

# Using Court Records in Your Family History Research

## *Class 1: Understanding Court Systems and Records*

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# OVERVIEW

- **Presentation (60 mins.)**
  - Brief History of the U.S. Legal System
  - Rights and Legislation
  - Types of court records
  - Case study
- **Q&A (30 mins.)**



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# Why use court records?

- Establishes your ancestor at a certain place and a certain time
- Provides information about family connections and relations not found in other records (ex. may explain paternity or even disappearance of ancestor)
- Overlooked source in early published genealogies
- Adds to the life story of your ancestor

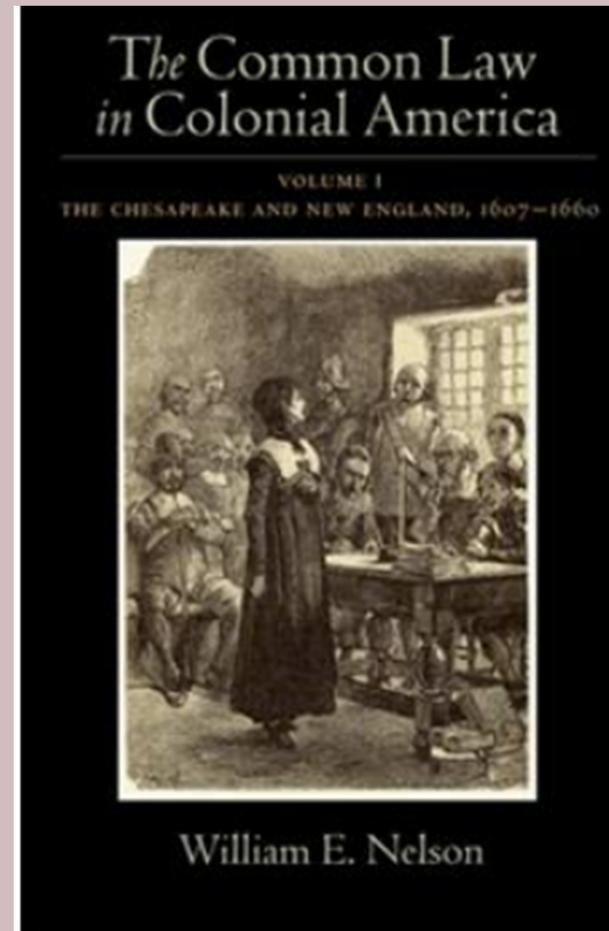
# Brief History of the U.S. Legal System

# English Common Law

- Based on case law and precedent instead of a codified set of laws
  - English cases were cited until mid-nineteenth century
- Each state in the United States uses common law, except for Louisiana.
- Primogeniture – eldest son inherits the real estate of his father

# Three Main Colonial Systems

- Virginia
- New England
- Maryland



# Virginia

- 1609 – New charter issued, which allowed the Virginia Company to issue their own laws.
- Full authority was given to the colony's governor

# "Lawes Divine, Morall, and Martiall"

- Passed 1610-1611
- English common law was not recognized
- No jury trials
- Everyone required to attend church twice every Sunday
- Colony ruled with an "iron fist"

# General Assembly

- Established 30 July 1619 by Governor George Yeardley at Jamestown
  - Two burgesses per settlement
  - Established procedures based on parliamentary law
  - Named Church of England as established church
  - Issued regulations and laws on land, tobacco, trade with indigenous populations, settled disputes
- Met at Jamestown until 1700 when meetings moved to Williamsburg
- 1643 – split by Gov Berkeley into a House of Burgesses (elected) and Governor's Council (appointed)

# Colonial Virginia Government

- General Assembly (1619) split in 1634
  - House of Burgesses (elected)
  - Governor's Council (appointed)
- Shires → Counties (1634)
  - County courts
  - Kept land, tax, and probate records
- Anglican parishes
  - Responsible for registering births, marriage and deaths
  - Levied taxes
  - Responsible for poor, roads and other civil functions

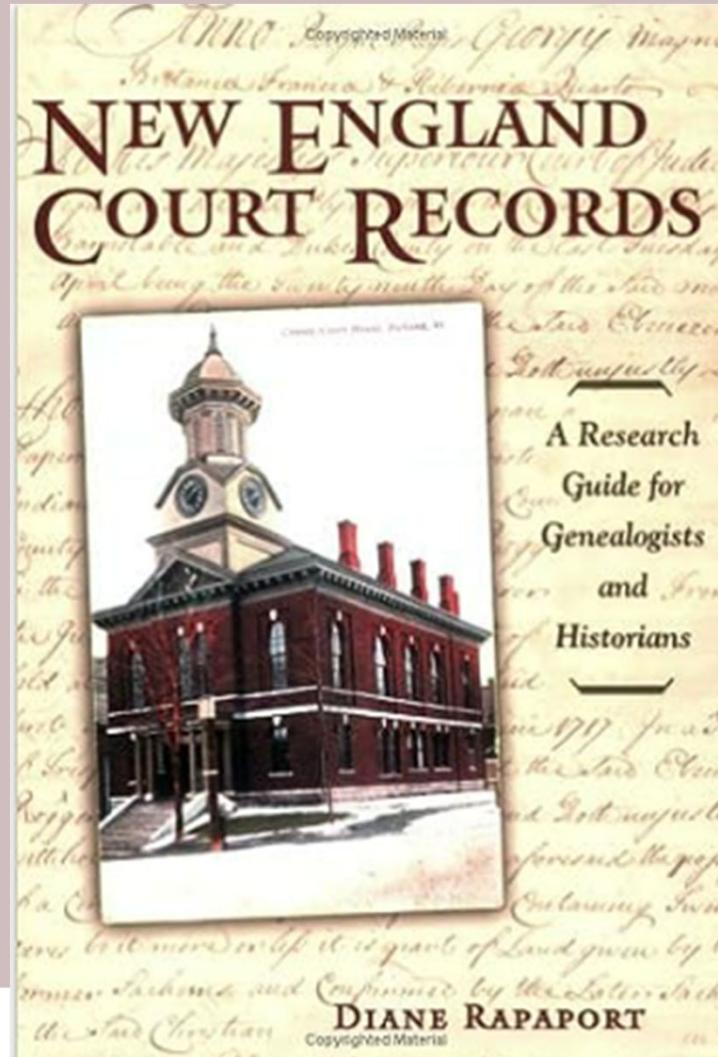
# New England

- 1620 – Mayflower Compact – signed by male colonists that arrived on the *Mayflower*
- 1641 – The General Court wrote the Body of Liberties, first legal code in New England
  - Precursor to the Bill of Rights

# Overview of Colonial Government

- Colony – Records of General Court, laws, appeals, border disputes, diplomacy, war
- County or Jurisdictional Courts – Criminal and Civil actions
- Towns – Selectmen, elected officers (Town Clerk), vital records, town grants of land

# Published Resource



# Maryland

- Settled in 1634
- Adopted English law
- Provincial Court based in St. Mary's City
- Act for the Liberties of the People (1638)
- An Act Concerning Religion (aka the Maryland Toleration Act of 1649)
  - Blasphemy was declared a crime

# Judiciary Act of 1789

- Established federal court system that was separate from state courts
- Supreme Court would handle appeals from federal circuit courts and certain appeals from state courts

# Louisiana

- Uses the civil law system from France (Napoleonic Code)
- Judges interpret the law that is on the books, removing legal precedent.
- Forced heirship – leaving a certain portion of estate to children, regardless of age
- The law was changed in the 1990's, forced heirship only if child is under 24 years old or who has a disability that makes them unable to live independently

# Women's Legal Rights

# Early Property Laws

- 1771 (New York) – Act to Confirm Certain Conveyances and Directing the Manner of Proving Deeds to be Recorded
  - Required a wife's signature on a deed to property before it was sold or transferred.
  - Required a judge to meet privately with the wife to confirm her approval of the transaction.
- 1787 (Massachusetts) - Allowed married women to act as femme sole traders to conduct business when husband was out to sea or away from home for an extended period.

# Early Property Laws Cont'd

- 1809 (Connecticut) - Married women could execute a will
- 1839 (Mississippi) - Women have the right to hold property in their own name, with their husbands' permission
- 1848 (New York) - Married Women's Property Act
  - Conduct business independently
  - Sole ownership of gifts
  - File lawsuits
- 1860 (New York) - Act Concerning the Rights and Liabilities of Husband and Wife – mothers were acknowledged as joint guardians of their children

# Slavery

- 1662 – Virginia colony passes a law that ruled that the children of enslaved mothers would be born into slavery, regardless of their father's race or freedom status
- 1664 – Maryland declares that any English woman who married an enslaved person was required to live as an enslaved person of her husband's master

# Women's Suffrage

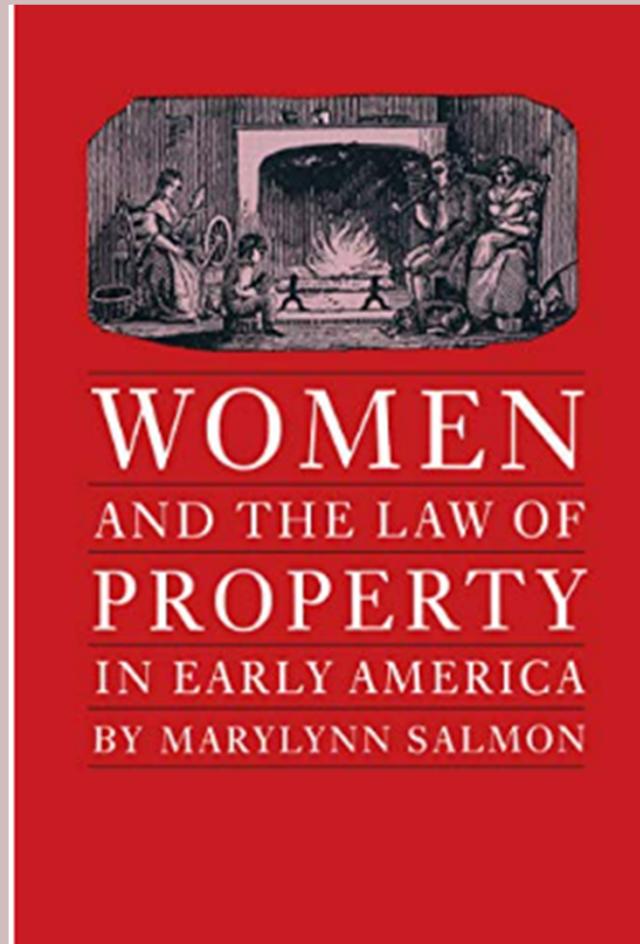
- 1869 – first women's suffrage law is passed in Wyoming
- 1890 – Wyoming grants women the right to vote in all elections
- 1920 – Nineteenth Amendment to the U.S. Constitution is ratified, granting women the right to vote across the United States.

# Jury Duty

- 1701 – In Albany, New York women serve with men on a jury
- 1870 – The first sexually integrated grand jury hears cases in Cheyenne, Wyoming



# Published Resources



# Native American Treaties and Laws

# Treaties

- The United States managed the British system of treaty making with Native American tribes, who were considered sovereign nations.
- The treaties set forth the boundaries of the lands and the compensation to be received by the tribes for the taking of the lands
- Congress was required to approve the treaty
- Not all treaties were ratified by Congress, which made it difficult to enforce.
- By 1871, the United States ceased to recognize Native American tribes as sovereign nations to contract with by treaty

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## Historical Background

From 1774 until about 1832, treaties between individual sovereign American Indian nations and the United States were negotiated to establish borders and prescribe conditions of behavior between the parties.

The form of these agreements was nearly identical to the Treaty of Paris ending the Revolutionary War between the U.S. and Great Britain. The negotiations ended in a mutually signed pact that had to be approved by the U.S. Congress. Non-tribal



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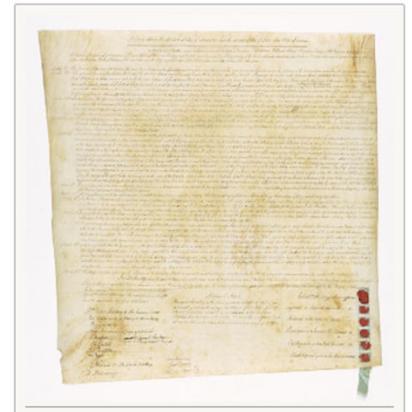
The original ratified treaties between the United States and American Indian tribal nations are housed at the National Archives in Washington, DC, as the series, "Indian Treaties, 1722–1869" (National Archives Identifier 299798).

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  - American Indian Treaties: Catalog Links includes links to the digitized treaties arranged by treaty date and tribal nation.
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# QUESTIONS?

# Locating Historical Legislation

# Where to Find Historical Laws?

- State Archives website
- State Library website
- Colonial Laws – Bowling State Green University Research Guide
- HathiTrust – Records of the American Colonies
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A royal charter that was granted to the Council for New England, which allowed for the establishment of colonies along the coast of North America. The charter was revoked and the Council was disbanded in 1635. **See also:** [Act of Surrender of the Great Charter of New England to His Majesty](#) (1635).

## Plymouth Colony (1620-1691)

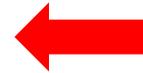
[Mayflower Compact: Agreement Between the Settlers at New Plymouth](#), 1620.

An agreement drawn up by the Plymouth colonists in which the signers agreed to pledge allegiance to the King of England, govern the settlement by majority rule, allow every freeman the equal right of participation in the colony's government, and elect a governor annually.

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In the 19<sup>th</sup> century, the Commonwealth transcribed these records, while allowing the originals to remain in Plymouth.

The transcribed records have been published as:

*Nathaniel B. Shurtleff and David Pulsifer, eds., Records of the Colony of New Plymouth, in New England, 12 vols. (New York: AMS Press, 1968).*

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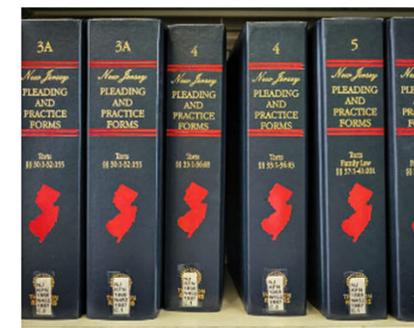
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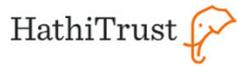
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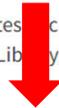
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APPROVED, APRIL 21, 1792.

STATUTE I.

CHAP. XXV.—*An Act authorizing the grant and conveyance of certain Lands to the Ohio Company of Associates.* April 21, 1792.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That a certain contract expressed in an indenture executed on the twenty-seventh day of October, in the year one thousand seven hundred and eighty-seven, between the then board of treasury for the United States of America, of the one part, and Manasseh Cutler, and Winthrop Sergeant, as agents for the directors of the Ohio Company of Associates, of the other part, so far as the same respects the following described tract of land; that is to say: "Beginning at a station where the western boundary line of the seventh range of townships, laid out by the authority of the United States in Congress assembled, intersects the river Ohio; thence extending along that river south-westerly to a place where the western boundary line of the fifteenth range of townships, when laid out agreeably to the land ordinance passed the twentieth day of May, one thousand seven hundred and eighty-five, would touch the said river; thence running northerly on the said western bounds of the said fifteenth range of townships, 'till a line drawn due east to the western boundary line of the said seventh range of townships, will comprehend, with the other lines of this tract, seven hundred and fifty

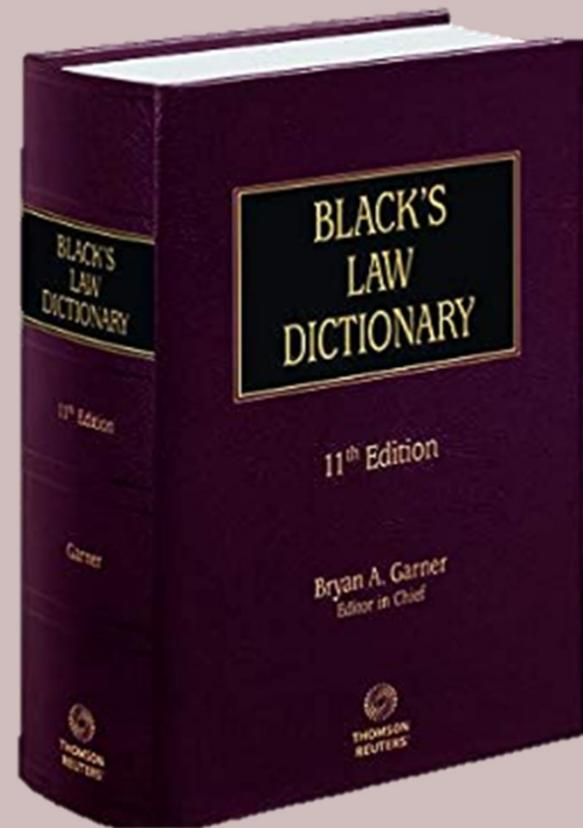
Certain tract of land contracted for in 1787

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<p><b>AD IDEM.</b> To the same point, or effect. <i>Ad idem facit</i>, it makes to or goes to establish the same point. Bract. fol. 27b.</p> <p><b>AD INDE.</b> Thereunto. <i>Ad inde requisitus</i>, thereunto required. Townsh. Pl. 22.</p> <p><b>AD INFINITUM.</b> Without limit; to an infinite extent; indefinitely.</p> <p><b>AD INQUIRENDUM.</b> To inquire; a writ of inquiry; a judicial writ, commanding inquiry to be made of any thing relating to a cause pending in court. Cowell.</p> <p><b>AD INSTANTIAM.</b> At the instance. 2 Mod. 44. <i>Ad instantiam partis</i>, at the instance of a party. Hale, Com. Law, 28.</p> <p><b>AD INTERIM.</b> In the mean time. An officer <i>ad interim</i> is one appointed to fill a temporary vacancy, or to discharge the duties of the office during the absence or temporary incapacity of its regular incumbent.</p> <p><b>AD JUDICIUM.</b> To judgment; to court. <i>Ad iudicium provocare</i>; to summon to court; to commence an action; a term of the Roman law. Dig. 5, 1, 13, 14.</p> <p><b>AD JUNGENDUM AUXILIUM.</b> To joining in aid; to join in aid. See AID PRAYER.</p> <p><b>AD JURA REGIS.</b> To the rights of the king; a writ which was brought by the king's clerk, presented to a living, against those who endeavored to eject him, to the prejudice of the king's title. Reg. Writs, 61.</p> <p><b>AD LARGUM.</b> At large; at liberty; free, or unconfined. <i>Ire ad largum</i>, to go at large. Plowd. 37.</p> <p>At large; giving details, or particulars; <i>in</i></p>		<p><b>AD MELIUS INQUIRENDUM.</b> A writ directed to a coroner commanding him to hold a second inquest. See 45 Law J. Q. B. 711.</p> <p><b>AD MORDENDUM ASSUETUS.</b> Accustomed to bite. Cro. Car. 254. A material averment in declarations for damage done by a dog to persons or animals. 1 Chit. Pl. 388; 2 Chit. Pl. 597.</p> <p><b>AD NOCUMENTUM.</b> To the nuisance, or annoyance. Fleta, lib. 2, c. 52, § 19. <i>Ad nocumentum liberi tenementi sui</i>, to the nuisance of his freehold. Formal words in the old assise of nuisance. 3 Bl. Comm. 221.</p> <p><i>Ad officium justiciariorum spectat, unicuique coram eis placitanti justitiam exhibere.</i> It is the duty of justices to administer justice to every one pleading before them. 2 Inst. 451.</p> <p><b>AD OSTENDENDUM.</b> To show. Formal words in old writs. Fleta, lib. 4, c. 65, § 12.</p> <p><b>AD OSTIUM ECCLESIE.</b> At the door of the church. One of the five species of dower formerly recognized by the English law. 1 Washb. Real Prop. 149; 2 Bl. Comm. 132.</p> <p><b>AD PIOS USUS.</b> Lat. For pious (religious or charitable) uses or purposes. Used with reference to gifts and bequests.</p> <p><i>Ad proximum antecedens fiat relatio nisi impediatur sententiâ.</i> Relative words refer to the nearest antecedent, unless it be prevented by the context. Jenk. Cent. 180.</p>

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# Tip

Make a timeline of your ancestor's life and research the history and the laws that would have impacted them.

# Witchcraft in Massachusetts Bay Colony

- 1641 – Witchcraft was included as a capital offense in the Body of Liberties.
- Proof was needed to convict. This included confession or testimony of two trustworthy people.
- England had revoked the colony's old charter and replaced with a new one in October of 1691. This transition time allowed the colonial governors to exercise new rights in the colony.

# The Court of Oyer and Terminer

- May 27, 1692 - Gov. Phipps established the Court of Oyer and Terminer to decide the cases
  - Defendants were presumed guilty and had to prove otherwise
- Court started accepting spectral evidence; based on the opinion of Matthew Hale, who admitted spectral evidence in a witchcraft trial in England
- Court of Oyer and Terminer dissolved in late 1692
- January 1693, Superior Court of Judicature heard the remaining witch trials; Spectral evidence was no longer allowed, and many cases resulted in acquittals

# QUESTIONS?

# Types of Court Records

# Types of Courts

- Civil
  - Plaintiff and defendant named
- Criminal
  - "The People" vs. the defendant
- Equity
  - Chancery records, that can stem out of probate cases

# Docket Books

- A list of all cases by term for a court
- Short chronological entries summarizing the court proceedings
- Will note if case was continued or if a decision was made.
- Used as an index to locate other relevant documentation.
- Some dockets are split out by type of proceeding (ex. Criminal, civil, etc.)

# Types of Dockets

- There are several different types of dockets including appearance, continuation, appeals, etc.
- Appearance docket – list of people involved in a court case and a summary of court proceedings. Includes each appearance in court. Will note if there is a continuance or judgment.
- Execution docket – records the final judgment of the court

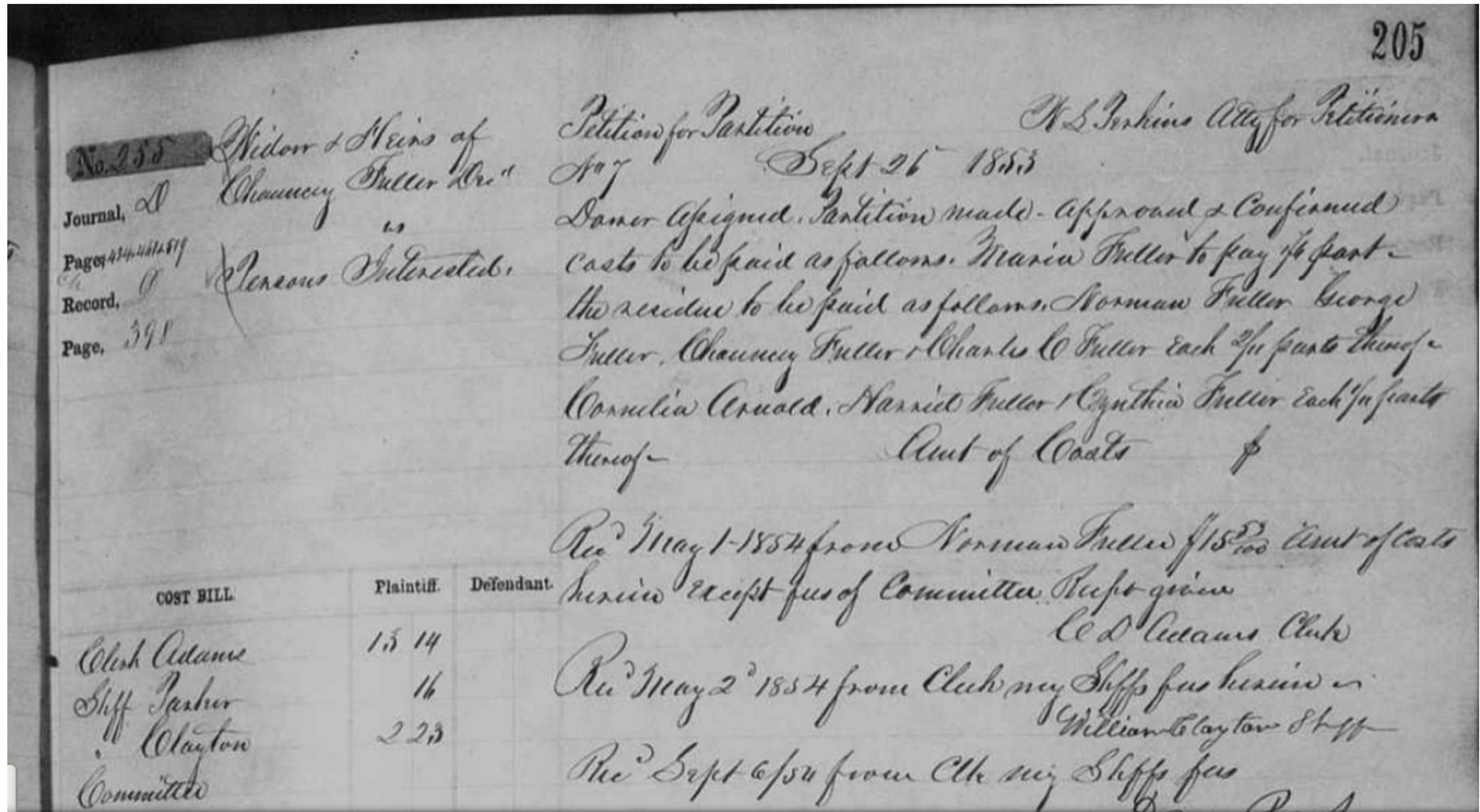
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- Preferred docket – prioritizes cases for trial
- There may be separate docket books for cases that are continued (continuation docket) or being appealed (appeals docket)

*Appearance Docket, Fall Term 1862.*

<i>Empire Green</i>	<i>75</i>	<i>vs</i>	<i>case</i>	<i>Continued</i>
<i>Ma</i>	<i>76</i>	<i>vs</i>	<i>Debt</i>	<i>Judgment</i>
<i>Watts, by</i>	<i>77</i>	<i>vs</i>	<i>Debt</i>	<i>Judgment</i>

Appearance Docket, Fall Term 1862, Columbus County, North Carolina, FamilySearch



Execution Docket, 1853 Lake County, Ohio, FamilySearch

# Minute Books

- A summary of a court proceeding
- Identified by case numbers and court term

October Court 1821

John Deade who stands charged on oath by Susan  
ne Newlandryham single woman of this County with  
being the father of her bastard child and stands bound  
by recognizance to appear here and abide by  
and perform the orders of this Court concerning the  
same being solemnly called came not but made  
default. <sup>and Recog. is forfeited</sup> And the issue is 5<sup>o</sup> Newlandryham  
returnable here next Court

Minute Book, Oct. 1821, Bath County,  
Kentucky, FamilySearch

# Order Books

- Detailed records of the court proceedings
- Includes the specific judgements of the court
- May contain notations in the margins
- More likely to be indexed than minute books
- Often used as an alternative record when the record books (ex. Will books, deed books are missing or destroyed by fire, etc.)
- Also known as journals

Meziah Little  
vs  
Benjamin Aceder } in debt This day came the plaintiff by her attorney and thereupon came also a jury to wit Joseph Trickett,  
James Hayes Thomas Root little Joseph Lane Nicholas Madira Hugh Sidwell Henry Hamilton Christopher  
Healey James Leggett Samuel Smith Malihon Wilson Thomas Warran who being dected here and sworn  
the truth to speak upon the Oure Joined upon their oaths do say that the defendan<sup>t</sup> is guilty in manner  
and form as the plaintiff against her hath declared and we do find for the plaintiff the debt in the  
Declaration mentioned and thirty one dollars and ten cents in damages by reason of the detention of that  
debt wherofore it is considered by the court that the plaintiff recover of the defendan<sup>t</sup> her debt and damages  
aforesaid in form aforesaid except and her costs by her about her suit in this behalf expended and the  
Defendant in Money to which verdict Judgment the attorney for the defend<sup>t</sup> accepted and filed a bill  
of exceptions which bill of exceptions in this cause is ordered to be part of the record—

Order Book, 1800, Monongalia County,  
Virginia, FamilySearch

# Case Files

- Contains all the documents related to a court case
- Ex. A probate packet is a form of a case file.



Guardianship Case File, 1825, St. Louis County, Missouri, FamilySearch

# How to Research Your Ancestors in Court Records

# Tips for Research

- Exhaust the court records category on FamilySearch under the county/town/probate district
- Use the docket books as an index to locate a relevant case file
- Contact the State Archives and local courthouses for documents that may not be digitized online

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 Comd. Comd. planiff agt John Heyman & the rest of the jury ut supra defendants  
 in an action of Appeals from the verdict of the jury in September last on Appeal  
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 the defendants costs of Court to be paid by the defendants.

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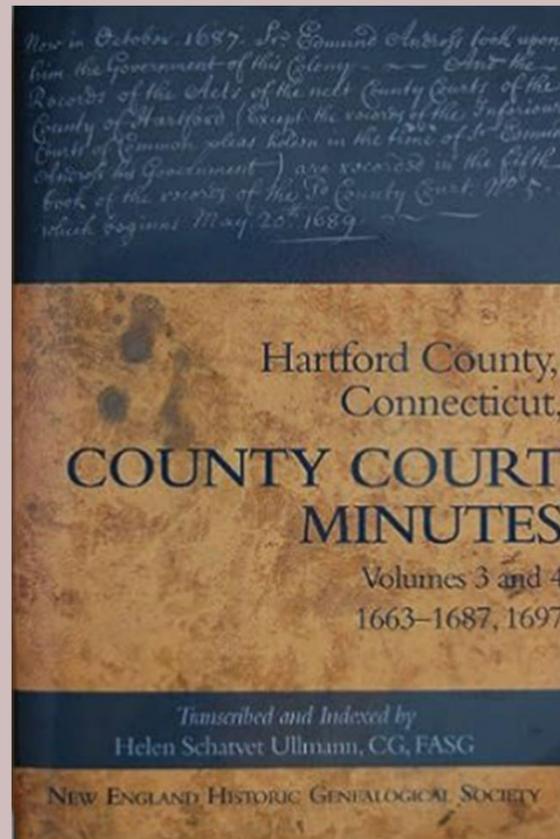
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Ipswich - Sept. T. 1872

Know all men by theis prefents, y<sup>e</sup> J Paul White of Newbury in  
 y<sup>e</sup> County of Essex in New England Marchant; haue Afsigned  
 Ordayned & made And in my stead and place, put & Constituted  
 my truitle & well beloved friend Wm Chandler of Newbury afore  
 s<sup>d</sup>, to bee my true & lawfull Attorney, for me, in my name & to  
 my vse, to afke sue for, Levy require, recover and receive of  
 Rob<sup>t</sup> Jones & of all and every other p<sup>r</sup>son, or p<sup>r</sup>sons w<sup>h</sup> so ever,  
 all & every such debts and sums of money or other thing, or  
 things, as are now due vnto mee, or which shall bee due vnto  
 mee; Giving & granting vnto my sayd Attorney, by the tenor of  
 theise prefents, my full & whole power, strenght and Authority  
 in & about y<sup>e</sup> p<sup>r</sup>misses, And vpon y<sup>e</sup> receipt of any such debt,  
 sume of sumes of mony, or other thing afore s<sup>d</sup>: Acquittance

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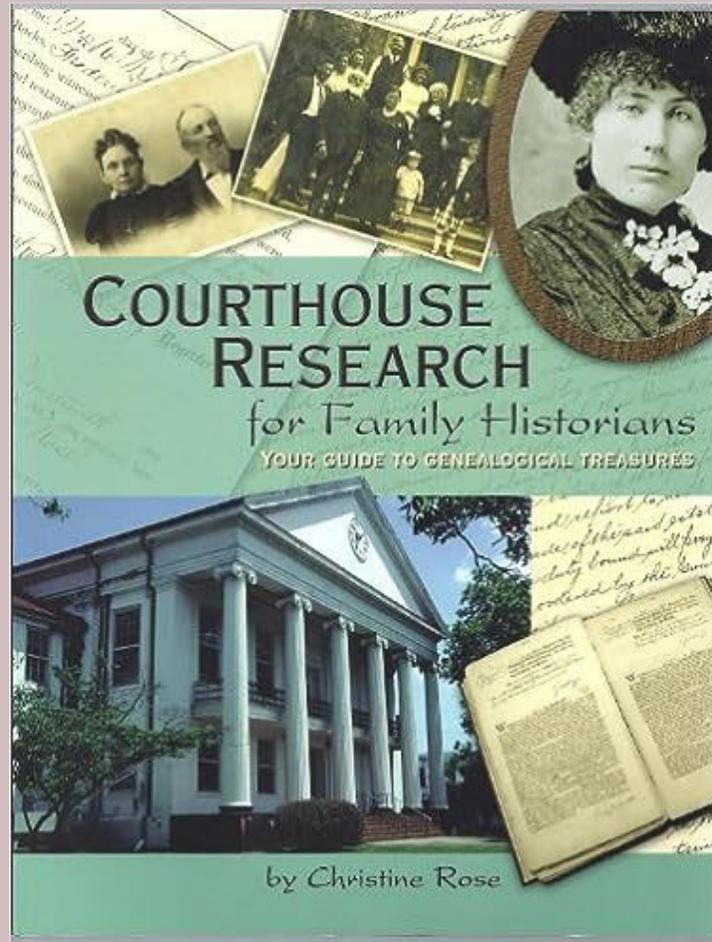
Deeds proved in court: John Hayward to Robert Hayward; Samuel Litchfield to Daniel Daman; "Daniel Baker's and Edward Thomas's Division Deed"; Samuel Purington to Margaret Purington; Hosea Dunbar to John Pool; Andrew Foord to Woodbridge Brown; John Bradford to Asaph Soul.

Court appointed Ephraim Spooner, Joshua Thomas, and Beza Hayward, Esqs., a "Standing Committe to examine and pass upon all accounts exhibited against the County" and "to make their Report on Thursday the Third Day of the Court if practicable."

Court ordered that "the Persons chosen to serve on the Grandjury should in future be summoned to appear on Thursday the Third Day of the Courts Sitting."

Court appointed Nathaniel Sprague, Daniel How, and Beza Hayward, Esqs., to examine the votes for county treasurer, and they reported "that no Person was chosen into said office." Pursuant to law, court "unanimously made choice of Ephraim Spooner Esqr."

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Publication: Salt Lake City, Utah : Filmed by the Genealogical Society of Utah, 1971

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*Widow & Heirs of Chauncy Fuller Dec<sup>d</sup> vs Persons Interested.*

*Petition for Partition Sept 26 1853*  
*W L Perkins Atty for Petitioners*

*Sept 27*  
*Damer assigned. Partition made - approved & confirmed costs to be paid as follows. Maria Fuller to pay 1/4 part - the residue to be paid as follows. Norman Fuller George Fuller, Chauncy Fuller & Charles C Fuller each 2/10 parts thereof - Cornelia Arnold, Harriet Fuller & Cynthia Fuller each 1/10 parts thereof.*

*Out of Coats \$*

COST BILL	Plaintiff.	Defendant.
<i>Clish Adams</i>	<i>15</i>	<i>14</i>
<i>Shiff Parker</i>		<i>16</i>
<i>Clayton</i>		<i>223</i>
<i>Committee</i>		

*Rec<sup>d</sup> May 1 1854 from Norman Fuller \$15<sup>00</sup> out of coats  
 herein except fees of Committee. Rec<sup>d</sup> given  
 C & Adams Club*

*Rec<sup>d</sup> May 2<sup>d</sup> 1854 from Club my Shiff fees herein in  
 William Clayton & Shiff*

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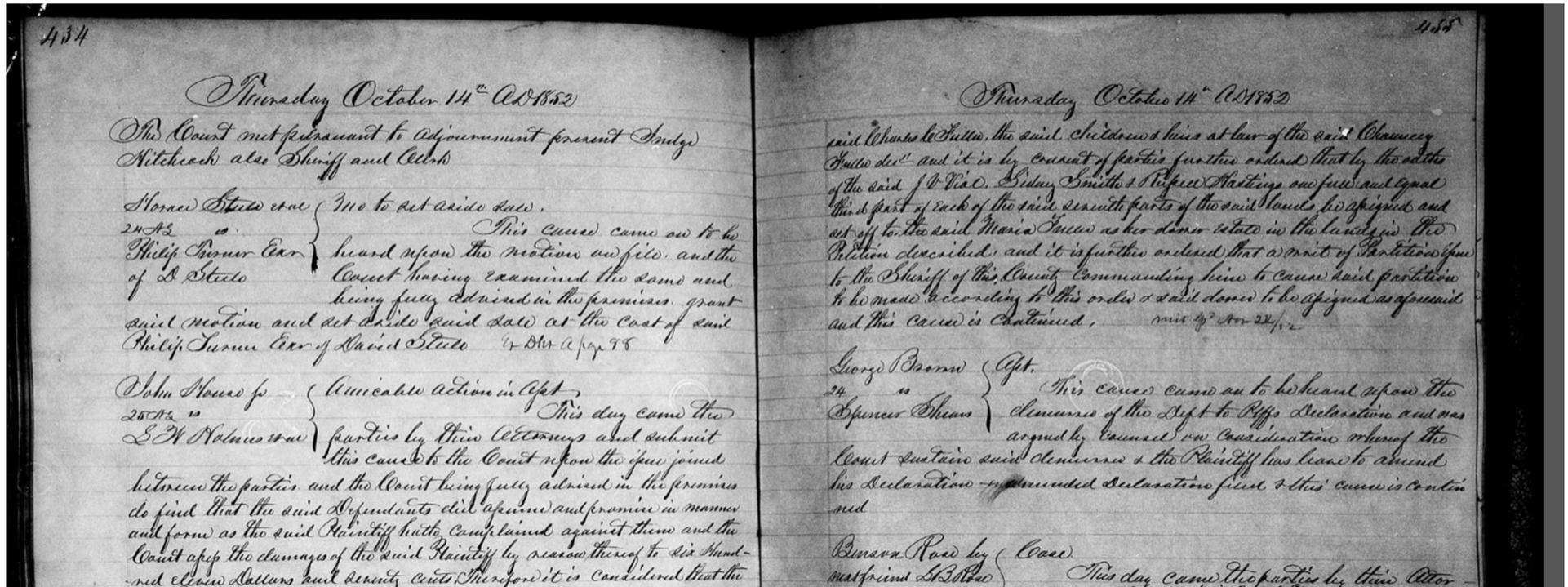
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In the matter of } Pet for Part.  
7.12 the Heirs of }  
Chauncey Fuller }  
This cause came on to be heard on the  
petition of the Petitioners & exhibits on consideration  
whereof & on motion of Mr Perkins of Counsel for  
the Petitioners it is ordered that by the oaths of J. V. Vaseo, Sidney Smith  
& Rufus Hastings. partition be made of the said lands subject to  
the dower Estate of the said Maria Fuller widow of the said Chauncey  
Fuller as herein after ordered in the following proportions to wit  
one equal seventh part to the said Norman Fuller one equal seventh  
part to the said Cornelia Arnold, one equal seventh part to the said  
Hannah Fuller, one equal seventh part to the said Cynthia Fuller  
one equal seventh part to the said George Fuller, one equal seventh  
part to the said Chauncey Fuller & one equal seventh part to the

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Fuller, 14 Oct. 1852

Thursday October 14<sup>th</sup> 1852

said Charles Fuller, the said children & heirs at law of the said Chauncey Fuller dec<sup>d</sup> and it is by consent of parties further ordered that by the order of the said J. D. Vial, Sidney Smith & Rufus Hastings one full and equal third part of each of the said several parts of the said lands be assigned and set off to the said Maria Fuller as her dower estate in the lands in the Petition described; and it is further ordered that a writ of Partition issue to the Sheriff of this County commanding him to cause said partition to be made according to this order & said dower to be assigned as aforesaid and this cause is continued, mit sp<sup>2</sup> Nov 22/52

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1. Court records are a valuable record set to fill in gaps in your ancestor's story.
2. Research the historical context that your ancestor lived by reviewing the legislation that was on the books for that location and time period.
3. Court cases are multi-layered. Try to identify all of the different documents that compose the case file, knowing they may be in different places online as well as in local courthouses and archives.

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