



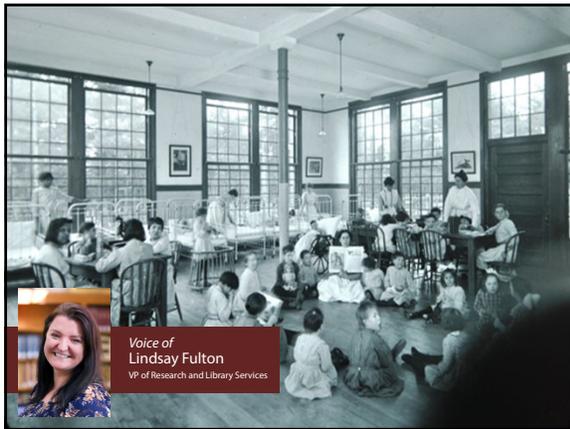
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Colonial Period thru 1850s

- 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

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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)

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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

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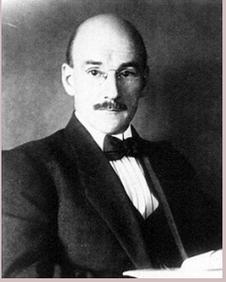
Immigration Act of 1907

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Idiots, imbeciles, and feeble-minded persons • Epileptics • Insane persons • Paupers • Professional beggars • Polygamists • Anarchists 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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”
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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



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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

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Some records to examine for clues

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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

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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 feeble-minded")
 - State hospitals
- Intellectual or mental disability
 - Insane asylum
 - State schools (originally "for the feeble-minded")
- Financially disadvantaged
 - Orphanage or Orphan Trains
 - State schools (originally "for the feeble-minded")
 - State reform school
 - Prisons –NOT COVERED IN THIS COURSE

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Federal Census

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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.

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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

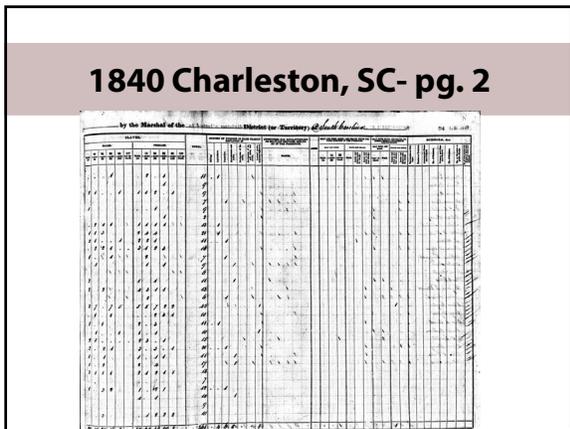
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1840 Charleston, SC

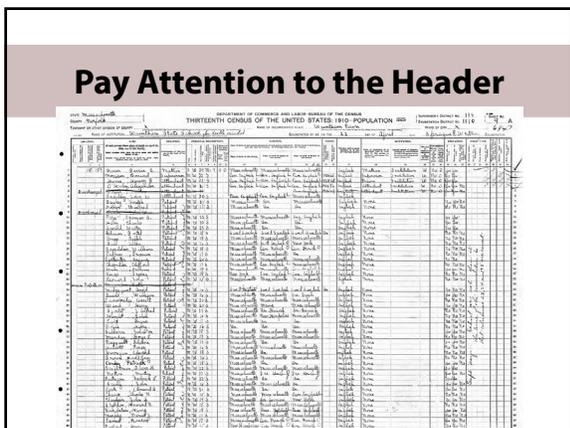
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Analyze Everything!

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Look for Context Clues

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<u>Horan Thomas</u>	Head	10	M	W	37			
<u> </u> ^{Harrett}	Wife							
<u>Owen</u> ^{young}	sister in							
<u> </u> ^{Theresa}	adopted							
<u>Horan Owen</u> ^{Cyril}	Son							

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Historical Context Clues

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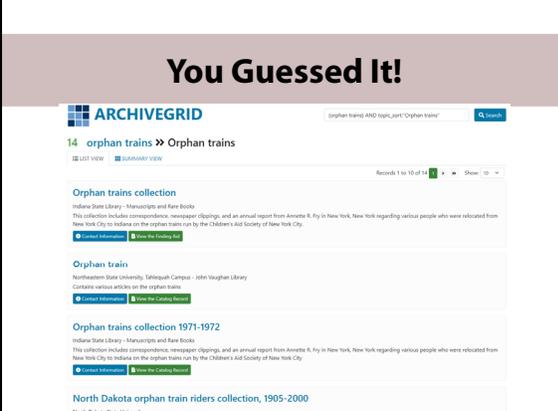
Orphan Trains

- 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.



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You Gussed It!

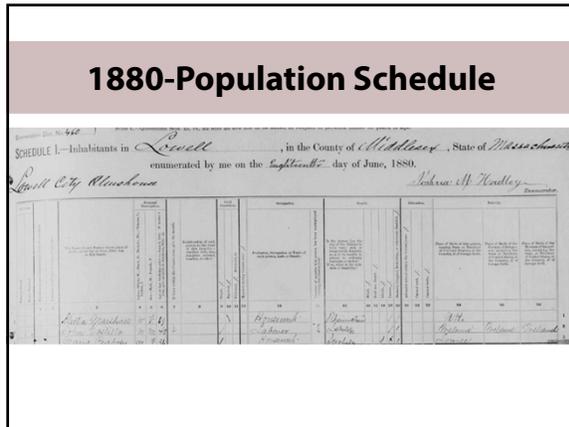


The screenshot shows a search result for 'Orphan trains' on the ArchiveGrid website. It lists several collections, including 'Orphan trains collection' from Indiana State Library, 'Orphan train' from Northwestern State University, 'Orphan trains collection 1971-1972' from Indiana State Library, and 'North Dakota orphan train riders collection, 1905-2000' from North Dakota State University.

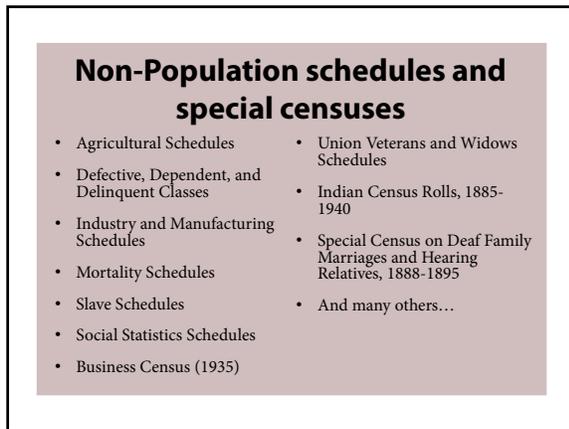
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Non-Population Schedules

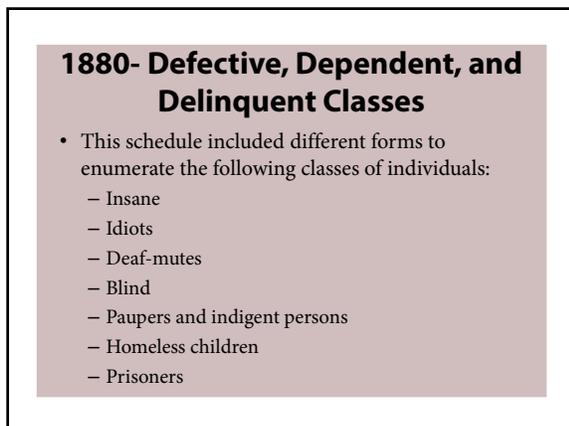
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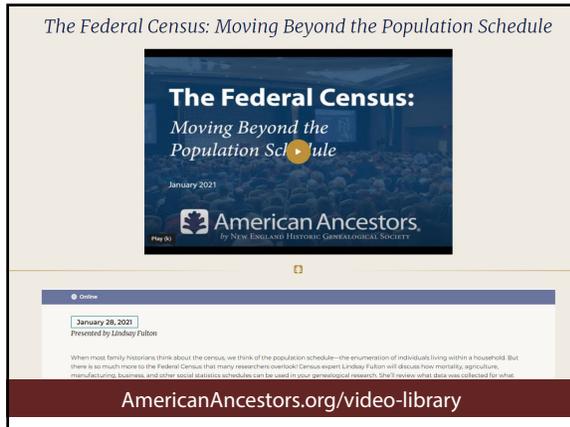
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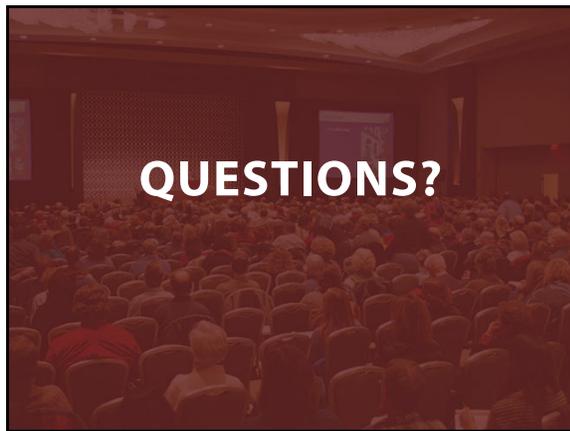
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20th Century Passenger Lists

- 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



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

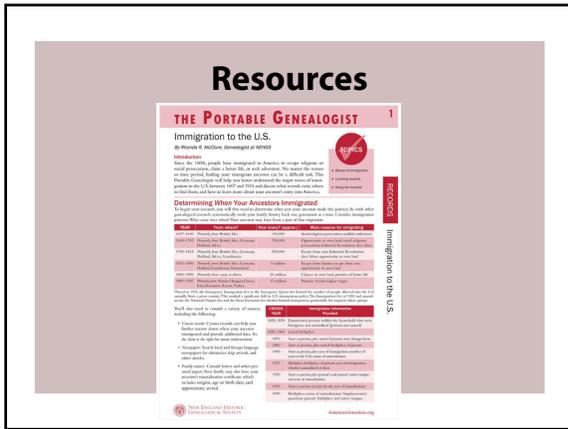
LIST OR MANIFEST OF ALIEN PASSENGERS FOR THE UNITED STATES											
S.S. <i>Verona</i> sailing from <i>Genoa, Italy</i> 29 December 1914											
No.	NAME IN FULL	AGE	SEX	STATUS	EDUCATION	RELIGION	PLACE OF BIRTH	PLACES VISITED	DATE OF DEPARTURE	DATE OF ARRIVAL	REMARKS
1	<i>Ambrosi, Ambrosio</i>	<i>35</i>	<i>M</i>	<i>Head</i>	<i>Illiterate</i>	<i>Catholic</i>	<i>Italy</i>	<i>Italy</i>	<i>29 Dec 1914</i>	<i>30 Dec 1914</i>	<i>Arrived on the S.S. Verona, Genoa, Italy</i>
2	<i>Ambrosi, Maria</i>	<i>32</i>	<i>F</i>	<i>Wife</i>	<i>Illiterate</i>	<i>Catholic</i>	<i>Italy</i>	<i>Italy</i>	<i>29 Dec 1914</i>	<i>30 Dec 1914</i>	<i>Arrived on the S.S. Verona, Genoa, Italy</i>
3	<i>Ambrosi, Giuseppe</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>M</i>	<i>Son</i>	<i>Illiterate</i>	<i>Catholic</i>	<i>Italy</i>	<i>Italy</i>	<i>29 Dec 1914</i>	<i>30 Dec 1914</i>	<i>Arrived on the S.S. Verona, Genoa, Italy</i>
4	<i>Ambrosi, Rosa</i>	<i>8</i>	<i>F</i>	<i>Daughter</i>	<i>Illiterate</i>	<i>Catholic</i>	<i>Italy</i>	<i>Italy</i>	<i>29 Dec 1914</i>	<i>30 Dec 1914</i>	<i>Arrived on the S.S. Verona, Genoa, Italy</i>
5	<i>Ambrosi, Antonio</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>M</i>	<i>Son</i>	<i>Illiterate</i>	<i>Catholic</i>	<i>Italy</i>	<i>Italy</i>	<i>29 Dec 1914</i>	<i>30 Dec 1914</i>	<i>Arrived on the S.S. Verona, Genoa, Italy</i>
6	<i>Ambrosi, Lucia</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>F</i>	<i>Daughter</i>	<i>Illiterate</i>	<i>Catholic</i>	<i>Italy</i>	<i>Italy</i>	<i>29 Dec 1914</i>	<i>30 Dec 1914</i>	<i>Arrived on the S.S. Verona, Genoa, Italy</i>

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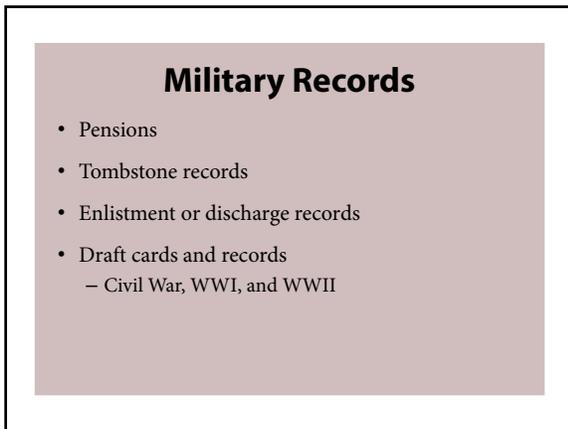
Information included

- 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)

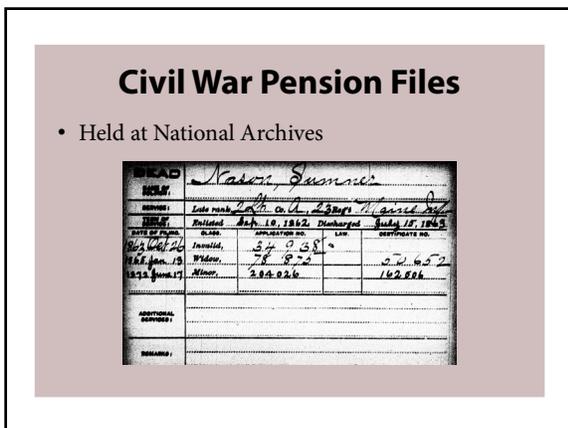
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Invalid Pension

NAME: <i>Warren Alphonso F</i>				
SERVICE: <i>Late rank, Misc. Co. 6, 23 Regt Maine Inf</i>				
STATUS: <i>Enlisted</i> 1 <i>Discharged</i> 1				
DATE OF FILING	CLASS	APPLICATION NO.	LAW	CERTIFICATE NO.
<i>June 23</i>	<i>Invalid</i>	<i>516,276</i>		<i>300,268</i>
	<i>Widow</i>			
	<i>Minor</i>			
ADDITIONAL SERVICES:				
REMARKS:				

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Widow

NAME: <i>Blake Edmund</i>				
SERVICE: <i>Late rank, Co. B, 23 Regt Maine Inf</i>				
STATUS: <i>Enlisted</i> 1 <i>Discharged</i> 1				
DATE OF FILING	CLASS	APPLICATION NO.	LAW	CERTIFICATE NO.
<i>1887 June 16</i>	<i>Invalid</i>	<i>635,819</i>	<i>790</i>	<i>467,328</i>
<i>1892 Apr 30</i>	<i>Widow</i>	<i>918,911</i>	<i>a</i>	<i>692,849</i>
	<i>Minor</i>			
ADDITIONAL SERVICES: <i>A. S. Merc. Inf</i>				
REMARKS:				

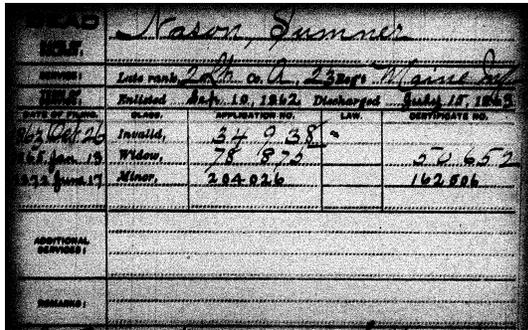
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Mother or Father's Pension

NAME: <i>Scha Wilman</i>				
SERVICE: <i>Late rank, Co. B, 23 Regt Maine Inf</i>				
STATUS: <i>Enlisted</i> 1 <i>Discharged</i> 1				
DATE OF FILING	CLASS	APPLICATION NO.	LAW	CERTIFICATE NO.
	<i>Invalid</i>			
	<i>Widow</i>			
	<i>Minor</i>			
<i>1920 Oct 29</i>	<i>Mother</i>	<i>206,041</i>		<i>165,304</i>
ADDITIONAL SERVICES:				
REMARKS:				

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Invalid, Widow, and Minor Child



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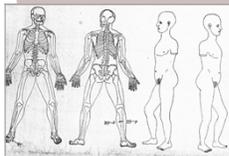
Typical Pension file papers



- 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

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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

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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)

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WWI Draft Card

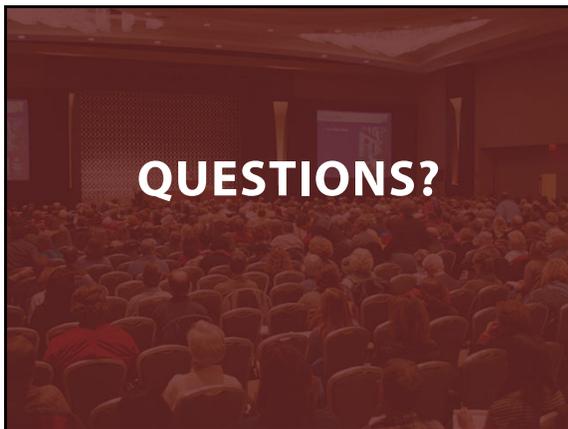
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WWII Draft Card

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Private Institutions

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

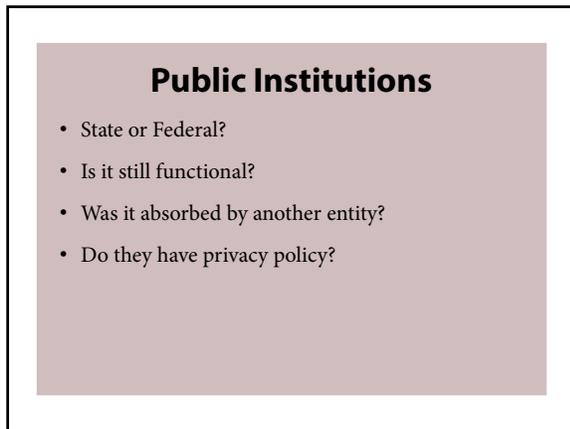
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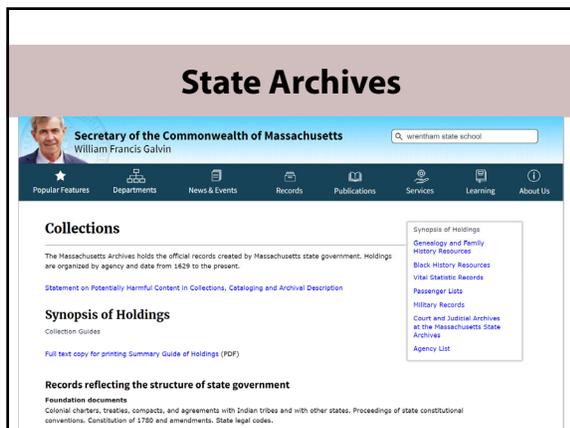
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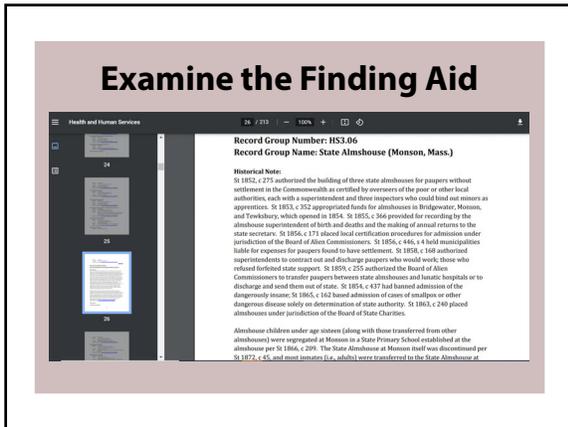
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Newspapers

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

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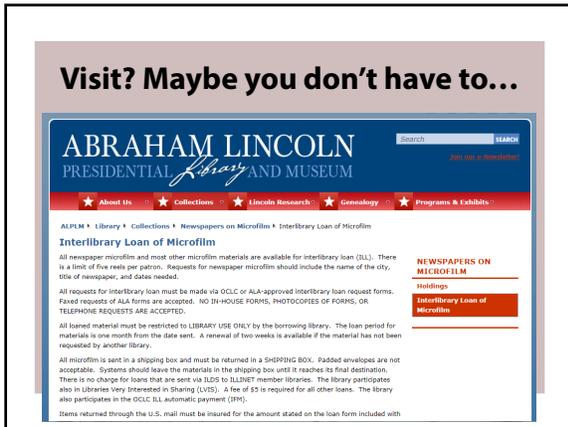
Newspaper Databases

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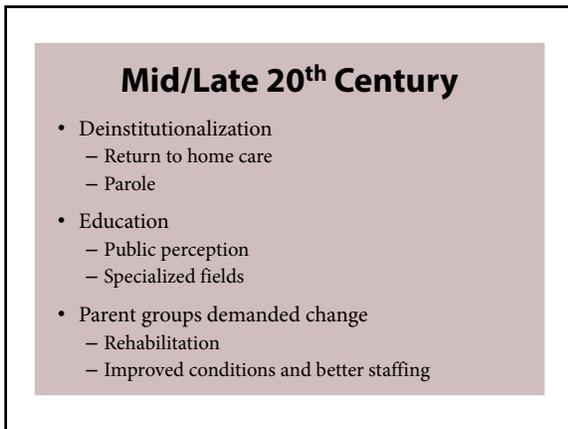
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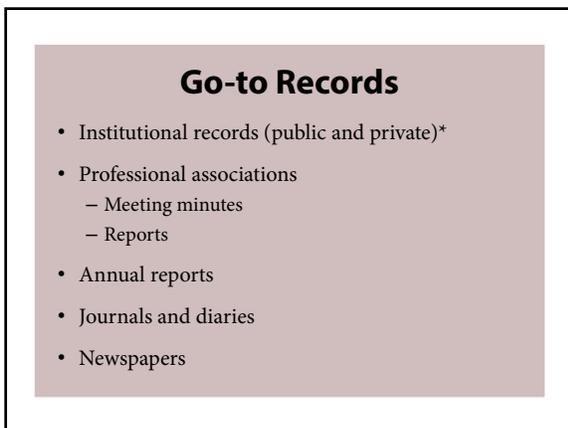
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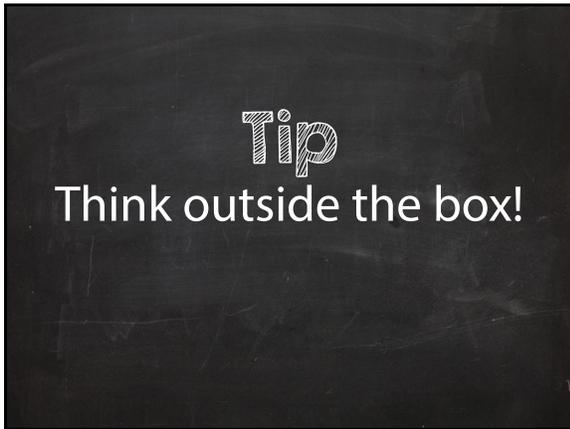
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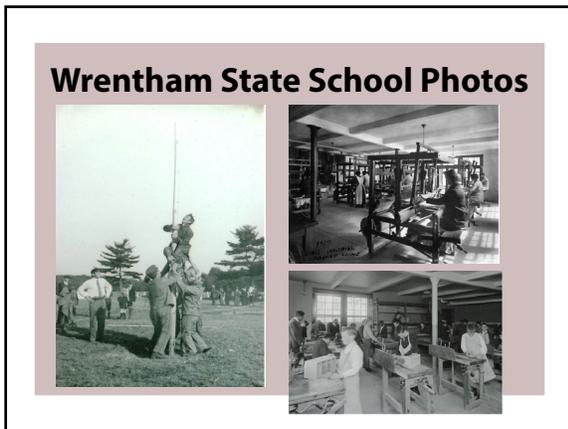
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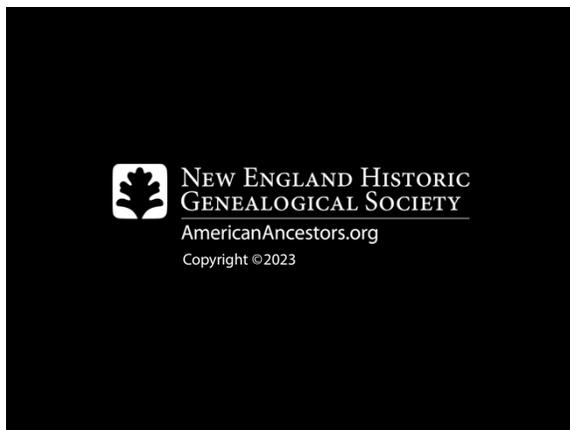
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