

# Let's look at Document B – Draft Registration

# Original, Derivative, or Authored?

Form 1 **30-261** REGISTRATION CARD No. **28**

1 Name in full **George Herman Ruth** Age in yrs. **23**

2 Home address **680 Commonwealth Court Mass.**

3 Date of birth **Feb 7 1894**

4 Are you (1) a natural-born citizen, (2) a naturalized citizen, (3) an alien, (4) or have you declared your intention (specify which)? **Natural born**

5 Where were you born? **Baltimore Maryland U.S.**

6 If not a citizen, of what country are you a citizen or subject?

7 What is your present trade, occupation, or office? **Base Ball - Boston American 28**

8 By whom employed? **Fenway Park -**

9 Have you a father, mother, wife, child under 12, or a sister or brother under 12, solely dependent on you for support (specify which)? **None**

10 Married or single (which)? **Married** Race (specify which)? **Caucasian**

11 What military service have you had? Rank **None**; branch \_\_\_\_\_; years \_\_\_\_\_; Nation or State \_\_\_\_\_

12 Do you claim exemption from draft (specify grounds)? **no**

I affirm that I have verified above answers and that they are true.

*George H. Ruth*  
(Signature or mark)

If person is of alien descent, see of this card

**20-4-8** REGISTRAR'S REPORT **10785**

1 Tall, medium, or short (specify which)? **6' 2"** Slender, medium, or stout (which)? **Medium**

2 Color of eyes? **Brown** Color of hair? **dark** Bald? \_\_\_\_\_

3 Has person lost arm, leg, hand, foot, or both eyes, or is he otherwise disabled (specify)? \_\_\_\_\_

I certify that my answers are true, that the person registered has read his own answers, that I have witnessed his signature, and that all of his answers of which I have knowledge are true, except as follows:

WARD **8** *Lewis A. Armstrong*  
(Signature of Registrar)

9  
Precinct \_\_\_\_\_  
City or County **Boston Mass**  
State \_\_\_\_\_

**June 5 1917**  
(Date of registration)

**1078-5**

# When Was the Record Created?

Form 1 30751 REGISTRATION CARD No. 28

1 Name in full George Herman Ruth Age in yrs. 23

2 Home address 680 Commonwealth Boston Mass.

3 Date of birth Feb 7

4 Are you (1) a natural-born citizen, (2) a naturalized citizen, (3) intention (specify which)? natural born

5 Where were you born? Baltimore Maryland

6 If not a citizen, of what country are you a citizen or subject?

7 What is your present trade, occupation, or office? Base Ball - Boston American

8 By whom employed? 20 Fenway Park

9 Have you a father, mother, wife, child under 12, or a sister or brother under 12, solely dependent on you for support (specify which)? None

10 Married or single (which)? Married Race (specify which)? Caucasian

11 What military service have you had? Rank None; branch \_\_\_\_\_; years \_\_\_\_\_; Nation or State \_\_\_\_\_

12 Do you claim exemption from draft (specify grounds)? no

I affirm that I have verified above answers and that they are true.

George H. Ruth  
(Signature or mark)

If person is of African descent, mark off this corner

20-4-8, A REGISTRAR'S REPORT 10785

1 Tell, medium, or stout (specify which)? 6' 2" Slender, medium, or stout (which)? Medium

2 Color of eyes? Brown Color of hair? dark

Ward 8

Product 9

City or County Boston Mass

State Mass

George H. Ruth  
(Signature of registrar)

June 5 1917  
(Date of registration)

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# Who Provided the Information?

Form I 30251 REGISTRATION CARD No. 28

1 Name in full *George Herman Ruth* Age, in yrs. *23*

2 Home *680 Commonwealth Ave Boston Mass.*

20-4-8 REGISTRAR'S REPORT 10785

1 Tall, medium, or short (specify which)? *6' 2"* Stature, medium, or stout (which)? *Medium*

2 Color of eyes: *Brown* Color of hair: *dark* Bald?

Form I 30251 REGISTRATION CARD No. 28

1 Name in full *George Herman Ruth* Age, in yrs. *23*

7 What is your present trade, occupation, or office? *Base Ball - Boston American Fenway Park -*

8 By whom employed? *28*

9 Where employed? *Fenway Park -*

10 Have you a father, mother, wife, child under 12, or a sister or brother under 12, solely dependent on you for support (specify which)? *wife*

11 Married or single (which)? *Married* Race (specify which)? *Russian*

12 What military service have you had? Rank *none*; branch \_\_\_\_\_; years \_\_\_\_\_; Nation or State \_\_\_\_\_

12 Do you claim exemption from draft (specify grounds)? *- No -*

I affirm that I have verified above answers and that they are true.

*Leo Ruth*  
(Signature or mark)

WARD 8 *Lewis A. Armstrong*  
(Signature of registrar)

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City or County *Boston*

State *Mass*

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(Date of registration)

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# What Genealogical Information Is In the Record?

## Citizenship

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0-4-8, A REGISTRAR'S REPORT

4 Are you (1) a natural-born citizen, (2) a naturalized citizen, (3) an alien, (4) or have you declared you:  
Intention (specify which)? Natural born

Yr, medium, or  
height (specify which)? 6' 2" Gender, medium, or class (which)? Medium

2 Color of eyes? Brown Color of hair? Brown

3 Has person lost arm, leg, hand, foot, or both eyes, or is he otherwise disabled (specify)?

## Date and Place of Birth

2 Home address 680 Commonwealth Ave Boston Mass.  
(No.) (Street) (City) (State)

3 Date of birth Feb 7 1894  
(Month) (Day) (Year)

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4 Are you (1) a natural-born citizen, (2) a naturalized citizen, (3) an alien, (4) or have you declared you:  
Intention (specify which)? Natural born

5 Where were you born? Baltimore Maryland U.S.  
(Town) (State) (Nation)

## Occupation

4 Are you (1) a natural-born citizen, (2) a naturalized citizen, (3) an alien, (4) or have you declared you:  
Intention (specify which)? Natural born

5 Where were you born? Baltimore Maryland U.S.  
(Town) (State) (Nation)

6 If not a citizen, of what country are you a citizen or subject?

7 What is your present trade, occupation, or office? Base Ball - Boston American Fenway Park - 28

8 By whom employed? 28

9 Have you a father, mother, wife, child under 12, or a sister or brother under 12, solely dependent on you for support (specify which)? None

10 Married or single (which)? Married Race (specify which)? Caucasian

11 What military service have you had? Rank None; branch \_\_\_\_\_; years \_\_\_\_\_; Nation or State \_\_\_\_\_

7 What is your present trade, occupation, or office? Base Ball - Boston American Fenway Park - 28

8 By whom employed? 28

Where employed? \_\_\_\_\_

# Information Primary, Secondary, Unknown?

Citizenship

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Intention (specify which)? Natural born

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(Month) (Day) (Year)

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Intention (specify which)? Natural born

Where were you born? Baltimore Maryland U.S.  
(Town) (State) (Nation)

If not a citizen, of what country are you a citizen or subject?

What is your present trade, occupation, or office? Base Ball -

By whom employed? Boston American 28  
Where employed? Fenway Park -

Have you a father, mother, wife, child under 12, or a sister or brother under 12, solely dependent on you for support (specify which)? None

Married or single (which)? Married Race (specify which)? Caucasian

What military service have you had? Rank None; branch \_\_\_\_\_; years \_\_\_\_\_; Nation or State \_\_\_\_\_

Do you claim exemption from draft (specify grounds)? \_\_\_\_\_

I affirm that I have \_\_\_\_\_

If person is of African descent, as of this year

REGISTRAR'S REPORT  
Yr, medium, or short (specify which)? 6' 2" Medium  
Color of eyes? Brown  
Has person lost arm, leg, hand, foot, or both eyes, or is he otherwise disabled (specify)? \_\_\_\_\_

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Intention (specify which)? Natural born  
Where were you born? Baltimore Maryland U.S.

Occupation

What is your present trade, occupation, or office? Base Ball -  
By whom employed? Boston American 28  
Where employed? Fenway Park -

# Let's look at Document C - Census



# When Was This Record Created?

7-234.

TWELFTH CENSUS OF THE UNITED STATES.

State New York }  
 County Westchester }  
 Township or other division of county Town of Eastchester }  
 Name of incorporated city, town, or village, within the above-named division, X }

SCHEDULE No. 1.—POPULATION.

Supervisor's District No. 3 234 Sheet No. A 50  
 Enumeration District No. 64 2

Name of Institution, \_\_\_\_\_  
 Ward of city, \_\_\_\_\_  
 Enumerated by me on the 1 day of June, 1900, William J. Leonard, Enumerator.

LOCATION.	NAME	RELATION.	PERSONAL DESCRIPTION.	NATIVITY.	CITIZENSHIP.			OCCUPATION, TRADE, OR PROFESSION.	EDUCATION.				OWNERSHIP OF ESTATE.				
					Number of years in the United States.	Number of years in the United States.	Number of years in the United States.		Months of attendance at school.	Attended school in this year.	Can read.	Can write.	Can speak English.	Owned or rented.	Owned free or mortgaged.	Value of land.	Structure of farm value.
Enumerated by me on the <u>1</u> day of June, 1900, <u>William J. Leonard</u> , Enumerator.					16	17	18	10	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28

25	32	Chetty Ladmies	Head	or m	Mar	1830	70	3/4	+	Ireland	Ireland	Ireland	1869	41	No	stone cutter	12	Yes	Yes	Yes	0	M	14	3
		Elizabeth	Wife	or f	May	1835	65	2/4	+	Ireland	Ireland	Ireland	1859	41				Yes	Yes	Yes				3
		Marcella	daughter	or f	Dec	1854	45			Ireland	Ireland	Ireland	1859	41				Yes	Yes	Yes				3
		Tommy	daughter	or f	Oct	1870	29			New York	Ireland	Ireland				Dressmaker	8	Yes	Yes	Yes				3
		Elvira	daughter	or f	July	1892	8			New York	New York	Ireland				at school	10	Yes	Yes	Yes				3



# Genealogical Information?

7-224.

TWELFTH CENSUS OF THE UNITED STATES.

SCHEDULE No. 1.—POPULATION.

State New York Supervisor's District No. 9, 234 Sheet No. A 50  
 County Westchester Enumeration District No. 64 2  
 Township or other division of county Town of Eastchester Name of Institution, \_\_\_\_\_  
 Name of incorporated city, town, or village \_\_\_\_\_ above-named division, X Ward of city, \_\_\_\_\_  
 Enumeration on the 1 day of June, 1900, West

LOCATION.		NAME of each person whose place of abode on June 1, 1900, was in this family. <small>Enter surname first, then the given name and middle initial, if any. Exclude every person living on June 1, 1900, whose children born since June 1, 1900.</small>	PERSONAL DESCRIPTION.						NATURALIZATION.		OR	EDUCATION.				OWNERSHIP OF FIMIL.			
IN CITIES.	IN RURAL DISTRICTS.		DATE OF BIRTH.	AGE.	SEX.	COLORED.	Married.	Year.	Place of birth of this person.	Place of birth of father of this person.		Years of school attended.	Years of college attended.	Years of technical school attended.	Years of business school attended.	Years of military school attended.	Years of other school attended.	Years of other school attended.	Years of other school attended.
			78																
			65																
			63																

Age

Year of Arrival and Naturalization Status

1859	41	7/10	5
1859	41		

Age	Sex	Relationship	Color	Married	Year	Place of birth of this person	Place of birth of father of this person	Years of school attended	Years of college attended	Years of technical school attended	Years of business school attended	Years of military school attended	Years of other school attended	Years of other school attended	Years of other school attended				
25	32	Chobby Ladmissa Head	W	M	Mar	Ireland	Ireland	Ireland	1839	41	No	Stone cutter	12	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
		Elizabeth Wife	F	F	May	Ireland	Ireland	Ireland	1839	41				Yes	Yes	Yes			
		Marcella daughter	F	F	Dec	Ireland	Ireland	Ireland	1859	41				Yes	Yes	Yes			
		daughter	F	F	Oct	Ireland	Ireland	Ireland						Yes	Yes	Yes			
		daughter	F	F	July	Ireland	Ireland	Ireland						Yes	Yes	Yes			

Occupation

Country of Birth

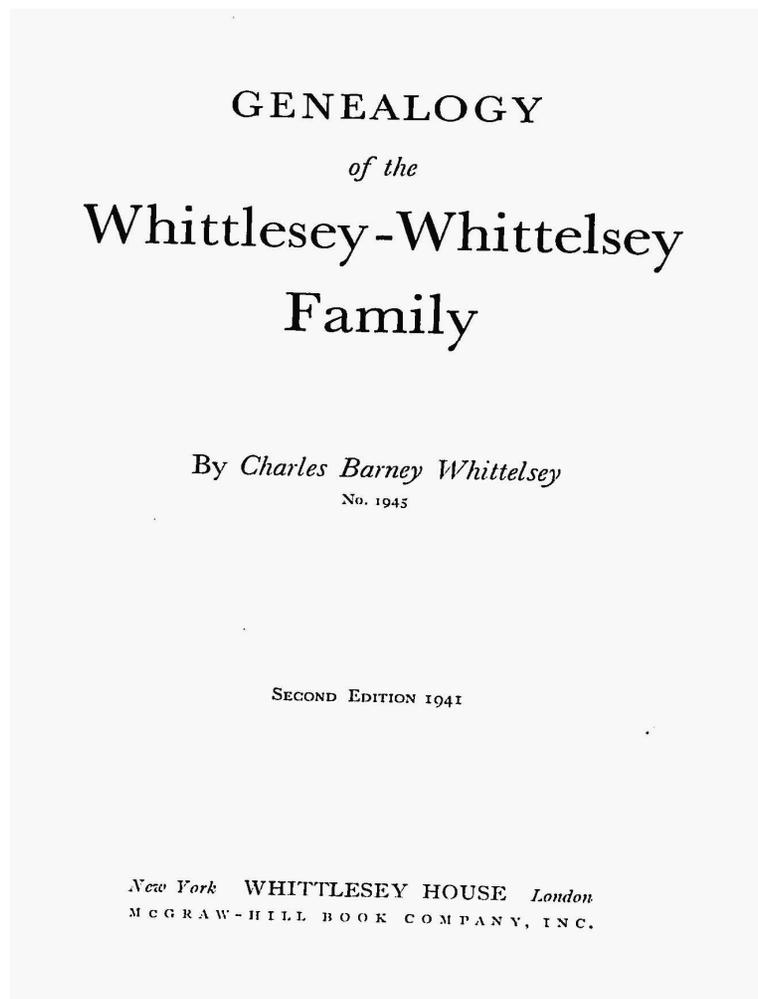
Stone cutter
Dressmaker
At School

Ireland	Ireland	Ireland
Ireland	Ireland	Ireland
Ireland	Ireland	Ireland
New York	Ireland	Ireland
New York	New York	Ireland



# Let's look at Document D – Published Genealogy

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## WHITTLESEY GENEALOGY.

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312<sup>b</sup> JOHN, b. Mar. 9, 1785.  
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313. DOLLY COGSWELL (Anna<sup>12a</sup>, Eliphalet<sup>41</sup>, Eliphalet<sup>9</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>), b. May 22, 1767; m. Stephen Branch; she died July 20, 1802. They resided near Bennington, Vt.

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## MEMORANDA.

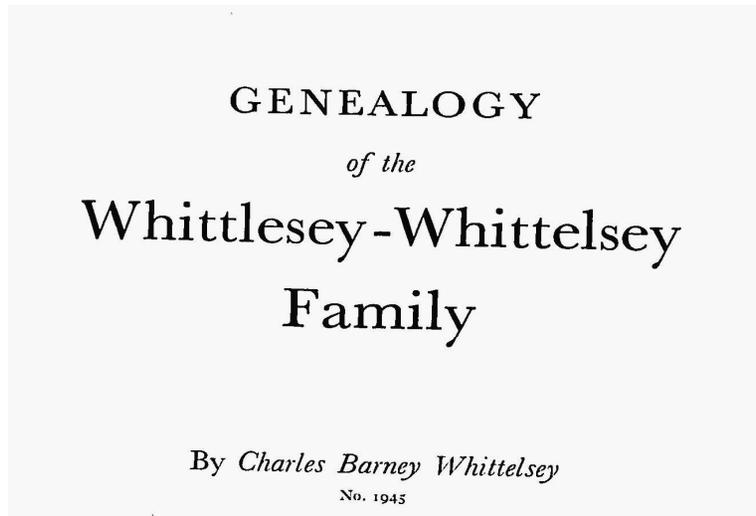
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- iv SARAH JOHNSON, b. Sept. 26, 1797; m. Sept. 15, 1818, Luman Whittlesey, No. 633.
- v WILLIAM JOHNSON, b. Nov. 4, 1799; m. June 12, 1839, Alma Canfield Sterling.
- vi THEODORE SEDGWICK, b. April 27, 1801; m. Oct. 19, 1826, Mary Morcia Maria Gregory.
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# Who Provided the Information?

GENEALOGY  
*of the*  
 Whittlesey-Whittelsey  
 Family  
 Whittelsey

By Charles Barney Whittelsey  
 No. 1945

Author is not the same a person who provided information about William Cogswell – Don't know who provided the information.

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York  
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# Genealogical Information?

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Wife

Family

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Children and dates

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Hatch.  
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314 WILLIAM COGSWELL (Anna<sup>m</sup>, Eliphalet<sup>d</sup>, Eliphalet<sup>d</sup>, John<sup>n</sup>), b. July 23, 1769; m. Amaryllis Johnson (a sister of Roger's wife). b. Feb. 20, 1765, in Salisbury, Conn. Col. Cogswell d. Aug. 28, 1823; Mrs. C. d. Mar. 14, 1826.

Their children were:

- i MARY ANN, b. Jan. 6, 1792; m. Sept. 12, 1816, John Milton Holley.

Children and dates

Chauncey Perry.  
Hatch.  
Luman Whittlesey,  
Alma Canfield  
1826, Mary Morcia  
Downes.  
ymour.  
Mark Pratt.

# Let's look at Document E - Immigration

# Original, Derivative, or Authored?

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<i>Thomas Hunt</i>	<i>30</i>	<i>.</i>	<i>.</i>	<i> Farmer</i>	<i>.</i>	<i>.</i>	<i>.</i>
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<i>John Stephenson</i>	<i>40</i>	<i>.</i>	<i>.</i>	<i> Paint-wright</i>	<i>.</i>	<i>.</i>	<i>.</i>
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<i>Jane Jeffries</i>	<i>40</i>	<i>.</i>	<i>.</i>	<i>.</i>	<i>.</i>	<i>.</i>	<i>.</i>
<i>Castro</i> <i>de</i>	<i>25</i>	<i>.</i>	<i>.</i>	<i>.</i>	<i>.</i>	<i>.</i>	<i>.</i>
<i>Charles Higgins</i>	<i>25</i>	<i>.</i>	<i>.</i>	<i> Draper</i>	<i>.</i>	<i>.</i>	<i>.</i>
<i>John Mc Kibbin</i>	<i>25</i>	<i>.</i>	<i>.</i>	<i> de</i>	<i> Scotland</i>	<i>.</i>	<i>.</i>
<i>James Croft</i>	<i>22</i>	<i>.</i>	<i>.</i>	<i> Stone Maken</i>	<i> Ireland</i>	<i>.</i>	<i>.</i>
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<i>Michael Falen</i>	<i>27</i>	<i>.</i>	<i>.</i>	<i> Non-Muln</i>	<i>.</i>	<i>.</i>	<i>.</i>
<i>Patriek Merrall</i>	<i>27</i>	<i>.</i>	<i>.</i>	<i>.</i>	<i>.</i>	<i>.</i>	<i>.</i>
<i>Benjamin Mearns</i>	<i>20</i>	<i>.</i>	<i>.</i>	<i> Butcher</i>	<i> Massachusetts</i>	<i>.</i>	<i>.</i>
<i>Samuel Manslar</i>	<i>18</i>	<i>.</i>	<i>.</i>	<i> Shipman</i>	<i> Ireland</i>	<i>.</i>	<i>.</i>
<i>Barrat</i> <i>de</i>	<i>40</i>	<i>.</i>	<i>.</i>	<i> Farmer</i>	<i>.</i>	<i>.</i>	<i>.</i>
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<i>William Blousley</i>	<i>20</i>	<i>.</i>	<i>.</i>	<i> Student</i>	<i>.</i>	<i>.</i>	<i>.</i>
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<i>Robert Goodwin</i>	<i>15</i>			<i>Seaman</i>	<i>Scotland</i>	<i>Scotland</i>	
<i>Charles Wiggins</i>	<i>25</i>			<i>Draper</i>	<i>Scotland</i>		
<i>John Mc Kibbin</i>	<i>25</i>			<i>Stone Maker</i>	<i>Ireland</i>		
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<i>Patriek Merrall</i>	<i>27</i>						
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<i>Severial Hurdler</i>	<i>18</i>			<i>Seaman</i>	<i>Ireland</i>		
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<i>Margret</i>	<i>60</i>			<i>Wife</i>			
<i>Theresa</i>	<i>18</i>			<i>None</i>			
<i>Elyse Bonnerfors</i>	<i>20</i>						
<i>William Olousvas</i>	<i>20</i>			<i>Student</i>			
<i>Arthur Kahan</i>	<i>57</i>			<i>Farmer</i>			
<i>Lions Gledastor</i>	<i>60</i>			<i>Taylor</i>	<i>England</i>		
<i>Teresa</i>	<i>56</i>			<i>Wife</i>			

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<i>Charles</i>	<i>25</i>		
<i>Charles Higgins</i>	<i>25</i>	<i>Draper</i>	
<i>John M<sup>r</sup> Fidelic</i>	<i>25</i>	<i>do</i>	<i>Scotland</i>

Name, Age, Occupation, Country of Origin, Spouse

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<i>Elysa</i>	<i>21</i>	<i>Wife</i>		

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# Information Primary, Secondary, Unknown?

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Date and Ship of Arrival

Name, Age, Occupation, Country of Origin, Spouse

# QUESTIONS?

# Session Overview

Analyzing the Information

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Evaluating the Evidence

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Summing Up

# Principles of Analysis

## Source

Original

Derivative

Authored

## Information

First-hand

Second-hand

Unknown

## Evidence

Direct

Indirect

Negative

# Information vs. Evidence

- Information = content
  - Raw data or factual statements
- Evidence = interpretation

# Definitions: Evidence

- Direct Evidence
  - Straightforward statement of fact
  - Directly answers the genealogical question
  - Caveat: may answer the question, but may not be accurate, e.g. mother's maiden name on a death record
- Indirect Evidence
  - Potentially relevant information
  - Does not answer the question directly
  - Need to assemble pieces of the puzzle to answer the question
- Negative: Absence of information
  - No children on 1820 census, but four children on 1830 census – Provides evidence that children had to have been born after 1820

# Not All Information Is Evidence

- Identify the genealogical information in the record and ask:
  - Does this answer my question directly?
  - Can this be used with other evidence to answer my question (indirect evidence)?
- Most records contain multiple pieces of information; only some will be evidence for your question

# Maud Bell Plowman's Death Certificate

## Information

## Evidence

Date and place of death

Who are Maud's parents?

Cause of death

When did Maud die?

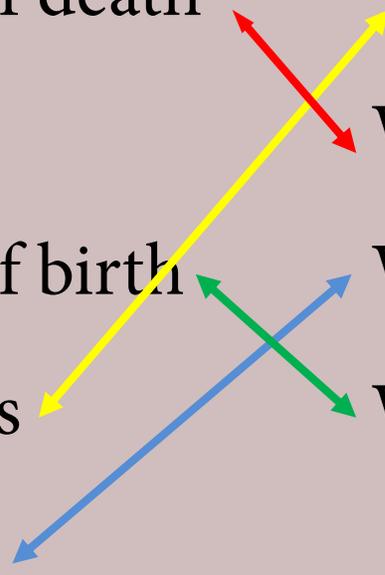
Date and place of birth

Whom did Maud marry?

Names of parents

When was Maud born?

Name of Spouse



# Types of Evidence

- Always applies to a specific fact, e.g.
  - Who is the father of Nehemiah Smith?
  - What is the date of birth of Anna?
- Direct: Answers the question by itself, e.g.
  - Record specifies the parent's names
  - Record includes date of birth

# Types of Evidence (cont.)

- Indirect: Relevant, but does not stand alone, e.g.
  - Owns a plot of land that was documented as being owned by father, in a time period where land was typically passed father to son
- Negative: Absence of information
  - No children on 1820 census, but four children on 1830 census – Provides evidence that children had to have been born after 1820

# Evidence Questions

- Does a single piece of evidence answer my question? (Direct)
- Do multiple pieces of evidence when combined answer my question (Indirect)
- What evidence should have been present if the hypothesis was correct?

# Resolving Conflicting Evidence

- State the conflict
- Give possible explanations why the conflict exists
- Solve the conflict through source and information analysis and correlation of different pieces of evidence

# When Was George W. Northup Born?

Source	Information	Evidence
Wickford Standard (Wickford, Rhode Island), 13 January 1899, page 3, column 6.	George W. Northup died 7 January 1899 in his 90th year.	Birth year about 1809 (Indirect)
Find a Grave, Elm Grove Cemetery (North Kingston, Rhode Island), memorial for George Washington Northup, memorial number 61202610, created 6 November 2010 by Billy.	Gravestone give birth year as 1809	Direct for year
U.S. Army, Register of Enlistments, 1798-1914,	Age as 21 in 1830	Birth year about 1809 (Indirect)

# Correlate and Resolve Conflicts

- One piece of evidence directly gives the birth year of 1809
- Two pieces of indirect evidence agree that birth year was 1809. This year is consistent with the direct evidence
- Conclusion? Birth year was 1809.

# When Did Elizabeth Northup Die?

Source	Information	Evidence
Ancestry Trees	Died 1855; died 1820	Death in either 1820 or 1855
Will of Samuel Northup, 20 June 1840	“My wife Elizabeth” given bedding and other personal items	She is alive in 1840
U.S. 1840 Census	She is living in North Kingston	She is alive in 1840
U.S. 1850 Census	She is not enumerated	If she were alive, she would have been enumerated. Negative evidence for death before 1850
<i>Graveyards of North Kingstown, Rhode Island</i> (North Kingstown, RI : A.H. McAleer, 1992).	Cemeteries in North Kingston were family owned. Most plots contain unmarked fieldstones as the community was heavily Baptist and Quaker	Will not find a gravestone record for her death.

# Correlate and Resolve Conflicts

- Two conflicting dates from Ancestry trees. Both trees lack any attached documented. These dates will be discarded.
- She was alive in 1840 per her husband's will and the 1840 census.
- She is missing from the 1850 census. This is negative evidence
- Conclusion? Died between 1840 and 1850.

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Summing Up

# Putting It All Together

- Clearly state the question you are trying to answer
- Assemble your evidence (*related to question*)
- Plan for writing (Choose one)
  1. Building blocks – lead with strongest piece of evidence; support with additional pieces
  2. Syllogism (If A=B and B=C then A=C)
  3. Multiple hypotheses (useful for same name situations)

# When Was George W. Northup Born?

Information	Type of Evidence	Quality of Source and Information
Obituary state age of "in 90 <sup>th</sup> year"	Indirect for year	Original source, notice created soon after death, informant unknown
Gravestone give birth year as 1809	Direct for year	<div> </div> <p>Original tombstone, modified in 1930's, unknown date of creation and informant</p>
Army enlistment gives age as 21 in 1830	Indirect for year	Original source, informant known (George W.), creator known (army clerk), date of creation not known

# Presenting the Evidence

- Overview and research question
- Item 1 – analysis and correlation
- Item 2 – analysis and correlation
- Item 3 – analysis and correlation
- Conflict resolution (if you haven't yet woven it in)
- Final statement

# Written Summary – Samuel Northup Death

## Overview with Question

Neither a vital record nor a gravestone with a date of death has been located for Samuel Northup. Nonetheless, his death date is known thanks to the Smith family and a book by Marston Watson, corroborated by a probate filing and the existence of a family cemetery plot.

## Item 1

Samuel Northup died 13 November 1841 according to a Smith family compilation of old almanacs. The compilation was undertaken after a fire destroyed most of North Kingston's vital records in 1870. Marston Watson also gives a 13 November 1841 death date in his book *Royal Families - Americans of Royal and Noble Ancestry*. The informant for both these works is unknown

# Written Summary (cont.)

- Item 2      A death date of 13 November 1841 is supported by the proving of his will on 10 January 1842 when he names his wife Elizabeth, six sons and one daughter who all were still living. Since courts usually met quarterly, the first opportunity to file probate for a November death would be the January 1842 court.
- Item 3      Early cemeteries in North Kingstown are family plots. It wasn't until 1851 that a town cemetery was opened. The McAleer book, *Graveyards of North Kingstown, Rhode Island* notes that since many settlers of the area were Baptist or Quaker and thus prohibited from making "graven images," many of the family graveyards lack names and dates on a sizeable number of stones. The book notes that the graveyard where Samuel's father Zebulon is buried has between 14 and 20 unmarked fieldstone graves. Zebulon died in October of 1841. His grave has a marker. Samuel's grave is probably one of the 14 to 20 unmarked fieldstone graves mentioned in the McAleer book.

# Written Summary (cont.)

**Conclusion** Although a gravestone with a date has not been located for Samuel Northup, his death date is known thanks to the Smith family and Watson's book. It is highly likely that Samuel and his wife Elizabeth are buried in the same graveyard as Zebulon, but with a simple, undated, fieldstone marker. The evidence consistently points to a death date for Samuel Northup of 13 November 1841.

# Genealogical Proof Standard

- ✓ Reasonably exhaustive research
- ✓ Complete, accurate citations to the source or sources of each information item
- ✓ Tests—through processes of analysis and correlation—of all sources, information items, and evidence
- ✓ Resolution of conflicts among evidence items
- ✓ A soundly reasoned, coherently written conclusion.

<http://www.bcgcertification.org/resources/standard.html>

# Summary

- Evaluate each piece of information in a record:
  - How soon after the event was it captured?
  - Who was the informant?
  - Is the information first or second hand?
- Not all information is evidence
  - Evidence is specific to your question
- Is the evidence direct, indirect or negative?
- To write up your proof – state your question and introduce the evidence a piece at a time, evaluating the quality of the source and information for each piece.

# QUESTIONS?



# THANK YOU!

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