

# Massachusetts Research

*Class 5: Planning Your Personal  
Research Tour to Massachusetts*



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# Shipping Up to Boston? (Massachusetts)

# Lots of Options!

- Archives (private and government)
- Libraries (private and municipal)
- Cemeteries
- County Record offices
- Town Clerk offices
- Visit a homesite

# Best Practices

1. Get organized!
2. Define your objective
3. Find the resources and repositories
4. Research
5. Draw a conclusion



Step #1

**Get Organized!**

# Pick a Format (or two)



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## Research Templates

Family Charts

Research Templates

Writing & Publishing



Family historians rely on a number of organizational tools, including commonly used forms to record their research efforts and findings. Even though most genealogical software programs will export your findings into such formats, it is important to understand how each works and how they can be organized to best support future research. The following templates will help you organize your research, save you time, and present your information in a consistent and accurate way.

# Five Generation Chart



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# Research Log



## Research Log

Repository: **NEHGS**Date: **12/20/2016**

Source Information (title, author, publisher, publication date, etc.)	Call Number (film number, URL, etc.)	Objective	Results
New York City Municipal Deaths, 1795-1949	1323233	Determine the maiden name of Ellen Gallaway	Parents listed as Mortimer Maddex, Ellen Griswold. No specific birthplace
1880 U.S Federal Census	ancestry.com	Locate Ellen (Maddex) Gallaway living with parents	Could not locate a Mortimer Maddex in NY, CT
Stamford, CT Probate District, 1728-1916	F104 S.8 P76	Find family members of Ellen (Maddex?) Gallaway	Ida Falken and Emma C Miller appear in probate file; no relationship given
1910 U.S. Federal Census	ancestry.com	Locate Ida Falken	Ida Falken, age 55 (b. ca 1855, NY) living in Stratford, CT
1910 U.S. Federal Census	ancestry.com	Locate Emma C Miller	Emma Miller, age 59 (b. ca 1851, NY), living in Stamford
"Mrs. Emma Miller", obituary	GenealogyBank.com	Connection between Ida Falken and Emma Miller	Ida Falken is a sister of Emma Miller; no maiden name listed
"News of the City", New Orleans Item	GenealogyBank.com	Maiden name of Ida and Emma	Potential maiden name, Ida listed as "Ida Moffatt Falken"
NY Census	ancestry.com	Moffatt family	3 <u>Moffatt</u> brothers, focused on Edward M <u>Moffatt</u>
Will of Edward M Moffatt	F104 S.8 P76	Children's names	Daughter Nellie; nickname for Ellen
Charles R. Hale Cemetery Collection	F93 H35 1949	Are the Moffatts buried near the Gallaways	Moffatt's buried next to Ellen Gallaway in Sec. D of New Woodland Cem.

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# Research Plan Template

## Research Plan Template

Research Subject:										
Name:		Birth and place:		Marriage and place: Name of spouse:			Death and place:			
Names and birthdates of children:										
Additional Information										
Research Question:										
What is Known About the Question?										
Fact					Source of Fact					
Record Dates <sup>1</sup>										
Race	Formed	Birth	Marriage	Death	Court	Land	Probate	Census	Record Last	
What is the Working Hypothesis?										
1.										
2.										
3.										
Which Records Will I Need?										
Record				Purpose			Source/Repository			
Search Strategy:										

<sup>1</sup> Use Family Search Research Wiki to copy and paste dates for County record dates

# Annotated Research Log

Source	Name (and variant spellings)	Dates examined	Place	Relevant Record	Notes	Objective	Citation
<b>Vital Records</b>							
Birth	Catherine Elizabeth Kearney	1850-1870	Northern Ireland		A county/townland is need first, before searching in Northern Ireland		
Marriage	Catherine Elizabeth Kearney & Patrick McGurty	1890-1895	Massachusetts		Begin with the digital record collections at the FHL	Discover more specific townland/county in Northern Ireland	
Death	Catherine Elizabeth McGurty	1930-1940	prob. Massachusetts		Vist to the MA VR office	Discover more specific townland/county in Northern Ireland	
<b>Census Records</b>							
1900 US Census	Catherine McGurty	1900	Winchester, MA	yes	Born Ireland, Dec 1864; year of immigration 1882	Husband, Patrick, naturalized by 1900, perhaps helpful too?	Household of Patrick McGurty; Census Place: Winchester, Middlesex, Massachusetts; Page: 4; Enumeration District: 0995; FHL microfilm: 1240668
1910 US Census	Katherine E. McGourty	1910	Winchester, MA	yes	Born Ireland (Eng) 1866; year of immigration 1880; approximate year of marriage 1892	Husband, Patrick, naturalized by 1900, perhaps helpful too?	Household of Patrick McGourty; 1910; Census Place: Winchester, Middlesex, Massachusetts; Roll: T624_606; Page: 3A; Enumeration District: 1064; FHL microfilm: 1374619
1920 US Census	Catherine McGurty	1920	Winchester, MA	yes	Born Ireland, 1862; naturalized 1892; year of immigration 1888; nephew James A. Cullen, born Ireland 1898, year of immigration 1907; nephew, Charles F. Kerney, born MA 1896	Look at Charles Kearney (Kerney) for more specific information. Maybe his father naturalized? What about James Cullen? Husband, Patrick, naturalized in 1882, perhaps helpful too?	Household of Patrick McGurty; 1920; Census Place: Winchester, Middlesex, Massachusetts; Roll: T625_720; Page: 15A; Enumeration District: 530
1930 US Census	Catherine McGuert	1930	Winchester, MA	yes	Born Northern Ireland (both parents born Northern Ireland); naturalized 1884; nephew, Charles Kearney, born MA, 1896	Look at Charles Kearney (Kerney) for more specific information. Maybe his father naturalized?	Household of Catherine McGuert; 1930; Census Place: Winchester, Middlesex, Massachusetts; Page: 5A; Enumeration District: 0539; FHL microfilm: 2340667
<b>Immigration Records</b>							
Naturalization	Patrick McGurty	1882	prob. Massachusetts		Begin with the digital record collections at the FHL	Discover a more specific townland/county in Ireland	<a href="https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/Massachusetts_Naturalization_and_Citizenship">https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/Massachusetts_Naturalization_and_Citizenship</a>
					Before 1920, Women gained citizenship when	Discover a more specific townland/county in Northern	<a href="https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/Massachusetts_Naturalization_and_Citizenship">https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/Massachusetts_Naturalization_and_Citizenship</a>
<span>◀ ▶</span> <span style="margin-left: 20px;">Catherine Kearney</span> <span style="margin-left: 20px;">Patrick McGurty</span> <span style="margin-left: 20px;">Theodore Owen</span> <span style="margin-left: 20px;">Katherine Reynolds</span> <span style="margin-left: 20px;">Rufus Owen</span> <span style="margin-left: 20px;">Olive Dean</span> <span style="margin-left: 20px;">Zerah Dean</span> <span style="margin-left: 20px;">Betsey Hull</span> <span style="margin-left: 20px;">John Dean ...</span> <span style="float: right;">⊕</span>							

# Step #2

# Define Your Objective

# Lots of Research Options



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1	CLARE MCGURTY 1929 Woburn, MA 2019 CHARLES LOUIS HOEBAN	2	CHARLES V. MCGURTY 1896 1957	3	MARILDA CALLAGHAN 1893 Winchster, MA 1975 Woburn, MA	4	PATRICK C. MCGURTY 1890 Ireland 1921 Winchster, MA	5	CATHERINE KEARNY 1804 N. Ireland	6	TIMOTHY CALLAGHAN 1927 Woburn, MA	7	ROSE ANN GARRITY 1860 Woburn, MA 1918 Woburn, MA	8		9		10	THOMAS KEARNY	11	SUSAN	12	JOHN CALLAGHAN 1835 1910	13	MARY KALLIAN 1835 1910	14	PATRICK GARRITY 1822	15	MARY GEMETY 1830 Ireland 1889 Woburn, MA	16		17		18		19		20		21		22		23		24		25		26		27		28		29		30		31	
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Tip

Work From the Known  
to the Unknown

# Define what you are looking for:

- Birth date/place
- Marriage date/place
- Death date/place
- Maiden name
- Military service
- Education
- Parent's names
- Parent's place of birth
- Immigration year
- Naturalization status
- Sibling's names
- Children's names

# What information is needed

Information Needed	Search These Records First	Then Search These Records
Age	Census, Vital Records, Cemeteries	Military Records, Taxation
Birth date and place	Vital Records	Cemeteries, Newspapers, Census
Country of foreign birth	Naturalization Records, Vital Records, Census	Military Records, Vital Records, Newspapers
Death date and place	Vital Records, Cemeteries, Probate Records, Newspapers	Newspapers, Bible Records, Military Records
Foreign birth location	Vital Records, Published Genealogies, Biographies, Naturalization, Immigration, Census	Vital Records, Newspapers, History, Emigration and Immigration
Immigration date	Census, Immigration, Naturalization	Newspapers, Biographies
Maiden name	Vital Records, Newspapers	Cemeteries, Military Records, Probate Records
Marriage date and place	Vital Records, Census, Newspapers	Cemeteries, Military Records, Probate Records, Naturalization, Land
Parents' names	Vital Records, Census, Probate Records, Newspapers, Published Genealogies	Emigration
Places family has lived	Census, Land, Local Histories, Directories	Military Records, Taxation, Obituaries

# Set up your research log

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Tip

# Toggle Between Sheets

# Almost unlimited sheets

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- Patrick McGurty
- Theodore Owen
- Katherine Reynolds
- Rufus Owen
- Olive Dean
- Zerah Dean
- Betsy Hull
- John Dean
- Martha Scott
- James Dean
- Sarah Tisdale
- Walter Dean
- Eleanor Cogan

OK Cancel

McGurty | Theodore Owen | Katherine Reynolds | Rufus Owen | Olive Dean | Zerah Dean | Betsy Hull | John Dean ... +

# Step #3

## Find the Resources and Repositories

# “It’s All Online”

- There is a lot online—true
- However, it is NOT *all* online
- Many libraries with digitized offerings still have many resources that are not online

Tip

# Exhaust All Online Resources



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- <https://books.familysearch.org>
- <http://library.si.edu/digital-library>



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**Availability**  
 Any  
 Online  
 FamilySearch center

**Other Catalogs to Consider:**

**OCLC WorldCat**  
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**ArchiveGrid**  
ArchiveGrid is a collection of nearly two million archival material descriptions, including MARC records from WorldCat and finding aids harvested from the web.

# How to Find Libraries and Archives to Visit

# Dean Family of Taunton



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1 Nathaniel DEAN  
1693 CT  
MARRIAGE DATE AND PLACE  
DEATH DATE AND PLACE  
JOHN A FISHER  
TROUSE

2 James DEAN  
1649 Taunton, MA  
MARRIAGE DATE AND PLACE  
1725 Plainfield, CT  
DEATH DATE AND PLACE

3 Sarah TISDALE  
1649  
1725 Plainfield, CT  
DEATH DATE AND PLACE

4 Walter DEAN  
1612 Chard, ENG  
BIRTH DATE AND PLACE  
MARRIAGE DATE AND PLACE  
1693 Taunton, MA  
DEATH DATE AND PLACE

5 Eleanore COGAN  
1609 Chard, ENG  
1693 Taunton, MA  
BIRTH DATE AND PLACE  
DEATH DATE AND PLACE

6 John TISDALE  
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 Search

### FIND ARCHIVES NEAR YOU

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- United States
  - ▶ Alabama
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  - ▶ Arizona
  - ▶ Arkansas
  - ▶ California
  - ▶ Colorado
  - ▶ Connecticut
  - ▶ Delaware
  - ▶ District of Columbia
  - ▶ Florida
  - ▶ Georgia
  - ▶ Guam

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- ### RECENT ADDITIONS
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  - [Washington College](#)
  - [The Wyner Family Jewish Heritage Center at NEHGS](#)
  - [Steamship Historical Society of America](#)

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dean taunton massachusetts

Search

### 133 dean taunton massachusetts

LIST VIEW SUMMARY VIEW

Records 1 to 10 of 133 1 2 3 4 5 > >> Show: 10

#### Deed, 1693 June 2, Taunton, Bristol Co., Mass., to Philip King

Dean, Ezra, active 1693

New England Historic Genealogical Society

Handwritten deed from Ezra and Bethia Dean of Taunton, Bristol Co., Province of Massachusetts Bay, to Philip King, also of Taunton, selling 30 acres of land in Taunton for 130 pounds sterling. Acknowledged 25 September 1694; recorded 22 February 1696 by John Cary [Gary?] in second book of records, folio 48

Contact Information View the Catalog Record

#### Joseph Fremont Dean correspondence 1887-1888

Harvard University - Baker Library

The collection consists of postcards and letters J.F. Dean wrote primarily to his father during the span of two years. Dean wrote nearly every day and always signed his letters "Mont", which was short for his middle name Fremont. The correspondence varies in length, but in general Dean describes or comments on the weather, whether sales was poor or good, his health and his family's health, baseball, hotels or towns he was staying in, the difficulty of his travels by train, the challenge of competition from other silver salesmen, and sometimes pens a quick note to let his father know he arrived safely at a destination. In many of the letters and postcards, Dean scolds his father for not writing to him frequently enough. Also included are a few letters and postcards to his siblings Gertrude and Randall, formal invitations from the Freemasons to attend special meetings, and Dean's travelling schedule listing the towns he will be visiting and when. The correspondence not only provides ...

Contact Information View the Finding Aid

#### Papers, 1687-1825

Dean Family

Massachusetts Historical Society

Deeds to land in Taunton and other Massachusetts towns. Papers also contain an indenture of apprenticeship in Norton, Mass. (1765); and various wills and marriage agreements, in particular, the marriage agreement (1761) and will (1775) of Samuel Dean. The collection also holds documents from 1825 granting Hannah Dean the right to execute the will of



# Add relevant records to your research log

Source	Name (and variant spellings)	Dates examined	Place	Relevant Record	Notes	Objective	Citation
<b>Vital Records</b>							
Birth	Walter Dean		England		Examine record at NEHGS		Mss A 4876; <a href="https://library.nehgs.org/record=b1081631">https://library.nehgs.org/record=b1081631</a>
Marriage	Walter Dean and Eleanor		Taunton, MA		Examine record at NEHGS	What is Eleanor's maiden name?	Mss A 1735; <a href="https://library.nehgs.org/record=b1069170">https://library.nehgs.org/record=b1069170</a>
Death	Walter Dean		Taunton, MA		Examine record at NEHGS		Mss A 4876; <a href="https://library.nehgs.org/record=b1081631">https://library.nehgs.org/record=b1081631</a>
<b>Land Records</b>							
Deed	Ezra Dean	1693	Taunton	Maybe?	Examine record at NEHGS	Is this the land originally purchased or granted to Walter Dean?	
Deed					Many deeds online at Family Search		
Deed							
Deed							
<b>Manuscripts</b>							
Family Records	Walter Dean		England/Massachusetts		Examine record at NEHGS	Examine for Walter Dean and wife, Eleanor. Make note of maiden name and parents' names	Mss A 4876; <a href="https://library.nehgs.org/record=b1081631">https://library.nehgs.org/record=b1081631</a>
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Family Papers	Walter Dean		England/Massachusetts		Examine records at MHS		
<b>Immigration Records</b>							
Passenger List	Walter Dean	1620-1640	Massachusetts		Great Migration	Discover a more specific townland/county of origin in England	
<b>Published</b>							
◀ ▶ ... Olive Dean Zerah Dean Betsy Hull John Dean Martha Scott James Dean Sarah Tisdale <b>Walter Dean</b> Eleanor Cogan ⊕ : ◀							

# How to Find County or Town Clerks

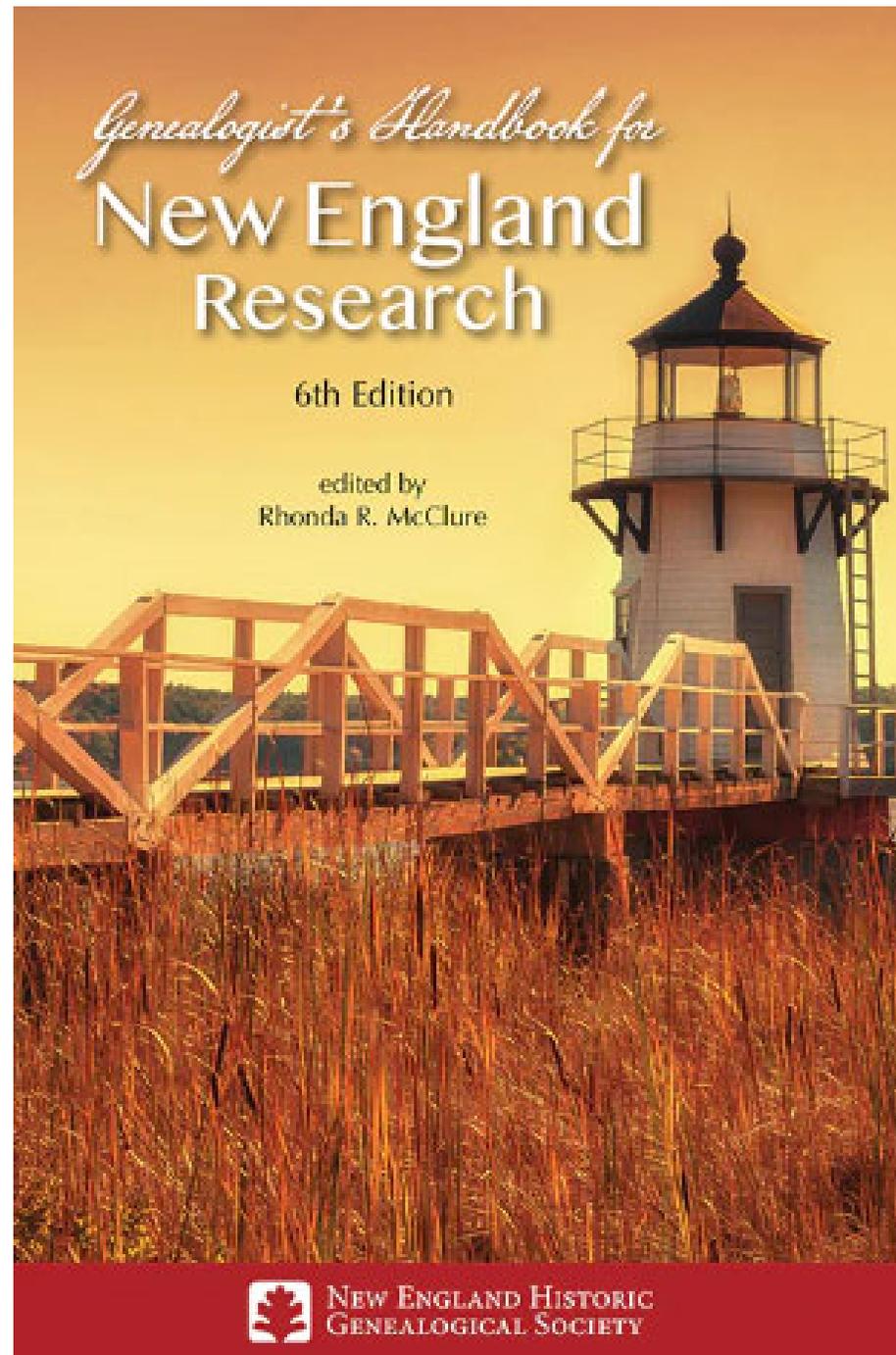
# Massachusetts

## Town Level

- Vital Records
- Town Records
- Cemetery Records
- Voting Records

## County Level

- Land Records
  - Deeds
  - Mortgages
- Probate Records
  - Wills
  - Inventories
  - Guardianships
  - Divorce
- Court Records
  - Civil and criminal



## County Offices

Deeds and other land records are filed at the county level in Maine. Aroostook County has two registration districts. Counties have begun to digitize their records and make them available online, though online access varies from county to county. Remember to call ahead or consult the website to confirm the hours before your visit. Information on all of the counties can be accessed at [maineregistryofdeeds.com/](http://maineregistryofdeeds.com/).

### Androscoggin County

Androscoggin County Registry of Deeds  
2 Turner Street, Unit 4  
Auburn, ME 04210-5978  
[androscoggindeeds.com](http://androscoggindeeds.com)  
(207) 753-2500, ext. 1981;  
fax (207) 784-3163  
See website for email

### Aroostook County-North Registry of Deeds

22 Hall Street, Suite 201  
Fort Kent, ME 04743-0047

#### Mailing Address

PO Box 47  
Fort Kent, ME 04743-0047  
[aroostookdeedsnorth.com](http://aroostookdeedsnorth.com)  
(207) 834-3925; fax (207) 834-3138  
See website for email

### Aroostook County-South Registry of Deeds

26 Court Street, Suite 102  
Houlton, ME 04730  
[aroostookdeedsouth.com](http://aroostookdeedsouth.com)  
(207) 532-1500; fax (207) 532-1506  
See website for email

### Cumberland County

Cumberland County Registry of Deeds  
25 Pearl Street  
Portland, ME 04101

#### Mailing Address

PO Box 7230  
Portland, ME 04112-7230  
[i2a.uslandrecords.com](http://i2a.uslandrecords.com)  
(207) 871-8389; fax (207) 772-4162  
See website for email

### Franklin County

Franklin County Registry of Deeds  
140 Main Street, Suite 5  
Farmington, ME 04938-1818  
[franklincounty.maine.gov/registry-of-deeds](http://franklincounty.maine.gov/registry-of-deeds)  
(207) 778-5889; fax (207) 779-0914  
See website for email

### Hancock County

Hancock County Registry of Deeds  
50 State Street, Suite 9  
Ellsworth, ME 04605-1926

#### Mailing Address

PO Box 1059  
Ellsworth, ME 04605  
[hancockcountydeeds.com/](http://hancockcountydeeds.com/)  
(207) 667-8353; fax (207) 667-1410  
[hancockcountydeeds@gmail.com](mailto:hancockcountydeeds@gmail.com)

### Kennebec County

Kennebec County Registry of Deeds  
77 Winthrop Street  
Augusta, ME 04330

#### Mailing Address

PO Box 1053  
August, ME 04330  
[gov.kofiletech.us/ME-Kennebec/](http://gov.kofiletech.us/ME-Kennebec/)  
(207) 622-0431  
See website for email

### Knox County

Knox County Registry of Deeds  
62 Union Street  
Rockland, ME 04841  
[knoxcountymaine.gov/?SEC=F52A773D-3C3C-4657-AB9C-D49F67E6D3F9](http://knoxcountymaine.gov/?SEC=F52A773D-3C3C-4657-AB9C-D49F67E6D3F9)  
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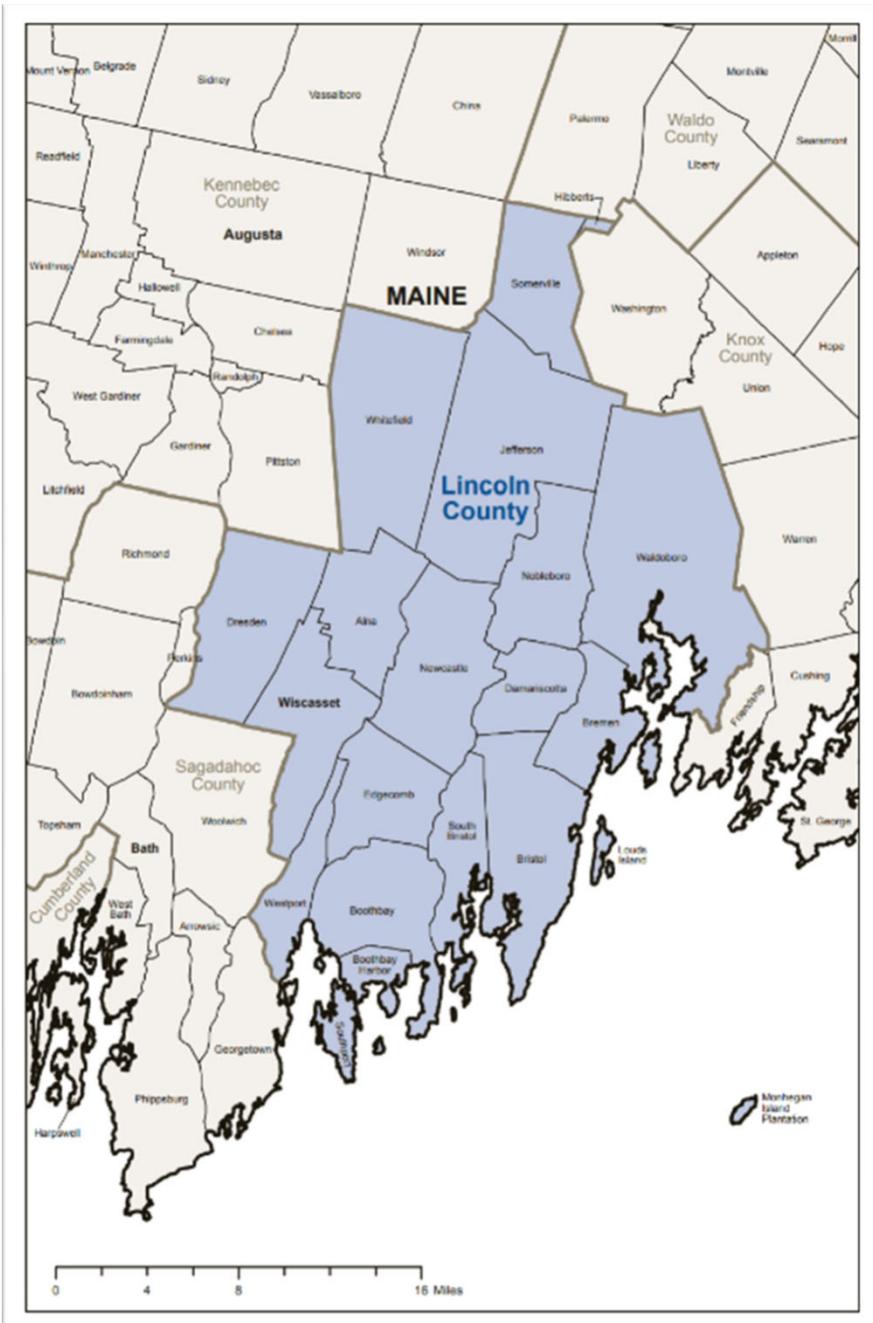
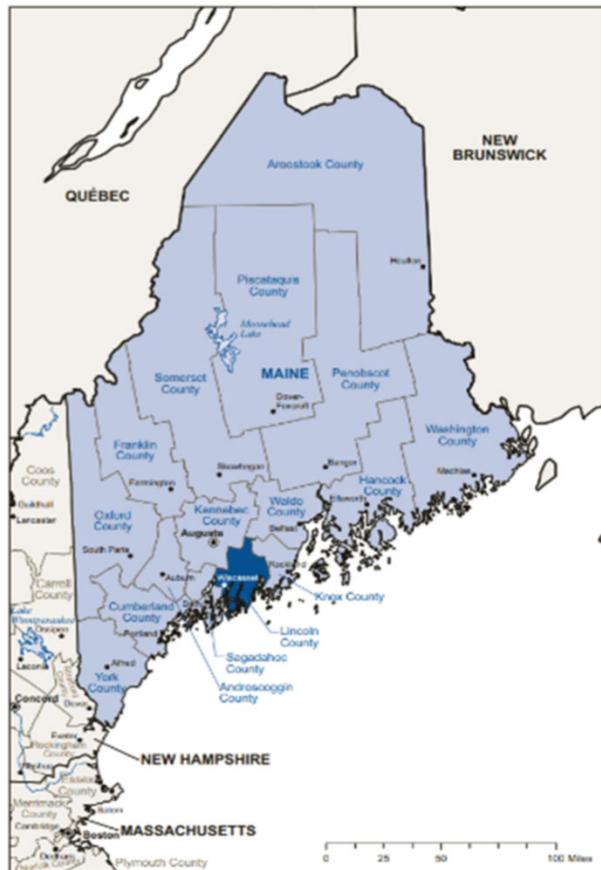
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Cushing	1789	Knox	Friendship, Warren	1845-	1735-	Settled 1733. <b>Daughter Towns:</b> Friendship, Saint George, Warren.		
Cutler	1826	Washington		1843-49, 1900-	1844-96, 1900-	Settled 1765.	M	
Cyr Plantation	1870	Aroostook		1892-	1892-			
Dallas Plantation	1845	Franklin		1921-	1892-	Called Plantation No. 2 and 3 to 1845. Called Dallas Plantation to 1852. Called Rangeley Plantation to 1895. Renamed Dallas Planta- tion 1895.		
Damariscotta	1848	Lincoln	Bristol, Nobleboro	1864-	1848-			
Danforth	1860	Washington	Easton, Weston	1936-	1860-	Settled 1829.		
Dayton	1854	York	Hollis	1832-	1832-			
Deblois	1852	Washington		1852-	1855-			
Dedham	1837	Hancock	Bucksport (Buckstown)	1932-	1787-	Settled 1810. <b>Daughter Towns:</b> Brewer, Ellsworth.		
Deer Isle	1789	Hancock		1789- 1853, 1958	1768-	Settled 1762. <b>Daughter Towns:</b> Isle au Haut, Stonington.	P	
Denmark	1807	Oxford	Brownfield, Fosters Gore, Fryeburg, Frye- burg Academy Grant (Pleasant Moun- tain Gore)	1807-	1807-	<b>Daughter Towns:</b> Bridgton, Sebago.		
Dennistown Plantation	1895	Somerset		1910-	1900-			
Dennysville	1818	Washington		1818-	1790-	Settled 1786. <b>Daughter Town:</b> Pembroke.		
Detroit	1828	Somerset		1780-	1780-	Called Chandlerville until 1841. <b>Daughter Town:</b> Pittsfield.		
Dexter	1816	Penobscot		1816-	1761-	Settled 1801.		
Dixfield	1803	Oxford	Carthage (4 AP)	1803-	1803-	Settled 1795. <b>Daughter Town:</b> Carthage.		
Dixmont	1807	Penobscot		1906-	1800-	Settled 1799.	P	
Dover- Foxcroft	1922	Piscataquis	Dover, Foxcroft	1800s-	1792-	Towns merged in 1915, effective 1922. (See also Extinct or Unincorporated Places.)		

## Lincoln County

Founded	1760
Parent County	York
County Seat	Wiscasset
Probate	Lincoln
Deeds	Lincoln

### Towns in this county

Alna, Boothbay, Boothbay Harbor, Bremen, Bristol, Damariscotta, Dresden, Edgcomb, Jefferson, Monhegan Island Plantation, Newcastle, Nobleboro, Somerville, South Bristol, Southport, Waldoboro, Westport, Whitefield, Wiscasset



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## Hampshire County, Massachusetts Genealogy

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Guide to **Hampshire County, Massachusetts ancestry, genealogy and family history**, birth records, marriage records, death records, census records, and military records.

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### County Information [edit | edit source]

#### Description [edit | edit source]

Hampshire County covered the western half of the Massachusetts Bay Colony and it was the seat of the first settlements in this region. Migration was from the east up the Connecticut River. The old probate records reside in Hampshire County, but the the early deeds will be found in Springfield, Hampden County. The county government was abolished on 1 January 1999, however its former jurisdiction is used for state offices as a district.<sup>[3]</sup>

The county was named for the county Hampshire, in England. It is located in the northwestern area of the state.<sup>[4]</sup>

#### County Courthouse [edit | edit source]

**Hampshire County Courthouse**  
 15 Gothic Street  
 Northampton, MA 01061  
 Phone: 413-584-5810  
[Hampshire County Website](#)

#### Hampshire County, Massachusetts Record Dates [edit | edit source]

Information for this chart was taken from various sources, often containing conflicting dates. This information should be taken as a guide and should be verified by contacting the county and/or the state government agency.

Known Beginning Dates for Major County Records <sup>[5]</sup>						
Birth*	Marriage	Death*	Court	Land	Probate	Census
at town creation	at town creation	at town creation	1677	1600s	1660	1779

\* Statewide registration for births and deaths started in 1841. General compliance year unknown. See also [Town Records](#)

#### Record Loss [edit | edit source]

There is no known history of courthouse disasters in this county.

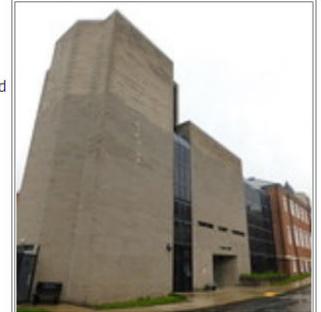
#### Boundary Changes [edit | edit source]

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County Facts	
<b>County seat:</b>	Northampton
<b>Organized:</b>	7 May 1662 <sup>[1]</sup>
<b>Parent County(s):</b>	Original new County <sup>[2]</sup>

Neighboring Counties
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<a href="#">See County Maps</a>

#### Courthouse



#### Location Map



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## Boston, Suffolk County, Massachusetts Genealogy

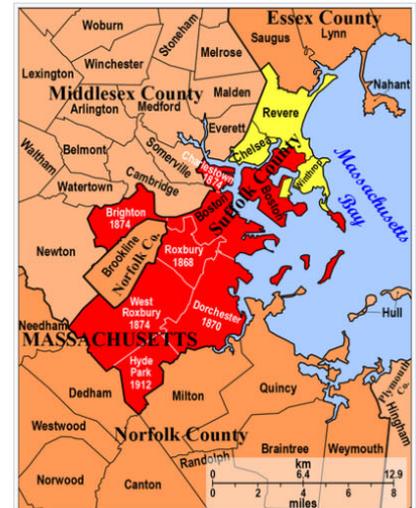
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*This article is about the major U.S. city. For other uses, see Boston (disambiguation).*

This is a historical and genealogical guide to the town and city of Boston. You will find help with town histories, vital records, city directories, cemetery records and cemeteries, churches, deeds (i.e. land records), town and city records, newspapers, maps, and libraries. There are general history and genealogy topics such as ward boundaries, census, street guides, and much more. There are detailed guides for the towns Boston annexed: Brighton (1807-1874); Charlestown (1630-1874); Dorchester (1630-1870); Hyde Park (1868-1912); Roxbury (1630-1868); and West Roxbury (1851-1874).

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City and town of **Boston** in Suffolk County, Massachusetts. <sup>52</sup>  
 Also shows annexed towns of Brighton, Charlestown, Dorchester, Hyde Park, Roxbury, and West Roxbury.

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					Born Ireland, 1862; naturalized 1892; year of immigration 1888; nephew James A. Cullen, born Ireland 1898, year of immigration 1907; nephew,	Look at Charles Kearney (Kerney) for more specific information. Maybe his father naturalized? What about James Cullen? Husband,	Household of Patrick McGurty; 1920; Census Place: Winchester, Middlesex, Massachusetts;
<span>←</span> <span>▶</span> <b>Catherine Kearney</b>   Patrick McGurty   Theodore Owen   Katherine Reynolds   Rufus Owen   Olive Dean   Zerah Dean   Betsey Hull   John Dean ... <span>+</span>							

# Locating Cemeteries

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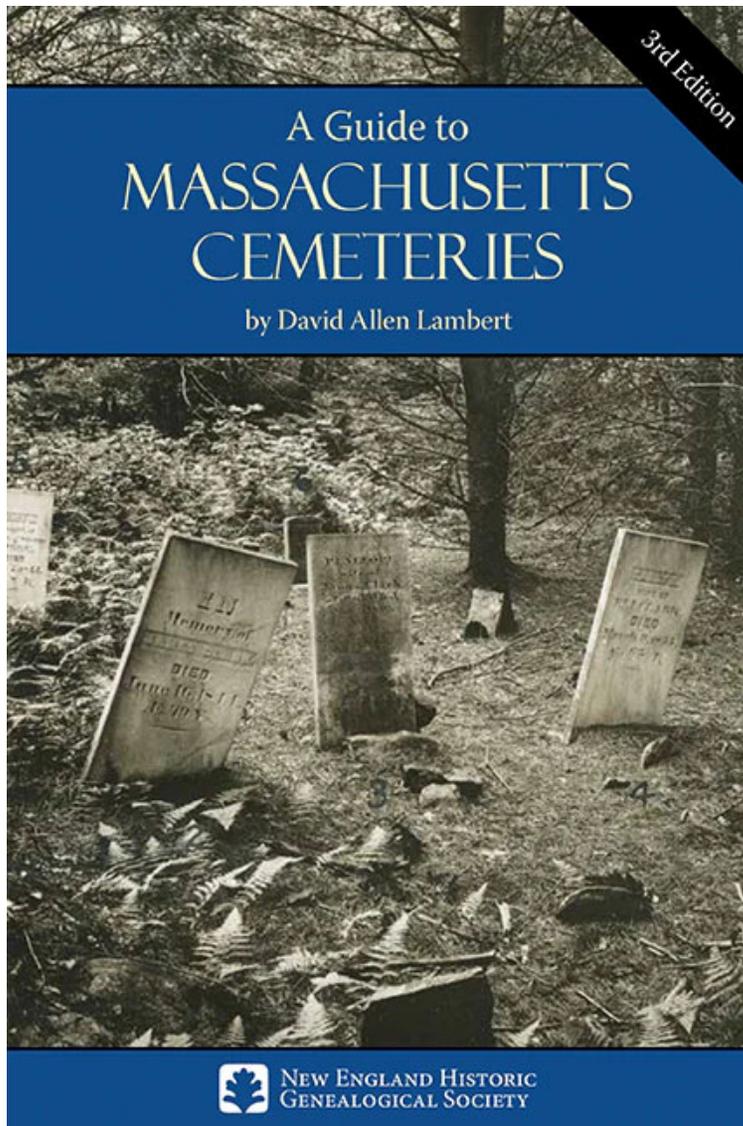
# Find A Grave-Memorials

The screenshot shows the Find a Grave website interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the logo and links for MEMORIALS, CEMETERIES, FAMOUS, and CONTRIBUTE. Below this is an advertisement for Elk and Friends Stainless Steel Tumblers. The main section is titled "Memorial Search" and contains a search form with the following fields: First Name (william), Middle Name, Last Name(s) (fulton), Year Born (1997), and Cemetery Location. There are "SEARCH", "More search options", and "Search tips" buttons. Below the search form are four icons: "Add a Memorial", "Recently Added", "Interesting Monuments", and "Interesting Epitaphs". The "My Memorials" section is highlighted in purple and contains a "View All" button. Below this are three memorial entries, each with a photo of the gravestone, the name, dates, and location.

Name	Dates	Location
Agnes Nora <i>Carey</i> Ambrose	1 Apr 1913 – 4 Aug 1990	Calvary Cemetery Woodside, Queens County, New York Plot info: <b>Section 58</b> 154990808
Charles Leslie Anderson	23 Mar 1930 – 14 Aug 1980	Pine Grove Cemetery Belgrade, Kennebec County, Maine 206312693
David Sherman Best	11 Apr 1950 – 28 Jan 2002	Waterville Valley Cemetery Waterville Valley, Grafton County, New Hampshire 146969971

# Find A Grave-Cemetery

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### **ACTON** (1735)

from Concord

#### ***Town Hall***

472 Main St.

Acton, Mass. 01720

Tel: 978-264-9615

#### ***Cemetery Department***

472 Main St.

Acton, Mass. 01720

Tel: 978-929-6642

### **Church of the Good Shepherd Memorial Garden (1980s)**

164 Newtown Rd.

Tel: 978-263-5782

### **Forest Cemetery, aka North Acton Cemetery (1750)**

Carlisle Rd.

Tel: Woodlawn Cemetery,  
978-264-9644

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### **Mount Hope Cemetery (1848)**

150 Central St., West Acton

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# Locating a Location

# Records with an Address

- Census Records (federal and state)
- City Directories
- Vital Records (birth, marriage, and death)
- Church Records (baptism and marriage records)
- Deeds
- Newspaper articles
- And many, many more

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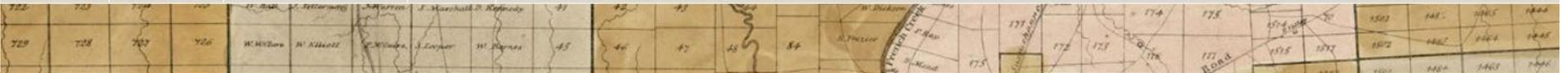


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## *Finding Your Ancestral Homestead*

### Plat Maps

- Drawing of a parcel, generally created by a surveyor
- Contains property measurements, abutters, physical features
- Many held at local level



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# Step #4

# Research

# Before you go . . .

1. Check the opening hours, transportation, parking, hotel accommodations, meal options, access, etc.
2. Review and exhaust their online resources beforehand
3. Review their online catalog and create a research log specific to this research trip
4. Call ahead to request special collections that are housed off-site
5. Review rules and guidelines (ex: pencils, photography, computer access, etc.)
6. Fees
7. Schedule a consultation

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Source	Name (and variant spellings)	Dates examined	Place	Relevant Record	Notes	Objective	Citation
<b>Vital Records</b>							
Birth	Catherine Elizabeth Kearney	1850-1870	Northern Ireland		A county/ townland is need first, before searching in Northern Ireland		
Marriage	Catherine Elizabeth Kearney & Patrick McGurty	1890-1895	Massachusetts		Begin with the digital record collections at the FHL	Discover more specific townland/county in Northern Ireland	
Death	Catherine Elizabeth McGurty	1940-1950	prob. Massachusetts	yes	Vist to the MA VR office or Winchester Town Clerk	Catherine is last enumerated on the 1940 US Federal Census. Discover more specific townland/county in Northern Ireland	
Burial Record	Catherine Elizabeth McGurty	1940-1951	prob. Massachusetts	yes	Vist Winchester Town Clerk	TOWN Death Record will include information about cemetery	PHOTO ATTACHED
<b>Land Records</b>							
Deed	Catherine Elizabeth Kearney & Patrick McGurty	1890-1900		yes	1900 US Federal Census indicates the home is owned on 10 Loring Avenue in Winchester, MA	Locate all land transactions	Deeds are held at Middlesex County Registry of Deeds
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<b>Probate Records</b>							
Will	Catherine McGurty	1940-1950		yes			Probate record located at Middlesex County
Administration							
<b>Maps</b>							
10 Loring Ave.		1900s	Winchester, MA: 10 Loring Ave.	YES!	1900 US Federal Census indicates the home is owned on 10 Loring Avenue in Winchester, MA	Is the original home still standing?	PHOTO ATTACHED
<b>Census Records</b>							
1900 US Census	Catherine McGurty	1900	Winchester, MA	yes	Born Ireland, Dec 1864; year of immigration 1882	Husband, Patrick, naturalized by 1900, perhaps helpful too?	Household of Patrick McGurty; Census Place: Winchester, Middlesex, Massachusetts; Page: 4; Enumeration District: 0995; FHL microfilm: 1240668
					Born Ireland (Em.) 1866		Household of Patrick McGurty; 1910; Census Place: Winchester, Middlesex, Massachusetts
<span>←</span> <span>▶</span> <b>Catherine Kearney</b> Patrick McGurty Theodore Owen Katherine Reynolds Rufus Owen Olive Dean Zerah Dean Betsey Hull John Dean ... <span>⊕</span>							

# Step #5

# Draw a Conclusion

# Know When to Stop

- Set Limits
- Stay Organized
- Trust Your Research
- Be Creative, Not Crazy
- Set Realistic Goals

# Some Other Massachusetts Repositories

# New England Historic Genealogical Society

- Vital Records, deeds, probate, and church records
- Maps and atlases
- Large collection of original family history research materials
  - Published (including Rare Books)
  - Special Collections
  - Fine Art



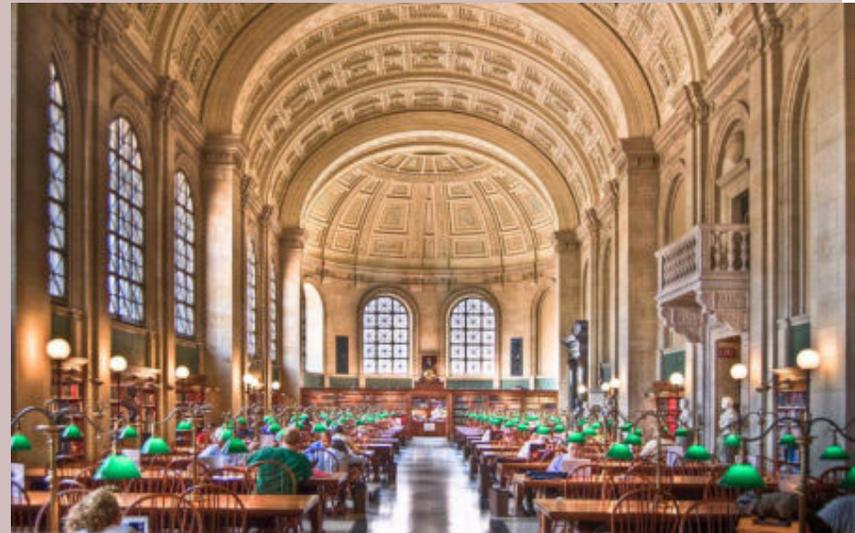
# Massachusetts Historical Society

- Photographs
- Books and pamphlets
- Maps
- Newspapers
- Broadside
- Manuscripts
  - John Adams papers
  - James Savage genealogical papers
  - Phillis Wheatley poems and letters



# Boston Public Library

- Top 10 Special Collections collection
- Leventhal Map Center
- Published books and journals
- Extensive newspaper collection
- City directories and phone books



# Phillips Library Peabody Essex Museum

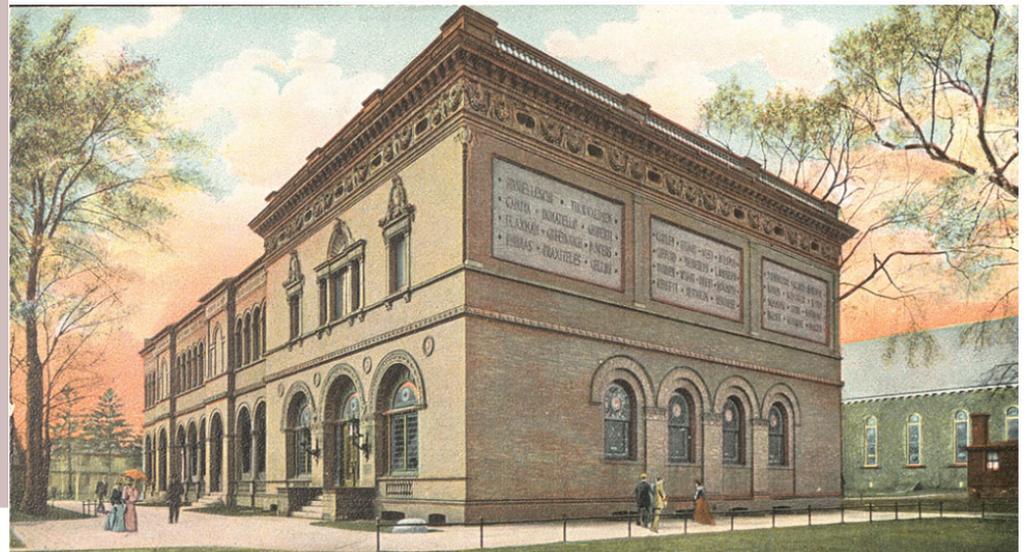
- Located in Rowley, MA
- Incredible Essex County collection
- Large print and manuscript collections focused on pre-1860 material, including
  - court records
  - customhouse records
  - maritime records

# State Library of Massachusetts

- Massachusetts state and municipal publications and histories
- Historical Photographs
- Legal and Legislative Documents
- Atlases and Maps
- Historic Newspapers
- Bradford's "Of Plimouth Plantation"

# Springfield History Library and Archives

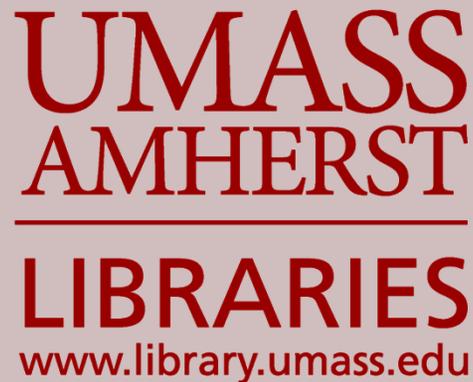
- Holdings focus on Springfield, but include a large French-Canadian collection
- Records of Western Massachusetts
- 1.3 million archival documents:  
diaries, deeds,  
account books, &  
photographs



# American Antiquarian Society

- Located in Worcester
- Largest collection of U.S. printed material to 1876 in the United States
- Newspapers
- Manuscripts
- Strong genealogical collection





- **University Special Collections & Archives**
  - Unique collections of local historical manuscripts, publications, photographs, oral histories & the personal papers of notable individuals & businesses.

# Review the Steps

1. Get organized!
2. Define your objective
3. Find the resources and repositories
4. Research
5. Draw a conclusion





# THANK YOU!

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