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Lots of Options!

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

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Best Practices

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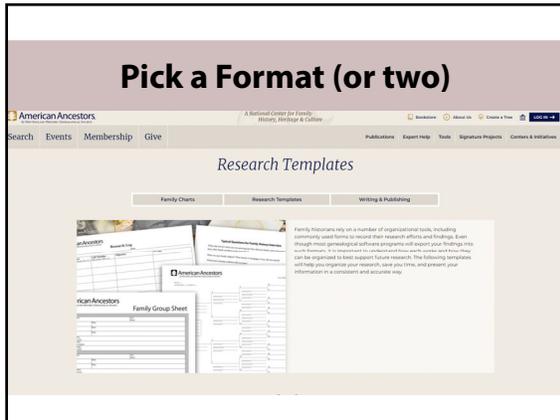


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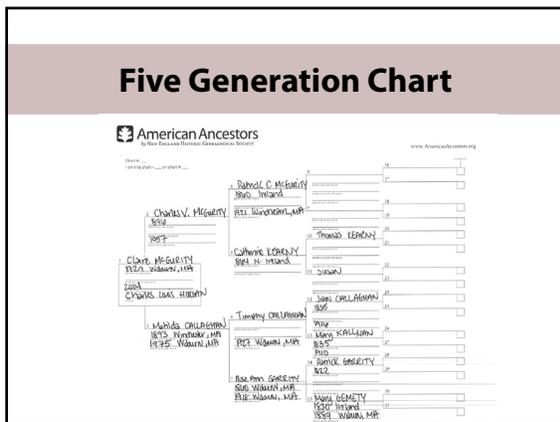
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Lots of Research Options

The screenshot shows a search result for 'Robert C. McEneaney' on AmericanAncestors.org. Several names are circled in red, including: Robert C. McEneaney, Charles V. McEneaney, Clara McEneaney, Thomas McEneaney, William McEneaney, and Robert C. McEneaney. The search results include various records such as birth, marriage, and death records.

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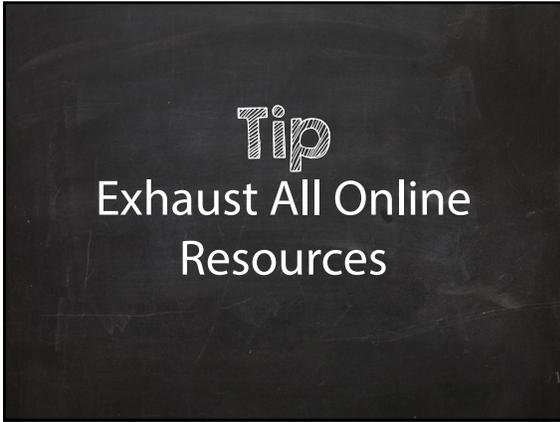
**Work From the Known
to the Unknown**

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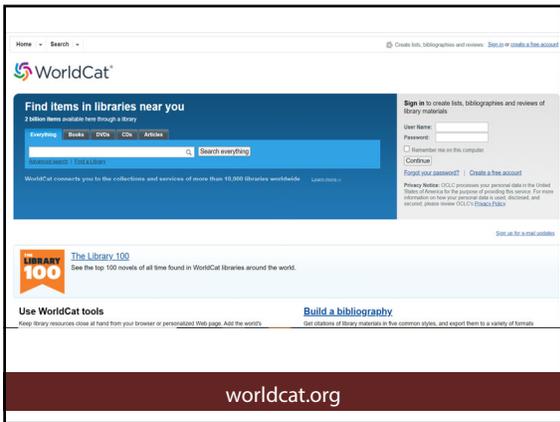
Define what you are looking for:

- 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

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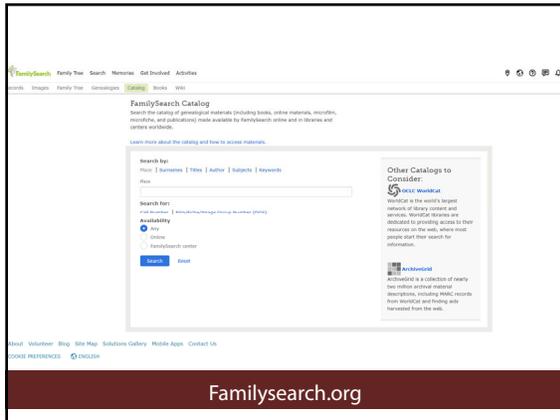
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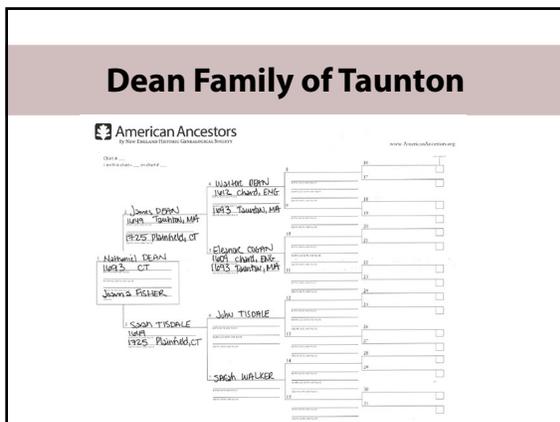
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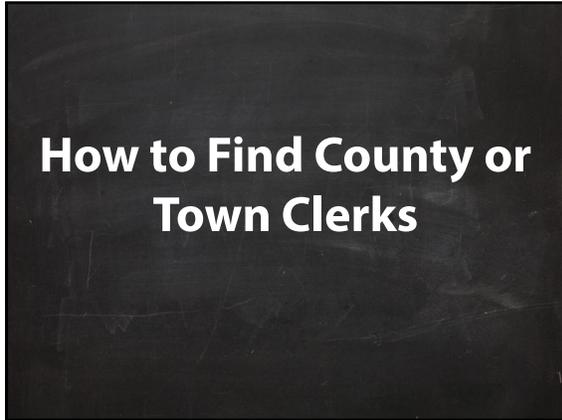
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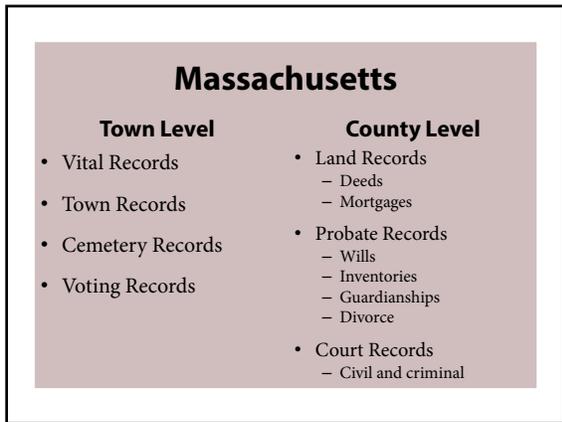
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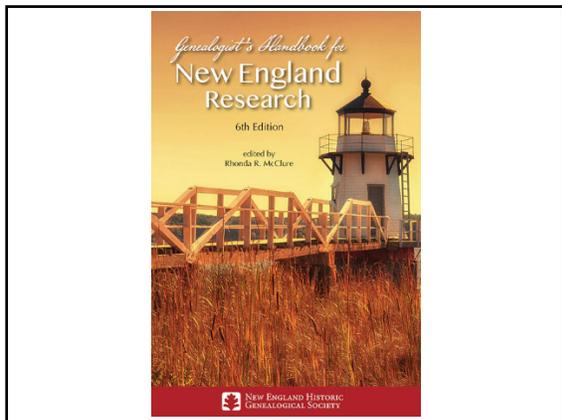
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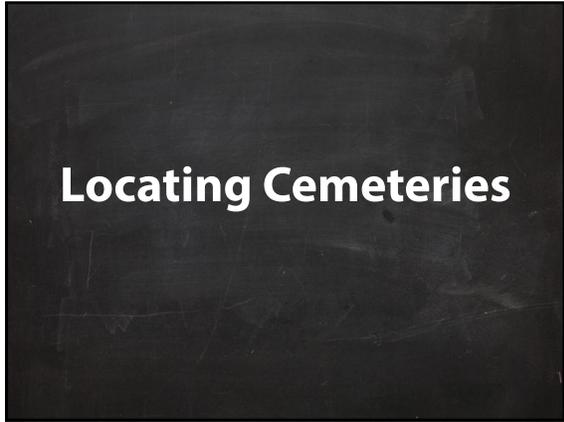
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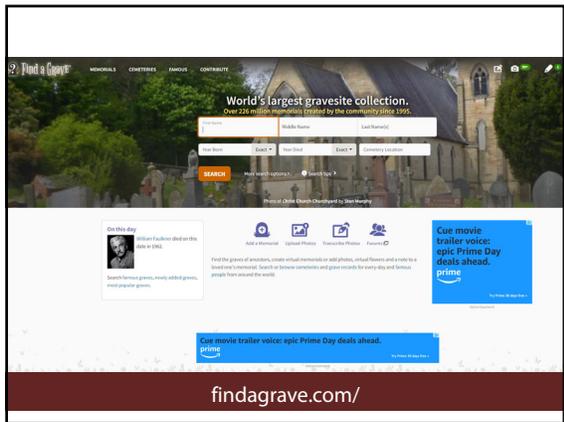
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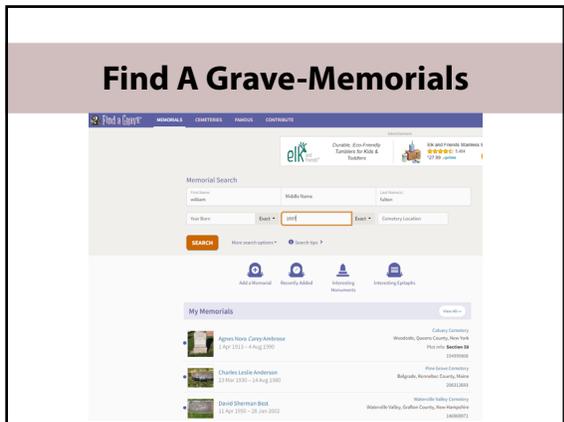
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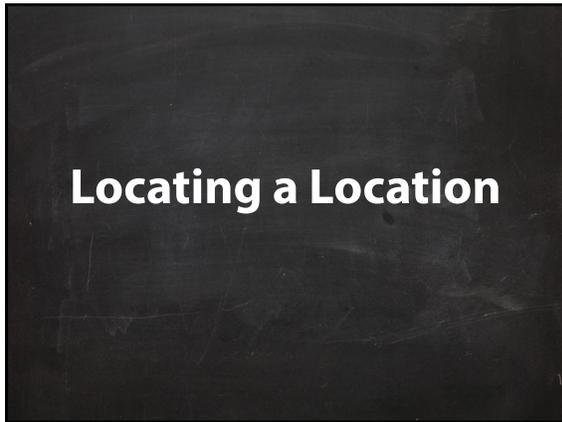
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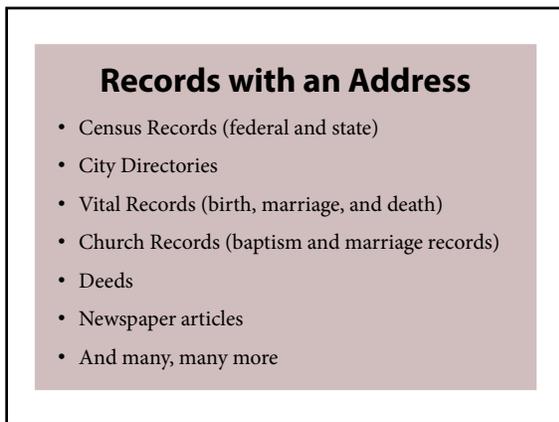
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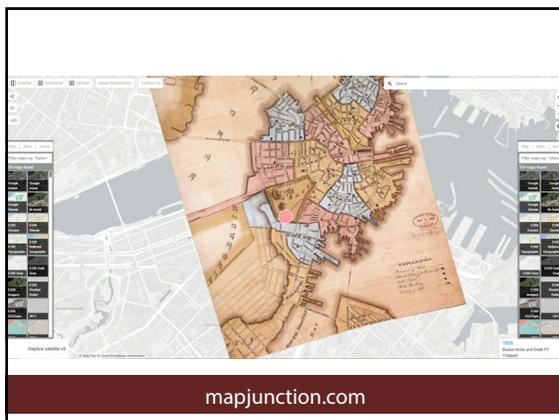
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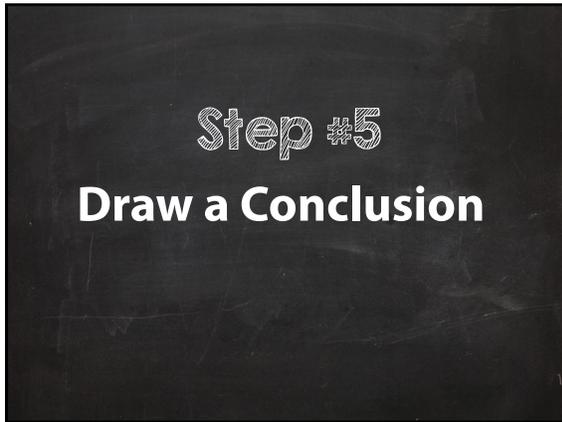
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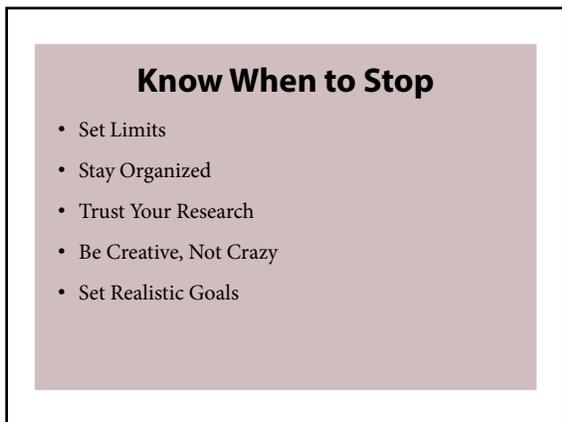
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New England Historic Genealogical Society

- 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



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Massachusetts Historical Society

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



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Boston Public Library

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



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**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

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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"

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**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



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American Antiquarian Society

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



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

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Review the Steps

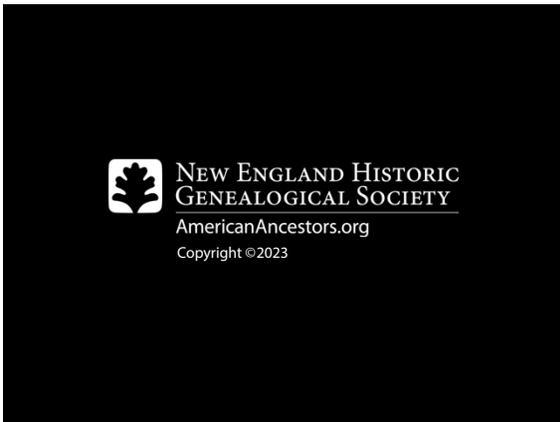
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