

Genealogy Boot Camp

Taking Action: How to Create a Research Plan

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Friday, August 4: Breaking Down Brick Walls with Melanie McComb

10:00 a.m. Taking Action: How to Create a Research Plan

11:00 a.m. Family Ties: Using Extended Family to Circumnavigate a Brick Wall

12:00 p.m. Lunch Break

1:00 p.m. Broadening Your Scope: Employing Ancestral Associates in your Research

2:00 p.m. Knowing the Neighbors: How Neighbors Can Help Solve Genealogical Mysteries

3:00 p.m. Break

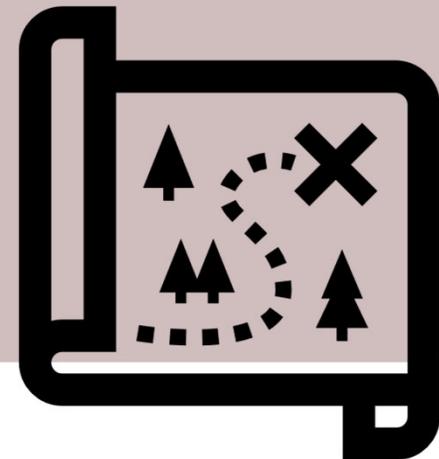
3:15 p.m. Making Your Case and Drawing Conclusions

4:15 p.m. Extended Q&A and Discussion (Finish by 5 PM EST)

What is a research plan?

Research Plan

- A roadmap for research
- Statement or question that defines your research goal AND strategy outlining steps to achieve your research goal.
- *Can be* a formal statement or document but *does not have to be*.



Why create a plan?

- Allows for focused, directed research
- Removes the intimidation factor from “not knowing where to start” or “not knowing how to continue”
- Sets up good research habits and practices



Components of a Research Plan



A general goal/research question (*What am I trying to find?*)



Specific research objectives/research strategy (*How am I going to find it?*)



List of repositories (*Where will I look?*)



List of potential records and sources (*Where will I look?*)

Finalizing the Steps

1. Organize
2. Define your objective
3. List records that will aid in your research
4. Find the resources
5. Research
6. Analyze and make your conclusions

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Get Organized (or re-organized)

Pick a Format (or two)

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 Logs

Research Log



Research Log

Repository: NEHGSDate: 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) Gallway 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 1856, 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 date and place		Spouse, marriage, and place			Death date and place			
Names and birthdates of children:										
Additional Information:										
Research Question										
What is known about the question?										
Fact					Source of Fact					
Record Dates										
Place	Formed	Birth	Marriage	Death	Court	Land	Probate	Census	Record Loss	
What is the working hypothesis?										
1.										
2.										
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Which records will I need?										
Record				Purpose			Source/Repository			
Search Strategy:										

Annotated Research Log

Source	Name (and variant spellings)	Dates examined	Place	Relevant Record	Notes	Objective	Citation
Vital Records							
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	
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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 McGurty	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 McGurty; 1930; Census Place: Winchester, Middlesex, Massachusetts; Page: 5A; Enumeration District: 0339; FHL microfilm: 2340667
Immigration Records							
Naturalization	Patrick McGurty	1882	prob. Massachusetts		Begin with the digital record collections at the FHL	Discover a more specific townland/county in Ireland	https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/Massachusetts_Naturalization_and_Citizenship
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Annotated Research Log Cont'd

Each entry should have an objective on why you're reviewing that record. This will help keep you from falling down the "rabbit hole"

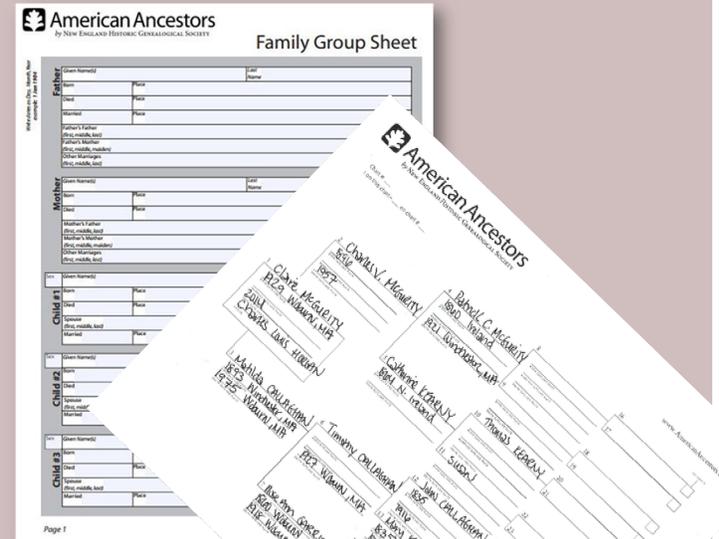
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Census Records							
							Household of Patrick

Use the Notes column to identify where you need more specific research to effectively research an area, as well as any physical visits needed.

Organizing your data

Pick one format and stick to it

- Family Group Sheets
- 5 Generation Charts
- Customized Spreadsheets
- Genealogical Software
- Database Software



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Census Records			
1880 US Federal Census, Ancestry	John Russin	1880	Cambridge, La.
1870 US Federal Census, Ancestry	John Russin	1870	Underhill, Chittenden
1900 US Federal Census, Ancestry	John Russin	1900	Vermont
1910 US Federal Census, Ancestry	John Russin	1910	Vermont
1910 US Federal Census, Ancestry	Zoe Russin	1910	Vermont
1880 US Federal Census, Ancestry	Peter Russin	1880	Cambridge, Lamoille County, Vermont
Probate Records			
Vermont Probate Files, 1800-1921, Chittenden County, Vermont, Family-Search	Root/Racine/Russin	N/A	Chittenden County, Vermont
Vermont Probate Files, 1800-1921, Chittenden County, Vermont, Family-Search	Root/Racine/Russin	N/A	Chittenden County, Vermont
Vermont, Chittenden County, Estate files, box 18, files 2295-2329, 1867-1873	Root/Racine/Russin	N/A	Chittenden County, Vermont
Vermont Probate Files, 1800-1921, Chittenden County, Vermont, Estate files, box 19, files 2377-2435, 1869-1871	Root/Racine/Russin	N/A	Chittenden County, Vermont
Vermont Probate Files, 1800-1921, Chittenden County,			

Five Generation (or more) Chart

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Family Group Sheets

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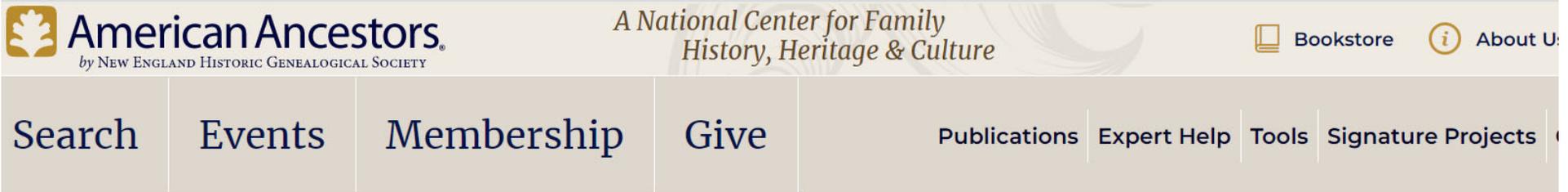
Family Group Sheet

Write date in Day, Month, Year
example: 7 Jan 1904

Father	Given Name(s)			Last Name
	Born	Place		
	Died	Place		
	Married	Place		
	Father's Father (first, middle, last)			
	Father's Mother (first, middle, maiden)			
Other Marriages (first, middle, last)				
Mother	Given Name(s)			Last Name
	Born	Place		
	Died	Place		
	Married	Place		
	Mother's Father (first, middle, last)			
	Mother's Mother (first, middle, maiden)			
Other Marriages (first, middle, last)				
Child #1	Sex	Given Name(s)	Last Name	
	Born	Place		
	Died	Place		
	Spouse (first, middle, last)			
	Married	Place		
Child #2	Sex	Given Name(s)	Last Name	
	Born	Place		
	Died	Place		
	Spouse (first, middle, last)			
	Married	Place		
Child #3	Sex	Given Name(s)	Last Name	
	Born	Place		
	Died	Place		
	Spouse (first, middle, last)			
	Married	Place		

Genealogical Software

- Ancestral Quest (Windows)
- Brother's Keeper (Windows)
- Family Tree Builder (Windows)
- Family Tree Maker (Windows and Mac)
- Heredis (Windows and Mac)
- iFamily (Mac)
- Legacy Family Tree (Windows)
- MacFamilyTree (Mac)
- Reunion (Mac)
- RootsMagic (Windows and Mac)
- AnceSTREES

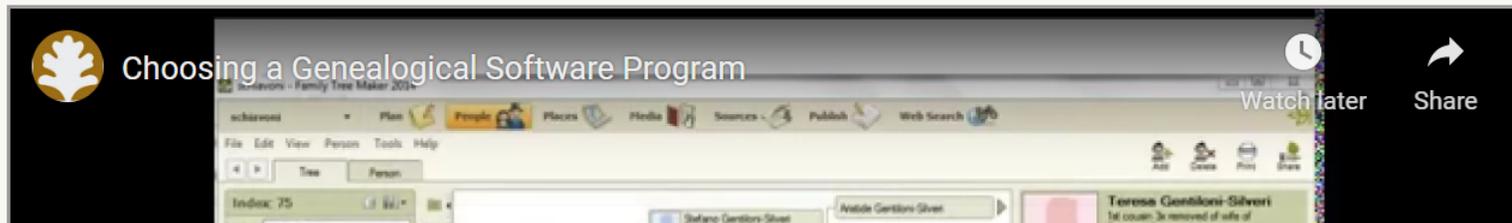


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Choosing a Genealogical Software Program

When you are first beginning to research your family tree, it seems easy enough to remember who you are researching and what you have accomplished. However, quickly you discover that you have a number of individuals and are beginning to compile a list of research tasks that you need to accomplish. Before you get too many names and records, you will want to consider acquiring a genealogy software package. The alphabetically arranged chart below gives a highlight of features to consider and costs of different programs. You may want to start with one of the free programs for your system (or see if the program you are interested in has a trial version) before committing money to a specific program. When you are just beginning you may not yet know how you feel about different entry screen interfaces or if you want to have multiple source citations or be able to create a Web page. Using one or two trial versions of software allows you to learn what you like and don't like about the software you think you may be interested in purchasing.

The chart below identifies some of the most popular genealogical software programs, however, there are many more that are available. To find a comprehensive list and links to their websites, please consult [Cyndi's List Software and Computer Programs](#).



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Using Spreadsheets

- Spreadsheets can be helpful with tracking multiple names and help you identify where there may be a relationship in common
- You can add as many columns as needed
- Recommend using color coding or bolding items that are significant to your research.

FAN Club Spreadsheet

Last Name	First Name	Event	Event Date	Event Relationship	Possible Relationship
Dunn	John	1860 Census	1860	Household resident	Living with his uncle Thomas and his wife Catherine McMorrow
Dunn	John	Baptism	1848	Sponsor is Felix McMorrow	Felix's sister, Catherine is married to John's uncle, Thomas
Dunn	Mary Abby	Marriage to John Kelley	1876	Wife	Her husband may be related to Margaret Kelly, wife of Felix McMorrow

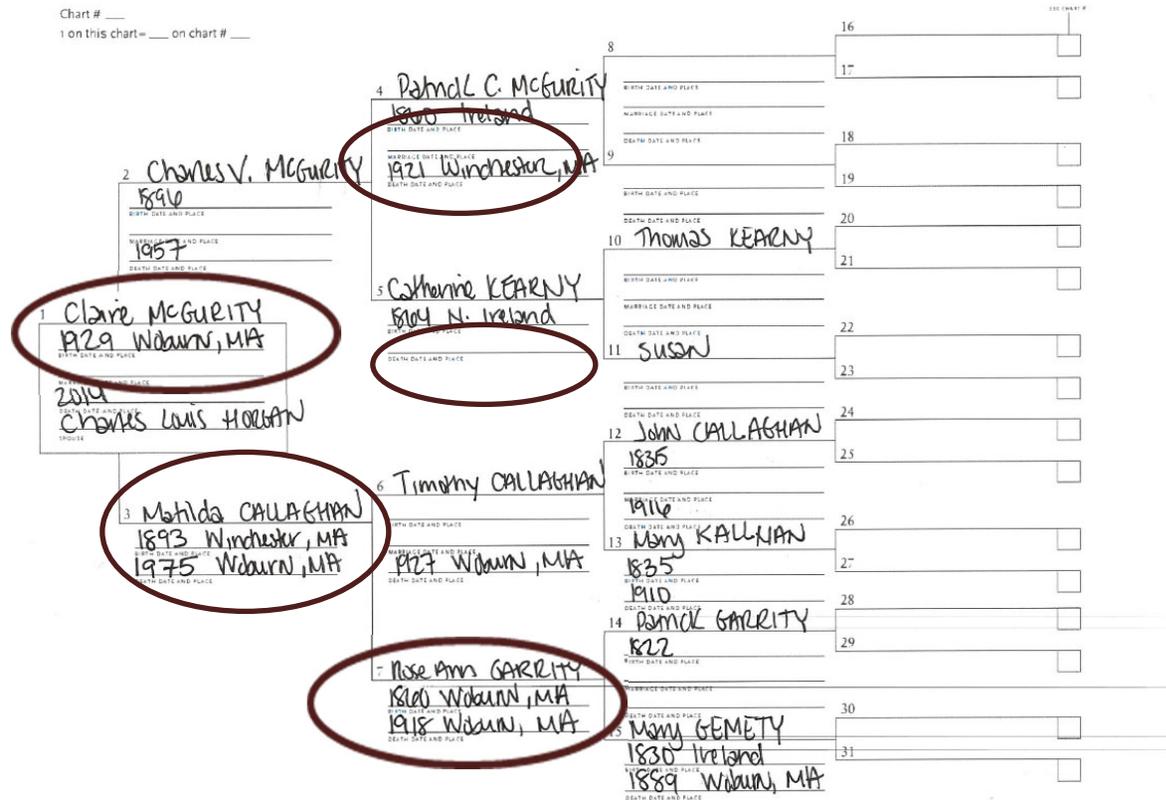
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Define Your Objective

Lots of Research Options



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Define Your Goal

- What do I want to learn?
- Examine the information you have.
- What is missing?
- What individuals or families are the most intriguing?
- What family stories have I heard/what legends have been passed down?

Examples of Genealogical Goals

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

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Focus on one goal at
a time.

Typical Genealogical Questions

- Questions that center on identity, events, and relationships.
 - Who were the parents of Charles Shaffer?
 - When did Charles Schaffer and Prudence Holland marry?
 - How many children did Charles and Prudence have?



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

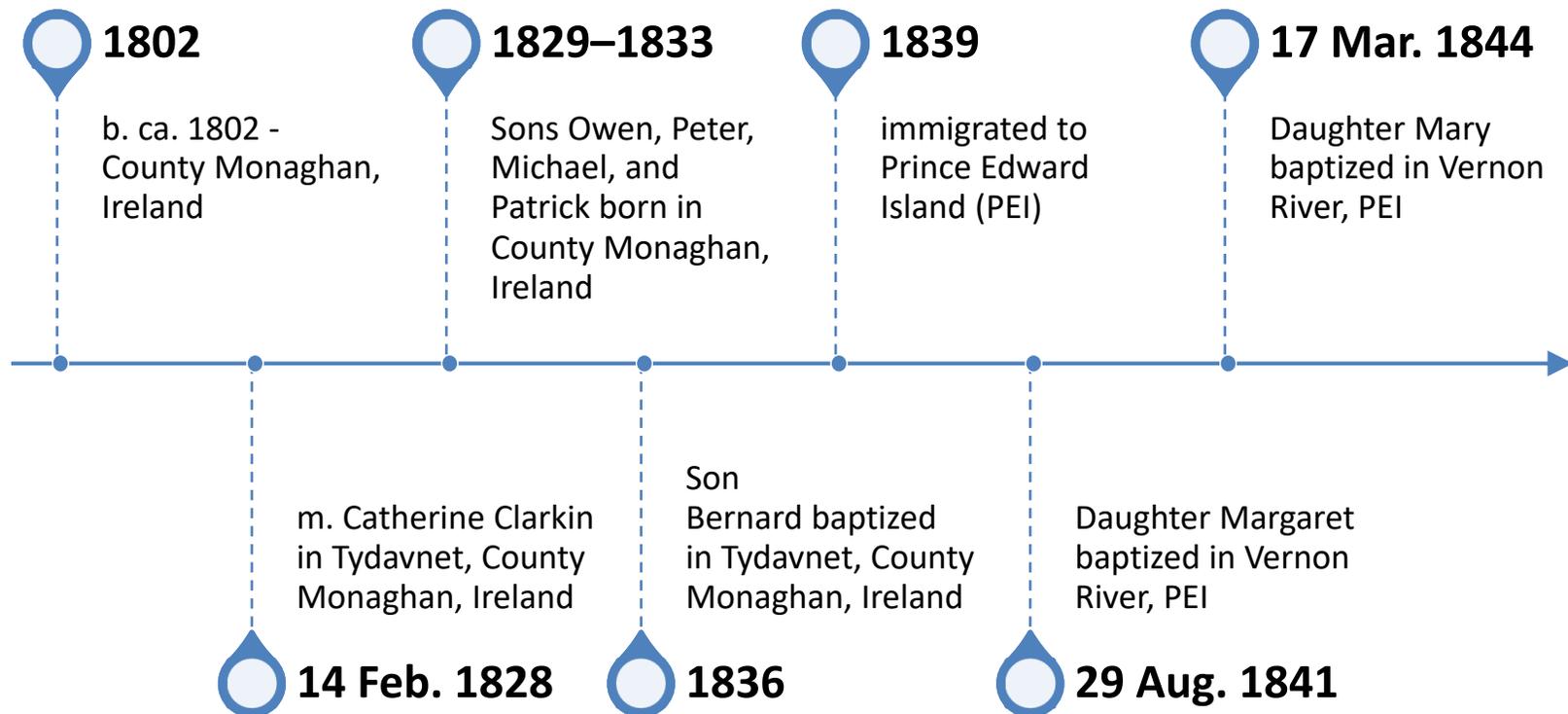
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Work from the known
to the unknown.

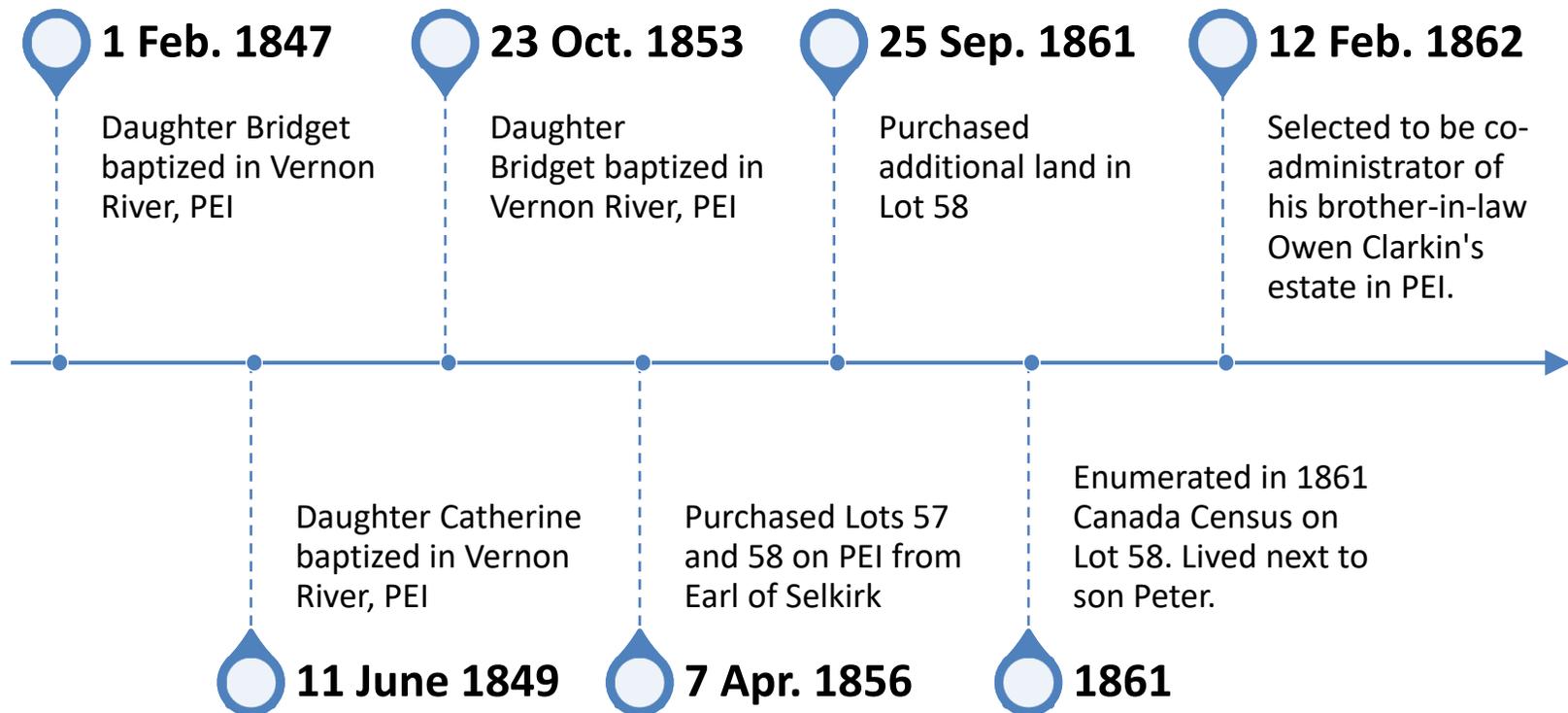
Records

- What is the earliest record that you have located for your ancestor?
 - This will give you a starting point
- What is the last record that you have located for your ancestor?
 - This is not always the end of the trail

Use these Records to Create a timeline



Timeline Continued



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Create a summary of gaps in your timeline. This will help you identify where and when you need to continue research.

Timeline Gaps for 3x Great Grandfather Francis Dougherty

- No record found in Ireland before his marriage in 1828
- No record between 1866 land purchase and 1881 Census
- No U.S. census recording Francis residing in Kansas

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 - Make this question effective and specific: identify a unique individual and identify what exactly you want to learn

Good	Better
What are the origins of Eva Bodnar?	When and where in the Austria-Hungarian Empire was Eva Bodnar (ca. Mar. 1867, Austria - 9 Oct. 1948 Brooklyn, NY) born?

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Good	Better
What was the maiden name of Isaac Morris's wife Hannah?	What was the maiden name of Hannah, wife of Isaac Morris (b. 1751 in Bucks Co., PA and d. 1833, Columbiana Co., OH)?

Tree Search ×

⚙️ Filters

Isaac Morris
1751 - 1833

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1689 - 1734

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1689 - 1734

Isaac Morris
1796 -

Isaac Morris
1782 - 1782

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**List records that will
aid in your research**

Types of Records

- Vital Records
 - Church Records
 - Census
 - Cemetery Records
 - Immigration Records
 - Naturalization Records
 - Land and Property
 - Probate
 - Taxation
 - Military
 - Newspapers
 - Compiled genealogies
 - Finding aids
 - Local histories
 - Family papers
- ...and more!*

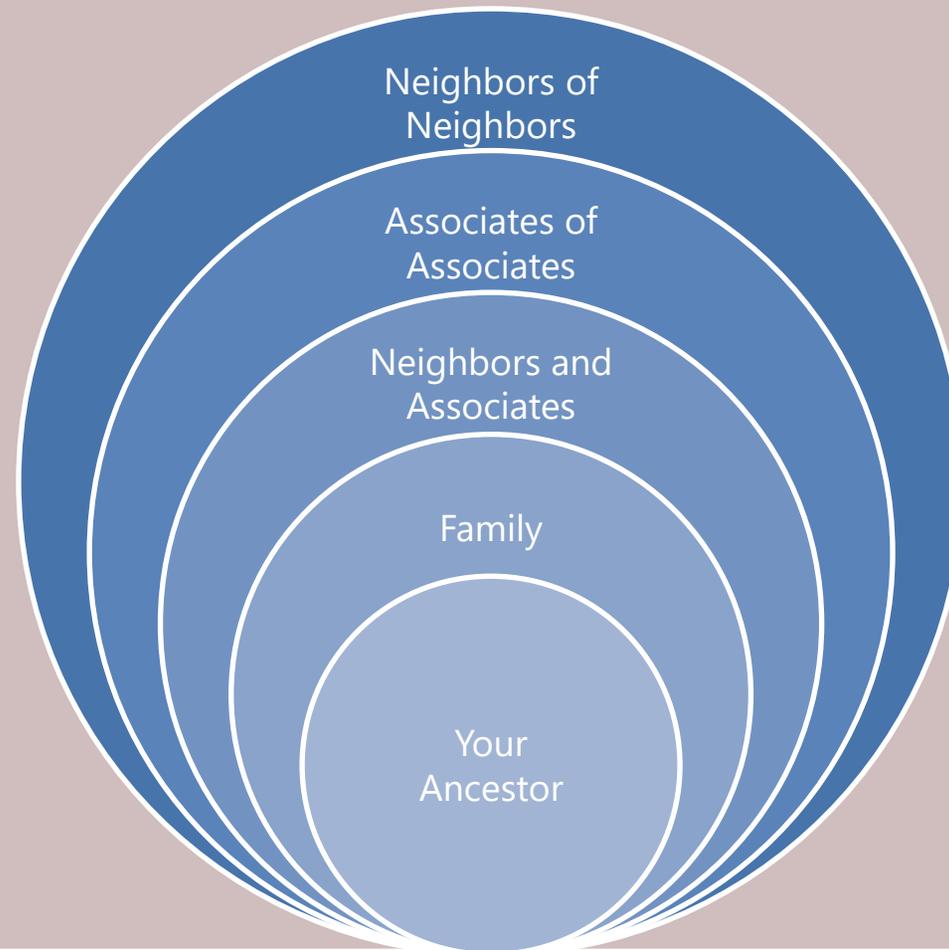
Genealogical Information by Record Type

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Birth date and place	Vital Records	Church Records, Census, Newspapers, Cemeteries, Published Genealogies
Country of foreign birth	Naturalization Records, Vital Records, Census	Military Records, Obituaries, Newspapers
Death date and place	Vital Records, Probate Records, Cemeteries	Obituaries, Newspapers, Church Records, Military Records, Published Genealogies
Foreign birth location	Vital Records, Naturalization and Immigration Records, Census	Newspapers, Church Records, Published Genealogies, Local Histories
Immigration date	Census, Immigration and Naturalization Records	Newspapers, Local Histories
Maiden name	Vital Records, Newspapers	Cemeteries, Church Records, Newspapers, Probate Records, Published Genealogies, Local Histories
Marriage date and place	Vital Records, Census, Newspapers, Church Records	Cemeteries, Military Records, Probate Records, Naturalization Records, Land Records, Court Records
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Record Type by Date (U.S.)

Record Type	Creator	Approximate Dates	Comments
Census	Federal, State	1790-1950 (Federal)	Varies by state
Vital Records	State, Local	Mid-19 th c. - present	Varies widely based on location, oldest records are from New England
Cemeteries	Local	17 th c. - present	
Military Records	Federal, State	18 th c. - present	
Taxation	Local	18 th c. - present	Access and availability varies by location
Immigration and Naturalization	Federal, State, County	18 th c. - present	Passenger lists generally begin mid-19 th c., naturalization recs. more complete beginning 1906
Obituaries and Newspapers	Local	18 th c. - present	
Published Genealogies and Local Histories	Local	n/a	
Church Records	Local	17 th c. - present	Access and availability varies by location
Land Records	County (usually)	17 th c. - present	Early records may be granted by state or federal government
Court Records, Probate Records	County	17 th c. - present	
Directories	Local	18 th c. - present	Urban areas, access and availability varies by location

Expanding your search



Set up your research log

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Land Records							
Deed	Catherine Elizabeth Kearney & Patrick McGurty	1890-1900			1900 US Federal Census indicates the home is owned on Loring Avenue in Winchester, MA	Locate all land transactions	
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Administration							
Census Records							
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3	Birth	Catherine Elizabeth Kearney	1850-1870	Northern Ireland		A county/townland is need first, before searching in Northern Ireland		
4	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	
5	Death	Catherine Elizabeth McGurty	1940-1950	prob. Massachusetts		Vist to the MA VR office	Catherine is last enumerated on the 1940 US Federal Census. Discover more specific townland/county in Northern Ireland	
6	Land Records							
7	Deed	Patrick McGurty	1890-1900			1900 US Federal Census indicates the home is owned on Loring Avenue in Winchester, MA	Locate all land transactions	Deeds are held at Middlesex County Registry of Deeds
8	Deed	Patrick McGurty	1890-1900					
9	Deed	Patrick McGurty	1890-1900					
10	Deed	Patrick McGurty	1890-1900					
11	Census Records							
12	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	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 McGurty; 1910; Census Place: Winchester, Middlesex, Massachusetts; Roll: T624_606; Page: 3A; Enumeration District: 1064; FHL microfilm: 1374619
			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 Keaney (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
						Born Northern Ireland (both parents born Northern Ireland); naturalized 1884; nephew, Charles Keaney, born MA,	Look at Charles Keaney (Kerney) for more specific information. Maybe his father	Household of Catherine McGurty; 1930; Census Place: Winchester, Middlesex, Massachusetts; Page: 5A; Enumeration District: 0539;

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Activate:

- Catherine Kearney
- Patrick McGurty
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- Rufus Owen
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Find the Resources

“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

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Resources

"Go Shopping"

- This step involves "shopping" for the records that you want to review on your research plan
- The repository = the store
- Records = the items
- Keep in mind the cost involved with getting the records.
 - Can you get them yourself or do you need to hire someone else to get them for you?



Know What to Expect

- Genealogical resources vary widely by geographical location
 - Applies to both access (privacy, online availability) and to what was created
- Research the town, county, and state where your ancestor lived
 - Date of formation, previous names, boundary changes, land grants
- Research major boundary changes for countries outside the U.S.

Know What to Expect: Repositories

- State libraries and archives often hold copies of records such as vital records, state census, and state land grants
- Town and city clerks often hold original copies of vital records
- County courthouses and county clerks often have court, land, probate, tax, and naturalization records
- Local and state libraries often have newspapers, published genealogies, and local histories
- Cemetery and church records are harder to track down – could be held at a local or state library, historical society, other institution, or by the creating/governing body
- NARA holds military records, immigration and naturalization, federal census records, and federal land grants

Resources

- Red Book: American State, County, and Town Resources: [https://wiki.rootsweb.com/wiki/index.php/Red Book: American State, County, and Town Sources](https://wiki.rootsweb.com/wiki/index.php/Red_Book:_American_State,_County,_and_Town_Sources)
- County guides on FamilySearch Wiki: [https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Main Page](https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Main_Page)
- Atlas of Historical County Boundaries: <https://digital.newberry.org/ahcb/>
- Historical Atlases and Maps of U.S. and States: <https://www.mapofus.org/>
- CDC: Where to Write for Vital Records: <https://www.cdc.gov/nchs/w2w/index.htm>
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Guide to **Ontario County, New York ancestry, family history, and genealogy** birth records, marriage records, death records, census records, and military records.

This page describes sources of genealogical data about Ontario County, New York Genealogy families, including links to smaller localities at the bottom of this page. [New York, United States Genealogy](#)-related pages show useful statewide sources. [United States Genealogy](#) pages explain the terminology and contents of genealogical records.

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Location in the state of New York, United States Genealogy



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Ontario County New York Historical Facts [\[edit | edit source\]](#)

Description [\[edit | edit source\]](#)

The County was named for Lake Ontario. The County is located in the west area of the state. ^[1]

Ontario County, New York Record Dates [\[edit | edit source\]](#)

Known Beginning Dates for Major County Records ^[2]						
Birth*	Marriage	Death*	Court	Land	Probate	Census
1880	1908	1880	1789	1789	1789	1663

*Statewide registration for births and deaths started in 1880. General compliance for births by 1915 and deaths by 1890.

Parent County [\[edit | edit source\]](#)

27 January 1789: Created from [Montgomery County](#).^[3]

Boundary Changes [\[edit | edit source\]](#)

For animated maps illustrating New York County boundary changes, "[Rotating Formation New York County Boundary Maps](#)"^[4] (1683-1915) may be viewed for free at the MapofUS.org website.

- **1791:** A part taken from [Montgomery](#) County.
- **18 March 1796:** [Steuben](#) County set off.
- **30 March 1802:** [Genesee](#) County set off.
- **1814:** A part taken from [Steuben](#) County.
- **23 February 1821:** [Livingston](#) and [Monroe](#) counties set off.
- **5 February 1823:** [Yates](#) County set off.
- **11 April 1823:** [Wayne](#) County set off.

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


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Guide to Ireland ancestry, family history, and genealogy: birth records, marriage records, death records, census records, parish registers, and military records.

Country Information [edit | edit source]

Today the island of **Ireland** is divided into two countries: (1) the **Republic of Ireland**, also known as **Éire** or **Poblacht na hÉireann** and (2) **Northern Ireland**, one of the four constituent countries of the **United Kingdom** (together with [England](#), [Scotland](#), and [Wales](#)). Prior to 1922 the island of Ireland was one country. The language most widely spoken is English.^[1] In the Republic of Ireland, the Irish Gaelic language has official status; in Northern Ireland it has some official recognition along with Ulster Scots.

Counties [edit | edit source]

The Ireland counties listed below are based on historic boundaries pre-1974. The records dating before 1974 are located within the information found in the historic counties. This practice is best for genealogy, since most research is from before this date. Modern counties, especially in Northern Ireland, are different. In the Republic, administrative changes made to the counties were mostly reverted in 2014.

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Links to articles and websites that assist in Ireland research.

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- [IrishGenealogy.ie](#) - vital records
- [John Grenham's website](#) - places, records and surnames

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Handwriting Examples and Tools [edit | edit source]



Old German gothic handwriting and print are very different from the Roman script most English- speaking genealogists use.

- For examples of old German Gothic handwriting see the PDF file [Handwriting Guide: German Gothic](#).
- A short handy reference guide with an alphabet, reading tips, and record samples is found [here](#).
- A list of given names with handwritten examples from records is found [here: German given names handwriting examples](#)

Sütterlin or Suetterlin writing ("old German hand") is a practiced style of writing similar to earlier styles. This is a script, created by the Berlin graphic artist Ludwig Sütterlin (1865-1917), which was taught from 1915 to 1941 in German schools. It is also called the "deutsche Schrift". The website [suetterlinschrift.de](#) allows you to type any word and see what it would look like in that script. This is a very useful learning tool. [This comparison page](#) for the alphabet gives multiple examples of each letter.

Script Generator Tool [edit | edit source]

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Germany Background

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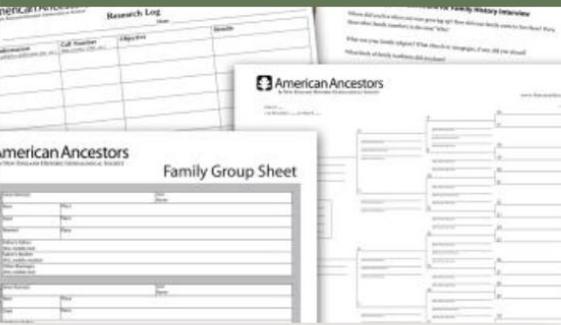
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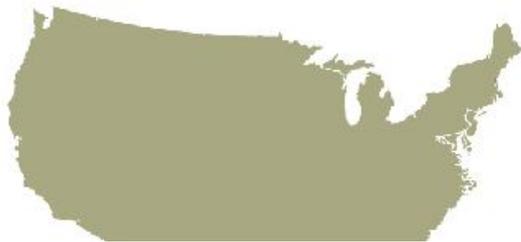
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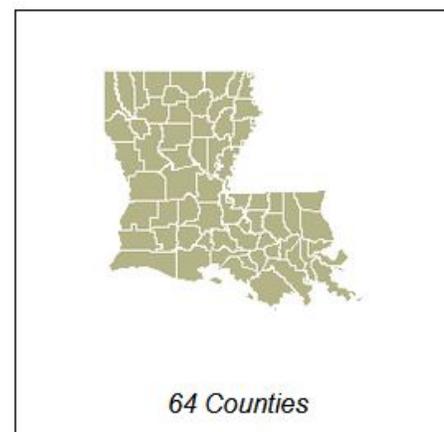
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County/Region:
Felician County (extinct)

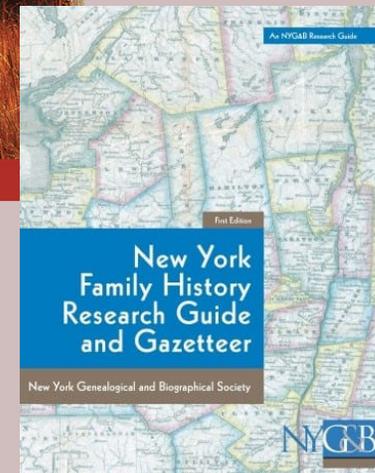
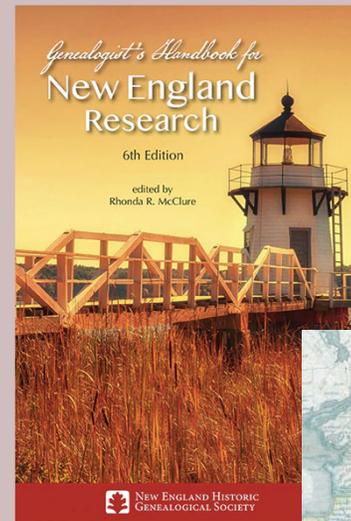
Effective Dates:
Wed Apr 29 1812 - Fri Jan 23 1846

Description of Border Change:
Felician County lost to Mississippi Territory when the United States created the state of Louisiana, with modern boundaries, from Orleans Territory.

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Know What to Expect: Regional Resources

- Because records and repositories vary widely based on locality, it can help to consult a regional guide
- Rhonda R. McClure, ed., *Genealogist's Handbook for New England Research* (2021)
- Naomi Joshi, et. al., *New York Family History Research Guide and Gazetteer* (2017)
- Research guides and webinars online at <https://www.americanancestors.org/tools/research-guides>



Add relevant records to your research log

Source	Name (and variant spellings)	Dates examined	Place	Relevant Record	Notes	Objective
Vital Records						
Birth record	William Henry Brown	unknown	unknown			Birth record may contain the names of William Henry Brown's parents
Marriage record	William Henry Brown and Emma Massey	before 1880	unknown			Marriage record may contain the names of William Henry Brown's parents
Census Records						
1900 United States Federal Census (www.ancestry.com)	Chester Brown/William Henry Brown/Emma (Massey) Brown	1900	probably Illinois			Determine place and approximate year of birth to help narrow our search for a vital record
1880 United States Federal Census (www.ancestry.com)	Chester Brown/William Henry Brown/Emma (Massey) Brown	1880	probably Illinois			Determine place and approximate year of birth to help narrow our search for a vital record
Probate/Wills						
Probate record	unknown	unknown	unknown			Will for William Henry Brown's father or mother may name WHB as an heir. We cannot proceed with this step until names are known
Newspapers						
Obituary for William Henry Brown	William Henry Brown	unknown	unknown			Obituary may name WHB's parents- death date/place is necessary for a proper search
Published Genealogies						
unknown	Brown	unknown	unknown			Because of the popularity of the Brown surname, we need more information to narrow this catalog search

How to Find Libraries and Archives to Visit

Dean Family of Taunton



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DEATH DATE AND PLACE
JOHN A FISHER
SPOUSE

2 James DEAN
1649 Taunton, MA
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1725 Plainfield, CT
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3 Sarah TISDALE
1649
1725 Plainfield, CT
DEATH DATE AND PLACE

4 Walter DEAN
1612 Chard, ENG
MARRIAGE DATE AND PLACE
1693 Taunton, MA
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5 Eleanor COGAN
1609 Chard, ENG
1693 Taunton, MA
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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

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Joseph Fremont Dean correspondence 1887-1888

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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

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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

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Source	Name (and variant spellings)	Dates examined	Place	Relevant Record	Notes	Objective	Citation
Vital Records							
Birth	Walter Dean		England		Examine record at NEHGS		Mss A 4876; https://library.nehgs.org/record=b1081631
Marriage	Walter Dean and Eleanor		Taunton, MA		Examine record at NEHGS	What is Eleanor's maiden name?	Mss A 1735; https://library.nehgs.org/record=b1069170
Death	Walter Dean		Taunton, MA		Examine record at NEHGS		Mss A 4876; https://library.nehgs.org/record=b1081631
Land Records							
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							
Manuscripts							
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; https://library.nehgs.org/record=b1081631
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 1735; https://library.nehgs.org/record=b1069170
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; https://library.nehgs.org/record=b1081631
Family Papers	Walter Dean		England/Massachusetts		Examine records at MHS		
Immigration Records							
Passenger List	Walter Dean	1620-1640	Massachusetts		Great Migration	Discover a more specific townland/county of origin in England	
Published							
◀ ▶ ... Olive Dean Zerah Dean Betsy Hull John Dean Martha Scott James Dean Sarah Tisdale Walter Dean Eleanor Cogan ⊕ : ◀							

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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

Update findings

Source	Name (and variant spellings)	Dates examined	Place	Relevant Record	Notes	Objective	Citation
Vital Records							
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
Land Records							
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
Deed	Catherine Elizabeth Kearney & Patrick McGurty	1890-1900		yes		Locate all land transactions	Deeds are held at Middlesex County Registry of Deeds
Deed	Catherine Elizabeth Kearney & Patrick McGurty	1890-1900		yes		Locate all land transactions	Deeds are held at Middlesex County Registry of Deeds
Deed	Catherine Elizabeth Kearney & Patrick McGurty	1890-1900		yes		Locate all land transactions	Deeds are held at Middlesex County Registry of Deeds
Probate Records							
Will	Catherine McGurty	1940-1950		yes			Probate record located at Middlesex County
Administration							
Maps							
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
Census Records							
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
← ▶ Catherine Kearney Patrick McGurty Theodore Owen Katherine Reynolds Rufus Owen Olive Dean Zerah Dean Betsey Hull John Dean ... ⊕							

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Make notes on your
research log to
indicate record
reliability

Rating System

- Original > Copy
- Individual reporting > Informant
- Record close to the event > Record far removed from date of the event
- Educated clerk > Uneducated clerk
- Reliable source > uncited source

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Use colors to indicate
record strength



Return to your Research Log

Source	Name (and variant spellings)	Dates examined	Place	Relevant Record	Notes	Objective
Birth record	William Henry Brown	Jan 1850	Illinois			Birth record may contain the names of William Henry Brown's parents
Death record	William Henry Brown	after 1900	Mason, Effingham, Illinois	yes	Original 10 June 1915 death record indicated WHB was son of Emanuel Brown and Alice Baker. He was born in Jefferson, IL	Death record may contain the names of William Henry Brown's parents
Marriage record	William Henry Brown and Emma Massey	28 Dec 1876	Clay City, Clay, Illinois	yes	Does not provide names of parents, however the record does show WHB as resident of Wayne County and Emma from Clay County, IL	Marriage record may contain the names of William Henry Brown's parents
Census Records						
1900 United States Federal Census (www.ancestry.com)	Chester Brown/William Henry Brown/Emma (Massey) Brown	1900	Lamard, Wayne, Illinois	yes	Enumerated with birth place- Illinois; Jan 1850. Married 1877. Father born Ohio; Mother born Tennessee	Determine place and approximate year of birth to help narrow our search for a vital record
1880 United States Federal Census (www.ancestry.com)	Chester Brown/William Henry Brown/Emma (Massey) Brown	1880	Lamard, Wayne, Illinois	yes	Enumerated with birth place- Illinois; about 1850. Father born Ohio; Mother born Tennessee	Determine place and approximate year of birth to help narrow our search for a vital record
Newspapers						
Obituary for William Henry Brown	William Henry Brown	1915	Mason, Effingham, Illinois	yes	named his parents: Emanuel Brown and Alice Baker	Obituary may name WHB's parents- death date/place is necessary for a proper search
Published Genealogies						
Wayne County, Illinois- Local Histories (NEHGS)	Emanuel and/or William Henry Brown	1840's-1920's	Wayne County, Illinois	yes	Named his parents: Emanuel Brown and Alice Baker and identified his grandparents and great-grandparents	Because of the popularity of the Brown surname, we need more information to narrow this catalog search for a published genealogy- however, we might find a local history

What I've -

Draw a Conclusion

Know When to Stop

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



Record Analysis

- Review what you've found – don't just read, examine
 - Does the record bring up new questions?
 - How accurate is the record?
 - How accurate is the source?
- Analyze sets of records
- Record the information you have
- Record the sources you used

Principles of Analysis

- Are you looking at an original or derivative source?
- When was the record created, i.e. how soon after the event it is capturing?
- Who created the record? Who provided the information?
- Which information is primary (firsthand knowledge) and which is secondary (secondhand knowledge)?
- What information do I need to capture for a citation?

Research Plan Review

- Define your goal – come up with an effective and specific research question
- Know what to expect – familiarize yourself with what is available
- Find the resources - locate repositories and perform your research
- Record your work – keep track on a research log
- Analyze and summarize – review your work

Activity #1

Let's Make a Plan

TWELFTH CENSUS OF THE UNITED STATES.

SCHEDULE No. 1.—POPULATION.

State Massachusetts
County Middlesex

Supervisor's District No. X Sheet No. 1
Enumeration District No. 916

Township or other division of county Reading Town
Name of incorporated city, town, or village, within the above-named division, _____

Name of Institution, _____
Ward of city, X

Enumerated by me on the 1 day of June, 1900, Hester B. Swain, Enumerator.

IN CITIZENSHIP	OCCUPATION, TRADE, OR PROFESSION	EDUCATION	MARRIAGE	NATIVITY	PERSONAL DESCRIPTION			RELATION	NAME	LOCATION
					AGE	SEX	COLORED			
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33
34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44
45	46	47	48	49	50	51	52	53	54	55
56	57	58	59	60	61	62	63	64	65	66
67	68	69	70	71	72	73	74	75	76	77
78	79	80	81	82	83	84	85	86	87	88
89	90	91	92	93	94	95	96	97	98	99
100	101	102	103	104	105	106	107	108	109	110



1900 US Federal Census, Reading, Mass.

Objectives

- Obtain the birth record of Annie (_____) Ellis of Reading, Massachusetts
- *We know:*
 - Born in Canada circa 1844
 - First enumerated in the 1900 US Federal Census in Reading, Massachusetts.

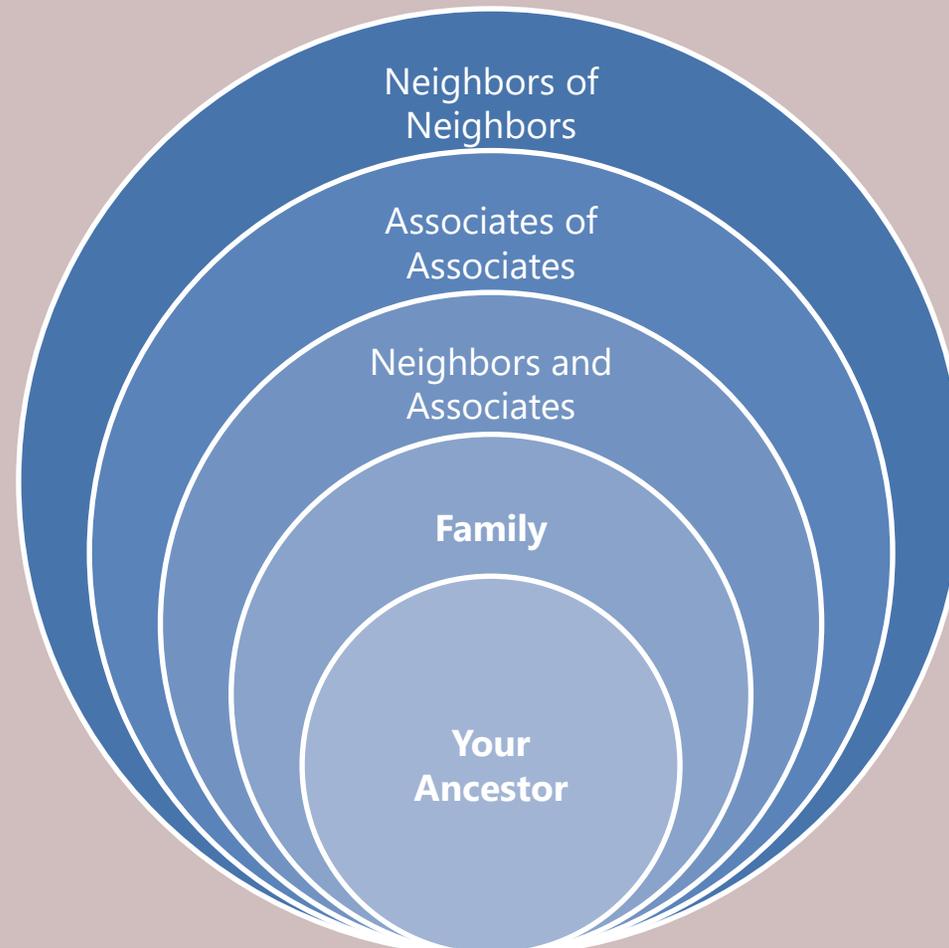
Remember the Steps

1. Organize
2. Define your objective
3. List records that will aid in your research
4. Find the resources
5. Research
6. Analyze and make your conclusions

Set up your research log

Source	Name (and variant spellings)	Dates examined	Place	Relevant Record	Notes	Objective
Vital Records						
Census Records						
Naturalization Records						
Newspapers						
Church Records						
Other						
Probate, Wills, and Other Court						

Expanding your search



F.A.N

- Family
 - Who are the other family members listed with Annie?
 - What records for the family members could help to determine maiden name?
 - Update your Research Log with these records.

What will help us find what we are looking for?

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

Group Work Review

William Ellis

FILL OUT WITH INK. - THIS IS A PERMANENT RECORD
ALL NAMES TO BE IN FULL

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS *Reading* 117
1904

RETURN OF A DEATH

FULL NAME *William Ellis* Registered No. *14*

Place of Death* *Reading Mass.*

Date of Death *February 10th 1904* Age *66* years _____ months _____ days

STATISTICAL DETAILS			PHYSICIAN'S CERTIFICATE	
SEX <i>M</i>	COLOR <i>W</i>	SINGLE, MARRIED, WIDOWED, OR DIVORCED <i>Married</i>	I HEREBY CERTIFY that I attended deceased during last illness, from <i>Killed instantly</i> to <i>Feb 10</i> 1904, that to the best of my knowledge and belief death occurred on the date stated above, and that the CAUSE OF DEATH was as follows: Primary: <i>Railroad accident</i> (DURATION) <i>immediate</i> DAYS Contributory: <i>neck broken fractures of</i> <i>vertebrae, ribs and spine</i> (DURATION) _____ DAYS (Signed) <i>E. S. Jack</i> M.D. <i>Feb 11</i> 1904 (Address) <i>Uxbridge Mass.</i>	
MAIDEN NAME †	HUSBAND'S NAME †			
BIRTHPLACE ‡	<i>Nova Scotia</i>			
NAME OF FATHER	<i>William Ellis</i>			
BIRTHPLACE OF FATHER ‡	<i>Nova Scotia</i>		SPECIAL INFORMATION only for Hospitals, Institutions, Transients, or Recent Residents. Former or Usual Residence _____ How long at _____ Days Place of Death? _____ Days Where was disease contracted, if not at place of death? _____ Filed <i>Feb 15</i> 1904 <i>Millard J. Charles</i> <i>Town Clerk</i>	
MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER	<i>Unknown</i>			
BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER ‡	<i>Nova Scotia</i>			
OCCUPATION	<i>Laborer</i>			
INFORMANT §	<i>His wife</i>		* City or town, street and number, if any. If death occurs away from USUAL RESIDENCE, give facts called for under "Special Information." If in a Hospital or Institution, give its NAME instead of street and number. † In case of married or divorced woman, or widow. ‡ State or country; also city, town or county, if known. § Name and address of person giving statistical details. Name of cemetery.	
PLACE OF BURIAL OR REMOVAL	DATE OF BURIAL	<i>St. Patrick's - Stoneham</i> <i>Feb 13</i> 1904		
UNDERTAKER	ADDRESS	<i>George E. Pierce</i> <i>Reading Mass.</i>		

William Ellis Death Certificate, Reading, Mass., 1904

George Ellis

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MARRIAGES REGISTERED in the *Town* of *Reading* for the Year eighteen hundred and ninety-seven.

No.	DATE AND PLACE OF MARRIAGE.	DATE OF RECORD.	NAMES, SURNAMES, AND COLOR OF GROOM AND BRIDE. <small>(Maiden name of bride if a widow.)</small>	RESIDENCE OF EACH AT TIME OF MARRIAGE.	AGE of each in years.	OCCUPATION OF EACH.	PLACE OF BIRTH OF EACH.	NAMES OF PARENTS. <small>(Maiden name of mother.)</small>	WHAT MARRIAGE Whether 1st, 2d, 3d, &c.	NAME, RESIDENCE, AND OFFICIAL STATION OF PERSON BY WHOM MARRIED.
19	April 20th Wakefield	April 22 ^d	James Scoulan Christie M ^{rs} Loan	Reading Reading	28 26	Brother Domestic	Ireland Cape Breton N.S.	William & Nora Galvin D ^{rs} Daniel & Effie	First First	Rev. Mr. J. O'Connor Wakefield
20	April 27th Reading	April 28 th	Joseph Carl Otto Lee Etta Gray Johnson	Melrose Reading	29 24	Public Worker At Home	Melrose Reading	George & Sarah Washell John S. & Clara C. Gray	First First	Samuel A. Bragg, Pastor Methodist Episcopal Ch. Reading
21	April 27th Wakefield	April 30 th	George Lamine Ellis Abelina Hubbard	Reading Wakefield	(21) (24)	Shoemaker Domestic	Nova Scotia Nova Scotia	William & Annie White Peter & Fannie Muse	First First	Rev. Mr. J. O'Connor, Asst. Rector St. Joseph Church Wakefield
22	April 28th Wakefield	April 30 th	William F. Barrett Mary E. Cox	Reading Wakefield	(31) (28)	Tramman At Home	Reading Wakefield	Patrick & Hannah Sullivan Timothy & Mary Donovan	First First	Rev. Mr. J. O'Connor, Asst. Rector St. Joseph's Church Wakefield
23	April 28th Boston	April 30 th	Thomas Arthur Tipper Edith Catharine Miller	Boston Reading	32 29	Baggage Master At Home	London, Eng. Leicesterbury	Edward & Mary Ann Pitt Chas. A. & Ann W. Mcintosh	First First	Reuben C. Kidner, Pastor St. Andrews Ch. Boston Mass.
24	May 1st Malden	May 3 rd	Edward H. Parker Daisy F. Davis	Reading Stoneham	26 21	Machinist At Home	New Market, N.H. Stoneham	Riley H. & Julia Tyeaton Rudman F. & Mary C. Hayward	First First	Henry H. French, Pastor First Church Malden
25	May 12th Reading	May 12 th	Patrick C. Fitzgerald Julia J. Pearson	Stoneham Melington	29 22	Contractor in Shoe Shop	Winchester Levington	Michael & Mary Welch Jeremiah & Mary Donohue	First First	James Rice, Reading, Jus of the Peace
26	May 13th	May 13 th	Albert O. Wright	Reading	24	Architect/Builder	Whitman	Edw. & Helen E. Mansur	First	Wm. P. Beebe, Pastor of ...

George Ellis Marriage, Reading,
Mass., 1897



Alfred W. Ellis

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MARRIAGES REGISTERED in the Town of Reading for the year Nineteen Hundred - **543**

ALL NAMES TO BE GIVEN IN FULL.

No.	DATE AND PLACE OF MARRIAGE.	DATE OF RECORD.	NAMES AND SURNAMES OF GROOM AND BRIDE. <small>(If the bride is a widow or divorced, give maiden name also.)</small> <small>Color, if other than white.</small>	RESIDENCE OF EACH AT TIME OF MARRIAGE.	AGE of each in years.	OCCUPATION OF EACH.	PLACE OF BIRTH OF EACH.	NAMES OF PARENTS OF EACH. <small>(Give maiden names of mothers.)</small>	What Marriage, 1st, 2d, 3d, &c. <small>* And if widowed or divorced.</small>	NAME, RESIDENCE, AND OFFICIAL STATION OF PERSON BY WHOM MARRIED.
1	Jan. 1 Somerville	Jan. 27	Harley Brookhouse. Florence Gertrude Williams	Reading Somerville	22 21	Manager of Reading Bureau At home	Somerville Somerville	Frank Spaulding & Ada Florence Brookhouse Frank G. and Kate B. Hobbs	First First	Nathan K. Bishop. Clergyman, 51 Monmouth St. Somerville.
2	Jan. 13 Reading	Jan. 23	S. Quincy Brown. L. Maybelle Wyman	Reading Reading	19 25	Neck Wear Cutter Neck Wear Maker	Reading Wakefield	Samuel and Josephine Pierce. William J. and Eliza Bateman	First Second	Frank S. Hunnewell. Clergyman Reading, Mass.
3	Jan. 24. Reading	Jan. 25	Edward Thomas Morgan Gertrude Louise Pace	Cambridgeport Reading	26 23	Shipper Bookkeeper	Brighton Reading	Thomas H. and Sarah M. Warren. William S. and Julia M. Ten Broeck.	First First	F. S. Hunnewell. Clergyman Reading, Mass.
4	Jan. 31. Wakefield	Feb. 2	Frank Clements Annie Doucette	Reading Wakefield	23 23	Rattan Worker Domestic	Nova Scotia Nova Scotia	Simon and Julia Doucette Alexander and Catherine Doucette	First First	Rev. Wm. J. O'Connor. Asst. Rector, 147 Albron St. Wakefield, Mass.
5	Feb. 4 Wakefield	Feb. 5	Alfred W. Ellis Alice Lebaron Shanahan	Reading Wakefield	21 22	Shoemaker At home	Yarmouth, N.S. Wakefield	William and Annie White Daniel E. and Elizabeth A. Wallace	First First	Rev. Thomas R. Mc Coy St. Joseph's Church Wakefield.
6	Feb. 19 Reading	Feb. 23	Robert Powers Foster Jessie Henry	Wakefield Reading	21 21	Electrician At Home	Bar Harbor, Me. Taurham, N.S.	Miller N. and Lucille Powers Alexander and Ellen Wood.	First First	F. S. Hunnewell Clergyman Reading, Mass.
7	March 8 Concord	Mar. 9	John W. Ellenwood Elizabeth Reed	Reading Concord	22 20	Salesman At Home	Reading Waltham	John S. and Elmira W. Pemberton Alexander and Annie Murray	First First	Charles E. Brown Justice of the Peace & Town Clerk
8	May 16 Melrose	May 18	Walter L. Hadley Annie L. Morton	Reading Reading	26 21	Express Driver Domestic	Enfield, N.H. Pine Ridge, N.B.	Stephen and Marian A. Biathrow Thomas and Margaret Wilson	First First	R. L. Howard, Minister of the Gospel, 13 Elm St. Melrose Highlands.
9	March 22 Reading	Mar. 24	George A. Churchill Annie M. Lewis	Lynn Lynn	32 27	Shoemaker Operative	Lynn Lynn	George F. and Annie H. Dwyer George and Cassandra M. Faunce	First First	H. D. Stevens, Reading, Mass Unitarian Minister.

Alfred Ellis Marriage, Reading,
Mass. 1900

Charles Edward Ellis

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MARRIAGES REGISTERED in the Town of *Reading* for the Year Nineteen Hundred and *eight*

ALL NAMES TO BE GIVEN IN FULL.

No.	DATE AND PLACE OF MARRIAGE.	FULL NAMES OF GROOM AND BRIDE. <small>Color, if other than white. (If the bride is a widow or divorced, give the maiden name also.)</small>	AGE of Each in Years.	What Marriage, 1st, 2d, 3d, &c. and if widowed or divorced.	RESIDENCE OF EACH AT TIME OF MARRIAGE.	OCCUPATION OF EACH.	PLACE OF BIRTH OF EACH.	NAMES OF PARENTS OF EACH.		NAME, RESIDENCE AND OFFICIAL STATION OF PERSON BY WHOM MARRIED.	DATE OF RECORD.
								Full Name of Father.	Maiden Name of Mother.		
55	Dec 2 <i>Reading</i>	<i>Ervin C. Eaton</i> <i>Nellie J. Balsor</i>	22 24	1st 1st	<i>Reading</i> <i>Reading</i>	<i>Errimus</i> <i>Operator</i>	<i>No Reading</i> <i>Nova Scotia</i>	<i>Walter D. Eaton</i> <i>Wallace Balsor</i>	<i>Annabelle Chandler</i> <i>Sophia Whitlock</i>	<i>Henry G. Gay</i> <i>Minister</i> <i>Reading Mass.</i>	<i>Dec 4</i>
56	Dec 5 <i>Wakefield</i>	<i>George J. Waters</i> <i>Margaret Keady</i>	21 23	1st 1st	<i>Reading</i> <i>Wakefield</i>	<i>Clerk</i> <i>Operator</i>	<i>Jamaica Plain</i> <i>Wakefield</i>	<i>James A. Waters</i> <i>Michael Keady</i>	<i>Nellie Toohay</i> <i>Kate Kennebec</i>	<i>Wm J. O'Connor</i> <i>Clergyman</i> <i>Cambridge Mass.</i>	<i>Dec 28</i>
57	Dec 23 <i>Wakefield</i>	<i>Frank Herbert Heslton</i> <i>Ellen Franklin Stone</i>	24 25	1st 1st	<i>Reading</i> <i>Wakefield</i>	<i>Silk Cutter</i> <i>At Home</i>	<i>Reading</i> <i>New York N.Y.</i>	<i>Herbert R. Heslton</i> <i>George F. Stone</i>	<i>Charlotte E. Hayes</i> <i>Josephine B. Edwile</i>	<i>F. S. Kennebec</i> <i>Clergyman</i> <i>Reading Mass.</i>	<i>Dec 26</i>
58	Dec 31 <i>Reading</i>	<i>Patrick Burke</i> <i>Elizabeth Jaak</i>	40 42	1st 1st	<i>Reading</i> <i>Reading</i>	<i>Gardener</i> <i>Housework</i>	<i>Ireland</i> <i>Newfoundland</i>	<i>Michael Burke</i> <i>James C. Jaak</i>	<i>Mary Moran</i> <i>Elizabeth Crute</i>	<i>Denis J. Lee</i> <i>Deist</i> <i>Reading Mass</i>	<i>Jan 1</i> <i>1909</i>
59	Aug 3 <i>Cambridge</i>	<i>Charles Edward Ellis</i> <i>Louise Sjoblom</i>	26 29	1st 1st	<i>Reading</i> <i>Reading</i>	<i>Gardener</i> <i>Housework</i>	<i>Farmouth N.S.</i> <i>Swed. Russia</i>	<i>William Ellis</i> <i>John Sjoblom</i>	<i>Ann White</i> <i>Katherine Johnson</i>	<i>Henning Jacobson</i> <i>Minister</i> <i>Cambridge</i>	<i>Sept 15</i>



Charles Ellis Marriage, Reading, Mass., 1908

Update your research log

Source	Name (and variant spellings)	Dates examined	Place	Relevant Record	Notes	Objective
Vital Records						
Annie Ellis- death record	Annie Ellis	1900-1945	Massachusetts	CNL	Annie may have remarried after death of her husband in 1904.	Annie's death record may provide the names of her parents, including her maiden name
William Ellis- death record	William Ellis	1900-1945	Massachusetts	yes	1904 death record: birth place recorded as Nova Scotia; wife's name is not listed	William's death record may name his wife and her maiden name
George Ellis- marriage record	George Ellis	1894-1900	Massachusetts	yes	1897 marriage record: Mother listed as Ann White; birth place in Canada recorded as Nova Scotia	The marriage record of George Ellis and his unknown wife may provide the maiden name of Annie (____) Ellis
George Ellis- death record	George Ellis	1897-1976	Massachusetts	CNL	N/A	The death record for George Ellis may provide the maiden name of his mother.
Alfred Ellis- marriage record	Alfred Ellis	1900-1920	Massachusetts	yes	1900-Mother listed as Ann White; birth place in Canada recorded as Yarmouth, Nova Scotia	The marriage record of Alfred Ellis and his unknown wife may provide the maiden name of Annie (____) Ellis
Alfred Ellis- death record	Alfred Ellis	1900-1980	Massachusetts	CNL	N/A	The death record for Alfred Ellis may provide the maiden name of his mother.
Charles Ellis- marriage record	Charles Ellis	1900-1925	Massachusetts	yes	1908 marriage record: Mother listed as Ann White; birth place in Canada recorded as Yarmouth, Nova Scotia	The marriage of Charles Ellis and his unknown wife may provide the maiden name of Annie (____) Ellis
Charles Ellis- death record	Charles Ellis	1908-1982	Massachusetts	CNL	N/A	The death record for Charles Ellis may provide the maiden name of his mother.
Henry Ellis- marriage record	Henry Ellis	1900-1930	Massachusetts	CNL	N/A	The marriage record of Henry Ellis and his unknown wife may provide the maiden name of Annie (____) Ellis
Henry Ellis- death record	Henry Ellis	1900-1983	Massachusetts	CNL	N/A	The death record for Henry Ellis may provide the maiden name of his mother.

QUESTIONS?



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