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Major Record Sets



Common Challenges



Research Strategies

History

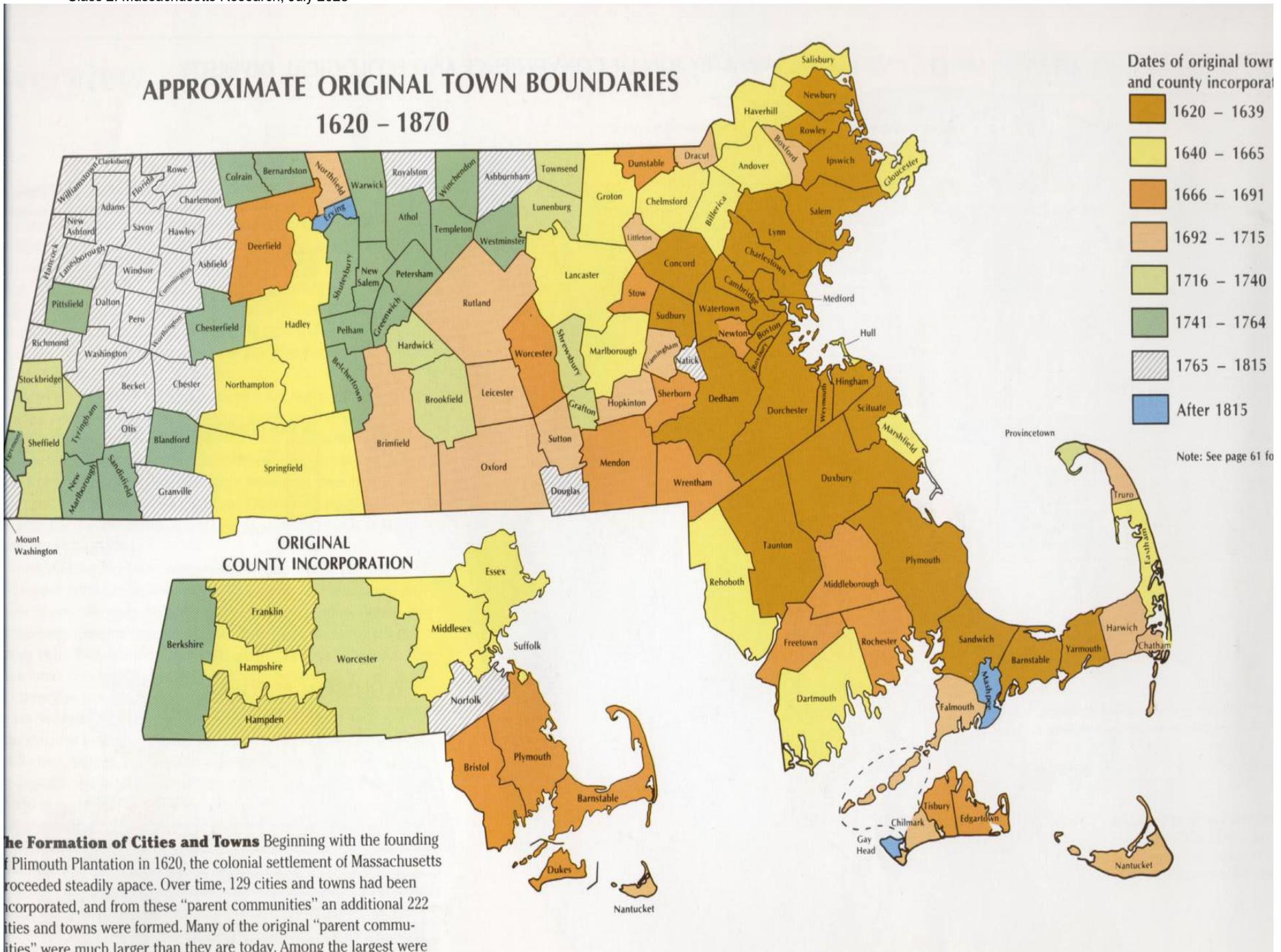
Settlement

- 1718 – Five or six ships of Scots-Irish settlers arrived in Boston; settling Worcester, Sutton, Dracut, Lowell, Coleraine, and Casco Bay (Maine)
- Between 1742 and 1753, an estimated 1,000 Germans settled in Broad Bay (now Waldoboro, Maine)
- 1750s – A planned community called Germantown was started in Quincy, Massachusetts; the land was to be settled by glassmakers and weavers from Germany

Settlement

- 1763 - French and Indian Wars hamper efforts for interior settlement until conflict ends
- 1775-1783 - After the Revolutionary War Loyalists to Canada, UK & Caribbean





Pre-Revolution

- French and Indian War
- Period of Salutary Neglect
- Boston Tea Party
- Coercive Acts



Revolutionary War

- April 19, 1775 – Fighting began in Lexington and Concord, Siege of Boston
- June 17, 1775 - Battle of Bunker Hill
- March 17, 1776 – Evacuation Day
- War ended on September 3, 1783



Map of the 1775 Battles at Lexington and Concord, and Siege of Boston (Library of Congress)

Revolutionary War Statistics

- In June 1775, out of the 37,363 soldiers who enlisted in the Continental Army, over 16,000 were from Massachusetts.
- In 1777, out of the 68,720 enlisted troops enlisted, nearly 13,000 were from Massachusetts. This number was larger than any other state that contributed.
- In 1782, Massachusetts had over 4,000 men in the field, out of over 18,000 in the Continental Army.
- Source: Spofford, Ainsworth R. *Massachusetts In the American Revolution*. Washington D.C.: District of Columbia Society of the Sons of the American Revolution, 1895

Post-Revolution



- 1786 and 1787 - Shay's Rebellion
- 1788 – Ratification of the U.S. Constitution

Changing Boundaries

- Norfolk County was founded in 1793 from Suffolk County
- The newly formed county consisted of 21 towns: Bellingham, Braintree, Brookline, Cohasset, Dedham, Dorchester, District of Dover (part of Dedham), Foxborough, Franklin, Medfield, Medway, Milton, Needham, Quincy, Randolph, Roxbury, Sharon, Stoughton, Walpole, Weymouth, and Wrentham

Major Record Sets

Types of Records

Vital Records

Probate
Records

Court Records

Slave
Schedule

Census
Records

City
Directories

Newspapers

Military
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Loyalist
Databases

Tax Records

Naturalization
Records

Passports

Study Projects

Vital Record Databases on AmericanAncestors.org

- Massachusetts: Vital Records, 1620-1850
- Boston, MA: Births, 1700-1800
- Boston, MA: Marriages, 1700-1809
- Boston, MA: Deaths, 1700-1799
- And other individual towns can be found on
AmericanAncestors.org

Vital Record Law Changes

- On 1 Dec. 1716, "Every town clerk was ordered to give in a list of marriages to the clerk of the Sessions of the Peace annually in April, and every clerk of the court was to record the same."
Prov. Laws, Vol. II, p. 60

WORCESTER.

Worcester was settled in 1674. October 13, 1684. "It was ordered that the plantation at Quansigamond be called Worcester and that the town brand mark be as illustrated in the record." Mass. Rec., Vol. V, p. 460. Incorporated June 24, 1722. A city, February 20, 1748. First (Congregational) Church organized 1716. Friends, 1735. Clergyman mentioned: Rev. Thaddeus Maccarty.

Josiah Holden & Abigail Bond of Watertown,	Dec. 17, 1747
Nathaniel Tatman & Mary Rice,	Dec. 17, 1747
Jonathan Eaton & Ruth Gleason,	May 12, 1748
John Fisk & Azubah Moore,	June 1, 1748
Joshua Child & Mary Hinds of Shrewsbury,	June 2, 1748
Elisha Hubbard of Hatfield & Lucy Stearns,	June 7, 1748
Solomon Gates & Mary Clark,	Nov. 10, 1748
John Mower & Hannah Moore,	Nov. 23, 1748
Thomas Cowden & Experience Gray,	Nov. 24, 1748
John Osburn, Jr., of Hopkinton & Jane Gray,	Nov. 29, 1748
William Little of Lunenburg & Elizabeth Wallis,	Dec. 1, 1748
James Forbush, Jr., & Margaret McFarland,	Aug. 24, 1749
Robert Blair of Pelham & Margaret MacClewain,	Aug. 24, 1749
Matthias Stone & Susannah Chaddick,	Nov. 16, 1749
John Chaddick & Lydia Gale,	Nov. 16, 1749
William Harris of Holden & Patience Gleason,	Jan. 24, 1749-50
Duncan Campbell of Oxford & Elizabeth Stearns,	Jan. 27, 1749-50
Cornelius Stowell & Livilla Goulding,	March 22, 1749-50
Cyrus Rice & Elizabeth Eaton,	March 27, 1749-50
Samuel Randal & Ruth Bond of Bolton,	Aug. 8, 1750
Asa Flagg & Lois Chaddick,	Nov. 1, 1750
William Browning of Rutland & Rebekah McFarland,	Nov. 22, 1750
Moses Bennet & Joanna Gleason,	Dec. 19, 1750
Elisha Hedge, Jr., & Deliverance Stearns,	Dec. 25, 1750
Henry Potter & Jane Rowlin,	April 25, 1751
Joshua Hide of No. 6 & Rebekah Hubbard,	May 2, 1751

Joseph Gleason & Lydia Whitney,	May 9, 1751
James Smith of Leicester & Zaviah Hubbard,	May 21, 1751
Isaac Stearns & Katherine Crosby,	Nov. 7, 1751
Daniel Biglo & Mary Bond,	Nov. 21, 1751
Jno. Bond, Jr., & Silence King,	Nov. 21, 1751
Jonas Rice (tertius) & Bathsheba Parmenter,	Dec. 3, 1751
Henry Ward & Lydia Mower,	Jan. 2, 1752
Samuel Lawrence of Pomfret & Hannah Tatman,	Jan. 2, 1752
Moses Peirce of Weston & Mehitabel Rice,	Feb. 10, 1752
Palmer Goulding, Jr., & Abigail Heyward,	Feb. 25, 1752
Phinehas Ward & Eunice Cutting,	April 22, 1752
David Biglo & Sarah Eaton,	May 21, 1752
Phinehas Gleason & Eunice Chaddick,	June 23, 1752
Darius Bugbee of Woodstock & Mary Lovell,	Jan. 10, 1753
Daniel Walker of Brookfield & Mary Lovell,	Nov. 29, 1753
William Biglo of Pequiog & Margaret Gates,	Nov. 29, 1753
Daniel Heyward, Jr., & Anna Wait,	Nov. 29, 1753
John Waters and Kesia Holton,	Dec. 13, 1753
Jabez Paine of Leicester & Elizabeth Hubbard,	Feb. 19, 1754
Mathew Blair of Blanford & Jane Alexander,	Feb. 27, 1754
Jonathan Moore & Sarah Gates,	Feb. 27, 1754
Thaddeus Biglo & Rebeckah Warren,	March 28, 1754
Samuel Wheelock of Shrewsbury & Dorcas Perry,	April 16, 1754
Daniel Greenwood, Jr., of Sutton & Jerusha Eaton,	Nov. 14, 1754
James Carlyle & Mary Mahan,	Dec. 25, 1754
David Peirce of Waltham & Huldah Harrington,	Jan. 22, 1755
Solomon Bixby & Easthar Clark,	April 3, 1755
Charles Davenport, Jr., & Mary Hart of Leicester,	April 16, 1755
Isaac Stearns & Elizabeth Roberts,	April 30, 1755
Seth Russell of Cambridge and Dinah Harrington,	May 8, 1755
John Curtis, Jr., & Elizabeth Hawood,	May 15, 1755
Timothy Green of Leicester & Sarah Cook,	June 10, 1755
Samuel Moore & Grace Rice,	Aug. 13, 1755

*Early Massachusetts Marriages Prior to 1800 by
Frederic W. Bailey (HathiTrust.org)*

Massachusetts Probate Records on AmericanAncestors.org

Barnstable 1685-1789

Berkshire 1761-1917

Bristol 1686-1880

Essex 1638-1881

Franklin 1812-1915

Hampshire 1660-1889

Middlesex 1648-1871

Norfolk 1793-1900

Plymouth 1686-1881

Suffolk 1630-1878 *

Worcester 1731-1881

Later years to come



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CHAPTER 889.

RESOLVE FOR REPAIRING HARVARD COLLEGE.

MEMORIAL of the President & Fellows of Harvard College in Cambridge setting forth that immediately after the commencement of the present War in defence of the American Liberties, on the 19th day of April, 1775, all the Buildings & Appurtenances of said College were entered, and ever since have been occupied, by the Army then suddenly assembled & formed, as Barracks & for other necessary purposes.

That said Buildings with their Appurtenances are greatly defaced & damaged by the Army, so that the repairs must amount to a considerable Sum, if put into the same good Order as when occupied by the Students.

That the rents of said Buildings, by which, many great & necessary expences of the Society were defrayed, have wholly ceased for the year past.

That not only the aforesaid Rents, but likewise One years income of Charlestown Ferry, granted by the General Assembly of the Colony to the College soon after it was founded, has been cut off by this War, said Ferry being in Possession of the Enemy.

That we cannot doubt but that the Hon^{ble} Continental Congress will consider it as a debt of Justice to make good these Losses w^{ch} the College has sustained for the Accommodation of the Continental Army, & by the British Troops

Legislative
Records of the
Council,
xxxiv., 801.
Mass.
Archives,
ccviii., 479.

Mass.
Archives,
cxxxvii., 87;
ccviii., 480-482;
ccxxxiii., 160.
House Jour-
nal, pp. 165, 170,
175. Province
Laws, i., 651,
chap. i. *Aute*,
p. 142, chap.
352.

Resolve for Repairing Harvard College, Chapter 889,
1775-1776 Resolves (Archive.org)

1754 Slave Schedule

- Governor William Shirley ordered that an enumeration of all slaves over the age of sixteen be completed by each town
- Includes Maine since it was part of Massachusetts
- The records of 119 towns have been preserved
 - Note: There were no surviving records for the town of Dracut



1754 Massachusetts Slave Census

In 1754, Governor William Shirley had ordered that an enumeration of all slaves, both male and female, over the age of sixteen be completed by each town. This included Maine since it was still part of Massachusetts. [\[read more\]](#)

Town:

County:

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Showing 1 results. Click on Town names, where available, to view original responses to the census.

Stoughton

Males: 6

Females: 2

Total: 8

County: **Norfolk**

Notes:

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1754 Slave Schedule Example

Stoughton

In Obediance to the Order of y^e Great &
General Court of y^e Nineteenth of November
last, We have Taken an Exact Act of the
Negro Slaves Within y^e Town of Stoughton,
& find that there is Six Males & Two Females,
of sixteen years old and upward.

Stoughton Jan^{ry}
7th 1755

Ezekiah Billing
W^m Royall
Joseph Billing
Daniel Richards

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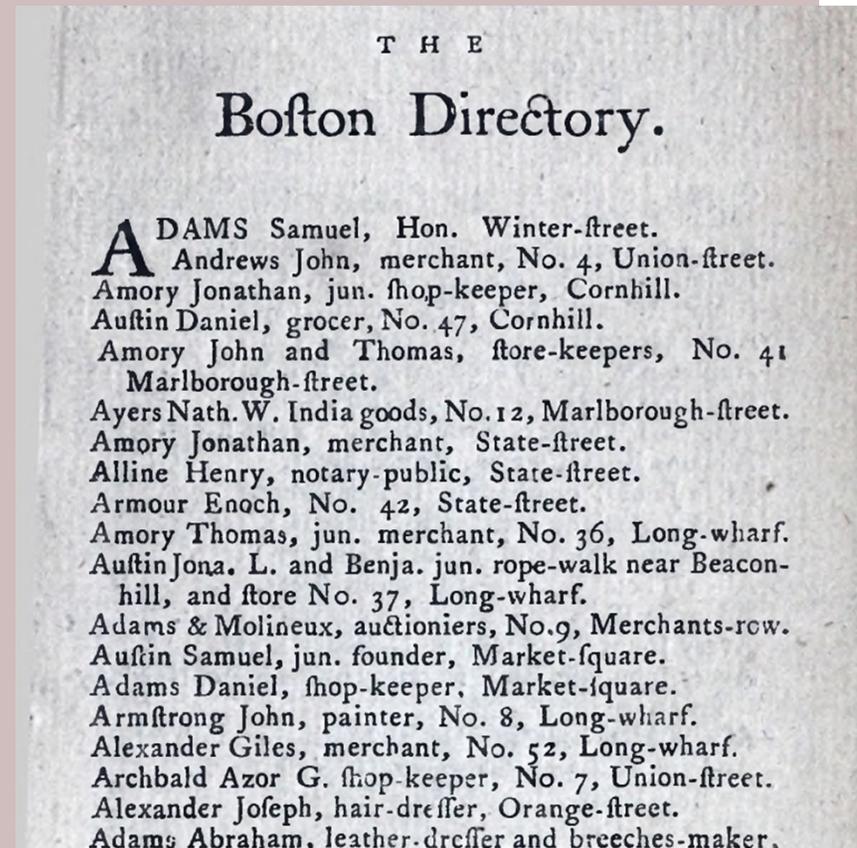
From the Massachusetts State Archives

Census Records

- 1790 U.S. Census
 - First federal census of the United States
 - Head of household named
 - All other household members broken down by sex and age

City Directories

- First Boston directory of 1789
- Available on the Boston Athenaeum web site



Newspapers

- The first issue of the *Boston News-Letter* was published on April 24, 1704, by postmaster John Campbell.
 - Published weekly until 1776
- On December 21, 1719, the *Boston Gazette* was published
- Newspaper Indexes:
 - Index of Obituaries in Boston Newspapers, 1704-1800; Boston Athenaeum
 - Index to Deaths in the Massachusetts Centinel and the Columbian Centinel, 1784-1840
 - Index to Marriages in the Massachusetts Centinel and the Columbian Centinel, 1784-1840

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continued interest in the European colonization of North America in the years after 1624.

U.S. Newspapers

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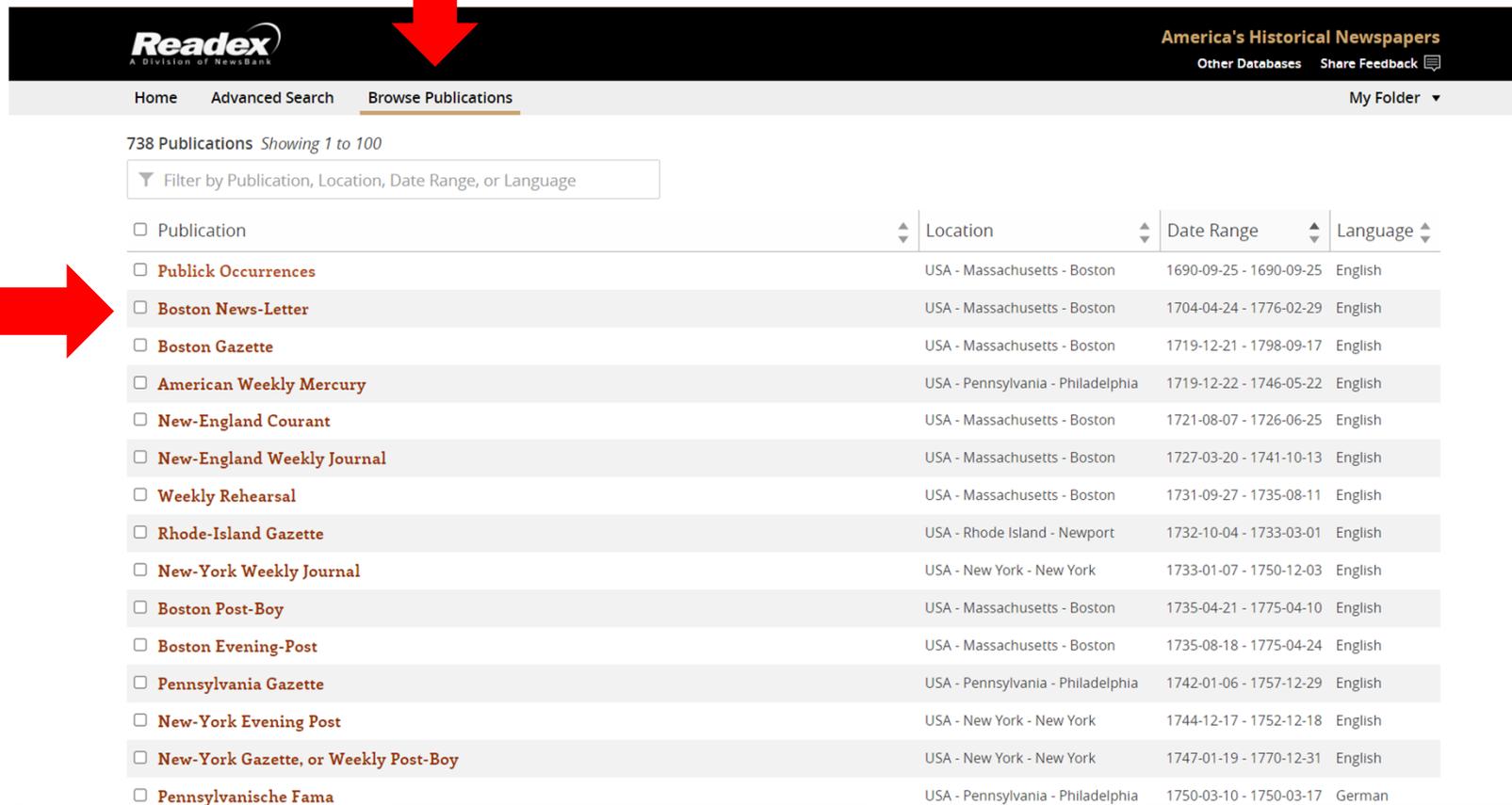
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Early American Newspapers (1690-1876)

The screenshot shows the Readex website interface. At the top left is the Readex logo, with the text "A Division of NewsBank" below it. To the right of the logo are links for "Help", "Other Databases", and "Share Feedback". Below the logo is a navigation bar with "Home", "Advanced Search", and "Browse Publications". On the far right of the navigation bar is "My Folder". The main heading is "America's Historical Newspapers" in a large, bold, black serif font. Below this is the tagline "Explore the nation's past in unprecedented ways" in a smaller, brown serif font. Underneath the tagline is the text "Search and browse American newspapers published across three centuries" in a small, black serif font, followed by a link "How to use this database". Below this is a search bar with a dropdown menu showing "Searching 1 of 1 databases", a search input field with the placeholder "Enter a word or term", and a "Go!" button. Below the search bar is a link "Need more options? Try Advanced Search". The bottom half of the screenshot is a painting of a young woman with brown hair, wearing a green jacket and a red scarf, holding up a large, crumpled newspaper.

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- Muster Roll Index Cards on [FamilySearch](https://www.familysearch.org)
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2116	Frye, John	Capt.	Sutton	Crown Point	1755-56	7/10-1/1	-	25	1	X	--
2117	Frye, Joseph	Maj.	Andover	--	1754(p)	4/23-6/30	-	9	6	--	--
2118	Frye, Joseph	Lt. Col.	Andover	--	1754	7/1-11/8	-	18	4	--	--
2119	Frye, Joseph	Col.	Andover	--	1756	10/19-12/2	-	6	3	--	X
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2121	Frye, Joseph	Col.	--	--	1759-60	3/12-3/12	12	-	-	--	Col. Frye
2122	Frye, Joseph	Ens.	Andover	Fort Cumberland	1759-60	3/31-11/25	-	86	4	Capt. Thomas Cheever	--
2123	Frye, Joseph	Ens.	--	Nova Scotia	1760	1/1-11/25	-	-	-	Capt. Thomas Cheever	Col. Frye
2124	Frye, Joseph	Ens.	--	--	1760(d)	November	-	-	-	--	--
2125	Frye, Joseph	Col.	--	Fort Cumberland	1761(d)	January	-	-	-	Capt. Benjamin Holden	--
2126	Frye, William	Adj.	--	--	1762(d)	--	-	-	-	--	Col. John Osgood
2127	Fuller, Joshua	Capt.	Newton	Crown Point	1755(d)	September	-	-	-	X	Col. William Brattle
2128	Fuller, Abra	Capt.	--	--	1763(d)	December	-	-	-	X	Col. William Brattle
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2130	Fuller, Andrew	Capt.-Lt.	Middleton	Crown Point	1756(p)	2/18-12/19	-	43	5	X	Col. Flaisted
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Men's Names,	Quality	Of what Town	Names of Fathers and Masters, of Sons under Age, and Servants	Time of Entrance in the Service		Until what Time in the Service		Whole Time of Service		Province Arms	The whole of Wages due to each Man			What each Man receiv'd of the Commiffary &c			What each Man receiv'd of the Captain			Ballance due to each Man		
				Months	Days	Months	Days	Weeks	Days		Weeks	£.	s.	d.	£.	s.	d.	£.	s.	d.	£.	s.
1 <i>Dr. Gifford, Hollowell</i>	captain			Nov.	8	Novem.	1	51	2	£0.	128	4	3							128	4	3
2 <i>Samuel Southwick</i>	Serjeant			March	8	Octob.	29	33	5	£0. 5/	52	13	6 1/2			8	9	1		11	1	2 1/2
3 <i>George Southwick</i>	Master	discharged		April	10	April	14		5	£5.	17	11								17	11	
4 <i>John Seps</i>	Ido			April	17	Octob.	28	27	6	£5	35	16	5			8	0	1/2		26	16	7/2
5 <i>Leonard Williams</i>	Surgeon			April	7	Octob.	28	29	2	£8	58	11	5			10	16	1/2		27	13	5 1/2
6 <i>John Munnous</i>	Chaplain	disch ^d not capable performing		April	8	July	3	12	3	75/	11	13	0			3	19	8		7	13	4
7 <i>Annis Thomas</i>				April	12	Octob.	28	28	4	53/4	19	1				5	8	3		13	12	9
8 <i>Byron John</i>	Serv ^t to the boatsw ⁿ			March	15	Octob.	30	32	6	53/4	21	18	1			5	2			10	16	1
9 <i>John William</i>	Seaman			April	17	Octob.	28	27	6	53/4	18	11	5			3	13	6		14	12	11
10 <i>B. Burbeck Edward</i>	Gunner			March	8	Octob.	30	33	6	75/	31	14	10			8	12	10 1/2		33	1	11 1/2
11 <i>Blair Mathew</i>	Seaman			March	8	Octob.	27	33	5	53/4	22	9	6			10	0	6		12	9	



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				Months	Days	Months	Days	Weeks	Days		Weeks	Weeks	Days	Weeks	Days	Weeks	Days	Weeks	Days	Weeks	Days	Weeks
B. <i>Burbeck Edward</i>	<i>Gunner</i>			<i>March</i>	<i>8</i>	<i>Octob.</i>	<i>30.</i>	<i>33</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>75/1</i>	<i>31</i>	<i>14</i>	<i>10</i>			<i>8</i>	<i>12</i>	<i>10 1/2</i>	<i>23</i>	<i>1.</i>	<i>11 1/2</i>	
<i>Blair Mathew</i>	<i>Scaman</i>			<i>March</i>	<i>8</i>	<i>Octob.</i>	<i>29.</i>	<i>53</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>53/1</i>	<i>22</i>	<i>9</i>	<i>6</i>			<i>10</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>12</i>	<i>9</i>		
<i>Baker Joseph</i>	<i>ditto</i>			<i>Nov 1761</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>Octob.</i>	<i>29</i>	<i>51</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>53/1</i>	<i>34</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>7 1/2</i>			<i>16</i>	<i>8</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>17</i>	<i>19</i>	<i>7 1/2</i>	
<i>Boring Joseph</i>	<i>ditto</i>			<i>Nov 1761</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>Octob.</i>	<i>29</i>	<i>51</i>		<i>53/1</i>	<i>31</i>					<i>13</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>20</i>	<i>14</i>	<i>6</i>	
<i>Baley John</i>	<i>ditto</i>			<i>March</i>	<i>8</i>	<i>Octob.</i>	<i>28</i>	<i>33</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>53/1</i>	<i>22</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>7 1/2</i>			<i>9</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>13</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>1 1/2</i>	
<i>Baptist Edward</i>	<i>Serv. to</i>	<i>Edward Greene</i>		<i>March</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>Octob.</i>	<i>29</i>	<i>33</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>53/1</i>	<i>22</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>8 1/2</i>			<i>12</i>	<i>19</i>	<i>11</i>	<i>9</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>9 1/2</i>	
<i>Baldwin Daniel</i>	<i>Scaman</i>			<i>April</i>	<i>15</i>	<i>Octob.</i>	<i>28</i>	<i>28</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>53/1</i>	<i>18</i>	<i>15</i>	<i>2 1/2</i>			<i>6</i>	<i>8</i>	<i>2 1/2</i>	<i>12</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>7 1/2</i>	
<i>Bowels Nathaniel</i>	<i>ditto</i>	<i>Disch. had a better man in his room</i>		<i>do</i>	<i>17</i>	<i>Aug.</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>15</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>53/1</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>11</i>	<i>5 1/2</i>			<i>5</i>	<i>15</i>		<i>4</i>	<i>16</i>	<i>5 1/2</i>	
<i>Bull Benjamin</i>	<i>ditto</i>			<i>do</i>	<i>20</i>	<i>Octob.</i>	<i>28</i>	<i>27</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>53/1</i>	<i>18</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>8 1/2</i>			<i>11</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>9</i>	<i>7</i>		<i>11 1/2</i>	
<i>Black Charles</i>	<i>ditto</i>			<i>do</i>	<i>27</i>	<i>Octob.</i>	<i>28</i>	<i>20</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>53/1</i>	<i>17</i>	<i>12</i>	<i>4 1/2</i>			<i>8</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>9</i>	<i>A</i>		
<i>Brown John</i>	<i>ditto</i>			<i>do</i>	<i>17</i>	<i>Octob.</i>	<i>28</i>	<i>27</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>53/1</i>	<i>18</i>	<i>11</i>	<i>5</i>			<i>3</i>	<i>9</i>	<i>11</i>	<i>15</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>6</i>	
<i>Brown Joseph</i>	<i>ditto</i>	<i>was being lame</i>		<i>March</i>	<i>26</i>	<i>June</i>	<i>9</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>53/1</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>9</i>			<i>7</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>9</i>				
<i>Bayley Samuel</i>	<i>ditto</i>			<i>April</i>	<i>8</i>	<i>Octob.</i>	<i>28</i>	<i>29</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>53/1</i>	<i>19</i>	<i>8</i>	<i>6 1/2</i>			<i>4</i>			<i>15</i>	<i>8</i>	<i>6 1/2</i>	
<i>Bapt Joseph</i>	<i>Serv. to the Doctor</i>			<i>April</i>	<i>12</i>	<i>Octob.</i>	<i>28</i>	<i>28</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>53/1</i>	<i>19</i>	<i>1</i>				<i>5</i>	<i>4</i>		<i>18</i>	<i>15</i>	<i>8</i>	



Revolutionary War Pensions

- 1776 - Half pay for officers and men disabled in the service and were incapable of earning a living
- 1780 - Half pay for 7 yrs. to widows and orphans of officers
- Pensions are available online on [Fold3.com](https://www.fold3.com)

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Perhaps as many as 50 000 or more individuals were Loyalists - estimates range from 30,000 to over 100,000. To be a Loyalist, one had to have been:

- > Either male or female, as of 19 April 1775, a resident of the American colonies, and joined the Royal Standard prior to the Treaty of Separation of 1783, or otherwise demonstrated loyalty to the Crown, and settled in territory remaining under the rule of the Crown; or
- > a soldier who served in an American Loyalist Regiment and was disbanded in Canada; or
- > a member of the Six Nations of either the Grand River or the Bay of Quinte Reserve who is descended from one whose migration was similar to that of other Loyalists.

However, there were others who qualified too – for example, if a Loyalist was killed in action, and his family then moved to Canada and settled around the time of the Treaty of Separation in 1783, they might qualify.

An objective of the UELAC is to develop a **directory of people of the Loyalist era, and to categorize them, especially those who met the qualifications as a United Empire Loyalist** and who earned the right, along with his heirs forever to the designation or post-nominal U.E., standing for Unity of the Empire.

In 2004 a project was begun by a few UELAC volunteers brought together into a Committee to organize and present Information on Individual Loyalists. The first phase entailed transcribing the UEL Executive List which was created by the government of Upper Canada in the late 1700's. That list has about 3,000 names but there is very little information for each individual.

Since then names have been added from several sources – the Loyalist certificates issued since 1871 by UELAC; a historic list of Loyalists of New Brunswick; a child's memorial list; and data from

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- Massachusetts Tax Valuation List of 1771
- Massachusetts and Maine Direct Tax Census of 1798
 - Not all Massachusetts and Maine towns survived
 - They were in the process of being burned at the Boston Customs House. An alert clerk contacted NEHGS to rescue this valuable record set

1771 Massachusetts Tax Inventory

The following collection of data contains the names and descriptions of taxable property of nearly 38,000 individuals who resided in 152 Massachusetts towns in 1771. Data include enumerations of the type and value of real estate and buildings, as well as tabulation of livestock and farm commodities produced.

This on-line version allows you to browse the data by selecting items to view and "drilling down" through totals for counties and towns to the holdings of individual taxpayers.

An interactive map helps you locate towns and counties in the state. The map is based upon a [map of Massachusetts drawn in 1792](#) and scanned from the Harvard University map collection. In order to use the map, you must install the Flash plug-in for your browser. The plug-in is free and available [here](#).



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- Gristmills -- etc.
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- Tons of Vessels

Land and Agriculture

- Acres of Pasture
- Number of Cows the Pasture will Keep
- Acres of Tillage
- Bushels of Grain Produced per Year
- Barrels of Cider Produced per Year
- Acres of Salt Marsh
- Tons of Salt Marsh Hay per Year

Farm Animals/Livestock

- Horses
- Oxen
- Cows
- Goats and Sheep
- Sheep per Taxpayer
- Taxpayers Owning Goats and Sheep
- Percent of Taxpayers Owning Goats or Sheep

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1771 Massachusetts Tax Inventory

The following collection of data contains the names and descriptions of taxable property of nearly 38,000 individuals who resided in 152 Massachusetts towns in 1771. Data include enumerations of the type and value of real estate and buildings, as well as tabulation of livestock and farm commodities produced.



This on-line version allows you to browse the data by selecting items to view and "drilling down" through totals for counties and towns to the holdings of individual taxpayers.

An interactive map helps you locate towns and counties in the state. The map is based upon a [map of Massachusetts drawn in 1792](#) and scanned from the Harvard University map collection. In order to use the map, you must install the Flash plug-in for your browser. The plug-in is free and available [here](#).



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Find individuals by typing in a first or last name

View Records for Individuals with Probate Inventories

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Search Enumerations

Select items and view totals for counties, towns, and individual town residents.

General Population Characteristics and Assessed Worth

- Number of Taxpayers
- Polls Rateable
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- Servants for Life
- Taxpayers who Own a Servant
- Servants per Taxpayer
- Percent of Taxpayers Owning a Servant
- Annual worth of the Whole Real Estate (£)
- Value of Estate per Taxpayer (£)

Buildings and Boats

- Dwelling Houses and Shops Adjoining
- Shops Adjoining
- Tanhouses -- etc.
- Stillhouses
- Warehouses
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ADAMS, ELIJAH of Boston, Suffolk County
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ADAMS, DAVID of Boston, Suffolk County
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ADAMS, JOHN JR of Boston, Suffolk County
ADAMSON, ROBERT of Boston, Suffolk County
ADAMS, JOHN of Boston, Suffolk County
ADAMS, SETH of Boston, Suffolk County
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ADAMS, ISAAC of Ipswich, Essex County
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ADAMS, WILL'M of Marblehead, Essex County

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Town of Ipswich, Essex County			
Buildings and Boats			
Dwelling Houses and Shops Adjoining 1	Shops Adjoining 0	Tanhouses -- etc. 0	Stillhouses 0
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Barrels of Cider Produced per Year 008	Acres of Salt Marsh 7.5	Tons of Salt Marsh Hay per Year 6	Acres of English and Upland Mowing Land 3
Tons of English and Upland Hay Per Year 2	Acres of Fresh Meadow 8	Tons of Fresh Meadow Hay Per Year 6	
Farm Animals/Livestock			
Horses 01	Oxen 02	Cows 5	Goats and Sheep 18
Owens Goats or Sheep Y	Swine 02		
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Naturalization Records

- Naturalization is the admittance of a foreigner to citizenship of a new country
- New England Petitions for Naturalization Index, 1791-1906
 - Index cards created for each immigrant that indicate when they naturalized, what court, what country they were from, where they live, and the reference information to find the naturalization records

First Naturalization Act (1790)

- Any free, white, adult alien, male or female, who had resided within the limits and jurisdictions of the U.S. for a period of 2 years was eligible for citizenship
- Applicant would apply to any court in any one of the states where they resided at least one year
- Citizenship was granted to those who showed they were of good moral character and took an oath of allegiance to the Constitution
- Children under 21 years automatically became citizens if they had a parent who successfully naturalized

Naturalization Act of 1795

- Increased period of residence from 2 to 5 years
- Applicants were required to declare publicly their intention to become citizens of the United States and to renounce any allegiance to a foreign prince, monarch, state, or sovereignty 3 years before admission as citizens
- Immigrants who had any hereditary titles or of the nobility class were also required to renounce that status



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

Description

This is an index to photocopies of naturalization documents filed in courts in Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island and Vermont from 1791 to 1906. The photocopies and the index are in the National Archives-New England Region. The index consists of 3x5 inch cards arranged by state and thereunder by name of petitioner, arranged according to the soundex system. The index refers to the name and location of the court that granted the certificate of naturalization, and to the volume and page number (or certificate number) of the naturalization record. NARA publication title: Index to New England Naturalization Petitions, 1791-1906 (NARA M1299).

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Naturalization records (Boston, Massachusetts) : NARA, RG 21, 1790-1946

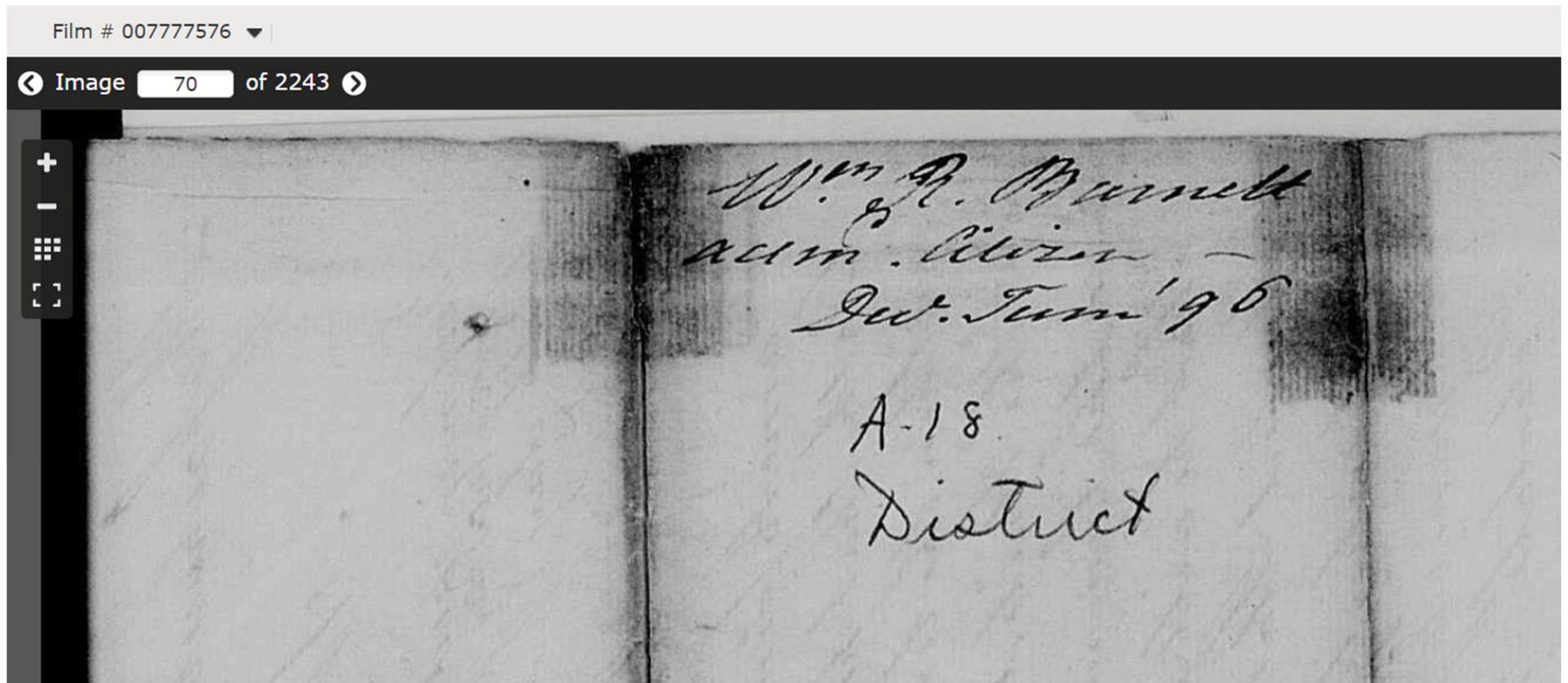
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Wm. R. Munnell
adm. Citizen
Dec. Term '96

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To the Honourable John Lowell Esq
Judge of the District Court for Massachusetts
District holden at Boston on the 10th Decem^r
A.D. 1796 -

The Petition of ^{Reynolds} William Barnett
formerly of Jamaica a Merchant
Humbly Shews
That he has resided within the Limits &
under the Jurisdiction of the United States
more than two years ^{one year} at least at said Boston
that he is now desirous to become a
Citizen of the United States and is ready
to take the Oath in such case required
Wherefore referring to the Testimonials
produced for his Character he prays that
he may be naturalized & declared a Citizen
of said States -

Wm Reynolds Barnett

Sworn to in Court
att: N^o 1774 Clerk

Naturalization Petition of William
Reynolds Barnett (1796)

Boston Nov: 10. 1796 -

This may Certify that ^{Reynolds} William Barnett formerly of Jamaica Merchant has resided two years at least within the limits and under the jurisdiction of the United States and one year at least in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts - that during the said term he has behaved as a person of good moral character, attached to the Constitution of the United States & well disposed to the good order & happiness of the same -

Theo. M. Meyer
Jon. Warner
Sam. Smith

Jon. Warner
appeared & made
oath to the truth
of the foregoing
aff. of ^{the} Middle Clerk

Suffolk Jr. Boston Decem^r 10. 1796
Personally appeared ^{Jon. Warner} ~~Sam. Smith~~
one of the Subscribers to the aforesaid Certificate &
made Oath to the truth of the same
Before me
Just. Fair

Witness Affidavit for the Naturalization Petition of William Reynolds Barnett (1796)

Massachusetts - District -
At a District Court holden at
Boston in said District on ~~Saturday~~ the
^{9th day} ~~14th day of December A.D. 1796 -
Personally appears William ^{Reynolds} Barnett
formerly of Jamaica and declares on
Oath that he has resided two years at least
within the limits and under the jurisdiction
of the United States, and one year at least
in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts -
that he will support the Constitution of the
United States and that he doth abolutely
entirely renounce and abjure all
allegiance & fidelity to any foreign Prince
Potentate State or Sovereignty whatsoever
particularly to George the third King of
Great Britain - he also declares on
Oath that he hath not borne any
hereditary title or been of any of the
orders of Nobility in Great Britain,
Ireland or elsewhere -
Wm Reynolds Barnett~~

District Court
Dec: Term 96
sworn to
at: N^o 10 Dale St.
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Oath of Allegiance of William Reynolds Barnett
(1796)

Passport Applications

- Only issued to U.S. born citizens or persons who naturalized
- 18th Century passport applications include name, residence, birthplace, reason for passport.



United States Passport Applications, 1795-1925

Description

This collection contains United States Passport Applications from two different NARA collections: M1490, and M1372. Some index records have been published and more will be added as they become available.

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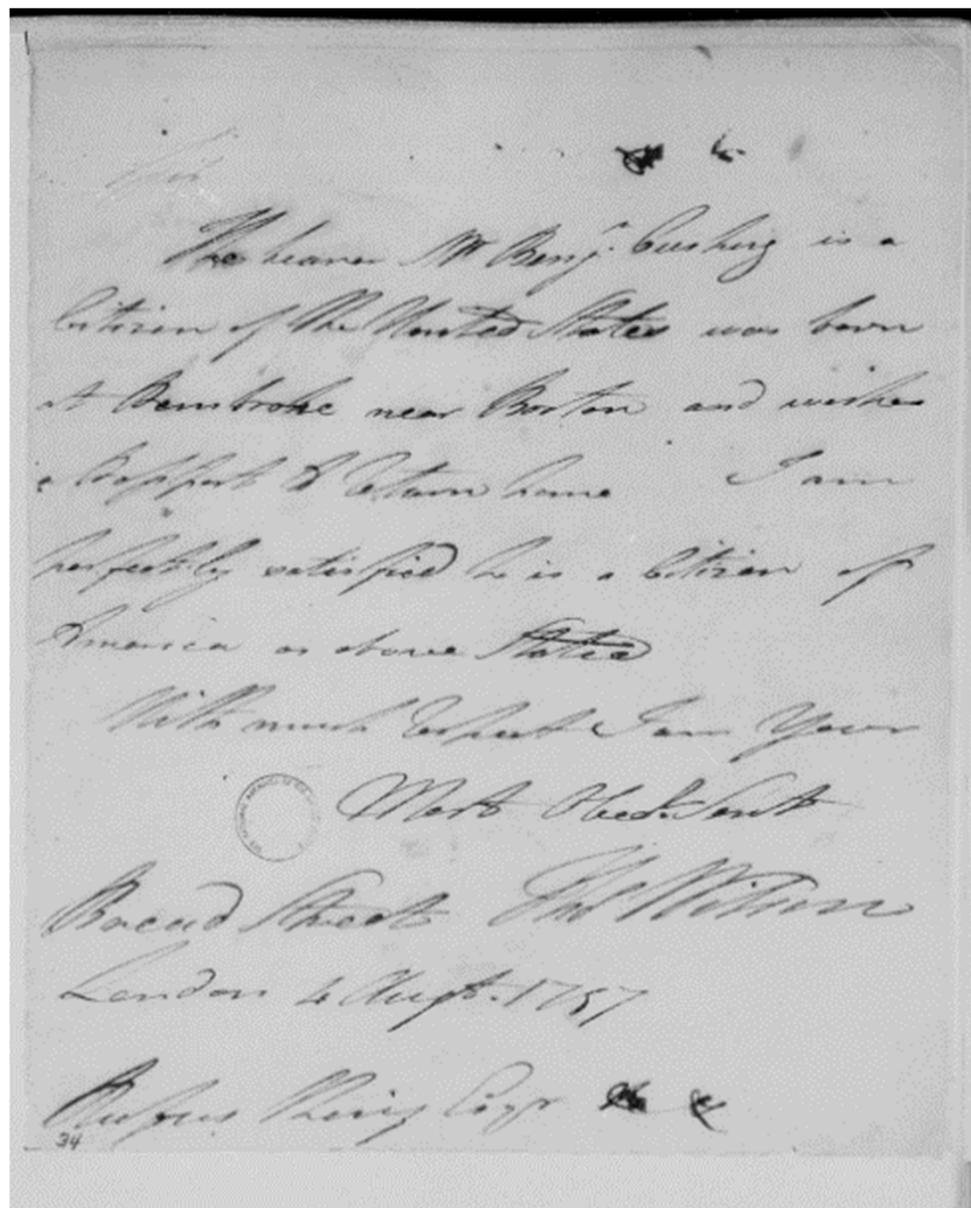
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"The bearer Mr. Benj. Cushing is a Citizen of the United States was born at Pembroke near Boston and wishes a passport to return home."



Passport Application of Benjamin Cushing (1797)

Study Projects

- Western Massachusetts Families in 1790
- Worcester, MA: Scots-Irish Settlers, 1700-1850

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Western Massachusetts Families in 1790



In 1790, this part of Massachusetts was a crossroads for New England families heading west into New York or beyond, or north into Vermont. This study project addressed families in the 1790 census for Berkshire and Hampshire Counties (from which Franklin and Hampden Counties were later formed), providing a major addition to the published research on the region.



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Greenwich, Hampshire County, Massachusetts^[1]

PRINCE WILLIAMS, son of Elijah and Ruth (Nye) Williams, was born about 1763, probably in Middleborough, Plymouth County, Massachusetts.^[2] He resided in Fort Edward, Washington County, New York in 1850.^[3] He died on 3 February 1852, aged 88, probably in Fort Edward, and was buried in the Hopkins Cemetery in Argyle, Washington County.^[4] Prince⁸ was descended from Thomas Rogers of the *Mayflower* (Elijah⁷, John⁶, Abigail (Makepeace) Williams⁵, Abigail (Tisdale) Makepeace⁴, Anna (Rogers) Tisdale³, John², Thomas¹).^[5]

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FERGUSON FAMILY

William Lincoln's history of the Scots-Irish in the city of Worcester in 1718 includes a James Ferguson among those who stayed in Worcester, Massachusetts, after some of the group moved westward.¹ Ethel Stanwood Bolton states that James Ferguson arrived in Worcester in 1718² based on Lincoln's history, and says he came from County Londonderry, Ireland, as did most of the 1718 group. A notation under Bolton's listing for John Armstrong states "James Ferguson was commander of the Brigantine *Robert* and came with wife and four children in 1718."³

This has been a difficult family to trace due to the lack of probate records and the fact that there were Ferguson families living in several parts of Massachusetts prior to 1718. Probably the first record of the 1718 immigrant ancestor is in Westborough, Middlesex County, Massachusetts, with the births of children of Samuel Ferguson and wife Isabel in the late 1720s and early 1730s. The earliest probate in Worcester County is that of Samuel Ferguson, apparently the same one of Westborough, who died in 1741 leaving a wife, two sons, and several daughters.⁴ The earliest Ferguson vital record in Worcester County appears in Pelham with the

Research Strategies

Common Problems

- Vital Record Registration not mandatory until 1841
 - Huge gaps in record taking for Boston
 - First major census is 1790 and is by head of household only
- Military pension and bounty land warrant applications destroyed by fire at the War Dept in 1800
- Barnstable County Courthouse Fire in 1827
 - Most land registry deed volumes destroyed
- Portland (Maine) City Hall Fire in 1908
 - Cumberland County probate records destroyed

Vital Record Substitutes

- Church Records
- Land Deeds
- Probate Records
- Court Records
- Tax Records

Papers of the War Department 1784-1800

- On November 8, 1800, there was a fire at the War Department
- Revolutionary War pension applications and bounty land application files were destroyed
- A project was started to rebuild the War Department Papers, led by Ted Crackel; the project team visited more than 200 repositories and about 42,000 documents collected and scanned

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FULL NAME (COPY)	Bennett Wheeler
GIVEN NAME	Bennett
FAMILY NAME	Wheeler
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ITEM	
TYPE	Autograph Letter
TITLE	Knox discusses naval appointments with Wheeler
DESCRIPTION	Letter, advises re naval officer appointment.
SHORT DESCRIPTION	Ltr, adv re naval officer appointment.
YEAR CREATED	1790
MONTH CREATED	08
DAY CREATED	14
AUTHOR	Henry Knox
SENT FROM LOCATION	New York
RECIPIENT	Bennett Wheeler
IN COLLECTION	Henry Knox Papers. [microfilm]
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NOTABLE PERSON/GROUP	Bennett Wheeler Henry Knox
NOTABLE LOCATION	New York Providence
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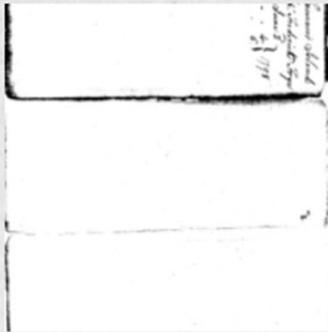
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PAY, SUBSISTANCE, AND NURSE'S PAY

Frye encloses vouchers for money to be credited to his account. Neither he, Lt. Wilson, nor Doctor Osborn received their subsistence for January despite the submission of the statement. Frye has paid the nurse \$8 per month because there are so many sick that he cannot hire anyone for less.



PAYMENT OF SARAH BROOKS, NURSE AT CARLISLE PENNSYLVANIA

Simmons certifies that the sum of \$24 is due to Sarah Brooks for her pay as a nurse at Carlisle, Pennsylvania from August to November 1794.



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Payment of Sarah Brooks, nurse at Carlisle Pennsylvania

ITEM

TYPE	Author's Letterbook Copy
TITLE	Payment of Sarah Brooks, nurse at Carlisle Pennsylvania
DESCRIPTION	Simmons certifies that the sum of \$24 is due to Sarah Brooks for her pay as a nurse at Carlisle, Pennsylvania from August to November 1794.
YEAR CREATED	1795
MONTH CREATED	04
DAY CREATED	18
AUTHOR	William Simmons
SENT FROM LOCATION	Accountant's Office
RECIPIENT	Timothy Pickering
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IN IMAGE	 DMA01
AUTHOR NOTE	William Simmons
RECIPIENT NOTE	Timothy Pickering
NOTABLE PERSON/GROUP	Timothy Pickering

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Barnstable County

- There was a fire on October 27, 1827, that destroyed the courthouse
- It housed the Registry of Deeds, which had 94 volumes of land records going back to 1783; all but one volume was lost in the fire
- Many deeds were re-recorded, but sadly not all were identified; many owners did not keep the original deed once the property was sold off



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Original deeds left after fire, vol. 61, 1804-1808

Authors:	Barnstable County (Massachusetts). Register of Deeds (Main Author) Barnstable County (Massachusetts). Register of Deeds (Repository)
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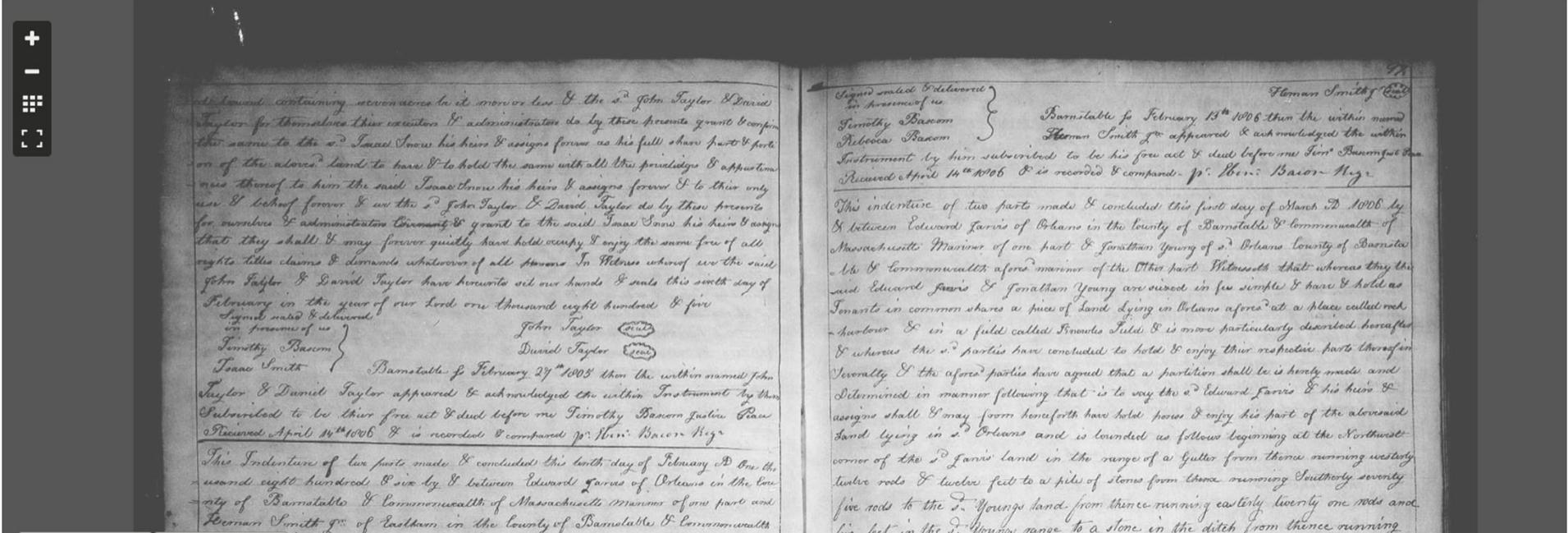
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This Indenture of two parts made & concluded this tenth day of February A One thousand eight hundred & six by & between Edward Jarvis of Orleans in the County of Barnstable & Commonwealth of Massachusetts Mariner of one part and Herman Smith J^r of Eastham in the County of Barnstable & Commonwealth afores^d Mariner of the other part Witnesseth that whereas they the s^d Edward Jarvis & Herman Smith have s^d in Fee Simple & have & hold as Tenants in Common Shares a piece of Land lying in Orleans afores^d at a place called Rock Harbour and is more particularly described hereafter & whereas the s^d Parties have concluded to hold & enjoy their respective parts thereof in severally & the afores^d parties have agreed that a partition shall be & is hereby made & determined in manner following that is to say the s^d Edward Jarvis his heirs & assigns shall & may from henceforth have hold possess & enjoy his part of the above Land lying in s^d Orleans & is bounded as follows beginning at the Northward bound of the s^d Land at a heap of stones thence running easterly by the fence twenty four & a half rods to a heap of stones thence running Southerly thirty three rods to a heap of stones thence running Westerly five rods to the edge of a swamp thence running to David Youngs bound westerly in the s^d swamp thence westerly to a heap of Stones nigh the mouth of a Gutter from thence by s^d Gutter northerly to the first mentioned bound Which is twenty seven rods containing four acres be it more or less within s^d Boundaries & the s^d Herman Smith for himself his executors & administrators do by these presents Grant & confirm the same to the s^d Edward Jarvis his heirs & assigns forever as his full share part & portion of the above Land to have & to hold the same with all the privileges & appurtenances thereof to him the s^d Edward Jarvis his heirs & assigns forever & to their only use & behoof forever & the s^d Herman Smith J^r by these presents for him self & Administrators covenant & Grant to the s^d Edward Jarvis his heirs & assigns that they shall & may forever quietly have hold occupy & enjoy the same free of all rights titles claims & demands whatsoever of all persons In Witness whereof I the s^d Herman Smith have hereunto set my hand & seal this tenth day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred

Deed Sold by Herman Smith to Edward James
(1806)

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Alternative Records for Barnstable County Deeds

- Court Records
- Probate records
- Town Records
- Valuation records

Cumberland County, Maine

- In July 1866, there was the Great Fire in Portland that destroyed City Hall
- There was another fire on January 24, 1908 at Portland City Hall that destroyed the county records
- These include the county probates that were kept in Portland (county seat). City records were saved from the fire

Alternative Records for Cumberland County (Maine) Probate Records

- Court Records
- Land Deeds – look for estate sales
- Newspapers – look for obituaries and probate notices
- Town Records
- Valuation records

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THE Real Estate of THOMAS SLEMMONS, late of said Falmouth, yeoman, deceased, consisting of

His homestead FARM, containing about 110 acres—Half a Grist-Mill—A Pew in Straw water meeting-house—and a piece of Marsh in Scarborough, containing about four acres—Or so much thereof, as will be sufficient to pay the said deceased debts, with incidental charges.

WILLIAM SLEMMONS, *Administrator*
Falmouth, May 9, 1799. *tor on said Estate.*

Probate Notice for the Estate of Thomas Slemmons of Falmouth (*Jenk's Portland Gazette*, 1799)

Review

1. The 18th Century in Massachusetts had many large historical milestones, which created many records.
2. Don't limit research to only census records and vital records – seek out as many records as you can, including browsable collections on FamilySearch.
3. Seek out alternative records where records were destroyed by fire.



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