a list of document thumbnails numbered 24, 25, and 26. The main content area on the right displays the following information:

Record Group Number: HS3.06
Record Group Name: State Almshouse (Monson, Mass.)

Historical Note:
St 1852, c 275 authorized the building of three state almshouses for paupers without settlement in the Commonwealth as certified by overseers of the poor or other local authorities, each with a superintendent and three inspectors who could bind out minors as apprentices. St 1853, c 352 appropriated funds for almshouses in Bridgewater, Monson, and Tewksbury, which opened in 1854. St 1855, c 366 provided for recording by the almshouse superintendent of birth and deaths and the making of annual returns to the state secretary. St 1856, c 171 placed local certification procedures for admission under jurisdiction of the Board of Alien Commissioners. St 1856, c 446, s 4 held municipalities liable for expenses for paupers found to have settlement. St 1858, c 168 authorized superintendents to contract out and discharge paupers who would work; those who refused forfeited state support. St 1859, c 255 authorized the Board of Alien Commissioners to transfer paupers between state almshouses and lunatic hospitals or to discharge and send them out of state. St 1854, c 437 had banned admission of the dangerously insane; St 1865, c 162 based admission of cases of smallpox or other dangerous disease solely on determination of state authority. St 1863, c 240 placed almshouses under jurisdiction of the Board of State Charities.

Almshouse children under age sixteen (along with those transferred from other almshouses) were segregated at Monson in a State Primary School established at the almshouse per St 1866, c 209. The State Almshouse at Monson itself was discontinued per St 1872, c 45, and most inmates (i.e., adults) were transferred to the State Almshouse at

Tip

Get around privacy
restrictions using
available records!

Newspapers

Newspapers

- Activities at an institution
- Staffing updates
- Patient names and information
- Photos

Newspaper Databases

- Genealogybank.com
- Newspapers.com
- Newspaper Archive
- 19th Century Newspapers
- America's Historical Imprints
- [Chronicling America \(Library of Congress\)](http://www.loc.gov/rr/news/)

ELIZABETH LOWELL, minor, of
Hallowell. Petition for commitment
to school for feeble-minded.
LENA THURSTON, minor, of Hal-
lowell. Petition for commitment to
school for feeble-minded.
LUCY BRADFORD, minor, of Halle-
well. Petition for commitment to
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JENNIE MARTIN, minor, of Halle-
well. Petition for commitment to
school for feeble-minded.
SOPHRONIA NORTON, minor, of
Hallowell. Petition for commitment to
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JOSEPHINE STEELE, minor, of
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to school for feeble-minded.
ANNIE MABEL HOLLAND, minor,
of Hallowell. Petition for commit-
ment to school for feeble-minded.
MARY RUTH WILTON, minor, of
Hallowell. Petition for commitment
to school for feeble-minded.
GEORGE MURRAY, late of Water-
ville, deceased. First and final ac-
count presented for allowance by C.
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