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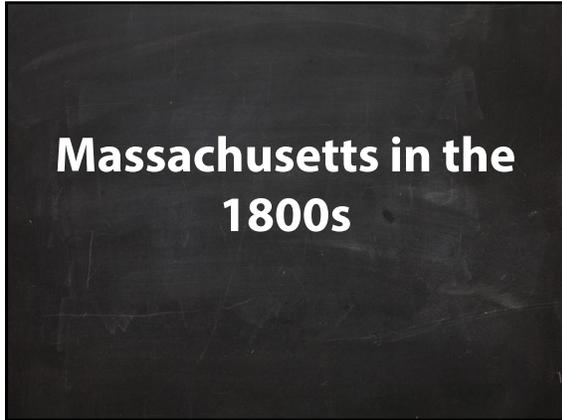
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**A Brief History**

- 19<sup>th</sup> century is a time of change in MA and the U.S.
  - Economic growth
  - Industrialization
    - 1820 – 60% of MA population are agricultural workers
    - 1865 – 13% of MA population are agricultural workers
  - Population growth and urbanization
    - 1875 – majority of residents live in urban areas
    - Influx of immigrants
  - Advances in transportation
  - Expansion of territory (U.S.) and loss of territory (MA)
- Stability of the new country is challenged (War of 1812, Civil War)

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**Historical Events**

- 1812-1814: War of 1812
- 1820: Maine separates from Massachusetts and becomes the 23<sup>rd</sup> state
- 1830: First railroads in Massachusetts chartered
- 1830s -1840s: development of the factory system draws workers to urban areas
- 1848: potato famine in Europe sets off a wave of immigration, particularly from Ireland
- 1861-1865: Civil War
- 1891: By the end of this year, more than 1 million immigrants have entered through the Port of Boston

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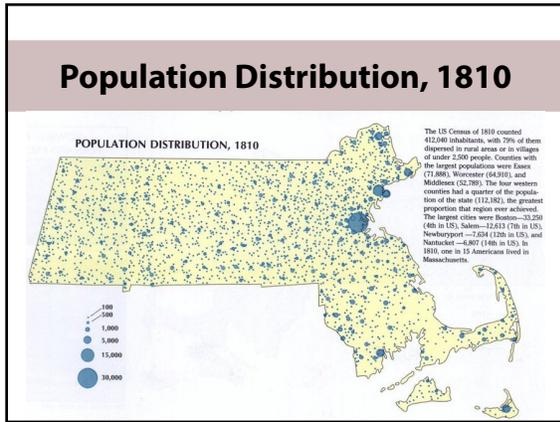
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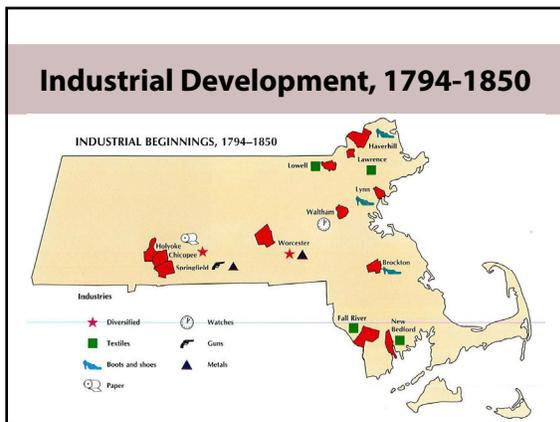
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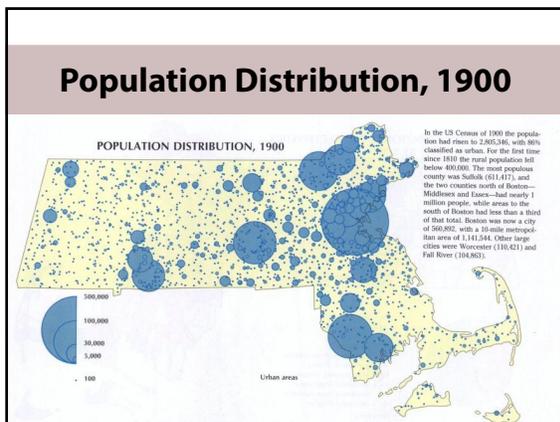
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### 19<sup>th</sup> Century Inventions and Innovations

The collage includes the following items:

- railroad**: A black and white photograph of a dirt road curving through a wooded area.
- factory system**: A black and white photograph of a large industrial factory with multiple chimneys.
- ether**: A glass bottle with two stoppers, used for anesthesia.
- sewing machine**: A mechanical sewing machine with a large hand-cranked wheel.
- telephone**: A technical diagram of an early telephone system with various components and labels.
- automobile**: A black and white photograph of an early, horse-drawn automobile.

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### Role of Women

- Industrialization and manufacturing offer employment outside the home
  - 90% of mill workers in the 1820s -1840s are women
  - Pre-Civil War: textiles and boot/shoe manufacturing
  - Post-Civil War: clothing manufacturing, clerical work
  - Domestic work
- By the end of the century, most teachers are women
- 1850: first National Women's Rights Convention held in Worcester
- 1869: first women's trade union founded in Lynn

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### 19<sup>th</sup>-Century Genealogy Sources

- The same rules apply
- Earlier record types still available
  - Church and cemetery records
  - Land and tax records
  - Court and probate records
  - Newspapers and directories
- New record types/expansion of information collected or available
  - Immigration and naturalization
  - Vital records
  - Census records
  - Military records
  - Published genealogies and local histories

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**19<sup>th</sup> Century Immigration Trends**

- Port of Boston is the largest port in MA
- ca. 1820: First regular timetables for ships are introduced
- 1848: Passenger manifests start to be required by MA; 1891: moves to federal level
- 1840s: Trans-Atlantic steamship crossings begin
- 1882: Federal Immigration and Passenger Acts require more detailed lists
- 1891: Federal Immigration Act establishes the Superintendent of Immigration
- 1893: Federal Immigration Act expands data collected about immigrants
- Travel time goes from about three weeks (early-19<sup>th</sup> c.) to about one week (ca. 1900)
- 1906: Federal Naturalization Act standardizes naturalization process



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**19<sup>th</sup> Century Immigrants to Mass.**

- Irish
- Canadian (French-Canadian and Maritime Provinces)
- Jewish
- Italian
- Portuguese
- Chinese (until 1882)
- Armenian, Syrian, and Lebanese



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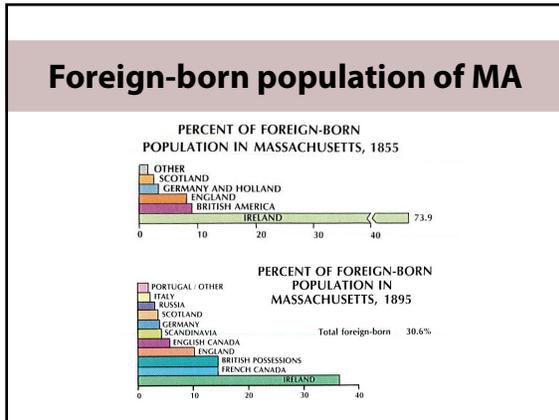
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### Finding your immigrant ancestor

- Examine passenger lists and naturalization records
- Look for clues in later census records
  - 1870 records male U.S. citizens over 21
  - 1900-1940 record citizenship status
- Check newspapers for information about ship arrivals

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### What is a ship's manifest?

- List or manifest of passengers
- Created by the ship's captain and collected by customs
- Information typically provided by the immigrant at the beginning of the voyage

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## Irish Records in Massachusetts

- *Boston Pilot*: Irish Immigrant Advertisements (Search for Missing Friends), 1831-1920 [AmericanAncestors]
  - 45,000 advertisements for “missing friends” placed
  - Contain names and places of origin
  - Nationally-distributed newspaper published by the archdiocese of Boston beginning in 1829

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- name

- nativity

- arrival date

- U.S. residence

- “seeker”

516 Missing Friends

OF BREKGET CONNOR, native of the parish Anna, co. Caron, who arrived in this country in May, 1842. When last heard of, about one year ago, she was in Connecticut, Conn. Any information of her will be thankfully received by her father THOS. CONNOR, Randolph, Mo.

OF JAMES MCKENNY, Carletonbury, co. Monaghan, landed in New York in Sept. 1851. When last heard of was in Joliet, Illinois, in Feb. 1853. Information respecting him will be thankfully received by his father MICHAEL MCKENNY, Warren, Lucas Co., Ohio.

OF DENNIS O'BRIEN, parish Anfield, co. Wick, who last heard from about 3 years ago, he is now in New York, N.Y. Address to the care of JOHN MAJONEY, Orange, Tenn. co. N. Y.

OF TIMOTHY MICHAEL & JOHN LYNCH, from the parish of Croome, co. Cork, who have been resident some time ago. Any information of them will be thankfully received by their cousin MISS BERDAN. Address to the care of JAMES MAJONEY, Orange, Tenn. co. N. Y.

OF MICHAEL MURPHY, parish of Ballyvaughan, co. Cork, who last heard from in New York, N.Y. Any information of him will be thankfully received by his brother JOHN MURPHY, by addressing a letter to Brooklyn, N.Y. to JOHN MURPHY.

OF TIMOTHY O'DONOGHUE, from the parish of Tuohelick, land of Millmont, co. Cork, when last seen by his mother was at St. James Parson's, Ohio. Call on [sic] co., New York. Any information will be gratefully received by his mother, who is in a delicate state of health, by addressing a letter to GULLA O'DONOGHUE [sic], care of Wm. HENSHAW, 42 Exchange st., Rochester, Mass., co. New York.

OF THOS. CYRILLIAN, a native of co. Cork, when last heard of he was at Pittsboro, N. H. He is brother with BARRY CYRILLIAN, wants very much to hear from him, address to Salem, Derby Centre, P. O. Vermont.

OF JOHN HENNESSY, native parish of Marstonham, co. Cork, who came to this country about 5 years ago, will be thankfully received by his brother THOMAS HENNESSY, Ansonia, Conn.

OF WM. GALLAGHER, native of Ballyfallon, co. Tyrone, who stopped for his country about the first of August last. Information of him will be thankfully received by his brother MICHAEL GALLAGHER, No. Easton, Mo.

OF MICHAEL ROSE, born in Killybeggy, parish of Wexford, sailed from Liverpool in 1843, 1845. When last heard from was in Philadelphia. Any information will

Irish Immigrant Advertisements

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## Jewish Records in Massachusetts

- Digital Library & Archives of the Wyner Family Jewish Heritage Center [AmericanAncestors]
- U.S. Boston Arrivals of Jewish Immigrants from HIAS Records, 1882-1929 [Ancestry]
  - Arrival information for 24,000 individuals
- Massachusetts: Jewish Cemeteries of Western Massachusetts, 1647-1999 [AmericanAncestors]
  - Over 19,000 burials in western MA
- Massachusetts: Organized Jewish Group Activity in 19<sup>th</sup>-Century Massachusetts, 1843-1900 [AmericanAncestors]
  - List of Jewish associations and organizations, with names of officers
- Massachusetts: Jewish Cemetery Association of Massachusetts, 1875-2012 [AmericanAncestors]
  - Transcriptions of interment lists from JCAM

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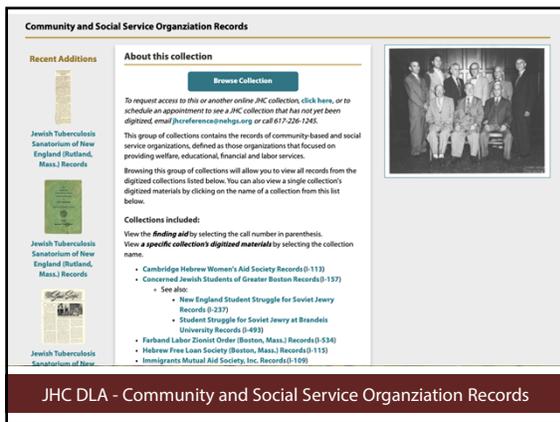
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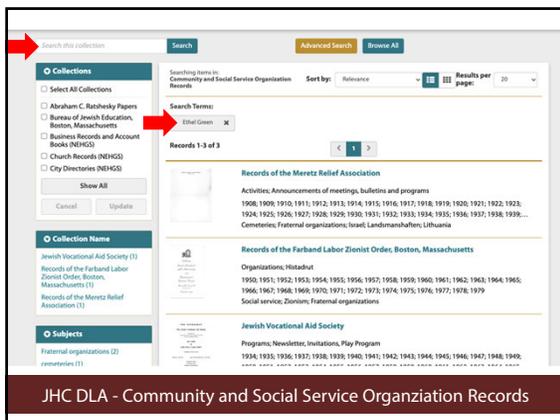
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**Armenian Records in  
Massachusetts: Resources at  
AmericanAncestors**

- Massachusetts: Armenian Immigrant Births, Deaths and Marriages, 1880-1915
  - Over 8,000 births, marriages, and deaths of individuals of Armenian heritage
  - Compiled from MA vital records

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Armenian Immigrant Births, Deaths and Marriage – Database Result Page

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Military Records

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**Massachusetts Militia**

- Colonial period to 1903 – militia system
- 1793 – duties of adjutant general and quartermaster clarified
- 1840 – reorganization of town militias into Massachusetts Volunteer Militia
- 1846 – new system of enrolling and reporting militiamen
- Post-Civil War – expansion of tasks overseen by adjutant general (Commissioner of War Records)
- 1903 – National Guard created out of Organized Militia (more federal control)

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**War of 1812**

- June 18, 1812 – December 24, 1814 (news of the peace treaty does not reach Boston until February 12, 1815)
- MA House of Rep. was against and condemned the war
- Fighting comes to New England in spring of 1813 – much of the MA coast is blockaded during the war
- Fighting involves naval battles in the Atlantic and the Great Lakes
- MA militia is not given orders until September 1814
- Some MA men serve in the U.S. troops

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**Finding your War of 1812 ancestor**

- *Records of the Massachusetts volunteer militia called out by the Governor of Massachusetts to suppress a threatened invasion during the war of 1812-14*
  - Available online at <https://archive.org/details/recordsofmassach00inmass/>
  - Published in 1913 by the Adjutant General's office
  - Organized by unit, then alphabetically

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**Civil War**

- April 12, 1861 – May 9, 1865
- Approximately 159,000 MA men served (state pop. 1.2 million)
- State troops and U.S. troops
- Gov. Andrew had already been focused on building up the MA militia



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**Civil War**

- First regiments called upon on April 15<sup>th</sup>
  - “The entire character of the state changed: from a peaceful, industrious community, it became a camp of armed men...”
- Early May – 10,000 enlisted militiamen organized into volunteer troops to serve 3-year terms
- Later recruits serve for different terms



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**Finding your Civil War ancestor**

- *Massachusetts Soldiers, Sailors, and Marines in the Civil War*
  - Available online at <https://archives.lib.state.ma.us/handle/2452/50883>
  - Published 1931-1937 by the Adjutant General's office
  - Drawn from enlistment papers, muster rolls, descriptive rolls, town reports, casualty lists, monthly reports, hospital records
  - In compiling, it was discovered that many MA service records were incomplete – completed with federal records
  - Organized by regiment, then alphabetically

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**Finding your Civil War ancestor**

- Civil War Service Index, Civil War Service Records [Fold3]
- U.S., Civil War Soldier Records and Profiles, 1861-1865 [Ancestry]
- 1883 *List of Pensioners on the Roll, Vol. 1: Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, D.C.* [Google Books]
- 1890 Veterans Schedule [Ancestry]




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**Mass. Historical Society**

- Civil War Commemoration Page: <https://www.masshist.org/online/civilwar/index.php>
- Manuscripts, photographs, timeline, online exhibits, publications




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**Civil War Pensions**

- Federal records (U.S. Pension Bureau)
- Soldiers, their widows, dependent children (under 16), and dependent parents eligible
  - Eligibility for a pension changes over the course of the 19<sup>th</sup> c.
- Pension index
  - Ancestry.com, FamilySearch.org, Fold3.com
- Contains information on military service, may contain biographical or family information
- Widow had to prove her marriage to the deceased veteran
- Pension records held by NARA, widows' pensions on Fold3

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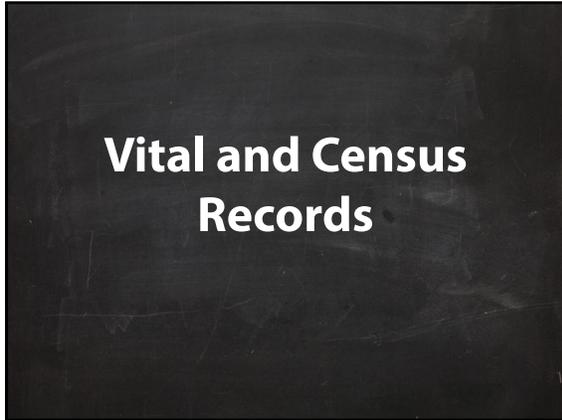
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**Vital Records**

- Record-keeping begins in 1639 at the town level
- 1841 – towns must report info on births, marriages, and deaths to the state – some towns don’t comply
- 1850 – more stringent version of 1841 law passed – increased compliance
- 1900 – NEHGS receives \$20,000 to publish MA town vital records – “tan books”
- Published VRs to 1850
- “Register” format for second half of the 19<sup>th</sup> century

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**Vital Record Resources**

- AmericanAncestors.org
  - Massachusetts: Vital Records, 1620-1850
  - Massachusetts: Vital Records, 1841-1910
  - Collections for individual towns
- Ancestry.com
  - Massachusetts, U.S., Town and Vital Records, 1620-1988
- FamilySearch.org
  - Massachusetts, Town Clerk, Vital and Town Records, 1626-2001

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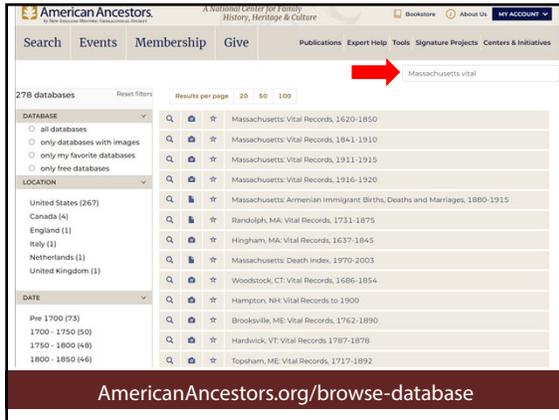
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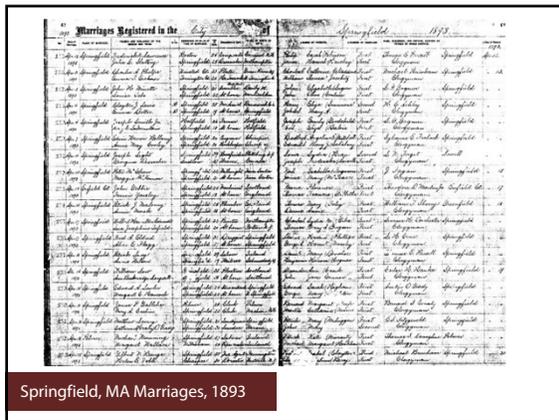
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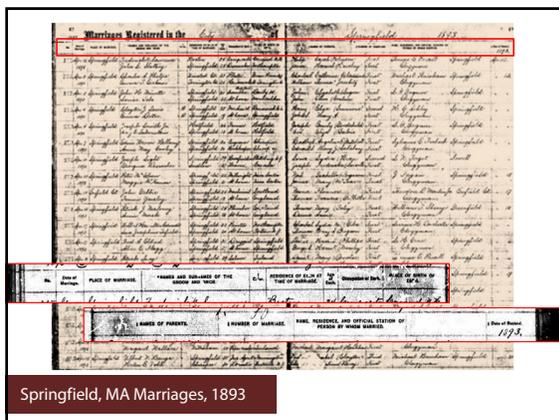
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### Federal Census

- Decennial census begins in 1790 – every 10 years, 1890 is no longer extant
- Special census schedules, 1850-1890
- Expansion of data collected, starting in 1850
  - Every member of the household named
  - Exact age
  - Birthplace
  - Occupation
  - Information on parents and citizenship
  - And more!

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### Pre-1850 Federal Census

- 1790-1840 Census records only name the head of household and use tally marks for others, broken down by age and sex
- Early census records can *still* be used to prove relationships
- Niece family: had siblings names from a family journal, compiled ages from later census records, did not know their father's name

Household of George Niece, 1840 U.S. Census, with inferences		
Free white males age 5 to 9	2	Benjamin Franklin Niece (b. 1833-1836); Henry Niece (b. unk.)
Free white males age 10 to 14	1	John B. Niece (b. 1827-1828)
Free white males age 15 to 19	2	Marquis De Lafayette Niece (b. abt. 1825); Oscar C. Niece (b. abt. 1825)
Free white males age 20 to 29	2	Seymour Niece (b. abt. 1826); Nathaniel C. Niece (b. abt. 1819)
Free white males age 30 to 59	1	George Niece (b. 1781-1790)
Free white females age 15 to 19	1	Sarah Niece (b. abt. 1823)
Free white females age 40 to 49	1	Elizabeth (b. 1791-1800)

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### Special Censuses/Schedules

- Mortality schedules
  - Deaths in the year *prior* to the census enumeration
- Non-population or industry and agricultural censuses
  - Schedule of goods grown or produced
- 1840 Pensioners Census and 1890 Veterans Census

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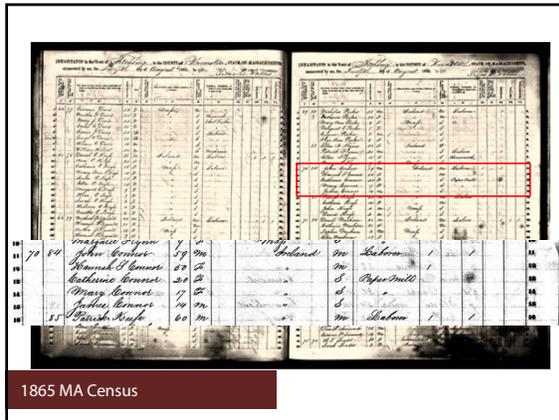
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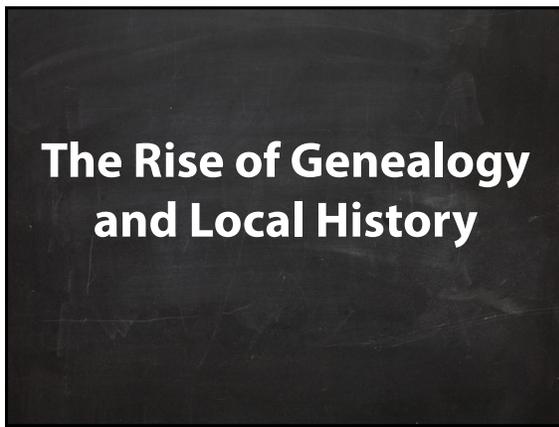
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**Rise of Genealogy**

- Genealogy is not new, but is formalized in the 19<sup>th</sup> century
- Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints founded in 1830
- First how-to guides and templates are published
- Heraldic offices founded in the U.S.




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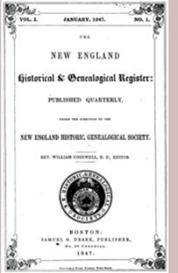
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### Rise of Genealogy

- NEHGS founded in 1845, first *Register* volume appears in 1847
- Other societies follow:
  - New York Genealogical & Biographical Society (1869)
  - Daughters of the American Revolution (1890)
  - Genealogical Society of PA (1892)
  - Genealogical Society of Utah (1894)
  - Order of Founders and Patriots of America (1896)
  - General Society of Mayflower Descendants (1897)
  - National Genealogical Society (1903)



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### The Published Genealogy

- Published family histories are not new, but increase in numbers in the 19<sup>th</sup> century
- John Farmer's *A Genealogical Register of the First Settlers of New England* (1829)
  - Importance of evidence
  - Despite Farmer's example, many early genealogies lack citations
- *A list of some American genealogies which have been printed in book form* (1897)
- If possible, verify using primary sources!
- Merits of published genealogies
  - Local color, family traditions, anecdotes
  - Letters and personal documents
- Assessing a published genealogy
  - Author's identity/credibility
  - Citations
  - Exhaustive search
  - Format
  - Scope

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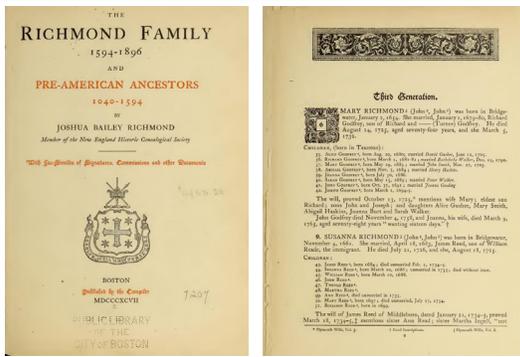
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**The Richmond Family, 1594-1896**

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## American Genealogical-Biographical Index

- Project of the Godfrey Memorial Library in Middletown, CT (<https://www.godfrey.org/>)
- Index of over 4 million names from 800 published genealogies, aka “Rider’s Index”
- Index available from Ancestry, FamilySearch, and the Godfrey Library



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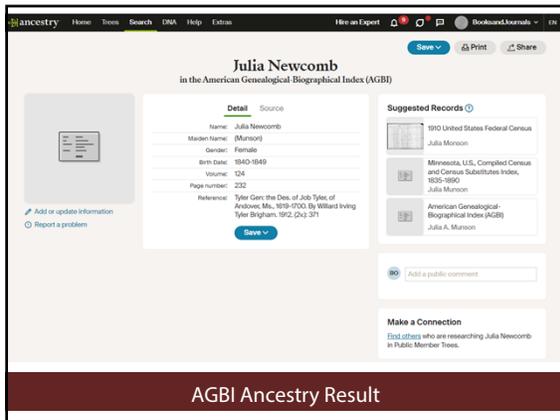
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**AGBI Ancestry Result**

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**FamilySearch Digital Library**

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The screenshot shows a search results page on FamilySearch. A red arrow points to the search bar. The search results are for 'The descendants of Job Tyler since 1619'. The first result has a title number of 502784 and a creator of Tyler, Charles R. (Charles Raymond), 1916-; Tyler, Norma L. (Norma Laurette Burkart), 1921-; Tyler, Norman B. (Norman Raymond), 1944-. The second result has a title number of 502784\_02 and the same creator information. The page includes a 'REFINE YOUR SEARCH' sidebar and a 'Full text' button.

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The screenshot shows the 'GODFREY MEMORIAL LIBRARY AGBI SEARCH REQUEST FORM'. It includes a navigation menu with 'Home', 'Scholar+', 'Events', 'Book Store', 'Support Us', 'About Us', and 'Contact Us'. The form asks for the number of citations (15 per citation), name, birth year, location, AGBI volume number, and source citation. It also has sections for 'Tell us about yourself' (Last Name, First Name, Address, City, State, Zip Code, Phone, Email) and 'Donation'. The URL 'godfrey.org/scholar/godfrey-agbi-search-request-form.html' is at the bottom.

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The slide is titled 'The Local History'. It features a book cover for 'HISTORY OF PRINCETON, FROM THE FIRST SETTLEMENT, WITH A HISTORY OF THE FREEDOM RELIGIOUS CONTROVERSY IN THAT PLACE'. The text on the slide includes:

- Popular publication throughout the 19<sup>th</sup> century
  - Many towns reach settlement milestones
- Town and county histories
  - Provide context for your ancestor's life
- Family histories included/incorporated
  - Register-style genealogies or narrative sketches

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**The Gazetteer**

- Topographical/geographic dictionary
- Describes a country, region, state, or county
- May contain a history of settlement in the area, biographical sketches of prominent citizens, information about businesses and institutions, and/or a directory of residents
- Provide context for your ancestor's story

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**Locating published genealogies, histories, and gazetteers**

- Online digital book repositories
  - Archive.org
  - HathiTrust.org
  - GoogleBooks
  - FamilySearch Digital Library
- Internet query: "History of Middlesex County, Massachusetts"
- Internet query: "Massachusetts Gazetteer"
- Internet query: "John Howland" Elizabeth Tilley
- Published bibliographies

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**Review**

- 19<sup>th</sup> century is a time of change and transformation
- Types of records kept are expanded and formalized
- Move towards records being kept at the state level
- Published works can provide context

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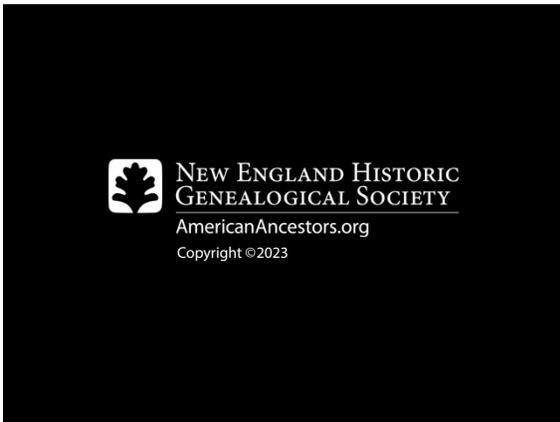
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