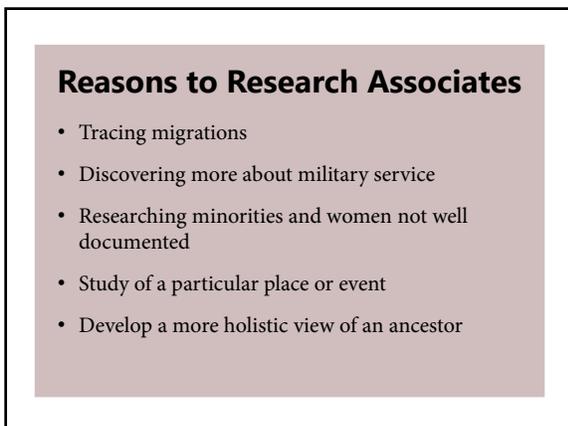


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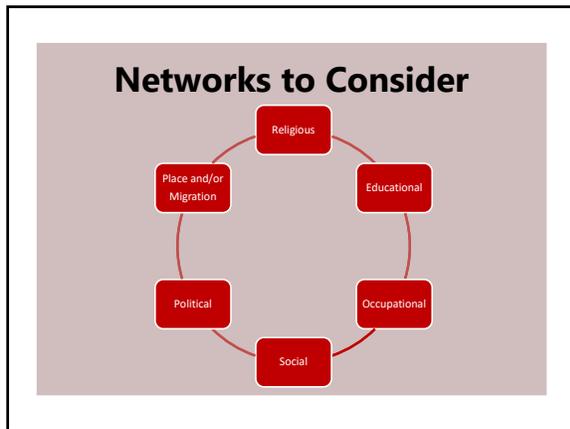


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Your Ancestor's Network

- Who – noting individuals that appear in your ancestor's records
- What – One event? Multiple?
- Where – Did their interactions occur in one place? Multiple?
- When – for how long were the individuals associated?
- Why – why were they interacting?

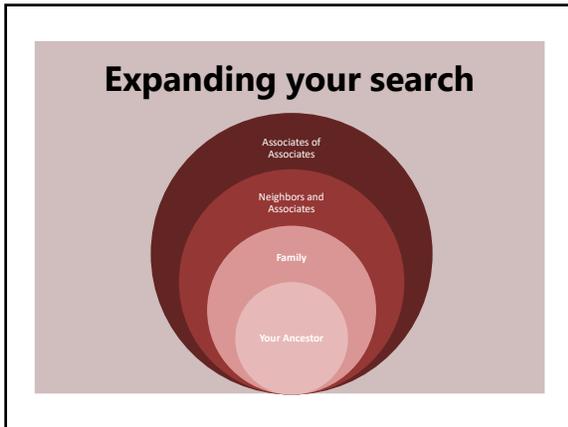
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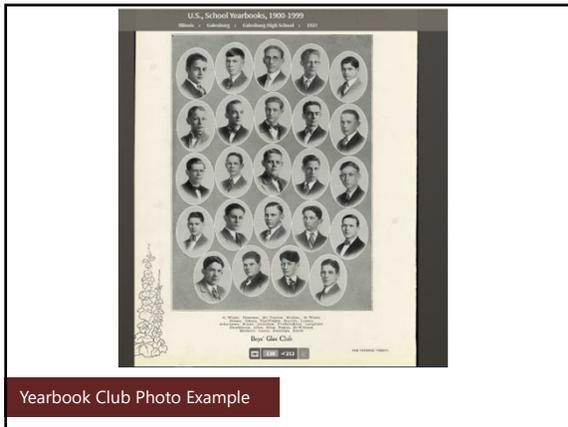


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Religious Associates

- Pastors/ministers/priests/rabbis, etc.
- Witness to religious family events
- Godparents
- Church organizations

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Yearbook Club Photo Example

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Occupational Associates

- When searching census records, note those close by with the same or similar occupation
- Research the employers/owners of the institutions where your ancestor worked
- Labor Unions or Workmen's Organizations
- Note the history of the industry in the area (this could reveal if they moved there for that occupation)

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Social Groups

- Fraternal organizations
- Genealogical organizations
- Hobby organizations

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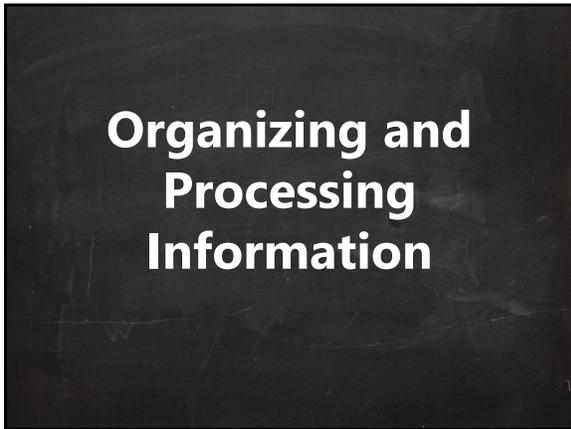
- Political Organizations
- Political involvement of your ancestor (if any)
- Tribal affiliations
- Loyalists

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Place and/or Migration

- Did your family reside in the same place for a number of generations? What other families did as well?
- Did your family migrate somewhere? What other families made the same migration?
- Who was your ancestor headed to live with when they emigrated?
- Who was a witness for your ancestor's naturalization papers?

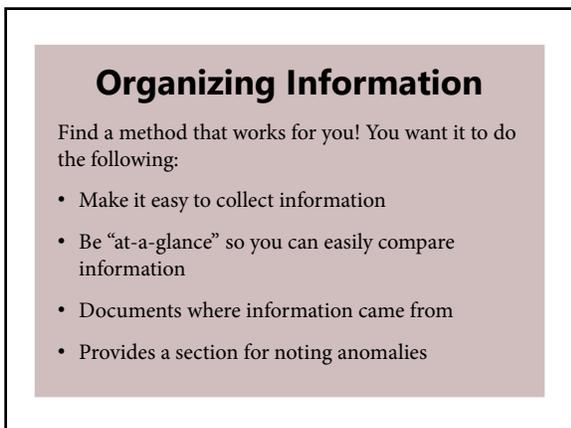
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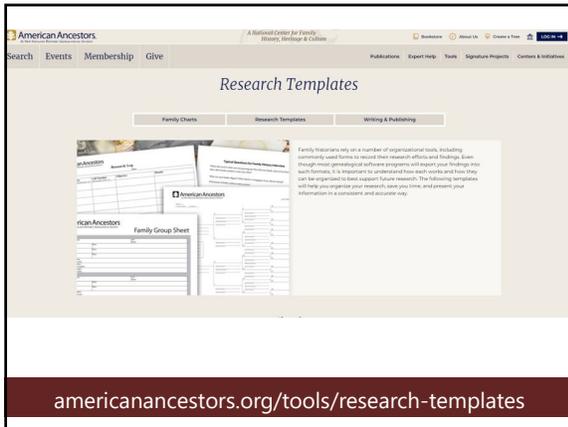
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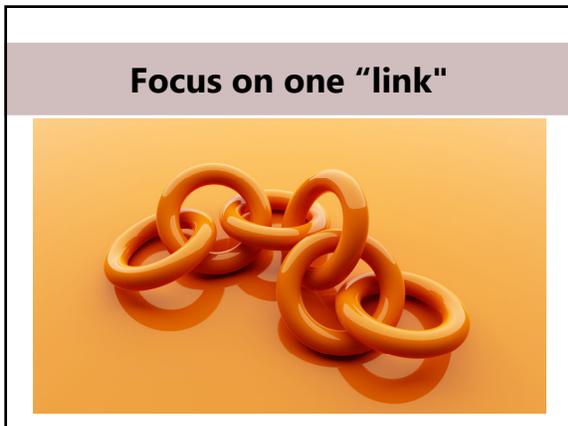
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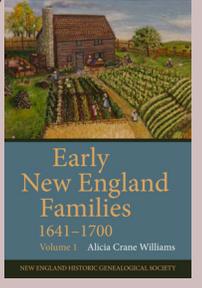
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Consider Migration and Place Studies

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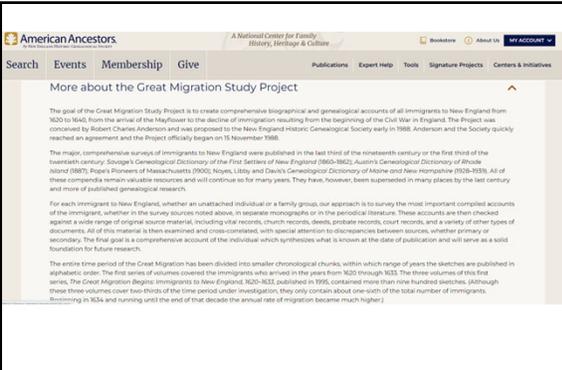


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tax lists, and in his death record. As all other times he is Webb Adey, and that is the sequence used here. (Overseer entries him under the surname "Webb," and in another place misrepresents him as "William Adey.")

WILLIAM AGER

ORIGIN: Unknown
MIGRATION: 1630
FIRST RESIDENCE: Salem

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP: "William Ager" was admitted to Salem church before the reorganization at the end of 1636 [S&C 3].
FREEMAN: 18 May 1631 (as "William Ager") [M&C 1:564]. (Pope and some other sources give this date incorrectly as 1633.)
EDUCATION: On his will there is no indication of signature or mark, but he did add his signature to the 1636 inventory of Edward Cusack [EPR 1:58]. William Ager's inventory included "books (6, 7," his service as Salem recorder of births, marriages and deaths shows that he could read and write [STR 1:148].
OFFICES: 30 March 1644 "Goodman Ager is ordered to call a general town meeting the second day of the week to see about a free school" [EQC 1:25]. Salem town records indicate that he was for many years employed to call town meetings [STR 1:81, 91, 126, 135, 145]. On 17 May 1647 the Salem selectmen ordered that "William Ager shall take notice of births & deaths & marriages according to an agreement of Court conferred upon Raph Fogg of Salem who now we conceive unfit for the place" [STR 1:148].
ESTATE: "Wm. Ager" was granted thirty acres in Salem in 1636 [STR 1:25, 26]. "Wm. Ager" was granted three quarters of an acre of meadow on 25 December 1637, with a household of five [STR 1:103]. In his will dated 3 March 1654 and proved 29 June 1654, "William Ager of Salem" bequeathed to Joseph Ager his dwelling house and garden "but if in case he be not living then his son Benjamin Ager is to have it" to son Jonathan Ager his ten acre lot, meadow and cow "As if Joseph Ager came home again then Benjamin and Jonathan Ager are to divide the land and cow equally between them," to daughter "Abigail Kibben" some movable, to Benjamin and Jonathan his sons and Abigail his daughter real of household stuff, to Alice his wife one of houses, gardens, ten acre lot, meadow, cow and household stuff for life or widowhood and if she may agree to have her thirds of the whole estate, she to be executrix; witnessed by Nathaniel Pickman, Talaha Pickman and Elias Stillman Jr. The inventory was taken 29 June 1654 by Edmund Bates and Elias Stillman and totaled £45 14s. 8d., of which 22s was in real estate: one house and garden plot, £16; 8 acres upland, £5; one acre meadow, £5 [EPR 1:184-85].
BIRTH: About 1610 based on estimated age of oldest child.
DEATH: Salem between 3 March 1654 (date of will) and 29 June 1654 (date of inventory).
MARRIAGE: By 1636 Alice _____ "Alice Ager" was admitted to Salem church before the reorganization at the end of 1636 [S&C 6], if she was the mother of all of William's children, then they were married by 1635, and the marriage probably took place in New England; the record of her church membership is later annotated to say that she had returned, which may indicate that she had remarried, especially since all of her children except Joseph lived out their lives in Salem. She is very likely the Alice Ager or Eger who married at Woburn 13 July 1654 Henry Tuntingham [WOCR 205; the surname of the bride was spelled differently in the town and county versions of the marriage record].
CHILDREN:
 i. JOSEPH, b. say 1633, apparently an adult and not in New England at the time of his father's will.
 ii. ABIGAIL, b. about 1635, m. by 3 March 1654 Arthur Kibben or Kibbey of Salem.
 iii. BENJAMIN, bp. Salem 12 February 1636/7 [S&C 8, 16]; m. before 1671 Anna _____ [EPR 2:250]. In various secondary sources she is identified as Anna Conwell, but the evidence for this has not been found [Savage 1:78; Peirce 1:217; Basore-Preston 8].
 iv. JONATHAN, bp. Salem 10 November 1639 [S&C 17]; m. Salem 27 June 1661 Rebecca Hildre [STR 3:202].

COMMENTS: Baska has an entry for a William Ager of Watertown, said to be from county Essex in England [Topo Det 54], this has nothing to do with William Ager of Salem, and refers to William Hager, who first appears in Watertown in the early 1640s.
 In addition to the sources cited under Benjamin above, a very brief account of the early generation of this family may be found in Essex Ant 2:128.

GEORGE ALOOCK

ORIGIN: Unknown
MIGRATION: 1630
FIRST RESIDENCE: Roxbury

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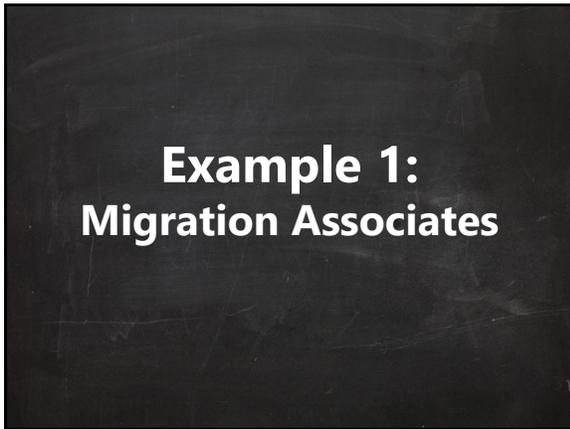
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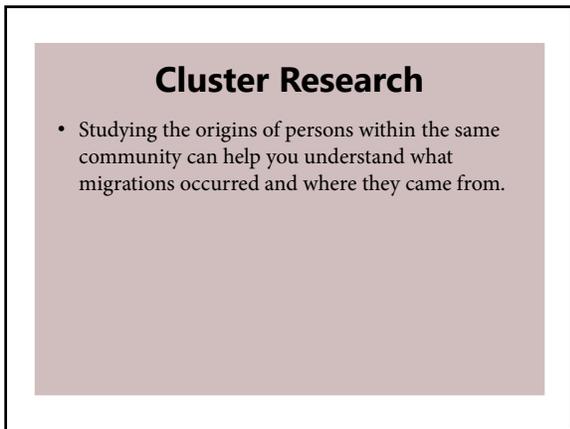
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*Bacon, Nathaniel		Barnstable	Hannah Maye
*Baldwin, Joseph		Portsmouth, N.	1) Sarah _____ 2) Elizabeth _____
*Baldwin, Gideon		Salem, Bass River, Bridgewater	1) Elizabeth _____ 2) Ruth (Kache/Ratchel/Retchel/P) (Gurney) Bundy (m. 2 John Gurney; 3) Jane Bundy)
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Baskin, Edward		Salem, Beverly	Hannah
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Baxter, John, Jr.		Plymouth, Taunton, Rehoboth	1) Unknown; 2) Lydia Buckland
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*Bulkeley, Thomas		Cambridge, Concord, Fairfield	Sarah Jones (m. 2) Anthony Wilson)
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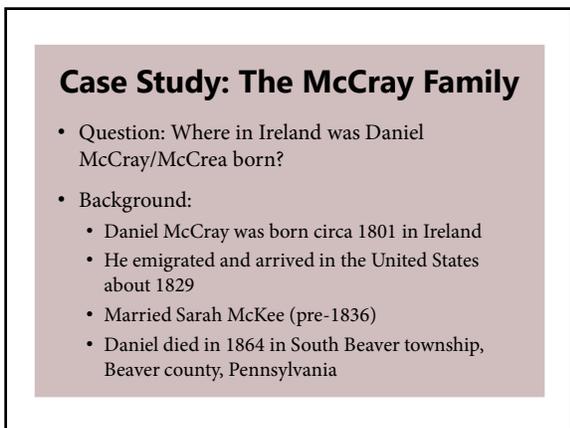
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Strategy

- Review the 1850 census to identify the Irish settlers living in South Beaver township.
- Research Beaver County, Pennsylvania county histories to identify the Irish origins of settlers.
- Identify any naturalization records for immigrants from Ireland that settled in South Beaver township.

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Results

- According to the 1850 census, there were 39 individuals living in South Beaver township that had a birthplace of Ireland.
- Using county histories and county naturalization records, we were able to determine the Irish origins of five men.

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Name	Birth Year	Ireland County (if known)	Source	Notes
William Campbell	1819	County Tyrone	History of Beaver County, Pennsylvania	Came to America about 1842, landing in Philadelphia. He married Mary, daughter of William and Margaret (Graham) McKey
James Cook	1790	County Fermanagh	Declaration of Intention (Beaver County, PA) - 1 Oct 1825	
William Elder	1801	County Down	Genealogical and Personal History of Beaver County, Pennsylvania	Parents named as John Elder and Mary Elder
Andrew Graham	1786	County Tyrone	Naturalization Petition (Beaver County, PA) - April Term 1819	
Reuben Watt	1816	Dungarvan (County not specified)	Genealogical and Personal History of Beaver County, Pennsylvania	Parents named as Robert Watt and Isabella Donahue

Cluster Research Chart

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WILLIAM CAMPBELL (deceased) was born in county Tyrone, Ireland, in 1819, and died in 1888. He came to America about 1842, landing in Philadelphia. In 1843 he moved to Beaver county, and was for four years employed in a woolen factory. He then purchased 135 acres of land, which he successfully tilled for a number of years. At his death he owned 200 acres. He married Mary, daughter of William and Margaret (Graham) McKey, of this county. She bore him seven children (of whom six are living): David, Matilda, Margaret, Annie (Mrs. Moore, deceased), Jennie P., James A. and Mary E. The mother died in 1881. The surviving children are all living on the homestead, and none are married. They are members of the Presbyterian church.

History of Beaver County, Pennsylvania

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William McKey

- Searched for his naturalization petition and learned he was from County Tyrone (just like his son-in-law William Campbell)
- Researched land deeds for any interactions between Daniel McCray and William McKey.
- Found three deeds in Beaver County.
 - We learn that Daniel is one of his abutting neighbors and that Daniel and William served as a deed witness for each other on mortgages from the bank.

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Naturalization Petition of William McKey, 1835, Beaver County, Pennsylvania

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Other Migration Examples

- Voyages from abroad – Pay attention to waves of migration
- Entire towns migrating – New Vineyard, Maine
- Follow land grants
- Westward Migration – Documents of the travel is scarce, look to associates from the same area as your ancestor



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**Example 2:
Military Associates**

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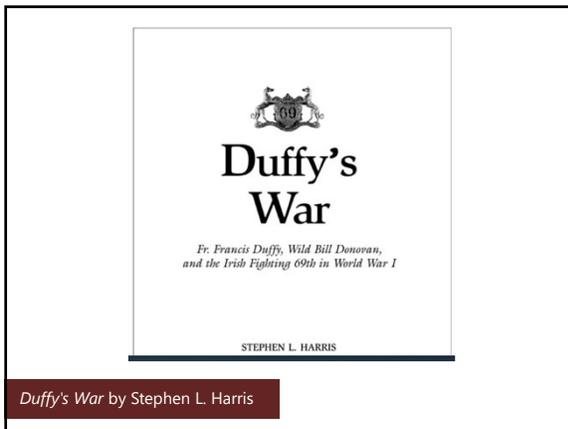
Adopt the Regiment

- Seek out the regimental histories for the units that your ancestors belonged to.
- They often describe the battles they fought in and may include names of some of the soldiers.
- Look for web sites and groups online about these specific regimental groups. They often have archives of the soldiers that served.

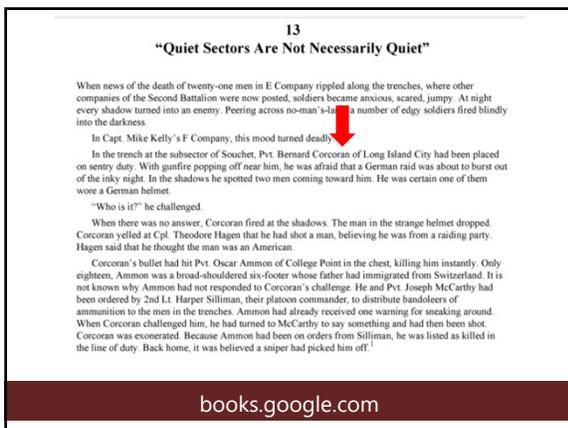
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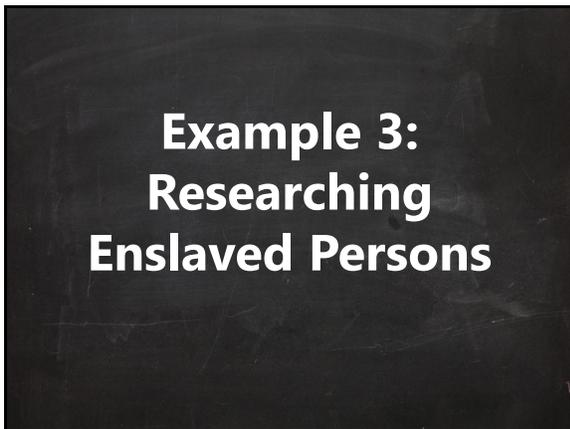
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The 1870 Brick Wall

- It's a commonly repeated myth that you can't go beyond the 1870 U.S. census for African American research.
- This census lists the names of each household in the United States post-Emancipation.
- Prior to this, formerly enslaved persons were listed by age, sex, and race on slave schedules (if enslaved).
- This is not the end of your research

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"	"	"	Oct. 1869	Washington	82
"	"	"	Oct. 4, 1869	Washington	89
"	"	"	Dec. 8, 1869	Washington	89
John H. (Fem.)	Sarah	"	Dec. 1868	Charlotte	112
"	"	"	Nov. 1869	Charlotte	95
"	"	"	Mar. 18, 1869	Charlotte	76
"	"	"	Nov. 20, 1861	Charlotte	99
"	"	"	May 1862	Charlotte	116
"	"	"	Aug. 31, 1868	Charlotte	67
"	"	"	Sep. 1, 1869	Charlotte	95
"	"	"	Jun. 1861	Charlotte	89
"	"	"	Sep. 1859	Pr. William	28
Jno. S. Robert (S.B.)	"	"	May 1864	Pr. Edward	12
John W. (Fem.)	Polly	"	Apr. 1860	Rockbridge	98

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February 26, 1866 Law (Virginia)

- General Assembly passed an act that legitimized marriages between enslaved persons and the children that resulted from them prior to 1866.
- Cohabitation registers were used as the legal document for the county.
- There was a separate register for legitimizing children where the parents were no longer cohabiting together.

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Contents of Cohabitation Register

- Names
- Ages
- Place of Birth
- Residence
- Occupation
- Previous Enslaver
- Previous Enslaver's City or County Residence
- Childrens' Names
- Childrens' Ages
- Date of Commencement of Cohabitation

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History

- On 3 March 1865, Congress passed "An Act to establish a Bureau for the Relief of Freedmen and Refugees".
- The agency provided food, housing, medical aid, established schools, offered legal aid to former enslaved persons and poor white Southerners.
- They also helped to resettle former enslaved persons as well as supervised employment contracts.
- It had an expiration date of one year after the end of the Civil War.
- On 16 July 1866, Congress passed an act to extend the work of the agency for another two years.

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Accessing the Freedmen's Bureau Records

- FamilySearch
- Ancestry
- National Museum of African American History and Culture

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Name	Place of Birth	Race	Sex	Age	Remarks
Released					

Census Return of Black Population of Montgomery County, Virginia, 1865, FHL Film #2413656

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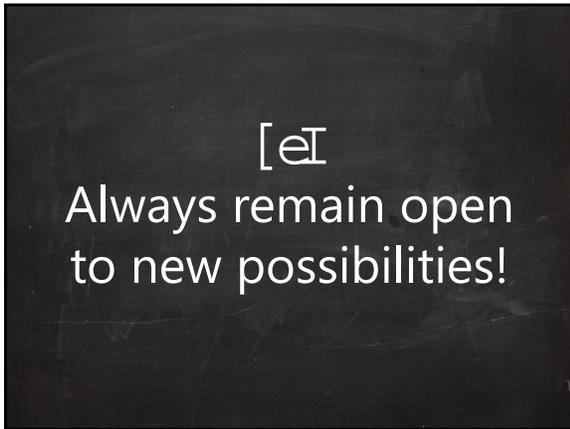
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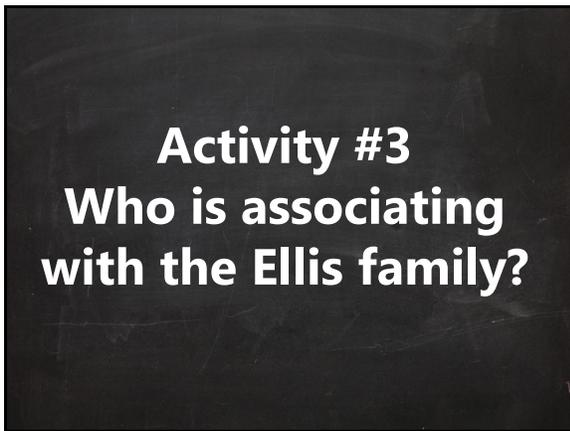
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[e] Review the Freedmen's Bureau Records in adjoining states

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F.A.N

- Associates
 - Now that we have researched several of Annie's children and possible family members: What records for the Associates could help us narrow down a place of birth in Nova Scotia?
 - Who are the Witnesses/Informants?
 - Who are the ministers?
 - Update your Research Log with these records.

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Group Work-
Who are the
individuals
associating with the
Ellis family?

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William Ellis

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
 RETURN OF A DEATH
 FULL NAME: *William Ellis*
 Place of Birth: *Reading, Mass.*
 Date of Death: *February 18, 1904*
 Age: *66*
 Residence: *Reading, Mass.*
 Burial Place: *First Church Burial Ground, Reading, Mass.*
 Cause of Death: *Old age*
 Physician's Certificate: *Read Woodbury, M.D.*
 Family: *Wife: Lora Scotta; Children: George, Robert, William, Lora.*

William Ellis Death, Reading, Mass., 1904

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Joshua White

STANDARD CERTIFICATE OF DEATH
 PLACE OF DEATH: *Wakefield, Mass.*
 FULL NAME: *Joshua White*
 Date of Birth: *1851*
 Date of Death: *1918*
 Residence: *Wakefield, Mass.*
 Burial Place: *Wakefield, Mass.*
 Cause of Death: *Old age*
 Physician's Certificate: *Dr. [Name]*
 Family: *Wife: [Name]; Children: [Name]*

Joshua White Death Record, Wakefield, Mass., 1918

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Update your research log

Source	Name (and variant spellings)	Date created	Place	Relevant Records	Notes	Objective
Federal Census	Henry Jacobson	1880	Cambridge, MA	1880	1880 Federal Census, Cambridge, MA. Henry Jacobson, age 25, born in Sweden, living with wife and children.	Check record for connection to Isaac Jacobs and provide more information about his religious affiliation.
Federal Census	William T. O'Connor	1880	Valued	1880	1880 Federal Census, Valued, MA. William T. O'Connor, age 25, born in Ireland, living with wife and children.	Check record for connection to Isaac Jacobs and provide more information about his religious affiliation.
Federal Census	Thomas R. McGee	1880	Valued	1880	1880 Federal Census, Valued, MA. Thomas R. McGee, age 25, born in Ireland, living with wife and children.	Check record for connection to Isaac Jacobs and provide more information about his religious affiliation.
Cambridge City Directory	Henry Jacobson	1880	Cambridge, MA	1880	1880 Cambridge City Directory, Cambridge, MA. Henry Jacobson, age 25, living at 123 Main Street.	Check record for connection to Isaac Jacobs and provide more information about his religious affiliation.

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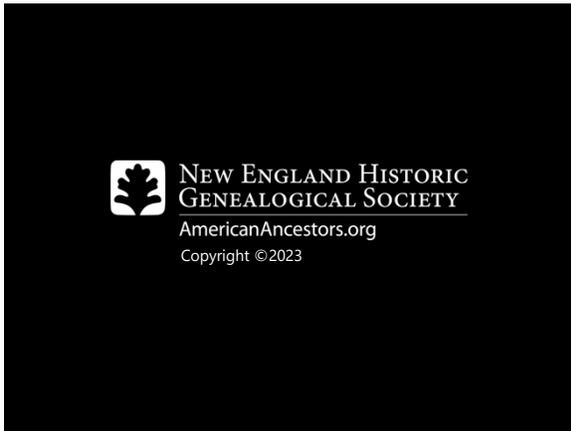
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