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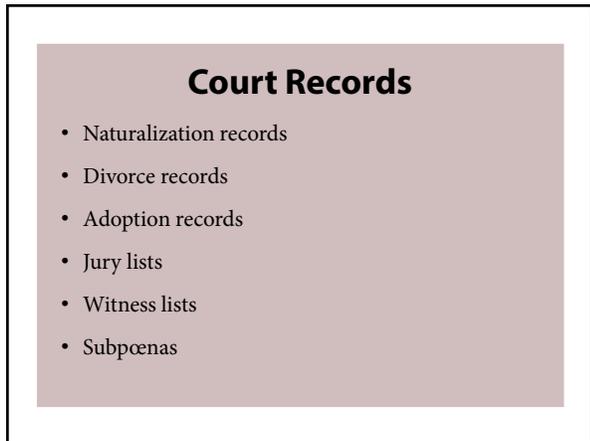
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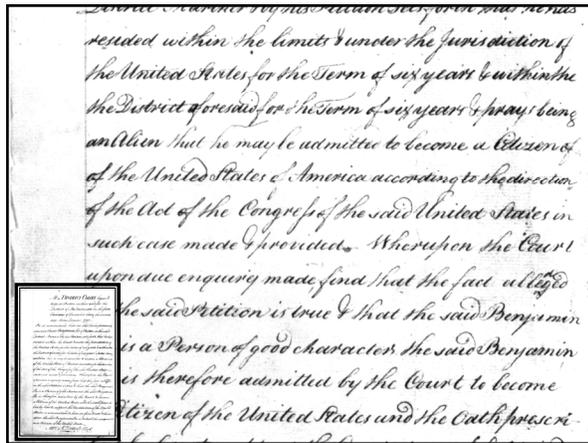


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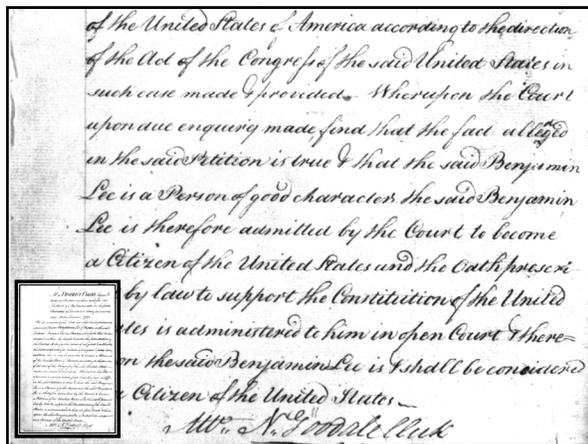
Early Citizenship

- Naturalization Act of 1790 required only two years of residency before an immigrant could claim citizenship.
- 1795 revision lengthened the residency requirement to five years.
- Three years later things were hotly debated and major changes were made to the naturalization law.

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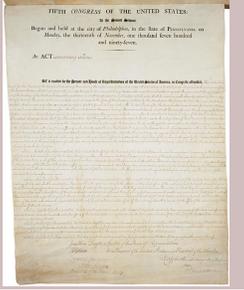
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Naturalization Act of 1798

- Played on the fears of a possible war with France.
- Increased residency requirements to 14 years.
- Allowed the President the power to deport those he felt were a threat.
- Other sections of this act dealt with enemy aliens and seditious individuals.



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Naturalization Act - 1802

- Certificate given to immigrant to show as evidence of his arrival to courts.
- Required three years residency before beginning naturalization process
- Multiple steps to the process

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Naturalization Process



Declaration of Intent
(1st Papers)



Application (Petition)
for Naturalization
(2nd Papers)



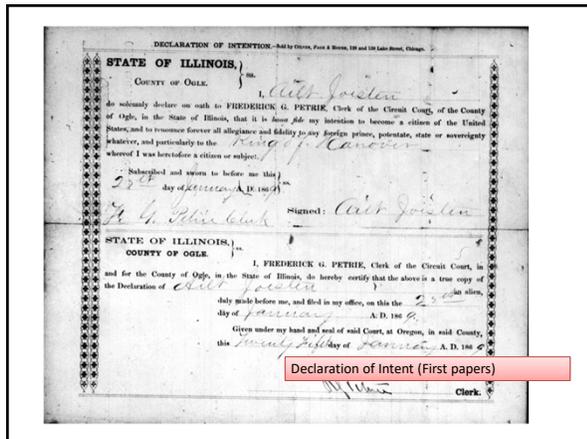
Certificate of
Naturalization

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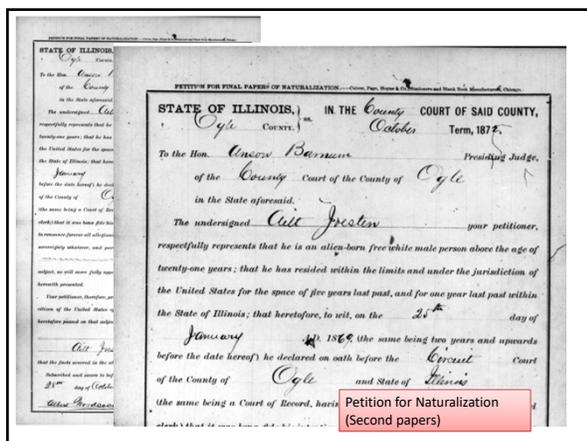
Where to Look

- State courts
 - Supreme
 - Superior
 - District
 - Circuit
- Federal courts
 - Circuit
 - District

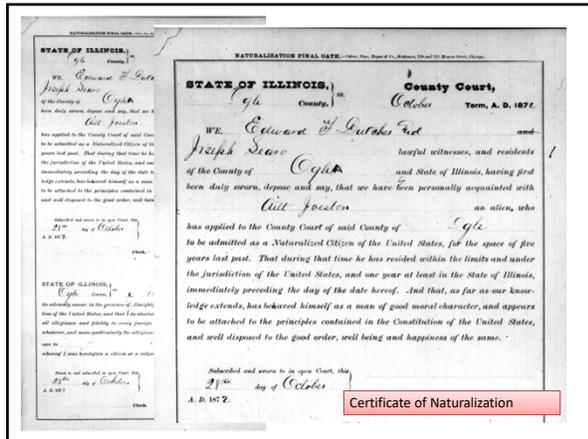
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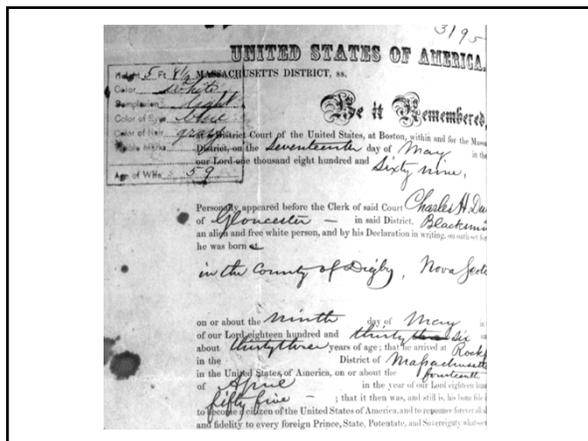


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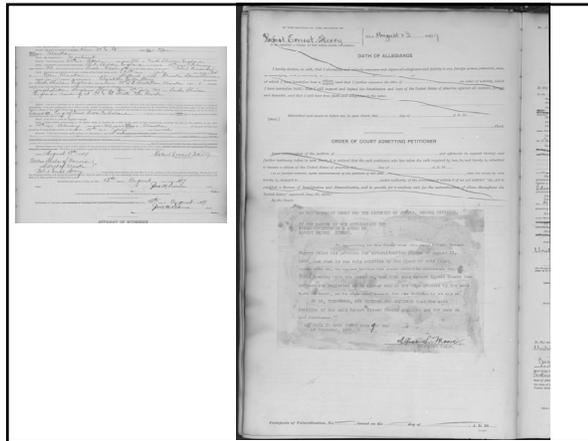
Information Found

- Earlier records supply less information in each step of naturalization.
- Pre-1890, majority of the naturalization records refer only to the country of birth, but they should not be ignored.

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Naturalization Records

Pre-1906	1906 and After
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Two copies created <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – One for the court to file – One for the applicant • Can be found anywhere the immigrant lived • Can be found in any courts 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Third copy created and sent to INS • INS standardized the forms • Can still be found in the local courts

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Repatriation

- Repatriation was often necessary for those women who had married aliens and lost their citizenship.
- U.S. born men who fought for another country (such as Canada during World War I before the U.S. entered) would lose their U.S. citizenship.
- Applying for citizenship in another country was another way to lose U.S. citizenship.

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Women and Naturalization

- 1855: Alien women became citizens when they married an American citizen
- 1907: American-born women who married aliens actually lost their citizenship in the United States
- 1920: Very few alien women naturalized before
- 1922: Marriage was no longer a factor for women and citizenship
- 1936: Repatriation offered to women

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QUESTIONS?

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Divorce Records

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Courts

- Chancery Court
- Circuit Court
- Court of Common Pleas
- District Court
- Family Court
- Law and Equity Court
- Probate Court
- Superior Court



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Types of Records

Bound Volumes



Case Files



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Bound Volumes

Indexes

Dockets

Minutes

Orders

Judgements

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Bound Volumes

- Usually arranged chronologically
- May have an index at the front of the volume
- Include just the highlights of the case
 - When the divorce is requested
 - When certain motions or orders are filed
 - Basic information about petitions, motions, summons, etc.

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Suffolk Co., Mass. Supreme Judicial Court Docket

Divorce a vinculo = Divorce bond

The couple had a child, Zorilda Adams Hicks, and she was to be in the custody of Nancy J. Hicks

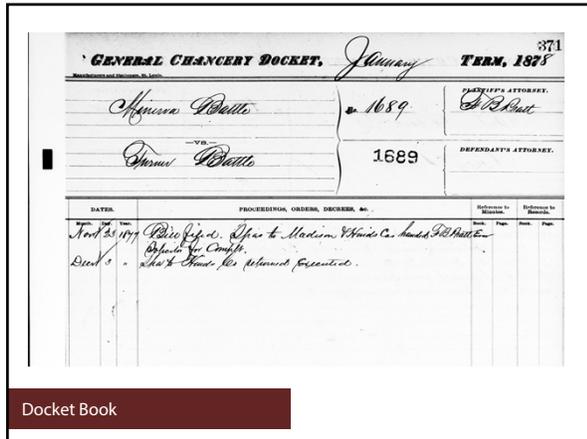
Nancy J. Hicks of Boston

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<p>Hallow, T. C. et al vs. Coleman, Mary A. et al</p> <p>Bacon, M. S. et al vs. Sarah & Elizabeth Wilhot</p> <p>Breeding, Rachel-----Guardianship</p> <p>Battley, James W.-----Guardianship</p> <p>Bennett, Robert H. Adm. vs. McMahon & Brown</p> <p>Barlow, Alice H.-----Guardianship</p> <p>Brown, Edmond vs Barksdale F. Adm</p> <p>Barlow, Florence and Light-----Guardianship</p> <p>Bell, David ---Estate</p> <p>Byans, Harriet-----Estate</p> <p>Bailey, Wm. S -----Estate</p> <p>Barksdale, Fountain Adm vs Gould, R. H. Adm</p> <p>Boaz, Fennessee vs Boaz, Saml. F.</p> <p>Brown, Agnes & husband vs Jones, W. H et al</p> <p>Bunch, Martha et al vs Shamon. Wm. H et al</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Madison Co., Mississippi</p> <p>Plaintiff: <i>Minerva Battle</i></p> <p>Defendant: <i>Turner Battle</i></p> <p>Docket Book: <i>No. 1</i></p> <p>Case File: <i>1689</i></p>
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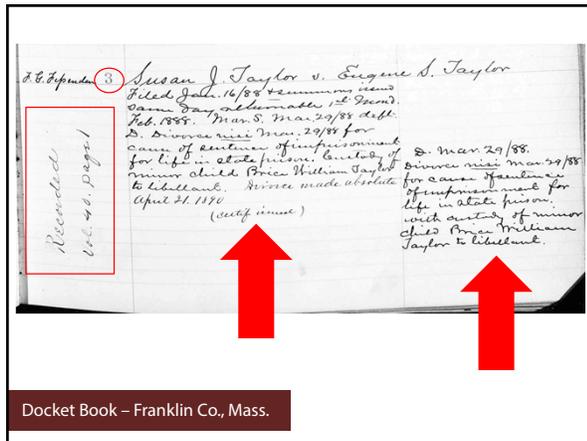
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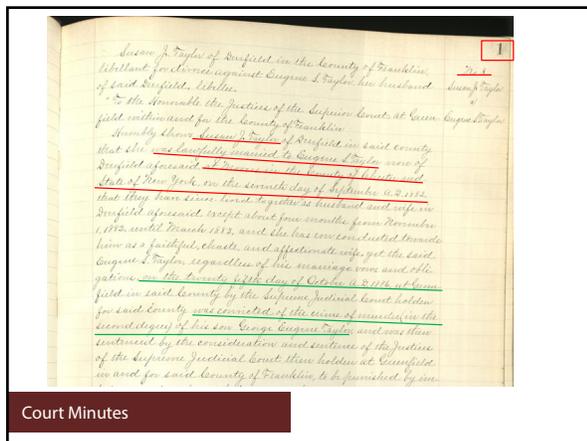
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Docket Book - Franklin Co., Mass.

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Court Minutes

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Types of Records

- Petitions
- Affidavits
- Præcipes
- Summons
- Motions
- Orders
- Depositions
- Miscellaneous documents



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Case Files

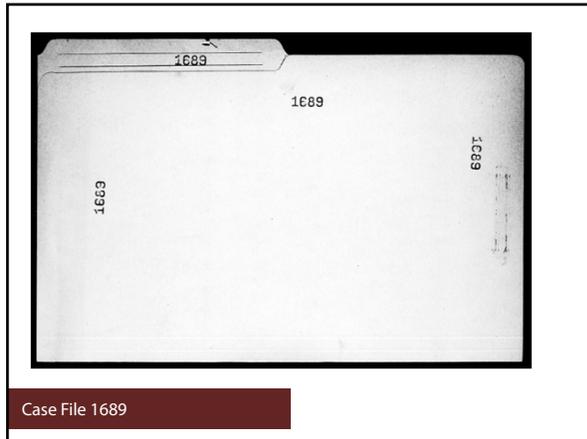
- Include a variety of documents
 - Depositions from witnesses
 - Full information on summons
 - Additional records
 - Financial information
 - Marriage certificate
- Bundled or put together in some way

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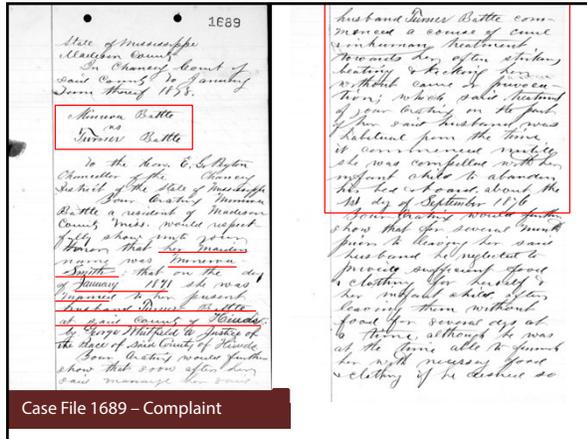
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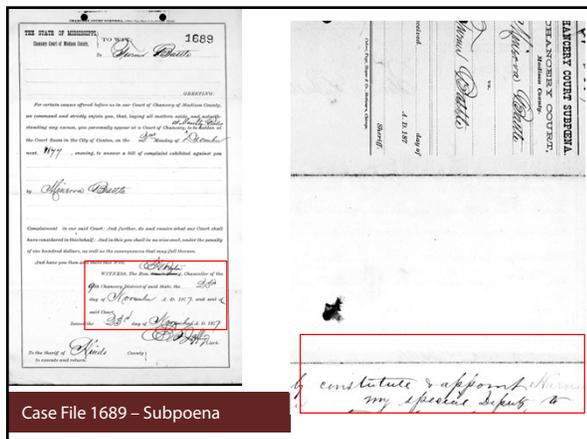
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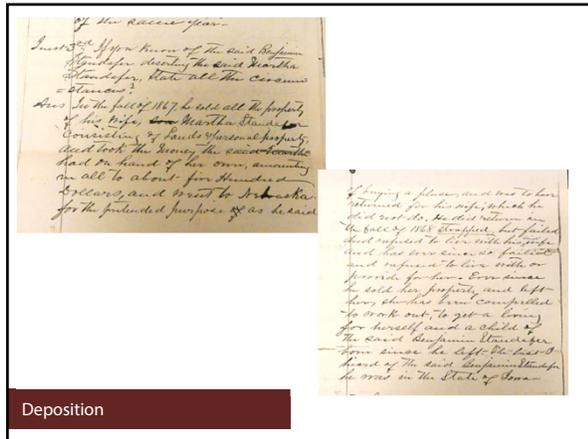
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Case File 1689 - Subpoena

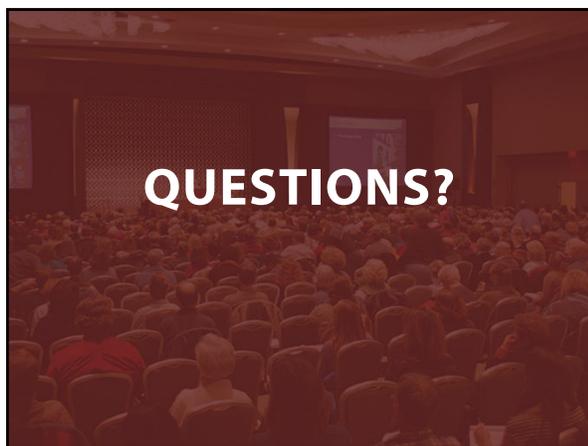
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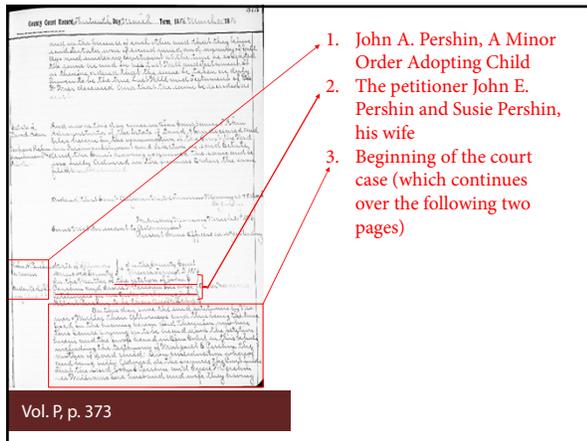
Adoption

- Are often sealed
- May be found in clerk's copybooks (when case files are sealed)
- Include petitions, permissions, decrees, orders
- May include name changes
- Usually found in court that deals with family and probate

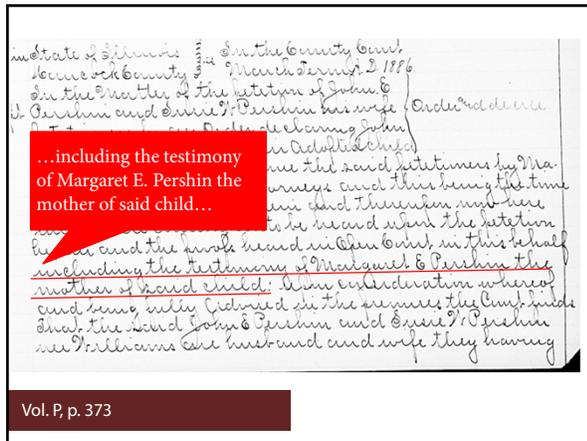
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Abby Jennette Smith Adoption

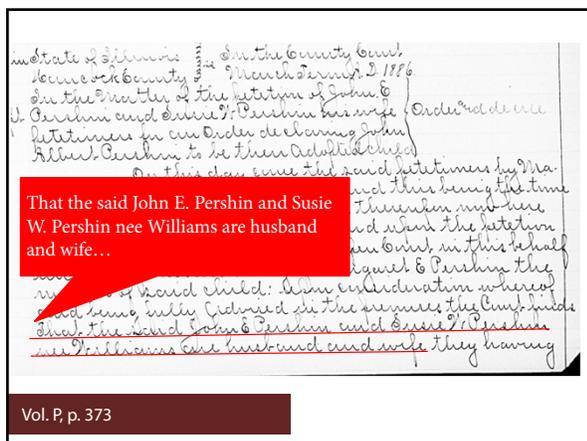
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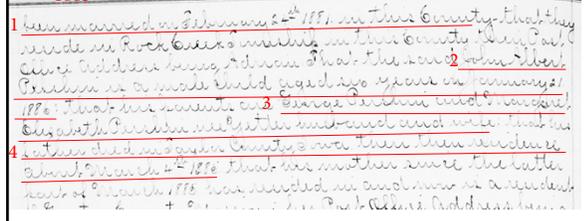
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1. John & Susie (mentioned previous page) married Feb. 24, 1881, Hancock County

2. John Albert Pershin, male, age 6 years on Jan. 21, 1886

3. John's parents, George Pershin and Margaret Elizabeth Pershin nee Yetter husband and wife

4. John's father died Taylor Co., Iowa, (their residence), ca. March 4, 1885



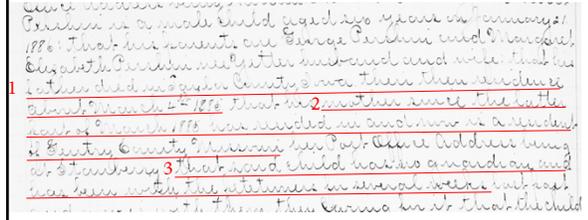
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1. John's father, George, died Taylor Co., Iowa, (their residence), ca. March 4, 1885

2. John's mother, Margaret, resided Gentry Co., Missouri (since latter part of March 1885)

3. John has no guardian & has been living with the petitioners (John and Susie) for several weeks

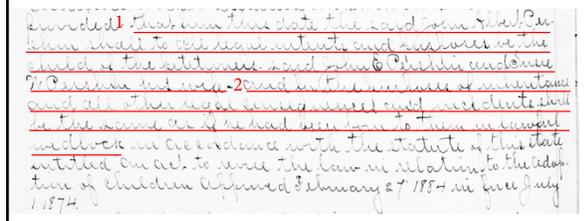


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1. "...that from this date the said John Albert Pershin shall to all legal intents and purposes be the child of the petitioners, said John E. Pershin and Susie W. Pershin his wife..."

2. "And further purposes of inheritance and all other legal consequences and incidents shall be the same as if he had been born to them in lawful wedlock..."



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1. Lawrence Eugene Hibbler is the son of Jacob Hibbler
2. Jacob Hibbler is 65 years of age and resides in the city of Newark
3. Lawrence's mother was the 2nd wife of Jacob Hibbler and is now deceased

The petition of John Cook and Idell Cook his wife of the City of Newark in the County of Essex respectfully sheweth, That they are desirous of adopting Lawrence Eugene Hibbler a minor of the age of eight years, on the last day of August last. That said minor was born and now resides in said City of Newark. That the said minor is the son of Jacob Hibbler who is now 65 years of age and resides in the City of Newark. That the mother of the said minor was the second wife of the said Jacob Hibbler and that she is now deceased.

Lawrence Eugene Hibbler Adoption

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1. Petitioner John Cook resides in Newark and is 33 years of age
2. Petitioner Idell Cook, wife of John, resides in Newark and is 33 years of age
3. Idell is the daughter of Jacob Hibbler by his 1st wife and half sister to Lawrence
4. Lawrence's name be change from Lawrence Eugene Hibbler to Lawrence Eugene Cook

That John Cook resides in the City of Newark aforesaid and is thirty three years of age and your petitioner Idell Cook is the wife of the said John Cook and resides with him in said City of Newark that she is thirty three years of age and is the daughter of the said Jacob Hibbler by his first wife and is the half sister of the said minor. That the name by which the said minor is to be known is Lawrence Eugene Cook your petitioners therefore sheweth

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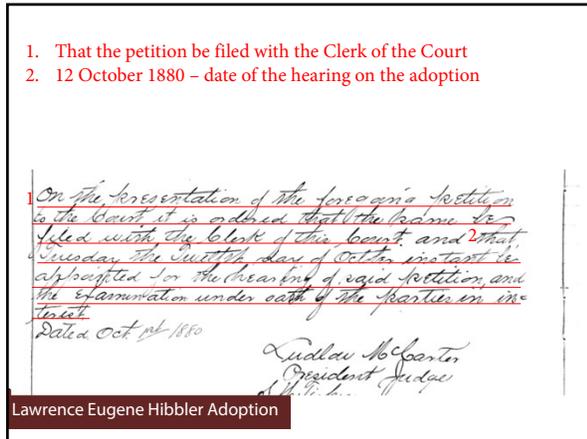
1. Consent of Jacob Hibbler for his son to be adopted by John and Idell Cook
2. Dated 1 October 1880
3. Jacob Hibbler's name written by the county clerk (as this is recorded in the clerk's copybook)

I Jacob Hibbler of the City of Newark County of Essex do hereby consent to the adoption of my son Lawrence Eugene, a minor of the age of eight years, by John Cook and Idell Cook his wife of the said City. Witness my hand this 1st day of October 1880
 J. Hibbler

Lawrence Eugene Hibbler Adoption

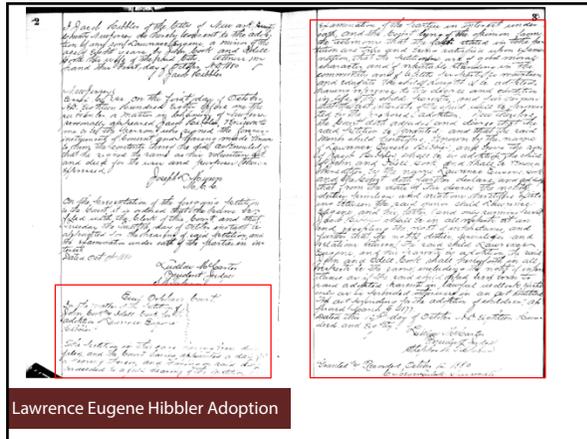
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1. That the petition be filed with the Clerk of the Court
2. 12 October 1880 – date of the hearing on the adoption



Lawrence Eugene Hibbler Adoption

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Lawrence Eugene Hibbler Adoption

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Jury Lists

- May be found in lists for a specific court
- May be found in records of a court case
- May be alphabetical for a court term
- May identify jurors by type of jury:
 - Grand jury
 - Petit jury

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Witness Lists

- May be found in separate books
- Could be lengthy if going before grand jury
- May be found in family courts (that handle probate)
- If a list in a case, examine for
 - Relatives on the plaintiff side
 - Relatives on the defendant side

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Witnesses List Before Grand Jury

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Witness Book

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FamilySearch.org

- Offers many court records
- Digitized images may be available from home
- Catalog entries list repositories of originals
- Naturalization records have their own subject heading
- Divorce records sometimes catalogued under Court Records

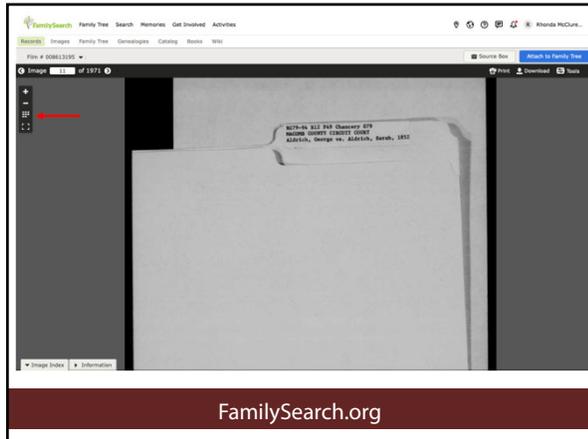
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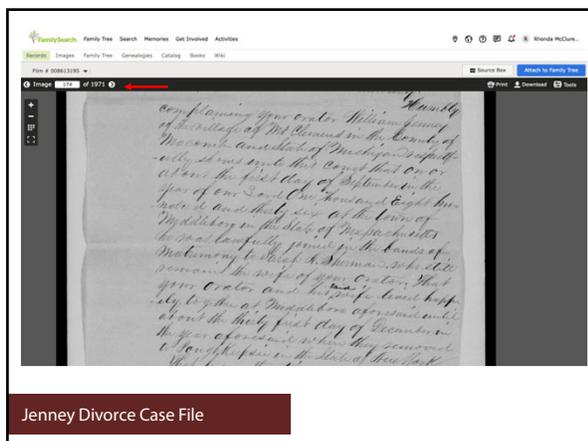
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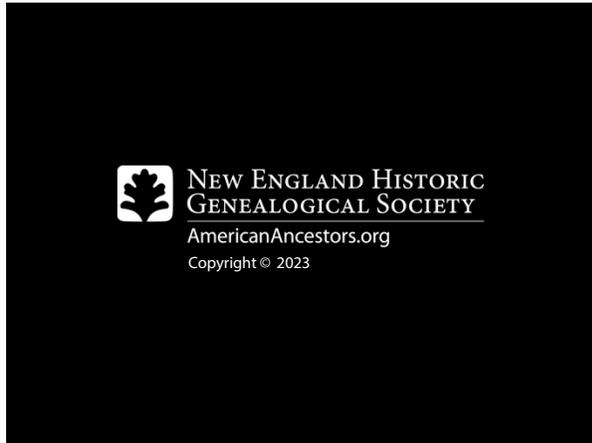
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